



## NOTICE of MOTION

*Submitted at the Regular Board meeting held on May 12, 2025*

### **Lacrosse Box Covered Facility**

SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Jensen

#### WHEREAS:

1. Lacrosse, recognized as the traditional Indigenous game of the Haudenosaunee and many other Indigenous nations, holds cultural and historical significance to the First Nations peoples of the region and is recognized as Canada's national summer sport;
2. Vancouver's diverse communities, including the host First Nations communities, benefit from the growth of lacrosse as a recreational and competitive sport in the city, contributing to community health, engagement, and cultural preservation;
3. Currently, there is a lack of covered, all-season, dedicated lacrosse facilities in Vancouver, limiting access to the sport for youth and other residents, especially in inclement weather;
4. Covered lacrosse boxes provide enhanced safety, accessibility, and year-round playability, offering a dedicated space for the growing interest in lacrosse across Vancouver's communities;

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT staff be directed to report back to the Park Board with a comprehensive plan that includes:
  - i. A list of potential locations in Vancouver for the construction of a covered lacrosse box, taking into consideration Indigenous community consultations and involvement.
  - ii. An estimated costing for the construction and maintenance of the facility.
  - iii. Potential funding opportunities through the S.A.N.D. policy, including partnerships, grants, or other avenues of support.
  - iv. A proposed timeline for the design, consultation, approval, and construction of the facility.
- B. THAT staff ensure that the plan includes a consultation process with the host First Nations communities to understand their needs and involvement in the design and programming of the facility, recognizing lacrosse's cultural significance to First Nations peoples.
- C. THAT staff engage with the Vancouver Minor Lacrosse Association and the British Columbia Lacrosse Association to ensure that the project reflects the interests and needs of the wider Vancouver community, including Indigenous and non-Indigenous residents.



- D. THAT staff explore opportunities to incorporate host First Nations cultural elements into the design of the lacrosse box, recognizing the importance of cultural sensitivity and respect for the land and traditions of host First Nations peoples.
- E. THAT staff return to the Board with a report or status update by Q4 in 2025 with the requested information and recommendations.