



MOTION ON NOTICE

Submitted at the Regular Board meeting held on July 7, 2025

Waiver of Land-Use Fee for S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Event

SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Haer

WHEREAS:

1. S.U.C.C.E.S.S. (United Chinese Community Enrichment Services Society), founded in 1973 and one of B.C.'s largest Nonprofit social service agencies, operates over 40 locations across Canada and Asia, providing critical services to newcomers, seniors, youth, families, and immigrants;
2. The S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation raises funds through major community events—including the Bridge to S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Gala, Walk with the Dragon, and Charity Golf Tournament—to support programs not fully funded by government, generating over \$500,000 at the 2024 gala alone;
3. Charitable organizations like S.U.C.C.E.S.S. continue to face funding pressures: approximately 80 % of their operating budget relies on government, with the rest raised through donations, sponsorships, and events;
4. S.U.C.C.E.S.S. has proposed hosting a charity event in Stanley Park and engaged Park Board staff, agreeing to a land-use fee of \$2,550, but reports financial constraints are limiting their ability to pay this fee;
5. Waiving this fee as a one-time exception aligns with the Park Board's mandate to foster community equity, remove financial barriers for charities, and support well-established non-profits serving Vancouver residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation waive the \$2,550 land-use fee for S.U.C.C.E.S.S.'s upcoming charity event in Stanley Park, recognizing its deep-rooted impact and current funding limitations;
- B. THAT Park Board staff are directed to evaluate future requests from registered charities or community foundations on a case-by-case basis, applying discretionary fee reductions or waivers when organizations demonstrate financial need, equitable access, and clear community benefit;
- C. THAT This direction aims to create a flexible, fair framework for supporting community-led, charitable use of Park Board lands in the future.