



## MOTION ON NOTICE

*Submitted at the Regular Board meeting held on July 21, 2025*

### **Potential Disqualification of Commissioner Howard**

SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Bastyovanszky

#### WHEREAS:

1. Section 144 of the Vancouver Charter provides that a Commissioner who is absent from meetings of the Board for a period of 60 consecutive days or 4 regularly scheduled meetings, whichever is the longer time period, without leave of the Board ceases to hold office.
2. Commissioner Howard has missed three consecutive Board meetings on three separate occasions, placing her one meeting short of the threshold for disqualification under Section 144 of the Vancouver Charter.
3. Commissioner Howard has been absent without leave from 60% of Board meetings in 2025 missing 6 of 10 meetings, her recorded absences for 2025 are:
  - January 20, 2025 - Absent
  - February 3, 2025 - Absent
  - February 24, 2025 - Absent
  - May 12, 2025 - Absent
  - June 2, 2025 - Absent
  - June 16, 2025 - Absent
4. Commissioner Howard was absent from the following consecutive regular meetings of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation without leave in 2025:
  - May 12, 2025
  - June 2, 2025
  - June 16, 2025
5. Commissioner Howard was recorded as absent for a portion of the meeting on April 14, 2025, which may constitute a fourth consecutive absence and requires a legal opinion.
6. Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard has demonstrated a consistent pattern of absenteeism, lack of transparency, and disregard for obligations under the Vancouver Charter, raising serious questions about her capacity to serve in public office;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation refers the matter to legal counsel for review and confirmation of the applicability of Section 144 of the Vancouver Charter to Commissioner Howard's attendance record, and requests that legal counsel provide a recommendation to the Board on appropriate next steps.