



Think Free Swim: Carrying on Joe Fortes' Legacy through Universal Access to Basic Swimming Lessons and Expansion of Aquatic Infrastructure as Core Public Safety Policy

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Final motion as amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation affirm that basic swimming ability is an essential life skill and that access to introductory swimming instruction should be treated as core public safety goal.
- B. THAT Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to report back with cost, capacity, and service level options for a program providing free access to the first three levels of swimming lessons (or equivalent beginner stages) for all residents of Vancouver, with priority access for children aged 3 to 12;
FURTHER THAT the report back clearly indicate the amount of service reductions elsewhere in the Park Board system required by each option; and
- C. THAT the Board reaffirm support for the metric (swims per capita) and targets (5.0 swims per capita) for aquatic infrastructure within VanSplash (pg. 55).