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MOTION ON NOTICE

1. Protecting Vancouver's Public Green Space

At the Regular Council meeting on February 18, 2014, Councillor Reimer submitted the following Notice of Motion.

MOVER: Councillor Reimer
SECONDER: Mayor Robertson

WHEREAS

1. The Greenest City Action Plan adopted by Council in 2011 sets a target that every person in Vancouver lives within a five-minute walk of a park, greenway or other public green space by 2020;
2. The Greenest City Action Plan did not set a target for the quality of biodiversity in Vancouver, but this goal is important for maintaining and enhancing local ecology;
3. Access to green space supports the City's draft Healthy City Strategy goals of Active Living & Getting Outside, and Environments to Thrive In;
4. Recent community planning processes such as the West End Community Plan, the Downtown Eastside Local Area Plan, Grandview Woodland Community Plan and the Marpole Community Plan all point to a strong desire from the public to maintain, and where possible increase, public access to green space;
5. The City of Vancouver, Vancouver Park Board and Vancouver School Board are all custodians of significant amounts of public green space.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to:

- Work with the Vancouver Park Board and the Vancouver School Board to develop a strategy of no net loss of public green space in the city of Vancouver;
- Continue to increase public green space guided by the Greenest City Action Plan target, but also through other opportunities as they arise;
- Recommend a strategy, as part of the next Annual Greenest City Action Plan Update, to ensure biodiversity targets are set as part of the Greenest City Action Plan.

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