COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTION

For consideration at the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on November 18, 2026

8. Rescinding 2023 Council Direction: Amendment to the *Vancouver Charter* (to dissolve the Vancouver Park Board)

Submitted by: Mayor Fry

WHEREAS

1. On December 6, 2023, Vancouver City Council directed staff to request amendments to the *Vancouver Charter* to dissolve the elected Vancouver Park Board and transfer its powers and responsibilities to Vancouver City Council;

2. As a result of that direction, staff and resources were deployed to prepare and request a Charter change, establish a transition working group, compile staffing operations and financial analysis, and prepare for possible transition. According to recent internal memo the Q2 - 2026 Council Member Motion Tracker indicates this work remains underway, but has been intentionally paused;

3. On July 13, 2026, Mayor Ken Sim announced that ABC will no longer seek to dissolve the Park Board, will instead run a team of candidates for the Board of Parks and Recreation; and

4. Council may reconsider and rescind previous policy directions where it determines that doing so is in the public interest as a matter of good governance and fiscal responsibility.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rescind its December 6, 2023, direction requesting amendments to the *Vancouver Charter* to dissolve the Vancouver Park Board; and

FURTHER THAT Council advise the Province of British Columbia that the City of Vancouver no longer seeks legislative amendments to eliminate the elected Vancouver Park Board.

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