

Culture and Recreation Committee at risk with Vancouver Park Board

Today a motion was posted on the January 16, 2006 meeting agenda of the Vancouver Parks Board to establish two park committees rather than three. The proposal would eliminate the Culture and Recreation Committee that existed previously.

If the motion is approved, the cultural and recreation portfolio will fall under the planning committee.

The Culture and Recreation Committee was established by the Park Board in 2003 to provide a venue to forward the interests of culture and recreation in Vancouver Parks. Over the last three years the Culture and Recreation Committee has worked to cement culture as a form of recreation. From the Monsters in the Meadow family film screenings in Stanley Park, to internationally acclaimed artist Liz Magor's *LightShed* in Coal Harbour, to the Olympics of arts International Sculpture Biennale, to senior's story telling in our parks, the Culture and Recreation Committee has been instrumental in the furthering of an exciting, and inclusive city.

It is very important that Parks Commissioners hear how valuable culture is to our parks and recreation system and to hear that the Cultural and Recreation Committee plays an important role in enriching the city.

To speak to this matter at the January 16 meeting, speakers must register by 12 noon on the 16th. To register call the Parks Board office at 604-257-8400, or email at pbcomment@vancouver.ca. You can also email the Parks board to express your support for a Culture and Recreation Committee.