



CITY OF VANCOUVER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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| SUBJECT: Volunteer Policy | |
| CATEGORY: | POLICY NUMBER: |

PURPOSE

The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation recognizes that volunteerism is a vital and valuable activity and is committed to the active pursuit and continued development of volunteer opportunities in our service delivery.

SCOPE

POLICY STATEMENTS

- Volunteer involvement can provide a positive experience for volunteers and the community they serve.
- Volunteers can assist the Board and its partners in meeting its service and program goals through sharing of their skills, ideas, energy and time.
- Volunteer complement the skills of staff, which enables us to enrich and extend our services recognizing that the intent of the policy is not to replace the work of staff by volunteers.
- That the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is committed to offering a diversity of leisure opportunities. Volunteerism should be included and recognized as an important program service.
- That the act of volunteering can be a form of recreation and pursued as a personal choice.
- That volunteerism plays an integral part in introducing people to the Parks and Recreation field and developing the skills of future Parks and Recreation staff and Board members, as well as enhancing the skills for future involvement in other community and social services.
- That the Park Board values the work performed by staff and recognizes their contributions towards enhancing volunteer experiences.

DEFINITIONS

PROCEDURES

- All volunteers will be expected to observe Park Board operating procedures in regard to their participation in services and activities and be properly registered as volunteers within our organization.
- Volunteers will be expected to follow generally accepted guidelines of ethics and good judgement.

REFERENCE

RELATED DOCUMENTS

APPROVAL HISTORY

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