



MOTION on NOTICE

Submitted at the Regular Park Board Meeting on May 4, 2026

Recognition of Jim Clive and Howard Kelsey for Their Contributions to Sport and Community at Kitsilano Beach Park

SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Jensen

WHEREAS

1. Jim Clive has been officially confirmed for induction into the BC Sports Hall of Fame, Class of 2026, recognizing over five decades of leadership, coaching, and volunteer service that helped define beach volleyball in British Columbia;
2. Jim Clive is widely regarded as a founding builder of beach volleyball in Vancouver, having established the first permanent public volleyball courts at Kitsilano Beach, founded the Kits Beach Volleyball Association, and hosted numerous community and provincial level tournaments that have fostered inclusive recreation for thousands of participants of all ages;
3. Through his advocacy and mentorship, Jim Clive advanced equitable access to sport, built partnerships among recreation groups, and helped make Kits Beach a welcoming destination for active living and community connection;
4. Howard Kelsey, a world class Canadian basketball player and sport leader, represented Team Canada (1977 – 1988) for 11 years, winning gold medals at the Commonwealth Basketball Championships (1978) and the FISU World University Games (1983), and competing as a two-time Olympian (1980 and 1984) with a 4th place finish at the 1984 Olympic Games;
5. Howard Kelsey's continued service to athlete development through Basketball British Columbia, Canada Basketball, and his ongoing mentorship of youth has strengthened participation and leadership in Vancouver and across Canada;
6. He has been recognized by induction into the Canadian Basketball Hall of Fame (2019), the Basketball British Columbia Hall of Fame, the Point Grey Secondary School Hall of Fame, and through the Governor General of Canada's Medallion for Extraordinary International Contributions to Canada;
7. Kitsilano Park already honours local and national excellence in sport with the naming of the Vasek Pospisil Tennis Court reflecting the Vancouver Park Board's commitment to celebrating athletic achievement and community building within public recreation spaces; and
8. Recognizing Jim Clive and Howard Kelsey at their respective facilities would celebrate their enduring legacies of teamwork, mentorship, and civic pride at Kitsilano Beach Park.



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT The Vancouver Park Board formally acknowledge and honour the contributions of Jim Clive and Howard Kelsey to Kitsilano Beach Park and the broader Vancouver recreation system;
- B. THAT staff be directed to report back with options to commemorate Jim Clive and Howard Kelsey legacy within the Kitsilano Beach Park project, including:
 - i. Consideration of naming the beach volleyball court at Kitsilano Beach Park in Jim Clive's honour and a basketball court at Kitsilano Beach Park, consistent with Park Board naming policies;
 - ii. Other appropriate recognition measures, including plaques, dedications, or naming of park features; and
- C. THAT Staff report back in a timely manner to enable the Board to consider and implement recognition without delay.