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**VISION-COPE PARK BOARD DECISION BAD FOR  
SMALL BUSINESS**

*NPA Park Commissioner Ian Robertson says reversing previous Boards' motion  
will hurt small business*

**Vancouver, BC** –Vision Vancouver's Park Commissioner Aaron Jasper will introduce a motion on March 2<sup>nd</sup> that will reverse the previous Board's approval to Vancouver-based Chapel at Stanley Park Enterprises Inc. to manage and operate the Celebration Pavilion at Queen Elizabeth Park, says Commissioner Ian Robertson.

"This is a sad day for small business operators wanting to do business with the Park Board and the City of Vancouver," says Robertson. "This operator spent considerable time and effort to go through an extensive proposal process. They negotiated in good faith with the Park Board. To have a new Board over-turn a decision that was good for the residents of Vancouver is very troubling"

Chapel at Stanley Park Enterprises had negotiated an agreement to manage and operate the Celebration Pavilion at Queen Elizabeth Park for a five-year term with an option to renew for up to an additional five years. A percentage of the revenue would be paid back to the Park Board.

"I expect the Vision-COPE commissioners have reneged on this agreement so they can turn it into a union operation," adds Commissioner Robertson. "With four parties at the Board table we have a tremendous opportunity to create a new strategic plan for parks and recreation services for the residents of Vancouver. Instead, Vision and COPE are breaking deals and hurting small business operators."

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