

City of Port Moody
Council Resolution
March 23, 2021

RC21/164 (moved, seconded, CARRIED)

WHEREAS ancient high productivity (big tree) old growth ecosystems are one of the most valuable tourism, First Nations culture, wild salmon enhancing, biodiversity banking, and climate resiliency assets;

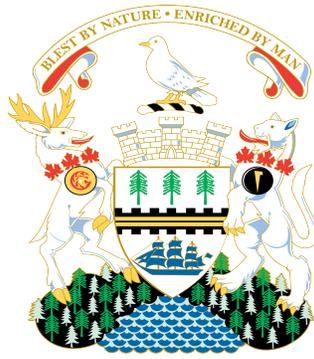
AND WHEREAS only a miniscule fraction of the planet's original, high productive, ancient forests remain in BC, the vast majority of which is slated to be eliminated through logging; including the headwaters of Fairy Creek, the last unprotected intact old-growth watershed on southern Vancouver Island; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the City of Port Moody formally oppose the logging of at-risk old growth forests as recommended in the report dated March 12, 2021 from Mayor Rob Vagramov regarding Old Growth Logging;

AND THAT the City of Port Moody call on the Government of British Columbia to immediately and permanently protect the Fairy Creek watershed from further logging;

AND THAT the City of Port Moody call on the Government of British Columbia to immediately defer logging in all at risk old growth forests, including all remaining high-productivity old growth forests, as identified by the independent Old Growth Strategic Review Panel, until all 14 of the panel's recommendations have been implemented;

AND THAT the City of Port Moody call on the Government of British Columbia to allocate funding to support the economic transition of affected communities away from unsustainable old growth logging, in the full spirit of Indigenous reconciliation where applicable, for the development of long term sustainable local economies and Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas where applicable;



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AND THAT the following resolution be sent to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities with this report, dated March 12, 2021 from the Office of Mayor Rob Vagramov regarding Old Growth Logging:

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AND WHEREAS only a miniscule fraction of the planet's original, high productive, ancient forests remain in BC, the vast majority of which is slated to be eliminated through logging; including the headwaters of Fairy Creek, the last unprotected intact old-growth watershed on southern Vancouver Island;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Government of British Columbia immediately defer logging in all at risk old-growth forests, as identified by the independent Old Growth Strategic Review panel until all 14 of the panel's recommendations have been implemented, and support the transition of affected local communities toward more sustainable jobs.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of British Columbia allocate funding to support the economic transition of affected communities away from unsustainable old growth logging, in the full spirit of Indigenous reconciliation where applicable, for the development of long-term sustainable local economies and Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas where applicable.