



## Proposal for the Conservation of Stanley Park's Hollow Tree

June 9, 2008

Presented by Meg Stanley and Lorne Whitehead

on behalf of the Vancouver Heritage Commission  
Subcommittee for the Hollow Tree

### Outline

- 1) Introduction and Background
- 2) Hollow Tree's value; approaches to its conservation
- 3) Consideration of design options
- 4) The proposed conservation plan, recommendations

### Background

- Hollow Tree safety concern
- Hollow Tree has significant value
  - famous tourist destination; important symbol of Vancouver
  - listed on Vancouver Heritage Register
  - Level One Cultural Resource, Stanley Park NHS
- March 31 Park Board decision
  - make it safe
  - appropriately respect the tree
  - orient it horizontally for greater stability
- Reasonable conclusion based on the information provided
- A variation of that plan (different angle) now proposed

### April, May

- Vancouver Heritage Commission formed the Subcommittee for the Hollow Tree
  - Five volunteers, who in turn drew on larger group of highly qualified professional experts
  - Commission asked committee to work with Park Board to explore how the Hollow Tree could be conserved
- New information about the Hollow Tree:
  - Can be safely, respectfully kept upright
  - Many strongly prefer an upright orientation
  - Urgent removal is not a safety requirement

### Establishing Value

- First step in heritage conservation is to prepare a Statement of Significance. City, Province, and Parks Canada all use this tool to guide management of heritage resources such as the Hollow Tree.
- City commissioned a Statement of Significance. Addresses why the Hollow Tree is important and what about it needs to be conserved to sustain its integrity as a cultural resource (see Appendix 5 for the SOS)



The Stanley Park Hollow Tree is a unique and famous gathering place where, for generations, people from all over the world have stood in its memorable natural hollow to be photographed, to marvel at the grandeur of nature and to reflect on our relationship to the environment, the past and our future.

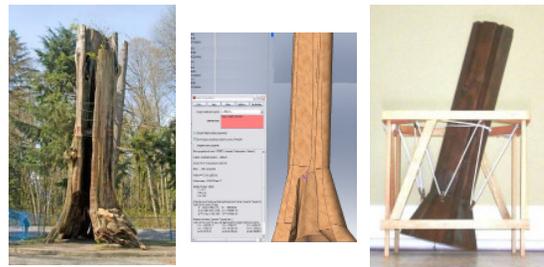
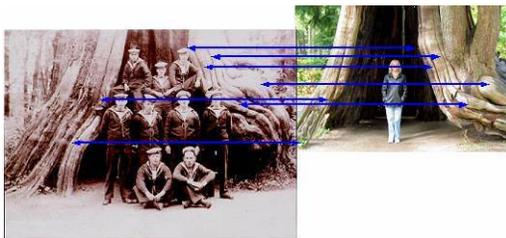
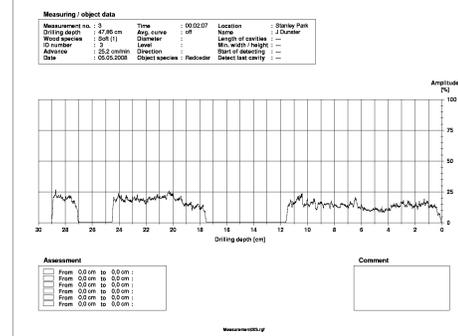
### From Values to Action: Standards for Conservation Projects

Principles guiding the restoration of the Hollow Tree:

- Conserve the heritage value of the historic place.
- Adopt an approach calling for minimal intervention.
- Use the gentlest means possible for any intervention.
- Maintain character-defining elements.
- Interventions compatible with the historic place.
- Repair character-defining elements

### Status of Hollow Tree

- Mainly solid wood
- Has maintained shape well over years
- Can be safely kept substantially upright
- Some degree of base support and bracing needed
- Such supports can be visually discrete

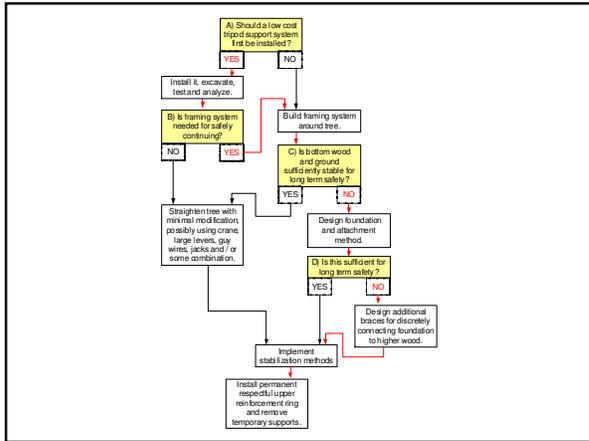
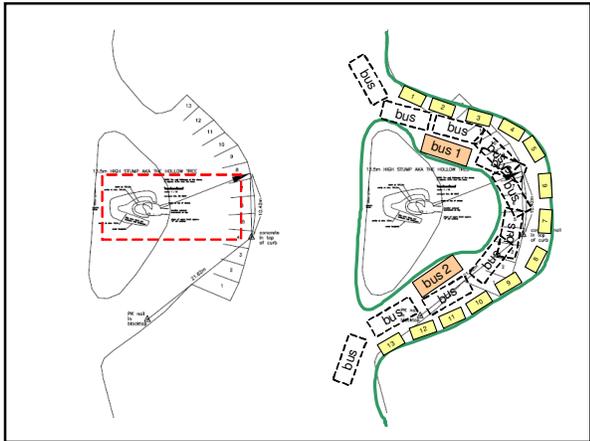


**Consideration of Design Options**

- The external brace concept – low heritage value
- Horizontal display concept – moderate heritage value
- Sculptural replacement – low heritage value
- Upright conservation – high heritage value

**Recommendation**

To safely retain the Stanley Park Hollow Tree, in situ, upright and with its appearance substantially unchanged, as a significant lasting heritage landmark in Vancouver.



**Relevant Resources**

• High level design	\$100,000	donation
• Engineering certifications	<b>\$20,000</b>	
• Design drawings	<b>\$10,000</b>	
• Project management	<b>\$20,000</b>	
• On-site labour	\$10,000	volunteer?
• Materials	\$50,000	donation?
• Contingency	\$50,000	unlikely

**Easily Answered Questions**  
 (see FAQ section in proposal)

- How can we justify this unbudgeted expense?
- Shouldn't such money be used to house the homeless?
- Isn't this urgent? Won't this take too long?
- Isn't the safest thing to just take the tree down?
- But hasn't this decision already been made? Why revisit it?
- How can you claim that a "dead stump" is important?
- Stanley Park is about nature –can you justify intervention?
- It's a slippery slope - what comes next?
- Given its age, shouldn't it be laid to rest?

**Recommended next steps:**

- Initiate "upright version" for Conserving of the Hollow Tree
- Work with Hollow Tree Subcommittee
- Hire Project Manager by June 30, 2008
- By June 30 confirm with Vancouver Eng. a traffic plan
- Retain structural engineering firm by July 15, 2008
- Start July 1, 2008; complete by December 31, 2008

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**Financial Statements to April 30, 2008**

**Recommendation**

**THAT the Board receive this report for information**

Operating Statement for the period ending April 30, 2008 (unaudited)						
121/366 days = 33.06%						
(in \$'000,000)						
	2008 Budget	Actual	%	2007 Actual	%	2006 Actual
<b>Stanley District</b>						
Revenues	(\$13.2)	(\$2.5)	18.9%	(\$2.2)	17.5%	(\$2.1)
Expenditures	\$22.4	\$5.9	26.2%	\$5.4	25.2%	\$5.1
	\$9.2	\$3.4	36.8%	\$3.1	36.8%	\$3.0
<b>Queen Elizabeth District</b>						
Revenues	(\$10.2)	(\$3.4)	33.0%	(\$3.2)	33.4%	(\$3.0)
Expenditures	\$24.0	\$7.8	32.6%	\$7.4	32.9%	\$7.2
	\$13.9	\$4.5	32.2%	\$4.2	32.6%	\$4.2
<b>Vancouver East District</b>						
Revenues	(\$14.7)	(\$2.6)	17.9%	(\$2.8)	20.0%	(\$2.7)
Expenditures	\$27.5	\$8.7	31.5%	\$8.0	31.1%	\$7.8
	\$12.8	\$6.0	47.1%	\$5.2	44.4%	\$5.1
<b>Planning &amp; Operations</b>						
Revenues	(\$0.2)	(\$0.1)	42.2%	(\$0.1)	56.8%	(\$0.2)
Expenditures	\$19.6	\$6.9	35.2%	\$6.0	32.2%	\$5.9
	\$19.4	\$6.8	35.1%	\$5.8	31.9%	\$5.7
<b>Corporate Services</b>						
Revenues	(\$0.0)	(\$0.0)	33.1%	(\$0.1)	1332.2%	(\$0.0)
Expenditures	\$4.8	\$1.5	30.9%	\$1.3	30.2%	\$1.2
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<b>Park Board Totals</b>						
Revenues	(\$38.4)	(\$8.6)	22.4%	(\$8.5)	23.1%	(\$8.1)
Expenditures	\$88.4	\$30.8	31.2%	\$28.0	30.4%	\$27.3
Net	\$60.0	\$22.2	36.9%	\$19.5	35.2%	\$19.2

Donations Program Statement as at April 30, 2008 (unaudited)			
(in \$'000)			
	2008 YTD Donation Revenue	2008 YTD Expense	Apr 30 2008 Carry Forward
Park Amenities	(\$182.48)	\$32.91	(\$149.57)
Special Projects	(\$115.46)	\$205.63	\$90.16
Endowments	(\$62.11)		(\$62.11)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>(\$360.05)</b>	<b>\$292.34</b>	<b>(\$67.72)</b>
Loan to QE Pavilion			\$699.81
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>(\$360.05)</b>	<b>\$292.34</b>	<b>(\$1,388.43)</b>

Statement for the Stanley Restoration Project for the period ending April 30, 2008	
(in \$'000,000)	
	Amount
<b>Revenues</b>	
Donations	(\$3.3)
City of Vancouver	(\$2.0)
Log Sales	(\$0.3)
Interest Income	(\$0.3)
BC Government	(\$2.0)
Government of Canada	(\$2.0)
<b>Revenues Total</b>	<b>(\$9.9)</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Forestry - Site Clearing/Preparation Contractors	\$2.4
Forestry - Site Clearing/Preparation Consultants	\$0.4
Forestry - Emergency Response	\$0.7
Legacy	\$0.0
Public Consultation/Plan Development/Administration	\$0.7
Seawall/Escarpment/Circulation	\$1.0
<b>Expenditures Total</b>	<b>\$5.4</b>
<b>Net Project Total</b>	<b>(\$4.6)</b>

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**B. THAT the Board direct staff to pursue the additional physical activity program opportunities through the School Community Connections partnership with the Vancouver Board of Education.**

**School Community Connections Project**

A Pilot Project Partnership between  
 Vancouver School Board  
 and the Park Board

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## What is School-Community Connections?

- ◆ Province-wide initiative
- ◆ in Vancouver:
  - Partnership with Community Centre staff and Community School Teams
- ◆ Pilot budget: \$ 40,000
  - 2 sites chosen:
    - ◆ Windermere-Renfrew Park CC
    - ◆ King George-West End CC

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## Goals

- ◆ To make 3 or more large school gyms available on Saturdays
- ◆ To develop new local partnerships
- ◆ To consider the relationship between costs and user fees at different sites
- ◆ To report on successes & challenges of the partnership program long term

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## Program Offerings

### at King George's 2 gyms:

Children's sports, badminton, basketball, cosom hockey, indoor soccer, volleyball

### at Windermere's 3 gyms-mezzanine:

Children's soccer & basketball, youth volleyball & basketball, adult basketball, sitting volleyball, indoor tennis, court rentals for badminton, table tennis

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## Results of the Pilot

- ◆ PB-VSB Partnership builds on local relationships
- ◆ January is not the best time to begin
- ◆ Drop-in activity favoured by youth/adults
- ◆ Sport skills instruction popular for children only
- ◆ Court facility rentals ideal for parents (badminton, table tennis)
- ◆ Modest user fees cover a portion of costs from:
  - instruction, staff time, custodian & gym rental
- ◆ Coordinated promotion is vital to ↑ awareness
- ◆ PB staff costs double where school is blocks away
- ◆ Project brand "Get Up & Go" under review

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## Next Steps

- ◆ Phase III budget: \$ 125,000
- ◆ Expand to 1 or more other schools
  - Continue with King George & Windermere
  - Consultation with centres/schools this month
- ◆ Adjust programs, fees, other issues based on feedback from Phase II
- ◆ Timeline: Sept 2008 to March 2009
- ◆ Begin to consider sustainability options beyond this pilot project
- ◆ Report back to the Boards in Spring 2009

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### **Administrative Report - Position Changes**

#### Recommendation

THAT the Board approve the following changes to regular CUPE 15 positions:

- A. An increase to full-time for two part-time positions (14 additional hours weekly for both the Fundraising program and at Moberly Arts Centre);
- B. The creation of one part-time and two full-time positions (one 25 hour per week position at False Creek Community Centre, and one full-time position for each of Killarney Pool and the Major Maintenance program); and
- C. The conversion of one part-time and two full-time positions to auxiliary (at Strathcona Community Centre, Burrard Marina and the West End Community Centre respectively);

with the source or disposition of funds as indicated in the body of this report.



**Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation**  
Next Regular Board Meeting

**June 23, 2008**

Trout Lake Community Centre, 3350 Victoria Drive

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