

MOTION

2. Supporting BC's Network of Parks: Opposition to the Provincial *Park Amendment Act*

At its meeting on April 14, 2014, the Park Board referred this motion to the Committee meeting on April 28, 2014, in order to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

WHEREAS:

1. The Provincial Government recently passed Bill 4: *The Park Amendment Act* to include the permitting of research for "feasibility studies" for the location, design, construction of, among other things, pipelines;
2. The *Park Amendment Act* erodes earlier protections under the *Park Act* that only allowed permits to be issued if the permitted use would not be detrimental to the recreational values of the park at issue;
3. The Vancouver Park Board has the mandate to provide, preserve, and advocate for parks to benefit all people, communities, and the environment;
4. British Columbia has approximately 14 per cent of its land mass protected in the provincial park system which is vital to our local species, ecosystem, well-being and natural heritage and must be protected from development.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board is opposed to the *Park Amendment Act* and directs staff to write to the Provincial Government to request a reversal of this legislation and to restore the original *Park Act* to provide better protection to British Columbia's vital network of park land.