



## MOTION on NOTICE

*Submitted at the Regular Board meeting held on July 8, 2019*

### **Rare and Heritage Trees in Parks**

MOVER: Commissioner Demers

#### WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Park Board has a long tradition of excellence in horticulture and has full jurisdiction over two botanical institutions: VanDusen Botanical Garden and the Bloedel Conservatory in Queen Elizabeth Park;
2. The vision of the Park Board's Urban Forest Strategy is to protect, plant, and manage trees to create a diverse, resilient, and beautiful urban forest, with a target to increase the urban forest canopy cover to 22% by 2050;
3. The Botanical Garden of the University of British Columbia ('UBC-BG') curates a collection of around 30,000 plants, representing 8,000 taxa from temperate regions around the world;
4. UBC-BG is part of Botanic Gardens Conservation International and provides plants and plant material for academic studies and research around the world within the framework and intent of the Convention on Biological Diversity; and
5. UBC-BG is proposing to create a British Columbia Network for Plant Conservation to conserve plant taxa of special value within British Columbia, including provincially-listed native plant species, globally-endangered temperate species held within collections or public landscapes, and cultivated plant material of heritage value.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation initiate a conversation with senior representatives of the UBC Botanical Garden for consideration as a founding participant in a UBC-initiated program for the preservation of rare and heritage living plant collections.