



NOTICE of MOTION

Submitted at the Regular Board meeting held on February 22, 2021

Protecting the Irreplaceable View from the Pinnacle of Vancouver

SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver is engaged in a public consultation process for the Broadway Plan specific to the area between Clark Drive and Vine Street. The plan is focused on opportunities to integrate new housing, jobs, and amenities around the new Broadway Subway in the neighbourhoods of Mount Pleasant, Fairview, and Kitsilano;
2. Planning materials for the Broadway Plan public consultation process suggest that existing zoning height and density restrictions would limit employment and housing capacity over the long term, lessen the attractiveness of Broadway as a diverse jobs and residential area, and may cause employers and residents to choose to locate elsewhere in the city or region, including in places which are dispersed and difficult to serve by transit;
3. Public Consultation for the Broadway Plan will include a review of City policies that restrict height and density in the Broadway Corridor, including a review of existing view corridors and other height and density considerations, as part of the planning program;
4. The Broadway Plan review of height and density policies will encompass and potentially impact the protected Queen Elizabeth Park View Corridor #3 – specifically as noted under:
 - Section 3.1 which acknowledges the importance of our downtown skyline as a recognizable symbol of Vancouver. This view outlines the downtown skyline from the highest vantage in the city.
 - Sections 3.2.1 to 3.2.4 which highlight mountain ranges from Mount Strachan to Mount Burwell.
 - Additionally, within sections 3.2.1 to 3.2.3, the higher buildings of the downtown which rise to form the iconic dome shape of the downtown skyline.
 - Section 3.2.4a which is located in the lower east part of this view and was created to preserve views to the waters of Burrard Inlet.
5. Queen Elizabeth Park is an iconic, highly valued horticultural jewel in our city. Along with the Bloedel Conservatory at the pinnacle of the park, the park is a major draw for floral display enthusiasts and view-seekers, as well as a popular backdrop for wedding photos. At 125 metres above sea level, the park is the highest point in Vancouver and provides spectacular views of the city, the mountains on the North Shore, and the park itself;



6. The view corridor from Queen Elizabeth Park is irreplaceable. The view has immense, demonstrable value for our city, its people, and the larger city economy. If this view were to be lost and/or negatively impacted through any change brought about by the Broadway Plan, the city would be greatly diminished – not only in the eyes of our city's residents but also in the eyes of the world.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board opposes any change to the protected views from Queen Elizabeth Park;
- B. FURTHER THAT the Park Board General Manager be directed to advise the City of Vancouver planning team of this decision by the Vancouver Park Board; and
- C. FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Park Board Chair advise the City of Vancouver and the Mayor and Council of Park Board opposition to any planned or proposed change to the protected views from Queen Elizabeth Park.