

MOTION ON NOTICE

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

MOVER: Commissioner Sharma

SECONDER

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.