



Daylighting 'Canyon Creek' at Spanish Banks

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MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

WHEREAS:

1. Goal 7 of the Vancouver Parks and Recreation Services master plan ('VanPlay) is: "Restore Vancouver's Wild Spaces and Vital Biodiversity";
2. Between 1994 and 1999, Spanish Banks Creek was daylighted; in November 2000, after over 50 years without salmon, the creek saw the return of Coho salmon;
3. Another smaller creek, known to some as 'Canyon Creek', is located to the west of Spanish Banks Creek, more specifically between East Canyon and West Canyon;
4. 'Canyon Creek' is part of a watershed mostly contained within the Pacific Spirit Regional Park; this creek is currently channeled underground as it meets NW Marine Drive and then runs under 'Spanish Banks West Parking Lot A' before being discharged into the Burrard Inlet;
5. Volunteers and funders have expressed interest in participating in the daylighting of 'Canyon Creek'.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to work in collaboration with First Nation(s), the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, the provincial Ministry of the Environment, Metro Vancouver, and the Spanish Banks Streamkeepers to investigate the potential restoration of so-called 'Canyon Creek', with considerations given to archeological, budgetary, and logistical implications, and report back to the Board with their findings and recommendations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY