



MST FLAGS AT BROCKTON POINT

Park Board Committee Meeting
Monday, April 25, 2022



- Seek Board decision on the installation of Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh flags on the recently replaced flagpoles installed in 2019 at Brockton Point in Stanley Park.
- Provide an Update that staff will be returning to the Board with an update on the Stanley Park Comprehensive Plan later this summer



RECONCILIATION MISSION, VISION & VALUES



MISSION

Decolonize the Vancouver Park Board

The Park Board recognizes the institution's colonial history and upholds the Board's commitment to the 11 Reconciliation Strategies.

VISION

An evolvable organization in which every employee and Commissioner recognizes the humanity in themselves by recognizing and respecting the humanity of First Peoples; and an organization that sets a worldwide example in treating Reconciliation as a decolonization process.

VALUES

These values are your compass to help guide the way you work, interact with colleagues, external partners and the public.



PATIENCE

Colonialism didn't happen overnight. Untangling it takes time. We will pace ourselves for the marathon, not the sprint. We will adjust deadlines to ensure things are done well and respectfully.



CLARITY

We will focus on how colonialism functions to exclude, not on how to include.



PRAGMATISM

All staff are inheriting a system not of our making. The Park Board Reconciliation Team (PBRT) is here to assist colleagues with examining the ways colonialism continues to damage others. Blame is unproductive.



LEADERSHIP

We will nurture and sustain each other, demonstrating Indigenous principles in the way we function as a team.



LEARNING

We consent to learn in public. We will make mistakes. We will sit with those mistakes, be transparent about them, and use them both to learn and to teach. Our mistakes will be diagnostic tools.

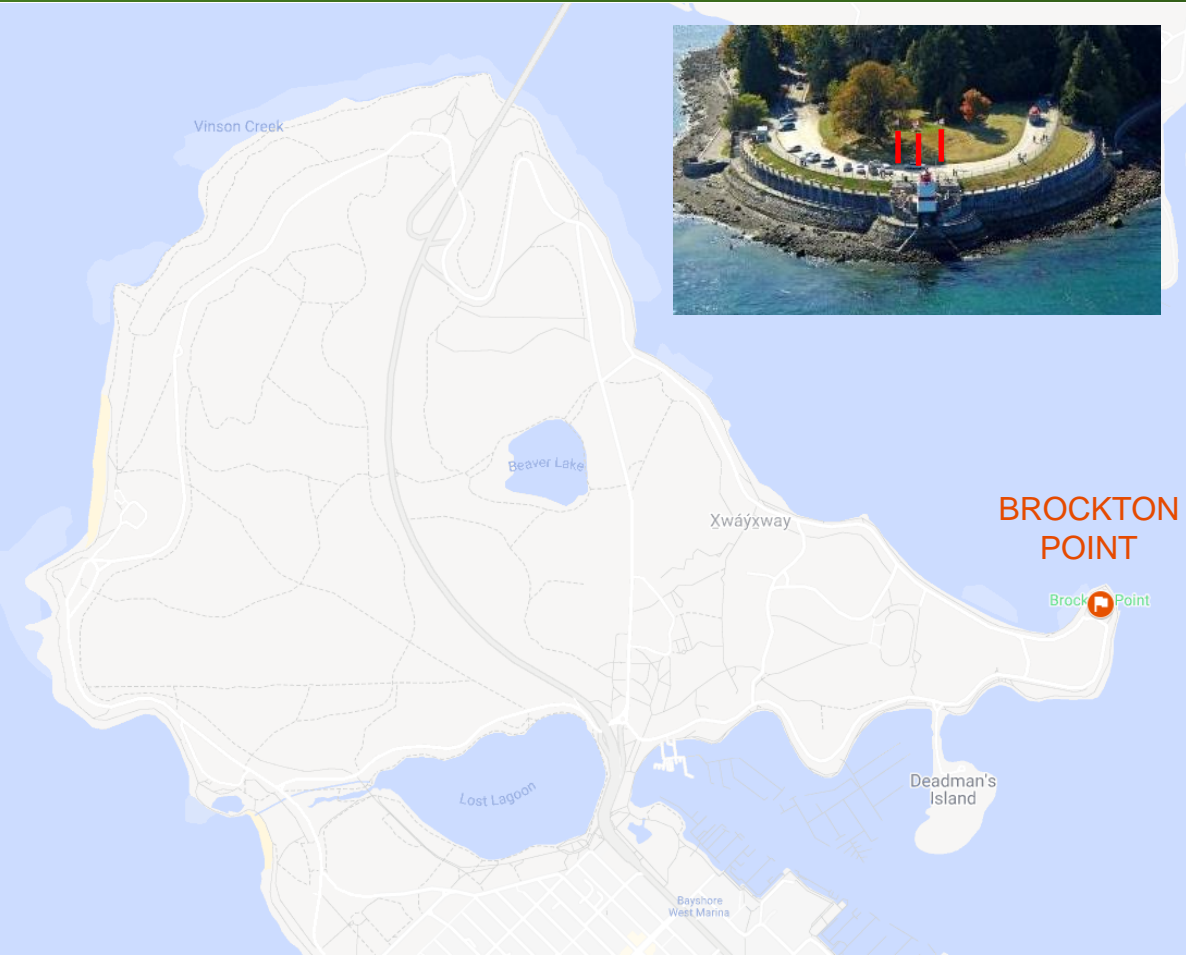
Background – MST Visibility in Stanley Park



Background



MST Villages at Brockton Point (1886)



- Existing poles in poor condition
- SPIWG approved the replacement of the poles, contingent on archeological protocols being followed



Existing Flagpoles (2017)

- The three new poles were installed in late 2019



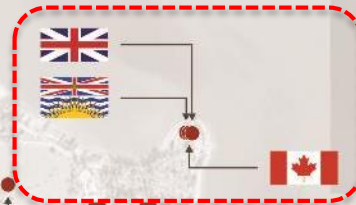
Flags in Stanley Park

STANLEY PARK Flags

Single Pole
Flies 5 flags



Brockton Point
(original flags removed)



BC



Canada



Canadian
Airforce Ensign



Canadian
Navy Ensign



City of
Vancouver



Navy Marine
100yr



Union Jack

MST Flags at City Hall Chambers



From left to right:

- Gordon Grant, Musqueam Nation
- Richard Baker, Squamish Nation
- Morgan Guerin, Musqueam Nation
- Charlene Aleck, Tsleil-Waututh Nation
- Mayor Gregor Robertson
- Deborah Baker, Squamish Nation
- Michelle George, Tsleil-Waututh Nation

Background – Memo on January 9, 2020



January 9, 2020

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners
FROM : Malcolm Bromley
General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT : **Brockton Point Flag Replacement – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

This memo is to inform you about an initiative to replace the three flags at Brockton Point with flags of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tseil-waututh Nations (MST). This gesture aligns with the Park Board's Reconciliation strategies, mission, vision, and values, and begins to address the lack of MST visibility in Stanley Park.

MST representatives from the Stanley Park Intergovernmental Working Group (SPIWG) are in support of this initiative and would like to use the gathering of elected officials at the Stanley Park Intergovernmental event being held on January 31st to officially gift the flags to the Park Board. The working group would then recommend a future date for a flag raising ceremony to allow time for planning and enable any public or media interest.

Background

Through the truth-telling phase of the Stanley Park Comprehensive Plan, much has been uncovered regarding the erasure of MST history and presence in Stanley Park. The SPIWG frequently discusses opportunities to reverse these colonial actions through acknowledgement and increased visibility of MST in the park.

On April 28, 2017, Park Board Operations staff attended a SPIWG meeting to discuss the need to replace the three flagpoles at Brockton Point (see Figures 1 & 2 for images of the original flags and location). The poles, installed in the mid 1960's, were in poor condition and had become a safety risk. The working group approved the replacement of the poles, contingent on archeological protocols being followed. The three new poles were installed in late 2019 and are now ready for new flags.



Figure 1 - Original Brockton Point Flag Poles



Figure 2 - Flag location at Brockton Point

Intergovernmental Update & Flag Gifting Lunch (Jan 30, 2020)



Flag Raising Ceremony



THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the installation and raising of Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Flags on the newly replaced flagpoles at Brockton Point in Stanley Park.



