



NOTICE of MOTION

Submitted at the Board meeting held on April 22, 2024

Vancouver, Let's Talk Trees!

Submitted by: Commissioner Digby

WHEREAS

1. Recognizing our urban trees face unprecedented challenges through the realities of a changing climate (loopers moth infestation, record low snow/rain) and due to densification and urban development;
2. Understanding the [importance to health](#) related to [tree canopies in urban areas](#);
3. Remembering that grassroots volunteer groups such as [Tree Keepers](#), and others, have historically led public engagement work on strategies and organizing to help share knowledge on tree health and growth and the urban canopy; and
4. Observing that the Park Board [suspended](#) the popular \$10 Spring Tree Sale due to COVID in 2020.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Board re-commits to leadership on developing the urban tree canopy in Vancouver through focusing on urban trees within the Park Board jurisdiction, including street trees and trees-in-parks, and believes the time is right to update commitments made by this Board in the [Urban Forest Strategy: 2018 Update](#);
- B. THAT the Board calls on both Vancouver City Council and the Vancouver School Board to update their commitments to Vancouver's tree canopy and urban forest strategies;
- C. THAT as one part of the update process, the Board hereby endorses Commissioner Digby's public engagement process entitled "Vancouver, Let's Talk Trees!" which may be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/427295686383346>;
- D. THAT the Commissioners will work together to identify groups and individuals prepared to re-establish, through donations of energy, time and money, popular historical urban forestry programs such as [\\$10 trees on line](#) [Tree Keepers](#)
- E. THAT Commissioners will bring proposals from the public to staff for evaluation and implementation in approximately Q2/2025.