Urban Forest Strategy - 2025 Update
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Final motion as amended:

A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board adopt the Urban Forest Strategy 2025 Update as outlined in this report and shown in Appendix A and direct staff to advance the three short-term high priority actions to: maintain and protect, plan and expand canopy and work cross-departmentally to establish an associated budget allocation.

B. THAT staff report back in mid-2026 with long-term canopy cover targets by land-use and neighbourhood with a supplementary 4-year action plan.

C. THAT, regardless of Part 5.0 Action Plan or other sections of the Urban Forest Strategy 2025, the Park Board retain full decision-making authority and operational control over all urban forestry activities within its jurisdiction (i.e. for all parks, and other areas of the City of Vancouver ("City") assigned to Park Board management, including trees on green-ways, green spaces, streets, right-of-ways, REFM properties, etc.), including but not limited to tree planting, maintenance, and urban greening projects, ensuring that all decisions align with Park Board approved strategies and policies;

D. THAT the Park Board shall retain full control over the planning, design, implementation, public engagement and management of urban forestry initiatives, and shall not delegate these responsibilities to other City departments without explicit Park Board approval;

E. THAT the Park Board will retain oversight and approval authority over the allocation of funding for urban forestry projects, and that any budget transfers between Park Board and City related to urban forestry must be expressly approved by the Park Board; and

F. THAT staff shall provide an annual report, and additional updates as required, detailing all urban forestry activities within Park Board-managed areas, including any collaborations or initiatives with REFM or City Engineering, to ensure transparency and continued accountability.