

Open Letter

January 29, 2007

To: Mayor Sam Sullivan and Council; Parks Board Commissioners; Premier Gordon Campbell; Environment Minister John Baird; Carole James

From: Peter Hamilton

Re: Stanley Park Restoration: City, Provincial and Federal Funding

The public support is to restore the areas damaged by storms in Stanley Park. Donations were raised to restore the natural beauty of this precious park. It would be illegal to spend it on commercial development.

However, it has been suggested that areas could be developed into other human-made attractions such as tropical flora exhibit. Also, the Parks Board Chair stated that a hurricane in the 60s opened the park to provide opportunities to build zoo attractions. History must not repeat itself.

On behalf of the Lifeforce Foundation, I urge you to put in writing that all monies from the Public, the City, the Province and the Federal government will only be spent on restoration that would restore Stanley Park's natural wildlife habitats - not on commercial development and more animal prisons.

Since Stanley Park is a National Historic Site any such restoration plans are subject to a Federal Environmental Impact Study prior to any final approval of restoration plans.

Stanley Park has a diversity of natural West Coast fauna and flora that provides a free ecological experience. We must protect this fragile, vulnerable treasure from any further commercial development. There is potential for this National Historic Site to provide even a greater wildlife experience as found before the devastation. In the past Lifeforce has provided Stanley Park Nature and History Walk brochures for self-guided walks. Lifeforce offers our assistance to develop such programs and natural experiences for present and future generations.

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