



Council Member Motion

For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 31st, 2019

Date: January 29th, 2019

From: Councillor Jeremy Loveday and Councillor Ben Isitt

Subject: Resolution: Protection of Old Growth Forests on Vancouver Island

Recommendations:

THAT Council endorse the following resolution for consideration at the 2019 annual convention of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, and directs staff to forward this resolution to member local governments requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

Resolution: Protection of Old Growth Forests

And whereas old-growth forest has significant economic, social and environmental value as wildlife habitat, tourism resource, carbon sink and much more;

And whereas old-growth forest is increasingly rare on Vancouver Island and current plans on provincial Crown land call for logging the remaining old-growth forest, outside of protected areas, Old-Growth Management Areas, and similar reserves, over the next 10-20 years:

Therefore be it resolved that the old-growth forest on provincial Crown Land on Vancouver Island be protected from logging;

And be it further resolved that the Provincial government amend the Vancouver Island Land Use Plan to protect all of Vancouver Island's remaining old growth forest on provincial Crown land.

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Loveday

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Isitt".

Councillor Isitt