



MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

January 31, 2019, 6:30 P.M.

I.1.b.f Resolution: Protection of Old Growth Forests on Vancouver Island

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

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

Whereas old-growth forest has significant economic, social and environmental value as wildlife habitat, tourism resource, carbon sink, drinking watersheds 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 last 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, beginning with a moratorium and followed by amendments to the Vancouver Island Land Use Plan;

And be it further resolved that the Provincial government work with First Nations, local communities, labour organizations and industry to pursue a just transition and expanded economic opportunities through sustainable management of second-growth forests and value-added production of forest products.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY