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Minister Peter Fassbender
Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

VIA FAX: 250-387-4312

Dear Minister Fassbender:

Re: Metro Vancouver public works yard

For more than a decade, Metro Vancouver Parks has leased property from the Province of BC adjacent to the University Endowment Lands administration and operations building for the purposes of operating a works yard.

I understand that Metro Vancouver Parks needs to upgrade the buildings on the site, but that the Province is not willing to grant the length of tenure requested by Metro Vancouver to justify the cost of the upgrades to permanent buildings on what would be, essentially, a temporary site. As a result Metro Vancouver has been seeking alternate sites for this works yard, which include a community park and could potentially include taking land out of Pacific Spirit Park itself.

I'm sure that you agree that losing a park or taking land out of Pacific Spirit Park is hardly an ideal solution for Metro Vancouver Park's work yard given that they already occupy an appropriate site.

Can you advise why the Province is refusing to grant a longer tenure to Metro Vancouver for this site? Does the Province intend to sell or repurpose this land? If so, what is the new purpose?

If there is no intention to sell or repurpose this land, can you advise why the Province believes that land should be removed from a regional park, or taken from a community greenspace, instead of the work site being left where it is, generating revenue for the provincial government through a lease?

My constituents are very concerned about this matter. I look forward to your response.

Yours truly,

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