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Minister Steve Thomson
Forests, Land and Natural Resources

VIA E-MAIL

Dear Minister Thomson:

Re: Metro Vancouver works yard for Pacific Spirit Park at University Endowment Lands

My constituents have been advised that your Ministry is responsible for deciding whether or not to grant tenure to Metro Vancouver to continue to operate their works yard adjacent to the University Endowment Lands Administration building.

I have written to Minister Peter Fassbender about this issue as he is the notional “mayor” of the University Endowment Lands, please find that letter attached.

If your department is, in fact, responsible for this decision, can you please look into why Metro Vancouver is being refused tenure? The impact of this decision is that Metro Vancouver is now looking at removing land from Pacific Spirit Park or from a local community park for a new works yard, instead of simply continuing operations on the existing (and most appropriate) site.

I have my suspicions that this decision is more a matter of miscommunication than long-term land use strategy; however, if I’m incorrect, I would greatly appreciate knowing what the plans are for the Metro Vancouver Works Yard site if they do not involve Metro Vancouver.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can offer.

Yours truly,

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