
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: PROTECTION OF FISH HABITAT IN WATERWAYS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT His Worship, Mayor Derek R. Corrigan send a letter to the Honourable Keith Ashfield, Federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans requesting the Federal Government to abandon the changes to the Fisheries Act that would reduce protection of fish habitat, as described in Bill C 38.
2. THAT copy of the letter be sent to Burnaby's MPs, MLAs and all UBCM member municipalities.

REPORT

The Environment Committee, at its meeting held on 2012 June 12, received the *attached* resolution from the City of North Vancouver regarding the protection of fish habitat in waterways, and requesting the Federal Government to abandon proposed changes to Section 35(1) of the Fisheries Act that would see the removal of provisions banning or limiting activities that result in the 'harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat'.

Arising from discussion, the Committee expressed support for the City of North Vancouver's resolution and recommended His Worship, Mayor Derek R. Corrigan send a letter to the Honourable Keith Ashfield, Federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans opposing the provisions of Bill C 38, that would amend the Fisheries Act to limit protection of fish habitat, and that a copy of the letter be sent to Burnaby's MPs, MLAs and all UBCM member municipalities.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Johnston
Chair

Councillor A. Kang
Vice Chair

Councillor N. Volkow
Member

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The Corporation of THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER
CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

CLERK'S FILE: 33000-01

E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE

To: All Union of British Columbia Municipalities Members
Attention: Mayor and Council
From: Robyn G. Anderson, City Clerk
Subject: Protection of Fish Habitat in Waterways
Date: May 31, 2012
File No: 5280-08-01

The City Council at its regular meeting of Monday, May 28, 2012 endorsed the following resolution:

"WHEREAS the City of North Vancouver has made significant investments in the protection of fish habitat in waterways that pass through our City and on our waterfront;

AND WHEREAS the protection of natural habitats (fish habitat included) is an important value for the people of our community and in our Official Community Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of North Vancouver call upon the Federal Government to abandon proposed changes to Section 35 (1) of the Fisheries Act that would see the removal of provisions banning or limiting activities that result in the "harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat";

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Fisheries and Agriculture, to North Shore MPs and MLAs, and to all UBCM member municipalities."

Robyn G. Anderson, City Clerk
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