



November 25, 2019

To whom it may concern,

**Re: Old Growth Forest Strategic Review**

On behalf of Victoria City Council I am writing in response to the Province of BC's call for public consultation concerning old growth forests.

The City of Victoria has passed a number of resolutions regarding the protection of old growth forests in recent years. These resolutions consistently advocate for the protection of the old growth forests of Vancouver Island, recognizing their vital value for ecology, recreation and low-impact tourism. I have attached these resolution letters for your information.

As such, and in light of the Provincial government's *Old Growth Forest Strategic Review*, we wish to reiterate our position on the matter and state the City of Victoria's support for protecting all remaining old growth forests on Vancouver Island, and to advocate for sustainable management of second-growth forests.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding Council's support for this initiative. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Province to ensure the continued stewardship of our beautiful region.

Sincerely,

Lisa Helps  
Victoria Mayor

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