



Memo to Council

From the Office of Councillor Amy Lubik

Date: October 20, 2020

Subject: Request to Extend the Consultation Period for Environmentally Sensitive Area Strategy

Port Moody is a place where residents value nature and the protection of the environment. Often, no one understands the importance of protecting habitats and ecosystems more than those who live on the water. For the last year, Port Moody has been updating our Environmentally Sensitive Area strategy to add more protection to areas, give guidance to residents, and updating mapping. The purpose is not to cause serious impairment of reasonable development; it is to update our strategy to protect the environment based on the most current science, as we have learned quite a bit since our last version of this document.

It has come to our attention that residents are concerned about what this update may mean to their neighbourhoods, may not be familiar with some of the language used, and feel they have not been reasonably consulted. In this vein, it would be valuable to extend the online consultation period and look into other avenues to get public input, so that staff can use those concerns to create communications materials to address residents' concerns.

Suggested Recommendation:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Port Moody extend the online consultation period for the ESA strategy and investigate further options for public consultation.