

MOTION ON NOTICE

6. Transfer of Marpole Midden Lands (čəsnaʔəm) to Musqueam First Nation

MOVER: Mayor Robertson

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. čəsnaʔəm (the Marpole Midden) along the historical banks of the Fraser River is the oldest large community in all of the Americas, with archaeological materials dating back 5,000 years, and was continuously occupied/stewarded by the Musqueam people until the 1860's with the arrival of smallpox in the region;
2. In 1933 the Historical Sites and Monuments Board of Canada declared the site as a Canadian National Historic Site. A cairn was placed in a nearby park, marking "the site of one of the largest prehistoric middens on the Pacific Coast of Canada. It originally covered an area of approximately 11 acres, with an average depth of 5 feet and a maximum depth of 15 feet;
3. The City of Vancouver was designated a City of Reconciliation in July 2014 and by Administrative Report RTS 11275, Council approved on January 19, 2016, a Reconciliation Work Plan which includes developing reconciliation projects with City departments and Boards, in partnership with community groups;
4. The City of Vancouver owns lands with a civic address of 8902 Milton Street, Vancouver, BC, legally described as: PID 008-774-927, Lot 32, Block 1, District Lot 318, Plan 12844 (the "Subject Site");
5. The Subject Site sits within the Marpole Midden (the "čəsnaʔəm"), a historically significant area for the Musqueam First Nation, located to the south of Southwest Marine Drive and bounded generally by Bentley Street to the west, Hudson Street to the east and the Fraser River to the south;
6. The Subject Site is protected under Section 13(2) of the Provincial Heritage Conservation Act and as such, is also "protected heritage property" as defined in the Vancouver Charter.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct staff to investigate and report back for Council's consideration on how the Subject Site can be transferred for \$1.00 to the Musqueam First Nation to provide for its ongoing heritage and cultural protection, by July 10, 2018.

* * * * *