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**TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board**  
**FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation**  
**SUBJECT: Report by the Stanley Park Ecology Society**  
**"Ecological Integrity of Stanley Park"**

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## RECOMMENDATION

*THAT the Board accept for information a report from the Stanley Park Ecology Society on the "Ecological Integrity of Stanley Park"*

## BACKGROUND

The Stanley Park Ecology Society (SPES) is a non-profit organization with a focus on the promotion of ecological awareness and conservation of the natural environment in Stanley Park. The Park Board has supported SPES and their stewardship efforts for many years, and continue to provide funding and facilities for their administration and programming needs.

## DISCUSSION

Following the windstorm which struck Stanley Park in 2006, SPES became deeply involved in the gathering of research during the extensive restoration efforts. This collection of information about the various ecological aspects of the park became a catalyst for SPES to compile the impressive list of findings, including data supplied from other sources, into a single document.

Officially termed "State of the Park Report for the Ecological Integrity of Stanley Park", this report is meant to function as a clearinghouse of information about the park's natural ecosystems, including an assessment of the current state of each major system and the potential stressors impacting them. It should be noted that while the report has benefited from feedback and data sharing by Park Board staff, it has been authored entirely by SPES. Furthermore, the report is focused exclusively on the ecological aspects of Stanley Park and does not contain any examination of the various other elements of this complex urban park, such as the historic/cultural, recreational, transportation, and commercial, among others.

It is anticipated that the report will be updated by SPES from time to time as new information becomes available, in an effort to maintain accuracy for interested parties.

**SUMMARY**

Staff recommend that the Board receive the report from SPES on the Ecological Integrity of Stanley Park for information.

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