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The District of North Vancouver REPORT TO COUNCIL

April 16, 2026

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AUTHOR: Councillor Lisa Muri

SUBJECT: Roche Point Park Dedication

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council direct staff to prepare bylaws for consideration and bring forward relevant information for consideration related to the Roche Point Parklands.

REASON FOR REPORT:

Certain lands in the Roche Point area owned by the District of North Vancouver include natural areas with extensive tree canopies that need protection to be preserved for future generations (Figure 1). The District has a unique opportunity to ensure their preservation by dedicating these municipally-owned lands, by bylaw, as park.

The District of West Vancouver recently announced 780 hectares of mountain forest into new parkland with the support of BC Parks Foundation (Source: [District of West Vancouver 2024 Announcement \(bcparksfoundation.ca\)](https://www.bcparksfoundation.ca/district-of-west-vancouver-2024-announcement)). The District of North Vancouver would do well to follow their example in preserving District forests for future generations to come.

BACKGROUND:

Over the years, the District has considered reports authored by Mr. David Cook. His report on the Roche Point forest, as provided to the District of North Vancouver in 2012, is below:

- Biophysical Analysis and Recommendation for Rezoning to Parkland of Roche Point Forest, District of North Vancouver, December 23, 2012.

The report catalogues:

- The Roche Point Forest is a selectively logged old-growth forest variably zoned as PRO (Roche Point Park West), RS1 & RS3 and that it exhibits a number of old-growth forest characteristics together with high biodiversity value; and,
- Roche Point Forest is a wildlife corridor and presently a highly functional ecosystem with diverse and abundant flora and fauna showing some old-growth forest characteristics, also containing various heritage trees.

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EXISTING POLICY:

This area is currently designated as Parks, Open Space, and Natural area in the District's [Official Community Plan](#). However, the majority of the lands are currently zoned single-family residential (RS1 & RS3), and are not currently dedicated as park.

Dedication of Parkland:

The *Community Charter* provides Council the opportunity to dedicate municipal-owned lands as parkland, by bylaw. Roche Point Park area is in Figure 1 below. This would provide enhanced protection for the preservation of the Roche Point Forest area.



Figure 1. Roche Point Park Area

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Conclusion:

District Council has a unique opportunity to explore preserving old growth and second growth forests within the municipality by dedicating new park, which would preserve these lands for future generations.

Options:

1. That the motion, as presented, be supported; or,
2. That the motion, as presented, be amended; or,
3. That the motion, as presented, is not supported.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Muri
Councillor

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