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There's much more work to do to protect old growth

Over the last several months, British Columbians have increasingly raised their voices in support of our province's old growth forests. We hear you.

Along with my BC NDP MLA colleagues, we've read your emails, listened to your calls, and seen your demonstrations. British Columbians have cared about these forests for a long time, and certainly these last few weeks have shown that commitment is stronger than ever.

These ancient forests are part of who we are as British Columbians. They're one of the reasons our province is such a great place to live. And we owe it to our kids and grandkids to protect them. The passion we've heard from people in recent weeks has underscored the importance and urgency of securing these forests for future generations.

We've undertaken a lot of important work already. Our government commissioned an independent Old Growth Review and we're working hard to implement all 14 of that panel's recommendations.

The first step was protecting 196,000 hectares of old growth in nine of our rarest, most at-risk ecosystems left vulnerable by the BC Liberals. That's an area equivalent to twice the size of metro Vancouver, and includes key areas such as Clayoquot Sound and the Incomappleux Valley. We did this in consultation with Indigenous peoples. We've also protected 1,500 groves with the largest, most iconic trees of different species in the province. These protections add to the 10 million hectares of old growth that will not be logged either because they are under some form of protection or because they are uneconomic.

But there's no question we need to do a lot more to protect old growth. And the first step is putting Indigenous peoples at the centre of land management in their respective territories. The days of making land management decisions without Indigenous peoples are over. That means we will meaningfully consult before making decisions - including deferrals. Following ongoing engagement with Indigenous rights and title holders, and guided by science, more deferrals will occur this summer.

Each First Nation has the right to determine what is best for their respective residents and territory. Some want to protect more or all the old growth in their territories. Others want to protect old growth but sustainably harvest for cultural uses and to support their families and communities. But all First Nations have the inherent right of self-determination and are uniquely positioned to be stewards of their territories.

At the center of the conversation is Fairy Creek watershed, in the territory of the Pacheedaht. Pacheedaht, industry tenure holders, and the province have agreed that no harvesting will happen in Fairy Creek while the Pacheedaht develop their own stewardship plan.

The passion British Columbians are showing for old growth forests is inspiring. We've heard the public calls for the province to take unilateral action in Fairy Creek. But it's essential we recognize what the elected and hereditary leadership of Pacheedaht have said:

"We do not welcome or support unsolicited involvement or interference by others in our Territory, including third-party activism. Pacheedaht needs to be left in peace to engage in our community-led stewardship planning process so that we can determine our own way forward as a strong and independent Nation."

That Pacheedaht is engaging in that internal process right now, and no harvesting is happening in Fairy Creek. Our BC NDP government supports that work, and we will respect the request of Pacheedaht to not interfere. We believe working respectfully with First Nations and when the land is respected it is a win-win for everyone.

Fairy Creek illustrates the complexities of this issue. In some places, overlapping claims between First Nations make it even more complex. But we're committed to engaging with Indigenous peoples, industry, and forestry-dependent communities to keep ancient forests standing while supporting the 50,000 British Columbians who make a living in the forest sector.

These forests are important to all of us. The path to protecting them isn't simple, and it isn't always fast. But we won't stop working to do more. Because we owe it to our kids and grandkids to ensure these iconic old growth forests are here for generations to come.

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Tim,

Final draft of op-ed attached. Note the third last paragraph "The Pacheedaht is engaging in that internal process right now..." this is where some minor edits were made.

Please approve at your convenience. We hope to send it to the Vancouver Sun tomorrow morning.

Cheers,
Tyler.

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Nope - with Tim R for approval

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On Jun 2, 2021, at 4:57 PM, Harris, Megan FLNR:EX <Megan.Harris@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Tyler did you hear back from anyone? With those changes it was good to go

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To confirm – this is good to go?

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Updated draft attached.

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In this para, I think the **That** is supposed to be a **“The”** and the **“it”** needs to be deleted.

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Tyler – Tim just forwarded approved MKC op-ed on old growth. Direction is to shop it to the Vancouver Sun. If they don't bite the Province and option three is the TC. You'll recall last week when this first came up Lindsay Byers recommended we share with Vaughn rather than the editors –s.22

s.22 So lets give it shot with Vaughn. Of course we'd like it out there soonest. Any questions – give me a call. Thx - David