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Board Chair Greg Moore and Members  
Metro Vancouver Regional District Board  
4330 Kingsway  
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Via email: [chair@metrovancover.org](mailto:chair@metrovancover.org)

Dear Chair Moore:

**Re: Increase in Parkland Acquisition Budget**

BC Nature would like to thank you and the Board of Metro Vancouver for approving an annual increase of \$3.8 million to the Regional Parks land acquisition budget, raising it to \$7.57 million annually.

BC Nature represents about 6,000 members in over 50 naturalist clubs across BC, including over 2,000 members in the Lower Mainland area in fourteen local natural history clubs. Several of our members attended ParksFest early in November and were thrilled to learn of this budget increase.

Congratulations on this progressive step towards ensuring parkland will be secured to benefit present and future populations. Metro Vancouver's Regional Parks are a beautiful asset to the Lower Mainland, providing natural ecosystem services, adding so much to our quality of life, and benefitting human health.

Thank you!

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