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Aquarium expansion worthy of approval rather than park board roadblocks

It made my blood boil to see the two-page advertising spread by the Vancouver Aquarium in the Vancouver Sun on Sept. 26. Just how much did that cost this non-profit organization? Why did they have to go to that length? Vancouver park board commissioners should hang their heads in shame.

Stanley Park has two big attractions that the great majority of us, as well as visitors to our city, use and enjoy. One is the Vancouver Aquarium. The other is the seawall. The rest of the great forest is wonderful but seldom used by most people. When a storm hits, we lose many of the big old trees. That's nature. They will grow back over time. Yet a small group with a warped agenda to "save" a few small trees has completely cowed this wimpish park board.

Can you imagine if the seawall were a new proposal today? It would not have a chance of passing, yet it is a jewel in the park, a signature of our city. The number of trees it would take to create the seawall would have our board fainting away at the very thought. Thank goodness the elected people of that day had the foresight and the intestinal fortitude to listen to the "doers", not the naysayers.

Come on, park commissioners, show some leadership and offer encouragement to this wonderful institution instead of throwing up roadblocks. The expansion will be an asset for years to come. The few trees can be replaced.

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