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SAVE NELSON PARK RALLY AT PARK BOARD OFFICES

(VANCOUVER, BC) - The IDEA Vancouver candidates for School Board and Park Board will be holding an information briefing and rally at Park Board offices on July 9, 2018, at 6pm, to address the proposed BC Hydro substation under Nelson Park.

The recent decision by the Vancouver School Board to sell the Lord Roberts Annex School to BC Hydro has left the fate of Nelson Park in the hands of the Park Board. BC Hydro's plans to build a substation under the West End's only park will make the area inaccessible to local residents for more than five years, and potentially dangerous when completed.

"To date, the Vancouver Park Board has not held any community consultation with West End residents who will be directly and severely impacted by the construction, noise pollution, and loss of parkland this proposed substation brings," says Margaret Haugen, an IDEA Vancouver candidate for Park Board.

More troubling are the health concerns of living above a large electromagnetic field, particularly for residents of the Dr. Peter Centre hospice across the street, as well as children that will be attending the new school to be built above the substation. IDEA candidates will be joined at the rally by West End resident Philip Ryan, a physics teacher with a specialty in electromagnetic radiation, who will speak about the risks the substation might pose.

"We're worried about the potential dangers that have not been addressed, especially for young children and vulnerable seniors," says IDEA Vancouver Park Board candidate Jamie Lee Hamilton. "The Park Board must immediately hold public meetings to address the concerns of West End residents."

The IDEA Vancouver information briefing and rally will be held immediately before the regularly scheduled Park Board meeting on Monday, July 9, at 6pm, outside Board offices at 2099 Beach Avenue. IDEA Vancouver is an independent political party running candidates for Park Board, School Board, City Council, and Mayor in the 2018 municipal election.

For further information, please contact IDEA Vancouver spokesperson Jamie Lee Hamilton at 604-446-2489.