

Who Speaks For The Trees?

A documentary by Fraser Wagner

EXT. CITY TREE-LINED STREETS

Shots of tree-lined streets in North Van.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

(Low tone, echoey)

Trees have been a part of our society since time immemorial... with climate change a prominent issue in our world today, why are trees continuing to disappear in our cities?

FADE TO:

EXT. INTERVIEW LOCATION (SOMEWHERE QUIET WITH A TREE)

JAMIESON stands or sits in front of tree.

ALEX JAMIESON

What's your name?

My name is ALEX JAMIESON.

Show Richmond city hall/historic photos/videos.

What did you do for work and when did you do it?

I worked as a city planner for the City of Richmond for ## years and retired in YYYY.

What is your connection to trees/why are you passionate about them?

Answer:

Show PHOTOS of Jamieson with TREES

When and how did you come across the book "Design With Nature?"

Answer: _____ the book Design with nature by Ian McHarg_____

Show BOOK DESIGN WITH NATURE

How did this book inspire you to save trees in urban cities?

Answer:

How receptive were the developers, etc to the idea of leaving trees standing? Can you describe some of the interactions?

Answer:

Can you tell me about some of your success and failures to save trees in the city of Richmond?

Answer:

TIME WARP
EFFECT TO:

EXT. BACK LANE TREE STANDING FOOTAGE (IF WE CAN FIND SOME)

Show BACK LANE FOOTAGE. Show DRAWING of BEFORE/AFTER

NARRATOR (V.O.)

(Low tone, echoey)
Flash forward 52 years: Jamieson is still collaborating with various groups of people, who are passionate about environmental protection, to protect trees in his city of North Vancouver, after a horrifying event occurred a few years prior.

CUT TO:

EXT. INTERVIEW LOCATION (SOMEWHERE QUIET WITH A TREE)

KAIA stands or sits in front of tree.

Show TREE CUTTING FOOTAGE/PHOTOS.

KAIA W

Can you briefly describe why tree was cut down?

Answer:

How did seeing this tree get cut down make you feel?

Answer:

Show PHOTOS OF LETTERS.

Tell me about the letters you, your brother, and your mom wrote to city of North Vancouver city about the need for a tree protection bylaw.

Answer:

TIME WARP OR
DISSOLVE TO:

INT. CITY COUNCIL PASSING TREE BYLAW

Show video of City of North Van council passing bylaw.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

(Low tone, echoey)

Now in 2022, a tree bylaw has been
passed, but its not enough.

CUT TO:

INT. INTERVIEW LOCATION (JAMIESON'S LIVING ROOM?)

Show TREES that could still be cut down. Show LIDAR STUDY
PHOTOS from West Van if findable.

ALEX JAMIESON

What needs to be added to the bylaw for it to
effectively protect trees?

Answer (focus on zones single
family homes & duplexes):

Show DIAGRAMS/PHOTOS as applicable.

CUT TO:

EXT. INTERVIEW LOCATION (SOMEWHERE QUIET WITH A TREE)

SHEARDOWN stands or sits in front of tree.

MICHELLE SHEARDOWN

What is Drawdown?

Answer:

How can, and why is it important that, drawdown be implemented in our cities?

Answer:

Show diagrams/photos as applicable.

CUT TO:

EXT. INTERVIEW LOCATION (SOMEWHERE QUIET WITH A TREE)

Show footage of beautiful city trees.

ALEX JAMIESON

Conclusion:

(trees need to be used as carbon
sinks, not furniture,
etc.)_____

FADE OR
DISSOLVE TO:

QUESTION

Will you speak for the trees?

FADE TO:

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I would like to respectfully acknowledge that this documentary was produced on the traditional, ancestral and unceded lands of the Coast Salish People, specifically the Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam First Nations.

FADE TO:

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- Kaia W • Youth Climate Activist
- Michelle Sheardown • Drawdown BC Director

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Sources:

- If applicable
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DISSOLVE TO:

LOGOS:

- The Mighty Fraser (blog44.ca/fraserw)
- PLP (plp.seycove.ca)
- For Our Kids North Shore (forourkids.ca/north_shore_team)
- Drawdown BC (drawdownbc.org)