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I have read your articles for years and love how you try and tell it straight. We only get one side from politicians and interested parties; you bring necessary details and balance.

I'd like to know what long-term vision the Vancouver Aquarium has for itself ["Aquarium lease linked to expansion", Straight Talk, Sept. 14-21]. Like all businesses, it has visions and goals. It keeps chipping away at Stanley Park, which doesn't belong to it. Now a 50-percent [area] increase. This will continue forever; the bigger it gets, the more it needs to feed.

The problem is the aquarium is constrained in a little area. The aquarium is a nice aquarium, but it will never be world-class and it will never be what it wants to be, because it is in the park. It is time the aquarium begins its vision for vacating Stanley Park and finding itself land where it can grow as much as it wants, where its visions can become reality, and where it can have a world-class aquarium facility, one that is more centrally located. It will eventually have to move, so let's get on with it now. Don't waste any more money in the park or steal more parkland.

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