



ATTORNEY GENERAL GEORGE JEPSEN

ATTORNEY GENERAL SEEKS MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PROPOSED SALE OF PORTION OF STANLEY PARK

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HARTFORD -- Attorney General George Jepsen has asked New Britain city officials for more information about the proposed sale of a portion of Stanley Park to Costco to make sure the sale complies with the terms of the 1927 deed donating the land to the city.

“The time for us to get involved is now, before the project moves too far ahead,” Jepsen said. Under state law, the Attorney General has oversight responsibility to make sure that property dedicated to public or charitable use be used forever according to the true intent and meaning of the grantor.

In a letter written on Jepsen’s behalf, Assistant Attorney General Karen Gano asked the city’s corporation counsel for copies of any deeds and maps for the park property and the steps the city has taken to determine the land proposed for sale is not needed or likely to be needed for public purposes.

“In this instance, Alix W. Stanley expressly gave the City authority to sell a certain portion of the Stanley Park land in the deeds by which he conveyed the land to the City,” Gano wrote. “Portions of land ... can be sold if a determination is made that those parcels are not needed, nor likely to be needed for the public purpose of park, play ground, public golf links or an open air school.”

The Attorney General also asked for details about a proposed special revenue fund or trust that the city would create to hold the proceeds from the sale of the Stanley Park land. To comply with state law, that money must be held in trust to produce income for the development and maintenance of Stanley Park.

A zoning change required for the sale of the property is pending before the city’s Common Council.

View the entire letter to [Stanley Park](#) – (PDF- 57KB)

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