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TO: Park Board Chair and Commissioners
FROM: General Manager - Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: NEFC Park Design Advisory Group Appointments

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Vancouver Park Board appoint the following individuals as the members of the Northeast False Creek Park Design Advisory Group for the duration of the schematic park design and public consultation phases of the project:

- Michael Alexander
- Debra Barker
- Spencer Hamilton
- Maggie Ip
- Wendee Lang
- Ted Lee
- Joni Low
- Patsy McMillan
- Ann Phelps
- Shira Stanfield
- Anne Thompson
- Erin Udal

BACKGROUND

On October 27, 2015, City Council approved the removal of the Dunsmuir and Georgia Viaducts and the *Northeast False Creek (NEFC) Conceptual Plan* to guide future planning without the viaducts. The *NEFC Conceptual Plan* includes the accelerated delivery of the Creekside Park Extension and an addition of 13.89 acres of new park and open space area.

On February 22, 2016, the Vancouver Park Board supported the formation of a 10-12 member Park Design Advisory Group (PDAG) to advise Park Board staff, City staff and consultant team in the design and programming of the park system in Northeast False Creek. The Northeast False Creek PDAG will represent a broad range of community interests and will provide specific advice on the design of the new Creekside Park Extension and its integration with existing park spaces, including Andy Livingstone Park, the Downtown Skate Plaza, the existing Creekside Park and the broader public space network.

The PDAG will also advise on the approach and progress of the engagement process, and outreach to individual networks to seek feedback at strategic points in the park design process. The park consultation process is anticipated to take place in 2016 and 2017 and will encompass a full range of community interests.

DISCUSSION

The public call for applications to the NEFC PDAG was open from April 25 to June 17, 2016. Outreach to promote the application process included advertisements in newspapers, newsletters, and on the web, emails to listservs, social media posts, and posters in community centres and libraries. A total of 56 applications were received to be considered for the 12 member group. Applications were sorted into area of interest categories (outlined

below) and evaluated based on the criteria of: skillset, knowledge, interests and motivation of each candidate. Staff then prepared a recommended short-list of the candidates that best matched the evaluation criteria while representing the areas of interest sought. This finalized short-list of recommended candidates is outlined below for Park Board consideration.

The recommended candidates represent a cross section of individuals and representatives of larger organizations that have experience and expertise in areas of interest as outlined in the PDAG Terms of Reference. The areas of interest include:

- Local residents in the False Creek Basin and adjacent areas/neighbourhoods
- Children
- Youth
- Seniors
- Sports and outdoor recreation, including skateboarding
- Water recreation, including non-motorized boating
- Community Centres, Charities and Non-profits
- Public Space Design and large event/festival organizers
- Active Transportation and Accessibility
- Environmental design
- Arts and culture

The staff evaluation team propose that the following 12 candidates are appointed as members of the NEFC PDAG, with a focus on the categories listed above:

- Patsy McMillan (Local Resident)
 - Chair of the False Creek Residents Association
 - Long-term NEFC park advocate
- Debra Barker (Local Resident/Children/At Large)
 - International Village resident
 - Member of the Andy Livingstone Park safety task force
- Anne Thompson (Sports and Outdoor Recreation)
 - Vancouver Field Sports Federation Representative
 - Executive member of Vancouver Sport Network
- Spencer Hamilton (Sports and Outdoor Recreation/Youth)
 - Vancouver Skateboard Coalition Representative
- Ann Phelps (Water Recreation/Large Event and Festival Organizers)
 - Executive Director of the Dragon Boat Festival Society
 - Board member of DOCKS (Dragon Boat, Outrigger, Canoe and Kayaks Society)
- Maggie Ip (Seniors/Community Centres, Charities and Non-profits)
 - Chair of SUCCESS Foundation
 - Member of Vancouver Healthy City Leadership Table
- Ted Lee (Community Centres, Charities and Non-profits)
 - CFO and Commercial Officer of Tourism Vancouver
 - Vice President of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden

- Wendee Lang (Public Space Design)
 - Vancouver Public Space Network Representative (VPSN)
 - Parks and Greenspaces Coordinator for the VPSN
- Shira Standfield (Accessibility/Public Space Design/At Large)
 - Park accessibility expert
 - Landscape Architect/Park Planner
- Michael Alexander (Public Space Design/Active Transportation/Local Resident/At Large)
 - Founder and Director of SFU City Conversations
 - President, ReConnect Vancouver
 - Former member of Vancouver Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Erin Udal (Youth, Environmental Design/ Community Centres, Charities and Non-profits)
 - Environmental Youth Alliance (EYA) representative
 - Biologist
- Joni Low (Arts and Culture/At Large)
 - Board of Directors, Access Gallery
 - Curator and cultural producer

SUMMARY

The proposed Northeast False Creek Park Design Advisory Group members have a broad range of expertise and represent a variety of important interests. Collectively the NEFC PDAG will provide focused and valuable input, and enhance public engagement on this key addition to Vancouver's park and open space network.

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