



# Expediting New Outdoor Pools

## Report Reference

Park Board Committee Meeting  
July 25, 2016





The purpose of this presentation is to provide an update on the “Expediting New Outdoor Pools” motion that was passed by the Board on May 30, 2016:

*THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to explore quick start strategies, including the reallocation of existing capital funding, to expedite the construction of new outdoor pools in the City of Vancouver.*



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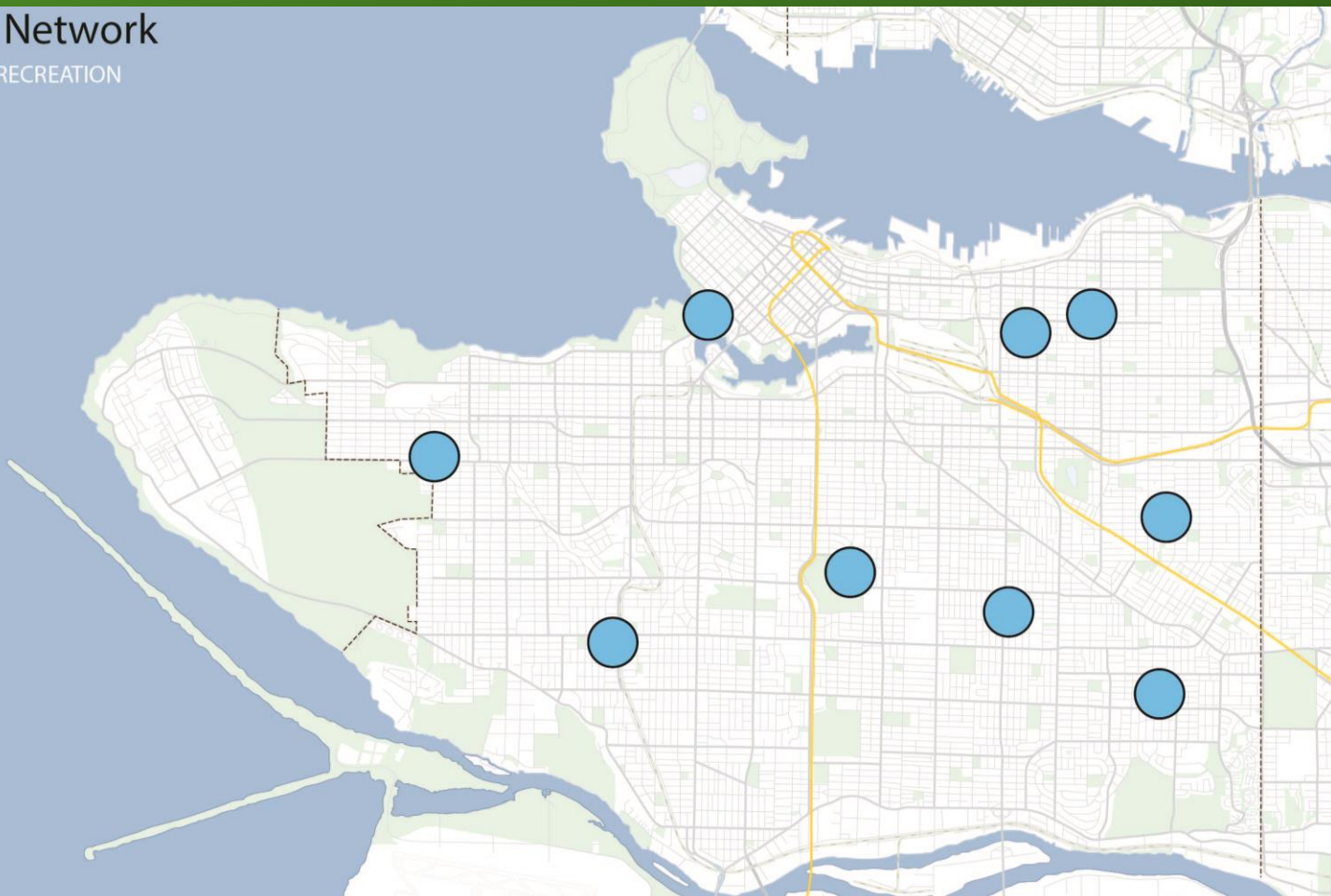


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 INDOOR POOLS





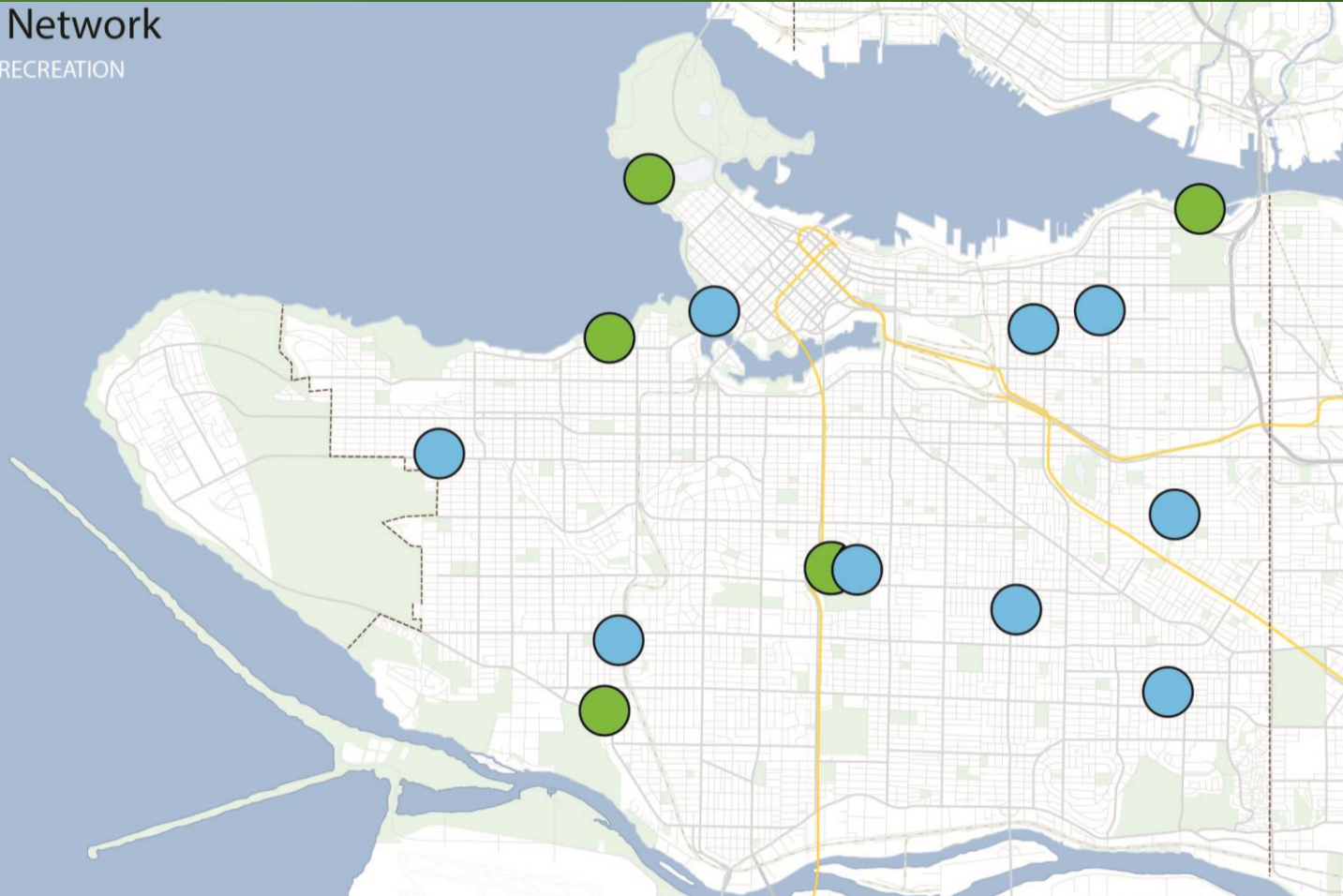


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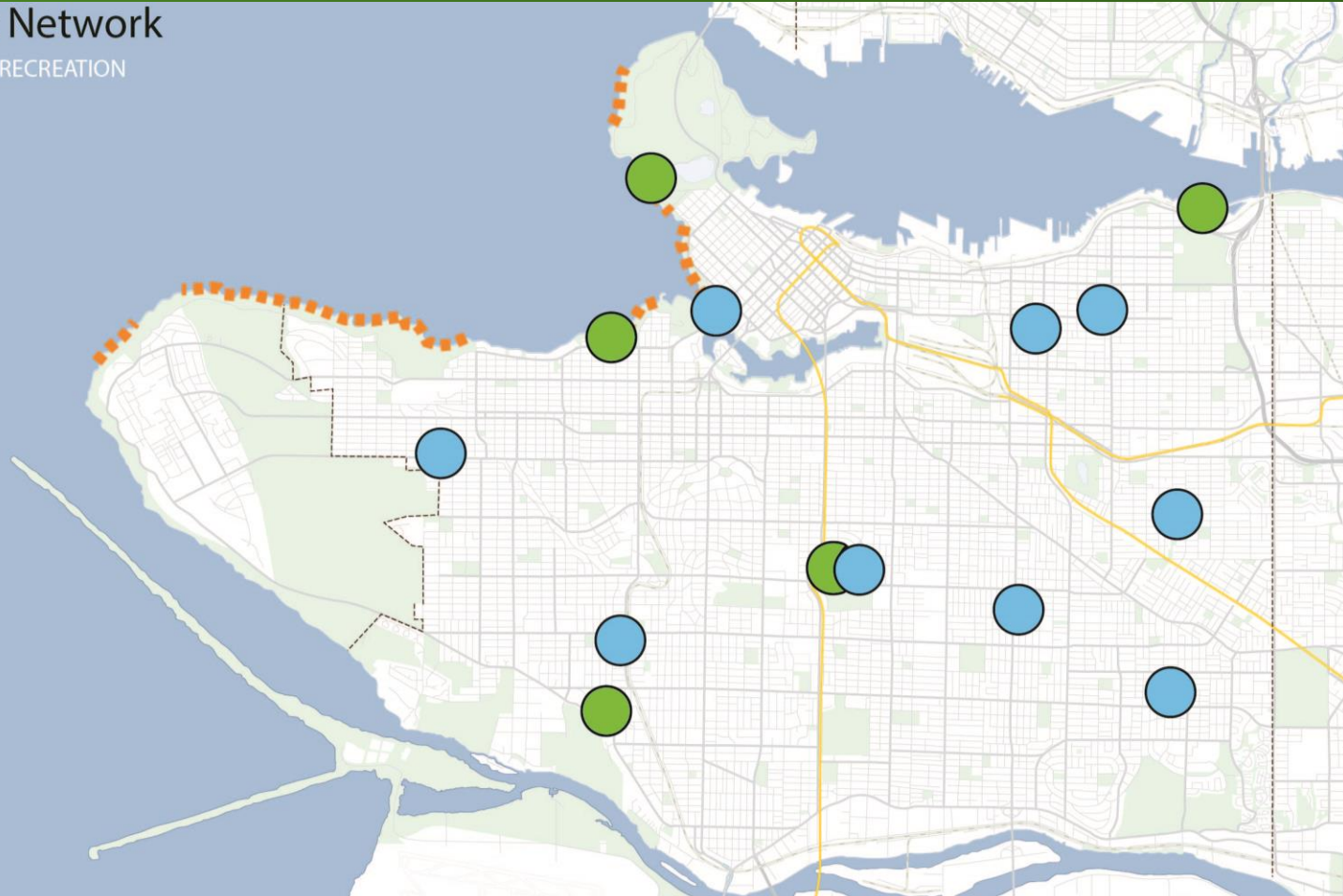
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■ BEACHES








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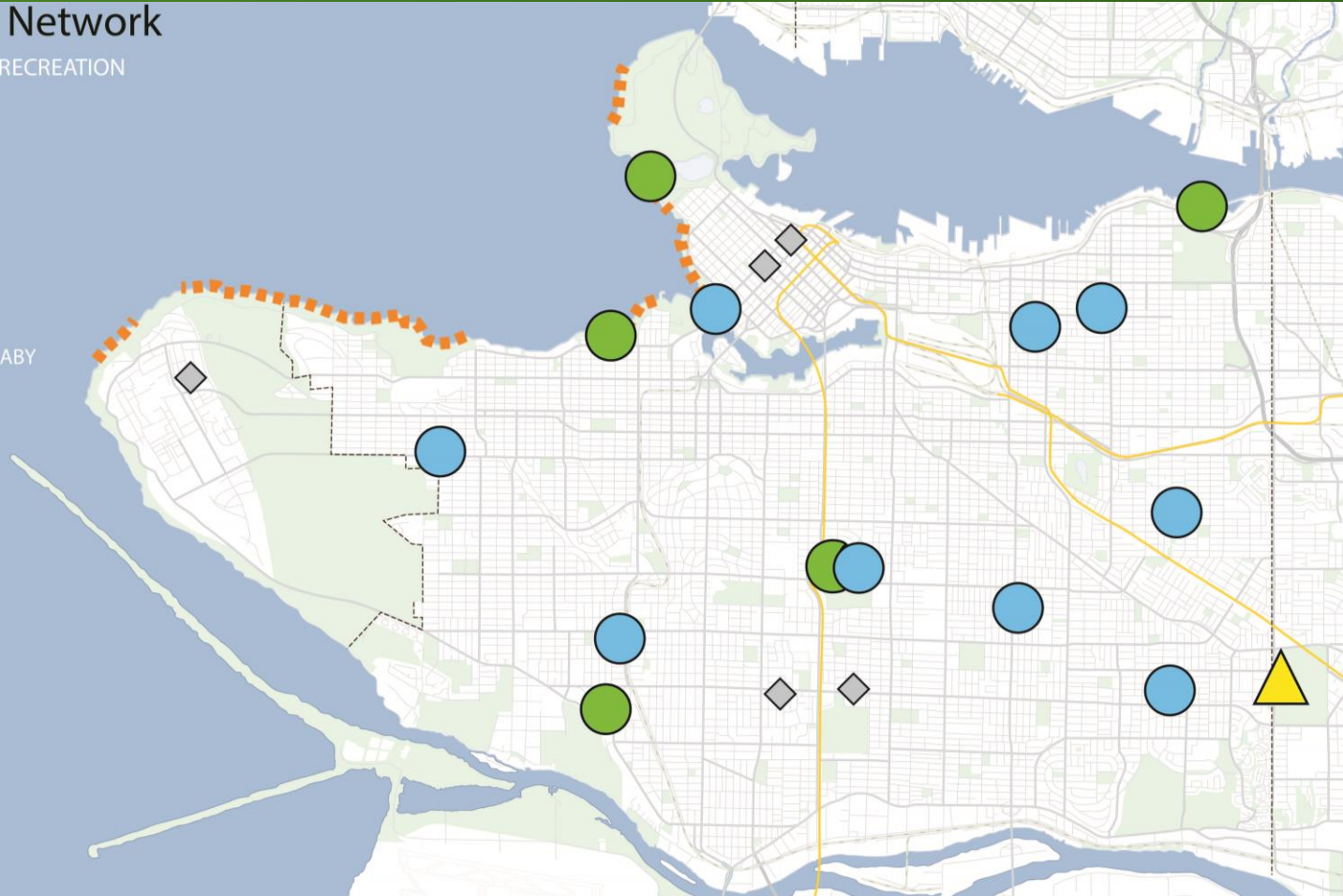
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-  INDOOR POOLS
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### OTHER PROVIDERS

-  CENTRAL PARK, CITY OF BURNABY
-  PRIVATELY OWNED,  
PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE





- **Van Splash**, the Vancouver Aquatic Strategy, will:
  - Review existing pools and beaches and how to renew or replace aging facilities.
  - Look at city-wide equity and service gaps.
  - Explore innovative swimming options like pop-up pools and natural outdoor pools.





# Aquatics Planning Context



Public Engagement July 23 – Kits Beach



Public Engagement July 24 – New Brighton



- As a short term initiative, staff are exploring the feasibility of **expediting the delivery of outdoor pools** through a “**pop-up**” pool for 2017.
- They can be constructed more quickly than a permanent pool, and more cost effectively.





- The focus of pop-up pools is to provide leisure swimming in a fun, casual environment.



## Leisure Swimming

*Pop-up  
Pool*



Skill Development

Special Events

Fitness

Therapy

Sport Training

Leadership Training

*Conventional  
Pool*





# Example | Brooklyn Bridge Park Pop-Up Pool



## WELCOME TO THE POP UP POOL

This public space is provided for your enjoyment and recreation. Please be courteous and respectful to others and keep the park clean.

### For everyone's safety and enjoyment:

- Deposit waste in appropriate receptacles and respect landscape features and wildlife in the park.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited (except in designated areas).
- Solicitation or distribution of non-commercial, promotional or commercial materials is prohibited.
- Disorderly conduct and/or the use of profane or abusive language are prohibited.
- No loud radio playing.
- No feeding or abusing of wildlife.
- Panhandling or solicitation is prohibited.
- Performances or rallies and commercial activity are prohibited.
- Private programs and classes are allowed by permit only.



# Example | Brooklyn Bridge Park Pop-Up Pool



10 x 20m  
Above ground  
pool

Elevated  
pool deck  
with ramp

Temporary  
beach  
(approx.  
230m<sup>2</sup>)

Washrooms,  
change rooms,  
small  
concession.



# Example | Brooklyn Bridge Park Pop-Up Pool Beach





# Example | Macro-Sea Mobile Pools, New York Summer Streets Festival





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(3) 2.4m x  
6.7m pools

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## Example | Swim Mobile, Detroit





## Example | in Pop Culture – *The Simpsons*





# Example | Temporary Competition Pool - Rome VII FINA World Championships





# Example | Temporary Competition Pool – Long Beach US Olympic Trials





## Macro Sea Mobile Pool



(3) 2.4m x 6.7m pools

## Brooklyn Bridge Park Pop-up Pool



10 x 20m

## VII FINA World Champions Temporary Pool



21 x 33m



- Open from May to September.
- Programmed for leisure swimming, with consideration to offering introductory level lessons.
- Anticipated operating costs are up to \$120,000 a year.





- Swimmer load: up to approx. 200 people
- Portable facility, located for a term (e.g. 5 years)
- Ancillary Facilities: Washrooms, change rooms and beach area (optional)





# Draft Location Criteria

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- Fills a gap in aquatic facilities.
- Easily serviced.
- Easily accessed.
- Minimizes impact on existing park and parking.





- Staff will return to the Board in the fall 2016 with a detailed report and recommendation with options, costs and locations.
- Pending funding availability, the pop-up pool could be operational by summer 2017.



