

Motion on Notice

1. Facility for Paddling Community in Vancouver

MOVER: Commissioner Coupar

SECONDER:

WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver and The Vancouver Park Board prides itself on its multicultural communities;
2. The Vancouver Park Board also recognizes the need for recreational activities, as well as vibrant cultural festivals, being located within the City;
3. The City of Vancouver and The Vancouver Park Board is also very proud to be home to the largest Dragon Boat festival in North America, which is now in its 25th year;
4. The Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society suffers due to an inability to find a permanent facility on False Creek, which results in instability, loss of materials and equipment, and general lack of security with their long range planning;
5. Paddlers who participate in all weather conditions do not have conveniently located change rooms, adequate shower and washroom facilities available;
6. Presently there is a number of Paddling and Dragon Boat Clubs located further west in False Creek at Alder Bay dock adjacent to False Creek Community Centre, and near Burrard Civic Marina. Dragon boat users located there also are faced with challenges and inadequate facilities;
7. The need is clear for a comprehensive plan to develop a facility to satisfy the need of all Dragon boaters and Canoe clubs using False Creek waters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report back to the Board regarding the process of locating a home for the greater paddling community on or in proximity to False Creek, with improved options related to both the short and long term.