



Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

Non-Motorized Boating Centre at Creekside Community Centre

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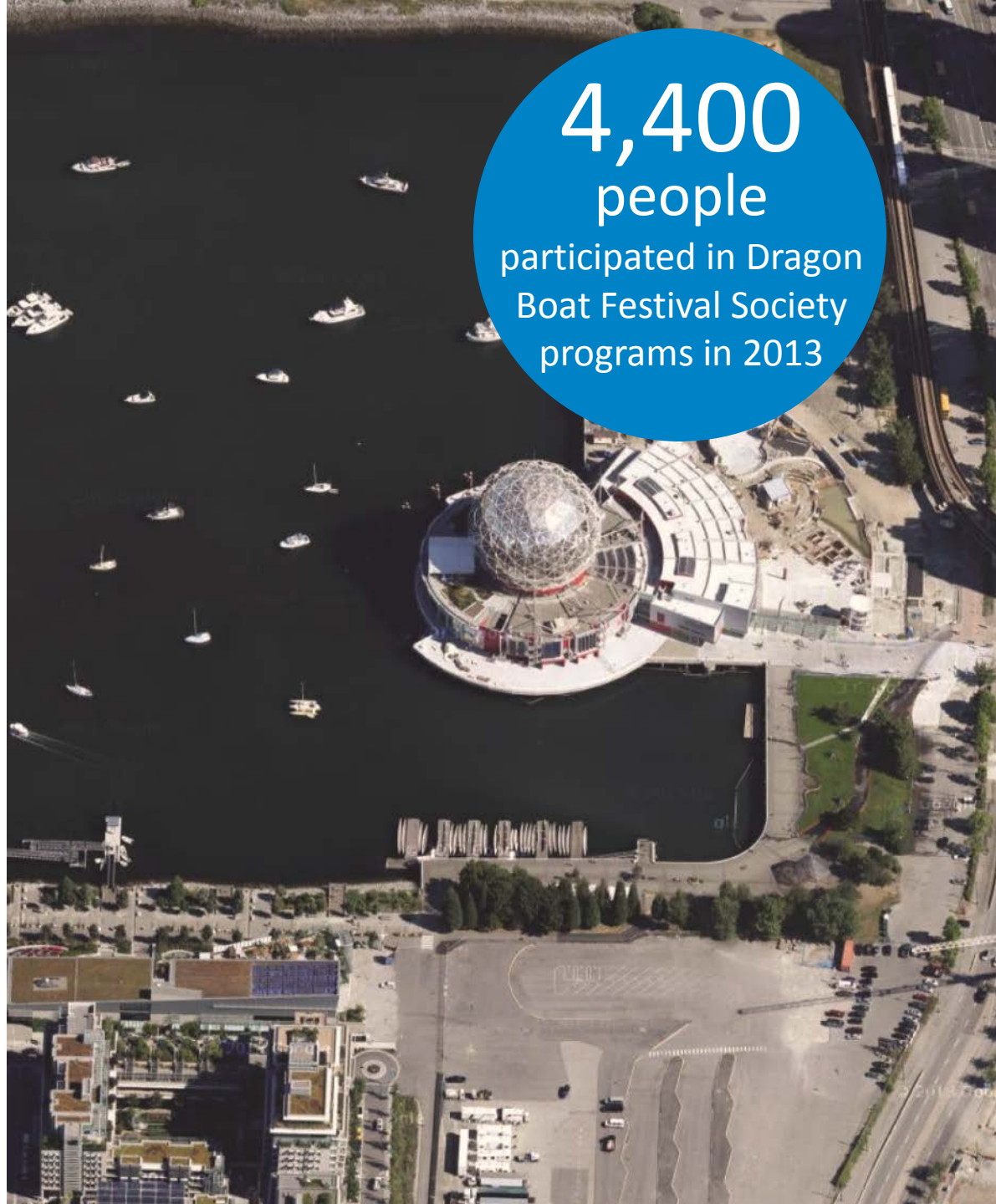


Recommendation

THAT the Board endorse the concept outlined in this report for improvements to the paddling centre in False Creek next to Creekside Community Centre.

Background

- **2009**
Northeast False Creek Directions anticipated Creekside would provide new dock and facilities
- **2013**
Council approved funding for a project definition report regarding *“the establishment of a permanent home for the greater paddling community”*.



4,400
people

participated in Dragon Boat Festival Society programs in 2013

Existing Facilities Require Replacement

- Existing facilities nearing end of useful life
- 1551 Quebec St Development requires relocation of existing facilities
- Docks and sheds originally planned were not built



Non-Motorized Boating Facility Study

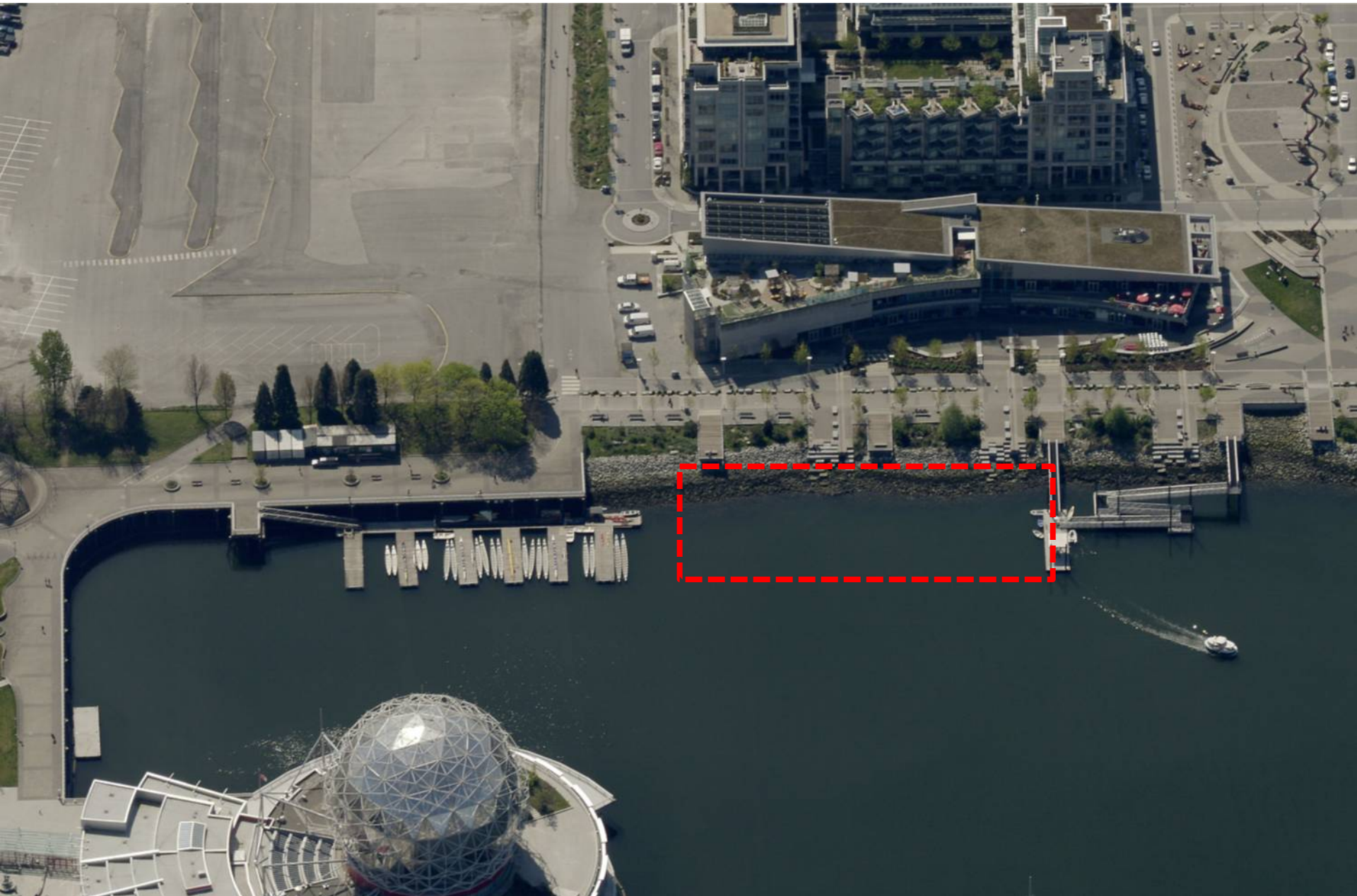
- Current facilities in SEFC inadequate and need replacing
- Large gap between program demand and quality infrastructure
- Site immediately north of Creekside adjacent to Ferry dock is optimal location



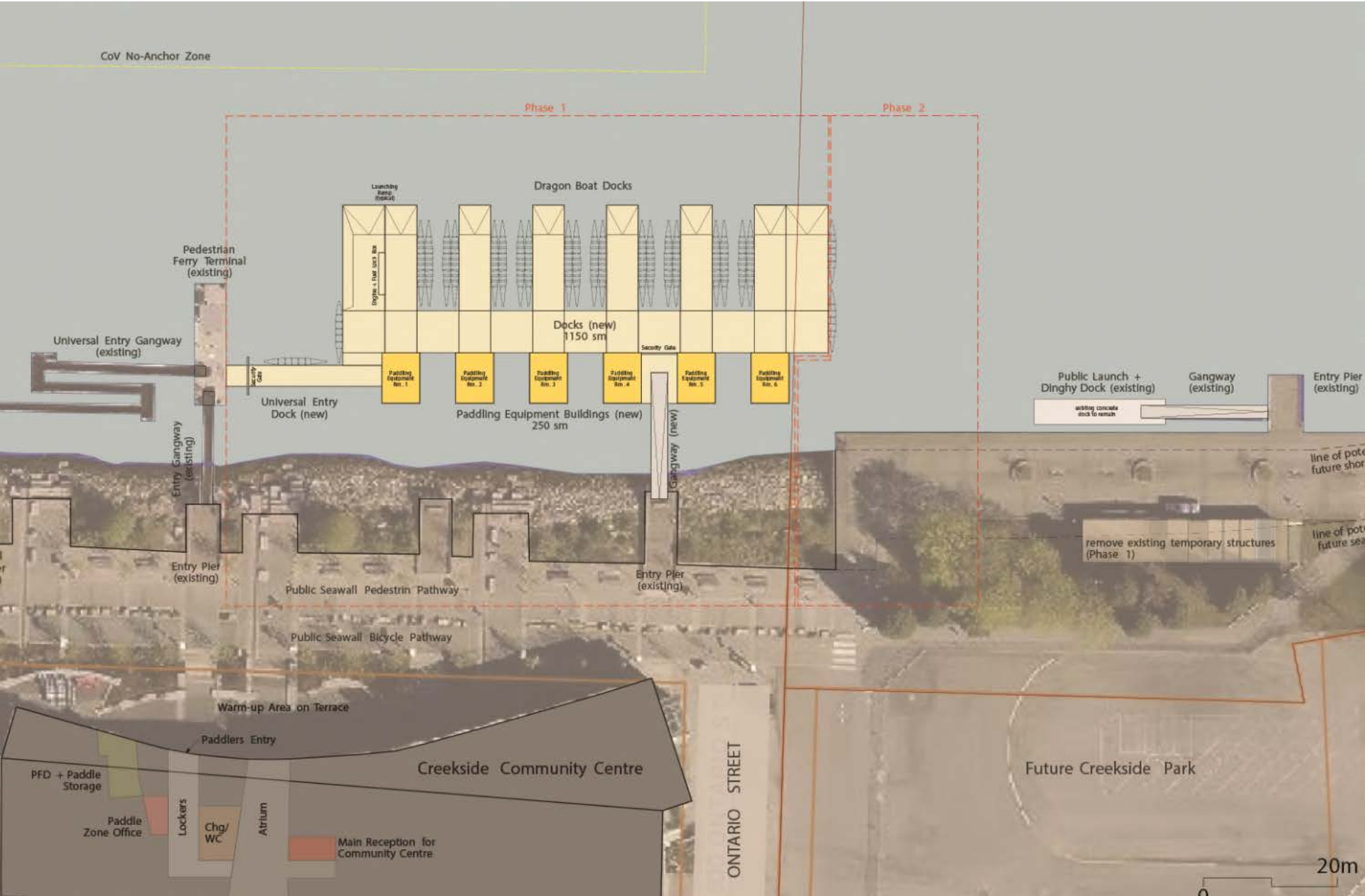
HIGHEST PRIORITY

Provision of improved facilities to meet existing programs offered at Creekside

Existing and Proposed Locations



Conceptual Design Drawing

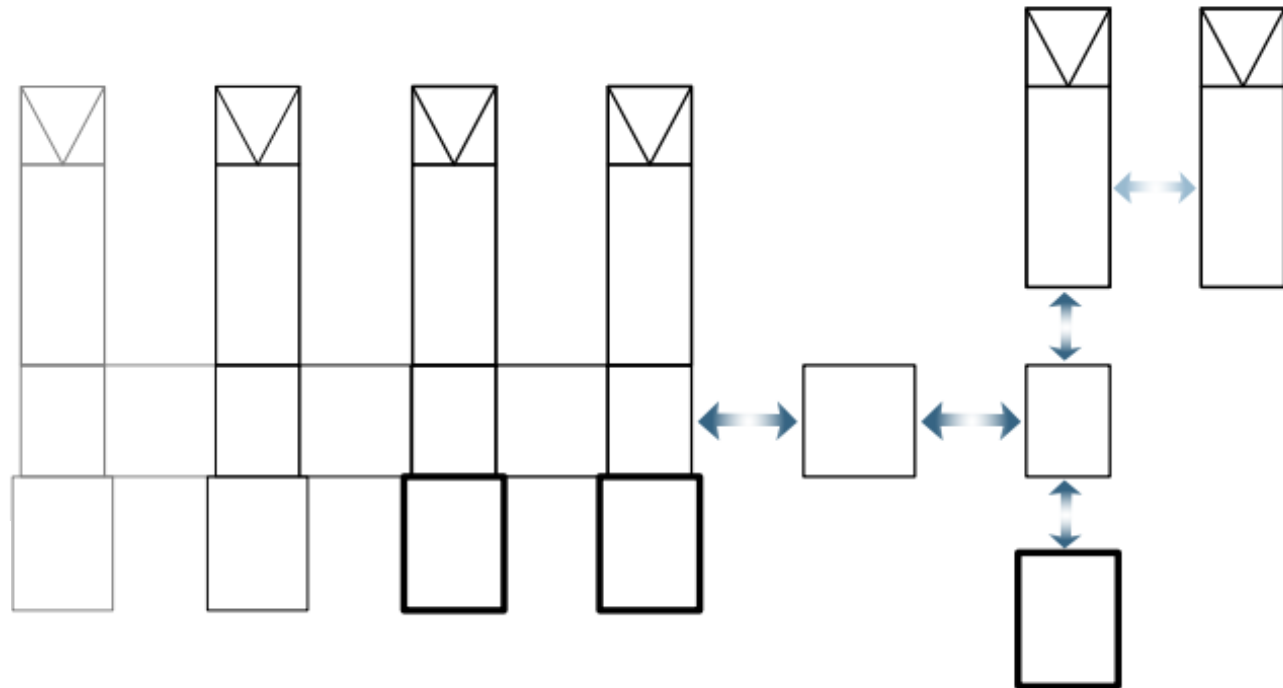


Conceptual Design Rendering



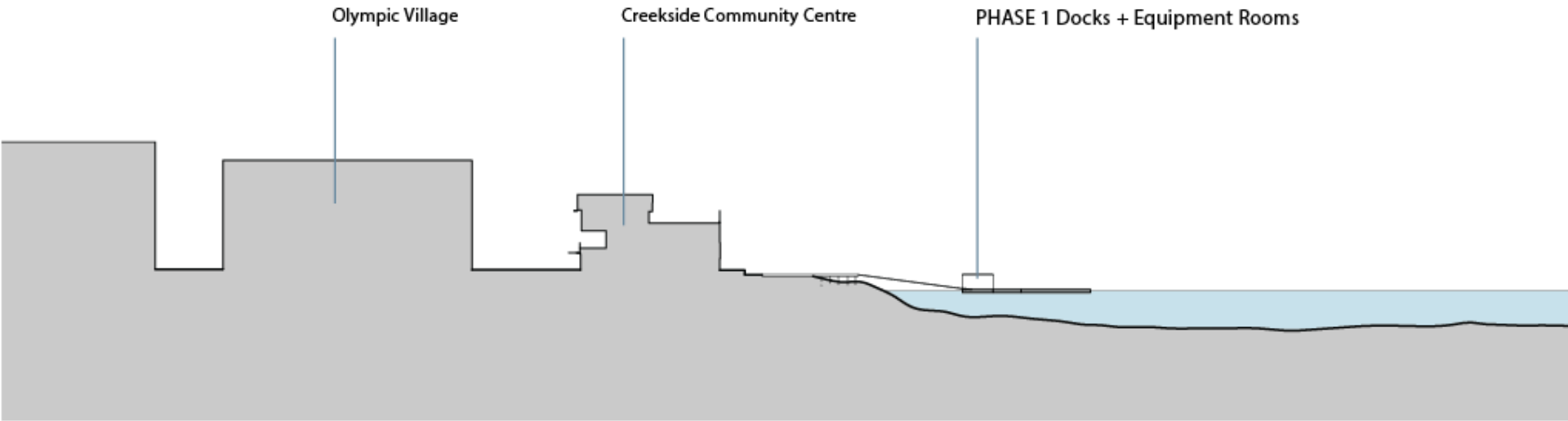
Non-Motorized Boating Facility Study

- Phase 1 paddling centre is designed to meet needs of current boating programs
- Facility will replace and improve existing dock, floats and sheds at ~\$3M
- Facility is designed for maximum flexibility:
 - incremental
 - moveable
 - expandable
 - adaptable

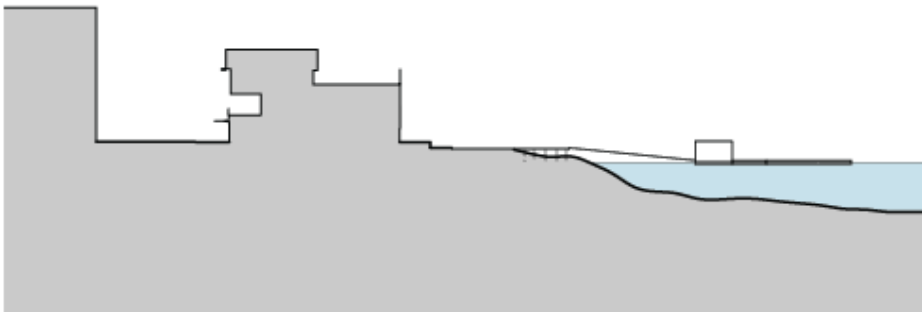


Modular Components allow for easy expansion and flexibility in layout

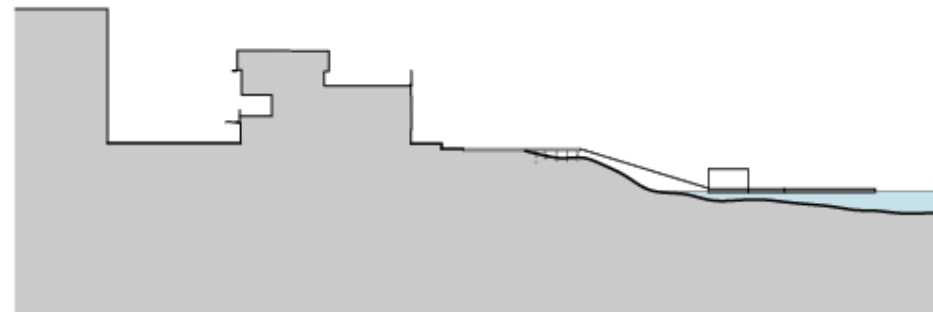
Conceptual Design Cross-Section



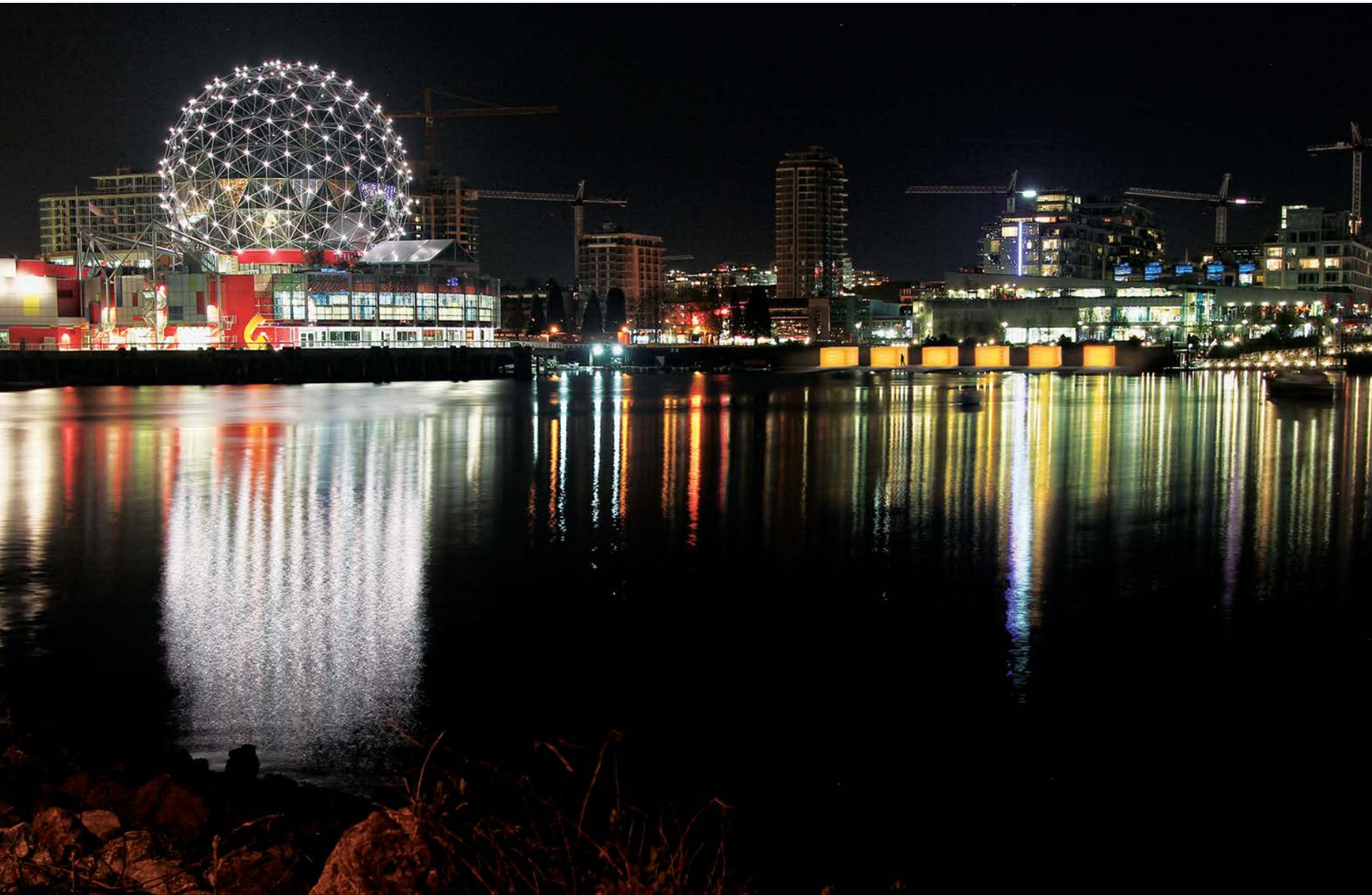
PHASE 1 Site Section - High Tide



PHASE 1 Site Section - Low Tide



Conceptual Design Rendering



Non-Motorized Boating Strategy (2014)

Strategy will guide the City/Park Board to maximize use of existing facilities and better respond to emerging waterfront opportunities

OBJECTIVE:

Develop comprehensive strategy to guide future planning and investment in non-motorized boating facilities beyond the paddling centre at Creekside

- A review of leading practices from other jurisdictions
- The determination of a framework to assess overall Creek capacity
- The development of service level benchmarks and priority areas of focus, including recreational and competitive paddling sports
- The identification of potential opportunities for collaborative programming and coordination among service providers
- The development of an approach to long term service planning for waterfront facilities

Next Steps

- May 29th Paddling Centre Proposal Open House – Creekside CC
- Non-Motorized Boating Strategy (including consultation) target completion end 2014



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