



Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

Love Locks Concept Plan July 6, 2015

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Recommendation

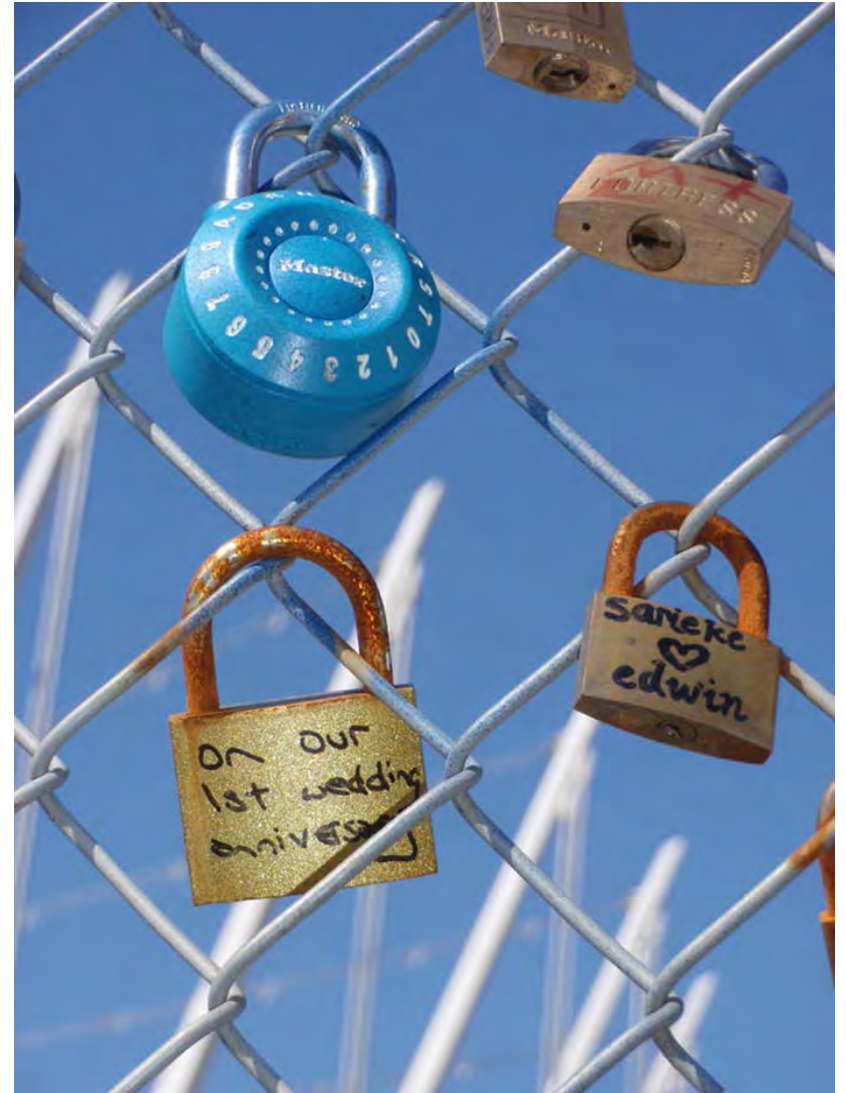
- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve retaining a local artist through a competitive procurement process to create a custom and structurally safe love lock sculpture for Vancouver Parks.

- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the recommended short list of proposed park locations for a 'Love Lock' installation for public consideration as English Bay Beach, Kitsilano Beach and Queen Elizabeth Park; and

FURTHER THAT the proposed locations be taken through a public engagement process as described within this report, and that staff report the results of the engagement process back to the Board at an upcoming Board meeting.

Background - 2014 Board Motion

- Staff to suggest possible locations for a permanent, structurally safe home for love locks on Park Board property and to report back to the Board.
- once Staff have reported back on possible locations for a permanent, structurally safe home for love locks on Park Board property, the Park Board engage the public in a consultation process to determine the preferred, most favourable, and most feasible location to serve as a permanent home for love locks.



Love Locks Around the World



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Love Locks Around the World



Love Locks in Vancouver

New Love Locks Vancouver pops up in False Creek (PHOTOS)

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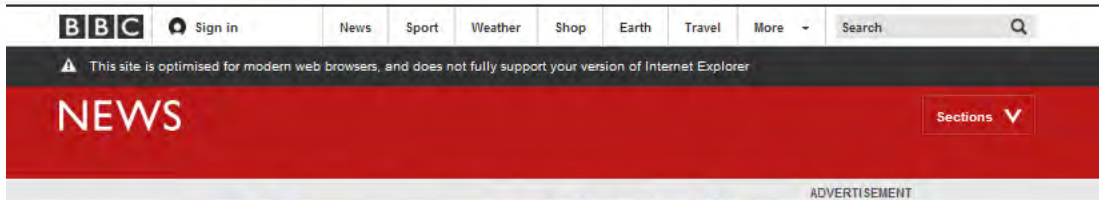
People were saddened last year when the City of Vancouver took a pair of boltcutters to the Love Locks that adorned the Burrard Bridge. But now, the trend has reemerged in False Creek.

For decades, couples have been locking themselves together and literally throwing away the



Risks





Europe

Paris 'love locks' removed from bridges

1 June 2015 | Europe

Paris city officials have started to remove padlocks symbolically fastened to one of the French capital's main bridges by loved-up couples.

Tying a "love lock" on to the Pont des Arts before throwing the key into the River Seine beneath has become a tourist tradition in recent years.

But part of the bridge's railings **collapsed under the weight last year**.

Close to one million locks - weighing 45 tonnes - are due to be cut off over the next few days.

Workmen began removing grilles from the side of the Pont des Arts early on Monday morning.

The Pont de l'Archeveche, near the Notre Dame cathedral, is also having locks removed from its side.

Pont des Arts padlocks

1m **45**

Padlocks weighing... tonnes

1st Iron bridge built in France

1804 Opens as a toll footbridge

1979 Closes after partial collapse

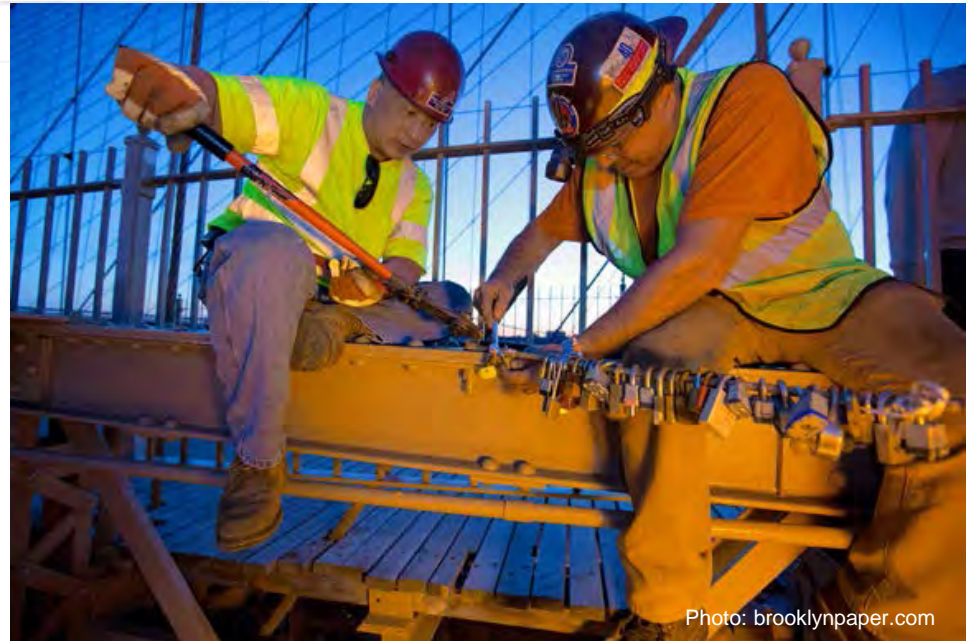


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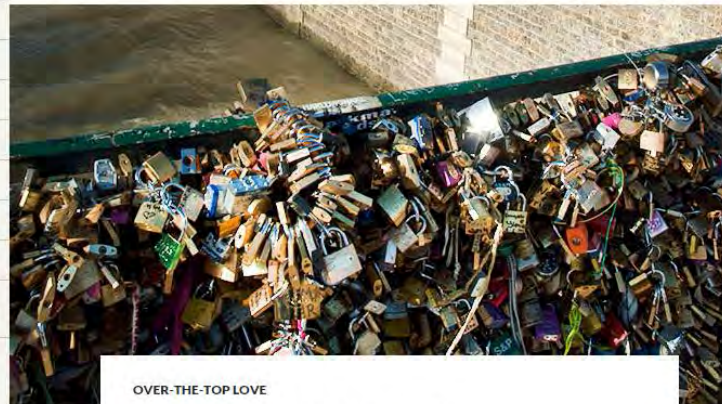
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OVER-THE-TOP LOVE

A BRIDGE TOO FAR

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A Custom Approach

Staff considered the challenges and looked for successful precedents from elsewhere.

Municipalities are installing metal structures that are aesthetically pleasing and that are structurally safe upon which love locks can be affixed.

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Staff recommend a similar approach.

A local designer or artist can be retained through a competitive procurement process to design, fabricate and install the sculpture for Vancouver Parks in an approved location.

Possible Park Locations





Possible Park Location: Prospect Point in Stanley Park



Photo: PWL Partnership

Possible Park Location: English Bay Beach





Possible Park Location: Queen Elizabeth Park Lookout Plaza





Possible Park Location: Jericho Beach Park Pier

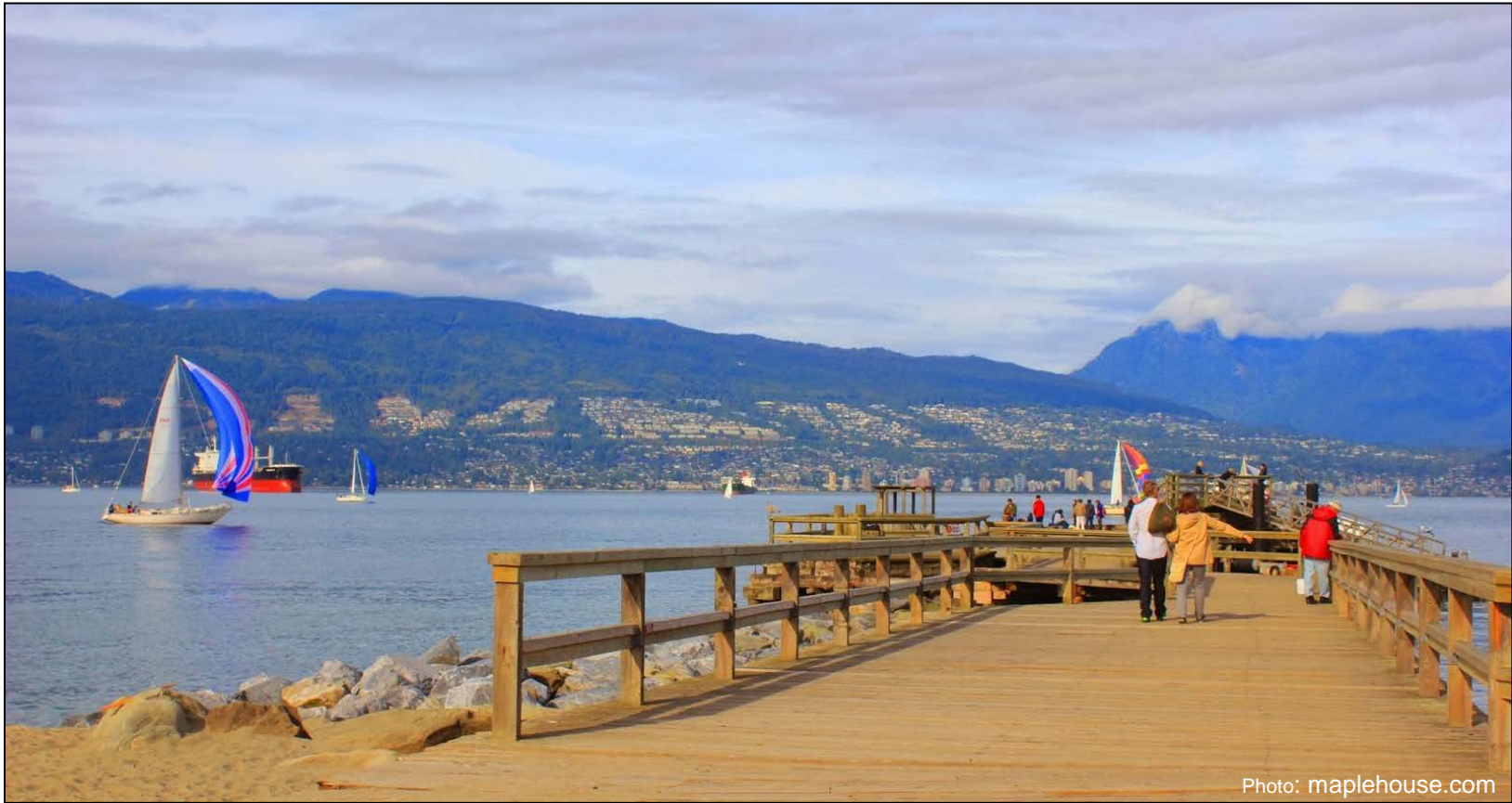


Photo: maplehouse.com



Possible Park Location: Kitsilano Beach Plaza



Photo: img1.take-a-trip.eu/pics_bezienswaardigheden_nl/w500/Kitsilano-Beach-Park-1.jpg



Locations Shortlist:

Popular tourist locations, accessible for people of all ages and abilities and that have nearby transit are recommended for the public consideration:

- English Bay Beach
- Queen Elizabeth Park Plaza
- Kitsilano Beach

Public Engagement Summer 2015

- Information signs at the proposed installation sites
- Social media
- Web Survey
- Survey results will drive the final proposed location for a love lock installation (for Board consideration)



Link to Strategic Plan

This proposal links to the Park Board Strategic Framework: through a communications and engagement process it will provide a new and vibrant arts and culture experience.





Recommendation

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve retaining a local artist through a competitive procurement process to create a custom and structurally safe love lock sculpture for Vancouver Parks.

- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board ask staff to proceed with public consultation for a 'Love Lock' installation to include potential diverse locations across the City, as well as the opportunity for open-ended input.

(amended)