



Creekside Park Delivery
Excerpted from Minutes 2016-02-22

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MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

Final motion as amended:

WHEREAS:

1. In 1988, Concord Pacific purchased the False Creek North Lands (FCN Lands) formerly owned by the Province, with a portion of the FCN Lands identified as future park land areas;
2. The False Creek North Official Development Plan (FCNODP), approved 26 years ago in 1990, identified four waterfront neighbourhoods in the FCN Lands that would be developed in a phased approach, with amenities for each neighbourhood delivered, including the neighbourhood park, as each neighbourhood was developed;
3. Three of the four neighbourhoods envisioned in the False Creek North Official Development Plan (FCNODP) have been completed including those surrounding David Lam Park, George Wainborn Park, and most recently, Coopers' Park;
4. Creekside Park is the fourth and final major park planned as part of the False Creek North Official Development Plan (1990), and the timing of its delivery is tied to various agreements between the Province of BC and Concord Pacific and/or the City;
5. The residents of Northeast False Creek and the Chinatown area have had the prospect of a new park held out to them for many years and there is a critical shortage of green space available to many of the residents living in these communities;
6. The False Creek Residents Association has called for the City of Vancouver and Concord Pacific to fulfill the decades-old contractual obligation to complete Creekside Park and the Seawall, and residents have conducted a green light campaign to highlight their frustration over the lack of progress to date;
7. On October 27, 2015, Vancouver City Council approved a plan to remove the Georgia and Dunsmuir Viaducts, along with a related Conceptual Plan, to guide area planning for the remaining areas of the False Creek North Official Development Plan and two City blocks east of Quebec Street;



8. The Viaduct removal plan presented to Council in October 2015 states that replacing the Georgia and Dunsmuir viaducts with an at-grade street network will enable delivery of a larger park and address community desires to see the expedited delivery of the Creekside Park Extension;
9. The Viaduct removal plan approved by Vancouver City Council on October 27, 2015, includes direction to City staff to work with the Vancouver Park Board and interested citizens on planning for new waterfront parks and open space of no less than 13.75 acres, as well as options for expedited delivery of the new parks and open space;
10. The Viaduct removal plan presented to Council in October 2015 states that the removal of the viaducts, and a more efficient street network (combination of Pacific and Expo Boulevards, closure of a portion of Union and Carrall Streets), will result in a potential park increase of 13% (approx. 3 acres);
11. The Northeast False Creek Conceptual Plan outlines new parks and open spaces that City staff believe can be achieved in the area, including approximately 2.7 acres on the Plaza of Nations site and a minimum of 13.75 acres in the new Creekside Park Extension, Carrall Street conversion to park, and Dunsmuir elevated park;
12. Under Phase 3 of the Northeast False Creek development plan, the Creekside Park Extension is slated for construction between 2018 and 2024 following Phase 1 (detailed planning, design, and necessary agreements to advance removal of the viaducts and development of the remaining NEFC lands), which is slated for 2015 to 2017, and Phase 2 (construction of the new street network, including the new Georgia Street ramp, seaside greenway along False Creek, and Andy Livingstone improvements), which is slated for 2018 to 2020;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation write to the Mayor and Council to urge that some or all of the Creekside Park Extension be delivered on an expedited basis in order to alleviate the critical shortage of available green space for residents in the Northeast False Creek area; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to prepare a communication plan outlining the timeline and process for the Creekside Park Extension development and the details of the public consultation process that will take place in advance of the delivery of the new park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY