



False Creek - Anchorage-Free Waters for Non-Motorized Races

Excerpted from Minutes 2016-07-25

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MOVER: Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDER: Wiebe

Final motion as amended:

WHEREAS:

1. Recently some paddlers in the qualifying regatta for this summer's Vancouver Dragon Boat Festival in False Creek were hindered by anchored vessels in the race area;
2. Both races and practices in the past have also been hindered by anchored boats in the race area;
3. Anchored vessel owners are often not with the vessel, some have incomplete contact information, and some simply refuse to move;
4. Some of the vessels contribute significantly to the ongoing e-coli problem through the dumping of raw sewage;
5. False Creek is under the direction of Transport Canada, managed by the City of Vancouver;
6. Vessels can be anchored for up to 14 days using a free City of Vancouver permit;
7. The Concord Pacific Vancouver Dragon Boat Festival is expected to attract 5,500 paddlers from around the world and generate considerable tourism dollars to Vancouver each year;
8. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation has supported the paddling community including by building a new dock and storage facility in False Creek.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to work with the Federal Ministry of Transport and the City of Vancouver to investigate and provide a report before spring 2017 on the possibility of creating a designated False Creek anchorage and anchorage-free area, in order to conduct water based non-motorized races, and support leisure paddling and related recreational water activities, while taking into account the possible impacts to the surrounding residential neighbourhoods and boating community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY