



# Gathering of Canoes - Pulling Together Canoe Journey - Canada 150+ Event

Park Board Committee Meeting  
Monday, June 19, 2017



# Purpose

- Present and review the Gathering of Canoes - Pulling Together Canoe Journey initiative
- Seek Board approval to host their traditional landing at Hadden Park & Beach



# Background

- Canada is celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation in 2017
- Vancouver's celebration is branded as 'Canada 150+'
  - Focused on strengthening relationships with the three Host Nations, and the urban Aboriginal community
  - Promoting Aboriginal peoples, arts, culture, awareness, and understanding
- Gathering of Canoes event is a Canada 150+ signature initiative



- City of Vancouver is partnering with the Pulling Together Society to deliver this event
- Evolved from the Vision Quest Canoe Journey, first held in 1997
  - Envisioned as opportunity for healing and reconciliation
  - Now an annual event to foster reconciliation at a grass roots level
- In 2017, pullers from the Pulling Together Canoe Journey plan to travel from Ambleside Park to Hadden Park & Beach



# Proposal

- Canada 150+ project team seeking approval to host their traditional landing at Hadden Park & Beach
  - July 14, 2017 between 11:00am and 4:00pm
  - Site set-up on July 13; tear down immediately after the event on July 14
- Program will include:
  - Traditional landing by up to 30 canoes
  - On-shore and on-stage Cultural Protocols
  - On-site entertainment, children's activities, vendors, and community booths



- Event will be managed by BrandLive
- Leading event producer and creative agency based in Vancouver
- Produce some of the most innovative events in the region
- Strong track record of working collaboratively with the Park Board and its stakeholders



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# PRODUCTION MAP

Version 1.2

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|-------------------|--|----------------|--|
| Power Required    |  | Marquee Tent   |  |
| Power Source      |  | Portapotty     |  |
| Food Truck        |  | Waste Stations |  |
| Traffic Barricade |  | First Aid      |  |
| Traffic Authority |  | ATM            |  |
| Volunteer         |  | Picnic Tables  |  |
| Audio             |  |                |  |
| Stage             |  |                |  |

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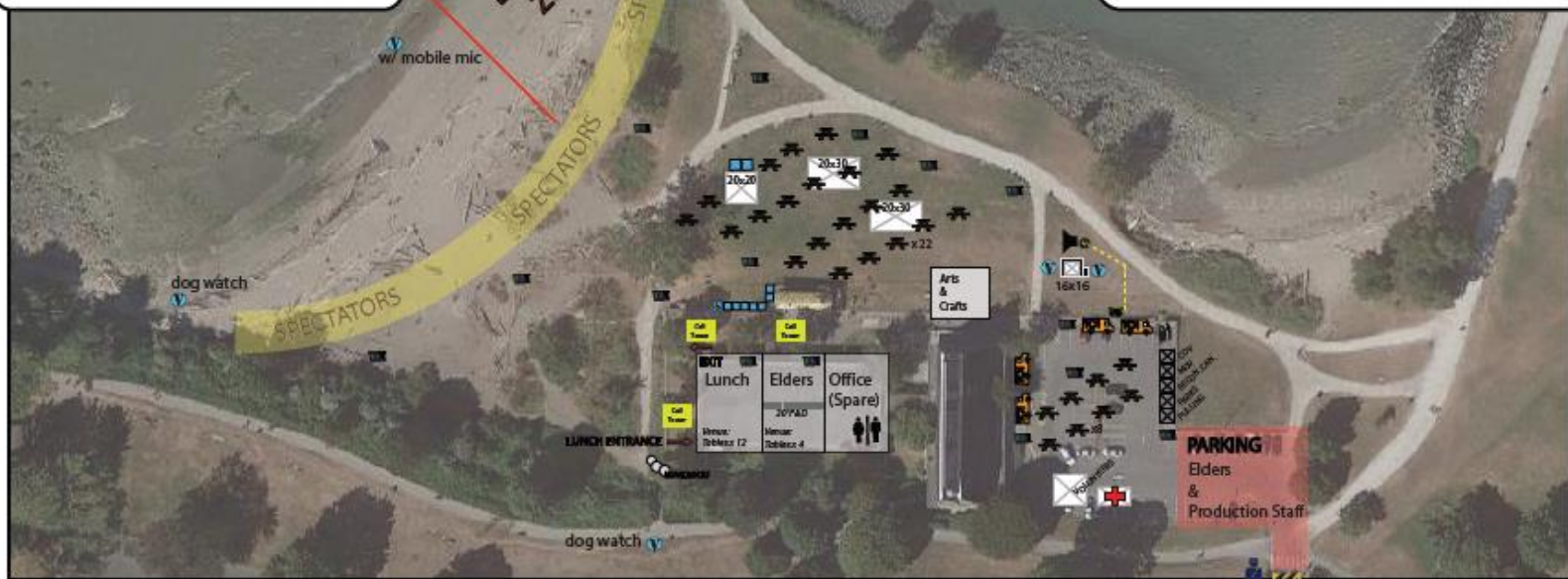
**Gathering of Canoes**  
with Paddling Together Canoe Society

**Rassemblement des canoës**  
avec Paddling Together Canoe Society

Gathering of Canoes | July 14th, 2017 | Hadden Park



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# Additional Considerations

- Park Operations team will groom and re-purpose the beach and adjacent grass area prior to and after the event
- Event organizers will be responsible for
  - Neighborhood and stakeholder notification
  - Preparation of comprehensive event plans (site and traffic management, Green Events, etc.)





# Summary

- Canada 150+ initiatives aim to recognize and celebrate Aboriginal culture in Vancouver
- Gathering of Canoes event will bring together families and friends for an afternoon celebratory event
- Park Board staff are confident event can be executed successfully and as intended
  - Carefully considered this application
  - Recommend approval as outlined in report



# Recommendation

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a request from the City of Vancouver Canada 150+ project team to host the Gathering of Canoes - traditional landing of the Pulling Together Canoe Journey, at Hadden Park & Beach on July 14, 2017, from 11:00am to 4:00pm, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager of the Park Board.



