



June 15, 2017

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners
FROM : Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development
SUBJECT : **Creek Daylighting in Tatlow and Volunteer Parks**

Dear Commissioners,

This memo provides an update on the status of the proposed creek daylighting project in Tatlow and Volunteer Parks. A previous memo to brief the Board about this topic was provided on February 22, 2017.

RESULTS OF FIRST PUBLIC CONSULTATION

A public open house was held in the park on March 8, 2017 where background information and two early conceptual plans were shared for feedback. A questionnaire was available at the event and available for two weeks following through Talk Vancouver and through the project website. In total, 218 responses were received with an overall positive response to the project. Some public concerns to the initial concept for the creek have been raised including:

- The need to maintain passive space in the park for general public use;
- Concerns that the restored creek will conflict with frequent but informal dog off-leash use of Volunteer Park; and
- Concerns improved accessibility to the shoreline will cause deterioration to the narrow beach.

Staff will consider how best to incorporate the initial feedback in the refined concept design phase and consult internally on how Volunteer Park is being addressed through the People, Parks and Dogs Strategy.

ENGINEERING STUDY

The creek is presently fed by potable water, which is not sustainable. Preliminary data is available for potential storm water sources in separated storm pipes in the neighbourhood to redirect to the day-lighted creek, however a comprehensive study is required to confirm current and future water sources and infrastructure needs.

Park Board Staff are working with City Engineering staff on a Request for Proposal to hire a Water Resources Engineering firm to complete this study. The successful firm will complete a detailed technical report over the summer of 2017, the results of which are required to inform the final design concept. The engineering firm will work with the project landscape architect (Paul Sangha Landscape Architecture) to complete the preferred concept and detailed designs.



PARTNERSHIPS

The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (VBPR) has partnered with The Riley Foundation (RF) and Paul Sangha Landscape Architecture (PSLA) to deliver the stream restoration project in Volunteer and Tatlow Parks. The donor has requested confidentiality.

NEXT STEPS & SCHEDULE

Park Board Staff are planning a public engagement in the park this summer to inform on the results of the first open house, to provide background information on storm water needs and to inform the next steps for the project. Staff will not be presenting new design concepts at this event; however, we want to take the opportunity to engage about the project during the busy summer season to keep enthusiasm going and to gather more input. In the fall of 2017, a third open house will be held in the park to present a final design concept for feedback. The final concept and results of the engagement process will be presented to the Park Board for consideration of approval prior to moving forward with detailed design. Construction is targeted to begin in the summer of 2018 when the weather is supportive for soil moving and drainage works.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tiina Mack".

Tiina Mack
Manager of Park Development

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