

A person wearing a black helmet and a high-visibility green life vest is racing a green and white bathtub on a body of water. The bathtub has various logos on it, including 'VANCOUVER' and 'BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION'. The person is holding a red handle or control. The image is framed by a blue and green leaf-like border.

KITSFEST 2018 LICENSED BATHTUB RACE ACTIVITY AREA

Special Event

Park Board Committee Meeting
November 20, 2017



Purpose of Presentation

- Present and review proposal from the organizers of KitsFest for a new bathtub race activity area at the north end of Kitsilano Beach
- Seek Board approval for this activation



Background

- Inaugural KitsFest event approved by Park Board in 2009; expanded in 2010
- Long standing licensed area component
- Festival engages participants in healthy living activities
- Has grown incrementally in popularity and programming
- Proceeds support community improvement initiatives



Background

- Commemorative bathtub race was held in 2017 from Nanaimo to Kitsilano Beach on July 1 (as part of Canada 150 program)
- 10 tubs competed; featured traditional ringing of the bell
- Event proved popular with the public



Background

- For 2017, KitsFest organizers are proposing to incorporate a bathtub race activity into the festival
- Proposed programming would feature a bathtub racing circuit in English Bay
- Include several race heats and category finals between 4:00 and 6:00pm on August 11, 2017






Proposal

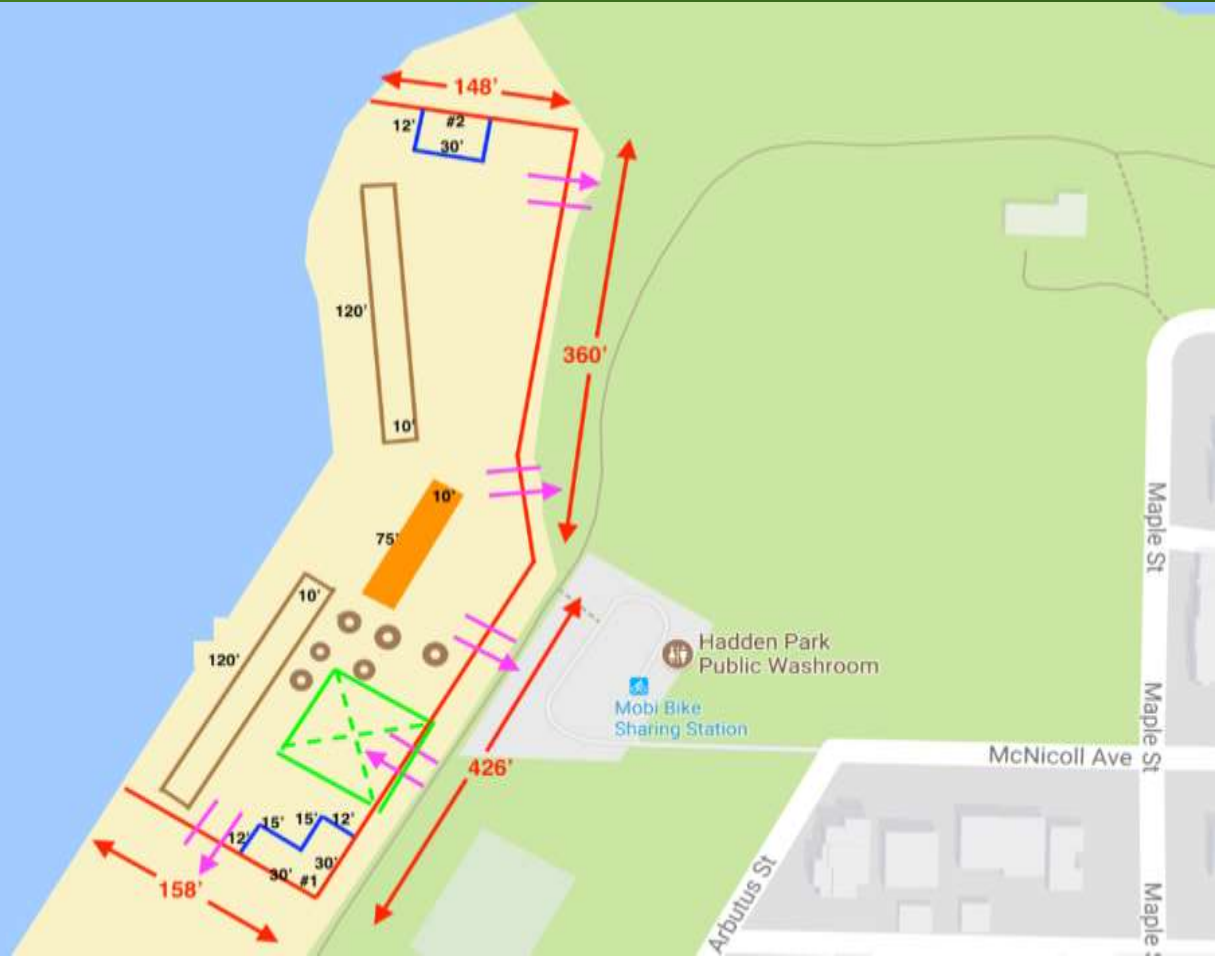
- Organizers seeking approval for exclusive use of an area at north end of Kitsilano Beach
 - Create public viewing area with opportunity to meet/engage with racers
 - Serve as paddock and finish area
- Area would be licensed and have capacity for 1,200 guests
- Saturday, August 11, 2018 from 1:00pm to 8:00pm



Preliminary Site Plan

Legend for Bathtub Boat Activity Area

- Bar #1 =  30'x12'x15'
- Bar #2 =  30' x 12'
- Paddock Area =  75' x 10'
- High Top Tables =  3' Rounds
- Entrance =  15' Wide
- Exits =  15' Wide
- Lounge #1 =  120' x 10'
- Lounge #2 =  120' x 10'
- Tented Area =  20' x 20'
- Negotiable



Other Considerations

- Key FEST Committee members have reviewed and approved proposal; Park Board staff have also signed off; support obtained from the KPRA
- Subject to Board approval, organizers would be responsible for obtaining:
 - All water related approvals; and
 - Final FEST approval



Summary

- KitsFest is a recurring and popular city event
- Engages one of Vancouver's most vibrant communities
- Past events have been well-organized; organizer has been very responsive to staff direction and feedback
- Staff confident that proposed event can be executed successfully



- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a request from the Canada One Foundation, organizers of the annual KitsFest event, for a new all ages bathtub race activity area with a capacity of 1,200 guests at the north end of Kitsilano Beach on Saturday, August 11, 2018, from 1:00pm to 8:00pm, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager of the Park Board; and
- B. FURTHER THAT the Board approve an application from the Canada One Foundation for a Special Event Permit from the BC Liquor Control & Licensing Branch to serve alcohol at the aforementioned location and date, with a maximum combined capacity of 1,200 guests.