



A Non-Motorized Boating Facility in Northeast False Creek

Excerpted from Minutes 2018-01-29

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MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

WHEREAS:

1. Vancouver City Council will debate the Northeast False Creek Plan starting January 31, 2018. The Northeast False Creek Plan includes an optimal area to build a non-motorized boating facility;
2. Vancouver City Council has passed motions expressing support for a permanent facility in 2001, 2002, 2006, 2009, 2011, and 2014. The Vancouver Park Board passed a motion on July 8, 2013, supporting a permanent paddling facility in False Creek;
3. Canoe, kayak, dragon boat & outrigger programs operating from the Creekside Community Center boating area have grown by over 10% per year, which has increased the need for a facility in False Creek;
4. 'On Water', Vancouver's Waterway Recreation Strategy, will determine non-motorized facility uses, needs and opportunities by engaging with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh first nations, the boating community, disability groups, the Community Centre Associations, regulatory bodies and the general public; and
5. The creation of a non-motorized boating facility will address community needs, gaps, and concerns with an opportunity to connect with the long history of non-motorized boating while respecting and honoring the traditional unceded land and waters of the local first nations, known now as the Northeast False Creek Area.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation reaffirms their support of the development of a non-motorized boating facility to serve to the benefit of the community, confirming a non-motorized boating facility should be included as a priority for the Northeast False Creek Area; and
- B. FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Park Board be fully informed of all City of Vancouver initiatives that are of consequence to the Vancouver Park Board and the paddling community in False Creek.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY