



**Northeast False Creek Plan (“NEFC Plan”) and Viaducts Replacement Project**  
**January 31, 2018 Report to City Council**  
*Excerpted from Minutes 2018-01-29*

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MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

**WHEREAS:**

1. Vancouver City Council will receive a report and recommendations for approval at the January 31, 2018, Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting;
2. Northeast False Creek is located in the centre of Vancouver’s metropolitan core, connecting the downtown, Chinatown, historic communities of the Downtown Eastside, Citygate and the False Creek waterfront. The new parks, plazas and open spaces will be the largest downtown park built in decades, connecting to a series of flexible, inclusive and accessible public spaces. This project will also trigger the renewal of Andy Livingstone Park;
3. Section 488(1) of the Vancouver Charter grants the Park Board exclusive possession of, and exclusive jurisdiction and control over all areas designated as permanent public parks;
4. While the new Creekside and revitalized Andy Livingstone Parks will provide significant community benefit, at the same time there is equally potentially substantial and negative impact from the NEFC Project on Strathcona Park and the surrounding neighbourhood, due to the plan’s contemplated road alignment to William Street and the associated requirement to construct an elevated multi-lane busy road/highway through the middle of the park;
5. At this time, as the road alignment has not been determined, no formal recommendation has been brought publicly to the elected Vancouver Park Board regarding impact on Strathcona Park in order for the Board to make a decision;
6. The Park Board has not yet had the opportunity to complete an Environmental Impact Assessment on the potential roadway through Strathcona Park, nor conduct community consultation on the park impacts pursuant to (5) above; and
7. Vancouverites deserve to know the full extent and impacts of the Viaducts Replacement Project on all impacted neighbourhoods.



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to write to Mayor and Council asking them to defer the January 31 vote on the Northeast False Creek Plan until such time as the proposed road alignment has been determined and brought to the Vancouver Park Board for a vote if the City proposes it run through Strathcona Park; and
- B. FURTHER THAT sufficient time be allowed for the Park Board to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment on a potential roadway through Strathcona Park and a community consultation on the same pursuant to A above.

CARRIED

(Commissioner Evans opposed, Commissioner Shum abstained)