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January 10, 2018

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Tiina Mack  
Manager of Park Development, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : Swings for Crosstown Elementary at Andy Livingstone Park

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Dear Commissioners,

Recently there was a resident enquiry and some media coverage about the lack of swings at the new playground constructed at Andy Livingstone Park adjacent to Crosstown Elementary School.

Unfortunately, there was insufficient room for swings in the play area, as the fall zones required according to the Canadian Standards Association safety guidelines for swings would take up a large portion of the space and provide play for only a few children at a time. The equipment we selected can serve many children at one time and with a school population that is projected to grow to 500 students, space is at a premium. This new playground has previously received many positive comments about the design and equipment.

The North East False Creek project includes a redesign of Andy Livingstone Park and an extension to Creekside Park. There are opportunities for more play experiences, including swings, in the renewed and new parks in the future to serve this growing community. Swings are presently available at the new playground in Creekside Park and at Cooper's Park along the seawall.

Sincerely,

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

Tiina Mack  
Manager of Park Development - Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

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Copy to: PB Senior Management Team, D. Barnes, Landscape Architect, PB Communications