



April 1, 2021

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners
FROM : Donnie Rosa - General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT : **Coal Harbour Development Phase II (School, Childcare, & Housing) - Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to inform you that Council approved [report recommendations](#) authorizing staff to take all steps necessary to deliver Phase II of the Coal Harbour development project on November 25, 2020. These recommendations include a new elementary school, a 65-space childcare centre, and 60 units of affordable housing. This project is co-located with the existing Coal Harbour Community Centre and Coal Harbour Park (Phase I), and represents the final delivery of the vision approved 25 years ago.

Background

In November 1996, Council approved zoning bylaw CD-1 (365) for 301 Jervis Street (amended December 2003) for the development of a co-located community centre, school, childcare centre & non-market housing project in Coal Harbour. In February 1997, Development Permit 402159 was issued for Phase I of the project, which included the development of the Coal Harbour community centre, park, and underground parking lot. These public facilities were constructed in 2000 and have been managed and operated by the Park Board since their completion.

Phase II of the project (current phase), which includes delivery of the school, childcare, and affordable housing, is being led by the City of Vancouver's Real Estate and Facilities Management department, with support from Park Board, Arts, Culture & Community Services, and Vancouver School Board. This development phase is expected to have minimal impact on the existing park and community centre; changes will be limited to only what is required to integrate the new facilities into the site and to ensure the park can be safely used for school recess. Park Board and City staff will ensure there will be no significant net-loss of usable park space or impacts to the community centre operations.

As part of this project, staff have requested that designation of Coal Harbour Park as a permanent public park be formalized, pursuant to [section 488\(5\) of the Vancouver Charter](#), and are working with City staff to explore mechanisms to satisfy this Park Board objective. Staff will continue to update the Board as the process unfolds.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Donnie Rosa', written over a circular stamp or seal.

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