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MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Malcolm Bromley
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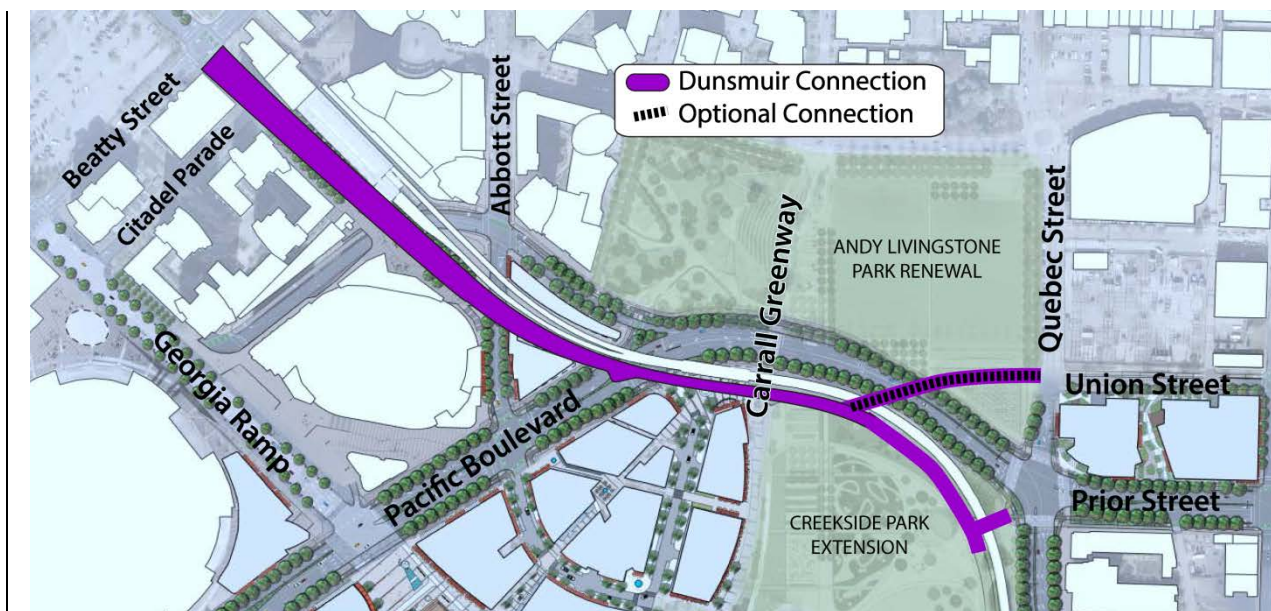
SUBJECT : **Dunsmuir Connection & NEFC Park – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to inform you that City of Vancouver Engineering Services has approved awarding a contract for the consulting services of the Dunsmuir Connection conceptual design, an infrastructural transportation element that will interface with the future Northeast False Creek (NEFC) park design.

In February 2018, following years of planning studies, technical analysis and engagement, Council approved the NEFC Plan. The NEFC Plan envisions the development of a 25-acre destination park comprised of the new and renewed Creekside Park, Andy Livingstone Park and the Downtown Skateboard Plaza, alongside an at-grade street network, Georgia Ramp and Dunsmuir Connection structures and other community amenities to replace the Georgia and Dunsmuir viaducts. The NEFC Plan also allows the City and Park Board to advance reconciliation with local First Nations, and pursue cultural redress with the Chinatown and African Canadian communities who experienced displacement through the construction of the viaducts.

On June 19, 2018, Council approved the implementation and financial strategy for the NEFC Infrastructure Project (RTS 12338), which includes the conceptual design of the Dunsmuir Connection (see below).





The Dunsmuir Connection replaces the existing pedestrian and protected cycling facilities on the Dunsmuir Viaduct. The existing cycling facility is an all ages and abilities connection to the Adanac/Union bikeway. The new Dunsmuir Connection will provide a safe and comfortable active transportation connection to and from the downtown and the park. City and Park Board staff are working together to ensure that the conceptual design of the Dunsmuir Connection will be integrated with the future NEFC park, complementing and enhancing the park experience by providing pedestrian and cycling connections, as well as elevated views of the park, surrounding neighbourhoods and the water.

Staff will be providing the Board with a progress update on the NEFC park design process ahead of the next round of public consultation planned for this fall.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Malcolm Bromley".

Malcolm Bromley
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