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MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Director, Park Planning and Development

SUBJECT : **Fraser River Parks Marine Structure Repair and Trails - Update - Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

This memo provides an update on upcoming capital maintenance projects for marine structures located at three parks along the Fraser River in South Vancouver including trail changes at Fraser River Park:

- **Riverfront Park:** Kerr Street Pier, West Pier and boardwalk
- **Gladstone-Riverside Park:** Gladstone Pier
- **Fraser River Park:** Pier and timber walkways and trail work

Condition Assessments, Repair Designs, and Tendering

In 2023 and 2024, detailed engineering condition assessments were completed on the timber marine structures at these three parks. Based on the assessment findings, staff have worked with a marine consultant to develop repair designs and apply for requisite permits for the in-water construction work. One or more qualified marine contractors will be selected for the works via a public tender process.

The construction start date and construction sequencing are contingent upon the market response to the tenders, supply chain availability of materials, timing of fisheries permit issuance, and fisheries least-risk construction windows. Construction is targeted to commence in Q1 of 2026 and complete by Q3 of 2026. The work is funded by \$2.3M in available infrastructure renewal capital funding.

Fraser River Park Walkways

The project scope includes repairs to the three piers listed above, and some of the floating surge booms that protect the marine infrastructure from river debris. At Fraser River Park, there will also be work conducted on the elevated timber boardwalks along the shoreline. This includes repairs to the boardwalks located east of the pier. The boardwalk to the west of the pier collapsed in December 2022 due to deterioration and flooding; it has been closed to the public since then. This collapsed boardwalk will be removed and not rebuilt as connectivity between park trails can be maintained through the existing gravel pathways. Residents will be notified of the changes and repairs via on-site signage.

Additionally, trails within the habitat island at the centre of the park are now closed to pedestrians and dogs to protect this sensitive riparian ecosystem.

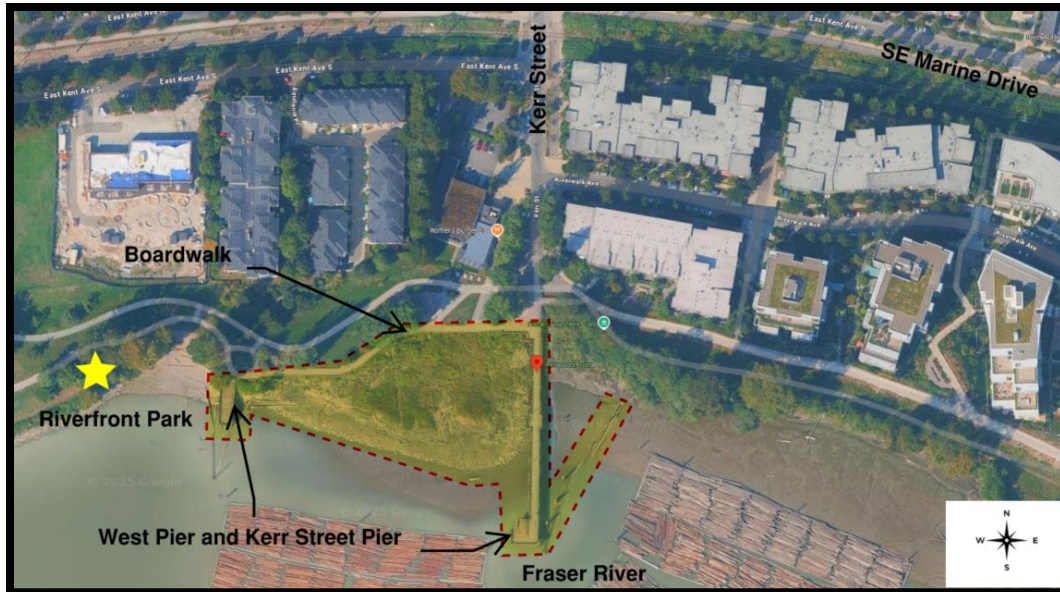


Figure 1: Kerr Street Pier, West Pier and Boardwalk (Riverfront Park)



Figure 2: Gladstone Pier (Gladstone Riverside Park)



Figure 3: Pier, Boardwalks, and Trails (Fraser River Park)

Regards,

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