



February 16, 2018

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners
FROM : Dave Hutch, Manager, Planning and Research
SUBJECT : **On Water Strategy - Project Update**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to provide the Board a project update on the Vancouver Park Board's *On Water: Vancouver's Non-motorized Watercraft Strategy*.

The intent of the *On Water* strategy is to identify priority areas for the development and management of facilities, infrastructure, and programs, over the next 10 years, including opportunities for collaborative programming and coordination among service providers. The strategy will also identify optimum levels of service provided in relation to levels of use and future population growth. Once completed the strategy will provide guidance to the Park Board to inform decisions that impact non-motorized watercraft activities and provide a user-friendly resource to show the best places to safely engage in non-motorized watercraft activities.

The On Water Strategy is moving into the second of three engagement phases (phase one engagement was completed in summer of 2017). This 2nd phase is scheduled for February 16th through March 16th. The consultation activities include disseminating a discussion guide and survey, attending City of Vancouver standing advisory committee meetings, and hosting open houses and workshops. The feedback from this round of engagement will be considered, along with technical information, to develop recommendations for the planning, design, and management of Vancouver's On Water facilities. The public events are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, February 27	5:30 pm - 9 pm	Creekside Community Centre, 1 Athletes Way
Monday, March 5	5 pm - 8:30 pm	City Lab, 511 W Broadway
Saturday, March 10	10:30 am - 2 pm	Jericho Sailing Centre, 1300 Discovery St

The third phase of engagement will focus on reviewing the draft recommendations and is anticipated in late spring/summer 2018.

As part of the engagement strategy an External Advisory Committee and a Regulatory Working Group (listed below) have been convened. The role of these groups is to help gather data and information on waterway users and facilities, support public engagement and provide feedback on the strategy as it develops.

On Water Advisory Committee

- Diane Tam/ Andrea Dillon, False Creek Racing Canoe Club
- Simon Litherland, False Creek Rowing Club
- Ann Phelps, Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society
- Sheridan MacRae, Kitsilano Yacht Club



- Robert Holley, BC Marine Trails Network Association
- Rob Varnel, Pacific Reach Paddling Club
- Mike Cotter, Jericho Sailing Centre
- Keith P. Jolly, Vancouver Rowing Club
- Chris Ladner, Alpaca Enterprises, LTD. /Blueways/former EcoMarine owner
- Rose Gardner, Ecomarine Paddlesport Centres
- Karen Devitt, Bird Studies Canada
- Stephen Hunter, British Columbia Mobility Opportunities Society
- Jas Kalsi, DOCKS
- Clayton Watson, Vancouver Water Adventures
- Julia Hayos, False Creek Community Centre
- Lori Janson/Gwendal Castellan, Tourism Vancouver
- Ann Phelps, David Chinn, Dragon Boat BC
- Rod Tulett, Pulling Together
- Mike Billy, Squamish Nation

On Water Regulatory Working Group

- Ada Tam, Transport Canada
- Michele Fung, Transport Canada
- Janet Stringer, VPD Marine Unit
- Jamie Gibson, VPD Marine Unit
- Simon Jesshope, Coast Guard
- Tyler Payne, Coast Guard
- Sean Baxter, Port Metro Vancouver
- Donna Myketa, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development
- Thayer Nugent, Ministry of FLNRO

Staff will continue to update the Board as the process unfolds.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hutch".

Dave Hutch
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