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Dear Commissioners,

Please find attached a community update on the implementation of the Northeast False Creek Plan. The project includes the renewal of Creekside Park, north of Science World, the future Creekside Park Extension (replacing the temporary Community Park built by Concord Pacific), and the renewal of Andy Livingstone Park and the Downtown Skate Plaza.

This update will also be shared with the community and key stakeholders.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Donnie

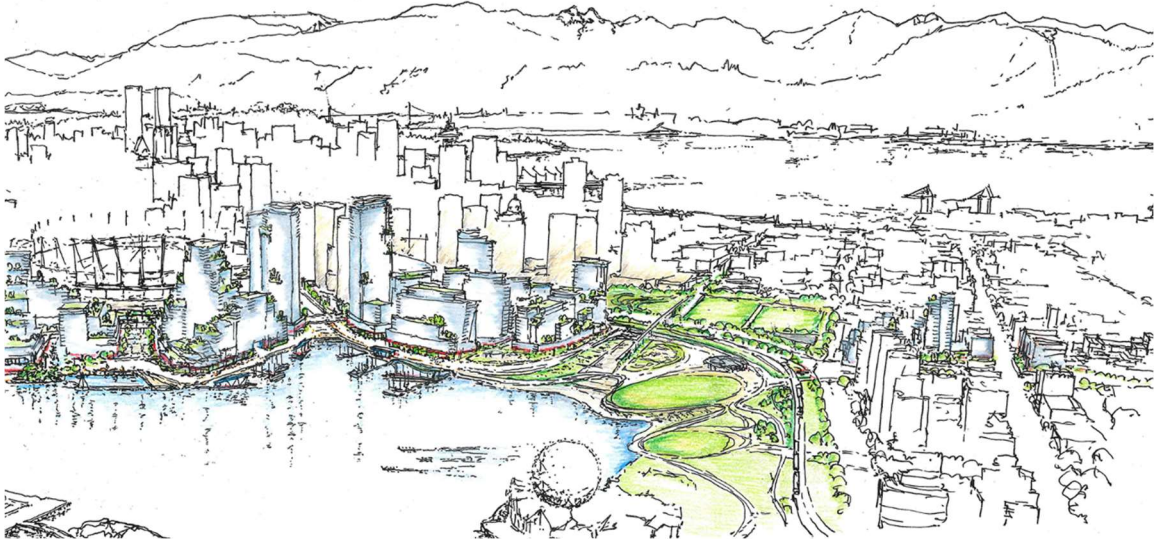


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## NORTHEAST FALSE CREEK PLAN IMPLEMENTATION - STAKEHOLDER UPDATE

April 5, 2022



Hi Everyone,

This email provides an update on the implementation of the Northeast False Creek Plan.

The Northeast False Creek Plan acts as a framework to guide the redevelopment and transformation of a 58ha area of downtown's False Creek waterfront over the next 20 years. Taking advantage of the opportunity to replace the Georgia and Dunsmuir viaducts with a new street network, the Plan reconnects the downtown, Downtown Eastside, Chinatown and Citygate to a lively and greener new waterfront.

The Plan complements City initiatives on liveability, affordability, environmental and social sustainability, economic and cultural vitality and other improvements to the health and well being of Vancouver residents. Through the implementation of the Plan, Vancouver will create:

- Homes for 10,000-12,000 new residents, including affordable housing for approximately 3,300 people.
- 32 acres of new and renewed parks and open spaces.
- A highly pedestrian, social waterfront that will support the important special events and festival functions of our city's events and entertainment area.

- New employment space with the capacity to accommodate 6000-8000 jobs.
- Restoration of two city blocks on Main Street, now under the viaducts ramps, including the development of affordable housing and other community benefits.
- A new resilient street network that replaces aging, seismically vulnerable infrastructure.
- A wide variety of other public benefits and amenities, including several childcare facilities, a community centre including a seniors centre and ice rink, non-motorized boating facility, cultural centre providing a focal point for the Black community, and upgrades to the Chinese Cultural Centre.

The Plan was adopted by City Council in 2018 and will be implemented over 20 years through development, partnerships and City initiatives.

The timing of implementation of many of the key elements of the Plan, including the new street network and public amenities such as parks, is dependent on funding generated by the redevelopment of sites owned by several landowners within the Plan area. These projects have not progressed as quickly as envisaged when the Plan was adopted in 2018.

Nevertheless, the City and Park Board remain committed to realizing the Plan and have been advancing various workstreams towards that goal. An update on these workstreams is provided below. We hope that you find this update useful. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions.

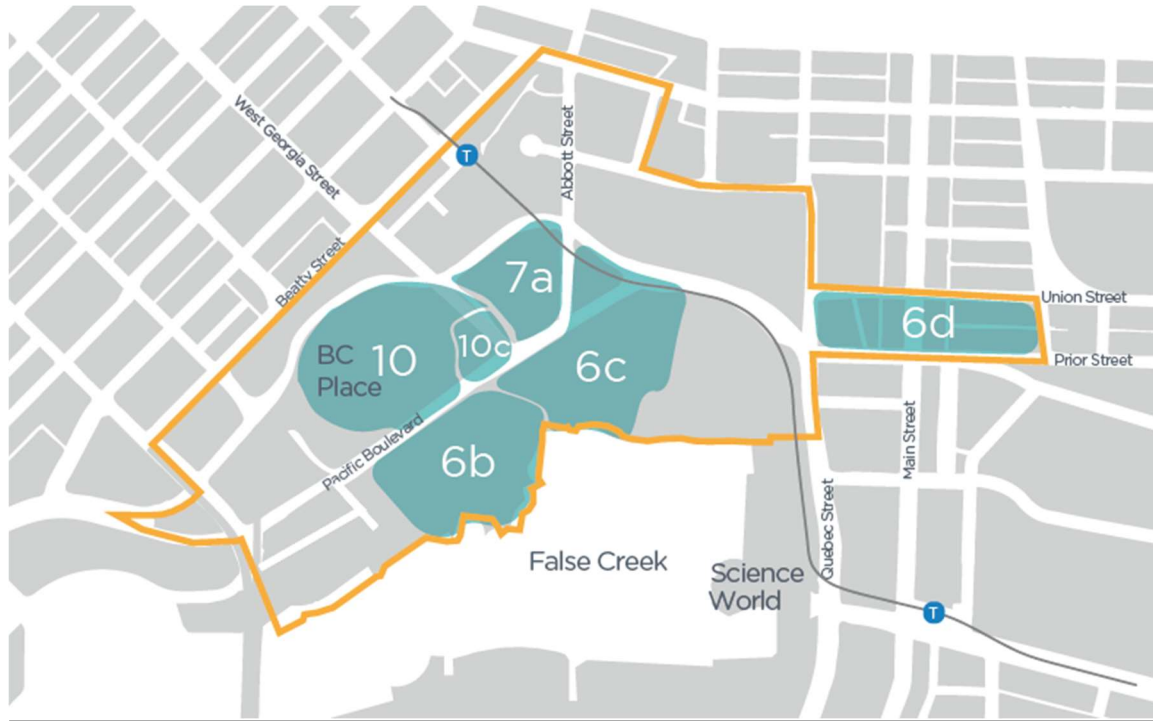
Finally, on behalf of City staff we want to thank you for your continued interest in the NEFC Plan and for all of your past and future participation in our engagement events.

Kind Regards,

The Northeast False Creek Team

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## Development Sites



*Northeast False Creek Development Sites*

### **Sub-area 6B (750 Pacific Boulevard) - Plaza of Nations**

City Council approved the Plaza of Nations site rezoning in principle in 2018, and staff continue to work with the applicant towards enactment of this rezoning.

The project comprises a mixed use development including: a variety of terracing buildings up to 30 storeys; commercial uses; residential uses (social housing); civic facilities, including a community centre, ice rink, music presentation centre and a 69-space childcare facility; and a new community plaza and seawall.

Canadian Metropolitan Properties has recently applied for a development permit for the first phase of construction, which includes residential (market and social housing), retail and office uses. The application covers the west side of the property and includes the detailed design of buildings and public spaces.

The review of this application is expected to be completed by mid-2022, after which it will be considered by the City's Development Permit Board.

## Sub-area 10C (777 Pacific Boulevard) - PavCo

City Council approved the PavCo site rezoning in principle in 2018. Staff continue to meet with PavCo to advance this rezoning towards enactment. No development permit application has yet been received for this site.

## Sub-area 6C - Concord Pacific

No rezoning application has been received by the City for this site.

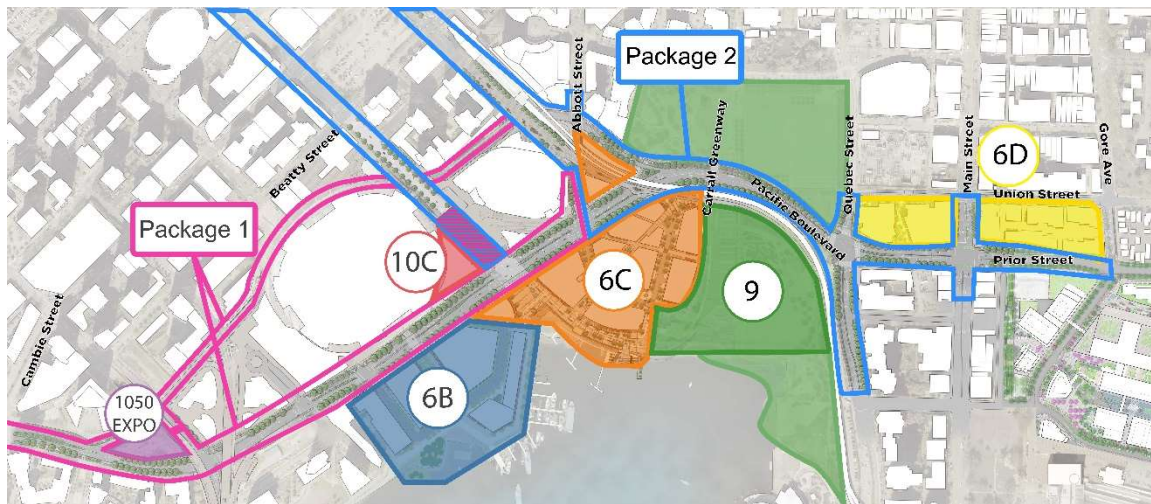
## St. Paul's Hospital

A development permit was approved for the New St. Paul's Hospital in August 2021. Due to the regional importance of the hospital and its close proximity to the NEFC Plan Area, coordination between the NEFC project and the New St. Paul's project team is ongoing to ensure infrastructure integration.

## Engineering Infrastructure

### Viaducts Replacement Construction

The Viaducts Replacement Project construction will be delivered in two separate packages to better align the delivery of critical infrastructure with the anticipated pace of development in NEFC. Both packages are to be funded through NEFC development revenues and therefore the exact timing of implementation is at this point yet to be determined.



### *NEFC Infrastructure Packages*

The first package is required to build the critical infrastructure to service sub-area 6B (Plaza of Nations) and involves the reconstruction of Pacific Boulevard

between Pat Quinn Way and Expo Boulevard as a two-way street and upgraded sub-surface utilities. This first phase of work is planned to begin in the next few years, in line with the development timeline and anticipated timing of receipt of development contributions from the Plaza of Nations development.

The second package of work involves replacing the Georgia and Dunsmuir Viaducts with a new street network. Construction will include the Georgia Ramp, Dunsmuir Connection, reconstructing Pacific Boulevard from Pat Quinn Way to Quebec Street, modification of Georgia Street and Dunsmuir Street and associated utility upgrades. Construction of this package will begin no earlier than 2027, and is again tied to the pace of development.

### **Dunsmuir Connection**

In January 2020, City staff engaged with the public on the Dunsmuir Connection Conceptual Design Options online and at open house events at the Vancouver Community College Downtown Campus. Detailed design work will follow and construction will be coordinated with the second package of infrastructure works and integrated with the Creekside Park Extension.

## **Parks**

### **Park Design**

In November 2019, the Park Board approved the NEFC Park Guiding Principles, which represent the accumulated knowledge and input of nearly four years of engagement with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, the NEFC Park Design Advisory Group, Chinatown, the Black and African Diasporic communities, Urban Indigenous Peoples, local residents and many more park stakeholders, as well as the public.

Through 2020, the Parks project team developed two design options that respond to varying degrees of the needs and aspirations of park users. The project includes the renewal of Creekside Park, north of Science World, the future Creekside Park Extension (replacing the temporary Community Park built by Concord Pacific), and the renewal of Andy Livingstone Park and the Downtown Skate Plaza.

The project team is committed to sharing these designs in progress, as a step toward refining a vision for the parks in Northeast False Creek. The completion of the concept design is dependent on the timing of the implementation of the overall NEFC project. We anticipate that park construction will be aligned with the second phase of infrastructure works.

## Community Events

In the summer and fall of last year, the Park Board led the *Our Park Project* at Andy Livingstone Park, in partnership with Vancouver Coastal Health and local non-profit organizations. This project connected people who use the park through a community-based arts and harm reduction lens. Over many sessions, people came together to work side by side, drawing and printmaking as they learned each other's stories. Peer outreach workers also supported harm reduction activities in the park. The project's aim was to build familiarity, connection and community resilience among groups such as Crosstown school families, residents including representatives from False Creek Residents Association, seniors in Chinatown, people with lived experience of drug and alcohol use, and many others.



*Celebrating the end of Our Park Project in September*

## Cultural Redress and Reconciliation

### Main Street Blocks Research

City staff have initiated a research project to increase knowledge of historical intercultural relations related to the impacts of viaducts construction in Vancouver and the displacement and erasure of people and communities.

The project will document the experiences and impact of viaduct construction on the local owners and residents, and the overall social, cultural and economic life of the area. The findings of the research will be shared with communities at the conclusion of the project.

In the context of cultural redress, the City has also followed up on recommendations from the 2017 ‘Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People’ initiative and has appointed a Legacy Stewardship Group of community members to work closely with a dedicated team of City staff on the revitalization of Chinatown and with the goal of applying for a UNESCO World Heritage Site designation for Vancouver Chinatown.

The UNESCO work is supported by the Province of BC through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the City in 2018, with the first project being the creation of a Chinese Canadian Museum in Chinatown highlighting the history and contributions of Chinese Canadians in BC. In Chinatown, over thirty community initiatives have been launched and funded by the City since the inception of the Legacy Stewardship Group.

### **898 Main Street Block (Hogan’s Alley)**

The NEFC Plan envisions the redevelopment of the 898 Main Street Block to create an inclusive and equitable community with diverse new housing opportunities including family and affordable housing, indoor and outdoor places to gather, and a variety of public amenities including childcare, a cultural centre and artist production space. The redevelopment of the block is a significant opportunity to re-establish a focal point for the Black Community in Vancouver and the NEFC Plan directs staff to work with the Hogan’s Alley Society to establish the long term involvement and investment of the Black Community in the future life of the block.

Redevelopment is contingent on the removal of the viaducts and is therefore likely to be several years away. As preparatory work the City has entered into discussions with the Hogan’s Alley Society.

### **NORTHEAST FALSE CREEK WEBPAGE**

Visit the Northeast False Creek Webpage: [vancouver.ca/nefc](http://vancouver.ca/nefc)

View a map of the area, stay up to date with progress and view documents and details related to the Northeast False Creek planning process.

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