

July 19, 2017

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Malcolm Bromley

General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Northeast False Creek: Temporary Park Proposal by Concord Pacific

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to inform you that Concord Pacific is proposing the construction of a temporary park on the lands immediately east of its Presentation Centre in Northeast False Creek (Area 9 of the False Creek North Official Development Plan, see Figure 1).

The proposal is related to Concord's request to the City of Vancouver to allow the Presentation Centre to remain at its current location under a new development permit, subject to future approval by the City's Development Permit Board. A development permit application has not yet been received from Concord Pacific, but is anticipated ahead of the expiration of the current development permit on July 31, 2017. As per City practice, the existing Presentation Centre may remain operational pending a decision of the Development Permit Board.

In Concord's letter to the False Creek Residents Association (FCRA) on July 17, 2017, the proposal is described as follows:

- "Concord will provide land in Area 9 and construct on it a 2 acre temporary park. The temporary park will be located at the eastern end of Area 9 generally shown on the attached plan. The final configuration of this temporary park will be worked out with the City, Concord and FCRA.
- A landscape architect will be retained to work with Concord, FCRA and the City on the temporary park design. It is anticipated the existing asphalt will be covered with topsoil and planted with grass and trees to create grassy areas with park seating and picnic tables.
- The aim will be to have the temporary park completed and open to the public by the summer of 2018. Concord will pay the costs of creating this temporary park and will be responsible for maintaining the park.
- Concord will retain the right to use the park for up to 30 days per year for events such as the Dragon Boat Festival and Concord events.
- It is anticipated that Concord's Presentation Centre will remain operational for the duration of the temporary park."





Figure 1: Proposed 2 Acre Temporary Park

Park Board staff will follow the approval process of the permit associated with the park proposal. If approved, staff will work with the City and Concord to implement this project. The temporary park is not expected to affect the delivery of the permanent Creekside Park.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should require additional information or clarification.

Regards,

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