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## ISSUES

- The False Creek waterbody is a great amenity of the city. The size of the waterbody and its potential for recreational use could be reduced by inappropriate shoreline modifications.
- Alterations to the 1987 shoreline could improve the appearance and usability of the water and land.
- Shoreline treatments can offer a variety of experiences related to adjacent forms of development, land uses and water activities.

## FACTS

- False Creek, east of the Burrard Bridge, comprises about 280 acres of water.
- False Creek has large bays and narrows. It varies in width from about 450 feet at Granville Island, 1300 feet opposite Charleson Park, 600 feet at Cambie Bridge and 1200 feet at the east end.

## PAST POLICY

- 1972-74 - balance cut and fill to existing shoreline, stabilize shore, irregular alignment.
- 1981-82 - balance cut and fill to existing shoreline, maintain sense of large expanse.
- 1983 (Staff Response to B.C. Place) - balance cut and fill to existing shoreline.
- 1987 - establish 1987 shoreline as the base to which cut and fill should be balanced.

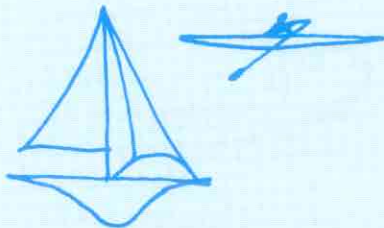


## POLICY - PRINCIPLES

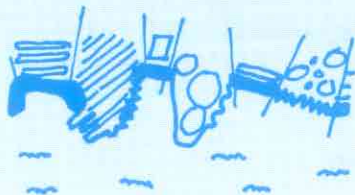
- The False Creek water basin is a uniquely valuable feature of the city which should be preserved and enhanced as follows:



- Cut and fill should be balanced to the 1987 shoreline;



- Any alterations from the 1987 shoreline should be evaluated as to the effects on the overall presence and usability of the water with the intent of minimizing any significant narrowing of major basins.



- Shoreline treatments should accommodate a variety of experiences.

- Increased active, water-oriented recreational opportunities such as rowing and sailing should be facilitated by basin shape and shoreline treatment. At an appropriate time there should also be specific designation of a portion of the water body as a recreation area.
- Ferry stops should be located at convenient locations and be facilitated by basin shape and shoreline treatments.
- Water quality standards and the implications of achieving various standards should be explored and reported to Council. Included in the report will be discussion of sewer outfall, pollution from boats, general industrial contaminants, and matters of day-to-day litter clean-up and maintenance of the water. The existing water quality should not delay land development around False Creek.
- Shoreline elevations should be cognizant of trends, if any, of changing sea levels.

## POLICY - SPECIFIC TARGETS

- None proposed.