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TO: Residents and businesses around Southeast False Creek

RE: Update on night-time construction work

As you are probably aware, the City of Vancouver is doing construction work on the Southeast False Creek (SEFC) site to build Vancouver's Olympic Village.

An island and intertidal channel are being constructed in False Creek on the west side of the project site. The island, which will be located on the south side of False Creek just east of the Cambie Bridge, will create new fish habitat to compensate for altering habitat in an inlet further east. The island and channel are being constructed with clean rock and sand.

The contractor doing this foreshore work began in November by placing rock underwater to create the base of the island. Now, in December, the contractor is placing and compacting fill material for the island. This work must be done during low tides. Unfortunately, the lowest tides at this time of year occur in the middle of the night. The contractor will also be installing large rock (called "riprap") to construct the shoreline between the inlet and the habitat island. This work is also tidally-dependent.

Some noise is expected from this construction work. This is due to compacting fill material, placing of riprap, and back-up beepers on the equipment (required by WorkSafeBC). The contractor has a temporary exemption from the City's noise bylaw to do this tidally-dependent work, and will take steps to mitigate the noise created by the foreshore work at night as much as possible.

We are circulating this notice to inform nearby residents and businesses of this construction work. We will also update the project website www.vancouver.ca/olympicvillage with the latest information.

The City apologizes for any inconvenience this work may cause, and we appreciate the patience of neighbours as we build Vancouver's Olympic Village portion of the Southeast False Creek development. This foreshore work is expected to be completed by the end of January 2007. Should you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Yours truly,



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