Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Jerry Dobrovolny, General Manager - Engineering Services, to provide an update on City of Vancouver’s development of a new area plan for North East False Creek, including the replacement of the Georgia/Dunsmuir viaducts.

A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- A new, interdepartmental (Planning, Engineering, Parks, etc) project office has been established to ensure efficient and timely progress on the Council-approved planning process. Kevin McNaney has been appointed as Project Director and is supported by a Corporate Steering Committee.

- A simplified summary timeline is provided showing critical milestones to bring a revised Official Development Plan, parks and open space plan, complete technical work for viaducts replacement, public benefits strategy and potential rezoning applications (from private owners and city lands) by late 2017.

- Recruitment for members of the public and relevant stakeholders is underway for the “Northeast False Stewardship Committee”, with the nomination process closing on Friday May 20, 2016. A parallel process is underway by the Park Board for the “NEFC Park Design Advisory Group” with the same deadline. Council and Park Board approval of the stewardship committees in anticipated in July 2016.

Best,
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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Jerry Dobrovolny, General Manager of Engineering Services
(Corporate Project Sponsor)

SUBJECT: Northeast False Creek Area Plan and Viaducts Replacement - Update Memo - RTS #11057

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the area plan for Northeast False Creek (NEFC), including the replacement of the Georgia and Dunsmuir viaducts. A Council briefing will be scheduled shortly for a more complete update on progress since Council approval of the planning process on October 2, 2015.

Northeast False Creek Project Office

The City has recently established an interdepartmental project office consisting of project staff from Planning and Development Services, Engineering Services and Vancouver Park Board, and supported by various staff from other key departments (e.g. Legal Services, Real Estate and Facilities, Housing, etc) who remain in their home offices. This co-location model allows for integrated and efficient decision-making to ensure that the project progresses in a timely manner.
The interdepartmental team is led by Kevin McNaney, who has been appointed as Director of the NEFC Project Office and is responsible for overseeing the successful creation of a new area plan for NEFC including amendments to the Official Development Plan, technical work needed to deconstruct the viaducts and rebuild the new transportation system, a new plan for parks and open space, and a revised public benefits strategy for the area. Kevin is supported by bi-weekly meetings with the Corporate Steering Committee (consisting of the City Manager and the key General Managers), as well as several strategic advisors including Jane Bird (complex project management and intergovernmental issues) and Larry Beasley (public process design and planning history in False Creek North). Note: Kevin's permanent role is being filled by Karen Hoese as Acting Assistant Director of Planning-Downtown.

**Project Timeline and Milestones**

The following is a simplified summary of the timeline and key milestones leading to the completion of this phase of the project in late 2017/early 2018:

### Northeast False Creek Area Planning Timeline

**Northeast False Creek Stewardship Group (NEFCSG)**

The NEFCSG application process opened on Monday April 25th at 9am and will be available online at [vancouver.ca/NEFC-committees](http://vancouver.ca/NEFC-committees) until Friday May 20th at 4pm.

This process is being run concurrently with the NEFC Park Design Advisory Group (PDAG) call for applications being led by the Vancouver Park Board. The above link leads to a webpage with relevant background information and application forms for each group.
The NEFC Project team will review applications and provide a shortlist of potential members to the Nomination Sub-Committee for review by Friday June 24th 2016.

As presented to Council on February 3, 2016, the Northeast False Creek Stewardship Group is being formed to ensure community input on the planning and design of the new neighbourhood, parks and open space.

The Northeast False Creek Stewardship Group will be comprised of 10 to 15 members who have demonstrated strong leadership and knowledge that reflects Council's 11 Guiding Principles for NEFC. It is expected that members of the group will reflect Vancouver’s ethnic, age and gender diversity.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Kevin McNaney at 604-871-6851.

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