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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Jerry Dobrovlny regarding the proposed Charleson Park public washroom location. A short summary of the memos is as follows:

- The South False Creek Seawall improvements currently underway include installation of an automated public toilet at the northwest corner of Charleson Park.
- Some area residents oppose the current location and have suggested several alternatives.
- Parks and Engineering staff are reviewing the feasibility of alternate locations and will discuss this information with interested parties at a meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Should you have any questions, please contact the project's design lead, David Rawsthorne at 604.873.7343 / David. [Rawsthorne@vancouver.ca](mailto:David.Rawsthorne@vancouver.ca).

Best,  
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## MEMORANDUM

September 29, 2017

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Jerry Dobrovolny, General Manager of Engineering Services

SUBJECT: South False Creek Seawall Improvements - Charleson Park Public Washroom

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In May 2016, City Council approved a series of improvements to the South False Creek Seawall between Burrard Bridge and Cambie Bridge. One of these seawall upgrades is the provision of an accessible public washroom near Charleson Park.

This memorandum outlines work to date to select a public washroom location, and summarizes past and planned consultation on this matter.

### ***Washroom Need Identified in Public Consultation***

From June 2015 through February 2016, the City held three phases of stakeholder and public consultation on walking and cycling improvements for the South False Creek Seawall. Participants in the second phase of consultation in October 2015 identified the need for an accessible public washroom near Charleson Park. Currently, this stretch of seawall is served by public washrooms at the False Creek Community Centre and the Creekside Community Centre. There are no public washroom facilities in the 2.8km stretch between these two locations.

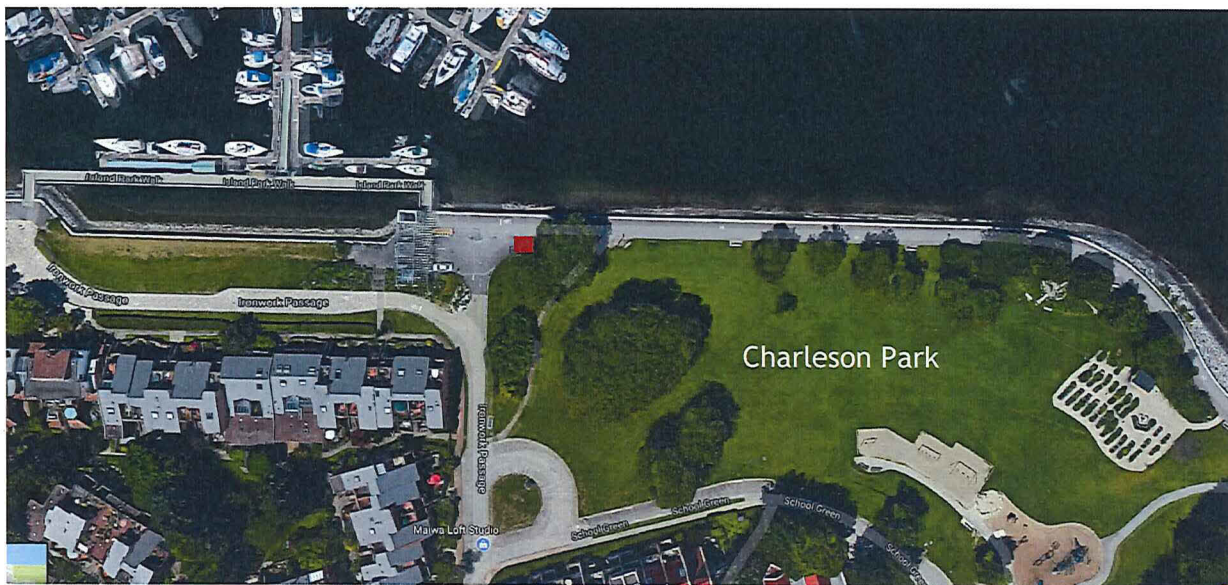
In May 2016, staff recommended installation of a public washroom where Ironwork Passage borders the west edge of Charleson Park and Council approved funds to purchase and install an automated public toilet. The location was also approved by Park Board Commissioners.

### ***Siting Criteria and Recommended Location***

Detailed designs and construction drawings for the seawall upgrades were developed in 2016. During detailed design, staff evaluated potential washroom locations near Charleson Park that met six functional criteria:

1. Roughly halfway between the two existing facilities;
2. Directly adjacent to, and clearly visible from the seawall path;
3. Accessed by <5% slope to ensure universal accessibility;
4. Located on City or Park Board land that allows the use;
5. Does not result in the loss of greenspace or trees; and
6. Serviceable by existing sewer, potable water, power, and telecom services.

The location that best meets the above criteria remained the same as the initial staff recommendation: the northwest corner of Charleson Park (shown as a red square in photo below). This park land is a flat, paved surface adjacent to the seawall and close to existing services.



### ***Public Feedback and Planned Open House***

This spring, staff were invited to present public washroom plans to Spruce Harbour Marina residents and to the False Creek South Neighbourhood Association. Some area residents, and Spruce Harbour Marina in particular, do not support the proposed washroom location. Concerns raised include:

- The loss of a paved area used by Spruce Harbour Marina as parking (there is no authorization from Park Board to do so);

- Queuing next to a street used by vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians;
- Visual obstruction; and
- Nuisance behaviour (e.g. crime, homelessness, garbage).

Several alternate locations have been suggested, two of which meet the six functional criteria above. Staff are refining their evaluations of the feasibility and construction costs of the alternatives.

A meeting to discuss these options is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 7pm in the False Creek Co-op Amenity Room at 1092 Sitka Square.

If you would like more information on this matter contact the project's design lead, David Rawsthorne at 604.873.7343 or [david.rawsthorne@vancouver.ca](mailto:david.rawsthorne@vancouver.ca).



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