Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Jerry Dobrovolny regarding temporary event space in Northeast False Creek. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- In 2015, Council directed staff to deliver part or all of the new waterfront park (Creekside Park Extension) on an expedited basis.

- On Jan 22, 2018 a Development Permit was issued for Concord Pacific’s Sales Centre located at 88 Pacific Blvd (False Creek North Area 9) including a condition that would include a temporary publically accessible open space to be built by summer 2018.

- While False Creek Residents Association support the temporary open space, some members of the local film and event community have raised concerns about the loss of this privately owned event space.

- Staff are proposing a meeting with Vancouver Event Collective and other events-related stakeholders to discuss and find alternative solutions.

Best
Sadhu Johnston
City Manager

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MEMORANDUM

January 30, 2018

TO: Mayor and Council
CC: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager
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     Janice MacKenzie, City Clerk
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     Kevin McNaney, Director, Northeast False Creek Project Office

FROM: Jerry Dobrovolny, General Manager of Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Northeast False Creek - Temporary Event Space

On Monday, January 22, 2018, the Development Permit Board approved a permit for the Concord Pacific Sales Centre, located at 88 Pacific Boulevard (False Creek North Area 9). A condition of approval included a temporary publicly accessible green space of approximately 3 acres that would be built and maintained by Concord Pacific until which time construction begins on the permanent Creekside Park in Northeast False Creek.

While the new greenspace was supported by the nearby False Creek Residents Association, there have been concerns raised by event operators and the film industry about the loss of this space, which has accommodated events such as Dragon Boat Festival, Cirque du Soleil, and LatinCouver, among others. The film and events industry also raised concerns about the
short notice given about the change of Area 9 to a temporary public open space. This land is owned and operated by Concord Pacific.

Staff have completed an initial review of four potential alternative sites along downtown’s False Creek waterfront (shown in Figure 2). These lands are privately held, as is the case with Area 9, and support film and events today. To better understand the opportunities for these lands to continue to be used for film and events, staff will be working with area landowners and have sent out a letter to the Vancouver Event Collective today to request a meeting to discuss these sites, as well as the larger Places for People: Downtown – Public Space Strategy currently underway.

Staff have also requested that Concord Pacific provide notice to film and event operators of their plans to construct a public open space, including timing for construction.

Please contact Kevin McNaney at 604.871.6851 or kevin.mcnaney@vancouver.ca if you have any questions.

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FIGURE 1: Northeast False Creek - alternative privately owned event sites

**6B/Plaza of Nations**
- Useable area: 15,200 sq. m/174,000 sq. ft./4.0 acres
- Truck access: From Pacific Blvd
- Existing Zoning: CD-1

**6C (North)**
- Useable area: 6,500 sq. m/72,000 sq. ft./3.1 acres
- Truck access: From Pat Quinn Way and Expo Blvd
- Existing Zoning: BCPED

**6C (South)**
- Useable area: 20,400 sq. m/220,000 sq. ft./2.1 acres
- Truck access: From Pacific Blvd and Carrall St
- Existing Zoning: BCPED

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- Useable area: 8,900 sq. m/92,000 sq. ft./2.1 acres
- Truck access: From Pacific Blvd and Carrall St
- Existing Zoning: BCPED

FIGURE 2: Site Details