Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see attached above a memo from Jerry Dobrovolny regarding a status update on the Vancouver Aquatic Centre ferry dock. Key points are summarized below:

- On Friday, June 21, an inspection revealed a potential safety issue regarding the Aquatic Centre ferry dock; staff have closed the dock until repairs are completed.

  - The dock is expected to reopen on the evening of Wednesday, June 26 once repairs are complete; in the interim, False Creek Ferries is sharing the Hornby Street dock with Aquabus.
  - This dock will be replaced with a larger, fully accessible version later this year.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jerry Dobrovolny at 604.873.7331 or jerry.dobrovolny@vancouver.ca.

Thank you,

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.
MEMORANDUM

June 25, 2019

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager
    Paul Mochrie, Deputy City Manager
    Lynda Graves, Administration Services Manager, City Manager’s Office
    Rena Kendall-Craden, Civic Engagement and Communications Director
    Katrina Leckovic, City Clerk
    Neil Monckton, Chief of Staff, Mayor’s Office
    Alvin Singh, Communications Director, Mayor’s Office
    Anita Zaenker, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office
    Lon LaClaire, Director, Transportation

FROM: Jerry Dobrovolny, General Manager, Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Repair and Temporary Closure - Aquatic Centre Ferry Dock

On June 21, 2019, City inspectors performing a regular monthly inspection of the City-owned Aquatic Centre ferry dock observed that several components supporting the dock gangway had deteriorated to a critical state. City engineers performed an emergency site inspection of the dock and closed it for safety reasons until the necessary repairs could be completed.

False Creek Ferries, who operates the water taxi ferry service at the Aquatic Centre dock, was immediately informed and instructed to close the dock to public users by locking the secured gate at the gangway entrance. Public access to the dock has been restricted – with posted signage directing users to adjacent ferry docks. False Creek Ferries has also posted a member of their staff at the entrance to the dock to provide directions to ferry users.

The required dock repairs are minor in nature and will be covered under the annual maintenance budget for dock repair. A contractor has been retained to perform the repair work and completion is anticipated by the evening of Wednesday, June 26. As soon as the necessary repairs have been completed, the dock will be reopened to ferry service.

Our staff are continuing to work with ferry operators to minimize impacts to their operations until the dock can be repaired. Currently, ferry traffic in the area is being diverted to adjacent ferry docks at the foot of Hornby Street and at David Lam Park.
The dock is scheduled to be replaced later this year with a fully accessible dock that will have more capacity for ferries and recreational watercraft.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at jerry.dobrovolny@vancouver.ca or 604.873.7331.

Sincerely,

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