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**Subject:** Memo - Project Update - Construction of Aquatic Centre Ferry Dock Upgrades

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Cheryl Nelms regarding the Project Update – Construction of Aquatic Centre Ferry Dock Upgrades. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- Starting on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> construction will begin to replace the Aquatic Centre ferry dock; the dock will be closed for reconstruction from late October to December, 2019.
- This dock will be replaced with a larger, fully accessible version.
- During construction False Creek Ferries who operates the passenger ferry service from the dock will be sharing the nearby Hornby Street dock with Aquabus.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cheryl Nelms at 604-873-7348 or [cheryl.nelms@vancouver.ca](mailto:cheryl.nelms@vancouver.ca)

Best,  
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## MEMORANDUM

October 7, 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  
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FROM: Cheryl Nelms  
Acting General Manager, Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Project Update – Construction of Aquatic Centre Ferry Dock Upgrades

This memorandum is intended to provide an update on the Vancouver Aquatic Centre Ferry Dock replacement project.

Following several years of planning and engagement, replacement of the Aquatic Centre Ferry dock with a new upgraded fully-accessible dock is scheduled to begin construction in mid-October 2019 with substantial completion expected in December 2019.

The rebuilt and upgraded dock will have an improved design. The new ferry dock will have improved accessibility for mobility-challenged users. A passenger shelter will be built to provide protection from wind and rain. Lighting will be installed along the gangways, platforms and ferry float but will be designed to minimize glare on adjacent areas and the marine environment. The dock will also be larger to provide more capacity for ferries and small boats. The new ferry dock will connect to the seawall in Sunset Beach Park.

Construction will begin with the demolition of the existing ferry dock followed by construction of the new dock. In conjunction with demolition, a portion of the existing dock access walkway to the seawall will be left in place to allow for continued access from the seawall to Sunset Beach Park and the beach area will be restored as part of this project.

Both False Creek Ferries and the Aquabus currently operate passenger ferry services in False Creek however only False Creek Ferries operates from the Aquatic Centre dock. During construction, the existing ferry dock will be closed and False Creek Ferries will be diverted to



the adjacent ferry dock at the foot of Hornby Street. Ferry routes serviced by Aquabus will not be impacted as a result of construction.

During daytime hours, for up to three days during construction, pedestrian traffic on the seawall in front of the Vancouver Aquatic Centre will need to be diverted onto the bike path. The contractor will be providing a construction traffic management for this work. All major construction will be staged from the water in False Creek with only select deliveries of materials and personnel transported by land. Construction equipment will include a crane barge and a material barge. For construction safety purposes, sections of the beach area will be fenced and public access to the dock area at Sunset Beach Park will be restricted while construction is ongoing. As part of geotechnical testing of the seabed prior to construction, the contractor will be on site in early October to conduct test piling. This work will require a one day closure of the ferry dock. Signage is being posted at the dock providing advance notice to dock users and directing ferry users to adjacent ferry docks.

Construction will be done during hours permitted under the City's noise bylaw (between 7:30am and 8pm on weekdays and between 10am to 8pm on Saturdays). If additional hours of work are required the contractor will apply for a noise bylaw exemption permit.

City staff have established a communications plan for the construction period, including an updated website, project email address and the attached notice that will be distributed to nearby residents and businesses via Canada Post providing information about the project and construction. The planned circulation area for the notice is highlighted below.

Our staff will be continuing to work with stakeholders including the Park Board and ferry operators to minimize impacts to their operations until the dock replacement is complete.

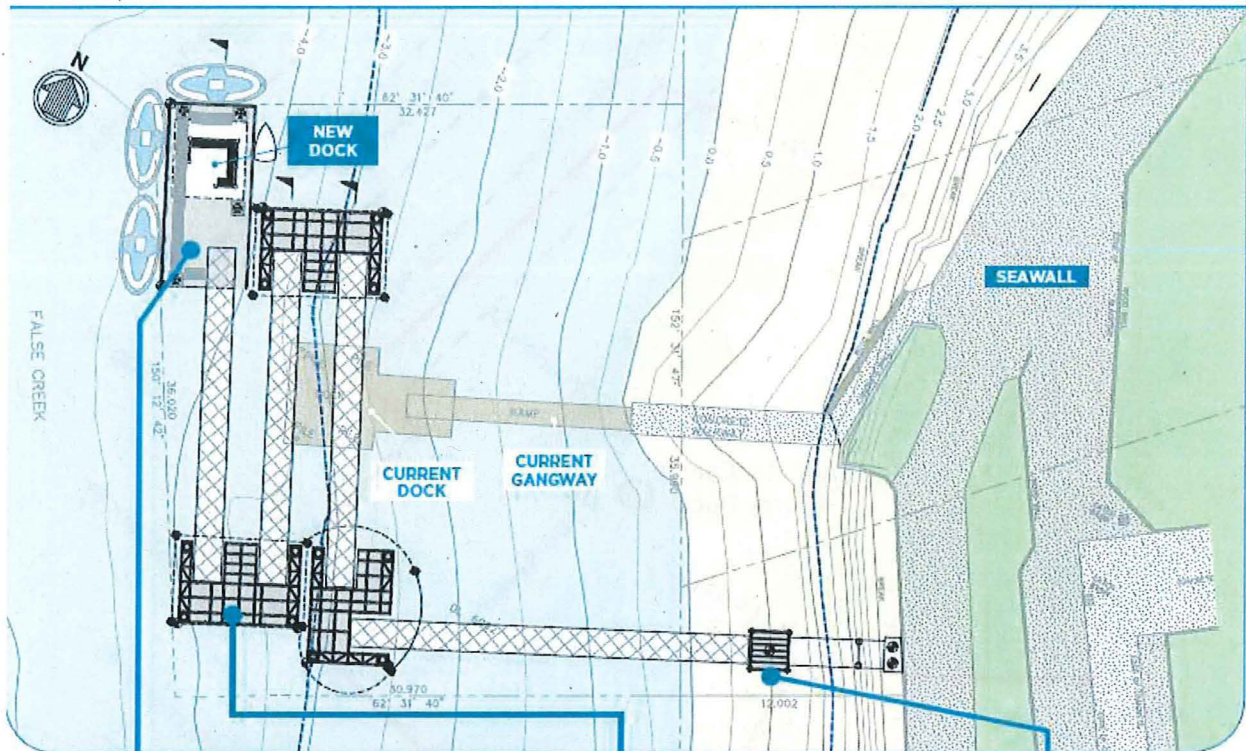
If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 604.873.7348 or [cheryl.nelms@vancouver.ca](mailto:cheryl.nelms@vancouver.ca).



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## Appendix A: New Aquatic Centre Ferry Dock Layout



**Example Ferry Dock**



**Example Floating Platform**



**Example Fixed Platform**





Appendix B: Construction Notice Copy and Circulation Area



This notice contains important information that may affect you. Please ask someone to translate it for you.

此通告刊載有可能影響閣下的重要資料。請找人為你翻譯。

October XX, 2019

Dear Resident:

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Thông báo này có tin tức quan trọng có thể ảnh hưởng đến quý vị. Xin nhờ người phiên dịch hộ.

Este aviso contiene información importante que puede afectarle personalmente. Pídale a alguien que se lo traduzca.

Ce document contient des renseignements importants qui pourraient vous concerner. Veuillez demander à quelqu'un de vous le traduire.

**Re: Aquatic Centre Ferry Dock Replacement Project  
Notice of Upcoming Construction**

Beginning in October the City of Vancouver will begin work on a replacing the Aquatic Centre Ferry Dock with a new accessible dock. Construction of the new dock will be occurring in the water and on the shore next to the existing ferry dock in front of the Vancouver Aquatic Centre. Construction will take place during the normal work hours permitted under the Noise By-law (between 7:30am and 8pm weekdays, and between 10am to 8pm on Saturdays). Construction will begin in October and is expected to last until late Fall- 2019.

During construction ferry service from the north side of False Creek will continue from the ferry docks at the foot of Hornby St. and in David Lam Park. Given the nature of this work additional intermittent noise will be generated during regular working hours. Sections of the Sunset Beach Park area will be fenced and closed to public access while the new dock is being built.

When complete the new dock will include:

- new fixed and floating platforms
- new gangways and lighting
- a new floating dock with ferry shelter

We understand that construction can be an inconvenience and thank you in advance for your ongoing understanding and patience as we replace this vital infrastructure which is nearing the end of its service life. For full project information, please visit [vancouver.ca/ferrydockupgrade](http://vancouver.ca/ferrydockupgrade).

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at [aquaticcentredock@vancouver.ca](mailto:aquaticcentredock@vancouver.ca) or via phone by calling 3-1-1.

Sincerely,  
Patrick Coates, PMP, MCIP  
Aquatic Centre Ferry Dock Project Manager

