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MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

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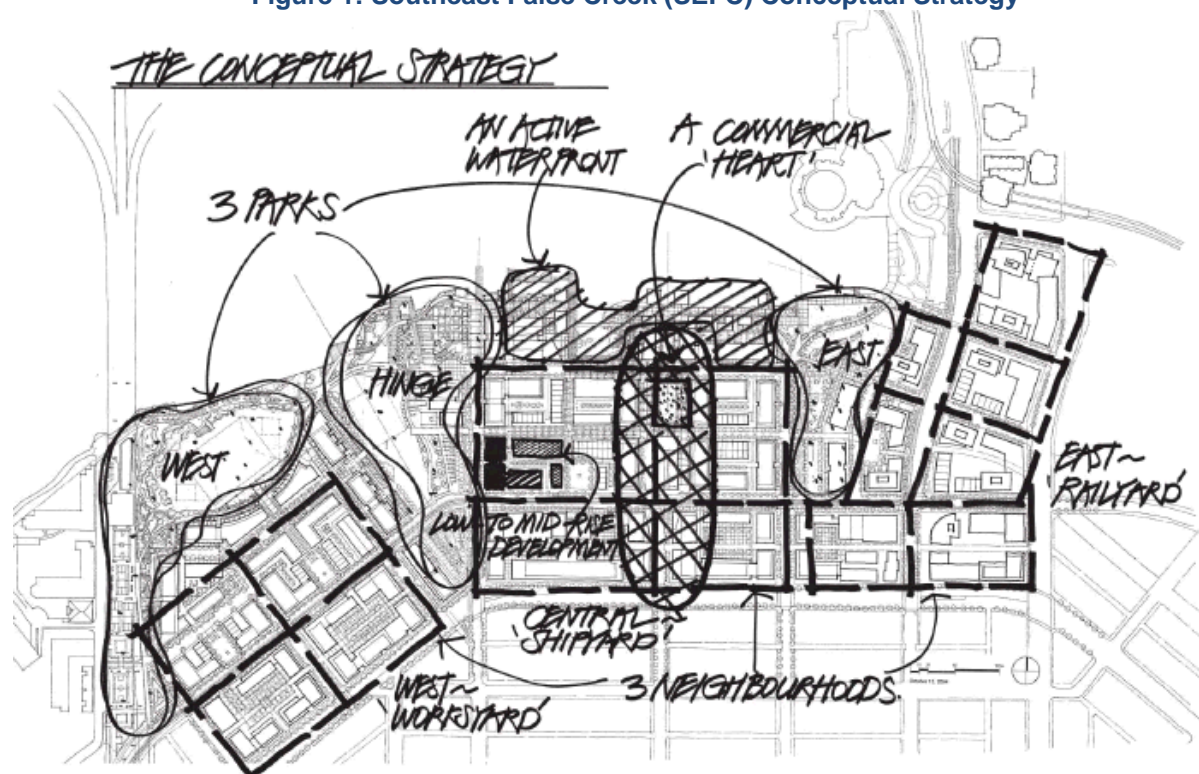
SUBJECT : **East Park and Creekside Park South RFP – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to inform the Board that a Request for Proposal (RFP) is being prepared for design services for the new East Park (working title) and Creekside Park South renewal project. The RFP will be posted on the City of Vancouver Open Bids page in the upcoming weeks. Funding for the design and first phase of construction for East Park is included in the Board approved 2019-2022 Capital Plan.

Located east of the Olympic Village, East Park is one of three major parks outlined in the Southeast False Creek (SEFC) Official Development Plan approved by City Council April 2007 (see Figure 1). Hinge Park was partially completed in 2010 and West Park will be included in the future redevelopment of the West Works yards neighbourhood. Situated between the emerging Railyard neighbourhood and the Olympic Village neighbourhood, East Park will serve as both a waterfront destination as well as a significant neighborhood amenity.

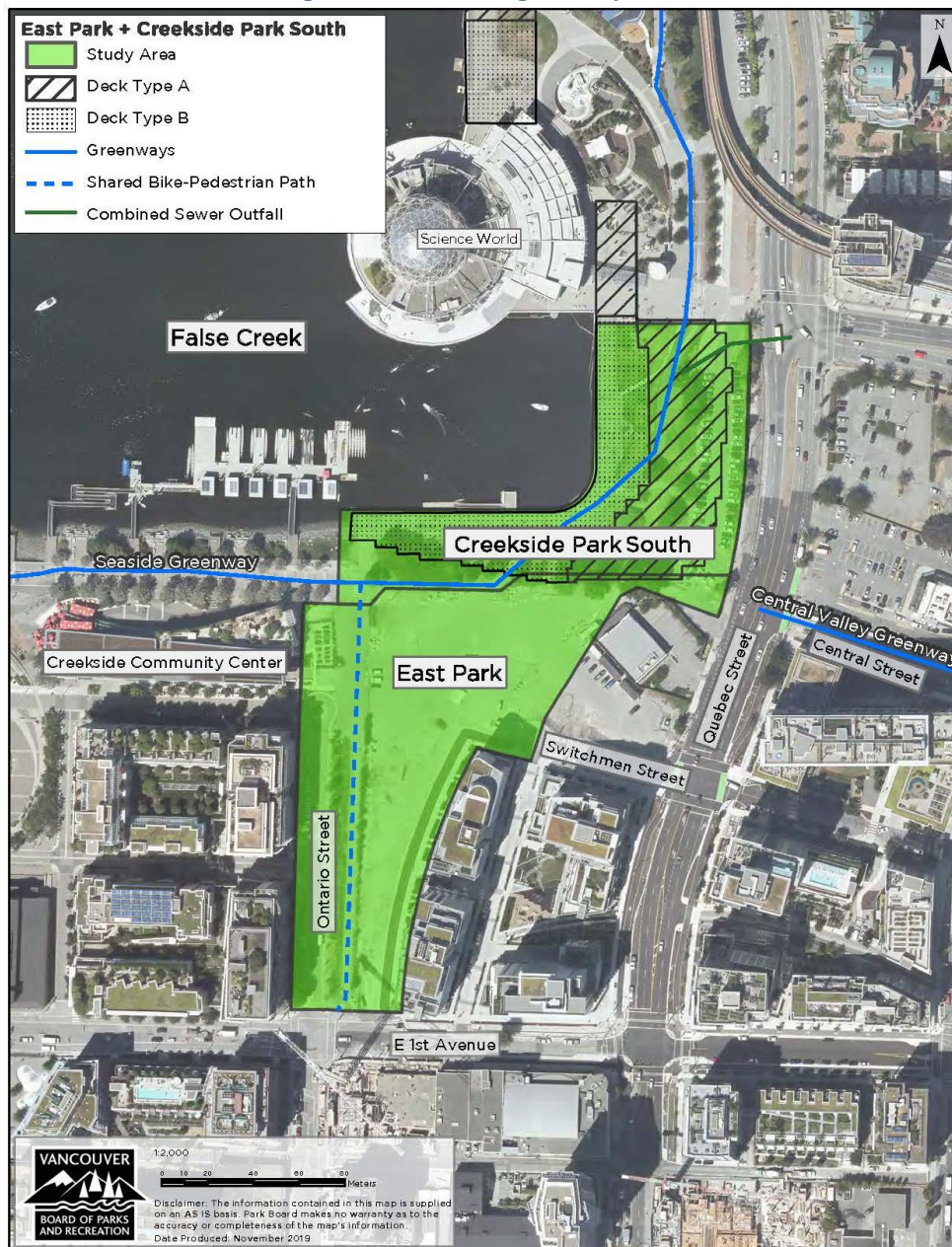
Figure 1: Southeast False Creek (SEFC) Conceptual Strategy



The design process for East Park and Creekside Park South will include two design study areas totaling 2.4 hectares (see Figure 2):

- **East Park** - undeveloped parkland located east of the Creekside Community Centre, between the Southeast False Creek seawall and East 1st Avenue at Ontario Street, and;
- **Creekside Park South** - existing park built over an aged wooden deck located south of Science World along the Seaside Greenway/SEFC seawall.

Figure 2: Park Design Study Area





The intent of the project is to develop a new park (East Park) and renew Creekside Park South in a cohesive public open space for the SEFC community. These new and renewed parks will link SEFC and Northeast False Creek parks into a legible and dynamic park system, completing an open space network by providing key connections to False Creek, nearby parks, community amenities, and to the existing network of adjacent walking and cycling routes in the surrounding neighbourhoods. A multi-layered public engagement process will help shape the design of these spaces, along with the goals of: enhancing access to nature and biodiversity; providing inclusive and diverse opportunities for passive and active recreation; and improving the marine and terrestrial ecology of the False Creek Basin. The work will also be guided by the [Southeast False Creek Policy Statement](#) (adopted by City Council October 1999, amended July 2004).

In order to provide access to open space while the project is moving through the various phases of public engagement and design, an interim greening of the park will be implemented. This will consist of a walkway connecting Switchmen Street to the Creekside Community Centre, as well as a mix of lawn and meadow areas, which will provide opportunities for informal play and socializing while also providing habitat for birds and pollinators. The interim walkway and lawn areas are targeted to be installed by early 2020, with the pollinator meadow targeted for seeding in the spring of 2020. The anticipated project timeline is shown in Figure 3 (approximate and subject to change):

Figure 3: Anticipated Timeline

2019	Analyze soil contaminates in East Park; assess Human Health & Environmental Risk
2019 Q4	Initiate construction of interim connections and greening
2020 Q1-Q4	Project team kick-off, public engagement and concept design process
2021 Q2	Present conceptual plan to Park Board for consideration of approval
2021 Q2-Q4	Prepare construction documents for tender, based on approved conceptual plan
2022 Q2	Begin park construction

Park Board staff will provide regular project updates throughout the process. Additional information is provided on the [project web page](#).

Regards,

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