



February 14, 2020

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Malcolm Bromley
General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **Harbour Green Dock – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

Further to the [Harbour Green Dock report](#) that was presented to the Board on April 15, 2019, this memo provides an update on the actions taken towards implementation of the [approved recommendations](#).

Temporary Relocation of the Dock

During the summer, an underwater assessment of the dock and piles was completed to ensure the integrity of the floats prior to relocation and to determine the extent of future repairs. The assessment indicated that the concrete floats had sustained some damage which could be exacerbated if they were towed over long distances. The assessment also found that the stabilizer frames mounted underneath the float to reduce the vertical movement of the dock were damaged beyond repair and would need to be removed prior to relocation.

During this period, staff also reviewed potential locations for the temporary storage of the floats. However, a safe and cost-effective site within the inner harbour could not be secured. Consequently, the temporary relocation of the dock is no longer considered viable. Staff are currently exploring a number of options to repair the dock in place.

Limited Ferry Service and Public Engagement

Staff worked with City Engineering to further develop requirements for limited ferry service as well as evaluate the technical, economic and operational viability of such operation at Harbour Green Dock. Through these discussions, it was determined that regional/inter-regional transportation connections to locations such as Bowen Island and the Sunshine Coast would require a purpose-built facility that can accommodate large numbers of passengers, offer connections to other modes of transportation, and provide operators space to store and maintain their vessels. Given that it is not possible to provide such amenities at Harbour Green Park, staff are currently exploring potential opportunities to use the dock for local tourism operations within the inner harbour. Staff intend to engage with stakeholders on these ideas once sufficient level of detail has been developed.

Next Steps

Park Board staff are actively working on a plan to get the Harbour Green dock repaired and reopened. There are a number of technical and usage issues that staff are reviewing with City Engineering prior to completing the detailed design and tendering of the repair contract.

Staff are also engaging in ongoing conversations with stakeholders, including the Coal Harbour Residents Association.



In the interim, the dock is regularly patrolled by Burrard marina staff to ensure that the dock is secure throughout the closure period and staff will continue to provide updates to the Board on this renewal project.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Malcolm Bromley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Malcolm Bromley
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