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NORTHEAST FALSE CREEK DRAFT PARK CONCEPT

Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden and Public Park
Chinese Canadian Memorial Plaza
Main Street Blocks
East Park
Pacific Boulevard
Quebec Street
Georgia Street
Creekside Lawn
Carrall Terraces
False Creek Marsh
False Creek Crescent
Abbott Parkette + canopy
Sports Fields
Skate Plaza
Fieldhouse
Bosque
Carrall Plaza
Carrall Entry
Northeast Plaza
Dog Parkette
Wetland Gardens
Splash Plaza
Picnic Gardens
Activity Bosque
Seasonal Gardens
Dunsmuir Elevated Park
Dunsmuir Steps
Carrall Passerelle
Dunsmuir Overlooks
Playground
Park Pavilion
Playgrounds
Sport Courts
Fitness Parkette
Grass Steps
Great Lawn
Georgia Landing
Rogers Arena
Prior Street
Milross Avenue
National Avenue
Terminal Avenue
Union Street
Keefer Street
Carrall Street
Abbott Street
Taylor Street
Stadium Chinatown Station
Science World
Main St
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KEY GUIDING PRINCIPLES

UNITE THE PARK
Join disconnected public open spaces and parks—Andy Livingstone Park, Skate Plaza, Creekside Park, and new Creekside Extension park—into one coherent park. Unify with a common design language, seamlessly connect each piece, and create landmark connections.

ORIENT TO THE WATER
Capture, open and orient the public open spaces and parks in Northeast and Southeast False Creek to the creek basin. Embrace the basin as a public place, preserving open water views.

STRENGTHEN CONNECTIONS
Reinforce connections to streets and neighbourhoods surrounding the park. Establish new pedestrian + cyclist connections through the park along the Carrall water-to-water axis, Dunsmuir Elevated Park, and the Seaside Greenway.

HONOUR
Vancouver is situated on the unceded traditional homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations and is home to people from around the world.

Create settings to tell and evolve the programming of the place from its historical and ecological uses to its future social and cultural experiences.
Open spaces are oriented along three major view axes: down the length of the False Creek, at the creek basin and the city skyline. The design for the park preserves these views and opens others in a series of dramatic places and overlooks to pause, soak up the sun and experience the waterfront. In these large family-oriented park spaces, residents and visitors can stretch out a blanket for a picnic, throw a frisbee or immerse themselves in a dense grove of trees.
The waterfront extends deep into the park following the historic Carrall Street along a water-to-water, North-South axis, and features a series of social and play spaces framed by an elevated pedestrian bridge over Pacific boulevard.

An elevated East-West pathway and bikeway connects the city to the park, allowing for views out to the park space and the mountain & creek horizons beyond.

The Skate Plaza anchors the active corner of Quebec Street and Pacific Boulevard. The highly visible canopy above the plaza both serves as a welcoming beacon and provides cover for skaters and spectators alike.
A continuous waterfront promenade enhances continuity along the shoreline, tying together the east basin of False Creek. The promenade undulates, lengthening the shoreline and connecting the major features of the park. Visitors, commuters, lunch goers, and residents can stroll, jog, meander, sit and gather along the promenade, making it a highly active and social space throughout the year.
The park integrates a rich mix of spaces, multipurpose features and landscape elements that encourage play for all ages.

A simple pavilion offers flexible community event space and a food and beverage destination within the park with plenty of space for tables and chairs under the tree canopy or open to the sky.

The park offers intimate spaces for urban repose: here, elevated south facing promontories extend from Dunsmuir, providing uninterrupted views over the park and to the creek beyond.
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The Splash Plaza offers a safe opportunity to interact with water, reinforcing the connection to the creek. It is a flexible feature that can support play, public art, and programmed events.

Rainwater is collected from parkland and conveyed through a sequence of wetlands, serving to purify the water in a diverse habitat display.