NEFC Park Design

WHERE ARE WE AT IN THE PARK DESIGN PROCESS?

We are now engaging more deeply with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, and the Urban Indigenous Peoples to get a better understanding of their key interests for the park. We are also checking in with Chinatown stakeholders to strengthen the connections from the park to the historical neighbourhood.

RESPONSES

Q4 2016 Q1 2017 Q2 2017 Q3 2017 Q4 2017 Q1 2018

Agree: 255
Disagree: 110
Strongly Agree: 227
Strongly Disagree: 92
Neutral: 204
Responses: 612
Total: 616

BALANCE OF WHAT WE'RE KEEPING + PROPOSING IN ANDY LIVINGSTONE PARK

PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE WATER FOR NON-MOTORIZED BOATING

LOCATION OF THE CYCLING PATH OF THE SEASIDE GREENWAY AWAY FROM WATER'S EDGE

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE MAKES THE PARK FEEL MORE CONNECTED

SUPPORT FOR DRAFT PARK DESIGN

ACCESS TO WATER

INDEGENOUS GATHERING PLACE

INDEGENOUS FOODSCAPES

ART WEAVING

HOW BIG ARE THE PARKS?

- 25 acres new and renewed park space
- 1.5 acres new open spaces in Sub Area 6B and Sub Area 6C

HOW BIG ARE THE PUBLIC OPEN SPACES?

- 1 acre new Dunsmuir Connection (elevated open space)
What we heard on the Park design

**SUPPORT FOR SEPARATED CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIAN**
The public and stakeholders stressed the importance of well-defined, parallel pathways and bikeways to ensure clarity and safety for all.

“Separating pedestrians and cyclists is always nice, and preserving the seaside portion for pedestrians seems right.”

**BIGGER WATERFRONT PARK**
Several survey respondents and stakeholders expressed concerns about the size of the park on the waterfront compared to the original plans.

“There should be no development east of the present day Carrall Street Greenway as originally proposed.”

**IMPORTANCE OF FLEXIBLE GREEN SPACES**
Many survey respondents and stakeholders emphasized the value of flexible and natural spaces in the park for unstructured activities (such as picnics or spending time with family and friends).

“Green spaces are important for a city as rainy as Vancouver. When the sun shines it’s important to have active and passive green spaces.”

“Nice concept, I like it very much but worry about not enough un-programmed spaces, room for spontaneous use and flexibility to change over time.”

**BE MORE CREATIVE**
The feedback received encouraged the design to be bolder, more unique and authentically rooted in Vancouver.

“Why do we need the same features that we see in parks all over the world, when we’ve got so much local talent to showcase here, and an incredible opportunity to create Vancouver-unique spaces that meet our needs as a community.”

**SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC WATER ACCESS**
There was widespread support for improving water access and water quality in Northeast False Creek. Several comments flagged potential conflicts with motorized boating while others favoured prohibiting motorized boats in False Creek.

“I love the idea of promoting non-motorized water activities – less noise, air, and water pollution.”

**A SAFE AND WELL MAINTAINED PARK**
Many expressed the need for a safe and inclusive park for all. Stakeholders encouraged the team to explore innovative operating models to ensure the park can sustain the anticipated high intensity of daily use by local communities and visitors.

“Don’t build a new park if you can’t maintain it”

“How will needle use and their safe disposal be addressed?”

Over 3,500 people attended the Northeast False Creek Area Plan Block Party in June 2017. Another 1,400 people shared their thoughts via the online survey in addition to the stakeholders’ workshop last spring.

**MEANINGFUL RECOGNITION OF FIRST NATIONS & RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE AREA**
Many stakeholders and survey respondents asked how First Nations and Urban Indigenous cultures will be integrated in the park design and stressed the importance of respectful engagement with the local First Nations.

Another important theme was the acknowledgement of the diverse cultural context of Northeast False Creek, and the need to strengthen the connections between Chinatown, the park and the waterfront.

“Beyond acknowledgment of being on unceded First Nations territory, where does First Nations culture and heritage find its place in this design?”

**SUPPORT FOR NATURAL HABITAT & BIODIVERSITY**
Many survey respondents and stakeholders emphasized the importance of a biodiverse park and more habitat for wildlife.

“We need to make wildlife-friendly parks, and that means dense bushes and trees.”

**SPECIAL EVENTS**
Many stakeholders hope the future park will have accessible and flexible spaces that can host large events and community gatherings. On the other hand, many others are concerned about the overuse of the park for events, which could potentially limit public access to the park.