

**Welcome!**

**VanSplash  
Advisory Group  
Meeting**

Monday June 10, 2019



To discuss and reach consensus on group feedback on:

- Draft VanSplash indoor pools Recommendation 1
- additional recommendations and feedback put forward by group members
- the remaining Draft strategy recommendations that have not yet been discussed (beaches, wading + spray, innovation)

*\*These are the highest priority items as identified by AG members*

Session	Time
Welcome, correspondence	6:00 – 6:10 p.m.
Continue discussion of Recommendation #1	6:10 – 6:40
Discuss AG member submissions	6:40 – 7:50
Discuss beaches, wading + spray, innovation Recommendations	7:50 – 8:50
Discuss next steps for AG: report, board presentation, wrap-up meeting	8:50 – 9:00 p.m.

- Respect is our guiding light
- We will take a City-wide view for a City-wide strategy
- We will work together in a spirit of collaboration and compromise
- Balance air time
- Raise hand to speak and wait until called upon
- One person speaks at a time (no side conversations)

- Monitor ourselves for time management
- Challenge ideas, not people
- Listen to understand, and learn from each other
- All questions are welcome
- We value diversity and inclusion
- We will not attribute comments or input to individuals, and we respect confidentiality of personal information

Total **177 emails** received May 13-June 10 through VanSplash address, direct to Jennifer and/or forwarded from AG

- 111 emails related to replacement plans for VAC, plans for new Connaught pool, considerations for competition facility:
  - Connaught plans are not sufficient for provincial and national competitions – calls to reconsider scale of plans
  - Concerns re: plans to replace VAC with Connaught
  - Consider refurbishing VAC
  - Concerns about Connaught for diving + water polo
  - Support for high performance swim centre + consult user gps

- 54 emails in support of neighbourhood / community pools:
  - Save pools from closure: Byng, Templeton, VAC, Britannia, Kerrisdale
  - Preserve future of neighbourhood pools in VanSplash
  - Restore and renovate existing pools
  - Maintain, renovate, restore and replace with same size pools
  - Support for smaller pools, neighbourhood pools
  - Include neighbourhood pools and destination pools; have both small and big; balance of large and small pools
  - Develop new neighbourhood pools and retain existing ones
  - No to destination pools
  - Support amendments put forward by Commissioners in 2018

# Summary of Correspondence con't



- 5 emails supporting an outdoor pool in Mount Pleasant
- 1 email expressing concerns about the AG's mandate
  - Response from staff: following Board direction to only consider improvement and expansion
- 1 email expressing support for aquatics innovation and increase in accessibility of aquatics choices
- 1 email expressing concerns about plans for a natural outdoor pool
- 1 email sharing background and concerns re: feeling that neighbourhood pools are being eliminated through VanSplash



- 3 email exchanges between AG members and staff / facilitator:
  - Questions about risks of AG putting forward out-of-scope input; encouraging group to have faith in their expertise
  - Questions about Jan. 14 Board motion to only consider improvement and expansion of Vancouver aquatics facilities
  - Questions about plans for Connaught and replacement of VAC; urging that sport governing bodies need to be consulted in plans for competition facility



## Overview of Rec #1 discussion to date:

- Feedback Frames results = mix of agreement and strong disagreement
- Neighbourhood pools are important and have special qualities
- Want a mix of pool sizes
- Vancouver needs more pools!
- Want most capacity possible / value for \$

## **AG member submission for consideration:**

*“All currently existing neighbourhood pools (as of 2019) will continue to exist and will be maintained, retrofitted, renovated or replaced and not demolished”*

in keeping with the spirit of the motion not to decommission neighbourhood pools such as Lord Byng and Templeton, I would like to put forward this recommendation to be read in conjunction with Recommendation One.



- Several submissions that fall under operations, as identified by staff
  - These are outside the scope of long-term planning strategy
  - Leila has brought these forward to operations staff and will report back

- Also, several submissions are about **what should take priority** within the strategy
  - Priority order for recommendations / actions is out-of-scope for AG
  - Every AG member will have different priorities
  - Will we reach consensus on priorities within the time we have?

- Facilitator also identified several submissions that have already been discussed and consensus input identified
  - Less focus on use-specific / niche facilities:
    - Group input re: Indoor Rec 8: *“Health and wellness focus is too narrow; should be a large, multi-purpose facility serving the needs of a wide variety/all user groups – wellness, health, sport training, competitive meets, diving, lessons etc.”*
    - Group input re: Indoor Rec 10: *“Ensure therapy components are offered at all pools”*
    - Group input re: Outdoor Rec 3: *Don’t limit uses; don’t create individually focused facilities*



## ■ Already covered?

- Planning and building new destination pools should always be driven by public consultation that clearly indicates this is desired by significant portion of community where facilities being built
- In consultation and planning of facilities community and user groups needs are considered
  - Group input: **Across all recommendations, ensure meaningful consultation is done with impacted communities, user groups and stakeholders – based on City’s core values and guiding principles for engagement**
  - Group input on Indoor Recs 2, 4, 9, 10 **all** mention need for consultation with community, user groups, schools

- Already covered?
  - Outdoor pools need to be big + deep enough for adult to swim
    - Group input re: Indoor Rec 2: *“Problems with definitions of “outdoor pool” i.e. newer one at Hillcrest is a wading pool; not big enough for an adult to swim there”*
    - Group input re: Outdoor Rec 3: *“Need to ensure ability/space for actual swimming in all outdoor pool facilities; dedicated swimming spaces with lines and straight walls”*

- Already covered?
  - Too much focus on South Van (Outdoor Recs 6 + 7)
    - Group input re: Outdoor Rec 7: *“Don’t limit to South Van”*

Facilitator has grouped the remaining non-operations, non-priority submissions by theme:

- Replacing outdoor pools
- Bigger picture – connecting with other issues / overarching policies – i.e. climate crisis, reconciliation
- Competition needs
- Fundraising + sponsorship
- Accessibility

Choose the three **themes** you most want to discuss by putting your dot stickers next to the theme title

1. What are the recommendations within this theme?
2. How are people feeling about them?
3. How do they have meaning for VanSplash?
4. What are we going to include as our group feedback / recommendations?



Beaches

## **Recommendation 1** – summary of online input:

- 16 people are OK with this as-is
- 1 is not:
  - Inflatable in-water play structures (such as Wibit) would be problematic in Vancouver because of tides, rough water, rough bottom

## **Recommendation 2** – summary of online input:

- 16 people are OK with this as-is
- 1 is not:
  - Generally supportive of more info re: beaches, but concerned about cost to collect this info vs. benefit
    - Needs to be cost-efficient



## **Recommendation 3** – summary of online input:

- 16 people are OK with this as-is
- 1 is not:
  - Add beach accessibility for people with disabilities

## **Recommendation 4** – summary of online input:

- 15 people are OK with this as-is
- 2 are not:
  - Same as Rec #1 (range of aquatic experiences)
  - Ensure ocean is kept clean
    - prioritize non-motorized options

## **Recommendation 5** – summary of online input:

- 14 people are OK with this as-is
- 3 are not:
  - Questions about feasibility (x2)
    - Should not be high priority with other aquatics investments needed
  - Lake is too dirty for swimming



# Wading Pools + Spray Parks

## **Recommendation 1** – summary of online input:

- 15 people are OK with this as-is
- 2 are not:
  - Include reference that spray parks can be used for essential cooling down during heat waves
    - Safety and health benefits, particularly for the most vulnerable (seniors and children)
    - Not just for play

## Recommendation 2 – summary of online input:

- 16 people are OK with this as-is
- 1 is not:
  - Relative to where destination pools are going in
    - Focus should not be on adding spray parks at destination pools
    - Supportive of spray features for large/urban populations for safety in heat waves

## **Recommendation 3** – summary of online input:

- All 17 respondents are OK with this as-is
- No discussion required?

## **Recommendation 4** – summary of online input:

- 14 people are OK with this as-is
- 3 are not:
  - Spray parks not needed with pools
    - Can / should be available in locations without pools
    - Benefit is these can be delivered without huge infrastructure



## **Recommendation 5** – summary of online input:

- All 17 respondents are OK with this as-is
- No discussion required?

## **Recommendation 6** – summary of online input:

- All 17 respondents are OK with this as-is
- No discussion required?



**Innovation**

## **Recommendation 1** – summary of online input:

- 12 people are OK with this as-is
- 4 are not:
  - Don't understand meaning / vague
  - Meaning of “temporary” is unclear
  - Needs to be more specific
    - Focus should be on innovations that address impacts of climate disruption

## **Recommendation 2** – summary of online input:

- 14 people are OK with this as-is
- 2 are not:
  - Meaning of “wellness amenities” is unclear (x2)
    - Would like to see focus on accessibility and therapeutic aspects

## **Recommendation 3** – summary of online input:

- 13 people are OK with this as-is
- 3 are not:
  - Not at the loss or sacrifice of basic pool upkeep

## **Recommendation 4** – summary of online input:

- 13 people are OK with this as-is
- 3 are not:
  - Ensure this fits the community's needs
    - Consult with neighbourhood to see if their priority is indoor pool instead of spray park (if budget cannot provide both)
  - Unclear. Not at the sacrifice of basic services

## Recommendation 5 – summary of online input:

- 12 people are OK with this as-is
- 4 are not:
  - Not logical / needed in a city with natural beaches (x2)
    - Don't need sand if have enough / updated park space; sand may end up being toilet for animals
  - Unrealistic given limited land and price of land
  - Need more info on what this means and costs



## **Recommendation 6** – summary of online input:

- 11 people are OK with this as-is
- 5 are not:
  - Potential waste of resources when we're so far behind updating aquatics facilities
  - Inlet should be plural – False Creek and Coal Harbour
  - Believe this already exists
  - Whose jurisdiction? Park Board or Port Authority?

## **Recommendation 7** – summary of online input:

- 12 people are OK with this as-is
- 4 are not:
  - Focus money and resources on other recs
  - Structures could harm natural beach environment
    - Winds, tides and sharp rocks/shells could be a problem for inflatables
  - Lakes – ok. Ocean – big question mark
  - Support family participation + learning, but not plastic

## **Recommendation 8** – summary of online input:

- 13 people are OK with this as-is
- 3 are not:
  - Not a priority, and not currently feasible due to health regulations
    - Spending time on this might detract from work on other facilities

## **Recommendation 9** – summary of online input:

- 13 people are OK with this as-is
- 3 are not:
  - Focus on upgrading aquatics facilities
    - False Creek is busy waterway – may impact paddlers, others
    - Water quality issues in False Creek
  - Need more info on costs and environmental risks
    - Chlorinated water?

**CONGRATULATIONS** – we have made it through all of the VanSplash Recommendations!!



## AG Report:

- Delaney team will draft report based on consensus input identified through all meeting notes
- Expect the DRAFT AG Report by email on July 2 for your review and feedback

On July 30, we will have a special meeting with the Board of Commissioners to present our report:

- Purpose of presentation is to deliver report, share AG's official input and share about AG process
- Leila, Jennifer and 2 AG members will present
- Who is not available or would prefer not to put their name forward as a presenter?



## Who would you like to represent the AG to the Board on July 30?

- Anonymously nominate **TWO** members (of those available and willing)
- Write one name per card
- You can nominate **yourself** (but only once)

## **Wrap-up meeting identified in our Process**

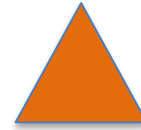
### **Framework:**

“Reporting back to advisory group on how their insights were used, and explain staff’s recommendations to the Board

- Key criteria
- Next steps for content
- Next steps for process”



What did you like about tonight /  
want to see more of on  
Wednesday?



What would you like to see  
changed for Wednesday?

- Reminder we are meeting again on Wednesday
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Business Centre (our usual room)
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. is dinner and informal conversation with Commissioners and senior Park Board staff
- AG discussions will start at 6:30 p.m.

