



Crab - Water for Life Society
Celebrating the 27th Anniversary of Crab Park

July 11, 2014

Att: Mayor and Council; Vancouver Park Board

Re: Response to Capital Plan 2015-18 Draft July 2014 RE: New 10 Acre Fraser River Park in Marpole

Mayor Robertson and Chairperson Jasper:

We recognize and appreciate that a new Fraser River Park in Marpole has been included on page 23 of the Capital Plan 2015-2018 Draft. [see attachment]

In the Marpole Plan adopted on April 2, 2014 it states under policies on page 103: "to provide significant park space of up to ten acres near the foot of Cambie and as close to the Fraser River as possible, ensuring the park is closely linked to the continuous Fraser River Trail."

And on page 167 of the Marpole Plan it states under Parks and Open Spaces that there is \$24,000,00 available in CAC / DCL's. i.e. these funds are already in City coffers and do not need to be raised.

In the third page of our attachment from the Capital Plan Draft entitled "City of Today: Importance of Park Facilities" the graph shows that 76% support Natural Areas e.g. forests and ponds.

The issue of restoration or "daylighting" of short undergrounds streams currently buried is also of significance.

Due to the proposed levels of residential densification at Cambie and SW Marine Drive, it is pressing time wise that the park soon be constructed.

Myself and Terry Slack would be interested in being on the committee for implementation of the Fraser River Park as per the statement in Marpole Plan and now Capital Plan.

We both worked hard towards achieving a new Fraser River Park in Marpole and express our thanks to all supporters of a new 10 acre public green space and would be receptive to the park having a First Nation's name.

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Longtime Marpole Resident

Enc: Capital Plan 2015-18 Draft July 2014 Fraser River Park Marpole.pdf