

MOTION

9. False Creek - Moorage-Free Waters for Non-Motorized Races

MOVED by Councillor Louie

SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

WHEREAS

1. Recently almost 2,000 paddlers competed in the qualifying regatta for this summer's Vancouver [Dragon Boat Festival](#) but some of the False Creek races were hindered by moored vessels in the race area;
2. Moored vessel owners are often not with the vessel, some have incomplete contact information and some simply refuse to move;
3. Some of the vessels contribute significantly to the ongoing e-Coli problem through the dumping of raw sewage;
4. False Creek is under the direction of Transport Canada, managed by the City of Vancouver;
5. Vessels can be anchored for up to 14 days using a free City of Vancouver permit;
6. In July 2013, City Council supported the paddling community by approving funding for a project definition report regarding the "establishment of a permanent home for the greater paddling community";
7. City Council has further supported the Paddling community by providing funding for the "Phase 1" Paddling Centre which is meant to address the immediate needs in south east False Creek by replacing the old dock, floats and equipment sheds at a cost of \$3.2M;
8. The Concord Pacific Vancouver [Dragon Boat Festival](#) is expected to attract 5,500 paddlers from around the world and generate \$1.6-million in tourism to Vancouver each year;
9. More than 1470 people have signed an [online petition](#) asking that the City of Vancouver turn False Creek into moorage-free waters.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct staff to work with the Federal Ministry of Transport to investigate and provide a report before spring 2017 on the possibility of creating a designated False Creek moorage and moorage-free area, in order to conduct water based non-motorized races, while taking into account the possible impacts to the surrounding residential neighbourhoods.

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