

A New Public Wharf By-law

Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities

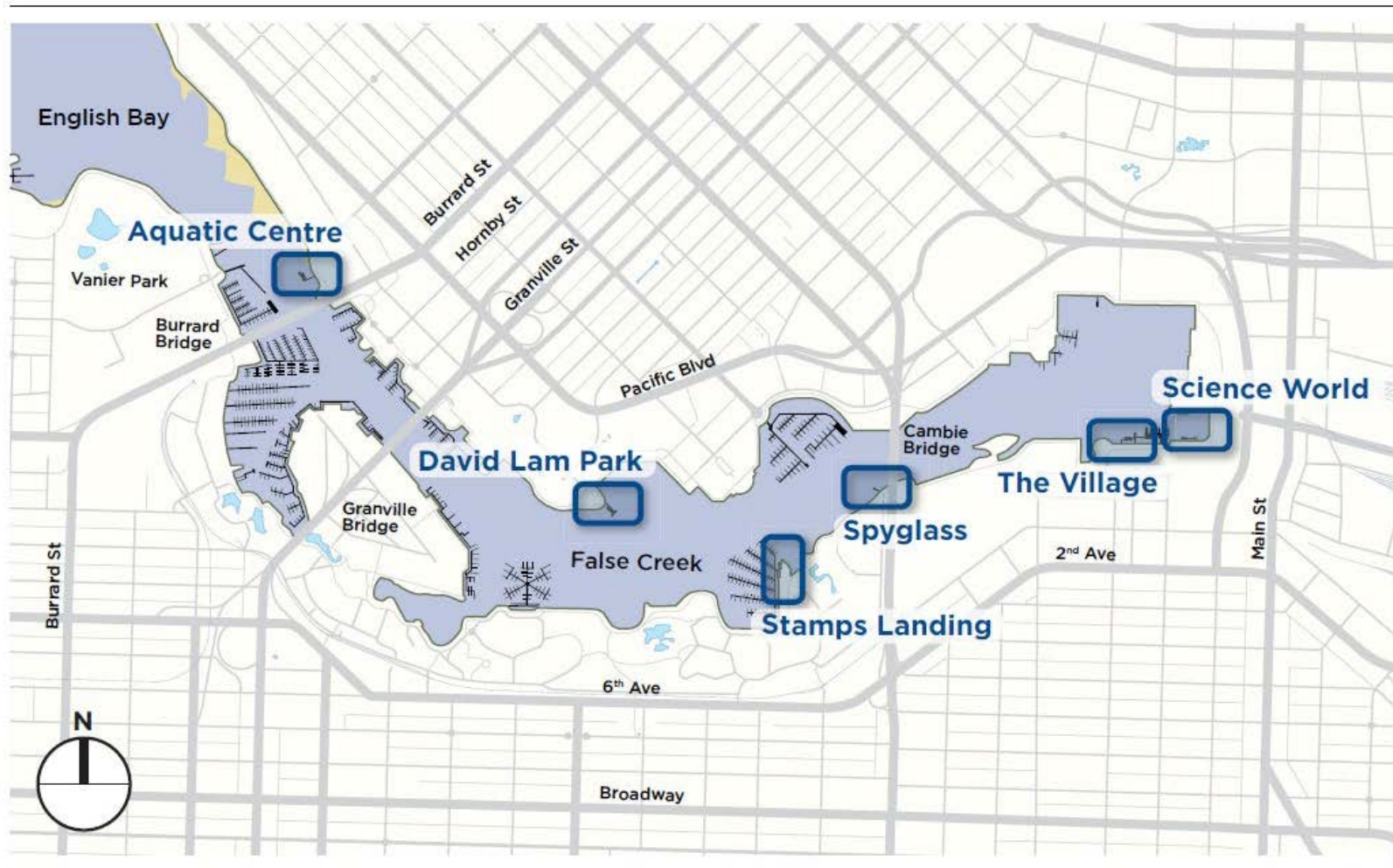
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- A wharf bylaw establishes regulations for municipally owned wharves, waterfront facilities and docking facilities for boats.
- The proposed wharf by-law is a separate tool from Federal legislation governing anchoring in False Creek and derelict boats around the City.
- Staff intend to provide Council with further information on waterway management topics including anchoring and derelict boats later in the spring.

- Currently there is no specific bylaw regulation for City-owned wharves and waterfront facilities.
- The City owns and maintains 6 public wharves in False Creek which accommodate public moorage. Other wharves cannot accommodate public moorage (e.g. limited size) or are not owned by the City.
- Boats are often tied to seawall facilities and wharves on an ad hoc basis resulting in increased risk of damage, safety concerns and public access challenges.
- Waterway users seek waterfront access in order to travel to and from shore. Ferries also need wharf access under ferry licence agreement with the City.

Designated Locations for Public Moorage





Schedule A - City Owned Wharves

Observed Moorage at City Wharves and Facilities



Existing Signage- Public Moorage






Welcome to City of Vancouver Public Dock

- * **Temporary** tie-up permitted in designated areas only
- * Maximum time **3 hours**. Boats left here for more than 3 hours may be removed at owners expense.
- * Maximum vessel length 4m (12')

WARNING



If your vessel has been removed from this dock
please call the Vancouver Police Department
Marine Unit at 604-817-1946

Proposed Wharf By-law

- Administered by Engineering Services
- Directs short term public moorage to designated wharves and areas.
- Regulates use of City wharves- retains posted time limits, boat size, tie up areas, addresses rafting of multiple boats.
- Addresses range of other wharf activities- garbage, noise, signs, dangerous goods, pollution.
- Establishes a new framework for marine towing and ticketing under a proposed amendment to the City's ticket offences by-law.
- By-law exemptions include ferries, City crews and repair contractors, emergency services, City agreements including long term moorage at Heather Civic Marina.

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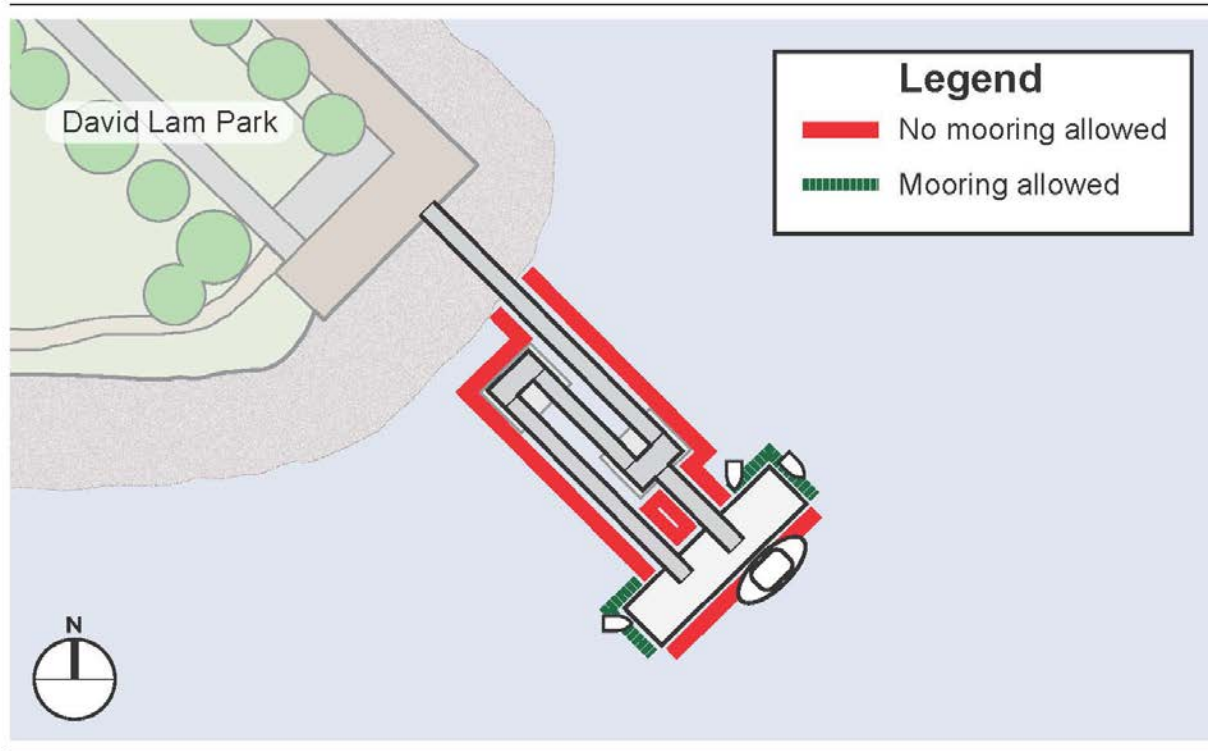
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Designated Tie Up Areas at Each Wharf

David Lam Park (Beach Crescent)



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- Targeted outreach to wharf users, senior government and the marine community in February and March 2022.
- Signs posted at City-owned wharves with information about the proposed by-law providing a link to a dedicated project web page.
- Staff received eight responses in total, six from stakeholders who received personalized emails and two responses from the general public.
- The City's webpage received over 120 page visits during the engagement period.
- Common questions and concerns received focused on topics not covered by the proposed by-law, including anchoring and the enforcement of rules on wharves not owned by the City.

Potential Implementation

- Wharf Signage Renewal Program
- Marine towing contractor procurement
- Continued collaboration with Park Board staff to address similar challenges at Park Board owned wharf and marine facilities



- **Wharf By-law (Current Proposal)**
 - Section 301 of the Vancouver Charter
 - City-owned wharves and waterfront facilities

- **False Creek Anchoring (Ongoing Focus)**
 - Focus of ongoing engagement with Transport Canada to improve management of this multi-use waterway

 - Governed under Federal Canada Shipping Act (Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation or VORR)

 - Does not cover moorage at wharves or use of those facilities

 - VORR section 13 defines an anchored boat in False Creek as one which has dropped anchor, is secured to a mooring buoy or secured to another anchored boat

Questions?
Thank you