



# Electric Passenger Ferry Service – Harbour Green Dock

Council Presentation | April 22, 2026

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# Background & Progress on Council Motion

- Direct staff to engage with key stakeholders and explore feasibility of an electric passenger ferry service in downtown Vancouver
- Direct staff to consult with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations
- Direct staff to report back with recommendations that:
  - consider integration with the regional transportation network
  - consider existing recreational uses, including the Coal Harbour public dock
  - consider the potential use of Harbour Green Dock in consultation with Park Board

# Proposal Overview

- All-electric passenger ferry service connecting downtown Vancouver, Bowen Island, and the Sunshine Coast
- Service would operate from a proposed landing location at Harbour Green
- Proposed infrastructure
  - electric passenger vessels
  - a floating charge barge
  - associated dock infrastructure
  - electrical and utility servicing
  - public viewing and recreational boat moorage in alignment with Coal Harbour ODP requirements
- Target service commencement in **2028**



CIRQL Ferries  
Proposal  
Received

**March 2025:** Began work with CIRQL

Technical  
Feasibility  
Review

**2025 Q4:** Completed preliminary feasibility review of Harbour Green Dock (conceptual dock layouts & site considerations)

**Ongoing:** Coordination underway with CIRQL Ferries, BC Hydro, and internal staff

Coordination  
with Park  
Board

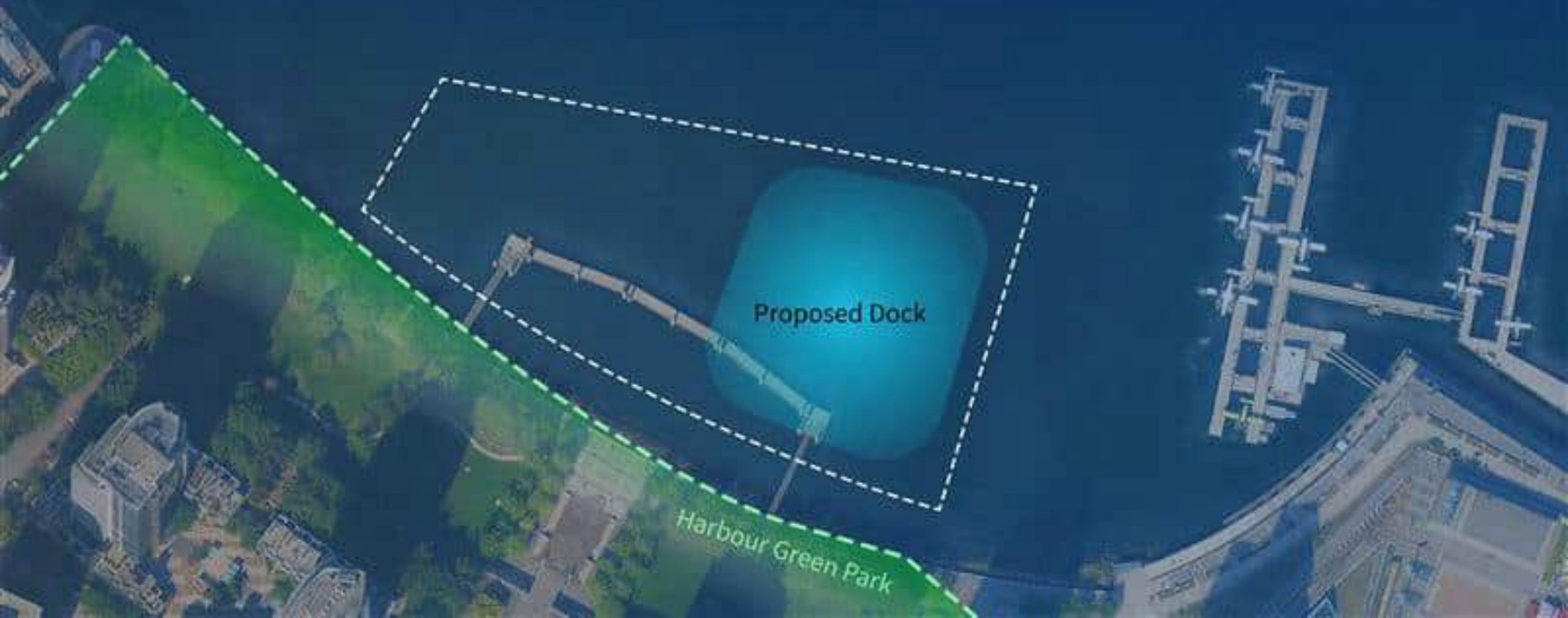
**April 13, 2026:** Park Board staff seeking Park Board decision to transfer the ownership including operation and maintenance responsibilities of the dock to the City

Partners and  
Interest  
Holders

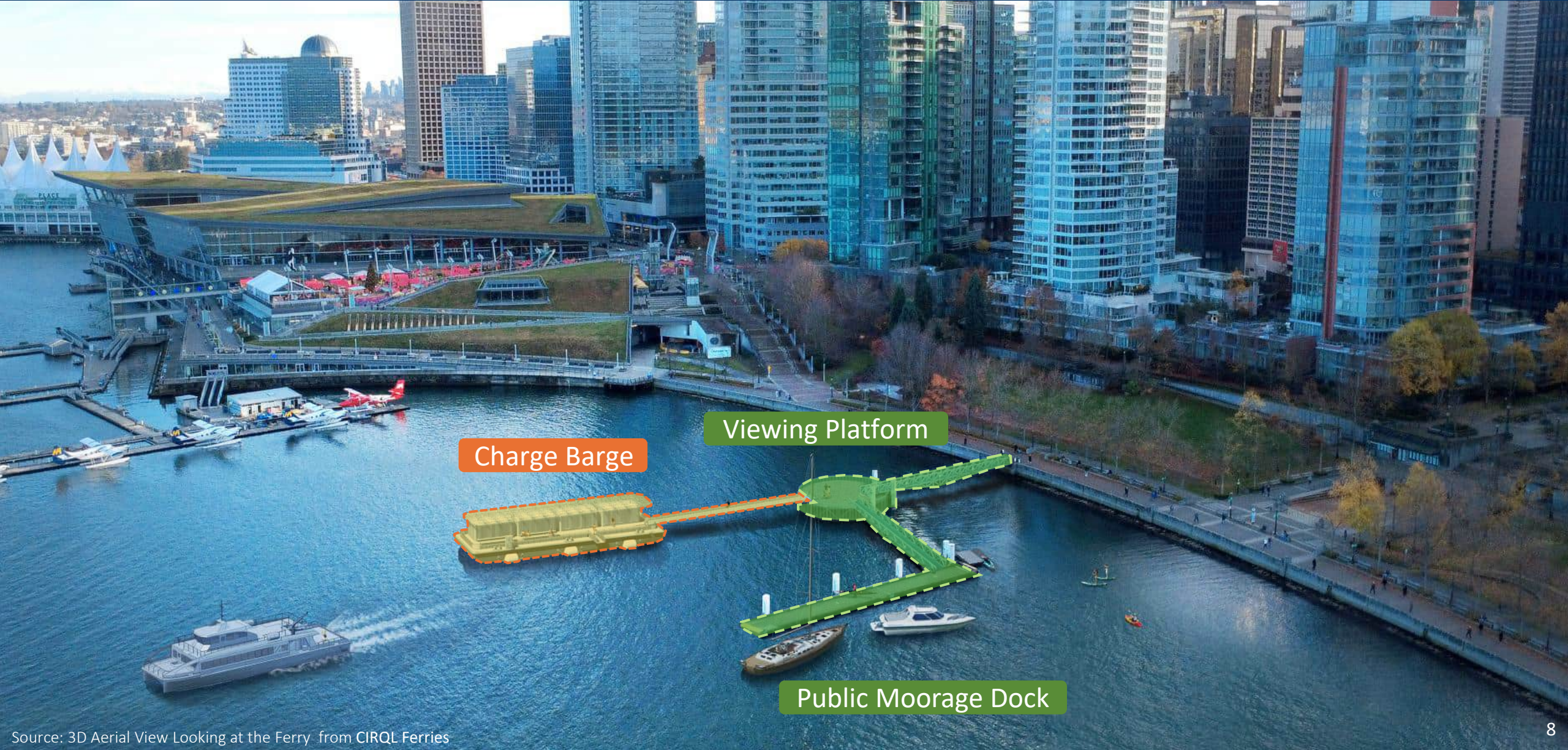
CIRQL Ferries has engaged with x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam Indian Band), Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) and has undertaken public market research for their service.

**April 2026:** Notification to the local Nations. City public notifications planned

# Project Location



# Proposed Concept



Source: 3D Aerial View Looking at the Ferry from CIRQL Ferries

# Proposed Approach

## Support Sole Source

Staff supports the pursuit of this initiative as a permitted single supplier sole source

## Agreement Finalization

Staff to work with CIRQL Ferries to agree to and finalize agreement

## NOITC Issuance

Issue of Notice of Intent to Contract (NOITC) in accordance with procurement policy

## Council Review

Any response received to the NOITC would be presented to Council for consideration

# Proposed Agreement Framework



City of Vancouver

- Provide CIRQL Ferries with access to a defined licensed operational area, with exclusive use within that area limited to ferry operations, with a proposed initial agreement term of ten (10) years, with potential for future extension
- Review and permit ancillary infrastructure upgrades
- Explore opportunities for the City to provide operational support for the publicly accessible infrastructure i.e. bylaw enforcement, etc.



CIRQL Ferries

- Design, construct and deliver all required infrastructure per permits and regulatory requirements
- Operate and maintain all infrastructure
- Provide ongoing public amenities
- Share revenue with the City based on passenger volumes
- Indemnify the City and obtain appropriate insurance policies
- Continue to engage with local Nations

# Recommendations

## THAT Council

- A. authorize staff to negotiate the terms of a license and operating agreement with CIRQL Ferries Incorporated (“CIRQL Ferries”) for the operation of an electric passenger ferry service from Harbour Green Dock generally as described in this report (the “Agreement”), including conditions governing the use of space within dedicated or established City road parcels including Harbour Green Dock and Park.
  
- B. delegate its authority to execute the Agreement to the General Manager of Engineering Services, the Chief Procurement Officer and the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Park Boards’ General Manager.