

COMMISSION REPORT

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION &
CULTURAL SERVICES

FILE: 61100-20
Reference: Barnet Marine Park

SUBJECT: BARNET MARINE PARK - BOAT RENTAL BUSINESS DELEGATION

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** this report be received for information purposes.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Leon Li.

REPORT

At its meeting of 2017 March 23 Commission received a Delegation from Mr. Leon Li regarding a proposal to set up a marine boat rental business at Barnet Marine Park. Mr. Li's proposal involves the rental of small motorized boats to provide Burnaby residents and visitors access to the scenic amenities of Burrard Inlet and the Port Moody and Indian Arms.

Barnet Marine Park is situated along 4.6 kilometres of Burnaby's eastern foreshore at the third narrows of Burrard Inlet. This places the core area of the park in close proximity to an active shipping lane, as illustrated in the attached overview plan (Attachment #1). The third narrows does open to the west of the park core, however, the majority of this western foreshore area of the park is leased from Port Metro Vancouver and the lease terms prohibit commercial activity within the lease area.

This proximity to an active shipping lane has implications for all boating, including small boat rentals. Current recreational amenities in the core area of the park are extremely popular and well used, with overcrowding problems experienced during peak summer weekends. In addition to picnicking, swimming, paddle and small non-motorized boating activities fishing and crabbing is also a popular activity at the park. In recent years Port Metro Vancouver has raised the issue of small vessels launching from the core area of the park entering the active shipping lane to set crab traps in the navigable channel. This type of activity is considered a hazard to navigation by the Port and the Harbour Master.

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The 2004 plan for the development of Barnet Marine Park, prepared over many years with input from the public, stake holders and approval agencies, considered the needs of recreational boaters and provides for improved facilities for the car top launch of non-motorized vessels in the core area of the park. The provision of facilities for motorized vessels, including the potential rental of small motor boats, is a vision for the longer term to be considered in future for the eastern sector of the park which is still in the land assembly phase.



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Attachment

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Barnet Marine Park

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