

**JERICHO SAILING CENTRE ASSOCIATION
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 31st 2008 AT 1900H**

Present: Dan Wallace (Chair), Mark Scott, Brian Key, Graham MacGlashan, Mike Cotter, General Manager.

Regrets: Philip McIlvenna, Gail Owen.

1.) Marginal Wharf Public Meeting

The Vancouver Park Board has set the date for the public meeting regarding the future of the marginal wharf on Wednesday, March 12. A representative from engineering consultant Moffat & Nichol will present the 4 concepts contained in their October 31 Memo to the Park Board:

Concept 1A: Demolish existing wharf, reinstate foreshore, install scour protection and new gravel path.

Concept 1B: Demolish existing wharf, reinstate foreshore, install scour protection and new gravel path with stone wall.

Concept 2: Demolish west and central portion of existing wharf, retain east portion of existing wharf and implement prioritized repair program, reinstate foreshore, install scour protection and new gravel path with stone wall.

Concept 3: Implement prioritized repair program of entire existing wharf structure.

These concepts will be presented at the meeting for public feedback and comment which will assist the Park Board in developing the necessary funding under their 2009 Capital Budget. This project will then take a back seat to the Park Board's commitments to the development of Olympic facilities leading up to 2010.

Concept 1A will best facilitate the JSCA's objective to utilize this space for ocean access for non-motor powered recreational watercraft.

JSCA will inform it's members of the meeting and encourage them to attend and participate in the public process.

2.) Jericho Sailing Centre Compound Expansion

The committee discussed the reasons necessitating the expansion of the Jericho Sailing Centre compound to the east completing the half circle shape and aligning the NE corner of the compound with the reinstated foreshore below the marginal wharf:

- Current demand for ocean access programs, facilities and services exceeds the Jericho Sailing Centre's current capacity.
- The population has increased dramatically over the 33 years the Jericho Sailing Centre has served the people of Vancouver's ocean access needs while our facility has remained the same size.
- The Jericho Sailing Centre started by facilitating ocean access for dinghy sailing and has added windsurfing, ocean kayaking, outrigger canoeing, stand-up

paddling, rowing, skim boarding and a world renowned program for disabled sailors.

- The Jericho Sailing Centre provides introductory ocean access programs to over 6,000 members of the general public each year including programs through Vancouver Park Board Community Centres and Metro Vancouver high schools.
- In addition to facilitating the JSCA's affiliated clubs, fleets and schools, the Jericho Sailing Centre has served many other community spirited organizations and events including: Jericho Park Stewardship Group, UBC Rec Sports, Big Brothers/Sisters, Vancouver International Half Iron Triathlon, Vancouver Triathlon, Locarno Triathlon, Celebration of Light Fireworks, Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation, Jericho Folk Club, Vancouver Open Water Swim Association, BC Special Olympics, Canada World Youth Conference, Vancouver Lifeguard Association, UBC Grad Society, Sea Cadets and the World Police and Fire Games.
- The Jericho Sailing Centre has been used as a model to develop recreational small craft water access community centres in Seattle (Sail Sandpoint) and other North American cities.
- The Vancouver Sport Strategy Report commissioned by the Vancouver Park Board in 2007 has identified a growing population trend toward participation in outdoor, adventure type, recreation. The report also acknowledges that the current Jericho Sailing Centre facilities are inadequate to host major international regattas which would allow Vancouver athletes to participate at the highest levels of competition in their home town.
- The JSCA's volunteer "Jericho Rescue Team" averages more than 200 people rescued each year (consistently more than the Canadian Coast Guard's Western Region). Sixty percent of mariners rescued are non-JSCA members. The Jericho Rescue Team provides safety support for over 100 recreational on water events each year.
- Lack of beach and compound space at the Jericho Sailing Centre has been a limiting factor for the JSCA's schools, racing fleets and community based ocean access club programs.
- Increasing congestion in launch and training areas is a safety concern.
- Improved facilities could effectively double the capacity of the Disabled Sailing Association's recreational and rehabilitative programs.

3. Adjournment

Next Meeting Thursday, February 28 @ 1900H