

To: Regional and Corporate Services Committee

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From: David Urban, Manager of Outdoor Recreation Planning

File No: 3021-40-Island 22

**Subject: Replacement Tenure for Licence of Occupation No. 240679 – Fraser River Foreshore adjacent to Island 22 Regional Park**

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board endorse the replacement tenure for Licence of Occupation No. 240679 over unsurveyed foreshore or land covered by water being part of the bed of the Fraser River, Group 2, New Westminster District, for institutional purposes adjacent to Island 22 Regional Park.

#### STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

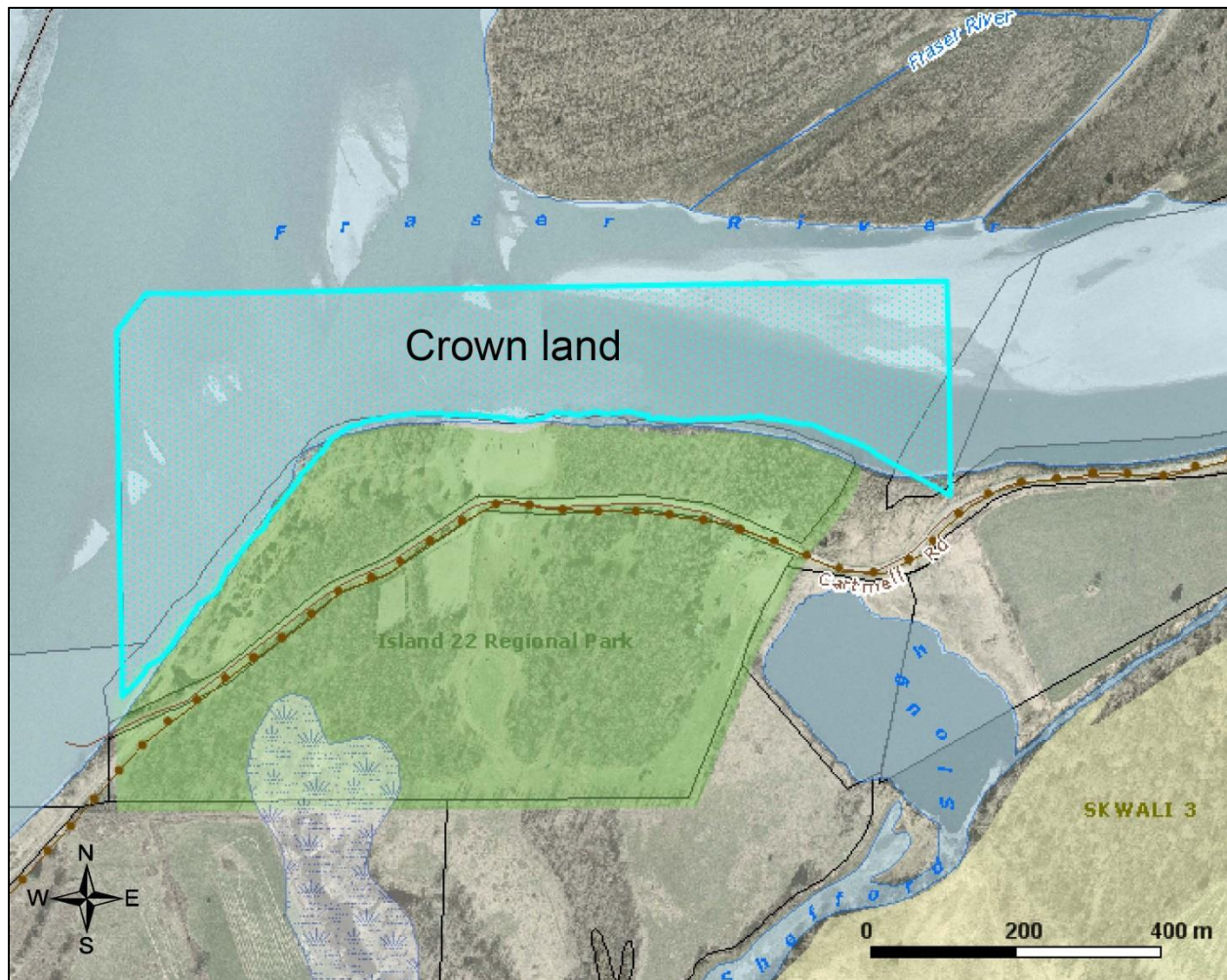
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Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

#### PRIORITIES

Priority #4 Tourism  
Priority #5 Outdoor Recreation

### BACKGROUND

The Province has informed the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) that Licence of Occupation No. 240679 for ~40.47 hectares (100 acres) of Crown land for institutional purposes along the foreshore of the Fraser River adjacent to Island 22 Regional Park expires on May 27, 2018, see location map below. If a replacement tenure is desired, an application with a Board resolution is due before June 16, 2018.



Location Map

## DISCUSSION

Since at least the early nineties the City of Chilliwack has had a Licence of Occupation on the foreshore of the Fraser River at Island 22 Regional Park for beach maintenance purposes. In 2008, the licence was assigned from the City of Chilliwack to the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD). This licence has a ten year term and expires on May 27, 2018. The government issues a licence of occupation where:

- minimal improvements are proposed,
- there are potentially multiple users of a site,
- surveying is not required, and
- they wish to retain future options and management control over the use of the lands.

A licence of occupation conveys fewer rights than a lease since it conveys non-exclusive use for the purpose described. A licence of occupation is normally issued for a term of 10 years. For the FVRD this

licence demonstrates the region's commitment towards river access through the boat launch area at Island 22 Regional Park.

This licence also supports the Experience the Fraser's Canyon to Coast Blueway. The Blueway is best expressed through the supporting infrastructure that facilitates water access such as launching sites, signage, day use facilities, and viewpoints. Island 22 Regional Park is part of the Chilliwack Waterfront Node where there is a cluster of amenities, features, and experiences close together.

## **COST**

The application fee is \$210.00 to be funded from the Regional Parks budget GL# 700-2463.

## **CONCLUSION**

The FVRD's Licence of Occupation No. 240679 for ~40.47 hectares (100 acres) of Crown land for institutional purposes along the foreshore of the Fraser River adjacent to Island 22 Regional Park expires on May 27, 2018. If a replacement tenure is desired, an application with a Board resolution is due before June 16, 2018. The intent of this licence of occupation is to support river access and this replacement tenure would serve this purpose.

## **COMMENTS BY:**

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Reviewed and supported.

**Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services**

Reviewed and supported.

**Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer**

Reviewed and supported