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Concord Pacific's Latest Neighbourhood Park Opens this Sunday With a Free Family BBQ and Entertainment

***Concord Pacific and False Creek Residents proudly showcase the family-friendly activities
and amenities provided at the new interim Northeast False Creek Park***

VANCOUVER, BC - Concord Pacific, Vancouver's largest provider of parks, and the False Creek Residents Association are celebrating the opening of an interim park on Northeast False Creek this Sunday, September 30th, following the CIBC Run for the Cure. The event kicks off in style at 11:30am with music, children's entertainment, yoga, and a free community BBQ.

Concord Pacific worked with the False Creek Residents Association and City of Vancouver over the past year to plan a waterfront pop-up park that reflects the needs of the growing number of families in the Northeast False Creek neighbourhood. The park and its operating costs are being fully funded by Concord Pacific.

Concord Pacific's Senior Vice-President of Planning Matt Meehan notes, "Concord is excited to provide Concord Community Park for the greater neighbourhood. We have been providing the City with amenities for more than 20 years, including three kilometres of seawall, the Roundhouse Community Centre, three daycares, playgrounds, and of course, parks." He continues, "We support the communities we develop in with amenities, programming, and city-wide events, and enjoyed working with the False Creek Residents Association and PWL Partnership in programming this interim park."

Chair Patsy McMillan, False Creek Residents Association, advises, "We anticipate that this fun pop-up park will also be programmed with uses for local school children and that the community will enjoy this space until the permanent park is delivered. The False Creek Residents Association supports this project and has appreciated working with Concord Pacific and PWL Landscape Architects. We look forward to the completion of this community space."

Dragon Boat BC will operate and program the Concord Community Pop Up Park. "We're planning lots of enjoyable, diverse, and entertaining programs and events, making maximum use of this prime waterfront space," explains Dragon Boat BC General Manager Ann Phelps. Dragon Boat BC plans to support the operation of the park by employing disadvantaged youth and youth-at-risk from the local paddling community. "We also plan to reach out to schools and community centres." She adds, "We have partnered with Concord on the Dragon Boat Festival since its inception and look forward to working together over the next few years on this unique pop-up park."

Margot Long, Principal of PWL Partnership, has enjoyed working in the past on numerous waterfront parks with community stakeholders, Concord Pacific, and the City of Vancouver. She stresses that "This is the ideal use for this future park space that reflects the community's desire for green space until the transition to the permanent park. We all look forward to working with Concord and the City as we evolve to the future park."

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