

# MEETING NOTES

## Seaside Greenway at Kitsilano Beach Park



Date: November 27, 2017  
Time: 4:30pm – 6:00pm  
Location: Crossroads (CoV Engineering)

Objective: To review path alignment options and bike/pedestrian design challenges through Kitsilano Beach Park.

### Invitees:

Lisa Slakov (HUB)	Tiina Mack (Park Board)
Anthony Floyd (HUB)	Alan Duncan (Park Board)
Jeff Leigh (HUB)	Justin Dykstra (Park Board)
Paul Storer (CoV Eng.)	Joe McLeod (Park Board)
David Rawsthorne (CoV Eng.)	

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- PB: provided overview of options and explained that the PB approach to bicycling is “to not through” parks
  - HUB: West to east, the diagonal at Balsam makes sense but needs on-street changes for transitional zone between park and road
  - HUB: Separation of peds and bikes along Cornwall is desirable – pedestrians should be at the curb due to parking, loading conflicts, etc.
  - HUB: Alignment through the stretch between Balsam and Yew makes sense
  - HUB: Yew Street needs clear sight-lines due to ongoing conflicts between modalities
  - HUB: Option 2 creates conflicts at parking access off Arbutus. Pleased that reduction in number of vehicle entry points to the parking lot is being considered
  - HUB: Several key nodes in the park are destinations (i.e. pool, waterfront, playground, restaurant, beach)
  - HUB: Option 2 at Cornwall and Arbutus excludes cyclists who want to experience the park.
  - HUB: Option 1 through the parking lot is better if it is a protected lane, not paint-stripes
  - HUB: Agrees there is some logic to not riding in front of the concession, but a bike route between the tennis courts and the restaurant along the service entry and then north through a gap in the trees should be considered
  - HUB: The service entry and parking behind the Boathouse should be studied in depth
  - HUB: Creelman intersection needs to be safe due to volume of pedestrians and children
  - Park Board: Some trees along Arbutus are being considered for removal due to poor health and risk of failure
  - HUB: Should examine different path alignments on street and in the park along Arbutus
  - HUB: Loading/unloading from parallel parking is a problem if the bike path is at the curb

- HUB: If the path alignment is between the trees and the street along Arbutus bicyclists will feel excluded from the park
- HUB: Bikes should have reasonable access to the beach.
- HUB: On-street route on McNicoll (Option 2) is undesirable due to steep grade
- ENG: Not all cyclists are able-bodied, some have mobility challenges when not on a bike
- HUB: PB should provide or increase capacity of bike parking near destinations
- HUB: Bike route north of McNicoll should align with Ogden at north end; make use of existing paved section extending west from Ogden
- HUB: Option 1 in this area would be acceptable if path weaved through the trees – not a straight line
- PB: Noted desire to preserve open space/picnic area
- HUB: A smooth transition into Vanier is needed from the route on Ogden; route through Vanier should be high priority
- HUB: City should reorganize the parking lot at the marina boat launch area in Vanier to make it safer.
- Park Board: Will share our recommended route at next meeting; to be scheduled before December 11
- HUB: May provide a letter of support if satisfied with the route recommended by PB staff