

Attachment to Letter to Park Board of February 2, 2017:
Email chain re No Cycling Signage on Seaside Greenway Path (redacted)

From: Howard Kelsey [REDACTED]
Sent: January 30, 2017 9:48 AM
To: 'Coupar, John' <[REDACTED]>
Cc: 'Bromley, Malcolm' <[REDACTED]>; 'Jeff Leigh' <[REDACTED]>; 'PB Commissioners' <PBCommissioners@vancouver.ca>; mrmiller [REDACTED]; ABrownlee [REDACTED]; 'Lynne Kent' <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: No Cycling Signage on Seaside Greenway Path

You bet.

We are totally supportive of recreational cycling in common sense areas. However common sense and years of simple regulation do not make sense to have cyclists encouraged in / through high traffic public areas (especially in front of the concession and high traffic washroom areas, The Kits Beach Boathouse Restaurant, tennis, The Rick Hansen Playground and beach volleyball) – where literally, thousands walk daily on warm sunny days.

Howard.

From: Coupar, John [REDACTED]
Sent: January 30, 2017 8:34 AM
To: Howard Kelsey
Cc: Bromley, Malcolm; Jeff Leigh; PB Commissioners; mrmiller; ABrownlee; Lynne Kent
Subject: Re: No Cycling Signage on Seaside Greenway Path

Good Morning Howard

Thank you for your email and expressing your concerns regarding safety of all on Kits Beach. I appreciate you forwarding to Lynne Kent, from whom Commissioners received a very helpful and informative email this morning. Additionally I would like to say I'm sure all Commissioners and staff appreciate all you do for the community at Kits Beach

Best regards

John

John C. Coupar ,Commissioner
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
[REDACTED]

On Jan 27, 2017, at 5:04 PM, Howard Kelsey <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Confidential:

Dear Commissioner Coupar / all Commissioners:

Thank you for this information provided below.

I am copying K.P.R.A. (Kits Point Residents Association) leader, Lynne Kent for her input and that of some of her most informed Association members on this important topic, as well as leaders of : The Kits Beach Tennis Association (KBTA), Kits Beach Volleyball Association (KVBA) and The Kits Beach Basketball Association (KBBA) and The senior management of The Kits Beach Boathouse Restaurant for their input - although we are not looking to turn this / anything related into a letter-writing / lobbying 'contest'.

These abovementioned folks have decades existing harmoniously on Kits Beach and represent approximately four-thousand + regular recreational Kits Beach uses, (most of whom are very familiar and passionate about keeping Kitsilano (and all of our beaches / city) safe, clean and harmonious places to always enjoy).

Lynne and I and several others have been working diligently in good faith with senior City / Park Board officials on a designated cycle lane(s) through Kits Point, hoping to soon help deliver an amicable solution for all Kits Beach users (cyclists and Kits Point Residents included) to ensure a safe, harmonious, practical and healthy flow of people and vehicles (bicycles included) in this coveted area.

Point of clarification: In response to the safety hazard allegation raised in Lisa Slakov's annexed e-mail to you below, it is prudent to note that there have been numerous documented issues, including injuries and physical confrontations of cyclists disregarding Park Board existing painted 'No Cycling' signs on the pavement and Park Board 'No Cycling' stand up signs directly adjacent to said Boathouse Restaurant suffered by pedestrians / recreational users / patrons of The Boathouse concession / restaurant area.

Sincerely,
Howard.

From: Coupar, John [mailto:John.Coupar@vancouver.ca]
Sent: January 27, 2017 3:29 PM
To: Lisa Slakov
Cc: Bromley, Malcolm; Jeff Leigh; Howard Kelsey; PB Commissioners
Subject: Re: No Cycling Signage on Seaside Greenway Path

Hi Lisa

Thank you for your letter, with respect the area in front of the Boathouse and adjoining pathway is not a designated cycling route and has never been such.

The area is extremely busy year round and pedestrians are in a dangerous situation if bikes are riding in this area. There is a long standing designated bike route which is clearly marked and I'm sure you are aware of. I would not support the removal of the no cycling signs you mention. Further it is my understanding this area is the jurisdiction of the Vancouver Park Board. I am happy to request a meeting with our staff team to clarify for you that the signage is appropriate.

Best regards

John

John C. Coupar ,Commissioner
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
[REDACTED]

On Jan 26, 2017, at 4:48 PM, Lisa Slakov <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Commissioner Coupar,

Please see the attached letter, also copied below, from HUB regarding a safety concern along the Seaside Greenway.

Sincerely,
Lisa Slakov
HUB Seaside Greenway Working Group

Dear Commissioner Coupar,

Recently new "No Cycling" signs have been installed along the Seaside Greenway path that runs along Kitsilano Beach and through Hadden Park. The signage is on the long established paved bike path which is shown in Vancouver city traffic bylaw 2849, detailed on VanMap as part of the City's public geographic information and is included in the published bike maps the City offers. The path in question is a critical part of the All Ages and Abilities (AAA) bike path network.

There are at least 8 new signs, the following being one placed in front of the Boathouse Restaurant.

These signs should be removed immediately; aside from appearing to contravene the City bylaw and maps, the signage means that families and less confident bicyclists will now be routed out through an often busy parking lot and local roads as they ride the Seaside Greenway here. This is a real safety hazard and a significant step back in our efforts towards a Greener City. In addition, the signage will likely lead to conflict between different user groups along the route.

We look forward to a quick response on this urgent safety matter.

Regards,
Lisa Slakov
Chair, HUB Seaside Greenway Working Group

cc's : Jeff Leigh, Chair HUB Vancouver-UBC Committee

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park board
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