



July 1, 2014

Park Board Commissioners

Dear Park Board Commissioners:

Re: HUB Letter of Support for ATPC motion regarding Kitsilano Beach/Hadden Park

The HUB Vancouver/UBC Committee supports in principle the motion which was passed by the Active Transportation Policy Council (ATPC) regarding the ongoing safety and comfort issues related to the multi-use paths in Kits Beach and Hadden parks.

We agree with the ATPC that the status quo is not acceptable. The Seaside Greenway is a significant recreational and tourism resource and it is vital that a safe routing for this path be provided through Kits Beach and Hadden parks. With the City's recent improvement of the Point Grey-Cornwall route, it is very likely that the narrow multi-use path through the parks connecting to the rest of the Seaside path will see more and more use by people walking, jogging, and cycling.

We recognize the controversy of making any changes to Kits or Hadden parks, particularly on the issue of perceived loss of green space and the covenant for Hadden Park. Yet it does not follow that nothing can be done. We therefore support a measured plan aimed at creating a path design which will satisfy most stakeholders.

By working closely with the neighbourhood residents and stakeholder groups, it should be possible to find a resolution to the safety issues that currently exist and at the same time address the concerns expressed by some park neighbours.

We would be happy to work with park board staff and other stakeholder groups to seek a resolution to the ongoing safety and comfort issues associated with the current multi-use paths.

Sincerely,

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