



May 7, 2014

Debra Barnes,
Project Manager,
Board of Parks and Recreation

Dear Ms Barnes:

Re: HUB feedback on John Hendry Park Master Plan

HUB: Your Cycling Connection is a charitable organization that works to make cycling better through education, events and collaboration. We are Metro Vancouver's leader in making cycling an attractive choice for everyone.

We appreciate that a lot of thought has gone into making the master plan for John Hendry Park cycling friendly. **We hope that our suggestions below will be incorporated so as to make it even better.**

The BC Parkway - a key regional bikeway - currently passes through John Hendry Park and we are pleased to see that this is still the case with the new plan. It is always a pleasant break to pass through a park. We also appreciate that the design will allow one to ride around most of the park's perimeter by bike. We also appreciate that some of the paths are to be multi-use (walking and cycling) as this will allow people to more easily access all parts of the park. The plan to have some secure bike parking near the community centre as well as a bike-pump station will be a cycling friendly addition.

We caution that gravel walking paths near paved bike paths do not work very well, since most walkers will prefer walking on the paved bike path. We suggest that any walking or multi use paths which are in close proximity to bike-only paved paths also be paved **to avoid the present conflict between people biking and pedestrians that exist on the east side trail.**

We note that one of the objectives of the planning process is to "Support the Greenest City 2020 Action Plan goals to: ... support the Park Board Strategic Plan to connect people to green spaces, active living and community."

The proposed master plan does a good job of connecting people to the park and community centre who travel by foot or by car, **but is inadequate for those arriving by bike.** For those arriving from the south, there is a proposed path along 19th Ave which will provide a great connection to the community centre. However, for everyone else, access to the community centre by bike will be very difficult, especially for families with children. For example, a family travelling to the community centre via 14th Ave would cross Victoria Drive and then **presumably** travel south down the **narrow** lane. They are then faced with cycling through the parking lot - not a particularly pleasant route **or safe for children.** A safe

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and convenient route could be provided by building a multi-use path from the north-west corner of the park at 14th Ave. to the community centre east of the parking lot.

In conclusion, we thank you for including some excellent planning for people on bikes in the John Hendry Park Master Plan and we urge you to consider our suggestions for improvement.

Sincerely,

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