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Dear Commissioner MacKinnon

On behalf of HUB Cycling's 40,000 plus members, contacts, staff and the Vancouver-UBC local committee, please accept our congratulations on your success in the 2018 civic elections. We appreciate your hard work and commitment to serving on the Park Board.

HUB Cycling is a charitable not-for-profit organization that works to get more people cycling for transportation more often, through education, action, and events. We are Metro Vancouver's leader in making cycling an attractive choice for everyone. We have over 2,000 members, 40,000 direct contacts, ten municipal committees and one regional action committee.

HUB Cycling was established in 1998 to improve cycling conditions in Metro Vancouver. Since then, we've grown a lot! We've impacted infrastructure, educated thousands of children and adults and motivated thousands more to cycle more often. To learn more please visit bikehub.ca.

Although our primary focus is on cycling for transportation, there is huge overlap with encouraging recreational cycling as well. We believe that our values align well with those of Park Board and we hope that we can partner to achieve our common goals. One of our stated core values is: "value cycling as a community building tool & as a healthy practice for individuals & our environment". We have been communicating with Park Board for several years, providing input to several processes and noting a few areas of concern such as implementing the 2012 Stanley Park Cycling Plan and improving the Seaside Greenway in the Kitsilano Beach area.

We would like to meet with you, and potentially:

- answer any questions you may have about HUB Cycling and our work with Park Board and/or more generally, discuss the mutual benefits of encouraging cycling in and to parks
- review the areas that are of concern, possibly on a leisurely bike ride of one or more of these areas

We organized an evening meeting for all the previous Park Board Commissioners early on in their tenure and would be happy to do so again for you and your colleagues. In addition, we would be pleased to meet individually as well. Please let me know when you are available to meet.

We look forward to partnering together so that we can realize mutual goals of fostering healthy, active lifestyles; creating lifelong patterns of active living; helping to increase inexpensive access to parks; and improving the environment and safety around parks by encouraging an alternative to individual car access to parks.

As you get into all the issues faced by the Park Board, we would like once again to congratulate you on your win and make ourselves available to you if you should need any assistance on areas involving cycling in and to parks.

Again, thank you for your time and dedication!

Sincerely,

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