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Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
Administration Office
2099 Beach Avenue
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Re: Required Improvements to Seaside Greenway

I understand there has been considerable discussion around the issue of whether or not improvements are required to the Seaside Greenway between the Burrard Street Bridge and Balsam Street.

As you may know, I am a personal injury lawyer in downtown Vancouver whose practice is focused on bicycle injuries and advocacy in the vein of harm-reduction.

I am writing to add my voice to those who are concerned about the Seaside Greenway and the safety of the route near the water connecting Burrard Street to Trafalgar Street. The approximate 28 km Seaside Greenway is shown as an almost exclusively all ages in abilities (AAA) route on the City Cycling Map.

It appears there are many problems, the most serious of which relates to the park path being too narrow for all the people walking and biking and having no separation of cyclists and pedestrians. In addition, people on bikes have signage indicating that they should follow the "Seaside" route, which takes them on streets and through parking lots.

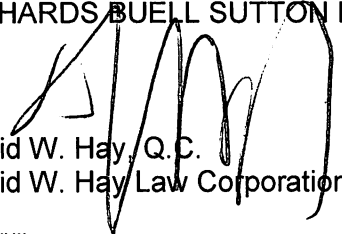
In my experience, increased safety is achieved by reducing the interaction between pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles. I would strongly support improvements to the route to achieve greater segregation. It seems to me this would not only improve the safety of the route but also the enjoyment of its users.

Thank you for your careful consideration of the foregoing.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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