

Date: April 22, 2005



TO: Board Members – Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE THE
SCIENCE WORLD WALKWAY**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive this report for information.

DISCUSSION

Science World has requested a temporary closure of the seawall on the west side of Science World from the City of Vancouver. The closure would take place from June 01, 2005 to September 15, 2005. The purpose of the closure is for Science World to temporarily use the deck area for an extreme outdoor sports exhibit.

There is an existing Science World/City of Vancouver Lease Agreement. Under the written authorization of City Engineering, temporary closures can be allowed. The City of Vancouver Engineering Services has agreed to the closure in principle. Please refer to the attached plan.

In the meantime, the Park Board has been working with Engineering Services to develop concepts for improvements to the pedestrian and bicycle routing at the front of Science World. Improvements are aimed at reducing congestion and addressing safety issues for pedestrians entering into Science World across the cycle route coming from Creekside Park. The concepts are presently being reviewed by the various departments involved including the Bicycle Advisory Committee. Funding for the project improvements are expected to be approximately \$10,000 and these costs will be shared by Science World and the City/Park Board. Installation of any altered roadwork will be carried out by Engineering Services.

CONCLUSION

The temporary closure of the public walkway on the east side of Science World from June 01, 2005 to September 15, 2005 will affect the seawall pedestrian traffic. Routing patterns of pedestrians and cyclists are being reviewed for immediate installation by Engineering Services.

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