



OnWATER

Non-motorized Watercraft Strategy Overview & Next Steps (Report Reference)

Regular Park Board Meeting
May 14, 2018



Purpose of Presentation



- Provide an overview and progress update for: *On Water, Non-motorized Watercraft Strategy*
- Share results of the 2nd Phase of engagement
- Outline objectives and steps for the 3rd Phase of engagement
- Share next steps for the project

Presentation Outline



1. Strategy Overview
2. Schedule
3. Phase 2 Engagement Recap
4. Phase 3 Engagement Overview
5. Next Steps

Strategy Overview



- Understand the public's use of and access to non-motorized
- Enhance opportunities for non-motorized water recreation.
- Use a research and data informed process along with public engagement to provide clarity on existing use, needs and opportunities
- Shape future non-motorized recreation and facilities planning
- Provide a 10 year implementation plan

Schedule



Phase 2 Public Engagement - Events



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Survey

Feb 19 - Mar 16

942 respondents

Open House / Workshops

Feb 27 - Creekside Community Centre

Mar 5 - City Lab, West Broadway

Mar 10 - Jericho Sailing Centre

Approximately 100 attendants total

Pop Up Open House

Mar 4 – Head up the Creek Regatta (pop up)

City Advisory Committees

Mar 13 – Mobility Access Working Group

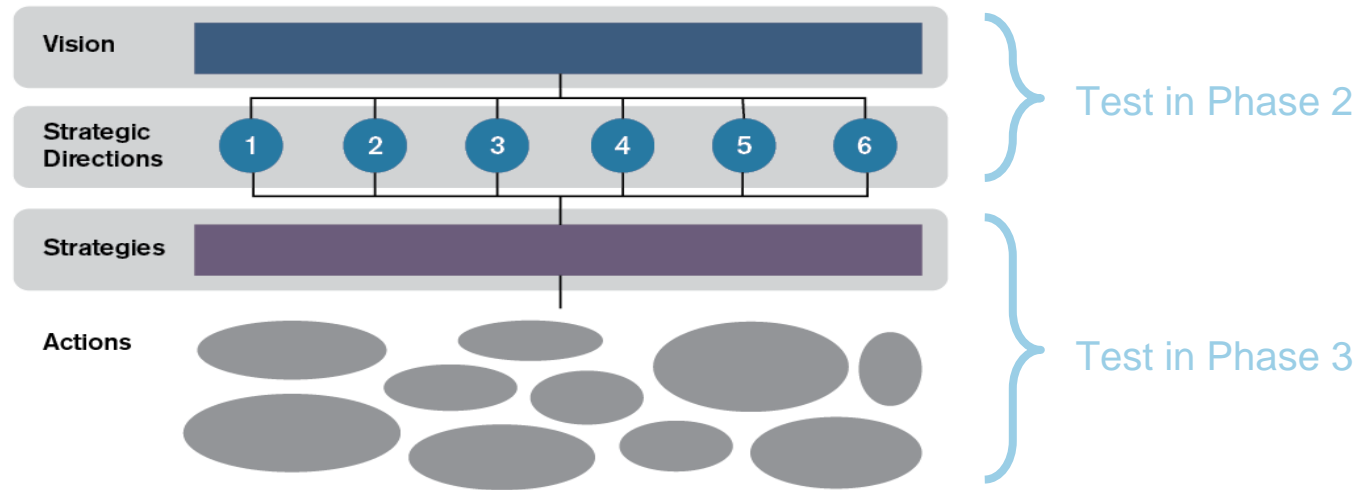
Mar 20 – Children & Youth Advisory Committee

Phase 2 Public Engagement

Events – Open Houses and Workshops



Phase 2 Public Engagement Framework



Phase 2 Public Engagement

Vision – *Draft 2*



Vancouver's marine environment is celebrated as THE place for non-motorized watercraft experiences for all.

Phase 2 Public Engagement

Vision - Feedback



85% of survey respondents felt the vision statement captured what non-motorized watercraft activity should be in the future.

(37% very well, 48% fairly well)

Phase 2 Public Engagement

Strategic Directions – *Draft 1*



1 Provide greater opportunity

Vancouver is a place that welcomes, invites, and encourages all people to engage in non-motorized watercraft recreation.

2 Improve safety

Vancouver is a safe and healthy place for engaging in non-motorized watercraft recreation.

3 Protect and enhance the environment.

Vancouver is a place where planning for non-motorized watercraft recreation focuses on protecting and enhancing the natural environment.

4 Foster and encourage community building

Vancouver is a place where people connect and create community through non-motorized watercraft recreation.

5 Increase access

Vancouver is a place that balances unrestricted access to the water for non-motorized watercraft with necessary restricted access.

6 Reduce barriers

Vancouver is a place that provides the necessary facilities, amenities, and services to build capacity for non-motorized watercraft recreation.

Phase 2 Public Engagement

Strategic Directions - Feedback



The majority of respondents identified each of the Strategic Directions as being very important or somewhat important.

Phase 2 Public Engagement

Strategic Directions - Feedback



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Phase 2 Public Engagement

Strategic Directions - Feedback



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Phase 2 Public Engagement

Strategic Directions - Feedback



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87% felt **Provide greater opportunity** is important.

Phase 2 Public Engagement

Strategic Directions - Feedback



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87% felt **Provide greater opportunity** is important.

85% felt **Reduce barriers** is important.

Phase 2 Public Engagement

Strategic Directions - Feedback



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88% felt **Improve safety** is important.

87% felt **Provide greater opportunity** is important.

85% felt **Reduce barriers** is important.

84% felt **Increase access** is important.

Phase 2 Public Engagement

Strategic Directions - Feedback



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88% felt **Improve safety** is important.

87% felt **Provide greater opportunity** is important.

85% felt **Reduce barriers** is important.

84% felt **Increase access** is important.

74% felt **Foster and encourage community building** is important.

Phase 2 Public Engagement

Strategic Directions – Revised *Draft 2*

1 **Create greater opportunity**

Vancouver is a place that welcomes, invites, and encourages all people to engage in non-motorized watercraft recreation **with facilities, amenities, and services that increase opportunities for a diversity of users.**

2 **Improve safety**

Vancouver is a safe and healthy place for engaging in non-motorized watercraft recreation.

3 **Protect and enhance the environment.**

Vancouver is a place where non-motorized watercraft recreation, focusing on protecting and enhancing the natural environment.

4 **Foster and encourage opportunities to socialize and build community**

Vancouverites connect and create community through non-motorized watercraft recreation.

5 **Increase physical access to the water**

Vancouver engages the water's edge, improving and creating connections between people, the water, and their environment.

Phase 2 Public Engagement

Actions – Feedback



Respondents were asked to identify the top three Actions most important to achieving each Strategic Direction.

They could also provide an written answer under “other.”

Phase 2 Public Engagement

Actions - Feedback



Top three actions to **Create greater opportunity**.

68% Public non-motorized watercraft facilities.

55% Access to equipment / storage space.

50% Affordable non-motorized watercraft programs.

Top three themes in written comments: amenities, access, storage.

Warm showers and bathrooms at access points.

Give access to all beach and docks. Ask me to pay for a permit for my watercraft, I will.

Storage facilities for kayaks, etc. at launching facilities.

Phase 2 Public Engagement

Actions - Feedback



Top three actions to **Improve safety**.

- 67%** Clearly marked access points.
- 62%** Dedicated recreational areas to avoid use conflicts.
- 51%** Access to rules and etiquette information.

Top three themes in written comments: educational programming, emergency services, increased safety interventions.

Better education for people new to the marine environment.

Ensure presence of Coast Guard / rescue organizations.

Water safety training and access to safety/resource equipment.

Phase 2 Public Engagement

Actions - Feedback



Top three actions to **Protect and enhance the environment.**

59% User education.

58% Environmentally-sensitive design.

55% Stewardship and volunteer opportunities.

Top three themes in written comments: improving water quality, regulation and enforcement, restricting motorized watercraft / designated areas.

Policy and enforcement of bylaws and laws that improve our waterway cleanliness.

Reduce use of motorized craft in sensitive areas.

Enforce laws against pollution by oil, chemicals and fecal matter from freighters, motor and sail boats.

Phase 2 Public Engagement

Actions - Feedback



Top three actions to **Foster and encourage opportunities to socialize and build community.**

- 64%** Designated amenity space.
- 43%** Park Board programs to support non-motorized watercraft users.
- 43%** Mapped routes and destinations.

Top three themes in written comments: mix / range of users, access to gear, amenities.

*Beachside license cafes
with public washrooms*

*Learn-to-sail
programs.*

*Equipment sharing,
facilities and education*

Phase 2 Public Engagement

Actions - Feedback



Top three actions to **Increase physical access to the water.**

- 43%** Enforcing moorage infractions.
- 42%** More non-motorized watercraft launch sites.
- 39%** Designated moorage locations.

Top three themes in written comments: restricting moorage, launch site parking, improving/increasing launch sites.

Create areas where moorage is NOT allowed and strongly enforce.

Car parking at launch sites.

High quality launch sites i.e. docks.

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Actions - Feedback



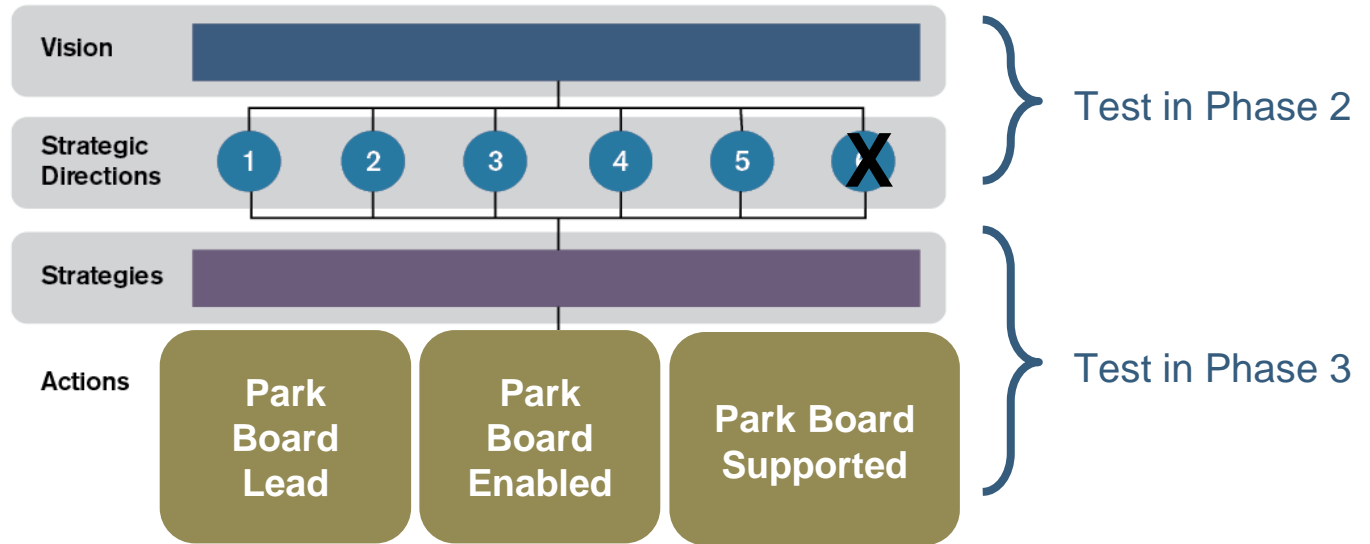
Top three themes for other on-water ideas:

- 43** Comments on improving launch site amenities.
- 41** Comments on increasing / improving physical access to the water.
- 34** Comments on more launch / land sites.

Top three themes for other comments respondents would like to share:

- 40** Comments on improved access for all to non-motorized watercraft recreation.
- 41** Comments expressing support for the process / strategy.
- 24** Comments suggesting services / infrastructure at launch sites.

Public Engagement Framework



Phase 3 Public Engagement Plan – May/June 2018



Key objectives

- Share the results of public feedback we heard in Phase 2.
- Seek input and feedback on the revised **Directions** and **Draft Strategies** and **Actions** – did we get it right?

Planned activities

- Discussion Guide
- Online Public Survey
- Pop Up Open Houses
- Open House / Small Group Meeting(s)
- MST First Nations engagement
- Advisory Committees

Phase 3 Public Engagement

Sample Actions – *Draft 1*



Strategy 1 - Create greater opportunity

Park Board Lead

- Support diverse and affordable recreational programs focused on family and entry-level uses through to competitive athletes
- Integrate universally accessible design in new facilities and docks, from land to watercraft

Park Board Enable

- Explore opportunities to provide food services at key launch sites

Park Board Support

- Encourage equipment sharing programs to reduce individual costs and promote shared use.
- Explore opportunities to provide public storage, cleaning stations, washrooms, showers, saunas and physical launch sites in new waterfront developments.

Phase 3 Public Engagement

Sample Actions – *Draft 1*



Strategy 2 - Improve safety

Park Board Lead

- Consider requiring water-based activity service providers operating within Park Board facilities to provide on-water safety training to their users.

Park Board Enable

- Work with user groups and service providers under Park Board jurisdiction to promote responsible use and on-site training, especially rental companies who may not have long-standing relationships with users.

Park Board Support

- Advocate to require water-based activity business license holders to provide on-water safety training to their users.

Phase 3 Public Engagement

Actions – *Draft 1*



Strategy 3 - Protect and enhance the environment.

Park Board Lead

- Educate users about best practices for protecting the environment related to watercraft recreation (e.g., washing watercraft before launching in new waters).

Park Board Enable

- Support measures that will increase fish and wildlife protection, including migratory birds, and contribute to the on-water experience at Park Board managed facilities and beaches.

Park Board Support

- Implement a shoreline rating system to guide the siting and management of new development projects .

Phase 3 Public Engagement

Actions – *Draft 1*



Strategy 4 - Foster and encourage opportunities to socialize and build community

Park Board Lead

- Review and update agreements with stakeholder groups and regulatory partners to clarify responsibilities, accountability, equity, and financial responsibilities.

Park Board Enable

- Encourage and support an On Water User Group, like Vancouver Field Sport Federation, and cooperation with Park Board collaborations and partners.

Phase 3 Public Engagement

Actions – *Draft 1*



Strategy 5 - Increase physical access to the water

Park Board Lead

- Consider accessibility by transit, walkways, cycling routes, driving when creating new and/or expanded multi-use facilities and docks (e.g., near the Cambie Bridge).
- Consider providing designated launch areas, separate from other activities such as swimming, for non-motorized watercraft at beaches and use signage to communicate with other beach users.

Next Steps

Q2: Phase 3 Public Engagement

Q3: Review updated draft with Staff Working Group, Regulatory Working Group and Advisory Committee

Q4: Final Draft Report for Park Board Consideration



Related Board Motions



False Creek – Anchorage-Free Waters for Non-Motorized Races

July 25, 2016

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to work with the Federal Ministry of Transport and the City of Vancouver to investigate and provide a report before spring 2017 on the possibility of creating a designated False Creek anchorage and anchorage-free area, in order to conduct water based non-motorized races, and support leisure paddling and related recreational water activities, while taking into account the possible impacts to the surrounding residential neighbourhoods and boating community.

Related Board Motions



Marine Jurisdictional Plan

March 12, 2018

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation ask staff to work with other levels of government, First Nations, user groups, non-profit organizations, and other marine organizations to create a Park Board Marine Jurisdictional Plan that would become a working document.

JURISDICTION AND RESPONSIBILITY

	Park Board	City of Vancouver	Transport Canada	Port of Vancouver	BC FLNRO	Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans	Vancouver Police Dept.
Moorage + anchoring	●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●	●
Access points + launching	●●	●●	●●	●	●	●	●
Ecology / wildlife	●	●	●	●	●	●●	●
Water quality	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Abandoned boats	●	●	●●	●	●	●	●
Permits for events	●	●●	●●	●●	●	●	●
Marine structures	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●	●

- Has primary responsibility
- Shares some responsibility
- A stakeholder, but no responsibility

BC FLNRO: BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations



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