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SUBJECT: WATERLOO STREET/POINT GREY ROAD PARKSITE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receive the report on the Waterloo Street parksite as information.

BACKGROUND

This parksite is proposed for redevelopment after a significant donation was made to increase the area of this waterfront park. Staff prepared a plan (Appendix 1) including a small, paver walkway, benches, a low berm to screen the traffic from Point Grey Road, and landscaping to enhance the site. The plan was circulated to the neighbours adjacent to the site and the donor for comments. Minor adjustments were made to the landscaping and pathway as a result of those consultations, but generally, the plan remained the same. The resident to the west of the site has objected to the site's design due to the configuration of the path; he has requested that the path be rerouted to avoid park users looking into the very large window, which covers about 75% of the east wall of his residence. The resident's proposed design (Appendix 2) would eliminate the space between the path and the fence, thereby eliminating the foreground of the view to the water from benches on site. The path had been designed to allow users the ability to sit away from Point Grey Road and to enjoy the view of the water across a green foreground above the fenceline.

On the west side of the site, a path and stairway exists to reach the beach from the cliff, so the proposed pathway is linked into the stairs. Park users historically have used the pathway adjacent to the resident's side yard to access the beach.

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