



October 4, 2019

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Malcolm Bromley
General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **Seaside Greenway at Kitsilano Beach Park – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the next steps in planning for separating the pedestrian and cycling routes of the [Seaside Greenway at Kitsilano Beach](#).

Background

Park Board and City of Vancouver (CoV) Engineering staff are aware of the high demand and resulting challenges associated with the bike and pedestrian routes through the Kitsilano Beach area and have been collaborating to find solutions.

At the Park Board Committee meeting held on March 12, 2018, staff reviewed the various route alignment options that had been considered to improve the [Seaside Greenway at Kitsilano Beach Park](#) (see Figure 1 attached). Based on the collaborative efforts with CoV Engineering staff, and with input from key stakeholders including the Kitsilano Point Residents Association (KPRI) and the cycling advocacy group HUB, staff recommended that the Board approve the proposed conceptual alignment shown in Appendix C of the [report](#) (see Figure 2 attached).

The presentation and ensuing discussion focused on the following areas:

- opportunities to offset the loss of green space;
- approaches to mitigate pedestrians / cyclist conflicts;
- consideration for CoV to support relocation of the cycling path to a modified street right-of-way;
- need to undertake additional public consultation to finalize the alignment;
- concern with the absence of details on the conceptual alignment;
- clarification on impacts to parking within the park and along streets;
- confirmation that safe entry/exit would be achieved on Balsam Street & Ogden Avenue;
- expectation that detailed design will be presented to the Board for approval at later date;
- confirmation that accessibility will be a consideration at all entrances to the separated pedestrian walkway; and
- request for additional information on the details of the recommended alignment and the cost and impact to trees of each option.

The Board [referred](#) the report back to staff to provide more detailed information on the proposed concept.



Next Steps

Park Board and CoV staff continue to collaborate to refine design concepts, costing information, and park impacts for the proposed alignment options, and anticipate reporting back to the Board later this fall with more detailed information on the proposed route and with recommendations to move forward with public engagement in 2020.

To improve the user experience along the Seaside Greenway in the interim, staff worked with HUB to develop a series of bike and pedestrian spot improvements within the park. Interventions that were implemented this past summer include additional signage, easier wayfinding, and strategic pruning to improve sightlines.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Malcolm Bromley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a period at the end.

Malcolm Bromley
General Manager - Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

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Figure 1: Kitsilano Beach Park Bike Path – Options Considered

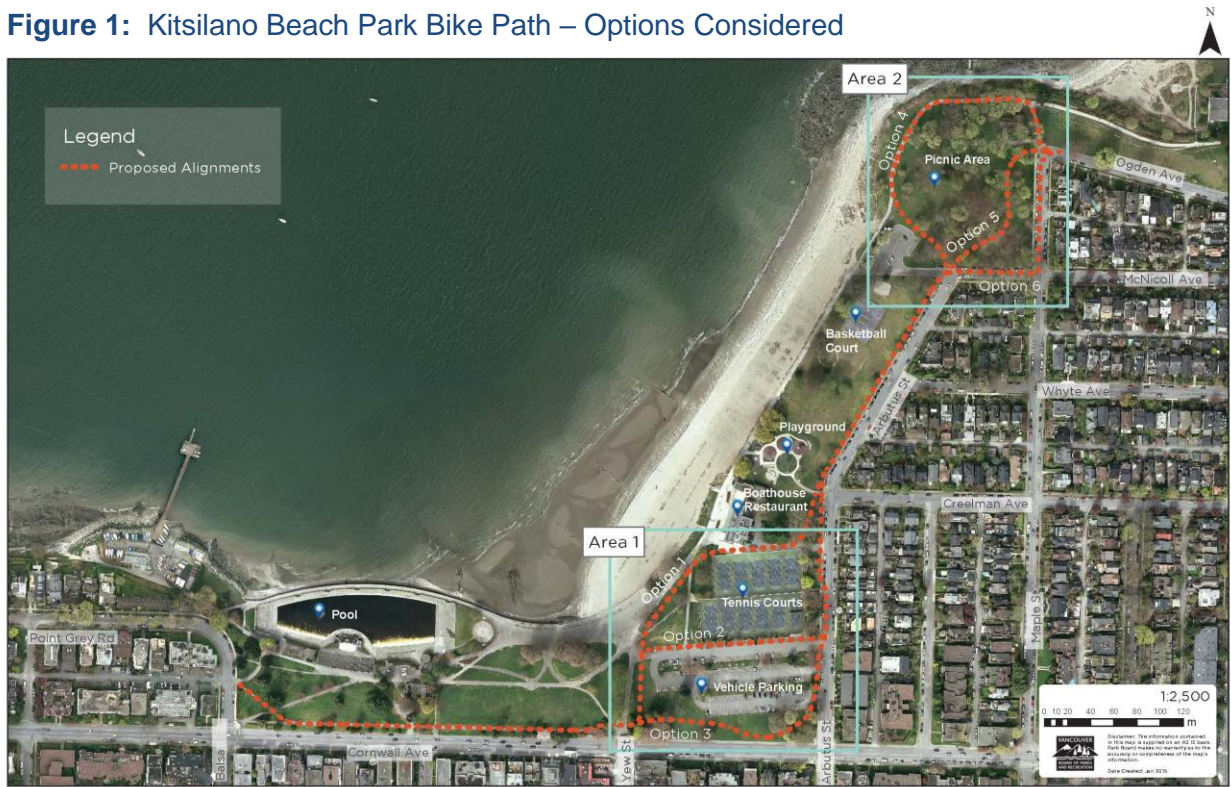


Figure 2: Kitsilano Beach Park Bike Path – Proposed Route

