



October 9, 2026

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Director, Park Planning and Development

SUBJECT : **Stanley Park Seawall Cycling Path Improvements and Slope Stabilization – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

Construction of Board-approved safety and accessibility enhancements to the Stanley Park seawall cycling path will begin on Monday October 19, 2026. A temporary closure of the seawall between Lumberman's Arch and Third Beach will be implemented to facilitate this work as outlined below. Annual slope stabilization work in this area will take place at the same time to reduce overall disruption to park service levels. Recognizing that residents often express concern about seawall closures, staff are taking a proactive communications approach and undertaking this work during the off-peak park visitation season to help minimize impacts.

Background

On May 6, 2024, the Board approved a [motion](#) directing staff to develop options to improve seawall pathway accessibility and safety for users of all ages and abilities at Lumberman's Arch, Prospect Point and Third Beach. On March 10, 2025, the Board received the staff [report](#) outlining proposed conceptual designs and directed staff to proceed with detailed design and to seek construction funding in the 2027-2030 Capital Plan. Staff completed the design and sourced construction funding from the 2023-2026 Capital Plan, enabling the project to proceed ahead of schedule.

Impacts and Schedule

Anticipated seawall impacts and timelines are as follows:

- October 19 - November 7: Closure of the Seawall cycling and pedestrian pathway between Lumberman's Arch and Third Beach.
- Signed detour routes for cyclists and pedestrians will be in place as shown in the figure below.
- Annual slope stabilization work in this area has been coordinated to occur during the same closure period. A description of this annual program can be found in a previous Board Briefing [Memo](#) dated October 30, 2024.
- Following the seawall closure period there will be further localized construction activities to complete the cycling path improvements. These can occur without full closure of the seawall pathway. Weather conditions will determine the exact project completion date, currently targeting December 2026.

Seawall users will be notified of impacts, detour routes, and upcoming work via on-site signage, social media posts and a project webpage at: vancouver.ca/seawall-upgrades (page to go live Friday, October 16). Social media storytelling highlighting the benefits for seawall users will be shared following project completion.



Figure 1: October 19 – November 7 Seawall Closure and Detour Map

Regards,



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