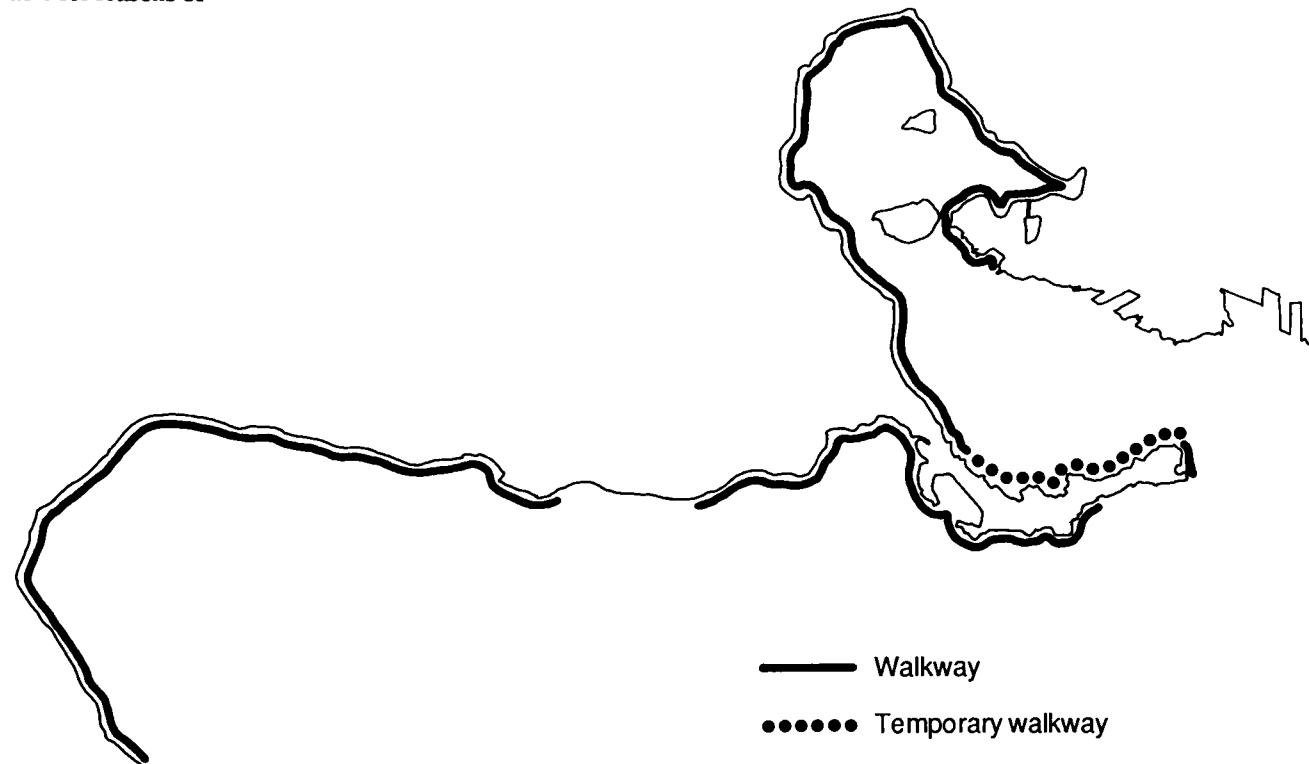

2. WATERFRONT WALKWAY

ISSUES

- A continuous waterfront walkway along False Creek could provide a regional public amenity linking Burrard Inlet, English Bay, Granville Island, Kitsilano and Point Grey. Council has requested a report on the provision of a walkway on the southeast shore (October, 1987).
- Some businesses may want to locate on the water side of the walkway, precluding public access to the water.
- A variety of experiences can be created along the walkway by different treatments, shoreline modifications which alter the shape and direction of the path, varying widths and activities. However, some consistency of treatment is desirable for reasons of maintenance and visual continuity.

FACTS

- There are about 5 miles of False Creek waterfront east of the Burrard Bridge with walkway commitment as follows:
 - 2 miles of temporary walkway under construction on the north shore;
 - 2.5 miles of dedicated waterfront walkway on the southwest shore and west of the Granville Bridge on the north shore;
 - 0.5 miles without a walkway commitment on the southeast shore.



PAST POLICY

- 1972-74 - waterfront access to be maintained around entire Creek including pedestrian and bicycle paths; vary walkway width and elevation; 25 ft. width in South False Creek.
- 1981-82 - 25 ft. wide walkway and 25 ft. wide setbacks; separate pedestrian and bicycle paths.
- 1983 (Staff Response to B.C.Place) - same as 1981-82.
- SEGS and North Park - 25 ft. wide built in SEGS; 25 ft. wide agreed in North Park; separate pedestrian and bicycle paths.

POLICY - PRINCIPLES

- A continuous public waterfront walkway should be provided along False Creek, designed to separate pedestrians and cyclists. Consistency of treatment is desirable for the walkway for reasons of maintenance, visual continuity, and reinforcement of the public domain.
- The waterfront walkway should be predominantly at the water's edge.
- A landscaped setback should be maintained along the walkway. The width may vary.
- While commercial uses could be located along the walkway to add interest, they should not break its continuity or limit waterfront access.
- The design and location of waterfront plazas should enhance water-related activities.
- The waterfront walkway should provide emergency access and access for people with disabilities.

POLICY - SPECIFIC TARGETS

- The waterfront walkway should have a minimum width of 25 feet.
- The landscaped setback along the walkway should be a minimum of 25 feet in width but can be varied along its length.