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Proposed New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project

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The views represented in this report reflect the priorities and concerns of respondents. They may not be representative of the views of the public and other stakeholders as a whole because respondents self-selected into the public consultation, and therefore do not reflect a random sample. The data used in this report has been provided to Kirk & Co. by Port Metro Vancouver and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation.

1. Background

Port Metro Vancouver and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation are working together to explore the restoration of habitat in New Brighton Park in Vancouver. The goal of the proposed project is to restore habitat for Burrard Inlet's fish and wildlife, and to increase public access to nature.

2. Pre-Engagement (May – June 2015)

Pre-Engagement, held in May and June 2015, included engagement with First Nations and key stakeholders, including the East Vancouver Port Lands and Liaison Committee (EVPL) and members of the New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG). The purpose of the Pre-Engagement phase was to introduce the proposed project, provide information about field studies, and discuss further opportunities for engagement.

3. Conceptual Design Public Consultation (August – September 2015)

Conceptual Design Public Consultation, held from August 26 to September 9, 2015, provided an opportunity for community members, stakeholders and the public to receive information and give feedback about features of the proposed New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project and general park usage.

There were 285 participant interactions during Conceptual Design Public Consultation. Generally, participants expressed support for, and interest in, the project, particularly related to recreational access, wildlife, and educational features. Many participants indicated the importance of the dog off-leash area, and of keeping dogs separate from the habitat restoration area. Input from Conceptual Design Public Consultation has been considered in the design refinements included in Preliminary Design Public Consultation.

4. Preliminary Design Public Consultation (November 2 – 18, 2015)

REPORT OVERVIEW

There were **245 participant interactions** during Preliminary Design Public Consultation. Participants:

- Generally supported the Salt Marsh with Island Concept habitat restoration design option, as it would provide a protected habitat area, with improved marine habitat and conditions and a more engaging experience for park users.
- Suggested that it would be important to protect the habitat restoration area from humans and dogs, by including some strategic plantings and fencing, and by ensuring that the off-leash areas are either enclosed or far enough removed from the habitat area.
- Suggested that maximizing off-leash space and shoreline access for dogs in New Brighton Park is important.
- Supported vegetated fences as an effective, yet natural and friendly option, for fencing the off-leash area.
- Expressed support for the project, and interest in potential educational opportunities and becoming involved in the project.

4.1 PURPOSE

Port Metro Vancouver and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation conducted Preliminary Design Public Consultation between November 2 – 18, 2015, to provide information about the proposed project and gather feedback from communities, stakeholders and the public about preliminary design options for the proposed project. Due to an issue with the online feedback form, the consultation period was extended until November 18, to ensure that everyone who wanted to participate could do so.

While a separate, but parallel, consultation process with Aboriginal groups has also been undertaken by Port Metro Vancouver and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, local Aboriginal groups were invited to provide feedback through this public and stakeholder engagement process.

As part of Preliminary Design Public Consultation, Port Metro Vancouver and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation presented information regarding the following topics:

- **Habitat restoration project components**, including:
 - The creation of a tidal wetland area with a salt marsh component;
 - The creation of subtidal rocky reefs;
 - The enhancement of backshore/riparian habitat;
 - The creation of stream habitat;
 - The use of strategic planting or fencing in backshore planting areas; and
 - The incorporation of bat roosting and bird nesting features (including a potential raptor nesting feature for bald eagles or osprey).
- **Two preliminary habitat restoration design options**, including:
 - A brief description and an artist's rendering of each option;
 - Considerations common to both options; and
 - Considerations specific to each option.

- **Dog off-leash and other park use features**, including:
 - Information about recreational access to the salt marsh;
 - Park features;
 - Off-leash use in New Brighton Park;
 - Two proposed dog off-leash options:
 - A brief description and an artist's rendering of each option;
 - Considerations common to both options; and
 - Considerations specific to each option.

4.2 CONSULTATION TOPICS

During Preliminary Design Public Consultation, Port Metro Vancouver and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation presented information and sought feedback regarding the following topics:

- **Habitat Restoration Project Components:**
 - Feedback was sought regarding two preliminary design options for the habitat restoration component of the project.
 - Feedback was sought regarding measures to reduce human disturbance of the restored habitat area.
 - Feedback was sought regarding potential wildlife nesting/roosting features for birds, bats and raptors.
- **Dog Off-Leash and Other Park Features:**
 - Feedback was sought regarding two preliminary dog off-leash and park use options.
 - Feedback was sought regarding proposed fencing options for off-leash areas in New Brighton Park.

How Input Will Be Used

Input gathered during this consultation will be considered carefully, along with technical and economic information, and information provided by Aboriginal groups and relevant regulatory agencies, through further project design and development.

A Consideration Memo will be developed, showing how input from public consultation was considered in refining project designs.

4.3 CONSULTATION METHODS

The consultation included:

- A Discussion Paper and Feedback Form (Appendix 1), available on the project page (vancouver.ca/newbrightonsaltmarsh) from November 2, 2015
- An online Feedback Form, which went live on November 2, 2015
- Two public information sessions:
 - November 3, 2015, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM, in the Hastings Room (Hastings Park)
 - November 7, 2015, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, in New Brighton Park
- Community visits conducted by the project team in New Brighton Park on the following dates:
 - November 3, 2015, 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM
 - November 9, 2015, 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM

Notification of opportunities to participate in consultation included:

- An email to all members of the EVPL (9 members) and to all members of the SAG (11 members) in advance of the consultation period.
- An email to approximately 1,850 stakeholders in advance of the consultation period.
- Four reminder emails to approximately 1,850 stakeholders during the consultation period.
- A print ad inviting members of the public to participate in consultation, with two insertions in the *Georgia Strait* (October 29 and November 5, 2015).
- A localized postcard mail drop sent out to 7,874 residences and businesses in advance of the consultation period.
- Two signs with general project information were installed in New Brighton Park near the project site on October 20, 2015. An additional three signs were installed on November 3, 2015, which included information about the preliminary design concepts being considered and how to participate in consultation.
- Notification posters placed in public spaces/community boards in the following locations:
 - East Village Business Improvement Association Office
 - Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House
 - Hastings Community Centre
 - Hastings Racecourse
 - Hastings-Sunrise Community Policing Office
 - Kiwassa Neighbourhood House
 - Laughing Bean Café
 - New Brighton Park (various locations)
 - PNE Administration building
 - Roundel Café
 - Vancouver Public Library – Hastings Branch
- Social Media:
 - A series of tweets from @portmetrovan to approximately 8,900 followers and from @ParkBoard to approximately 16,100 followers. Thirty-two tweets were made between October 23 and November 16, 2015.
 - A series of Facebook posts from Port Metro Vancouver and Vancouver Park Board. Nine posts were made between October 22 and November 13, 2015.

Notification samples can be found in Appendix 2.

4.4 CONSULTATION PARTICIPATION

There were a total of **245 participant interactions** as part of Preliminary Design Public Consultation:

- **82 people participated in consultation events:**
 - **59 people** attended public information sessions
 - **23 people** participated in community visits in New Brighton Park
- **149 feedback forms were received** at the public information sessions, through the online feedback form, and by mail:
 - 138 were received online and 11 in hardcopy
- **14 open submissions were received** via email

5. Key Results

5.1 PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS

59 people attended 2 public information sessions

The Discussion Paper and Feedback Form was provided to all attendees at the information sessions, and display boards summarizing the consultation materials were set up. Project team members circulated the room and engaged attendees in one-on-one and small group discussions. Attendees included four SAG members, two Park Board Commissioners, and the Chair of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation.

During the information sessions, attendees identified several areas of interest, including:

- Learning more about the proposed project, including the two proposed design options for habitat restoration and the two proposed off-leash options.
- Bird and bat habitat in New Brighton Park.
- Concerns about the balance between recreational access to the salt marsh and the protection of sensitive habitat.
- Questions about funding and the construction timelines of the project.
- Potential educational opportunities at New Brighton Park.
- Concerns that fencing could be obstructive.

5.2 NEW BRIGHTON PARK COMMUNITY VISITS

23 people interacted with project team members during visits to the park on November 3 and November 9, 2015. Port Metro Vancouver and Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation project team members visited the park to provide park users the opportunity to access information about the project, ask questions, and provide feedback. Park users were encouraged to take a Discussion Paper and Feedback Form and/or an information postcard and to provide input, either in hardcopy or online.

During the community visits, park users identified several areas of interest, including:

- Interest in learning more about the project and its benefits;
- Interest in learning more about the project timeline; and
- Interest in access to the shoreline for dogs.

Community visits were undertaken by Port Metro Vancouver and Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation staff.

5.3 FEEDBACK FORMS

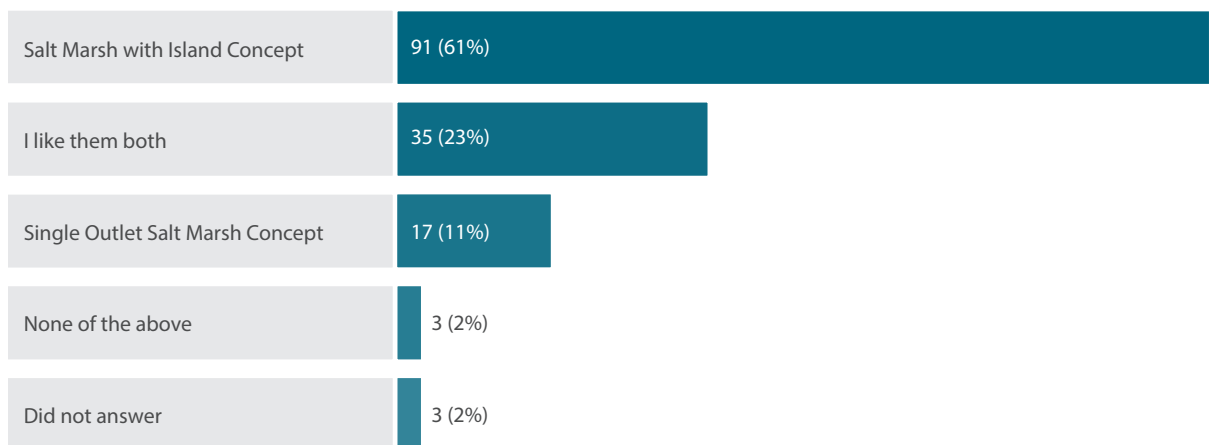
149 feedback forms were completed as part of the Preliminary Design Public Consultation period, of which **138** were submitted online and **11** were submitted in hardcopy at the public information sessions or by mail.

Habitat Restoration Design Options

Please note that totals may not add to 100% due to rounding, and that the number of comments may exceed the total number of participants commenting, as individuals may have commented on more than one topic.

Q1. A) Which of the following options for the habitat restoration design do you prefer?

Please select one response only.

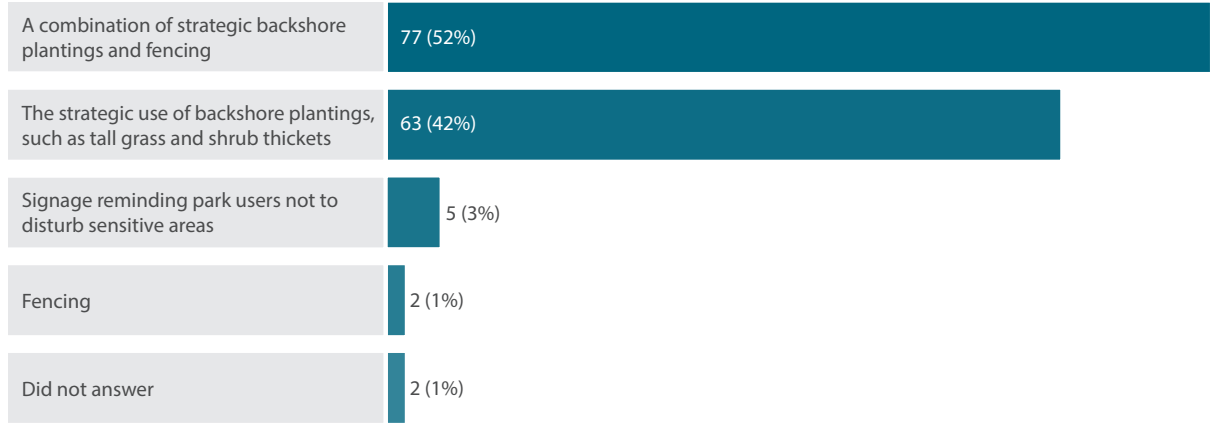


B) Why is that? Please provide any comments you have regarding your preference, including comments on the following features of each habitat restoration design option: salt marsh design, trail layout, and viewing area locations.

107 participants responded to this part of the question:

Reasons for answers regarding habitat restoration design options	
<i>The following is a summary of considerations regarding preferences for habitat restoration design options</i>	Number of Mentions
1. Prefer Salt Marsh with Island Concept as it will provide a habitat area protected from dogs and/or park users.	43
2. Prefer Salt Marsh with Island Concept due to improved marine habitat and conditions.	35
3. Prefer Salt Marsh with Island Concept due to more engaging user experience (e.g., trails and viewing locations, potential for bridge and educational opportunities).	13
4. Request for improved, larger, closer or additional viewing opportunities and/or trails to improve public access to nature.	10
5. Suggest that Salt Marsh with Island Concept is more natural and/or attractive.	8
6. Concern that the island may be misused, or could be a safety concern.	8
7. Questions or concerns regarding costs and benefits of the Salt Marsh with Island Concept.	8
8. Support for both habitat restoration design options.	5
9. Prefer viewing areas/trail layout in Single Outlet Salt Marsh Concept.	4
10. Concern that the project may reduce recreational space or amenities in the park (e.g., tennis courts and off-leash beach).	4
11. Suggest that both concepts have similar trail layouts/viewing opportunities.	4
12. Concern regarding debris and/or sedimentation in the Salt Marsh with Island Concept.	4
13. Support for the project.	3
14. Prefer Single Outlet Salt Marsh Concept, due to better design or simplicity.	3
15. Prefer Single Outlet Salt Marsh due to improved tidal dynamics.	3
16. Not enough information to comment.	3
17. Support for Habitat Island in False Creek.	2
18. Concern that the Salt Marsh with Island Concept creates a disconnect for park users.	2
19. Request to support habitat for birds, fish and/or other wildlife.	2

Q2. A) To reduce human disturbance of the salt marsh and Renfrew Creek, which of the following options do you prefer? Please select one response only.



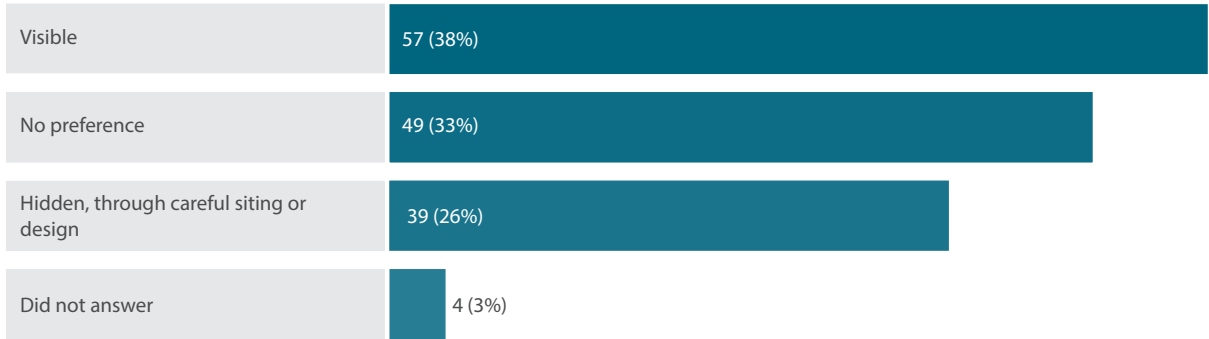
B) Why is that? Please provide any comments you have regarding your preference.

100 participants responded to this part of the question:

Reasons for answers regarding options to reduce human disturbance of the habitat area	
<i>The following is a summary of considerations regarding respondents' preferences to reduce human disturbance of the habitat area</i>	Number of Mentions
1. Suggest that fencing provides a physical barrier and deterrent that may be necessary to keep dogs and/or humans out.	35
2. Suggest that backshore plantings are a more effective, natural, attractive, and unobtrusive barrier, and/or will provide additional habitat.	28
3. Concern that fencing is not natural or attractive, could detract from viewing opportunities, may not be effective, and/or may result in maintenance/cost issues.	21
4. Prefer combination of fencing and planting; it will limit access while enhancing habitat and/or will not make the area feel unwelcoming as plantings can improve the look of fencing.	21
5. Concern that people will ignore and/or vandalize signs.	13
6. Request for combination of backshore plantings and signage.	12
7. Suggest that the method chosen should be natural, open/unobtrusive, welcoming, and/or provide visibility.	12
8. Request that signage be informative, rather than authoritarian.	6
9. Request for a combination of backshore plantings, signage, and fencing.	4
10. Request for signage.	3
11. Concerns regarding vegetation attracting homeless people and regarding cleanup of the restoration area.	3
12. Request for low fencing.	2

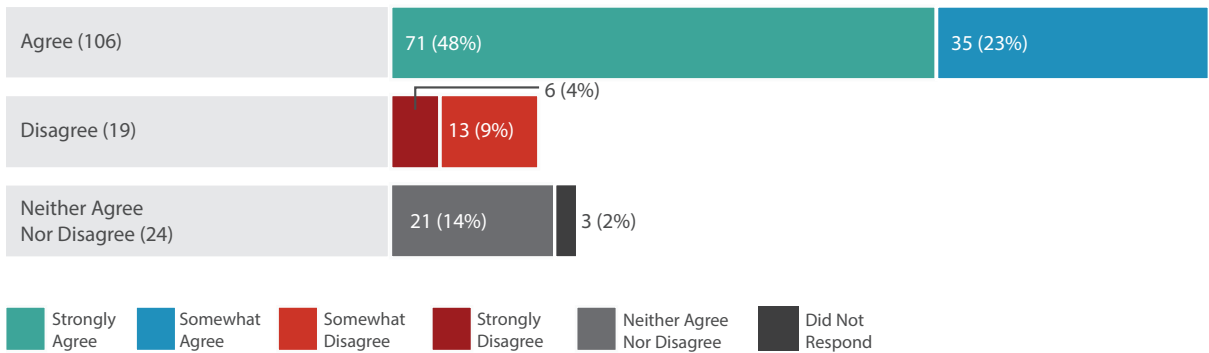
Q3. Do you prefer potential wildlife features, such as bird nesting/perching and bat roosting structures, to be:

Please select one response only.



Q4. How much do you agree or disagree with including a nesting feature (platform for nesting on a tall pole), within New Brighton Park for raptors – e.g., bald eagles or osprey?

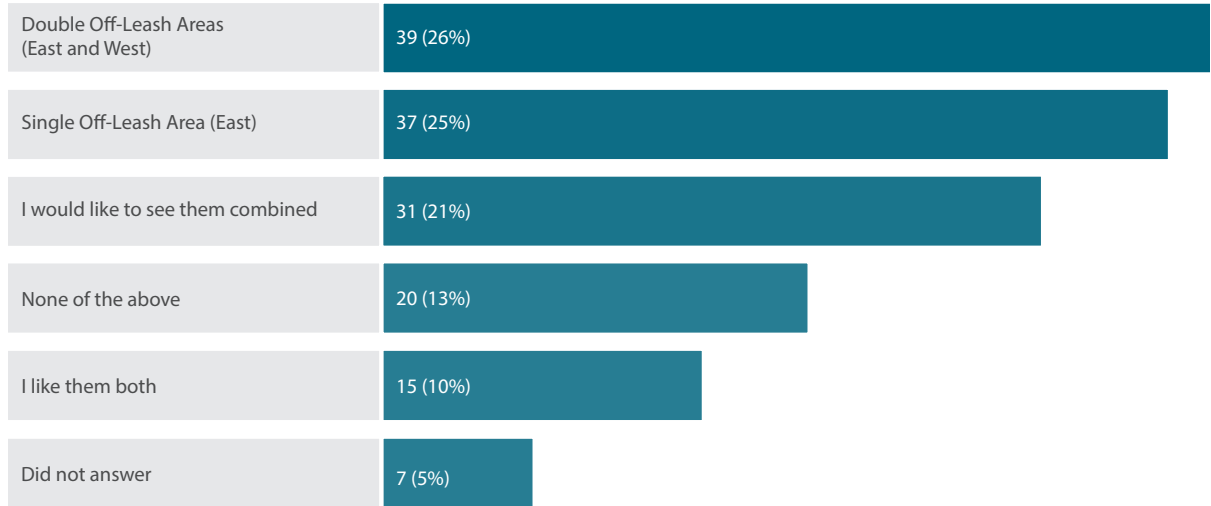
Please select one response only.



Q5. Do you have any additional ideas, interests or comments about the habitat restoration design options or habitat features of the proposed New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project?

75 participants responded to this question:

Comments regarding habitat restoration design options or habitat features	
<i>The following is a summary of additional ideas, interest or comments regarding habitat restoration design options or habitat features of the proposed project</i>	Number of Mentions
1. Request for educational or interpretive opportunities as part of the restoration project (e.g., educational tours, public art, school involvement, and informational signage, which could include historic, cultural and/or ecological information).	12
2. Concern that a raptor nesting feature would not look nice or attract raptors, or request to make this feature an art piece.	11
3. Support for the project.	10
4. Suggest that the protection of the habitat area should be balanced with visibility and access to wildlife features and the salt marsh to engage park users.	8
5. Support for providing raptor nesting, other bird nesting, and/or bat roosting features.	8
6. Concern regarding the potential impacts of raptors (particularly eagles) and/or dogs on the safety of the wildlife.	5
7. Support for daylighting Renfrew Creek as part of the restoration.	4
8. Request for additional plantings to support wildlife.	4
9. Request for improved, closer or additional viewing opportunities and trails.	4
10. Request for additional amenities or improvements to the park (e.g., a dock, WiFi, bird binoculars/cameras, or improved drainage).	4
11. Concern regarding the disruption of habitat areas or features by dogs or humans.	3
12. Concern regarding impacts of light and noise on wildlife.	3
13. Request for the habitat to support salmon.	2
14. Request to become involved in the habitat restoration project.	2
15. Request for creation of rocky reefs to increase productivity and biodiversity.	2
16. Request for more information (e.g., regarding similar projects that have worked well, the project's target species, and why ecological restoration is being supported over recreational use).	2
17. Suggest restoration is important for the area.	2
18. Suggest alternate design of habitat area.	2

Q6. A) Which of the following dog off-leash options do you prefer?**Please select one response only.**

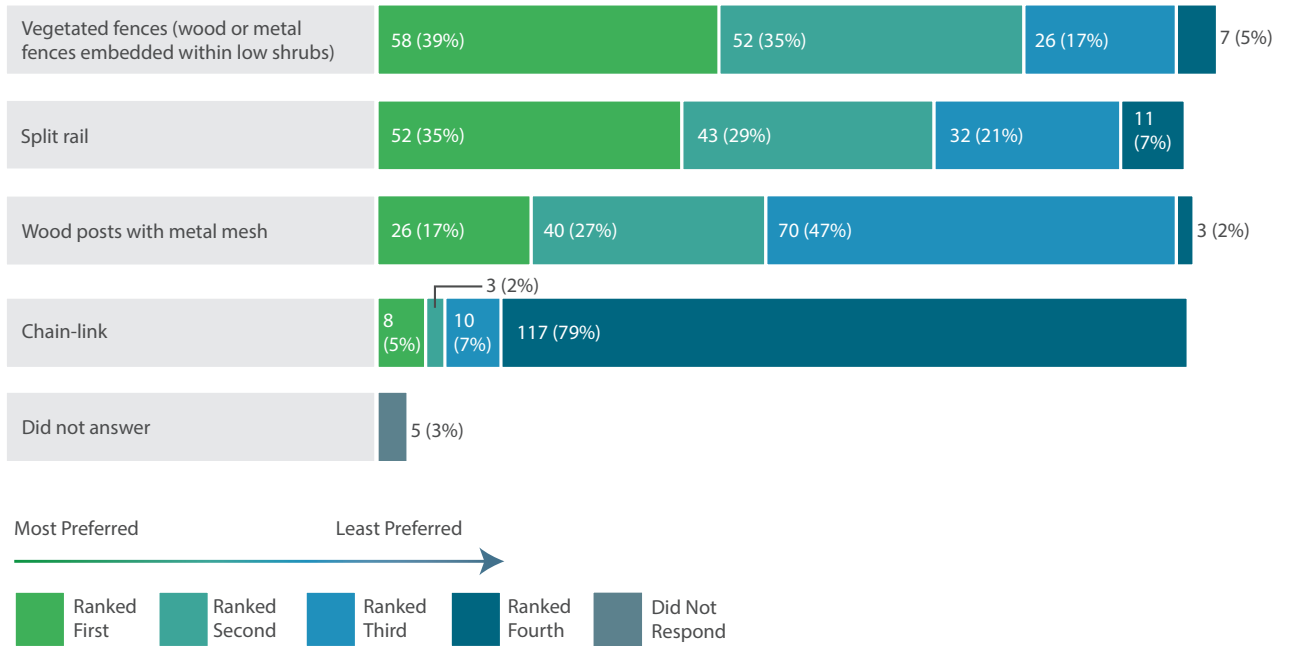
B) Why is that? Please provide any comments you have regarding your preference, including comments on the following features of each dog off-leash option: shoreline access, access to large grassed areas, location of dog off-leash area(s), and proposed amenities for dog off-leash areas.

105 participants responded to this part of the question:

Reasons for answers regarding dog off-leash options	
<i>The following is a summary of considerations regarding respondents' dog off-leash preferences</i>	Number of Mentions
1. Suggest that it is important to have as much off-leash space as possible, including a recommendation for creating additional off-leash space, and/or concerns about the reduction of space and/or water access.	25
2. Suggest that the dog off-leash areas be well separated or fenced to reduce disturbance of the habitat area or other park uses.	24
3. Concern regarding enforcement of off-leash areas, particularly the space between the two off-leash areas, including requests to connect the off-leash areas.	17
4. Suggest that it is important to have both open grassy space, and beach access for dogs.	15
5. Request to set aside less space for off-leash activities, due to concerns that Double Off-Leash Areas do not leave enough space for other users in the park, and/or that a Single Off-Leash Area would require less fencing.	14
6. Opposition to fencing of the off-leash areas: it feels divisive, sterile, unwelcoming, not conducive to exercise, and/or may exclude activities with dogs and the entire family.	12
7. Concern that the off-leash areas will conflict with or preclude other uses, including concern that dog use is overtaking human use of the park.	13
8. Request for a single west off-leash area, including access to the western beach.	11
9. Suggest that dogs and their owners are primary users of the park.	10
10. Request for additional amenities in the off-leash area (e.g., obstacle course, shelter, water for drinking or rinsing, or garbage cans).	10
11. Request for separate off-leash areas for large dogs and for small dogs.	5
12. Concerns regarding drainage, surface material, or mud.	5
13. Suggest that two off-leash areas provide the option to move to a different location, keep traffic flowing and/or could be easier to access.	3
14. Suggest that the West Off-Leash Area is used for off-leash activities now, and makes the most sense for a space for dogs to run.	3
15. Concern regarding proposed off-leash areas in terms of location and access.	3
16. Not a dog owner – no preference.	2

Q7. A) Both dog off-leash options include perimeter fencing to avoid conflicts between off-leash dogs and other park users. This is city-wide policy for new or improved dog off-leash areas. Please rank the following fencing options from most preferred to least preferred (with 1 being most preferred and 4 being least preferred).

**Totals do not add to 100%, as some participants did not rank their second, third, or fourth choices.*



B) Why is that?

Please provide any comments you have regarding your preferences.

104 participants responded to this part of the question:

Reasons for answers regarding off-leash fencing options	
<i>The following is a summary of considerations regarding respondents' off-leash fencing preferences</i>	Number of Mentions
1. Suggest that vegetated fences provide an effective barrier, screening, additional habitat for insects and birds (e.g., passerines), and/or a more attractive, natural and friendly look and feel.	43
2. Prefer the natural aesthetic and/or more welcoming feeling of split rail.	33
3. Concern that chain link fencing is unattractive, unwelcoming, and/or feels punitive.	30
4. Suggest that metal mesh fencing is effective while allowing better views, is more attractive, unobtrusive, and/or easy to maintain.	20
5. Concerns regarding view potential, visibility, and/or safety impacts of a lack of visibility, including concern that vegetated fences provide little visibility.	10
6. Concern that split rail is not effective enough.	9
7. Suggest that chain link is the most effective and/or easiest to maintain.	7
8. Concern regarding maintenance and cost of fencing, particularly split rail.	7
9. Concern that vegetated fencing will attract invasive plants, birds, pests and/or it looks unkempt.	6
10. Suggest that split rail is more open, and/or provides more visibility.	5
11. Concern that metal feels unnatural and is unattractive.	3
12. Concern regarding the effectiveness and security of vegetated fences.	3
13. Suggest species for vegetated fence (e.g., ivy or other vines, native species to create a dense hedge and attract birds and insects).	2
14. Suggest a chain link fence with vegetation.	2
15. Opposition to fencing off-leash areas, as it may not be necessary, and/or due to the unattractive look and feel, these areas may be underused.	2
16. Suggest that kids can play on split rail.	2
17. Suggest that split rail fencing would be effective.	2
18. Requests to ensure security of fenced off-leash area (e.g., double gate and fencing that continues into the water)	2

Q8. Do you have any additional ideas, interests or comments about the potential dog off-leash and park use features of the proposed New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project?

52 participants responded to this question:

Comments regarding the potential dog off-leash and park use features	
<i>The following is a summary of additional ideas, interest or comments regarding the potential dog off-leash and park use features of the proposed project</i>	Number of Mentions
1. Request for additional amenities (e.g., obstacle course, walking path, benches, shelter, garbage cans, waste bag dispensers, bulletin board, water for drinking and rinsing, double gated entry, signage, and/or lighting) to improve off-leash areas.	13
2. Concern regarding enforcement of on-leash areas, particularly on the way to or from the off-leash area, and/or concern that lack of enforcement inhibits other park uses.	5
3. Appreciation for incorporation of feedback and enhancement of off-leash areas.	4
4. Suggest that access to the salt marsh needs to be restricted or far removed from the dog area to ensure that people and/or dogs do not disrupt the habitat area.	4
5. Concern regarding fencing or restricting the off-leash areas as it is unattractive, not needed, will cost a lot, is not conducive to family use and/or will ruin the park for non-dog owners.	3
6. Request for separate off-leash areas for large dogs and for small dogs.	2
7. Suggest that off-leash areas are important for dog owners in the community and space should be a priority.	2
8. Suggest that improved drainage is important.	2
9. Request for educational and/or interpretive opportunities as part of the project, including information about port activities in the area.	2
10. Support for the project.	2
11. Request for additional amenities at the park.	2
12. Concern that dogs are being given too much priority.	2
13. Concern regarding off-leash use of the park conflicting with other uses, and/or concern regarding off-leash use reducing other recreational space in the park.	2

Additional Comments

Q9. Please provide any additional ideas, interests or comments you have about the proposed New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project.

54 participants responded to this question:

Comments regarding any aspect of the proposed New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project	
<i>The following is a summary of additional ideas, interests or comments in regards to the proposed project</i>	Number of Mentions
1. Support for the project.	20
2. Request for educational/interpretive opportunities including public art, cultural designs, walking tours, science, or skill building.	4
3. Concern regarding recreational access to the remainder of the park, including fishing access.	4
4. Request for additional plantings to enhance habitat and/or for cultural interpretation.	3
5. Request to become involved in the habitat restoration project.	3
6. Appreciation for notification and/or the opportunity to provide input and consideration of feedback.	3
7. Request for more information and concerns regarding the project budget.	3
8. Suggest that off-leash space and the enhancements to the dog park are important, as dogs and their owners are primary users of the park.	3
9. Opposition to fencing the off-leash areas and/or the habitat area.	2
10. Concern regarding noise, light, and/or the potential presence of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons in soil.	2
11. Concern regarding the proximity of the off-leash area to the habitat, including request to keep people and dogs away from the habitat area and/or concern regarding enforcement of on-leash areas.	2
12. Interest in potential First Nations involvement in the project, including consultation and input on features such as a canoe launch.	2
13. Support for daylighting Renfrew Creek.	2
14. Request for better access to the habitat area.	2
15. Request to support bird and other habitat (e.g., requests to incorporate barn swallow and barn owl nesting structures, and/or suggest that the focus of the project should be providing good stop-over and winter habitat for birds).	2
16. Request to keep the pier or for additional park amenities.	2

5.4 OPEN SUBMISSIONS

In addition to feedback forms, **14 submissions** were received during the consultation period via email. Key themes from these submissions are summarized below:

Comments regarding the proposed New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project	
<i>The following is a summary of additional ideas, interests or comments regarding the proposed project</i>	Number of Mentions
1. Support/need for the project.	7
2. Prefer Salt Marsh with Island Concept due to increased protection for wildlife and/or increased riparian habitat area.	5
3. Request for additional planting (e.g., native shrubs and trees, snags, downed wood, and/or root wads) and habitat features to support bird and fish habitat (e.g., "loafing" logs, bird nest boxes and some cavity-friendly trees, and/or a barn swallow structure).	4
4. Request to become involved in the habitat restoration project (e.g., biological, botanical, or artistic input).	4
5. Suggest regular monitoring and cleaning of bird nest boxes and/or the salt marsh.	3
6. Concern that many dog owners use the entire park as an off-leash area, which causes conflict and/or other park users to feel unsafe; opposition to a second off-leash area.	2
7. Concern that Port Metro Vancouver may use this project to further a development project (e.g., a trucking facility at the north end of Commissioner Street or Roberts Bank Terminal 2) and concern that this aspect of the project is not made public.	2
8. Support for daylighting Renfrew Creek.	2
9. Request for rat-proof bird boxes in concealed locations to avoid vandalism.	2
10. Request to confine or eliminate water access for dogs; prefer only one off-leash area on the west side of the park.	2
11. Prefer vegetated fences to attract insects and birds.	2
12. Appreciation for the opportunity to provide input.	2

6. Next Steps

The project team will develop a Consideration Memo, summarizing key input from Conceptual Design Public Consultation and Preliminary Design Public Consultation, and demonstrating how the input has been considered in project design and development. In early 2016, the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation will have the opportunity to provide final approval for the preferred preliminary design and, along with Port Metro Vancouver, will determine how to advance the project.



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Appendix 1: Discussion Paper and Feedback Form

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Discussion Paper and Feedback Form



View of New Brighton Park facing west



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Learn More And Provide Feedback

The purpose of this discussion paper is to provide information about the proposed New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project. It is designed to gather feedback from communities, stakeholders and the public and includes a feedback form with questions about preliminary design options for the proposed project.

The Engagement Program Includes:

- Discussion Paper and Feedback Form
- Online Feedback Form
- Two Public Information Sessions

How to Participate

Attend a Public Information Session	Date	Tuesday, November 3, 2015	Saturday, November 7, 2015
	Time	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
	Location	Hastings Room, PNE (2901 E. Hastings Street) <i>Enter Gate 2 (Renfrew Street), walk east past the Forum. The Hastings Room will be on the right.</i>	New Brighton Park <i>Biologist-led tours of the proposed project site at 1:30 PM and 2:30 PM.</i>
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Call for Information	Phone: 604.665.9071		

Please email newbrightonsaltmarsh@vancouver.ca for additional information.

Engagement Process – What We’ve Heard So Far

There were 285 participant interactions during Conceptual Design Public Consultation (August 26 to September 9, 2015). Participants expressed support for, and interest in, the project, particularly related to recreational access, wildlife, and educational features. Many participants indicated the importance of the dog off-leash area, and of keeping dogs separate from the habitat. Input from Conceptual Design Public Consultation has been considered in design refinements included in this discussion paper. The Consultation Summary Report is available at: vancouver.ca/newbrightonsaltmarsh.

Check the project page at vancouver.ca/newbrightonsaltmarsh for additional information about the process and past updates.

PROJECT OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND

Port Metro Vancouver and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation are working together to explore the restoration of habitat in New Brighton Park in Vancouver. Consistent with the City of Vancouver's 2010 Hastings Park / PNE Master Plan and Port Metro Vancouver's Habitat Enhancement Program objectives, the goal of the proposed project is to restore habitat for Burrard Inlet's fish and wildlife, and increase public access to nature. If approved, the project will result in the restoration and enhancement of approximately 2.5 hectares of intertidal, instream and riparian habitat.

New Brighton Park was selected for its potential to benefit a broad range of fish, birds and wildlife species and increase the overall ecological health of the area.

Existing park plans support salt marsh creation. The 1997 Master Plan and the 2011 Hastings Park / PNE Master Plan proposed the creation of a salt marsh at the outlet of a restored stream flowing from Hastings Park. For more information on the City of Vancouver's 2010 Hastings Park / PNE Master Plan, please see vancouver.ca/home-property-development/hastings-park-pne-master-plan.aspx.

The project team is considering opportunities for environmental education and interpretation. These opportunities will be explored further during the detailed design phase.

For more information on Port Metro Vancouver's Habitat Enhancement Program, please see www.portmetrovancover.com/habitatenhancement.

HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT COMPONENTS

The New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project could include:

The creation of a **tidal wetland area with a salt marsh component**:

- Tidal marshes provide critical habitat for juvenile salmon that migrate along shorelines as they head out to sea. They are also used by shorebirds as resting and feeding areas. Many tidal wetlands were lost during early development of Burrard Inlet.
- Tidal wetlands also support the absorption of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere by trapping organic materials.

The creation of **subtidal rocky reefs**:

- Macroalgae, including bull and sugar kelp, can grow on rocky reefs, provide nutrients and refuge for a wide range of marine organisms, including fish, and support the spawn of fish species, such as herring.

The enhancement of **backshore/riparian habitat**:

- Backshore habitat is the upper shore zone, located between marine habitats (i.e., salt marsh) and terrestrial habitats (i.e., upland).
- Riparian habitat is the interface between other aquatic habitats (e.g., rivers or streams) and terrestrial habitats.

The creation of **stream habitat** at the southern end of the park, connecting to Creekway and Hastings parks.

The use of **strategic planting or fencing** in backshore planting areas:

- Strategic planting or fencing will ensure that people and dogs do not disturb sensitive restored habitat.

The incorporation of **bat roosting and bird nesting features** (including a raptor nesting feature for bald eagles or osprey):

- Bat roosting and bird nesting features help a diverse range of species to compensate for a shortfall of habitat opportunities in urban areas.

PRELIMINARY DESIGN OPTIONS – CONSULTATION TOPIC

In the following pages, this discussion paper presents:

- Two preliminary design options for the **proposed habitat restoration project**; and
- Two preliminary design options for the **proposed changes to the dog off-leash areas** in New Brighton Park.

We are seeking public feedback on these design options.

Habitat Restoration – Two Design Options

The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation and Port Metro Vancouver would like your feedback on two design options for the proposed habitat restoration project. Common features of the two design options include:

- A salt marsh connected to Burrard Inlet.
- A stream connection (Renfrew Creek) from the salt marsh to Creekway Park.
- Enhanced trails, backshore planting, and education features that are consistent with the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation’s “Access to Nature” goal.



Image of an existing Salt Marsh, Sidney Island B.C.

Considerations Common to Both Design Options

- Natural marine tidal processes and habitat would be restored within the central harbour of Burrard Inlet.
- Habitat diversity and value for fish and wildlife would be increased by creating shoreline marine habitat.
- Daylighting¹ of Renfrew Creek would be completed in the backshore zone and would support species diversity.
- The Renfrew Creek stream would be a distinctive feature, drawing attention to the restored habitat and the connection to Creekway Park.
- Riparian understory plantings (e.g., shrubs and bushes) under mature trees south of the pool access road could boost habitat value.
- Soil removed to create the habitat features would be retained onsite at suitable location(s) within the park. This is anticipated to reduce overall project costs and environmental impacts of truck-hauling and disposing this material at an offsite location.
- Views would be unobstructed from the pool area to the North Shore mountains.
- Park experience would be improved for park users, and there would be increased potential for park programming and educational opportunities.

¹ Daylighting can include the redirection of a culverted stream into an above-ground channel, restoring it to a more natural state.

HABITAT RESTORATION

Port Metro Vancouver and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation would like your feedback on the **two following habitat restoration design options**. See page 10 to answer questions about this topic.

1. Single Outlet Salt Marsh Concept

This option would include a salt marsh with a single channel opening to Burrard Inlet at the northeast corner of the park. Foreshore boulders and a cobble beach would be added at the opening to reduce wave erosion. Interpretive signage and salt marsh viewing areas could be provided along the western edge of the salt marsh.



Considerations

- The flow of water at the outlet would be stronger with one opening, creating a more dynamic environment.
- The opening to Burrard Inlet could experience wave erosion, which may affect marsh development.
 - Foreshore boulders and a cobble beach are expected to mitigate potential erosion.
 - Further design development to the channel opening (e.g., adjusting the angle of the opening) could also mitigate for wave erosion.

2. Salt Marsh with Island Concept

This option would include a salt marsh with two channel openings to Burrard Inlet, creating a tidal 'island,' at the northeast corner of the park. Foreshore boulders and a cobble beach would be added at the west opening to reduce wave erosion. Interpretive signage and salt marsh viewing areas could be provided along the western edge of the salt marsh.



Considerations

- Improved hydraulic flushing is anticipated to lead to improved water quality within the marsh.
- Two channel openings to Burrard Inlet could reduce the speed of the outgoing tide as it drains from the salt marsh during a tide cycle. This may reduce the potential for channel erosion, but could also allow for debris and sediment to accumulate.
- The tidal 'island' would provide an enhanced protected habitat feature for wildlife.
- Two channel openings would enhance access to the salt marsh for aquatic organisms (e.g., juvenile salmonids).
- It would be more costly to install two openings and channels.

DOG OFF-LEASH AND OTHER PARK FEATURES – CONSULTATION TOPIC

The proposed shoreline habitat restoration project will provide new opportunities for park users to experience nature within New Brighton Park. This could include a trail on the western edge of the salt marsh, two viewing areas, and continued access to the beaches in the eastern shore of the park. However, the proposed project will also change how the eastern portion of New Brighton Park is used.

- The tennis court on the east side of New Brighton Park is in poor condition and will be removed. Improvements will be made to the surface of the two tennis courts at Burrard View Park in 2016.
- The proposed shoreline habitat restoration project will affect the existing dog off-leash area in New Brighton Park. Options for maintaining or improving the off-leash use are described in the following pages.



Park users told us access to water is an important part of off-leash activities in New Brighton Park

Dog Off-Leash Use

The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation recognizes the importance of off-leash use in New Brighton Park, and will ensure off-leash use is maintained and improved. Outside the busy summer period when the New Brighton Pool is open, park users with dogs are the dominant group using the park. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is beginning a city-wide review of dog off-leash areas and policies in fall 2015 and New Brighton Park is an opportunity to test potential improvements to park facilities for dog use.

We learned several things about dog use in the park during the first consultation period:

- Many park users requested year-round access to the water, particularly to the beach just east of the wood pier. At present, dogs can only use the beach and the rest of the off-leash area between 5:00 AM and 10:00 AM during the busy summer months to avoid conflicts with other park users.
- Other park users with dogs indicated that the western portion of the park with the expansive grassed areas were more important for their uses. While the western portion of the park is outside the existing dog off-leash area, it is recognized as an area removed from the pool and playground where dog activities can occur without conflicts with other park users.
- Many participants requested improvements to the quality of the off-leash area including water for dogs, better drainage to avoid winter mud, and benches. Perimeter fences were requested by some respondents.

DOG OFF-LEASH AND PARK USE FEATURES

Port Metro Vancouver and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation would like your feedback on the **two following dog off-leash options**.
See page 12 to answer questions about this topic.

1. Double Off-Leash Areas (East and West)

This option would include two sections of the park for off-leash use: one area with year-round beach access at the east beach (where there is currently limited summer use), and the other a larger open area for running (about 95 m across) in the western part of the park. The total combined size would be about 13,700 m². Both areas would be fenced to reduce conflicts with other park users.

It may also be possible to have a larger East Off-Leash Area, as shown on the following page, in combination with the West Off-Leash area shown below.

Considerations

- The total off-leash area would be slightly smaller than the existing dog off-leash area.
- An enclosed off-leash area with year-round (unrestricted) access to the beach and water would be provided in the eastern part of the park, close to the existing dog off-leash area.
- There would be a mix of open areas, beach, and water for different activities for different types of dogs.
- Additional amenities could be provided, including:
 - Drinking water for dogs
 - Benches
 - Improved drainage
- The West Off-Leash Area is located at the opposite end of the park from the existing dog off-leash area.
- There is no proposed beach access on the western side of the park due to potential conflict with other park activities.



2. Single Off-Leash Area (East)

This option would include a single dog off-leash area adjacent to the most accessible beach in the park, with year-round beach access (where there is currently limited summer use). The longest run distance is about 95 m through an upslope grassed area. Total size would be approximately 7,500 m². Additional amenities, such as drinking water for dogs, benches, improved drainage, and a log obstacle course could be provided in the off-leash area. The area would be fenced to reduce conflicts with other park users.



Considerations

- There would be a mix of open grassed areas, beach, and water that provides for different activities for different types of dogs.
- Year-round (unrestricted) access to the beach and water would be provided.
- Additional amenities could be provided, including:
 - Drinking water for dogs
 - Benches
 - Improved drainage
 - Log obstacle course
- Total area would be smaller than the existing dog off-leash area.

FEEDBACK QUESTIONS

Please provide your feedback by November 16, 2015.

Habitat Restoration Design Options

See pages 4–6 to answer questions about this topic.

1. A) Which of the following options for the habitat restoration design do you prefer? Please select one response only.

- Single Outlet Salt Marsh Concept (p. 5)
- Salt Marsh with Island Concept (p. 6)
- I like them both
- None of the above

B) Why is that? Please provide any comments you have regarding your preference, including comments on the following features of each habitat restoration design option:

- Salt marsh design
- Trail layout
- Viewing area locations

2. A) To reduce human disturbance of the salt marsh and Renfrew Creek, which of the following options do you prefer? Please select one response only.

- The strategic use of backshore plantings, such as tall grass and shrub thickets
- Fencing
- A combination of strategic backshore plantings and fencing
- Signage reminding park users not to disturb sensitive areas

B) Why is that? Please provide any comments you have regarding your preference.

3. Do you prefer potential wildlife features, such as bird nesting/perching and bat roosting structures, to be:

Please select one response only.

- Hidden, through careful siting or design
- Visible
- No preference

4. How much do you agree or disagree with including a nesting feature (platform for nesting on a tall pole), within New Brighton Park for raptors – e.g., bald eagles or osprey? Please select one response only.

- Strongly Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree



Example of a raptor nesting feature

5. Do you have any additional ideas, interests or comments about the habitat restoration design options, or habitat features of the proposed New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project?

7. A) Both dog off-leash options include perimeter fencing to avoid conflicts between off-leash dogs and other park users. This is city-wide policy for all new or improved dog off-leash areas. Please rank the following fencing options from most preferred to least preferred (with 1 being most preferred and 4 being least preferred).

Rank
1-4

- Split rail
- Chain-link
- Wood posts with metal mesh
- Vegetated fences (wood or metal fences embedded within low shrubs)



Example of a split rail fence



Example of a chain-link fence



Example of wood posts with metal mesh



Example of a vegetated fence

B) Why is that? Please provide any comments you have regarding your preferences.

About You

The following questions help us to determine how the feedback we receive represents the community. Individual responses are treated as anonymous and demographic information is always kept separate from personal identifiers.

1. What is your home postal code?

2. Which of the following age groups do you belong to? Please select one.

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 19 or under | <input type="checkbox"/> 50–59 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20–29 | <input type="checkbox"/> 60–69 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30–39 | <input type="checkbox"/> 70–79 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 40–49 | <input type="checkbox"/> 80+ |

3. Do you identify as: Please select one.

- Male
- Female
- Transgender
- None of the above. I identify as:

- Prefer not to answer

HOW INPUT WILL BE USED

The input gathered during this consultation will be considered carefully, along with technical and economic information, and information provided by Aboriginal groups and relevant regulatory agencies, through further project design and development. After the public engagement process is completed in the fall of 2015, the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation will have the opportunity to provide final approval for the project design and, along with Port Metro Vancouver, will determine how to advance the project.

Please return your feedback form by November 16, 2015.

Online: vancouver.ca/newbrightonsaltmarsh

Email: newbrightonsaltmarsh@vancouver.ca

Mail: Attn: New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project,
Port Metro Vancouver, 100 The Pointe, 999 Canada Place,
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Receive Project Updates

To receive email updates about this project and Port Metro Vancouver's Habitat Enhancement Program, please provide your contact information (optional):

Name:

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Phone:

Email:

Personal information collected relates directly to the engagement process and will not be shared for any other purpose. If you have questions about the engagement process or the information collected, please contact Port Metro Vancouver by telephone at 604.665.9071 or by email to habitat.enhancement@portmetrovancover.com.





Preliminary Design Public Consultation Summary Report

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New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project

Invitation to Participate in Public Consultation

New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project Preliminary Design Public Consultation: November 2 – 16, 2015

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For more information about the proposed New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project, please visit: vancouver.ca/newbrightonsaltmarsh.

How to Participate:

Attend a Public Information Session:

Tuesday, November 3, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

- Location: **Hastings Room**, PNE (2901 E. Hastings Street)
- Click for [directions](#) or [map](#)

Saturday, November 7, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

- Location: **New Brighton Park**
- *Biologist-led tours of the proposed project site at 1:30 PM and 2:30 PM*

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Regards,

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Public Consultation Begins Today

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Public Consultation Period Extended – New Feedback Form Link

The email sent on November 13, 2015 regarding the New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project provided an incorrect link for the online feedback form. The link below has been corrected and we apologize for the inconvenience. The Preliminary Design Public Consultation period has been extended to the end of Wednesday, November 18, 2015.

Click for the correct link to our [Feedback Form](#).

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Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation Tweets:

Vancouver Park Board @ParkBoard Oct 29

Let's restore #NewBrightonPark's shoreline! Attend the info session on Tues, Nov 3, 5-8 pm at PNE (Hastings Room).

Vancouver Park Board @ParkBoard Oct 30

We're working w/ @PortMetroVan to restore #NewBrightonPark shoreline! Info sessions Nov 3+7 <http://ow.ly/U0yGD>

Vancouver Park Board @ParkBoard Nov 1

#NewBrightonPark habitat restoration info session on Nov 3 & 7. Idea on designs? <http://ow.ly/U0zaV>

Vancouver Park Board @ParkBoard Nov 1

How do we plan to bring back nature to #NewBrightonPark? Info sessions on Nov 3 and 7 <http://ow.ly/U0EJi>

Vancouver Park Board @ParkBoard Nov 2

Tomorrow: #NewBrightonPark design concepts info session at the PNE (Hastings Room), 5-8pm <http://ow.ly/U0Abg>

Vancouver Park Board @ParkBoard Nov 2

What do you think of the proposed #NewBrightonPark shoreline habitat design concepts? <http://ow.ly/U0zmQ>

Vancouver Park Board @ParkBoard Nov 3

Don't miss the #NewBrightonPark info session today at 5-8pm at Hastings Park (Hastings Room) <http://ow.ly/U0Ak8>

Vancouver Park Board @ParkBoard Nov 3

Attending the #NewBrightonPark info session today @ Hastings Park? Enter Gate 2 (Renfrew St), go east past the forum. On the right: Hastings Rm

Vancouver Park Board @ParkBoard Nov 3

Can't make it to tonight's info session on #NewBrightonPark design concepts? Come to Nov 7 session instead at #NewBrightonPark, 1-3pm.

Vancouver Park Board @ParkBoard Nov 4

Missed last night's #NewBrightonPark info session on design concepts? Come to Nov 7, 1-3pm at #NewBrightonPark. <http://ow.ly/UOBIN>

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Join us Nov 7 at #NewBrightonPark for biologist-led tours and info on our vision to restore habitat: <http://ow.ly/U0EXX>

Vancouver Park Board @ParkBoard Nov 5

#NewBrightonPark public info session on Sat, Nov 7 at the park, 1-3pm. Biologist-led tour at 1:30 & 2:30 pm.

Vancouver Park Board @ParkBoard Nov 5

Share your thoughts on #NewBrightonPark restoration design concepts online: <http://ow.ly/U0BIT>

Vancouver Park Board @ParkBoard Nov 6

Don't miss the #NewBrightonPark info session on restoration designs tomorrow, 1-3pm at the park itself! <http://ow.ly/U0C00>

Vancouver Park Board @ParkBoard Nov 7

See you at the #NewBrightonPark info session at the park, 1-3 pm today. Biologist-led tours of project site will be at 1:30 & 2:30 pm.

Vancouver Park Board @ParkBoard Nov 7

#NewBrightonPark is at 3201 New Brighton Rd. Staff will be onsite at 1-3pm for an info session on proposed restoration designs.

Vancouver Park Board @ParkBoard Nov 7

FREE biologist-led tours of #NewBrightonPark today at 1:30 & 2:30pm. Get a better idea of the site that will soon be restored.

Vancouver Park Board @ParkBoard Nov 9

Thanks for attending our #NewBrightonPark info sessions on restoration design concepts. Give us feedback online: <http://ow.ly/UOCRM>

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Thoughts on #NewBrightonPark restoration design concepts? Give us feedback online by Nov 16 <http://ow.ly/U0D6x>

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Send your feedback on #NewBrightonPark shoreline restoration design concepts by Nov 16: <http://ow.ly/U0Dx3>

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Tell us your thoughts online on #NewBrightonPark shoreline restoration design concepts by Nov 16: <http://ow.ly/U0DJI>

Vancouver Park Board @ParkBoard Nov 14

Got a minute? What are your thoughts on restoration design concepts for #NewBrightonPark? <http://ow.ly/U0DT7>

Vancouver Park Board @ParkBoard Nov 15

Last chance to tell us your thoughts on #NewBrightonPark shoreline restoration design concepts. Survey ends tomorrow. <http://ow.ly/U0E4I>

Vancouver Park Board @ParkBoard Nov 16

It's the last day to give your feedback on #NewBrightonPark restoration design concepts.
<http://ow.ly/U0Efk>

Port Metro Vancouver Tweets:

Port Metro Vancouver @PortMetroVan Oct 23

How we plan to bring back nature to #NewBrightonPark: Info sessions on Nov 3 and 7
<http://ow.ly/TMIXA> (pdf)

Port Metro Vancouver @PortMetroVan Nov 2

Join us for a #NewBrightonPark design concepts info session tomorrow at the PNE, 5-8pm:
<http://ow.ly/U99KM>

Port Metro Vancouver @PortMetroVan Nov 3

Tonight: #NewBrightonPark shoreline restoration info session 5-8pm @ Hastings Park. Details:
<http://ow.ly/UcOkh>

Port Metro Vancouver @PortMetroVan Nov 4

Nov 7, 1-3pm at #NewBrightonPark: Biologist-led tours + info on vision to restore habitat:
<http://ow.ly/U9ari>

Port Metro Vancouver @PortMetroVan Nov 5

Nov 7, 1-3pm: Biologist-led tours and info on our vision to restore #NewBrightonPark habitat
<http://ow.ly/Uiqxv>

Port Metro Vancouver @PortMetroVan Nov 7

Join us today at #NewBrightonPark from 1-3pm for biologist-led tours and info on our vision to restore habitat: <http://ow.ly/UIMEP>

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<http://ow.ly/UrsXI>

Port Metro Vancouver @PortMetroVan Nov 12

Thoughts on #NewBrightonPark restoration design concepts? Give us feedback online by Nov 16:

<http://ow.ly/Uuw86>

Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation Facebook Posts:

Vancouver Park Board | November 1 at 12:30pm

We are working with Port Metro Vancouver to explore restoring the shoreline habitat in New Brighton Park.

We'd like to hear what you think about the preliminary design concepts.

You're invited to attend public information sessions on Tues, Nov 3 and Sat, Nov 7.

Details: <http://ow.ly/U0FIB>

Vancouver Park Board | November 3 at 12:00pm

How do we plan to bring back nature to New Brighton Park?

Find out and share your thoughts at our information sessions starting tonight at 5-8pm, Hastings Room, Hastings Park (2901 E Hastings St).

Details: <http://ow.ly/U0EJi>

Vancouver Park Board | November 6 at 9:30am

See you at the New Brighton Park public information session on Sat, Nov 7 at the park, 1-3pm.

There will be biologist-led tours of the proposed project site at 1:30 & 2:30 pm.

Find out more: <http://ow.ly/U0EJi>

Vancouver Park Board | November 7 at 9:00am

Today: Let us know what you think of the proposed designs for the New Brighton Park shoreline restoration.

There's a public information session at 1-3pm at New Brighton Park.

Biologist-led tours of the proposed project site are at 1:30 & 2:30 pm.

Find out more: <http://ow.ly/U0EJi>

Vancouver Park Board | November 9 at 9:00am

Missed the public information session for the New Brighton Park shoreline restoration?

Have a look at the proposed design concepts online and send us your thoughts by Mon, Nov 16.

Check it out: <http://ow.ly/U0EJi>

Vancouver Park Board | November 13 at 7:33am

Got a minute?

Last chance to tell us your thoughts on the New Brighton Park shoreline restoration design concepts.

Survey ends Mon, Nov 16: <http://ow.ly/U0E4l>

Port Metro Vancouver Facebook Posts:

Port Metro Vancouver | October 22

We are working with the Vancouver Park Board to explore restoring shoreline habitat in New Brighton Park and we'd like to hear what you think about the preliminary design concepts.

Learn about upcoming public information sessions and how to submit feedback:

Port Metro Vancouver | November 2 at 11:46am

Let us know what you think! Join us and Vancouver Park Board on November 3 and 7 to learn about and share feedback on proposed design concepts for a salt marsh on the east side of New Brighton Park:

Port Metro Vancouver | November 4 at 1:24pm

Join us and Vancouver Park Board at New Brighton Park on Saturday, November 7 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm for biologist-led tours of the shoreline restoration project site and a look at proposed design concepts:

A salt marsh in New Brighton Park?

Find out more about the New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project

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Preliminary Design Public Consultation

November 2 – 16, 2015

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Location: Hastings Room, PNE
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Saturday, November 7, 2015

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: New Brighton Park

Including biologist-led tours of proposed project site at 1:30 PM and 2:30 PM.

Read the Discussion Paper and Submit Your Feedback Form

Online at vancouver.ca/newbrightonsaltmarsh

At a **Public Information Session** (see above)

Provide a Written Submission

By email: newbrightonsaltmarsh@vancouver.ca

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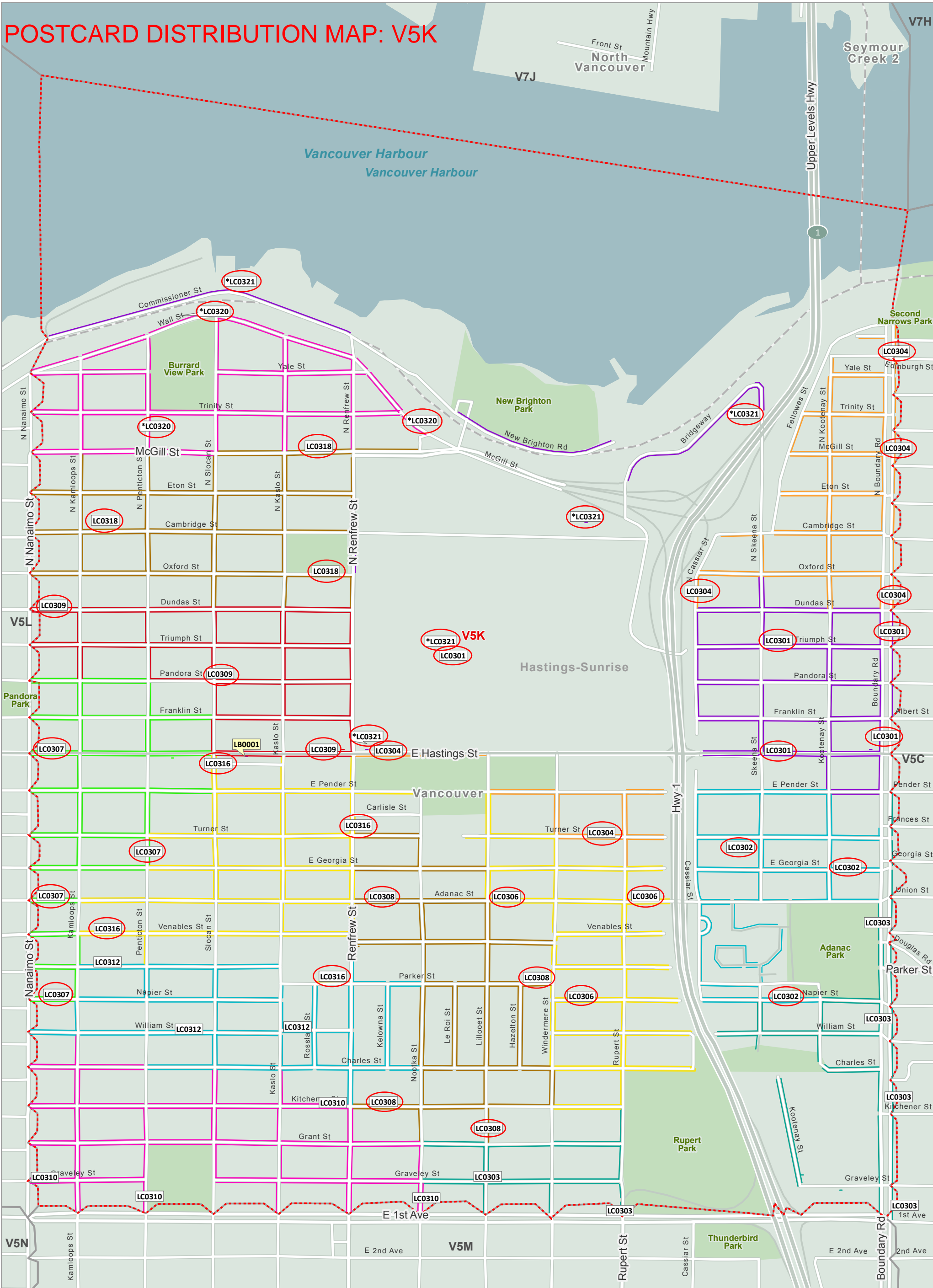
Phone: 604.665.9071

Please submit your feedback by November 16, 2015.

More information about the proposed project can be found at
vancouver.ca/newbrightonsaltmarsh

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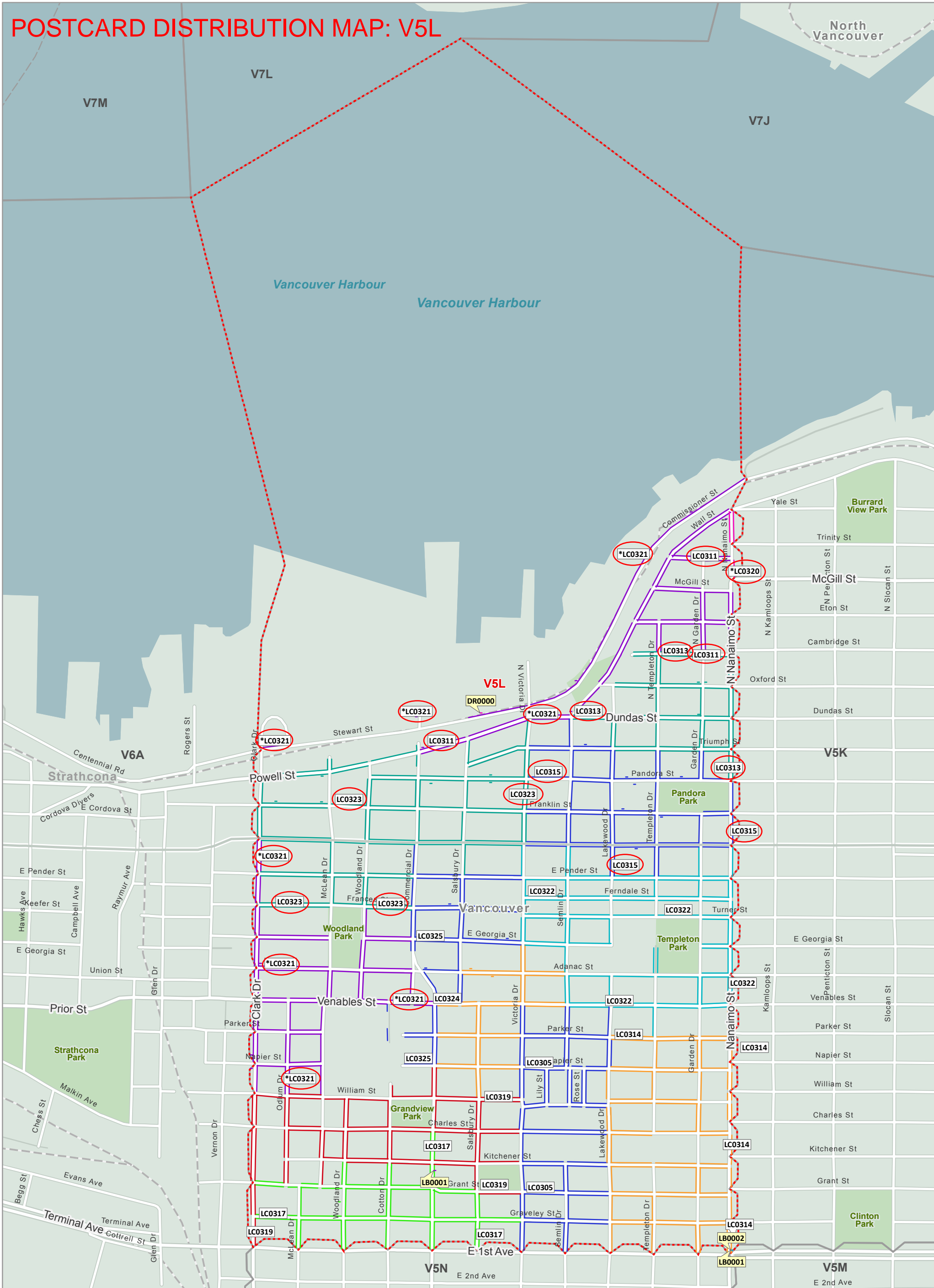
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New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project

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November 2 –16, 2015



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The proposed New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project could involve:

- The creation of salt marsh in a portion of the park in order to enhance biodiversity and create a more engaging park experience; and
- The restoration and enhancement of approximately 25,000 m² (2.5 ha) of intertidal, subtidal, instream and riparian habitat.

Public Consultation Period

As part of this phase of public consultation (November 2 – 16, 2015), Port Metro Vancouver and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation will provide information and seek input regarding two preliminary design concepts.

How to Participate

Attend a Public Information Session	Date	Tuesday, November 3, 2015	Saturday, November 7, 2015
	Time	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
	Location	Hastings Room, PNE (2901 E. Hastings Street) <i>Enter Gate 2 (Renfrew Street), walk east past the Forum. The Hastings Room will be on the right.</i>	New Brighton Park <i>Including biologist-led tours of the proposed project site at 1:30 PM and 2:30 PM.</i>
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	By mail:	Attn: New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project Port Metro Vancouver, 100 The Pointe, 999 Canada Place, Vancouver B.C. Canada V6C 3T4	
Call for Information	Phone:	604.665.9071	

Please submit your feedback by November 16, 2015.

More information about the proposed project can be found at vancouver.ca/newbrightonsaltmarsh

More information about the Habitat Enhancement Program can be found at portmetrovancouver.com/habitatenhancement



New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project



Project Signage

The Proposed Project

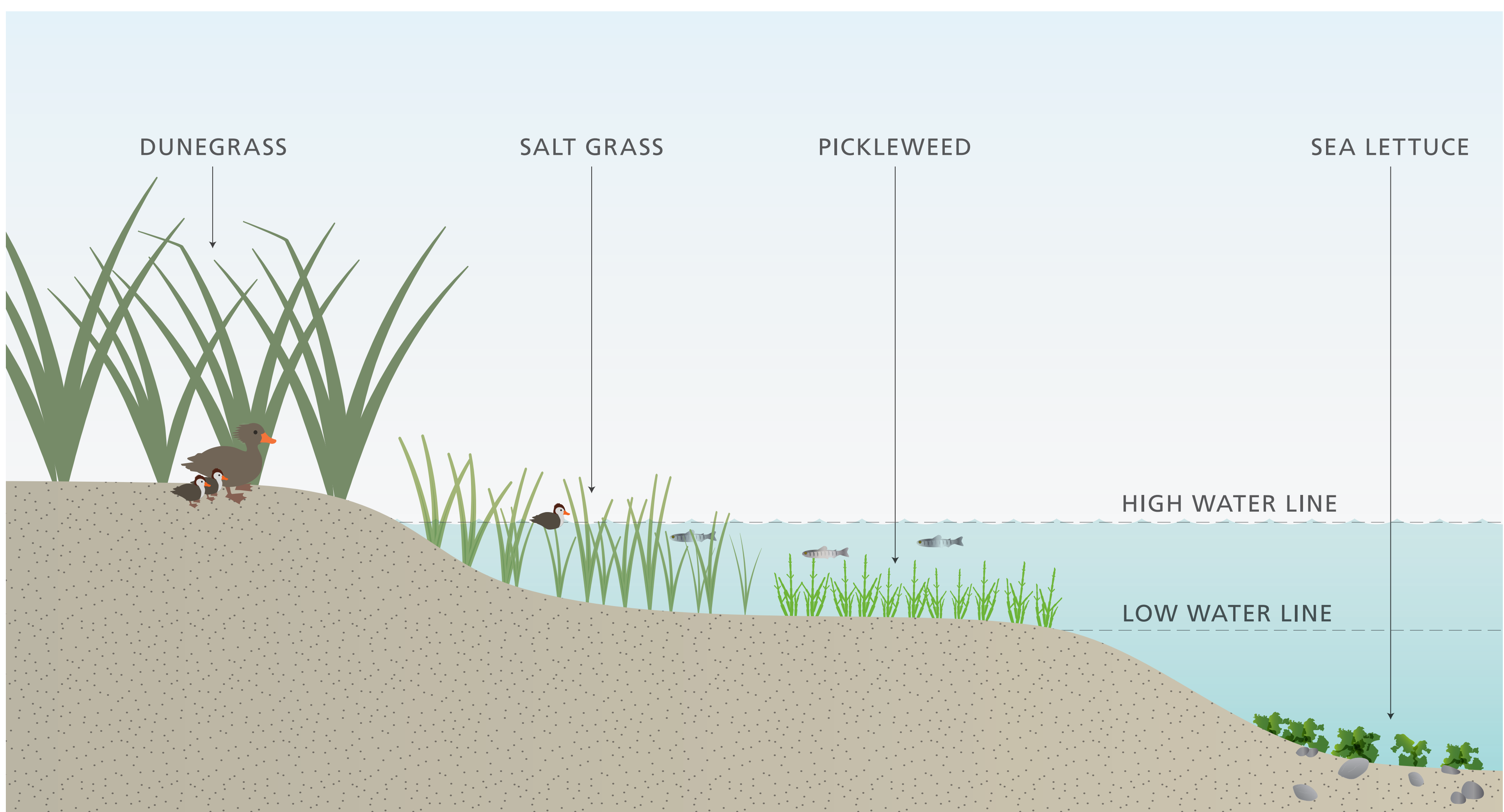


Image of an Existing Salt Marsh, Sidney Island B.C.

The New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project is currently in the preliminary design stage. It is anticipated that the project could include:

- The creation of a **tidal wetland area with a salt marsh component;**
- The creation of subtidal **rocky reefs;**
- The enhancement of **backshore/ riparian habitat;** and
- The creation of **streamside habitat** at the southern end of the park, connecting to Creekway Park.

Tidal wetlands provide critical habitat for juvenile salmon that migrate along shorelines before heading out to sea. Mudflats and salt marsh are also used by shorebirds such as sandpipers and waterfowl as resting and feeding areas. Many tidal wetlands were lost during early development of Burrard Inlet.



Example Cross-section of a Constructed Salt Marsh

New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project

What's Happening?

The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation and Port Metro Vancouver are working together to explore the restoration of habitat in New Brighton Park. The goal of the proposed project is to restore habitat for Burrard Inlet's fish and wildlife, and increase public access to nature.

The proposed New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project could involve:

- The restoration of approximately 2.5 hectares of salt marsh in a portion of the park;
- The creation of a salt marsh to enhance biodiversity in Burrard Inlet and increase wildlife viewing opportunities; and
- The restoration of Renfrew Creek as part of the revitalization of Hastings Park.

Site History

Historical uses of the proposed project site, prior to its development into a municipal park, were primarily for lumber-related industries. Most of New Brighton Park is built on fill, which covered the shoreline and intertidal zone in the 1960s. This resulted in the loss of valuable fish and wildlife habitat.



New Brighton Park in 1961 before land filling created the current shoreline. Source: Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

PROJECT TIMELINE

August – September 2015
Conceptual Design
Public Consultation

November 2–16 2015
Preliminary Design
Public Consultation

Winter 2016
Decision regarding project
advancement

For more information, please contact us:

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New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project



Preliminary Design Concepts

Port Metro Vancouver and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation are considering the two following **habitat restoration design options**.

Single Outlet Salt Marsh Concept: This option would include a salt marsh with a single channel opening to Burrard Inlet at the northeast corner of the park.



Salt Marsh with Island Concept: This option would include a salt marsh with two channel openings to Burrard Inlet, creating a tidal 'island,' at the northeast corner of the park.



New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project



Preliminary Design Concepts

The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is considering the two following options for **changes to the dog off-leash areas** in New Brighton Park.

Double Off-Leash Areas (East and West): This option would include two sections of the park for off-leash use, one area with year-round beach access at the east beach (where there is currently limited summer use), and the other a larger open area for running (about 95 m across) in the western part of the park. It may also be possible to have a larger East Off-Leash Area shown in the first image below, in combination with the West Off-Leash Area shown in the second image below.



Single Off-Leash Area (East): This option would include a single dog off-leash area adjacent to the most accessible beach in the park, with year-round beach access (where there is currently limited summer use). The longest run distance is about 95 m through an upslope grassed area.



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