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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Lon LaClaire on **West End Waterfront Plan October 2023 Update**. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- The purpose of the memo is to provide an update to Council on the status of the West End Waterfront Plan and reflect the briefing being provided to the Park Board Commissioners on October 30, 2023.
- The goal of the project is to create a 30-year vision for the West End Waterfront parks and Beach Avenue transportation network area, including a concept plan, implementation plan, and funding strategy.
- The memo outlines work completed to date including completion of the previous round of engagement and development of the preferred design
- The next round of engagement on the preferred design will launch with a public survey on October 31, 2023

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lon LaClaire at 604-873-7336 or [lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca](mailto:lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca).

Best,  
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

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## MEMORANDUM

October 25, 2023

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager  
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FROM: Lon LaClaire  
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SUBJECT: West End Waterfront Plan October 2023 Update

RTS #: N/A

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This memo provides an update on the status of the West End Waterfront Plan (WEWP), currently under development through the [Imagine West End Waterfront](#) process. A preferred concept has been developed based on the Vision, Goals and Principles, feedback from stakeholders and the public through two rounds of engagement and subsequent technical analysis. The preferred concept will be shared with Park Board Commissioners on October 30<sup>th</sup> and the public for input during the final round of public engagement beginning October 31, 2023. Staff expect to report back to the Board and Council for decision in early 2024.

### Project Background

The goal of the project is to create a 30-year vision for the West End waterfront (English Bay, Sunset Beach Park, Morton Park, Alexandra Park, and nearby streets such as Beach Avenue), including a concept plan, implementation plan, and funding strategy. Project considerations include park identity and functionality, neighbourhood connectivity, seaside greenway, coastal shoreline habitat restoration and ecological integrity, climate change and resilience, and enhancements and upgrades to park services and facilities. Funded by Community Amenity Contributions (CACs) from West End development, the WEWP will set the stage for the delivery of public benefits anticipated by the community and support population growth in the neighbourhood, city, and region.

The project is deeply rooted in the Park Board and City's Reconciliation values, and staff are working with staff from the Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation, and Tsleil-Waututh Nation. Staff submitted a referrals update to the three Nations earlier this year and consultation with them is ongoing through the Government-to-Government referrals process.

## Design Phase and Consultancy

The previous round of engagement took place in Spring/Summer 2023 where three design approaches ([Weave, Carve and Seed](#)) were shared with key stakeholders and the public. Feedback was collected through an online survey, opportunities to submit virtual or paper "love letters" to the area, stakeholder workshops, sessions with special interest groups and equity-deserving communities, pop-ups, and a survey support session (see Appendix A for summary).

The consultant design team has since developed a preferred design which is included in Appendix B. Highlights of the concept's transportation components include:

- Two-way vehicle access to Stanley Park on Beach Ave west of Denman St
- Realigned intersection at Denman St and Davie St to create more public space at Morton Park
- Two-way transit service and AAA cycling path along Pacific St east of Jervis St
- Seaside Greenway walking and cycling paths along Beach Ave and through the park
- Accessible parking spaces near key destinations

## Next Steps

- The preferred concept will be shared publicly in the next round of engagement, beginning on October 31, 2023.
- The project will host two open houses and an online survey to collect feedback
- Staff will continue to coordinate with the Vancouver Aquatic Centre renewal project to ensure the successful siting of the new facility within the WEWP study area.
- Staff will identify an implementation plan including priorities that can be delivered in the short-term
- The West End Waterfront Plan is planned to be presented to the Park Board and Council for decision in early 2024.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions with regards to this update.



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# Appendix A

## West End Waterfront Round 2 Engagement Summary

### Round 2 - Three Design Approaches

• **Host Nations Feedback** *(on going)*  
Intergovernmental conversation with the three Host Nations: the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əy<sup>əm</sup> (Musqueam Indian Band), S<sup>k</sup>wx<sup>w</sup>ú7mesh (Squamish Nation) and səlíl<sup>w</sup>etaʔ (Tseil-Waututh Nation)

• **Design Standards and Technical Analysis** *(on going)*



• **Public Engagement Process** *(May-June 2023)*



Children & Youth Planning/Design Program



In-person stakeholder workshops



Community Advisory Group



Pop-ups at English Bay and the Gathering Place CC



Virtual workshops



Ongoing conversations with impacted groups and equity-deserving communities



Online Survey



Shape Your City - love letters to the West End Waterfront

# HOW WE GOT HERE

Final Draft Plan



# Appendix B

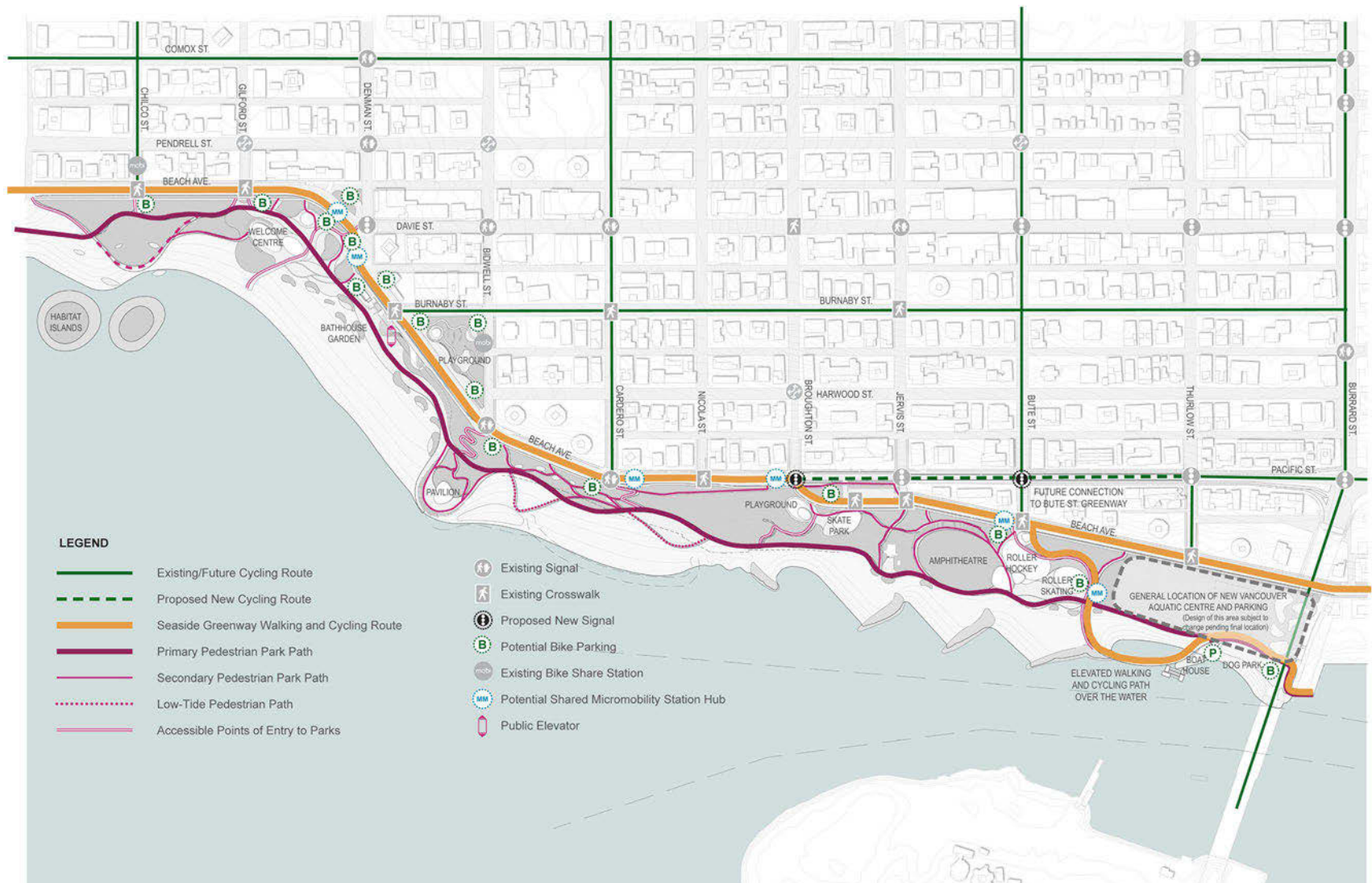
## Draft Preferred Design Concept



IMAGINE WEST END WATERFRONT



# Active Transportation Circulation Map



# Transit and Motor Vehicle Circulation Map

