GOAL 6:

CREATE A GREEN NETWORK That Will Connect Our Parks, Waterfront and Recreation Areas

The Park Board has a history of big ideas, none more influential than our world-renowned 22-km seawall. But for many areas of the city access to the waterfront is very limited. Along the Fraser River, shoreline access is restricted and on the east side the Port of Vancouver occupies much of the waterfront.

Although Vancouver's well-loved parks are well distributed across neighbourhoods, connecting to and from our green spaces and recreation areas can be a challenge. To address that, we envision a vast network of running and walking paths, bike routes, and green corridors. This network will provide pathways for the movement of urban wildlife, and a place to showcase rainwater management, while allowing pedestrians and cyclists to travel safely from park to park. You'll be able to easily connect from the downtown core to our city's beautiful shorelines, and include a visit to the park into your everyday routine.

At the Park Board, we're working to not only preserve and reclaim our waterfront, but to make it more accessible to everyone. Creating a citywide network of parks, greens spaces, shorelines and recreation areas will dramatically change the way we navigate our city and enhance our commutes to work, school and recreation. And by integrating exercise into our day-to-day lives, we improve our health and well being while seeing the city from a new perspective.