



Proposed New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project

PURPOSE

This Consideration Report provides the New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project team's response to input received as part of the public and stakeholder engagement for the proposed New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project. Four rounds of public and stakeholder consultation have been completed to date:

- August 26 – September 9, 2015 (Conceptual Design Public Consultation)
- November 2 – 18, 2015 (Preliminary Design Public Consultation)
- February 1 – 15, 2016 (Public Engagement Regarding Dog Off-Leash Areas)
- May 2 – 27, 2016 (Detailed Design Public Consultation)

This Consideration Report summarizes input received during Public Engagement Regarding Dog Off-Leash Areas and Detailed Design Public Consultation, and provides the responses of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Habitat Enhancement Program and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation. (A Consideration Memo providing responses to input received through Conceptual Design Public Consultation and Preliminary Design Public Consultation is available at: <http://www.portvancouver.com/new-brighton-park-shoreline-habitat-restoration-project/>.) Input provided will be considered as part of the port authority's Project and Environmental Review Process. For more information about the port authority's Project and Environmental Review, please visit: portvancouver.com/development-and-permits/status-of-applications/.

The project team is composed of members from Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Habitat Enhancement Program and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation. In addition to public engagement, the project team is engaging with the East Vancouver Port Lands and Liaison Committee regarding the proposed project. The project team has attended three East Vancouver Port Lands and Liaison Committee meetings in May 2015, December 2015, and April 2016, to provide information, answer questions, and gather input regarding the proposed project. The project team also established and engaged with the New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project stakeholder advisory group in July 2015, September 2015, and December 2015. The purpose of the stakeholder advisory group is to provide a forum for individuals and representatives of organizations with an interest in New Brighton Park ecology, recreation, and general use to gather input and share information about the development of the proposed project.

A separate but parallel consultation process with Aboriginal groups is being led by the port authority with assistance from Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation staff. Input from Aboriginal groups has informed project planning and design.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Habitat Enhancement Program and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation are working together to propose the restoration of habitat in New Brighton Park in Vancouver. The key goals of the New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project are to restore fish and wildlife habitat in Burrard Inlet, and to increase public access to nature. The site has been selected based on its potential to benefit a broad range of fish and wildlife species, and increase the overall ecological function.

The project includes:

- The creation of a tidal wetland area with a salt marsh component
- The enhancement of backshore/riparian habitat
- The creation of stream habitat
- The use of protective habitat fencing in backshore planting areas
- The incorporation of bat roosting and bird nesting features
- The improvement of public access to the beach located east of the shoreline pier (east beach)
- The relocation of the grassed portion of the dog off-leash area to the western part of New Brighton Park, and some dog off-leash area amenities (a waste bin, bag dispenser and a tennis ball bin, provided by the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation).

ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW – HIGHLIGHTS

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Habitat Enhancement Program and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (the project team) have undertaken four rounds of public and stakeholder engagement regarding the proposed project:

- August – September 2015 (Conceptual Design Public Consultation)
- November 2015 (Preliminary Design Public Consultation)
- February 2016 (Public Engagement Regarding Dog Off-Leash Areas)
- May 2016 (Detailed Design Public Engagement)

Each phase of design work and engagement has built upon feedback received during previous rounds of public and stakeholder engagement.

Key Themes from Engagement:

Several key themes regarding dog off-leash use in New Brighton Park emerged from feedback received at different points during four rounds of engagement:

- The importance of dog off-leash beach and water access to many park users with dogs.

- Support for a dog off-leash design option that includes a grassy off-leash area in the western part of the park in addition to the westernmost beach in New Brighton Park (west beach).
- Concern about the change of the west beach to a fenced dog off-leash area from an area open to all park users.

Competing interests have emerged regarding off-leash use on the west beach through Public Engagement Regarding Off-Leash Areas (February 2016) and Detailed Design Public Consultation (May 2016): some participants support off-leash use on the west beach, and some participants prefer to keep the west beach for family use, including picnics, without off-leash dogs.

Project Update: Interim Off-Leash Use

Based on consultation input, and an agreement between the project partners, the New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project will not include an off-leash area at the west beach. A consultation and planning process regarding on- and off-leash areas in all Vancouver’s parks, including New Brighton Park, is being undertaken by the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation. This planning initiative is called *People, Parks and Dogs: A Strategy for Sharing Vancouver’s Parks*. It is anticipated that the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation will receive a planning report in spring 2017, which will include recommendations that will inform the decision regarding New Brighton Park and how to accommodate water and beach access for dogs. For more information regarding *People, Parks and Dogs: A Strategy for Sharing Vancouver’s Parks*, please visit: vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/people-parks-dogs-strategy.aspx.

The current uses of both the east beach (immediately east of the wood pier) and the west beach will not change until a decision is made by the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation regarding how to accommodate water and beach access for dogs in New Brighton Park, informed by the *People, Parks and Dogs* planning process.

The proposed fenced grassed off-leash area (the round area in the western portion of New Brighton Park) will be created as part of the New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project, and will provide an off-leash area for users who want access to large grass areas in New Brighton Park. The interim off-leash area at the east beach will not include the adjacent grassed area, to avoid conflicts with other park activities. Signs and other methods will be used to restrict off-leash dogs to the beach and water area, and to protect the restored habitat area.

Public Engagement Regarding Dog Off-Leash Areas (February 1 – 15, 2016)

The engagement included:

- A discussion paper and feedback form
- An online feedback form

Consultation topics included:

- Options for dog off-leash areas:
 - Two options for the location of dog off-leash areas

Notification of opportunities to participate included:

- An email to all members of the East Vancouver Port Lands Liaison Committee (nine members) and to all members of the stakeholder advisory group (11 members) in advance of the engagement period.
- An email to approximately 1,850 stakeholders in advance of the engagement period.
- Two reminder emails to approximately 1,850 stakeholders during the engagement period.
- Posters placed in New Brighton Park notifying park users of the engagement period and presenting the two dog off-leash options.
- Social Media: A series of tweets from @portmetrovan to approximately 9,200 followers and from @ParkBoard to approximately 16,800 followers. A total of 13 tweets were sent from both accounts during the engagement period.

Detailed Design Public Consultation (May 2 – 27, 2016)**Detailed design consultation included:**

- A discussion paper and feedback form
- An online feedback form
- A public information session on May 12, 2016

Consultation topics included:

- Selected Design:
 - Feedback was sought regarding the selected design for the project.
- Educational/Interpretive Signage:
 - Feedback was sought regarding proposed content for educational/interpretive signage to be included at the project site.
- Potential Effects and Proposed Mitigation Measures:
 - Feedback was sought regarding potential project and construction effects, and the proposed mitigation measures.
- Construction Updates:
 - Feedback was sought regarding methods to receive information regarding important construction milestones for the proposed project.

Notification of opportunities to participate in consultation included:

- An email to approximately 1,850 stakeholders in advance of the consultation period.
- A localized postcard mail drop sent out to 7,874 residences and businesses in advance of the consultation period.

- A newspaper advertisement, which ran in the *Georgia Straight*, inviting members of the public to participate in consultation.
- An email to all members of the East Vancouver Port Lands and Liaison Committee (nine members) and to all members of the stakeholder advisory group (11 members) in advance of the consultation period.
- Three reminder emails to approximately 1,850 stakeholders during the consultation period.
- Two signs with general project information and information about Detailed Design Public Consultation were installed at New Brighton Park near the proposed project site.
- Notification posters placed in public spaces/community boards in several locations throughout the community.
- Social media:
 - A series of tweets from @portvancouver to approximately 9,500 followers and from @ParkBoard to approximately 17,800 followers. A total of 10 tweets were sent from both accounts during the consultation period.
 - Two Facebook posts from Port of Vancouver and Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation.

INPUT CONSIDERATION AND PROJECT TEAM RESPONSES

Input received during each engagement period for the New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project was compiled in Consultation Summary Reports, which are available online at vancouver.ca/newbrightonsaltmarsh and at portvancouver.com/new-brighton-park-shoreline-habitat-restoration-project/. The Habitat Enhancement Program and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation worked together to consider the input provided through the consultation process. To see the full detail of feedback received, please read the Consultation Summary Reports online at the addresses noted above.

The following table summarizes input from:

- Public Engagement Regarding Dog Off-Leash Areas (February 1 – 15, 2016)
 - Feedback forms: 210 received online
 - Open submissions: 6 received via email
- Detailed Design Public Consultation (May 2 – 27, 2016)
 - Feedback forms: 151 received online and in hardcopy
 - Open submissions: 9 received via email.
- East Vancouver Port Lands and Liaison Committee meeting (April 2016)

Summary of Input	Source of Input	Project Team Response
<p>1. Proposed Off-Leash Area Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants were asked which proposed off-leash option they preferred. Participants generally supported “Off-Leash Areas with West Beach” (70%), while 18% of participants supported “Off-Leash Areas with East Beach,” 7% of participants selected “Neither”, and 5% selected “No preference.” • Participants commented that they preferred “Off-Leash Areas with West Beach,” as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It will promote on-/off-leash compliance, and is more convenient and clear to have consolidated dog off-leash use on one side of the park. ○ Its location away from other uses would reduce conflicts. ○ The restored habitat area would be protected from off-leash dogs. ○ It has a larger total off-leash area, and larger beach area. ○ It has safer and/or easier access from the parking lot. • Participants stated that they preferred “Off-Leash Areas with East Beach,” as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The west beach is sandy and is popular with people and families with children, and it is the only beach of its kind in East Vancouver. ○ It will not change current use of the beaches; the west beach is popular for people, and the east beach is used for dog walking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Engagement Regarding Dog Off-Leash Areas (February 2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project design was advanced with the designated dog beach at the west beach (the westernmost beach in New Brighton Park) and presented during Detailed Design Public Consultation. Further input regarding the preferred use of this beach was received during Detailed Design Public Consultation. (To see the outcome, please see 2. Public Use of Beaches.)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It has better access and is further from car traffic. ○ It has access to drinking water. ● Participants noted that separate off-leash areas would result in poor compliance and some participants requested that the off-leash areas be connected. 		
<p>2. Public Use of Beaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In reference to the west beach, participants stated concern that one of the only sandy beaches in east Vancouver is being taken away or closed off from park users for the use of dogs and concern that this will deprive children and families. ● Some participants stated concern with providing any beach access for dogs in New Brighton Park, and that fencing of the beach will keep other park users out. ● Participants commented that the beach that will be left for people to use is not a good replacement for the sandy beach: it is rocky, shadier, less accessible, closer to the terminal and is fully inundated during high tide. ● Participants requested to keep the west beach as an on-leash area, or to set aside a small portion of the west beach for off-leash activities, leaving the rest of the beach for other park users. ● Participants expressed concern that this project represents a loss of recreational waterfront for people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Detailed Design Public Consultation (May 2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Competing interests have emerged regarding off-leash use on the west beach through Public Engagement Regarding Off-Leash Areas (February 2016) and Detailed Design Public Consultation (May 2016): some participants support off-leash use on the west beach, and some participants prefer to keep the west beach for family use, including picnics, without off-leash dogs. ● Based on consultation input, and an agreement between the project partners, the New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project will not include an off-leash area at the west beach. ● A consultation and planning process regarding on- and off-leash areas in all of Vancouver’s parks, including New Brighton Park, is being undertaken by the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation. ● This planning initiative is called <i>People, Parks and Dogs: A Strategy for Sharing Vancouver’s Parks</i>. It is anticipated that the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation will receive a planning report in spring 2017, which will include recommendations that will inform the decision regarding New Brighton Park and how to accommodate water and beach access for dogs. For more information regarding <i>People, Parks and Dogs: A Strategy for Sharing Vancouver’s Parks</i>, please visit: vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/people-parks-dogs-strategy.aspx.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current uses of both the east beach (immediately east of the wood pier) and the west beach will not change until a decision is made by the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation regarding how to accommodate water and beach access for dogs in New Brighton Park, informed by the <i>People, Parks and Dogs</i> planning process. The proposed fenced grassed off-leash area (the round area in the western portion of New Brighton Park) will be created as part of the New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project, and will provide an off-leash area for users who want access to large grass areas in New Brighton Park. The interim off-leash area at the east beach will not include the adjacent grassed area, to avoid conflicts with other park activities. Signs and other methods will be used to restrict off-leash dogs to the beach and water area, and to protect the restored habitat area.
<p>3. Proposed Off-Leash Area Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some participants expressed support for the proposed Off-Leash Area design. Some participants stated concern that the off-leash area is too small and requested a larger off-leash area. Some participants expressed support for the separation of the off-leash area from other parts of the park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed Design Public Consultation (May 2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project team undertook two rounds of public engagement in 2016. Expressions of support for the proposed off-leash area design were received through public engagement and stakeholder advisory group feedback, and were publicly reported in consultation summary reports. The goal of the changes to the off-leash area in New Brighton Park are to continue to provide access to large grassed areas as well as water and beach for dogs, while at the same time reducing conflicts with other park activities and protecting the restored habitat area.
<p>4. Dog Off-Leash Area Amenities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some participants stated that the provision of drinking water for dogs is an 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Engagement Regarding Dog Off-Leash Areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amenities provided in the fenced grassed off-leash area (in the western part of the park) will include a waste bin, bag dispenser and a tennis ball bin provided by the Vancouver Board of Parks and

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<p>important consideration and would be helpful.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some participants stated that dog owners can provide drinking water for dogs. Some participants requested to remove time-of-day/seasonal restrictions for the dog off-leash area. 	<p>(February 2016)</p>	<p>Recreation. Drinking water for dogs or people will not be provided in this fenced grassed off-leash area due to the difficulty of providing a water connection to this site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given the recent decision to remove the proposed off-leash area at the west beach from the project, the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is still reviewing options for seasonal restriction of off-leash use at the east beach.
<p>5. Dogs in Parks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some participants stated concern that dogs are being given priority and/or concern with the amount of money being spent on dogs. Participants stated concern with the lack of compliance with current on/off-leash areas in New Brighton Park. Some participants expressed opposition to off-leash use in parks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Engagement Regarding Dog Off-Leash Areas (February 2016) Detailed Design Public Consultation (May 2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog off-leash activities are recognized as a core use by visitors to New Brighton Park and improvements to the off-leash area will benefit park visitors both with and without dogs by reducing conflicts. Based on current city-wide policy for dogs in parks, all new or redeveloped off-leash areas will include a barrier to prevent conflicts with other park activities. (Please see 6. Fencing of Off-Leash Areas Area.) Fencing is often a successful method of reducing conflicts between off-leash dogs and other park activities.
<p>6. Fencing of Off-Leash Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants expressed opposition to fencing off-leash areas or concern that fenced-in off-leash areas are unsafe or unwelcoming for families to use; some participants requested that fencing be low or kept to a minimum. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Engagement Regarding Dog Off-Leash Areas (February 2016) Detailed Design Public Consultation (May 2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on current city-wide policy for dogs in parks, all new or redeveloped off-leash areas will include a barrier to prevent conflicts with other park activities. In consideration of participants' concerns regarding fencing of the west beach, this component has been removed from the project design until the <i>People, Parks and Dogs</i> planning process can inform the decision. (Please see 2. Public Use of Beaches.) Current dog off-leash fencing proposed for New Brighton Park includes western red Cedar (wood) split rail fencing type approximately 1 metre high, with wire mesh between the wooden rails. This height was chosen to balance the objectives of

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		<p>enclosing the off-leash area with the protection of views across New Brighton Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current design includes three entry gates proposed for the dog off-leash fenced area on the West side of the park, including double-gate vestibules and off-leash area amenities. (Please see 4. Dog Off-Leash Area Amenities.)
<p>7. Park Amenities and Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants requested improved parking at New Brighton Park. • Participants requested the inclusion of additional trees and additional amenities in the rest of the park, including picnic shelters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed Design Public Consultation (May 2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new parking or modification to existing parking is proposed, as it is outside the scope of the project. • Park amenities under consideration by the project team include: up to five new picnic tables located north of the pool; improved access to the beach located east of the public pier; two concrete viewing decks fitted with wooden bench seating located west of the salt marsh feature; and new pathways within the project area, as appropriate, to connect the park features. • The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is reviewing opportunities to relocate trees, which are currently within the footprint of the proposed salt marsh, to other appropriate areas in the park for shading and conservation purposes. • The restored habitat area will include a large planted area of new marine riparian habitat on the east side of the salt marsh, including new planted tree species common to the Pacific west coast (i.e., Sitka Spruce, Douglas Fir, Western Red Cedar etc.).
<p>8. Restored Habitat Area - Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants expressed support for the proposed design of the restored habitat area. • Participants requested to keep dogs away from the restored habitat area or to fence the restored habitat area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed Design Public Consultation (May 2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project team undertook two rounds of public engagement in 2016. Expressions of support for the design of the restored habitat area were received through public engagement and stakeholder advisory group feedback, and were publicly reported in consultation summary reports.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some participants asked questions regarding the function and accessibility of the tidal island. • Some participants requested improved viewing areas or a more immersive/interactive experience for park users to view the salt marsh. • Some participants asked about the status of daylighting the stream through Hastings Park, and about the opportunity of joining the Sanctuary Pond with New Brighton Park with a walking pathway. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tidal “island” would provide an enhanced protected habitat feature for wildlife away from dogs. • The project team is proposing the use of wooden fencing along the west side of the salt marsh, in order to protect ecological values, deter access to the habitat island, and support public safety. A trail or bridge connection between the park and the island is not being considered as part of this project. Signs will be used to discourage people from accessing the island and protect ecological values. • The project will provide new opportunities for park users to experience nature within New Brighton Park from trails and viewing areas on the west side of the salt marsh. • The project team will work to find a balance between aesthetic value and protection of the restored habitat area and Hastings Creek as the project proceeds. • Daylighting the short section of stream between Creekway Park and New Brighton Park is included in the proposed project, and construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2016. • The daylighting of Hastings Creek through Hastings Park is a long-term goal of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation. Conceptual designs have been developed but no work is proposed at this time.
<p>9. Public/Community Installations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants requested that the project team incorporate public/community art in the project. • Participants requested the inclusion of community gardens or food producing plants as part of the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed Design Public Consultation (May 2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While public art is outside of the scope of the project, the project team is working with the Musqueam First Nation, Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation regarding plans for interpretive information, and the potential for cultural features/art. (Please see 11. Educational/Interpretive Signage for more

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		<p>information regarding the consultation process with Aboriginal groups.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No community gardens are proposed as part of this project.
<p>10. Public and Stakeholder Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants expressed appreciation for consultation, design work and incorporation of feedback that has been undertaken for the project to date. Participants suggested that feedback should be solicited from those who live nearby or who use the park, not from people who do not use the park. East Vancouver Port Lands and Liaison Committee members were asked how they wanted to be engaged in the project in the future. Members determined that they would like to receive an update package and would determine the best approach at that time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Engagement Regarding Dog Off-Leash Areas (February 2016) Detailed Design Public Consultation (May 2016) East Vancouver Port Lands and Liaison Committee (April 2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project team undertook two rounds of public engagement in 2016. Expressions of support for the consultation process were received through public engagement and stakeholder advisory group feedback, and were publicly reported in consultation summary reports. Notification of opportunities to participate in Detailed Design Public Consultation included a localized postcard mail drop sent out to 7,874 residences and businesses in the area roughly between Clark Drive and Boundary Road, north of Hastings Street. The project team will continue to share information with the East Vancouver Port Lands and Liaison Committee.
<p>11. Educational/Interpretive Signage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants expressed general support for the inclusion of educational signage and for the proposed content of educational signage. Participants stated support for the inclusion of ecological information (including information and images regarding fish, flora, fauna and birds, and information about the benefits and importance of biodiversity and wetlands), and cultural and historical information (including historical photographs, and names for the area as well as for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed Design Public Consultation (May 2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project team undertook two rounds of public engagement in 2016. Expressions of support for the inclusion of educational/interpretive signage were received through public engagement and stakeholder advisory group feedback, and were publicly reported in consultation summary reports. Educational/Interpretive signage is anticipated to include material on cultural, historical, and ecological values, and the project team is reviewing options to make signage interactive for the reader. A separate but parallel consultation process with Aboriginal groups is being led by the port authority with assistance from Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation staff. Input from Aboriginal groups has informed project planning and design.

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<p>plant/animal species in First Nations languages).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants suggested the inclusion of information about the project's partners, purpose and benefits. Participants expressed support for working with First Nations regarding educational/interpretive signage content. Participants suggested that signage remind dog owners to leash dogs. Participants suggested that educational/interpretive signage be interactive. Participants requested to keep the area for viewing the restored habitat child-friendly, with no off-leash dogs. Participants requested to keep signage unobtrusive, as well as durable and vandalism-proof. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project team is working with the Musqueam First Nation, Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation regarding plans for educational/interpretive signage. The physical design parameters for educational/interpretive signage have not been developed; however, when designing interpretive signage, the project team will seek to meet educational goals while keeping signs unobtrusive. Off-leash dogs will be restricted to the off-leash areas using fencing (in the grassed off-leash area on the west side of the park) and signage provided by Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (in the interim off-leash area at the east beach).
<p>12. Additional Educational Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants requested additional educational opportunities, such as, educational programs or tours. Participants requested additional educational opportunities, including community installations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed Design Public Consultation (May 2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Habitat Enhancement Program and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation will consider educational opportunities proposed by community groups or members of the public, which could include community installations, and which are consistent with the ecological objectives of the project.
<p>13. Potential Effects and Proposed Mitigation Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants expressed general support for proposed mitigation measures. Participants requested that access to the park will be maintained and disruption minimized, particularly during the summer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed Design Public Consultation (May 2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate mitigation measures will be implemented as planned. Construction is planned following the closure of New Brighton Park pool for the season to minimize disruption to park users. The development of a project-specific Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), including spill prevention and emergency response procedures by the contractor, would also be

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some participants requested to keep work between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday to Friday and expressed concern regarding noise and traffic on weekends. 		<p>required to provide detailed mitigation measures to be applied during construction operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard mitigation measures will be addressed in this CEMP, including (but not limited to) application of the appropriate least risk work window for high risk activities (i.e. fisheries protection), implementing environmental monitoring requirements, erosion and sediment control measures, spill prevention planning and oversight by an Environmental Monitor. Construction activities will be consistent with applicable municipal noise bylaws where possible, and the public will be notified prior to construction.
<p>14. Project - General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants expressed general support for the project. Participants suggested that this project be a pilot for similar shoreline/rewilding/green infrastructure projects that create more contiguous habitat and resilient ecosystems, and take advantages of synergies with food security, art and community projects. Participants expressed support for the project's balance of habitat, dog off-leash activities and other park users, and commented that the project will make New Brighton Park a destination for visitors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed Design Public Consultation (May 2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project team undertook two rounds of public engagement in 2016. Expressions of support for the project were received through public engagement and stakeholder advisory group feedback, and were publicly reported in consultation summary reports. The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Habitat Enhancement Program proactively creates and enhances habitat for fish and wildlife, supporting the Port's approach to sustainability. Since 2012, the Habitat Enhancement Program has constructed or restored 8 hectares of functioning habitat through the Salt Marsh Restoration Projects at Roberts Bank and Boundary Bay, and the Glenrose Tidal Marsh Project in the South Arm of the Fraser River. For more information, please visit: portvancouver.com/habitatenhancement. The project also supports the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation's Biodiversity Strategy, which sets a goal to "increase the amount and ecological quality of Vancouver's natural areas to support biodiversity and enhance access to nature," and a specific action to "partner with Vancouver Fraser Port Authority to restore shoreline and shallow

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		subtidal habitats along Burrard Inlet, English Bay, and the Fraser River.”
<p>15. Project and Construction Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants were asked how they would like to receive information regarding important construction milestones for the proposed project. Participants selected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informational signage or posters in the park (56%) • Web updates (45%) • Email updates (33%) • Community notices (26%) • I am not interested in receiving construction updates (24%) • Other (5%) • Participants suggested that community notices be posted at community centres (particularly Hastings Community Centre), at neighbourhood houses in the area, libraries (particularly the Hastings Branch), book exchanges, local businesses (including cafes), public spaces near the Nanaimo-Hastings intersection, the entrance of the park, or at local schools/post-secondary schools. • Participants requested that the project team ensure engaging and open communications, including telling the ‘big picture.’ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed Design Public Consultation (May 2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A construction communications plan will be developed, which will include communications regarding important construction milestones via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Informational signage or posters in the park ○ Web updates ○ Email updates ○ Community notices • To keep up to date on the proposed project, or for more information, please visit: Vancouver.ca/newbrightonsaltmarsh or portvancouver.com/new-brighton-park-shoreline-habitat-restoration-project/