

## Parks & Open Spaces Master Plan

### Submission from Sandy Hook Community Association

The SHCA heartily applauds the motivation for the “*Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan*”. The SHCA board members consider this a very important document for guiding the DoS in making decisions for determining priorities and allocating resources. Therefore we feel it is important that this document accurately reflect the needs and desires of Sandy Hook community.

**Item 2.3** on page 4 states that the Master Plan was the result of extensive consultation with community associations. However, in the case of the SHCA there was no such consultation with members of the board either past or present. Consequently, the Master Plan contains a significant number of errors of omission as well as errors of fact.

This response addresses some of the errors, and includes some of the more important items that we have on our wish list for the future of our community.

**Table 2.1** on page 5 should contain mention of several important items which can be briefly described as follows:

- Park Road – a useful trail linking the south end of Porpoise Drive up to Sandy Hook Road. The trail would follow a 30 ft. wide right of way that already exists under a power line. This link will not cost DoS anything. All that is required to allow this to happen is the approval from the Director of Engineering. Approval has been pending since April 2008.
- Swim Float – the beach at the north end of Porpoise Drive would benefit greatly if a swim float were located there. Access is from Porpoise Drive and from Tillicum Bay Road. The beach is at the outlet of Davis Brook, it is sandy and has a shallow slope and is very popular for swimming in the summer.
- Beach Access – Tillicum Bay Road has a long stretch with no beach access. There are three possible corridors for a beach access. The best of these is Lot #6 which is currently owned jointly by the residents who own Lots #1 through #19 at the south end of Tillicum Bay Road. An offer was made to Mr. Bill Brown to sell this property (Lot #6) to DoS in 2006. This offer is still open. The property has an expanse of level waterfront which could be developed as a park as well as a beach access. All that is required for access is a short flight of stairs close to Tillicum Bay Road.
- Beach Access – Coracle Drive at the south end has a beach access that is not well known; this is partly because it lacks a “Beach Access” sign. Also the stairway is in need of repair.
- Gazebo – a gazebo is proposed for Tot Park. This playground is located at the southern intersection of Deerhorn Drive and Skookumchuk Road. On the map page #28 it is incorrectly identified as Deerhorn Park. The correct location for Deerhorn Park is mislabeled on this same map as Skookumchuk Park.

- Hidden Grove access – the road access for Hidden Grove would benefit greatly from a layer of gravel; it gets a lot of use and becomes very muddy in the wintertime.
- Sandy Hook Park link to Porpoise Drive – a very useful connection could be made with a trail between the south end of Porpoise Drive and Sandy Hook Park. The right of way is in place, but there is a large obstacle in the form of a cliff (behind the Jorgensen property) and the trail would need to be routed to the east of the cliff traversing a steep slope to reach the base at Sandy Hook Park.

**Item 3.8.1 The 5% park dedication rule** on page 43 raises a question for us. Why did this rule not apply to the Tillicum Bay Road development? The only way to make this happen now is for DoS to acquire Lot #6.

**Item 4.6.11 The Sandy Hook to Tuwanek Trail** is briefly described on page 58. What has become of the plan to put a trail through between Tillicum Bay Road and Sechelt Inlet Road? How does Lot 1410 link Tillicum Bay Road and Sechelt Inlet Road? Does this in fact refer to D.L. 7148, plan 12047 which was recently subdivided into three parts?

**Item 4.6.12 (update)** Davis Brook path is now connected with stairs and a bridge.

**Table 5.1** Map #7 that is referred to on page 66 is not reproduced in this document. A note could be made at the end of Table 5.1 listing some potential beach accesses along Tillicum Bay Road. These are:

- Beside Lot #1.....trail in place, but steep and difficult
- Between Lot #3 and #4.....60 ft. wide RoW undeveloped
- Lot #6 (see notes above).....community owned recreational lot
- Between Lot #11 and #12.....steep ravine, undeveloped

**Item 5.3.3 (correction)** on page 71. The beach access that was opened in 2003 from the south end of Tillicum Bay Road is bordering Lots #16 and #17 (not as stated between Lots #11 and #12).

**Item 6.5 (addition)** on page 77 under the heading “*How can volunteers help?*” We would like to add a point about removing and destroying ivy and other invasive plants.

**Maps (a general note)** there appear to be a fair number of map related errors in this document. The maps we have of Sandy Hook are from the Land Registry office in New Westminster.

The members of SHCA recognize that the “*Parks and Open spaces Master Plan*” is an evolving document that will need periodic updates. The points made in this submission are intended to assist in keeping this important document accurate and relevant.

Yours truly,  
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