

**A G E N D A**  
**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2**  
**Thursday, October 20, 2016 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

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1. **CHAIR'S REMARKS**
  
2. **MOUNT DOUGLAS PARK ACCESS STUDY UPDATE** (Parks) (attachment)
  - Presentation from Parks Department (30 minutes)
  
3. **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN** (Engineering)
  - Verbal update
  
4. **LONG-RANGE PLANNING**
  - Committee discussion
  - Urban design for bikes and pedestrians
  
5. **EMAIL FROM D. WICK** (attachment)
  - Committee discussion
  
6. **EMAIL FROM J. GRAYSON** (attachment)
  - Committee discussion
  
7. **DOUGLAS CORRIDOR** (standing item)
  
8. **BIKETORIA** (standing item)

\* Adjournment \*

\* \* Next Meeting: November 17, 2016\* \*

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**MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR OWN MUG TO THE MEETING**



The Corporation of the District of Saanich

## Memo

**To:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee  
**From:** Gary Darrah, Manager Park Planning and Design  
**Date:** 10/13/2016  
**Subject:** Mount Douglas Park Access Study -- Draft Recommendations

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### PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to brief the Committee on the project findings and draft recommendations prior to taking a final report to Mayor and Council in November, and to receive feedback from the committee that could be used to refine the final report.

### BACKGROUND

On February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Council endorsed a staff recommended process to develop options to address concerns raised regarding access to Mount Douglas Park by some members of the public, especially related to recent parking restrictions at the north end of Glendenning Road. Council further stated that the access options should minimize impacts to the special nature, character and access routes themselves. All forms of access including pedestrian, transit, bicycle and vehicular were included in the study. Since February, staff have undertaken the following;

- Developed a Project Charter
- Created a Terms of Reference and established a community based project advisory team (PAT)
- Developed a detailed inventory of existing parking areas, bicycle facilities, pedestrian routes and transit facilities
- Undertaken a public survey throughout the summer months
- Undertaken a detailed access study employing a transportation consultant (Urban Systems)
- Developed draft recommendations to enhance all forms of access
- Hosted a public open house, provided a virtual open house on the Saanich website and undertaken a second survey for the public to provide input on the draft recommendations

The public survey results from the summer, Urban Systems study and project overview are available for review on the Saanich web site. An opportunity to provide feedback on the draft recommendations via online survey is available until October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## DISCUSSION

The data gathering and analysis points to several key findings and recommendations. The proposed draft recommendations are organized by access mode as follows;

- 6 recommendations to improve pedestrian access
- 6 recommendations to improve cycling access
- 4 recommendations to improve transit access
- 10 recommendations to improve vehicle access

Some of the recommendations will be relatively easy to implement while others will be more costly, or as is the case with transit, be referred to other jurisdictions for review and implementation. Still others such as the recommendation to add bike lanes on Cedar Hill Road will be referred to the Active Transportation Plan project which Engineering has just initiated.

Given that Mount Douglas Park serves the entire region, a large majority of park visitors arrive by automobile and there is a significant amount of existing infrastructure devoted to automobiles in the park. As such, the transportation consultant's work focused mainly on gaining a better understanding of the current situation with vehicular traffic. Some key findings that emerged from their analysis indicates that:

- Turnover analysis supports the survey finding that the majority of park visitors stay for less than 2 hours
- Weekdays were shown to be busiest in the evening
- Weekends tended to be busiest in the early afternoon
- Glendenning (5 designated spaces) and Churchill (28 designated spaces) lots were consistently the busiest locations and most likely to exceed 85% occupancy
- Overall, parking facilities in the park are generally sufficient; however, there is room for improvement and opportunities to expand parking availability in key locations

In order to obtain public feedback on the draft recommendations Saanich Parks hosted an open house on October 12th at Gordon Head Middle School. 43 people attended the event and preliminary feedback on the key recommendations was generally quite positive.

Staff will be presenting the draft recommendations and preliminary feedback to other relevant advisory committees including Environment and Natural Areas and Parks, Trails and Recreation through October. The public survey will conclude at the end of October. The feedback gathered from this survey, the open house and the advisory committees will be used to refine the report to be presented to Council in late November.

## SUMMARY

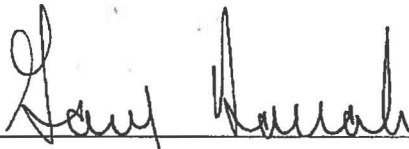
The data gathered throughout the summer identifies a number of initiatives to improve visitor access facilities to the park. These include enhancements to cycling, transit, pedestrian and vehicular infrastructure. Following review and approval by Mayor and Council, staff from Parks and Engineering will develop an implementation plan and where necessary, coordinate details with the Saanich Fire Department to ensure public safety concerns are appropriately dealt with. While one or two initiatives have already been completed (e.g. an additional bike rack at the

main beach parking lot), it is anticipated that implementation of the recommendations will commence in early 2017 pending budget approvals.

**NEXT STEPS**

That the Committee review the relevant materials and provide comments to staff by October 31<sup>st</sup> so that they may be included in the final report which Council has indicated they would like to review in November.

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**Tania Douglas - BiPed Agenda**

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**From:** Darrell Wick  
**To:** Gary Darrah <Gary.Darrah@saanich.ca>, Vic Derman <[REDACTED]>, Ja...  
**Date:** 9/15/2016 2:50 PM  
**Subject:** BiPed Agenda

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Hi Tania,  
Four BiPed agenda items:

- 1) The Shelbourne bikelanes between Arbordale and Torquay have now been completed and lines painted. What's missing is bicycle direction signs at Torquay pointing east along Torquay for Gordon Head Rec Centre, Lambrick Park and eastbound on Feltham including connection to GH Local Connector leading to UVic. Also one pointing west along Torquay for Cedar Hill Road.
- 2) A very popular cycling route passes through Mount Douglas Park connecting Cordova Bay Road with a left turn onto Ash Road. Experienced cyclists familiar with the turn realize they must "take the lane" early so they can move into the left turn lane for Ash Road (Existing signs are ineffective and too close to the intersection). It can often be difficult to move into the travel lane because of relatively fast moving vehicles. Worse, too many hesitant or unfamiliar with the necessity to "take the Lane" end up following the marked bike lane to the corner and are caught on the inside of the corner where they can't see on-coming traffic and cannot safely connect to Ash Road. What is needed is better, earlier signage for cyclists about the left turn and about legitimatizing (in the eyes of motorists) "taking the lane". Sharrows would also help. The Friends of Mount Douglas Park Society, supported by the Cordova Bay Assoc and Gordon Head Residents Assoc would like the speed limit on these roads passing through the Park reduced to 40kmh. This would help with the aforementioned left turn, moving out into the traffic lane, as well as on the narrow Ash Road which does not have bicycle lanes (the "single file" signs have helped).

Many potential cyclists are unaware of the connection between Gordon Head and the Lochside Trail that goes along Glendenning. Discussion between Engineering and Parks several years ago agreed to mark this cycle route from the Lochside Trail to Tyndall Park with yellow local connector signs. It's time to do this!

I am hearing reports from cyclists following the GH Local Connector as it passes through Lambrick Park. The concern is the many people walking off-leash (and not fully controlled) dogs along this trail. Currently dogs must be on-leash on the Goose and Lochside Trails. A similar rule should apply to all municipal trails used by cyclists.

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**Tania Douglas - BiPed Mtg Oct 20**

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**From:** "James & Ute Grayson" [REDACTED]  
**To:** "Vic Derman" [REDACTED], "Tania Douglas" <Tania.Douglas@saa...>  
**Date:** 10/8/2016 9:15 PM  
**Subject:** BiPed Mtg Oct 20

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Hi Vic and Tania,

I have become aware of a few Saanich bicycle-related items that could/should be addressed or considered:

"Share the Road" signs on Wallace Dr

Sharrow on Lochside Dr immediately north of crosswalk at north end of McMinn Park

Green conflict-zone paint at driveways on north side of McKenzie Ave, between Shelbourne St and Cedar Hill Rd

Proper commuter-cyclist consideration on new Borden St–Cedar Hill X Rd, cycle track

Lochside Tr/Dr–Hunt Rd intersection ... safety issues.

Some of these items are probably best handled directly to a person or department; other items may proceed best through the BiPed Committee.

Many thanks for your consideration and understanding,

*Jim*

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