ATTACHMENT D

Westwood Lake Park—First Beach Parking and Amenity Improvements
Neighbourhood Meeting Notes
Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 9AM

City Staff in attendance—Mike Elliot and Kirsty MacDonald
Neighbourhood attendance —Around 20 residents

General

- Intro to the proposed improvements at First Beach (parking and park amenities). Discussion that none of the ideas are set in stone and everything can be flexible and interchanged. The public survey is open from August-October 31.
- Desire to protect the natural character of the parkland to have new features with a soft and natural appearance as well.
- Discussion about mountain bike community and approved as well as rogue trail building.
- Increased park use and never enough parking for use/events.
- Most of the park is zoned PRC-1 Nature Park with only first and second beach zoned PRC-2 to allow other park amenities.

Parking Lot at First Beach:

- Desire to have as few trees impacted by future work. Keep construction to disturbed areas and minimize impacts to significant trees.
- Support for storm water management features to capture and filter runoff before meeting the lake.
- Discussion about parking issues at the end of Arbot Road as well as College Heights parking.
- Discussion about the pros and cons of permeable parking and travel way surfacing. A lot of support for permeable surfacing and rainwater capture.
- Pros and cons of lighting discussion. Current plans do not include lighting.
- Discussion about universal accessibility and washroom upgrades.
- Discussion about considering bus turnaround and emergency access in the parking layout updates.
- Walked footprints of both options and looked at how they allow for an enlarged beach as well as the proximity to the residential area.
- Discussed the options to pull entrance and exits back from the current pinch/conflict point.

Planting and trees

- Desire to have replanting work after construction that mitigates new wind corridors to park neighbours (houses and mobile homes).
- Tree removal is similar for both preliminary layouts. Around 40 trees of varying significance.

- Desire to have noise abatement features along the Leighton Road buffer property (berm, planting features, etc.) and desire to have more detailed look at future planting schemes. Discussion about the blackberry patch barrier and options to remove and replace the blackberries with alternative barrier plantings.
- Discussion about the tree health study completed and desire to have further inventory work done of environmental features in the park.

Park Amenities

- Discussion about the mountain bike repair station and future wash station potentially being moved to a location that has less conflicts.
- Discussion about the boat launches location and pros and cons. Desire to have at least pull-along launched at existing location. Consideration of other location at the opposite end of first beach for trailer boats.
- Support for having local amenities at the park—such as a new playground.
- Discussion of using the abandoned concrete abutment for a new accessible fishing pier at First Beach. Current location is not universally accessible.

Next Steps:

- Review of the survey input and neighbourhood feedback by Council.
- Consideration of improvements in budget for next year.
- If desired by Council, work could move forward in some form next fall.
- If work is advanced by Council, there will be more neighbourhood check-in points and discussion as design is detailed.