Belcarra Regional Park

BELCARRA SOUTH PLANNING

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that the MVRD Board:

a) endorse Belcarra South design concept Option 2 which retains the Bole House and Cabins 6 as multi-purpose buildings, gives priority to more natural open space, and opens the area to public use;

b) direct staff to forward the report dated March 1, 2017, titled, “Belcarra Regional Park – Moving forward with Public Use of Belcarra South” to the City of Port Moody and to the Village of Belcarra for comment; and

c) direct staff to post the report on the Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Public Engagement web page.
Feedback – Port Moody

- Concern - MVRD endorsement of a plan that contravenes city bylaw
- Demo permits likely to be denied
- Decline to comment on the plan ‘until all matters relating to the cabins are resolved’
Feedback - Village of Belcarra

- Supports public use of the area
- Considers Cabin 1 to be most historic
Next Steps

• Detailed Design 2018
• Continue with legal proceedings with Port Moody
• Proceed to open the area to the public
Questions
Purpose

May 26, 2017 Board Resolution:

a) direct staff to complete public engagement on two Davies Orchard concepts - Concept 1: Open Space Focus and Concept 2: Heritage Focus; and

b) direct staff to report back to the Regional Parks Committee with the results of the public engagement and a final recommended Davies Orchard Concept.
Context

- 300,000 visitors
- 220 ha
- 13 km trails
Context - site

- Snug Cove
- 2.3 acres
- Limited open space, trails and parking
- 10 cottages
  (4 upgraded, 6 in poor condition)
Project Goals

1. Improve public access and use of the orchard area

2. Better integrate Davies Orchard into Crippen Regional Park

3. Celebrate the unique heritage of the site
Process

1. Regional Parks Committee (March 2016)
2. Bowen Island Municipality Council (April 2016)
3. Public Engagement (June 2016)
4. Site, building, heritage assessment and concept development (Summer – Winter 2017)
5. Regional Parks Committee (April 26 2017)
6. Public Engagement (June 2017)
8. Regional Parks Committee (Nov 8, 2017)
9. Metro Vancouver Board
Concept Options

**Concept 1 – Open Space Focus**
- Regional Parks Committee 14

**Concept 2 – Heritage Focus**
- Regional Parks Committee 14
Concept Option Engagement

- Public engagement event - *June 2017*
- Invited stakeholder workshop - *June 2017*
- Public input accepted online – *June – July 2017*
- Delegation to Bowen Island Municipality Council - *September 2017*
Engagement Summary

- Public preference for Concept 2: Heritage Focus
- Suggestions to improve concepts
- Bowen Island Municipality preference for Concept 2: Heritage Focus
- Local heritage advocates request Concept 3
- Regional resident value outdoor park amenities above building preservation
Survey Results

Which concept option do you prefer?

- **Concept 1**: Open Space Focus (29.3%)
- **Concept 2**: Heritage Focus (52.4%)
- No Response / Other (18.3%)
Survey Results

Please rate your level of support for Concept 1: Open Space Focus
- Support: 41%
- Oppose: 42%
- Neutral / No Response: 17%

Please rate your level of support for Concept 2: Heritage Focus
- Support: 57%
- Oppose: 24%
- Neutral / No Response: 19%
Recommended Concept Option

Concept 2 – Heritage Focus

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Concept Elements

- Public access to renovated cottages
- Central open space
- Nature discovery area & picnic amenities
- New and realigned trails, paths and parking
Concept Elements

• Improved connections to park & village
• Expanded orchard
• Nature loop trail & habitat area near creek
• Interpretive & educational displays
• Bowen Heritage museum and demonstration garden
Outcomes

• Collaboration with community groups
• New opportunities for programs and events
• Enhanced public access
• Family friendly amenities
• Historic features preserved, celebrated and used
• **Usable, flexible, vibrant, accessible public space**
Public Space
Honoring the past. Looking forward.
Next Steps

1. Metro Vancouver Board Approval

2. Detailed Design and Implementation
   (subject to regular budgeting process)
Thank you. Questions?