

Office of Mayor George V. Harvie City of Delta



January 22, 2021

Sav Dhaliwal, Chair Metro Vancouver Board of Directors 4730 Kingsway, Metrotower III Burnaby, BC V5H 0C6

Dear Chair Dhaliwal,

Re: Boundary Bay Regional Park Trail System

We appreciate your ongoing willingness to work with the City of Delta to support public safety as the use of Boundary Bay Regional Park continues to increase. The popularity of the park, combined with the burgeoning use of new modes of transportation like electric bicycles, is creating unsafe situations for pedestrians and other casual users of the park.

The top priority for enhancing safety is a new path along the park side of Boundary Bay Road along with improvements to the park entrance to separate pedestrians from bicycles and vehicles. A proposed perimeter trail alongside Boundary Bay Road was included in a park plan dating back to 1996 and we think this would be a good time to re-examine that proposal in connection with the current use patterns. We look forward to the opportunity to tie our active transportation network into such a new path constructed by Metro Vancouver, which would ensure that people can safely access the park via whatever transportation mode best suits them.

In addition, we are seeking a review of the Boundary Bay Regional Park trail network to determine how additional trails may reduce conflict between the different users. We appreciate that bicycles are already restricted from some trails, but a full review and updated plan for the network would enhance safety and enjoyment for all users.

Thank you for your consideration of this request to support the safety of Boundary Bay Regional Park users and encourage a variety of active transportation options.

Yours truly,

George V. Harvie

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Mayor

cc: John McEwan, Chair of the Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Committee
Delta Council
Sean McGill, City Manager
Steven Lan, Director of Engineering
Ken Kuntz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture