

**Seawall Park Ad Hoc Committee
December 12, 2016 Meeting**

ENVISIONING

Questions to Lead Discussion

Dream—Big Picture:

Picture yourself at the Seawall Park of the future.

1. Describe what it would look like. What would you see?
2. How would it make you feel?
3. Who would we see at this park?
4. What are all the things that people would be doing?
5. Describe the park at different times of the day and/or in different seasons – morning, afternoon, evening, night?
6. Pretend you are a first-time visitor to Langley, visiting the Seawall Park of the future for the first time. How would this future park make you feel about Langley?

The Future—The Details:

Access:

1. How would people access the Seawall Park of the future? What would this access look like and be like?
2. How would people know about or find the Seawall Park of the future? Signs, maps, events, word-of-mouth, etc.?

Aesthetics:

1. Is there a theme, or themes, to the Seawall Park of the future? If so, how would you describe the theme(s)?
2. What features of the park communicate the theme? How would these features do that?
3. How would the park of the future make you feel?

Amenities:

1. Describe the services and amenities the park of the future would offer for both residents and visitors?
2. Describe how the services and amenities in this future park reflect the values and what the residents of Langley care about.

Final Question, Wrap-Up:

Has our discussion today addressed the stakeholder groups, issues, challenges and problems we identified at the meeting of 11/14/16?

Seawall Park Stakeholder Groups

- Seniors
- Disabled
- Children, Teenagers
- Swimmers, Water Users
- Artists, Musicians
- Neighbors, Neighboring Property Owners
- Business Owners (First Street, Main Street Association, Chamber of Commerce)
- Tourists, Visitors
- Dog Owners
- Historians, Teachers
- Environmentalists
- Landscaping and Garden Enthusiasts
- Langley Citizen Advisory Boards
- Langley City Management and Law Enforcement
- Whale Center

Issues, Challenges, Problems - identified at the 11/14/16 meeting

The following existing issues, challenges and problems with Seawall Park were identified by the Committee at the 11/14/16 meeting. The discussion was divided into Aesthetics, Access and Amenities.

ISSUE	PROBLEM
<i>AESTHETICS</i>	
Landscaping	Invasive plants, landscape not maintained, plantings not child-friendly
Furniture	Worn out, poorly located, unattractive
Access, road	Poor access to water, park and water access not visible from First Street, unsafe, ugly
Railing	Old, tired
Signage	Signage not prominent, not visible, doesn't welcome and encourage park use
<i>ACCESS</i>	
Signage	Lack of wayfinding, directive signs, no interpretive signage, no map
Anthes access	Too steep
ADA access	Lacking
Pathway through park	Lack of pathway leading users through the linear park
Connection with Langley waterfront	Park does not connect with other Langley waterfront (marina), no map indicating pedestrian access from one part of waterfront to the other

Handrails on steps to water	Lacking
<i>AMENITIES</i>	
Toilets, Changing Rooms	Lacking
Tables, benches	Lacking, more needed
Barbecues	Lacking
Garbage cans	Lacking
Activities for various ages, e.g. exercise stations, telescope, music-making features, etc.	Lacking
Educational/informative plaques	Lacking
Pier	Lacking
Native American elements	Totem poles and reliefs in concrete on seawall, theme is not obvious, not extended throughout park
Theme, unifying concept	Lacking