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COUNCIL REPORT

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**TO:** CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2008 February 21

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

**SUBJECT: PARKCREST BIKEWAY ALIGNMENT - USE OF VARIOUS NORTH BURNABY PARKS**

**PURPOSE:** To respond to Council's request for approval regarding the use of the park areas identified for the Parkcrest Bikeway.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** this report be received for information purposes.

**REPORT**

At its 'Open' Meeting of 2008 February 20, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission received the above noted report and adopted the two recommendations contained therein.

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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

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BURNABY PARKS

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** the use of the park areas identified for the Parkcrest Bikeway be approved.
2. **THAT** Council be advised.

**REPORT**

**INTRODUCTION**

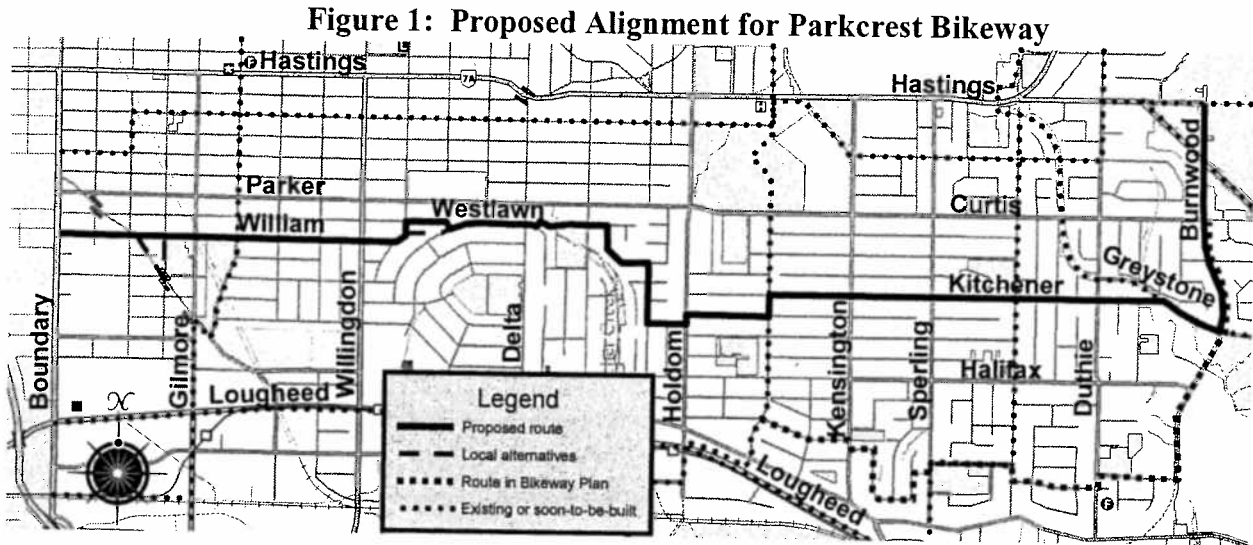
At the request of the Transportation Committee, Council at its meeting of 2008, January 14, approved in principle the Parkcrest Bikeway concept as the basis of a public consultation process. Appearing under correspondence on this agenda, is a request from Council that Commission approve the use of the park areas identified for the Parkcrest Bikeway. The purpose of this report is to inform Commission about the park areas through which the proposed Parkcrest Bikeway route is aligned.

The Parkcrest Bikeway, as illustrated in Figure 1, is a proposed on-street bikeway facility running east-west through the north part of the City, from Vancouver to the Trans Canada Trail junction at Hastings Street and Burnwood Avenue on Burnaby Mountain.

Most of the bikeway route is on-street, but there are sections of proposed multi-use trail which traverse park lands to provide linkages where roads are unavailable or where the alignment through the park will provide a more direct route for cyclists and avoid steep grades. The proposed trail linkages pass through Beecher Park, the Kitchener-Greystone Walkway, Duthie Union Park and the Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area. Before proceeding to public consultation, Commission approval to use these park areas identified for the Bikeway is requested.

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## BEECHER PARK

Beecher Park is a 6.88 acre neighbourhood park located on Springer Avenue just south of Parker Street. The park is improved with a children's playground, trails and a small ball diamond facility for youth. Beecher Creek runs through the park diagonally from its northern perimeter at Parker Street to Springer Avenue. In partnership with Parks forestry staff, local residents and school children have undertaken riparian and forest planting projects at the Park. A pedestrian trail with a bridge crossing of the creek connects the park to the adjacent neighbourhoods via East Court and a rear lane on the west, and Springdale Court on the east. As part of the bikeway project, it is proposed to upgrade and light this gravel trail to a 4.0 metre width for multi-use and provide a wider creek crossing in the form of a new 4.0 metre wooden bridge. The path and bridge works have received approval in principle from the Environmental Review Committee. Park staff support the proposal, but have requested that Transportation Planning staff also consult with the local Stream Keeper group for Beecher Creek to identify and address any concerns they may have and to ensure their support.

## KITCHENER-GREYSTONE WALKWAY

This short walkway connection is located on a small triangle of city land just north of Greystone Parksite that links the neighbourhood south of Kitchener Street to the Urban Trail located on Greystone Drive. This area, although not formally a park, is typically maintained by parks staff. The existing walkway will be replaced with a wider re-aligned path to accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists. The walkway is lit by existing street lights at either end. It is proposed that the lighting be augmented by the addition of a new light midway along the walkway.

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## DUTHIE-UNION PARK

Duthie-Union Park is an undeveloped 10.07 acre neighbourhood park. The park is primarily woodland with lit concrete walkway connections linking Union Street to Burnwood Avenue and the Burnaby Mountain Parkway. The bikeway connection will primarily be located between two of the park parcels on the Burnwood Avenue road allowance. The existing lit walkway will be widened for multi-use and a new path built at a gentler grade across the slope up to the pedestrian activated signal crossing at Burnaby Mountain Parkway.

## BURNABY MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION AREA

It is intended that the Parkcrest Bikeway connect at its east end to the Trans Canada Trail which is located at the intersection of Burnwood Avenue and Hastings Street within the Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area. Burnwood Avenue north of Burnaby Mountain Parkway, and Hastings Street east of Dalla-Tina Avenue, are both paved but closed to traffic and although they function as park trails they are still legally road right-of-way. In future upon acquisition of 622 Burnwood Avenue, one of the few private land parcels in this area of the park, these road rights-of-way will be closed and legally consolidated with the adjacent park lands. The connection of the Bikeway to the Burnwood Trail on the Burnwood Avenue right-of-way will provide a new paved multi-use pathway connection at a gentler grade down to the pedestrian activated crossing signal on Burnaby Mountain Parkway. ERC approval will be required as the new pathway is proposed to cross an existing ditch, with culverts required at two locations.

## CONCLUSION

This report has identified the four park sites traversed by the proposed Parkcrest Bikeway route. In all cases, the implementation of the bikeway will result in upgraded trail connections suitable for multi-use within these parks. Where appropriate, the addition of lighting or augmentation of existing lighting on the existing trail connection is proposed. The trail improvements will be funded, implemented and maintained as part of the City Bikeway program. Park staff support the alignment of the Parkcrest Bikeway and recognize that its implementation will contribute to the City's longer-term trail plans for North Burnaby. It is therefore recommended that the use of the park areas identified for the Parkcrest Bikeway be approved and that Council be so advised. A Park staff member will attend the Parkcrest Bikeway public open houses to hear public comments and answer questions relating to the use of the park areas.



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