

River Park | Sandy Beach | Britannia Slopes Phase 2
Open Space Workshop: February 12, 2011 – 1:30 to 4:30 pm
Temple B'nai Tikvah – 900 47 Ave. SW

Group 6

Issue: Traffic and Parking

- **Connectivity - paths and parking lots should not be built along property lines of private residences - safety issues and invasion of privacy will result**
- **Residential traffic & parking**

Discussion Group Flip Chart notes:

- Cannot park in front of my house on 14A St.
 - Park on other side of road
- Should not use residential streets as feeder to park
 - Should not encourage this through new parking lots
- How will traffic increases be dealt with?
- Security issues associated with parking lots
- There is no need for new entry points (Britannia Slopes area)
- No need to replace Lansdowne Ave. as access point
- Parking lots & new pathways encourage new users to an already over-used park
- Existing parking is adequate
- Parking lot at Riverdale needs to be assessed
- Traffic impact assessment needs to be done – this is key *
- Have not noticed additional pressure on parking lot at Lansdowne/ Riverdale
- Park is there for future possibilities
 - If it is paved we will lose park opportunities
- Parking lot closures an option at night time – no lights needed
- We are in an urban environment – we may need some infrastructure
- 14A St. - park on park side of road
- 14A St. - usually plenty of parking on park side of road but people still park on housing side
- Traffic impact study is needed so that positive mitigation measures for the community can be implemented as part of the project plan
- Safety concerns with no designated parking stalls
- No credible proof for need for new parking on Riverdale Ave.
- Observations do not indicate a need for this
- Better maintained current infrastructure rather than new
- Sign telling users about other parks to go to (off leash)
- Security
- Don't understand what is broken on Riverdale Ave. that need fixing
- Hard to drive with all users merging onto road – runners, bikers
- Status quo in Riverdale is good – no new parking needed
- Riverdale Ave. is bike path, walking path and running path – has this been taken into account
- Parking and traffic issues down 50th Ave. & 14A St. in summer
- City needs to commit to residents they will do a traffic study
- Transparency in process and commitment to communities
- Scared to bike on 50 Ave. & 14A St.

- Traffic safety important for pedestrians and cyclists
- Parking area in Britannia Slopes
 - This area was closed due to safety concerns
 - Expansion of this area is not necessary
- No consideration of history of the park's previous plans
- Historical records should be considered
- After 5 pm and on weekends there is only one traffic lane on 14A St.
 - Should only be parking on one side
- Safety on 14A St.
- Need traffic study to assess all parking lots & streets for entire park
- What can be achieved short term (signage) and what be achieved mid and long term
- Can communities handle additional traffic
- Traffic study done in conjunction with Glenmore Athletic Park
- Two highest density communities do not have off leash parks
 - Brings these people to this park
- Developers should put in new off leash parks with infrastructure
- Canada Lands Development - 35,000 people with no new park
 - More people to this park – impact study required
- Garrison Green
- Park Plus system to make people pay for parking
- Dog buses
- Traffic circle or other traffic calming measures on 50th Ave. & 14A St., Britannia & 15th St.
- Neighbourhood protection measures
 - Parking passes
 - Restricting traffic turning into communities
- Should encourage people to walk
- Should not be able to park on 14A St.
- Why are we encouraging outside people to use this park? They should get their own parks
- Each new community deserves their own off leash local dog park
- Close parking lot at Sandy Beach

Post It Notes:

- The redevelopment of Sandy Beach/River Park/ Britannia Slopes needs to consider traffic impact on surrounding residential streets. This must be facilitated through traffic study.
- Increasing & significant issues: safety, security, social (sex, drugs, booze, garbage), privacy
- Traffic calming on 14A St. pushes traffic onto adjacent streets.
- Do not pit the inner city communities against each other – build parks in outlying communities.