



POLICY TITLE: **BEACH ACCESS – INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE**

POLICY NUMBER: **OPERATIONS / ENG. - 635**

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<i>Originating Department: Engineering and Municipal Operations</i>	<i>Date last reviewed by the Governance and Legislation Committee: November 18, 2019</i>

Policy:

It is recognized that due to budgetary and resource constraints daily or monthly inspection of all Beach Access is not possible. The City will rely upon reports of observed defects by members of the Public and or City Staff and specifically **shall not** introduce a policy of systematic and regular inspections of wilderness trails.

1. Within five (5) working days of Notification by the public or City Staff that the condition may cause injury to a person, staff will inspect, take photographs and assess the situation. The Manager, Park Operations or designate will be notified as soon as practicable.

2. Repair of beach access will be carried out as soon as staff and equipment are readily available, or as soon as practicable.
 - Temporary precautions will be taken to ensure public safety prior to the repairs being carried out, which may involve the placement of barricades, warning signs and/or temporary fills.
 - Staff will visit the site, as required, to ensure the temporary precautions remain in place until the repairs are completed.
 - Time permitting; they will also inspect the site for other potential hazards during these visits.
 - Repair of the space will be carried out as scheduled.
 - It is recognized that, where cost effective to do so, repairs may also be carried out to other portions of the beach access, following environmental permitting requirements by the Ministry of Environment.

Rationale:

The City of White Rock wishes to demonstrate that balanced against the nature and quality of the risk involved, the City of White Rock's Beach Access Policy of Inspection / Maintenance is reasonable in light of all circumstances including budgetary limits, available personnel and equipment and the criteria of wanting to meet the standard duty of care.