



# WELCOME

## Scarborough Waterfront Project Environmental Assessment

### Terms of Reference

### Public Information Centre #2

February 24, 2015

# Timelines

**We are here!**

## PHASE 1

Terms of Reference

**July 2014 – May 2015**

**“Roadmap” for how the EA will be undertaken**

## PHASE 2

Environmental Assessment

**Fall 2015 – 2016**

**Undertake the EA**

## PHASE 3

Detailed Design, Approvals  
and Construction

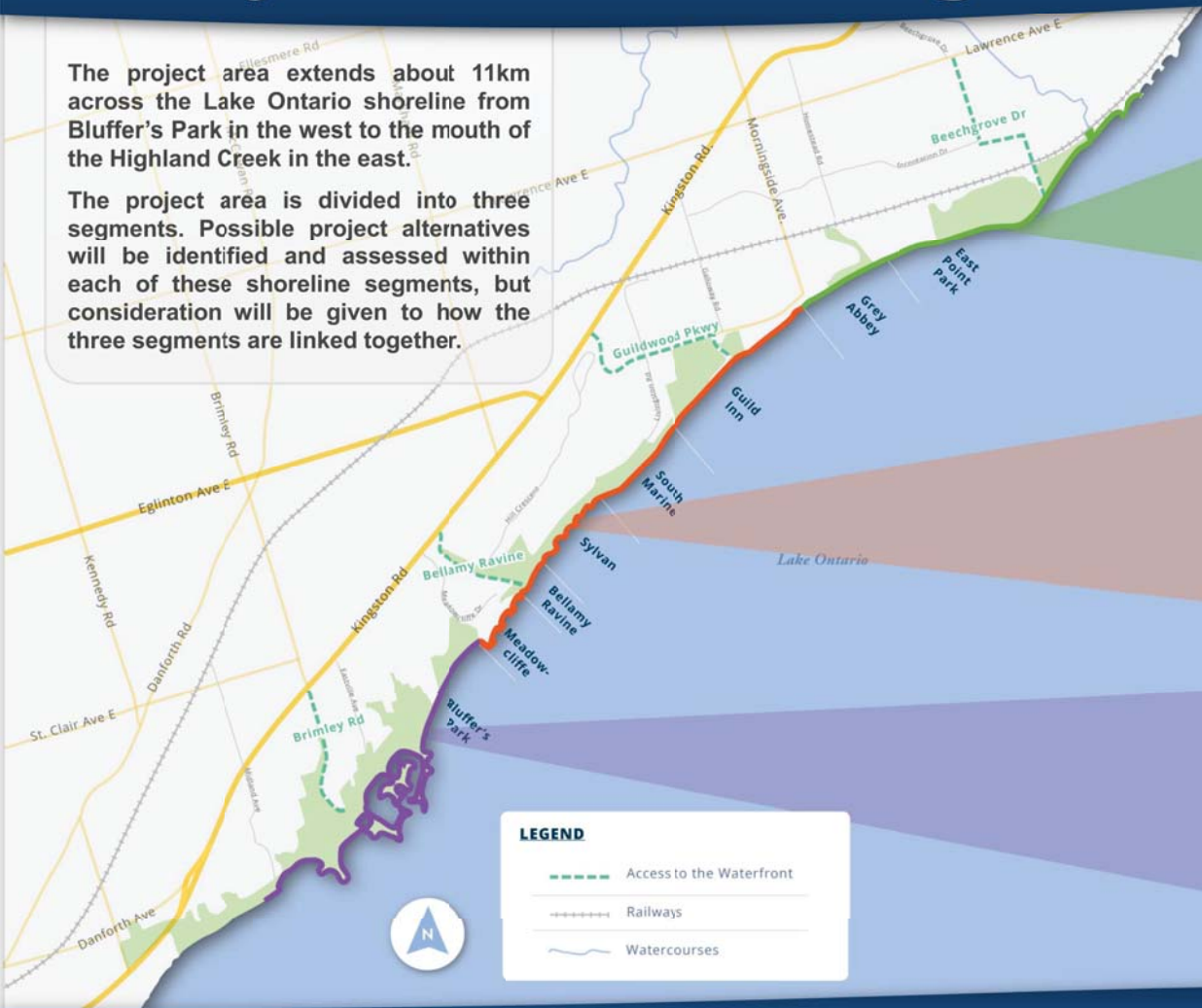
**2017 – 2027**

**Detailed Design & Construction**

# Project Area & Segments

The project area extends about 11km across the Lake Ontario shoreline from Bluffer's Park in the west to the mouth of the Highland Creek in the east.

The project area is divided into three segments. Possible project alternatives will be identified and assessed within each of these shoreline segments, but consideration will be given to how the three segments are linked together.



East Point Park



Sylvan

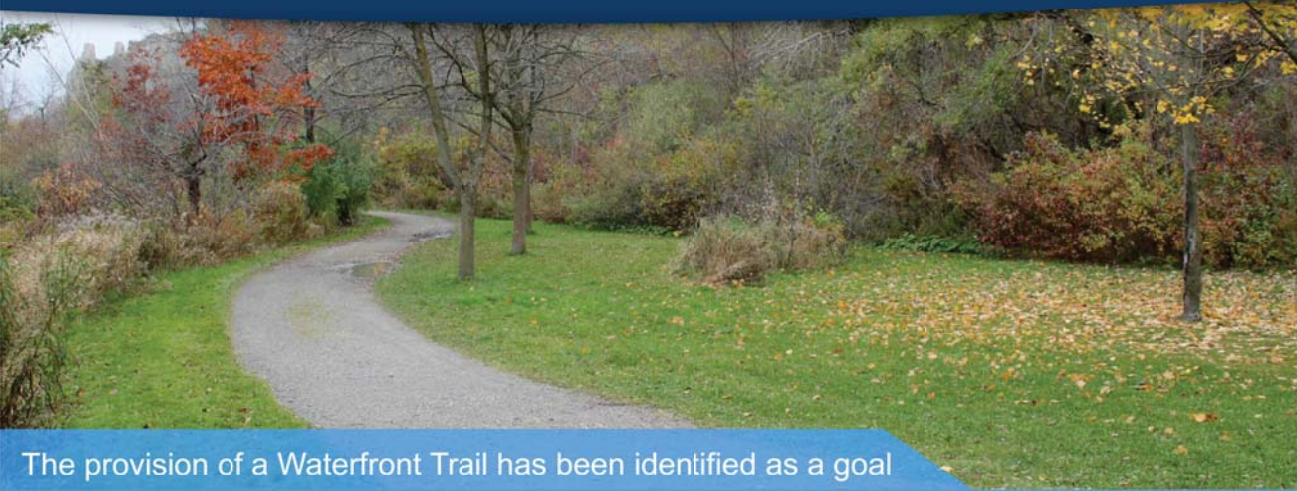


Bluffer's Park





# Why Are We Doing This Study?



The provision of a Waterfront Trail has been identified as a goal



There is ongoing erosion and risk to the public



There are opportunities to improve habitat diversity




There is a need for safe public access to and along the waterfront

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# What we've heard

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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- More than 2 PICs are needed and providing a clear agenda and a public forum for questions and answers is important
  - Concerned that questions from the public and neighbours are not being heard
  - Waterfront Regeneration Trust's influence on Waterfront development is a concern
  - Ad mail should be sent to all residents of Scarborough because so many people use this Park
  - PIC needs to address how parking, traffic, residential streets will be affected
  - The public should be heard and included in decision making before a plan is decide on
  - Maps shown to the public should be labeled with street names and should be more easily visible
  - Concerns about who initiated the project and how this is being funded and what will happen if the plan is not approved after consultation is complete?

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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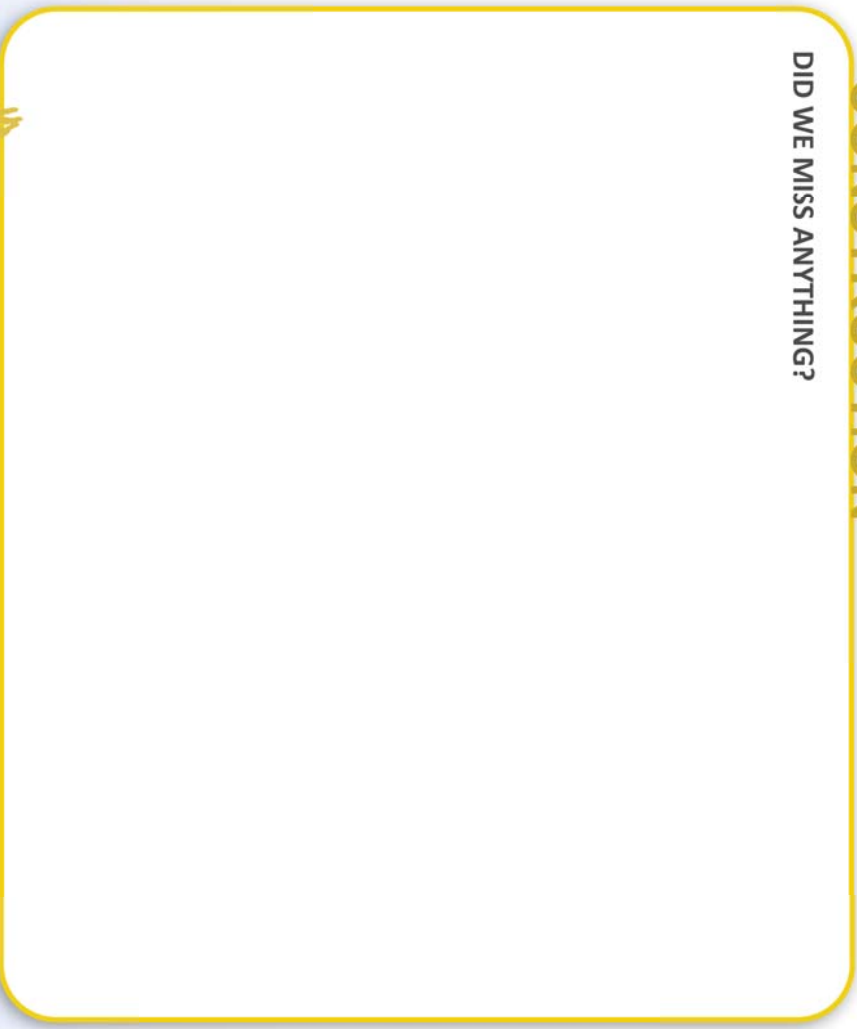
# What we've heard

## CONSTRUCTION

- Stop studying and start construction so the project can be completed.
- The marina, approved in 1986, for East Point Park, should be built
- Less is more in terms of the construction

## CONSTRUCTION

DID WE MISS ANYTHING?



# What we've heard

## NATURAL IMPACTS

- Preserve the natural ecology and natural wonder of the area.
- Stop any development and dumping of Toronto waste-leave the Park and Beach as it is
- Concern about new trails causing stormwater runoff into the Lake
- Concern that the bluffs are disappearing because of erosion
- There are enough roads. The natural park beauty is enough.
- Protect the sandy shoreline west of East Point for bird and wildlife habitat
- Preserve our natural shoreline. Waterfront trail can go along Copperfield Dr. to Beechgrove
- Leave East Point Park to follow its natural geological processes
- Do not change this to a developed landscape
- Concerns over the future of Chine Drive and that the meadow will change
- No cafes or amenities that will destroy the natural beauty of this area



DID WE MISS ANYTHING?

## NATURAL IMPACTS



# What we've heard

## PUBLIC ACCESS & SAFETY

### OVERALL:


- The waterfront trail is extremely isolated; lamp posts, security cameras, medical emergency stations, paved pathways telephone and Wi-Fi, drinking water fountains are needed
- There are studies missing (e.g. Traffic, Noise, Barrier free access, Transit, Way-finding, Funding)
- "Controlled construction traffic down Guildwood Pkwy W to minimize impact to the community (Bluffers Park) and vehicular accidents

### ACCESS:

- Restrict access to emergency vehicles down Doris McCarthy Trail
  - Improve access, upgrade Doris McCarthy Trail
  - No more access points! This ruins my neighbourhood.
  - Parking concerns because of increased access, where will people park? There is insufficient parking at Brimley
  - Improve existing access points, do not create new ones and encourage access by public transit, walking and cycling
  - Walking and biking down Brimley to Scarborough Bluffs Park is dangerous and needs improvement
  - Brimley Rd access under construction needs pedestrian and cycle access
  - Create more access points from different parks, 4 is not enough
  - Separate paths for cyclists and pedestrians
  - Improve access and use of the beach areas
  - Wheel chair access to waterfront and water
  - Access should be less steep
  - Minimize motorized access
  - Include traffic impact study of the community in the Terms of Reference
- SAFETY:**
- Sanitation at day use parks is a concern
  - Safety is a concern, members of the public traverse edge of the Bluffs

## PUBLIC ACCESS & SAFETY

### DID WE MISS ANYTHING?



# What we've heard

## TRAILS & PATHS

- Connect the walking/hiking trail located east and west of Bluffer's Park and improve bike path that currently has potholes
- Do not pave existing paths and trails and preserve a few sections of the bluffs in their original appearance
- Extend walking trail behind the beach
- Concerned that the east end of the beach is not connected to the new pathway at the bottom of the bluffs
- Look at the walking connection from Cudia Park to Sylvan Park across Doris McCarthy Trail and connections from GO Guild/Rouge
- The Doris McCarthy Trail should be better accessed for hikers and bikers
- Concerned that paved paths are more natural and aesthetic than hiking trails
- Interested in an art path from old Guild to DorisMcCarthy's Cottage
- Ensure walkers, cyclists, joggers, and service vehicles can co-exist along the waterfront trail
- Interest in a zip-line to Guild Inn because it is less intrusive
- Restore the foot pathway from the Guild Inn to the Lake and introduce a way finding process to connect local communities to the waterfront
- The best way to look at wildlife is on foot
- Provide easy, all weather access from guild park to the waterfront (current trail has been closed for 2 years)
- Use of trail system behind Grey Abbey Park - Copperfield (leave beach alone)
- Put trail right of way along top of cliffs in East Point Park through Grey Abbey Park along railway
- Concerned over new trails and stormwater runoff polluting the Lake
- Improve signage on all trails
- Bike and pedestrian paths from the top of the Bluffs to the Waterfront Trail (suggested paths at Sylvan Park, Guild Park & Gardens)



## TRAILS & PATHS

DID WE MISS ANYTHING?



# What we've heard

## PARK FEATURES

### GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Concerned about commercialization of the area and real estate development (e.g. Yacht Clubs, Casino's, Ferris Wheels)
- Concerns about the definition of reclaiming the land in the park
- Concerned about weekend Park Management
- Garbage and the number of dogs in the park are a concern
- Concerned that the other communities who use the park will be left out (e.g. NW of Kingston Rd, people NW of Kingston Rd)

### EDUCATION:

- Interested in butterfly "gardens" to attract wildlife and a sheltered look-out for educational purposes
- Incorporate teaching stations or outlook points and preserve natural features of the park

### PARK FEATURES, SHORELINES AND BEACHES:

- Interested in user unfriendly jetties instead of concrete (e.g. jetties used at Sylvan).
- Fix the destroyed beach east of Doris McCarthy Trail and maintain existing beach at Morningside East to Highland Creek
- Control silt for the Bluffer's Channel, concerns about siltation in the waterfront
- Please do not remove the natural beach from Morningside to East Point Park
- Place a fanciful every kilometer
- Interested in views of "Heathfield" path from the beach
- Install benches along the kilometers for places to rest (e.g. Lungo Mare created below the bluffs)
- Need for amenities like bike racks, washrooms, a café and fishing pier, bike racks and better signage. Also interested in seating, pay phones and Wi-Fi
- Concerned and do not want wifi and pay phones in the park
- The need for areas to stop and eat
- Interested in pirate treasure - Rick Schofield as an educational feature
- Tree plantings along the waterfront for more shade and greenery
- Move buildings away from the bluffs, improve top drainage to slow slumping and run water away from the face
- Interested in protection of migratory habitats (e.g. Monarch butterflies and birds).
- Bridges would help keep shoreline in natural state
- Better speed limit signage for cyclists (better than East Point)
- More places for recreational wading and swimming in the Lake

## PARK FEATURES

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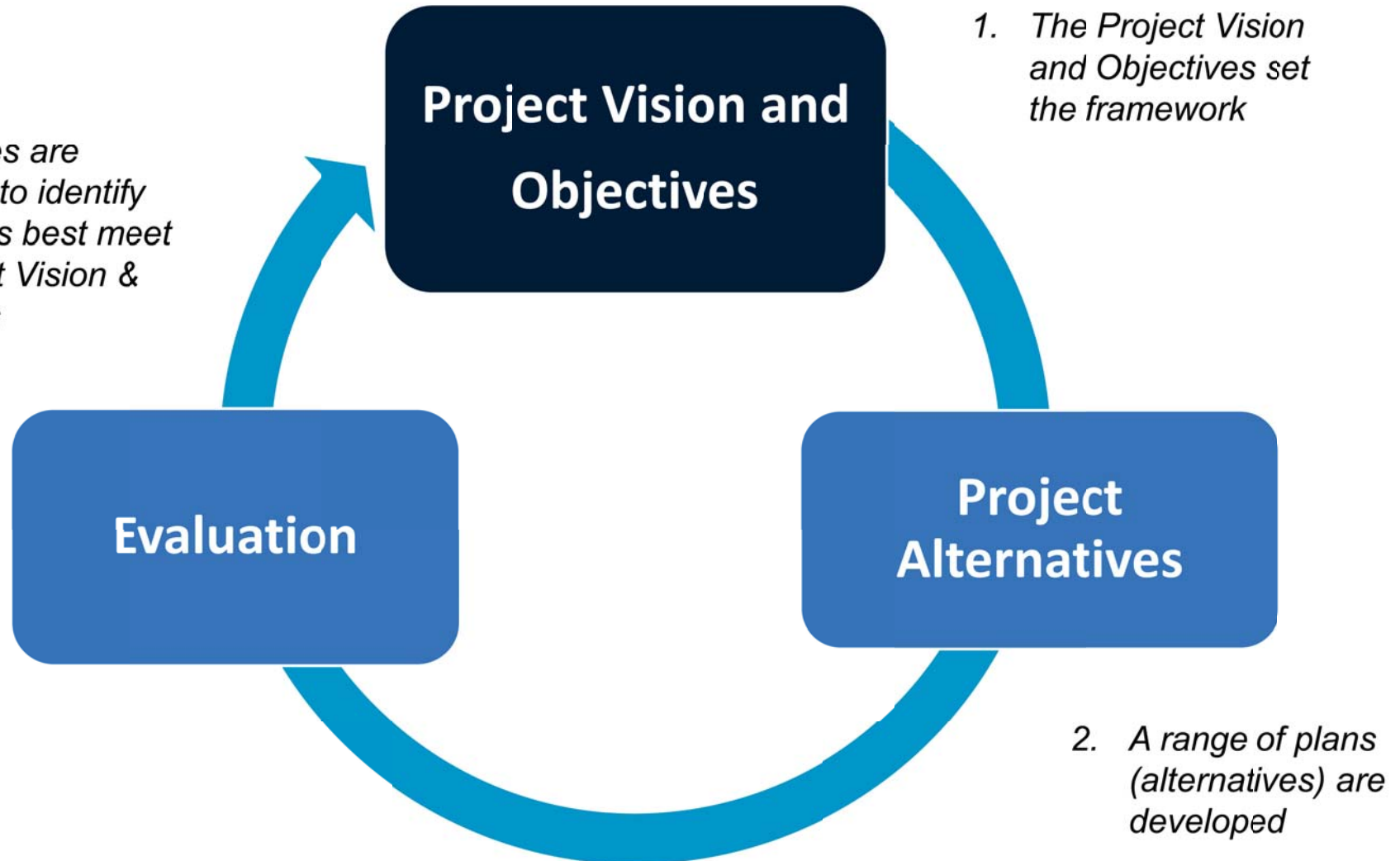




# Project Vision

**Create a system of greenspaces along the Lake Ontario shoreline which respect and protect the significant natural and cultural features of the Bluffs, enhance the terrestrial and aquatic habitat, and provide a safe and enjoyable waterfront experience.**

# Objectives-Based Evaluation





# Project Objectives



**Project Objective 1:** Protect and enhance terrestrial and aquatic natural features and linkages



**Project Objective 2:** Manage public safety and property risk



**Project Objective 3:** Provide an enjoyable waterfront experience



**Project Objective 4:** Consistency and coordination with other initiatives



**Project Objective 5:** Achieve value for cost



# Draft Approach to Developing Alternatives

**Review the Existing Conditions by Project Area Segments**



**Assess Risk**

For example - Where is the risk of erosion? What would we need to do to address priority risk areas?



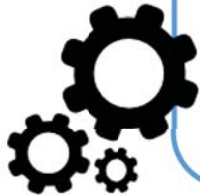
**Review Challenges and Opportunities**

Where is the significant habitat? Where would a trail go? Where should access be provided?



**Start Building Alternatives**

For example - Where could a trail safely go? Where can we provide access points that connect the top and bottom of the bluffs? What kind of habitat improvements can we do? What else can be done to address the challenges and opportunities? How does it all fit together?



# Evaluation Criteria

## How do we identify which Alternative best meets our objectives?

Project Objective	Criteria
1. Protect and enhance terrestrial and aquatic natural features and linkages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extent of aquatic habitat attributes enhanced or diminished</li> <li>• Extent of terrestrial habitat attributes enhanced or diminished</li> <li>• Ability to use, improve or manage local sources of water</li> <li>• Resilience and adaptability of new habitat features to potential climate change impacts</li> </ul>
2. Manage public safety and property risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to address the risk of slope failure to public safety and property due to shoreline and bluff erosion</li> <li>• Ability to address risk to public safety related to coastal processes</li> <li>• Ability to integrate public safety with existing infrastructure</li> <li>• Resilience of shoreline protection works to potential climate change impacts</li> </ul>
3. Provide an enjoyable waterfront experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level of public access provided</li> <li>• Extent of new recreation opportunities</li> <li>• Extent of change to existing shoreline and bluff character</li> <li>• Potential impacts on water quality at study area beaches</li> <li>• Ability to provide natural and cultural education and appreciation</li> </ul>
4. Consistency and coordination with other initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to manage potential traffic impacts</li> <li>• Ability to integrate with community plans</li> <li>• Potential impact on archaeological resources</li> </ul>
5. Achieve value for cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimated capital cost</li> <li>• Potential for project phasing</li> <li>• Maintenance and operations costs</li> </ul>

# Next Steps



## 1. Terms of Reference

- Incorporate today's input to create the Terms of Reference (please provide your comments by **March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015**)
- Prepare the Draft Terms of Reference for further comment by **late March 2015**
- 30 day public and agency review
- Submit Final Terms of Reference by **late May 2015**
- 30 day public review period of the Final Submission
- Decision by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change anticipated **Fall 2015**

## 2. Environmental Assessment

- Start of Environmental Assessment and further Public Consultation
  - **Workshop on Shoreline Alternatives (i.e. Access, Trails, Natural Environment)- Fall 2015**
  - **We will be seeking feedback throughout the process**



# Ways to Stay Connected

- ✓ **E-newsletter**
- ✓ **Project Website**
- ✓ **Project Contact:**

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