

<p>Summary of comments received, sorted into those who oppose, somewhat support, and support the proposal</p>
<p><i>Q: Why did you make your choice? Do you have any ideas?</i></p>
<p><b>OPPOSE</b></p>
<p>Worked perfectly before for everyone</p>
<p>On days where weather is inclement, it is nice to have the option of sitting in your vehicle. Parking is at a premium as is and I have two sets of age if parents that are not able to walk there so having the option to drive and park there has been wonderful.</p>
<p>There is too much elimination of cars and parking from the Fairfield and Victoria area. Older people need to be able to drive to nice places like clover point and park their cars. Also, clover point is too windy for a picnic area. Not practical. Just another way of discrimination against seniors who can't ride bikes or walk far.</p>
<p>Council has been given two options 1. Yes with delayed process on a future master plan 2. No. We all know if this is approved that there will be no future master plan or funds. That is why it is important to get it right the first time around. And this plan does not improve what is currently there and furthermore restricts access and usability. Clover point is cold and windy 90% of the year. Sheltering in a car to enjoy the surroundings is crucial. People park there to have difficult conversations, to cry and grieve, to make out, to have alone time blasting their music inside their car, to read, to have a sheltered picnic, to feed the seagulls, To launch their scuba or windsurfing gear, to fly a kite (there is substantial grass area already). Etc. It is the same at cattle point. And both are also used by mothers with sleeping babies and the elderly who have always gone to this place for the above memories. Please do not change it. Clean it up and finish off the development...but do not change it. Put the money to fixing up the seawall beyond clover point in front of the cemetery and to traffic calm there.</p>
<p>Ignores needs of elderly and disabled</p>
<p>I love to drive down and watch the sun rise. Some times it is chilly</p>
<p>Closing parking will result in Clover Point becoming an area for locals and bike riders only! This is so unfair and unkind to all the folks who cannot ride bikes or do not live in this area. We love parking there when the wind is too cold to stand out in it and still get to see the waves crashing on the rocks. Where will people park to gain access on nicer days. On the side streets? What a nuisance for the folks who live there! Perhaps place some picnic tables on the grassy middle part. Put up some porta potties. Food trucks on Dallas road. Thank you for hearing my concerns.</p>

I recently became aware of plans for Clover Point Park and am writing to express my concerns with the proposal that has been made, as I believe it will have strongly negative impacts on the use and enjoyment of the park as well as the surrounding neighbourhood.

I am a long time resident Fairfield who lives very close to Clover Point, our family intends on remaining at our present location for many decades yet to come. As such the proposal impacts our family directly, and we are incredibly familiar with the park and its use by the community.

Clover Point park is one of the most accessible parks in Victoria - with people enjoying it year round and a huge part of that use is the ability to drive down to the point and to park there, remain in one's vehicle (even in the most inclement weather) and enjoy the views. I have elderly relatives who do this, and as a new mother, now more than a decade ago, I can remember being able to enjoy this park even when it wasn't possible to leave my car because I had a baby who had finally fallen asleep and I didn't dare wake them. In fact for the vast majority of the year the only way to enjoy a "Picnic on the Point" is from the relatively sheltered confines of a person's vehicle. This accessibility is special and important - and removing it from those who may not have a lot left open to them to enjoy is cruel.

Secondly, Clover Point Park and the Dallas walk to Cook Street is a popular place for people to walk their dogs. As such, I question the compatibility of promoting the park as a place to picnic and would see the need to further limit the leash optional areas of the park if this plan is pursued.

Thirdly, Clover Point Park is popular with Scuba Divers, those who use the boat house, and kiteboarders. These uses often merit being able to drive to be near to where the launch point is, as equipment is often heavy and cumbersome. Again, the removal of vehicles from the point will limit these popular uses of the park - access to the boat house in particular is needed. I am aware that many kiteboarders would appreciate a designated launch/landing place.

Lastly, the reduction of parking (73 spaces I understand), will result in increased pressure for parking in the local neighbourhoods. To date, Fairfield has largely avoided the residential only parking that is common in many other parts of Victoria - however, by eliminating this much parking for a regional resource, it is foreseeable that the parking for residents will be strained.

I have also heard concerns that as the result of the addition of washrooms to the park that it will become even more attractive to activities that have proven to be problematic to the local neighbourhood.

I appreciate the improvements that are proposed, however, request that council go back to the drawing board and come up with a better proposal that reflects the use and enjoyment of the park both now and into the future. I would suggest that the loop be compressed to just the East Side of the park (eliminating the Island of green), that council consider implementing pay and time limited parking for the spaces that are on the Point (ie. \$1 per hour - max 2 hour parking), and that the number of spaces that are lost be dramatically reduced to limit the impact on the surrounding neighbourhood.

One of the windiest areas is not a place to picnic. The removal of so many parking spots will force cars onto residential streets and impact those with mobility issues to access one of the most beautiful spots to watch the waves and kite surfers, etc. Go ahead and beautify the space a bit more, but someone hadn't thought through the negative impact their proposed changes will have.

If it goes through I guess my handicapped mother won't be going back to Clover point

For people with disabilities it makes it difficult to get there. Leave it as is.

There will be no parking. The only people who will enjoy this are the people who live close enough to walk in. Its a horrid idea. Some of us people do drive! Some of us are handicapped and will not be able to access this. leave it be! need to have access for people who can't walk.

WE ENJOY IT THE WAY IT IS. ALSO CUTTING OFF CAR TRAFFIC ADDING BATHROOMS EQUALS YET ANOTHER PLACE FOR A HOMELESS CAMP MEANING LOSS OF USE FOR RESIDENTS. IE NEEDLES, FECES, INTIMIDATION AND THEFT, STORM WATCHING THERE HAS LONG BEEN A PASS TIME WE ENJOY AS SENIORS

It is now disability friendly! 4 parking spots really? Leave our Victoria alone. You will need the money to spend on returning tent cities sites to their original use

Very windy site, unlikely to be enjoyable for picnics; loss of perfect place to watch storms, without freezing or being blown away, watch seagulls playing in the wind (where will they go?); as someone with increasingly limited mobility, it is hard to find places to watch the sea from my car. And changing the name is shocking. We lose part of our past every time that happens. Also, it sounds like the whole area will be paved? Great way to increase erosion!

Could picnic tables not be placed in other less exposed parts of Dallas Road green space?

I am a person with MS..walking is difficult...I support a nonprofit association with people with disabilities who love to access Clover Point.... Victoria is becoming more exclusive when we had been known for inclusion

Storm watching is great on the point, and it's too cold to sit outside there most of the year. Taking old parents to watch and enjoy from the car is exhilarating for them. Wheelchair trips down the hill are dangerous, and an impossible push uphill. limit parking time in the loop?

I don't believe the best use of the area is pedestrian only. As a resident and home owner in Fairfield, I witness many elderly, disabled as well as kyackers, scuba divers and kite flyers of all ages access the area via their cars to enjoy the view on the water. Some people have mobility issues, others have heavy gear that would be difficult to transport on foot. The area is multiuse and needs to remain so. A picnic area also would not work - the fairly constant extreme winds would leave litter everywhere. No to mention the dog park issues. If the point is to increase access and usage a picnic park does not do that. Please leave Clover Point as it has always been. A place where people of all kinds can enjoy the sights, take a lunch break from work (local trades ppl), take a disabled or ill friend out for a drive or read book with a sleeping infant in the back seat. Leave well enough alone and put the money into something that will benefit everyone and not take away from others - the Ross Bay seawall needs repairs. Christi Howes 1215 Chapman st.

Just plain stupid idea to go along with further unnecessary spending with money the City doesn't have.

Clover Point is more than large enough to allow safe usage by pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles. Shutting it down to cars means a large segment of the population could no longer access this area. I cannot support this.

This proposal furthers an agenda of exclusion with no accountability. There's no reason the current setup can't accommodate both cars as it currently does with the area being used for events when needed (in fact, this already happens regularly) We don't need a redesign, we don't need to exclude those who enjoy sitting near the water in their car with a book on a rainy, stormy evening.

Better balance needed for all. Close off for events and possibly during summer days but open up for vehicles and all use for evenings and winter months. Add speed bumps and lighted pedestrian crossing and new pathway around outside of loop.

I have MS and Mobility and Immune Compromised. Leave Clover Point alone.

Clover Pt. needs to be open for all year storm viewing and handicapped access, the Picnic Point has very limited use without full vehicle access, there are a very limited number of days that you can picnic at the point and 4 handicapped parking spots at the bottom of the hill are sadly inadequate? Also the expenditure is too big given COVID and homelessness, let's put our resources elsewhere. This proposal sounds very much like a Soulliere/Helps vanity project! Why the late notice and no public consultation?

Leave the point as is and add some amenities.

Limits access to an iconic Victoria landmark. I think they could come up with a better compromise between pedestrian traffic and automobiles

I represent the aging demographic. No parking means one more amenity I cannot access. Also do not rename Clover Point! How silly

Like the addition of some seating and food trucks, but there needs to be place for families and folks with limited mobility to park. It's a popular spot for people outside this neighbourhood and residential parking is for residents and should not be overtaken due to poor city planning. The elderly, the disabled, the families with car seats, the folks from other parts of the city, or even immunocompromised folk eating a takeout meal in their car to get out of the house during the pandemic all deserve to enjoy this space, as much as anyone lucky enough to live within walking or biking distance.

It's perfect the way it is. It's too windy for a "festival" climate. It's a beautiful place to go sit in your car and stare at the ocean and relax. A LOT of people have mobility issues and can't walk that far. Stop "fixing" things that aren't "broken" Save the money to clean up the disgusting mess that was Beacon Hill Park

This city council seems intent on ruining our city and making public areas less accessible for everyone. There are many people who have restricted mobility who deserve to be able to access Clover Point and it is absurd to assume that they should do so downhill in a wheelchair. Clover Point needs to remain as a vehicle loop so that it may continue to be enjoyed as it has been enjoyed for many many decades.

Clover Point is wonderful as is. Please leave the parking as so many make use of it that would not be able to enjoy the area otherwise.

I have MS. Walking is difficult. If use of Clover point is limited.....I CAN'T GO. I love going down and looking at the water. Watching the birds, smelling the ocean. Peaceful. Beacon Hill park is difficult to use, same issue. If people are not mobile, Victoria is becoming inaccessible for people such as I! I feel like Victoria council is making Victoria a place only able bodies people can utilize. Come on Victoria, think about who you are working for. I would like to be for all of us.

It's so lovely to drive down there in the winter, and sit in your car with a friend or partner to watch the storm. I'm also concerned about parking in the area, and how this may push people to park on residential streets. I live on Rockland and visit Clover point regularly. Why not add things to the inner circle without removing the parking?

Insufficient parking spaces on Dallas Rd - loop spaces a requirement for many especially elderly and people with disabilities

Just do a small facelift and keep the original concept of clover point. People having access with vehicles and enjoying the scenic place.

They've fucked up this City enough.

Its an iconic lookout point that is perfect for storm watching from your car. Leave it alone. Remove it and watch all the side streets off Dallas overflow with people trying to park to go for a walk

<p>Keep Clover Point Park as close to its natural state as possible. The loop should remain as is re: parking. Many of our elderly and disabled citizens park there and enjoy the view particularly when it is windy and cold. Forget picnic benches and art installations. Stop spending unnecessarily!!!</p>
<p>With Beacon Hill Park now being closed to cars, there needs to be accessibility and parking options so everyone can enjoy this beautiful spot. Many of our seniors and others who are mobility challenged cannot walk or bike to Clover Point. Please do not make this change without soliciting community input.</p>
<p>I would like Clover point open to cars during the winter months, then they can close it to cars for summer months. All you need is a gate on the roadway. Let storm watchers sit in their cars in the winter and enjoy the spectacular views in the stormy months ( when very few would be inclined to picnic outside) and in the summer you could make it pedestrian only for activities. Best of both worlds and would accommodate ALL Victorians.</p>
<p>It would be a shame that the tradition of cars parking to watch the sunset, wind surfers during storms, or just finding a quiet place to enjoy lunch or read a book is lost. Save the money, keep the tradition, and realize there is a lot of pedestrian parkland already in the immediate area.</p>
<p>There are many places near by to have picnics and sit at the ocean clover point is often too windy to sit and enjoy and it is a perfect place for able body and disabled people to park and enjoy nature. There are so many places for able bodied people to go and enjoy let's not take away more places that everyone can enjoy. Also the food trucks along Dallas road are nice just leave it at that.</p>
<p>It's not fair to exclude less able-bodied people from accessing Clover Point.</p>
<p>There are many people, myself included, who are unable to walk very far and rely on our cars to enjoy the beauty of clover point. A small amount of parking should be removed for food trucks and picnic tables. Why ruin a good thing !</p>
<p>People need to be able to drive there, and they need a place to park once they get there. The city's own report describes it as a "destination park" which, by definition, people travel to get to. They need a place to park. It's a fantastic place to sit in the car and watch the ocean, especially for people with mobility issues. "By maintaining a pedestrian priority access, the City takes an important step towards enhancing the value of this destination park" - hogwash!</p>
<p>Disabled people need access to be able to watch the ocean from a vehicle.</p>
<p>Accessible public spaces are important for EVERYONE. Clover Point is very cold/windy and not a good choice for a pedestrian-only area at the expense of excluding other citizens. I doubt that it will get much use but will be a giant symbol of our city's failure to accommodate vulnerable residents. Victoria has a very poor record on disability access— let's learn from past mistakes for once.</p>
<p>We live 5 minutes from Dallas Rd and walk down to Clover Pt with our dog daily. Before construction the parking spots at Clover Pt were almost full each and every day. Seniors and those with disabilities need these parking spaces next to the water, instead of the recommended few. Picnic tables at Clover Pt? Utterly ridiculous as it's the windiest spot on the city. Please keep this space free for all the kites that fly year round. Please keep this space for all our seniors and all of those with disabilities to be able to be so close to the water. We've seen enough in our neighbourhood already. Please let us have Clover Pt back as it was.</p>
<p>City had two years to make this decision give days notice before voting on this project.</p>
<p>Disabled people need access to be able to watch the ocean from a vehicle.</p>
<p>Making it more pedestrian friendly yes. Keeping cars out completely no. You could close it off to cars on weekends when there are festivals or in the summer months but leave it open the rest of the time. Council could do a trial period for 12 months and gauge the usage. It is often windy down there and not an optimal spot to picnic. (Hence why the kite festival is so popular! ☺) People who aren't able-bodied will miss out on being able to visit this beautiful spot in Victoria.</p>
<p>I agree that having pedestrian days would be beneficial to the community but why not close off the area on certain days during the spring/summer rather than all year? Picnic tables could still be installed with a slight reduction in parking rather than removing all of the parking.</p>
<p>There has been zero public consultation in the last three years.</p>
<p>Anyone who actually KNOWS or GOES to Clover Point is aware that it is WINDY there hence why it is popular with kite flyers. It is too windy and cold for people to want to sit and picnic there. Most people enjoy parking and staying in their car to enjoy the view while they eat their lunch or have a coffee or take a mental break from their day. Car access is important. A pedestrian area would be underutilized and a waste of tax payer money and I would be REALLY disappointed to see this proposal move forward.</p>
<p>I am a senior and I use my car to get to Clover Point. I go there for the air, the views, the ducks, the mink, the eagles and everything else found in nature. I enjoy watching people fly their kites and the spectacle of the wind surfers, and all activities, such as the big yacht race, on the water. I also like to walk from the loop in either direction. The pictures of your proposal fill me with horror and I believe fervently that they are totally inappropriate for a Victoria gem that has been known fondly for the 20 years that I have lived here as a pre-eminent point of natural beauty.</p>

I have process and substance concerns. 1) Overturns a plan established with widespread consultation with a scheme that is subject to no consultation. 2) It precludes a legitimate very popular activity - parking and watching from the car, looking in a particular view. 3) Does not consider how community desires can be met with a hybrid model. Provide in/out vehicle access to the west-facing view in short term parking spots and keep part of the loop closed. 4) It continues the practice of telling people with disabilities what they can do and where they can go, with the arrogance of saying accessibility is addressed without asking those affected what the issues are. 4) Food trucks have no place in the park and will block views, create noise, pollution and waste that will get onto the beach and water. They will also create barriers for some people with food allergies. 5) It does not take advantage of an opportunity to create a pet-free space and mixes dogs and food. 6) Equity for people in other neighbourhoods - poor transit. 7) Parking loss will impact neighbourhood

The more access the better. The easier the access the better. Closing down the Clover Point parking loop to only pedestrians restricts access - that is not very community minded. People, especially senior citizens, drive their cars down to the point or are driven down to the point and park so that they are as close as possible to the water. They can stay in their vehicles and enjoy the peace and serenity of the scenery. Some even have picnics in their cars. Eliminating vehicular access to the point will eliminate the ability to do all of this. The point needs to be open to as many people as possible. Closing the Clover Point parking loop to cars and creating a pedestrian only area is not a good idea as it will restrict access to the area as opposed to encouraging access.

As a Victoria resident with limited mobility, I feel that the proposal would discriminate against the older population and those with mobility issues. I also feel that limiting vehicle traffic is unwise as Victoria's changeable weather often does not always permit walking or sitting outside at Clover Point. I often see Seniors in their cars or mini buses enjoying the view of the crashing waves. Closing the point for special events is feasible, but NOT year round.

Knowing this council it won't be long until Clover Point turns into a camping site or the few parking spots that supposedly will be available will be taken over by camper vans which are now parking on streets throughout Fairfield. With the complete lack of enforcement for the bylaws already in place we cannot expect that this will change relative to Clover Point and the surrounding area.

I use to drive down there 3 or 4 times a week (for the last 50 years) . New park we won't use - too windy!  
Tried to park on Dallas last Sunday and have lunch in our car - couldn't find parking along Dallas (and this is February). It'll just be a parking spot for the numerous RVs we have parked in BHP and along Dallas. This is a waste of money- it wasn't broke don't try to fix it

Seniors and the disabled has suffered enough with councils decisions over the last years. This has worked successfully for 68 years and with the new bike path Dallas road has been busier than ever on weekends. We need accessible options for all.

Because it does not consider people with disabilities and/or others with mobility issues.

Too windy for picnics, great for flying kites and watching kiteboarders though, from the warmth of your car year round, and see the view. Too many pigeons and seagulls for picnics. Not wheelchair accessible.

Mobility and parking is important for everyone to enjoy the area

Enough park area already. Too windy for a picnic area

The proposal is great for me personally. I live about 1k from Clover Point, am in good health, and can easily walk there. The proposal is not good for people with physical limitations, people who live outside of walking distance from Clover Point, and residents of Fairfield who live close to Clover Point who are going to find their resident parking spaces occupied and their driveways partially blocked by people who want to walk along the waterfront but cannot find parking there.

It is a delightfully elitist proposal that excludes most people in Victoria from enjoying an amenity their taxes will be paying for.

I am old enough to visualize a time I won't be able to walk there but will still want to be there even when I can't walk.

The many times I have walked Clover Point I have seen parked vehicles overwhelmingly occupied by older and elderly people. The 'all ages and abilities' visions of the city invariably exclude the elderly and people with disabilities in favour of active walkers and cyclists. One day Victoria's demographic may match what council fantasizes, but until then it should accommodate people who actually exist.

You could be a lot fairer with parking. You do realize that most people don't live within walking distance right? 73 spots to 17 is absurd. There is lots of room for 40-50 parking spaces, pedestrian friendly area and if you insist, picnic tables at pretty much the windiest place to Victoria.

It punishes the elderly.

No because it will drive cars onto the residential streets in the area, and especially because it will not allow vulnerable/disabled or seniors to be able to drive down to the point and sit and enjoy the view. I would regularly take my parents and elderly visitors there, and it was a favourite pastime to watch the waves from our car when he was weak and ill from cancer

Will not work for people with disabilities.

I have been visiting clover point for 45 years. It has always been my favorite place to drive up, sit and watch the kite surfers, have lunch, see whales and sea lions and other wildlife. My aging parents love it there. The storm watching is amazing. If you take away vehicle access to the point you are taking this away from every person who cannot walk down there and cannot handle standing in the strong winds that often occur there. If you make it a "picnic area" the amount of garbage that will be blown into the water is frightening to think about. No matter how careful you are it is challenging to hold onto everything in the strong winds. Please. I beg of you. Do not take this away from us. It won't be long until I can no longer walk there so I will just never get to see my favorite view anymore.

Council should not vote to "remove or relocate" parking spaces in the Clover Point loop. First, remember the original purpose of those spaces was to provide a "viewpoint parking area" at the water's edge and, until construction began, that has been the pattern of use: citizens and visitors, typically park to view the water, particularly storms in the area because, more often than not, the water is active there. Second, if there is also to be a picnic area, visitors should be able to park their vehicles nearby and unload picnic supplies near the tables instead of having to carry them in from where? Dallas Road? As a compromise, the City could limit the parking time to say 2 hours (enough time for picnicking), but the loop should provide at least 30 spaces, not just 4 as is being proposed.

This change would make Clover Point far too difficult for too many members of our community

The proposed removal and movement of parking is not enough for the number of users and will limit those with mobility issues. Adjacent streets cannot take the overflow. Leave the parking please. Perhaps some sort of paved path all the way around the perimeter to allow walkers, wheelchairs. Leave the green space in the middle open to accommodate variety of activities, kites, picnickers etc

The Ross Bay to Ogden Point walkway is already a very large pedestrian area, and I think Clover Point is important for the elderly and people with mobility challenges to access a key area of waterfront to support their mental health. Closing access to vehicles will yet again exclude them.

Living in the area we have concerns and strongly oppose the new plan:

1- it will encourage more cars to park on residential streets to walk over to Clover Pt - our streets are congested enough now without room for residents to park.

2- it takes away the ability to allow seniors/vulnerable/disabled people to be driven down to the point to enjoy sitting in their vehicle or a vehicle that has transported them, to enjoy the view

3- it will encourage more garbage and debris and possibly illegal camping in the greenspace.

4- It is perfect the way it is - combination of vehicle traffic and pedestrian along the sides.

Eliminating vehicle access benefits a few, disadvantages many. Overall, a loss for the public.

Being taxpayers and living one block away, we strongly oppose the change to Clover Pt.

Having food trucks only encourages more cars to park on our residential streets. They are unsightly in any event. You want to drive down Dallas Rd to see the scenery, not food trucks.

It limits seniors and the disabled from being able to go down to the point and sit in safety and comfort in a vehicle.

Leave it as it is - it has worked perfectly for many years - no need to change it.

Everyone can access the area now, by path or by road.

For many decades people have been able to drive down to the point, park and gaze peacefully at the ocean. To block people from doing so is ridiculous. The present situation allows people on foot to walk around the perimeter of the point and utilize the whole, grassed center area. There is simply NO reason to change the present design which allows for both pedestrians, bikes and vehicles. Such a change would be 'fixing' something that isn't broken; it is change for no purpose.

I was born and raised in Fairfield.

Leave it the way it is.

Ask anyone.. Its always windy and usually cold there..

Also handicap people need a place to enjoy the view, sheltered.

Limiting the availability to mobility-challenged individuals and vehicles (tourists or others from out-of-area) is not logical, especially considering it is one of the central tourist attractions, and that most paying tourists are 50+.

I think making the green space more user friendly is great, but we have many seniors in our lovely city who truly enjoy accessing the point in their car! You do not need to have a disability in order to not be able to walk that distance. My parents are in their late 70s and still can drive but walking down to the point is too far!! Plus it is usually VERY windy and would be too cold for them!

I don't support adding commercial ventures to this area, it will ruin the natural beauty of the space and adds a ton of waste as well as incredibly excessive noise pollution with generators going all the time.

I would not allow food trucks there.

Removing so much parking and the ability for those who are mobility challenged to sit in a car and look out at the view seems unfair and unnecessary. This cut back seems to imply the space is not meant to be used by those who can't walk there due to physical ability or proximity.

Clover Point should remain accessible to those many Victorians who have mobility issues and to the city's more elderly population who can not reach it without cars. There is plenty of green space around it to accommodate the young and fit. City officials are so intent on their own car-free agenda they have lost sight of the need to be more inclusive of those members who are reliant upon cars to reach such a beautiful communal spot.

<p>I have often taken a parent to the point to watch storms or see a sunset. Rolling down the hill in a wheelchair would be dangerous, and the push up the hill impossible for most. The current green space is well used as it is, and the gulls and pigeons would make picnics and food services difficult to enjoy.....probably messy too.</p>
<p>As a person with a disability I have always enjoyed being able to drive out onto the point for access. More and more it seems the city is not considering accessibility for people with disabilities. Beacon hill is a prime example of this with no longer being able to drive through the park to enjoy it's splendor. Soon it will downtown when they make that carless.</p>
<p>It's too windy there for picnics. There's lots of walkable space on Dallas road and the parking is crammed as it stands so taking parking away will only push people to park more in residential areas. Would rather the money go towards remediation of Beacon Hill park</p>
<p>I live a short walk to Clover Point, but I don't want to hog access to it. Many Victorians live too far to walk, so they need their vehicles to get to the waterfront. Many bring binoculars and astronomers bring telescopes that need transportation. I don't think we have the right to deny them access. I think it should be kept as an issue for the next city election when all Victorians can decide.</p>
<p>This place will be a dead zone in the winter and rarely used as proposed even in the summer. Its cold and its damp and its windy. There are maybe 3-4 weeks of the year where you would see people lingering and not literally freezing. Its a park for all the people of the region and points beyond not for the exclusive access of locals and people that may bike there a few times a year</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There is not enough parking now for people using this park at Clover Point and we expect it to increase</li> <li>2. there is no problem with access for walkers and joggers as there are trails all around the park that are available,</li> <li>3. there are four major reasons to have parking there a) the parking is required because of the popularity of Dallas Road park by those who live outside Fairfield area (and the residents of the area) and there are currently paths all around the park for walkers, bikers and runners, b) Clover Point is one of the most popular spots for people to watch winter/summer storms but who are not capable of walking distances (please don't take that away from them!), and c)vehicle access to Clover Point and Dallas Road is already severely limited for seniors, handicapped and those outside the Fairfield area and any available parking space should be treasured and d) Clover Point is also a very popular scenic viewpoint for tourists and visitors to the city and most of them get there by car or bus or RV.</li> </ol>
<p>There are too many people that can't walk there but would like to be able to drive there such as elderly, disabled people with small children There are also people who would like to drive down there and sit in their car for a while and watch the ocean We can't all ride bikes like Lisa.</p>
<p>a better mixed use plan is needed, one that considers the needs of all users. I like to paddleboard from clover point and the proposed plan would make that very difficult to do.</p>
<p>Please don't do it - we have put up with the construction for the last three years and would love for it to be finished and for us to get our Clover Point back again - whether we drive there or walk!</p>
<p>We have already lost parking along Dallas Road. This is a spot many people like to park at and watch the ocean from their cars. This would be a great loss to the disabled. Also parents with small kids and people who just need some mental health time. There is plenty of picnic space all over the park and beach.</p>
<p>I'm older and unable to walk very far. Reducing parking and resident only parking in the neighborhood means fewer people will be able to access a pedestrian area, so who is the proposed pedestrian area for? Not all of us ride bikes. Is there bus service? It's a treat to be able to drive and park in the loop watch the birds smell the sea air even on rainy days.</p>
<p>We have already lost parking along Dallas Road. This is a spot many people like to park at and watch the ocean from their cars. This would be a great loss to the disabled. Also parents with small kids and people who just need some mental health time. There is plenty of picnic space all over the park and beach.</p>
<p>Elderly, disabled, and health challenged individuals drive to Clover Pt, park &amp; enjoy the view. There is precious little in the city where it's possible for this population to be close to the sea. Many elderly or infirm can't get out of a vehicle to walk, are extremely limited in their options &amp; the pleasure of sitting by the sea, watching the comings &amp; goings makes quality in their lives. Able-bodied pedestrians can walk anywhere around Dallas Rd &amp; picnic benches could be put anywhere on the grass all along Dallas Rd.</p>
<p>Parking for all of Victoria &amp; tourists would be more of a nightmare than it currently is. Only a few handicapped spots is insufficient for the number of elderly in this city. And it will significantly increase over the next 10- 20yrs with the baby boomers.</p>
<p>This city already accommodates pedestrians &amp; cyclists, it's one of the best cities currently in Canada. We need to remember our elderly &amp; infirm....</p>
<p>Money needs to be spent helping buy tiny homes and or cleaning up beacon Hill Park. This is were the community wants to have picnics not at windy clover point. Keep clover point natural. Spending money on this right now is not needed and wrong</p>

This area is not suitable for outdoor 'picnic tables' and exposed benches. Mostly too cold and windy to sit for any length of time, especially during 'storm watching' days. If municipal money is to be spent, while reducing vehicle parking, then spend the money on some kind of accessible viewing pavillion as a shelter from the weather.

Perhaps the anti-parking people should spend some time at Clover Point, outside, before making hasty decisions. I have been a frequent visitor to the Dallas Road waterfront for over forty years and have a pretty good sense of the yearly wind and weather conditions down there, especially at Clover Point.

Too many parking places are eliminated (especially as the parking places at the top of the point are now gone as well. People will not be able to view the ocean from their cars - a favorite activity for many.

Unfair to all people with mobility issues including Seniors, small children and any other type's of disabilities. Try encouraging more tolerance through education for those among us who feel their entitlements are more important than yours.

I am a resident of Clover Point area and use Clover Point daily - vehicle parking as exists allows all residents or visitors direct access to ocean - Rare public access must be protected - commercial enterprise / food trucks are not part of this quiet enjoyment

Going from 97 to 14 parking spots will decrease accessibility for the population, especially handicapped. 4 handicap spots is inadequate for this population. The area is also heavily used for windsurfing/ kitesurfing/ kayaking that the community loves to watch. This will restrict their access too.

City planners envisage Clover point being a picnic area with food trucks and tents set up. They have not considered that much of the year it is too cold and windy to sit down there. One idea is to block the area off between June and September only as these are the only months warm enough to linger at the point. The rest of the year should be opened up to normal parking.

It has always been a popular spot to come and see storms over the years and enjoy the power of mother nature without having to walk down there. The new spots will not be in a good spot to sit in your car and experience it, especially for the disabled population.

The proposed plan is shortsighted, does not provide enough access for disabled and elderly population and doesn't take into account how cold it is on the point the majority of the year...

Clover Point is a place of natural beauty. it does NOT need "improvement" People don't come to Clover Point to look at painted asphalt, "Art", cyclists going round in circles, and breathe fumes from food trucks. Nor do they wish to sit in a lounge chair in cold winter winds. This isn't Hawaii or Florida.

They drive cars, slowly, seagulls are unconcerned, park to look at the marvelous sea and sky. Totally peaceful and relaxing. Have been doing so for decades.

Children fly kites in the grassy middle section. And kite surfers take off from there..

Proposal to ban cars is counter to common sense. Park where? and walk how many blocks? pushing the disabled or infants ? Why?

A ludicrous idea. What segment of the population wants it?

The tax payer does not want to pay for yet another per project>

There are many people with mobility issues that disallow them getting out of the vehicle and if they can park at the Point and just sit and enjoy the view and the sunshine it would be very beneficial.

I like the idea of having markets, festivals, food trucks etc but there is no reason that the space cannot be shared. Certain days when people can come and just park (Mon-Thurs maybe) and then having certain days (Fri-Sun) for Festivals etc. All this could be seasonal and weather dependant.

It can be a shared space where everyone could be happy.

Plus, Food Trucks could have allocated spaces that were available 7 days a week. This town needs more Food Truck space!!!

Restricting use to able bodied, local or biking riding citizens of Greater Victoria! Taking the bus there and back is energy, ability and cost prohibitive. This spot belongs to all. Equal rights for all should be an over arching value.

As it was, the lower part of Clover Point was being used 365 days of the year by all.

There are THOUSANDS upon THOUSANDS of people, who have challenges, needs, and desires, both mentally and physically that do not qualify for a handicap parking sticker.

You will be denying

- those who give people with physical and mental impairments to Clover Point, so they too can see and experience the ocean upfront.
- people with visual impairments, who depend on others to take them to, where they can hear and smell the ocean up close.
- elderly who come to Clover Point to have lunch in their cars.
- workers with limited time, who do, god knows what, but need a mental break. They come to Clover Point to have lunch and escape from it all.
- people all over the world, take holidays, just so they can storm watch up close. To see the action, the power, and feel the spray of the ocean.
- people who are dealing with issues. Wanting the privacy of their own vehicle and a chance to give their mind a distraction and a break.

I live next door to Clover Point and experience the weather there almost every day walking our dog. Most things can look much better on paper, than in reality.

The way it was, allowed everyone to enjoy it. Those who had a need to stay in their vehicles and those who choose not to.

Take the money and widen the lower pathway from Cook to Clover. For the THOUSANDS upon THOUSANDS of people who use it daily. (do something to protect the bluffs in that area)

Suggest leaving parking around the point, but add a path along the West side and expand the path on the East side of the parking lot for pedestrians. This should be a park for everyone in the region and tourists, not just for the Fairfield Gonzales residents, to enjoy its natural beauty. Creating a "Centennial Square" type area on the tip of Clover Point will destroy it. Please see the comments made by Joanne Neubauer in the Times Colonist article on Clover Point on Feb. 6th/21 as I agree with everything that she said.

The hill down to Clover Point is steep so people with disabilities, seniors with canes and walkers and families with young children will likely not be able to access the point if parking is eliminated, not to mention the pressure it will put on the neighbourhood which is already stressed by parking issues. It tends to be quite windy at Clover Point, hence the kites, windsurfers and hang gliders. That does not sound like a good place for picnics, not to forget all the seagulls and pigeons in the area ready to swarm and pounce.

The parking restriction was temporary while the Sewage project was being completed and should not be made permanent.

Need to keep the parking and the access for disabled to the waterfront.

Absolutely ignoring the needs of people with limited strength and the disabled.

Again trying to hide our truly vulnerable folks in this city.

I used to take my late wife down to the point when it was windy. She was not able to walk. We'd roll down the windows and pretend we were standing at the point enjoying nature.

Wouldn't be able to do that with this idiotic plan.

Just say no to all this madness!

I am not a senior or disabled, but when I've been walking down on Clover Point over the years, I have noticed so many elderly folk who love getting close and watching the ocean. The FOUR handicapped parking spots are obviously not enough. When will this Mayor and council recognise the number of seniors who live in the Greater Victoria area!

Please also note, you cannot drive a senior around most of Beacon Hill Park any more either.

There has already been enough of a loss of parking a great deal of change to the area. The area can be closed down for special events. With the Victoria demographic being what it is, there is a need for parking. Also those that live further out (e.g. Western communities and Sannich) should be able to use the area with their families and that means they need to be accommodated with parking. Council needs to consider other people who may want to enjoy the area - not just relatively young, single bike riders/walkers, with no pets, young children or elderly relatives!

I would like to be able to drive down to this area in inclement weather and enjoy the view from the warmth of a vehicle, that's what's been so appealing about Clover Point for generations. Closing it to cars is not necessary, and feels more like ideology than a response to a community-wide pressing need.

There is room enough to put picnic tables on the center grass of the loop. Taking away the parking limits people who have mobility issues but no handicap designation from enjoying the area.

The area should be left untouched. There is no need to close it off - it can be closed for "special events" from time to time.

I believe the traditional vehicle access to Clover Point should be retained. There is sufficient park area but very limited viewing and auto access for mobility impaired and seniors who cannot get out of their cars. It was bad enough when the access to the viewpoint in Beacon Hill Park was closed yet only through protest was the barricade removed. Vehicle parking has already been reduced along Dallas Road so Clover Point is an important vehicle destination for seniors, those with mobility issues and to all who want to enjoy the magnificent views and easier water and beach access. Beacon Hill Park is facing many issues including homeless encampments. Park users such as myself and other seniors are now looking for safe recreational areas with vehicle access. The closing of this readily accessible recreation vehicle opportunity for residents and visitors would be a major mistake. I cannot see the benefit - certainly cyclists are not gaining so what is the rationale except further attacks on people who require vehicles for recreational opportunities! Not only are we losing nearly 70 parking spots, the preliminary design shows only limited drop off for those with mobility issues. Such a proposal would deny many seniors their independence in driving to Clover Point as they would have to rely on others to drop them off and pick them up. With increased homelessness, I also fear this area would become a very desirable future camping destination and this should never be allowed. Please retain vehicle access to Clover Point for the enjoyment of all.

Accessibility for all

That is TOO much TAXPAYORS money to spend on fixed something that is not broken!!

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Clover Point is not suitable for picnics is is too cold and windy. We need the parking during the summer and during events. Also many people enjoy storm watching or parking here to start a dog walk. Without parking it is making adjacent streets unsafe with vehicle traffic and as well as unsafe to cross Dallas when busy and vision is obscured by parked vehicles. I think a walkway around the parking area is needed, maybe add a few small bounders to sit on but nothing to obscure the view.

In order for "all ages and abilities", and for those who live further out to be able to enjoy the area, the parking must be retained. There is nothing wrong with the way it was. There have been no issues, it's always been a "people priority" area.

It's a very windy spot for picnics, already quite easy to walk around and watch the kites. Also the whole beach area along Dallas road is used for picnics and is better for people with kids and dogs. Also I feel that for the disabled and elderly this is really the only unobstructed view of the water and it should stay as it was before the sewage outflow upgrades.

It's a treasured view point in Fairfield. It's one of the few areas in Victoria where you can park your car and enjoy the waves in comfort.

The nice thing about Clover Point is that it is an empty space, no frills. And, it allows room for the imagination of the users. There is an elegance to this space. Painting the cement is tacky. Adding seating to an extremely windy spot doesn't enhance. (And will there be tenting allowed there?) While there is some lighting in place, at night it is dark enough to enjoy the lights of Port Angeles and ships. Any upgrade to lighting should consider this: it is one of the few neighbourhood spots where you can enjoy the night sky.

The nice thing is that does not feel commercialized now, but, with all the "stuff" you are proposing to add, it will feel cluttered.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. I am a resident living very near to the point and I use this park daily. I think pedestrian access and use of the point can be enhanced and improved with out removing vehicle access. I am opposed to closing the Clover Point loop to vehicular traffic and converting the current road access to pedestrian use only for the following reasons: this point is very windy and cold (which is part of its uniqueness) for much of the year and so it is not suited to picnic tables; it is widely used by important segments of the population ( seniors, working people grabbing a bite of lunch in their cars, disabled people, tourists who make a short stop while touring on a one or two day stay, mothers with children napping in car seats) all of whom desire access from their cars because of mobility, time restrictions or sensitivity to cold); it is a beautiful and well-known storm watching location because it is safe and warm from a vehicle ( proof of this is to visit the point on a random assortment of days and note how few people are there without vehicles on inclement weather days- even the dog walkers are hardly there); sufficient recreational areas are already provided by the two pathways, viewing platform and adjacent concrete boardwalk existing in the plans underway; food trucks at the point are unnecessary ( Dallas is a better location) because their presence at the point will increase garbage and seagull begging and will conflict with use of the area as an off leash dog park; tremendous parkland in the form of Beacon Hill park is already available and connected to the Clover Point area- the fact that Beacon Hill is currently unsafe and unsightly due to tent residents is one of the reasons that Clover Point is seeing so many people - I understand and support efforts to house the homeless, but Council should recognize that their assessment of increased use of Clover Point may in large part be a reflection of public-use challenges within Beacon Hill park. In fact, Clover Point and Beacon Hill are two different kinds of park, and the plan to turn the Clover Point into pedestrian access only seems to me to be an effort to recreate what Beacon Hill already offers. I would also like to point out that the pedestrian only plan is a kind of downtown urbanization such as is exemplified by the False Creek waterfront in Vancouver, yet Clover Point is stunningly beautiful in large part because of its open, wild and wind-swept character. It does not need to be urbanized! I would like to see it kept as wild and natural as possible. Allowing vehicles down there is an opportunity to share that intimate wild view with everyone in an inclusive, close up to nature kind of way. Vehicles also tend not to stay there for hours, just 20 to 40 minutes, ensuring that turnover from visitors is high, with spots opening up for new visitors. I do see the appeal for a paved area in some part of the point, but it need not be at the expense of vehicle visits and parking. Perhaps put in a wide paved pedestrian path along the perimeter with a paved pavilion at one or the other end of that grass in the middle, for gatherings, skating or scooters, etc, but make it a feature of the route through the area not a stand alone area that works only for one segment (eg. the mobile visitor who does not visit in inclement weather) of our demographic. Thank you so much for the opportunity to provide input.

Worked fine as it was for many years. Too windy most of the time for picnicing.

It is already a huge green space so why spend the money tearing the road out?

let all the people continue to have access to it and let the people who have paid city taxes for decades continue to drive down there if they want. I am tired of the City council spending money on things on their personal agenda, It is time for them to look at the big picture.

Anyone with accessibility issues are able to park at Clover Point, safely exit their vehicle, and go onto the walking path. If they close it off, they have to use the bike path at risk of many inconsiderate, fast moving bicycles, walk a distance to the path to get to the walking path before they can enjoy the waterfront or benches to take a rest.

Seniors, people with disabilities and parents with young children need to have parking, so that they too can enjoy this area. Keep Clover Point as its name.

A senior with mobility issues. Why not leave it alone? How's that for stunning and brace! Meddling morons.....

The ban of all cars, for those with mobility issues is unfair. Only offer parking for those with mobility permits

I think it should be left as it is with parking at the bottom of the road like it is. I have elderly friends that love to drive there car down there and look out at the ocean an have their lunch. They aren't able to walk very far. We don't need picnic area down there. It is extremely windy most of the time. It's nicer to sit in your car and few the waves. Also don't want food trucks down there. Will just create more garbage etc. It appears there will be less parking. Currently on sunny days it is already hard to find parking along Dallas Rd. This will just create parking issues for the neighbours in the area. Time this Mayor and council listened to what the citizens of Victoria want and not what they think is best for us. So feed up with City Hall. Can't wait for them to go!

- 1) The parking for disabled is not at a place where I can take my granny to look out over the water from the car. This makes her happy. Now, due to the construction, we go to Oak Bay, the marina and Cattle Point, so more driving. I guess we'll keep doing that if this plan is approved. How does that fit in to the less driving message?
- 2) this is a different plan than that was presented and basically agreed to by the community back when there was some consultation
- 3) picnics etc in the strong winds are a bad idea. There will be all kinds of plastic wrappers and containers blowing into the water. There is more than enough there already
- 4) nothing to enhance habitat for birds
- 5) new plan should have new consultation, not done by FGCA. Most people in the city are not members and will not be consulted. I'm not sure if any of this will be passed on to the city as the FGCA has become quite political lately and may decide to present only views that reflect their political agenda.
- 6) I believe that when there was proper consultation, the consensus was to return it to the way it was. That is what should be done

Because I live in easy walking distance to Clover Point it would be an additional pleasure to have it developed for pedestrians only. But I would feel like a hog. Many Victorians live further away and need their vehicles to get to the waterfront. I think it is unfair to deprive them of access. I think Council should place it on the agenda for next civic election when all Victorians can decide. (p.s. I sent a similar message earlier but I am not sure if I submitted it, so I am repeating it in case it was not received.)

we don't need to loose more parking spots especially ones that are accessible for the elderly and disabled.

Though i'm currently mobile, I do have MS and it's possible in the future I won't be as able bodied. I'd like to see the view point accessible to all people, not just able bodied people. Further, the point is often windy and cold and though in theory may seem like a great place for people to be outdoors, the cold temperatures are not so inviting.

Most of the time it is cold and windy. Nice to be in a car to look out. Don't develop every bit of shoreline. Leave it natural, no art, no seats, may be a bench. Leave it alone!!

Once again acting without thinking through the ramifications of closing off the Point to many people needing a vehicle to access this area.

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I don't believe that both enhancing the vehicle loop with parking and adding wide walking paths and picnic tables at the outer edge of the loop could not be established together. They are not incompatible uses.

My wife and I walk there several times a month. Never bothered by the cars being able to use the area. I too have parked down there and watched some amazing sunsets on a blustery day when you certainly would not be sitting at a picnic table. I have no problem with more tables and benches being added but absolutely no need to stop the vehicle traffic- so many large car free areas along that walk. Have you ever been to Beacon Hill Park?

If public don't have enough parking, they will just use residential parking Clover Point is too windy to picnic. Would prefer money go to remediating Beacon Hill Park.

In the past, people have driven to Clover Point and surrounding area from all parts of the city all year round, at all times of the day and in all weathers to watch storms, whales, etc. If no cars are allowed people of limited mobility (elderly, disabled) and parents with small children would not be able to walk the distance from the already limited parking in the area and those who do not live within walking distance or for whom public transit is impractical will be denied this wonderful location. Those of us who live on Dallas Road take pleasure from seeing other people enjoying this experience. I fully support Clover Point being restored to its condition before all the waste water work started. Watching the paragliders, windsurfers, and other activities was a source of great joy, including the hugely popular childrens' kite festival. I would also like to see the open grassy area adjacent to the parking area - very popular for families for picnics - restored to its original condition.

Leave well enough alone - it is a lovely place for people with limited ability to be able to sit in car and enjoy the natural beauty of the ocean without a sidewalk in front. Everything in this City does not have to change, it just has to be kept clean and maintained. Save the money and repair all the roads and sidewalks, keep the curbs and sidewalk freshly painted - make the City - sparkle with cleanliness.

I have an elderly family member that like to go there, but would not be able to enjoy Clover Point if cars are not allowed doen there. You would penalize alot of people who have mobility issues. Clover Point shpuld be open to all, not just the young and able-bodied. People with disabilities or the elderly need to be able to drive down and enjoy it too!

<p>This plan poorly considers the needs of those with disabilities or mobility challenges. Four accessibility parking stalls is not enough, and doesn't address the needs of young families with strollers. Clover point is also a very windy location, and many times it is more enjoyable to enjoy the view from the comfort of your vehicle. It is a less than ideal outdoor picnic or recreation location.</p>
<p>Access required for disabled, elderly and visitors</p>
<p>The city has out of control crime, is in the worse economic crisis ever, the city has a massive deficit, and it's infrastructure is falling apart. This is not a priority</p>
<p>With so many seniors and others who don't and can't bike, we need this setting for everyone to share.</p>
<p>Unnecessary expenditure, lack of accessibility for seniors and those with mobility challenges, loss of parking.</p>
<p>This is not an intelligent proposal, unless Victoria is going to become a car-free zone in its entirety. As a nearby resident, walker and cyclist in addition to being a vehicle owner, I think there is room for all forms of transportation. People who want or need to drive to Clover Point (and in pandemic times, there are even more than usual!) are going to park in the surrounding neighbourhoods if Clover Point becomes car free. Plus, given the consistent cold winds off the water, a vehicle is the ideal warm place to enjoy the view, especially if you are a tourist or visitor. The City has already gone too far in making Victoria vehicle-unfriendly. By all means improve the pedestrian walkways at Clover Point, but do not ban cars. This is a bad idea.</p>
<p>Clover Point is a great access point to Dallas Road for families who have to travel in a vehicle and I think taking that access away would be a loss.</p>
<p>It is just another battle in Lisa's War on Cars. Asking the disabled to park at the top of the hill and "roll on down" to the point, ignores the obvious...they cannot just "roll back up again". Typical Lisa Helps arrogance!</p> <p>And what about those aged passengers who will no longer be able to enjoy the point ever again.</p> <p>I doubt that the FGCA will ever let the negative voices ring. After all you did sweet FA about the pending Richardson disaster.</p>
<p>It's already getting harder and harder in Victoria to find places that welcome cars, and there is nothing more that is needed at Clover point other than put back the way it was. Not everyone can walk or bike everywhere especially with families. Leave it as it is, there's nothing wrong with it. Jeez, get a grip Helps.</p>
<p>This is a favourite activity as a family on a blustery or stormy day to swing by and sit in the car and look at waves crash or lightning storms at night. Something that with families would not be possible to get out of the car and walk on down there easily. I have also really enjoyed taking my grandma down there as well and now that she has very limited walking abilities this opportunity would be gone.</p>
<p>Clover point sticks out into the cold windy waterS of the Straights of Juan de fuca. It is not a place to tarry, lounge, nor picnic except for one or two days in the deep summer. In fact the warmest place is down on the gravel beach snuggled into a log. I support allowing elders and the disabled to be able to park their cars and look at the skies and the sunsets from the warmth of their vehicle. If we must over develop everything along the Clover Point foreshore, please consult the tasteful, respectful and sophisticated development Port Angeles has used.</p>
<p>Victoria has a tourist based economy with most arriving by car or bus. Being able to drive down through Clover point they have that ability to park, get out and walk the beach at least once in their life. Furthermore, the current congestion on Dallas Road and side streets is causing no end of headache for residents. For some unknown reason, city staff and council have some misguided view that a pedestrian area will draw visitors without impacting traffic patterns. Meanwhile, the poor residents of Dallas Road and Cook Street are being inundated with transient overnight parking people who pay no taxes, litter the streets and destroy the view. and of course Dallas road is now also attracting food trucks with customers that fail to clean up after themselves. This is creating a rodent problem in my belief. i have seen them at night.</p>
<p>I would like Clover Point to retain the current allocation of parking spots to accommodate disabled, seniors and families to access the circle area &amp; views.</p>
<p>Spend the money , on tent sheltering areas remediation issues</p>
<p>Not a good picnic area, too windy etc. But a wonderful place for the infirm, incapacitated and elderly to park their cars and enjoy the sights. Inconceivable that Council would take this away from those vulnerable types. Obviously the current Council members are totally out of touch with the reality, and have no compassion for the elderly. This smacks of Lisa Helps who has masterminded this idea without input (as she does everything!)</p>

The vehicular access and "short term parking" at Clover Point is utilized 12 months out of the year and is particularly important for seniors and those with disabilities to be able to enjoy the unique and spectacular ocean vistas up close and personal . Clover Point was a meditative haven for my elderly parents who drove down and had a "picnic" in the car whilst watching the activities around, including the crashing surf and the wave riders leaping over big waves. My husband and I are seniors and drive to Clover Point at least twice a week for a "dinner date". We , like my parents, find this oasis a respite from stress and we particularly enjoy storm watching and watching wave riders. As we age we are not as mobile as we would like...we don't ride bikes, our walking ability is more limited and our avenues of entertainment diminished. Clover Point is the one place in our community where we can enjoy what life has to offer in terms of nature at its best and to remove vehicle access and the "short term Parking" would have a huge impact on the quality of our lives ( as well I am sure the lives of other seniors and those with disabilities. I would also note that in the 10+ years we have been frequenting Clover Point , we have not seen folks with picnics outdoors but rather we have seen others , like us, having picnics in their vehicles. I could count the number of days on one hand that would see weather down there suitable for an outdoor picnic area. The fierce wind ( one of the great attractions) is ever present and precludes outdoor dining ( not to mention the seagulls.)

This is just another move from this City Council to demoralize and diminish the importance of seniors. I feel very discouraged and frustrated with the potential loss of one of the few places in my community that is unique, spectacular and something I can access and enjoy. As an aside, Mayor Helps indicated that if we wanted to park by the water there are new and improved parking spots down by Ogden Point. She misses the point of the uniqueness and draw that Clover Point has for us. We can drive down and park right at the shoreline, we can see and hear high surf on 3 sides of us, we have spectacular views on 3 sides of us and nothing obstructing them ( like sidewalks and pedestrians as would be the case down where she suggests we park) and our "dinner show" is the wind surfers which fill our hearts with joy ( and momentary youth!). A thermos of coffee, some "take out " to support local restaurants and a front row seat ( Parking spot) to a spectacular show. This we have enjoyed 12 months out of the year ( 2 or 3 days in a week) as so many others have as well, as is shown by the fact that whenever we drive down there , the empty parking spaces are at a premium and cars are full of folks partaking of a unique and coveted spot. Very few, except for the odd dog walker walking by, are outside in the elements even in summer months. I suggest they retain vehicle access and some "short term" parking spots as now and if they want to create an outdoor picnic area in the center grass round area ( which I doubt will be well used) then fill their boots. Respectfully submitted.

I think it should be a hybrid and maintain some parking area for storm watching. But more should be done for pedestrians as currently there isn't even a sidewalk.

This would be very devastating to those of us who have been enjoying Clover Point for many years and are unable to access it other than by car. This is just another barrier and very discriminatory against a large number of people with mobility or other issues. There are already a number of areas in the park with picnic tables that able bodied people can access. To ram this through without a referendum is very heavy handed and disregards the wishes of many Victorians. At the very least open Clover Point to vehicles for the next few months and ask the people who use it how they feel about being denied access ever again.

Not all Victorians are able to walk or ride there. If dropped off, the car will then park on an already congested residential street.

Strongly opposed!!!! I wonder how many pedestrians will be accessing the park in cold, wet weather? Shutting it off from people who want to sit in their car and storm-watch for the sake of a few hardy souls is very one-sided and narrow-minded

Improving the vehicle loop with parking and a wide path with picnic tables around it are not mutually exclusive functions and activities.

Three reasons. First: there has been no public consultation about this project but if there was, why is the first time I'm hearing about this proposal is this week despite the fact I follow the city politics quite closely. Second: this is once again an act by Council to restrict access to a valued part of the city to those people who are young and mobile; seniors and people with mobility issues will find this a difficult place to access. (Just 4 Senior's parking spaces??). Third: a line of food trucks running generators simply creates harsh noise in an area where people go to experience the sounds of the ocean.

Two point on why I oppose the proposed design: 1) This proposal does not have enough protected areas from the year round strong winds. It assumes everyday use will be a calm sunny day in August. Let's be practical, most people need to stay in their cars to enjoy "storm watching" and close access to the water. 2) In its current configuration, it allows folks with mobility issues close access to "storm watching". I would like to see a narrower single car lane loop that is traffic calmed to allow close access for those with limited mobility or disabilities. The City made the same mistake with access the Beacon Hill lookout, don't make it again with Clover Point.

Four parking spots is not nearly enough down on the Point. I'm 92. I can't walk up that hill to get to my car. Where do I park the car? The near areas are mostly full most of the time. There was adequate pedestrian area there already. It is mostly cool to cold and windy at the Point. How many people are going to use the picnic tables? It is well known that our mayor Helps hates cars.

So many people drive there to sit in their cars and read, listen to music, watch the ocean - proposal would severely limit that possibility. IT IS A WINDY SPOT - PICNIC AREA WILL BE USELESS MOST DAYS. Multi-use trails have proved unwieldy other places: pedestrians and cyclists do not mix easily. Food trucks are ridiculous there. We do not need more commercial pollution of our naturally beautiful areas. Don't need more lighting: they should do their homework on the effects of light pollution on birds and other creatures. Drinking water and washrooms seem useful, but the rest of it is totally unnecessary and will destroy much of the value of Clover Point.

To remove or restrict automobile access is to deny access to people with disabilities. It is elitist and inconsiderate.

I think that there is more than enough space to make this a pedestrian friendly AND vehicle friendly space. Plus, due to high winds it is much better enjoyed from your car. For those rare days it's not windy it would be great to have a seating area - but it doesn't need to be only for pedestrians. Plus, many people cannot walk down there and truly only can enjoy it from their car.

1. Many folks just like drive to Clover Point - park in one of the 73 parking spots and enjoy the view, whether it is raining, windy or Sunny. 2. Not too many kids live close to CP - they have to be driven there. So will bike but for some it will be too far from home area. 3. Usually all parking spots on Dallas road are full - with the absence of 73 parking spots cars will then go to the side streets - the neighbours will not be happy. Not everyone is a bike rider. Many will cycle there, however much the push is against cars, there are many, many, many more cars than bikes - so the electric car will soon be king. 4. If you have handicap or a disability getting to the " park " may be difficult .

Because it cuts off access to the water front for people who have trouble walking.. also a lot of people like to sit in their cars eating lunch and watching the waves on a rainy day or just taking a brake from driving, feeling safe in their own cars.

Have often enjoyed being able to observe the ocean from the comfort of my by car during rough weather and I note that there are other seniors doing the same. There is often conversation among us, and I get a sense that lonely people go there for comfort. Please do not Lisa-ize this local treasure. I'm not opposed to some of the other amenities, but please let us park at the point. We are not all able-bodied. Don't forget about us. Thank you.

Victoria has a large aging population, many of whom have mobility challenges. Today, these seniors as well as others with mobility limitations are able to drive, or be driven, to Clover Point and enjoy the scenery year round. The proposed pedestrian area will largely deny them that pleasure. Four accessible parking spaces are way too few and additionally they do not allow these persons to enjoy the shelter of their vehicles during the many windy, cool and damp weather days that make up our climate.

It is NOT a picnic area. I feel the city staff are pushing this on us as an alternative because the city has allowed felons to inhabit Beacon Hill Park. It is too windy for a picnic area. Makes no sense.

So much has been taken from our seniors and our physically challenged it is time to consider their needs.

This is a terrible idea and it excludes many people from the use and enjoyment of Clover Point. This is a very elitist and discriminatory viewpoint and Clover Point should remain as it was for ALL to enjoy. Thank you.

Totally oppose this.

A few accessible washrooms and many additional accessible parking spaces are needed in this area. Otherwise, with the existing open, natural spaces, grassy areas, beaches, walking paths and bike paths along Dallas Rd , the redevelopment of Clover Point is totally unnecessary both in terms of enhancing the area for public use and capitol expenditure. Clover Point is a beautiful landmark in our city and should be available to and enjoyed by all. Significantly reducing parking spaces and moving them to the north side makes it difficult particularly for our elders/seniors, for persons with disabilities and mobility challenges.

On any given day, sunny, rainy, calm or stormy, year round, people, many of whom are elderly, enjoy sitting in their cars right out at the point, taking in the scenery, enjoying a sunrise or sunset, having a coffee or lunch, reading a book or chatting with a friend or care attendant. It would be an injustice and a disservice to deny them of this. Bike paths to be shared with other wheeled devices and with runners, walkers and dogs are at this point hazardous, speaking from personal encounters, need to be clearly marked with dividing lines, with frequent pedestrian crosswalks for entry and exit to/ from the road and beach, and with posted , clearly worded signage. In closing, off leash dogs, and I am a dog walker, need to be off and away from the paths and permitted only on designated grassy areas and the beach. While there is some signage to this effect, it is vague, poorly posted and not enforced. Thank you.

It's about time we started putting a value on Nature - just ask three experts who live here with us, Robert Bateman, David Suzuki, and Elizabeth May. I believe most people in Victoria want to enjoy places like Clover Point in its natural state. I think Council's job is to maintain it and protect it. Adding more stuff in the way of benches, chairs, more toilets, flags/banners etc. will detract rather than make the area more beautiful.. The only improvement I would like to see is an attractive walkway around the loop, but not to take away the parking for cars. Parking needs to be there for probably the largest cohort of Victoria residents, those who are over 65, yes there are some seniors who have bikes and like to ride them, but the vast majority don't, and therefore need their own transportation. Why don't we stop spending tax payers' money on things we don't need, and start looking after the natural beauty all around us. As my dear mother would say "it's only common sense".

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didn't expect to make this choice, but am older, less mobile, and haven't been down to clover point once to watch sunset over sooke hills, waves, etc which I used to watch from my car (I live locally but can't walk down from Dallas Rd). I agree Appendix A is not without appeal, and more plants, better walkways, less traffic and less road would be an improvement, but if I can't access the view it would be one more place in the neighbourhood I "lose". Sad.

It has been the go to area to drive down to and have a car picnic. With Covid and everything this is the exact time where clover point is an area that should be accessible to cars. In the winter people should be able to drive down there and stay in their respective cars and still social while admiring the area. Please do not make it a pedestrian only area.

I like to drive down there on a windy day to watch the wild weather, can't do that if I have to walk.

Below is the email that we sent earlier to Mayor and Council.

We were very disappointed to see the proposed concept for Clover Point. Although the pedestrian forward concept is attractive, there is still a need to have some vehicle access and parking closer to the tip. The wind and the cold temperatures that we find for most of the year are not conducive to the picnic and family gathering ideas shown in the concept drawings. The concept drawing, as submitted, looks like it was designed for Southern California (warmer temperatures) as opposed to our chilly southern tip of Vancouver Island.

Often vehicles are down there at the point to storm watch, when you can barely even open the car door due to the wind. Other times people want to see the moon rise and the sunsets in the cool evenings.

Mayor Helps suggests that it is wonderful that handicapped people will be able to "roll down and visit the ocean". However, they still have to push and strain to get back up the hill to their vehicles, and if it's cool and windy they are very unlikely to want to do so.

Please modify the concept to be more of a compromise between the pedestrians and the vehicle use for this wonderful viewing area.

Clover Point is totally unsuitable for a picnic area - it's incredibly windy and cold, even in summer. Most winter days it is not even walkable - too cold and windy. There are a number of elderly people who would not be able to use the park at all, if not accessible by car.

The regular and powerful winds at Clover Point and the lack of trees make it an inappropriate site for picnics.

Food trucks create noise, air pollution from generators and garbage from single-use take-out containers. The large sea gull population in the area will scavenge and spread the garbage.

No consideration has been given to consulting with the First Nations whose traditional territory this is (an important observation in the 2017 FCA survey).

The budget of \$250,000 is a one time-expenditure. There will be ongoing incremental costs for maintenance, waste disposal and after hours policing, to name a few.

We need parking. This proposal loses 53 parking spaces with no replacement on Dallas. Handicapped people can't use spaces on the hill above the point.

I do not believe those affected in the Fairfield community have had their say. I am strongly opposed that this be pushed through without consultation with the Fairfield community and I am enraged that it is suggested in the proposal that the design not be given consideration by the community. I live and pay property taxes in Fairfield and feel our opinion is of no concern to the city.

There is not enough parking in the area. I live on Dallas rd. We are going to need residential parking on one side of the street to be able to park. It is already very difficult to park. We are also Kite Surfers, there is a huge kite surfing community that uses this area to launch. I feel it is too wind down there often and people love to go and sit in their car to see what is going on. An idea would be closed to traffic in the summer when there is low wind and open to parking all winter. It should be called windy point not picnic point.

Off leash dog walking from Clover Point to Douglas St is extremely important to me, if this amenity can be locked in I'd be in favour of the proposed upgrade.

Too much change in the city

This proposal eliminates many activities unique to Victoria. People who live here witness the diversity annually. Everyone can enjoy the space regardless of time or mobility restrictions. Millions of photos are taken at this southernmost tip of Vancouver Island by tourists driving by (including Tour Buses) . Inclement weather can be enjoyed by all . Please restore as promised. Kite flying , Swiftsure gatherings , photos with the ocean backdrop are frequently used because it is so easily accessible by vehicle. Movies are filmed here with Clover Point taken into consideration. This change to Clover Point will reduce the number of people who used to enjoy it to a fraction. Only available to those that are still able bodied . Quite discriminatory!

It's inclusive of able bodied people only. How will people with disabilities or in wheelchairs enjoy the space?

Access for seniors

Liked the 2017 Fairfield CA report with the exception of cutting out the circular road parking area. There is no comparison between the survey, and the planners report from the City. The survey was written so it was easily read - too much jargon padded words in the planners report - turns a reader off

My major problem is that this entire idea, for no really urgent reason, will make the area less accessible for many citizens. Existing parking on Dallas Rd, which is already tight, will become even worse and many of the people needing special-access parking, who can't get onto one of the 4 spaces, will often simply be forced to return home. Currently, many of them have it when all 90 parking spots are available and they can get out of their vehicle right near the grass. To reduce this to four spots is laughable in a city where 30% of the populace is over 60.

If anything, keep all spots and make every 4th one special-access.

- Many senior homes take residents for visits to Clover Point for day visits, this will become much more difficult for them if this is developed as discussed.
- The city says "Access to the waterfront, without vehicle traffic, has been important during the pandemic".... why? Don't see any logic behind this statement at all. Waterfront access has never been an issue to date. To use the pandemic, a (hopefully) short-term situation, as a reason to implement this is ridiculous.
- As we have seen with downtown crosswalks, painted streets quickly fade and will require constant maintenance or end up looking shoddy.
- Adding benches, picnic tables and lounge chairs are a nice idea but could all be placed on existing grass and keep parking available for everyone. Food trucks can always be brought in as is and for any special event, parking can be temporarily restricted.

For many reasons I have always felt that the point should be car friendly at least til there are no elderly or physically challenged people around like my friend with MS who had always walked to the seaside with her four legged friend until she had to drive down to see the view when she lost her strength. When the road was closed two years ago I spent countless hours by myself on the end of the point as no one made the trip there without the road but for a couple of runners and the odd dog walker like myself. I have lived at the corner of Dallas and Bushby street for 25 years and it's the windiest place in the city as the Shakespear theatre group will tell you after loosing their tents 2 years in a row. The best place to cruise to and watch the storms or sunsets with your 90 year old uncle is Clover point. I've watched family soap box races on the point. All kinds of things like the kite fest and the pancake breakfast . I have viewed or walked the point every day for so long and the cars and the people have all gotten along very well the whole time. With the new wash room facilities the timing will change by allowing people to stay there longer than traditionally so the parking will likely need to be monitored.

Leave the general set up as was, include some chairs and tables in the middle of the center grassy area.

Not easily accessible to handicapped and even the general public in the new plan. Due to the wind there it is nice to be able to sit in your car to enjoy a coffee and picnic lunch.

"Dynamic, playulul, vibrant "! - - - but mostly inaccessible to the many less mobile residents for whom sitting watching the sunset, or the moon reflected on water, has been a wonderful and very peaceful outing .For many elderlies .and for those who drive them, Clover Point has been a tranquil access to Nature, a special place within a limited, 'shut in lifestyle. This proposal notes "focus on pedestrians": while pedestrians do have other options open to them, Clover Point is one of few places where a frail person can be close to the water. Many seniors are dependent on others, family, friends, volunteers who can drive them; the restriction to parking will cause beloved Clover Point to be lost to them. Few volunteer drivers have disability stickers, and even those spaces are limited to four.

Effectively this proposal deprives many residents of something to which they have a moral and a civil right, and for which they pay city taxes

Too inaccessible. Leave it as is.

A vehicle is needed for those with mobility issues to access Clover Point. The area is very windy so as a pedestrian only green space it will have limited use as opposed to what it has now.

That area is too windy, cold and the seagulls make it not possible to picnic etc. The tables would be full of bird droppings in no time so they will become useless. Cutting off access for people to drive and park to enjoy the view while sheltered is a silly proposal. There is already plenty of pedestrian areas along Dallas road. I like your idea of a place for festivals etc but this is not the place. You could not even keep a tent in place with all the wind there. Please reconsider this silly desisuin.

It's a slap in the face to those with mobility challenges. The plan is totally inadequate for those people and the rest of us who love to storm watch there. No public consultation, another plan by the city rammed down our throats.

Loved it , it works. Don't fix looking forward to reopening

There are many people that enjoy going down to Clover Point in their cars because they can't go any other way and there are not enough spaces for them!!

There are plenty of places around Greater Victoria where you can walk down to the water. There are very few where you can drive to the waters edge. Don't take this away from all the non-walkers. Don't take away the ability for all to sit in their cars on a sunny but frigid day, enjoying the gift of an ocean view.

The Clover Point area always has been and should continue to be an Open Space available to whether in a car, a wheelchair or walking or biking or .... Access by cars has not ever been detrimental to these recreational pursuits and in fact has enabled many people to enjoy the solace of the area when they couldn't have otherwise. Particularly during the winter months. The report from the City Planning Department seems to imply the opposite with no factual foundation. The same report also implies that with the road being closed for construction and now with Covid-19 that more people are accessing the area than would have if the road were open. Utter nonsense. Go down on a beautiful windy day and see the number of walkers, kites and cyclists that blend well with vehicle access. Certainly take the current opportunity to implement traffic calming and build family focussed facilities, but don't exclude a goodly portion of our citizenry from the ability to enjoy this marvellous area.

This is the only place that elderly and mobility impaired persons can get close enough to the ocean in their car to fully appreciate big waves, kite surfers and maximize the sunset view. It is also a great place for anyone to sit in their car on stormy days. The existing parking is highly utilized (some days you couldn't find a spot) and it would be unfortunate to see any reduction in the number of available spaces. I walk my dog there every day and would fully support any improvement to pedestrian access but not at the expense of a reduction in available parking.

Just need it alone, its so nice to sit in your car and relax looking at the water, also its really nice seeing the hot rods down there, come on city council, i guess it will be more tent places for the tenters

Where would you fly a kite?

Define "Pedestrian"-does this mean no persons riding skateboards, no bicycles of any kind, no in-line skates? Will motorized mobility aids be allowed?

The plan looks overdeveloped. People go there for peace and quiet, not entertainment.

Food trucks have always been there for special occasions-there used to be a kite festival with lots of food trucks.

There are more pedestrians everywhere during this Covid restriction time, not just at Clover Point. The new shared pedestrian/bicycle path is a zoo and an accident waiting to happen. I ride my bicycle on Dallas Road.

I've never had a problem at Clover Point being a pedestrian with the cars parked there.

Driving along Dallas Road mid-week, there is seldom a parking spot available, not just on weekends. Are the parking time limits enforced?

More benches would be nice at Clover Point..

This proposal seems very rushed and lacks community consultation.

I live in Fairfield, and used to walk along Dallas Road, and the waterfront at Clover Point regularly. I still love to go to the waterfront, but recently it has become more difficult for me to walk without pain. However, driving down to the end of the loop at Clover point, still allows me to enjoy being close to the ocean and all the sea life to be seen. It is often a cool and blustery spot, but being able to sit inside my car protects from that even on the worst of days. I don't yet need a wheelchair, so a "drop off" spot for me wouldn't work, and I can't be dropped off to stand there because that too hurts, and there is always the cool and wind. Without this ability to drive down and get close to the ocean front, I feel that this will be another loss to bear for myself and other handicapped people, when loss of movement is already hard to accept.

I think the previous roadway, along with the pedestrians and cyclists, not to mention the numerous kite flyers would still be a workable and inclusive solution, and hopefully the roadway would be new and improved. Having what appears to be from the illustration, a children's cycle racing track, and also the food carts, would turn what should be a natural area into more like an amusement park.

The lack of accessible space for seniors and those with disabilities has been shrinking year over year to accommodate bikes. Please leave this spot as it is!

1. There is no need to spend money to change what already works and is enjoyed by many people.
2. The best way to enjoy Clover Point is inside a car, for shelter from the wind.
3. I am against food trucks doing business in public parks without providing toilets while running noisy polluting generators to make a profit. Napkins and plates will inevitably accidentally blow into the ocean all the time.
4. Painting the asphalt is adding an unnecessary toxin.
5. Moving old unwanted marketing mascot/art into a park makes no sense but as a dumping ground for ugly junk.

Thanks.

Like it as it is.....clean up the after-construction mess, perhaps add a pedestrian walkway on the outer perimeter but DO NOT MESS WITH PARKING !

This idea would severely limit access to Clover Point for many many individuals who use this space to enjoy nature and be close to the sea. Making them park in a limited area at the top of the hill is outrageous for those with limited mobility!! Leave it alone, please! Let us continue to enjoy this area as we have been doing for decades. It isn't broken, don't try to fix it!

As a disabled person...not enough disabled parking!,,!

Love the loop and that people can park there and just stay warm in their cars ( winter or stormy days ) and have a coffee and look out to the sea and relax. We have green space there as well - inside the loop if people want to use it -and they do. It's such a wonderful feature for families and older people as well (and handicapped). Also - if parking taken away the cars will end up parking on streets along Dallas ( as they increasingly do now ) and streets in the community . I live one street back from Dallas and increasingly get many cars in front of my cottage . It's horrible Beacon Hill park is not enjoyable to drive through as it used to be ( let alone as area for camping ) - now it seems Clover Point will go the same way . We are an older community and do not take that into account !

I am extremely frustrated with decisions made by the City of Victoria that completely ignore the needs of people with disabilities. My late husband was using a wheelchair due to a mobility disability and would not have been able to access Clover Point with the suggested "improvements" as he would not have been able to wheel himself up the hill on Clover Point.

This is just another example of a decision that will exclude people with disabilities from public places in the city. And this is coming from a council that claims to care about vulnerable people in this society.

it discriminates against those with mobility issues who enjoy driving there and enjoying the view. Clover Point is so windy it isn't suitable to be a park anyway.

If it isn't broken, don't fix it. Have you tried to have a picnic anywhere on Dallas Rd and not be bombarded by Seagulls! Food trucks on the loop is absolutely ridiculous for this specific reason. This will allow Clover Point to become a welcoming place for the gathering of tents and yet more undesirable activity such as what is happening in Beacon Hill Park. This city is not Victoria Councils playground to do with whatever they please. Victoria Council has already proven that they lack the ability to accept the tax payers input and it needs to stop. NOW!

Lets keep this accessible for everyone, even those who are driving in to visit.

It's a waste of money. The site, as is, is a favourite place to go. Great for seniors who can come and enjoy the site from their cars. I wish the mayor would realize that we can't all ride bikes. The site is a great place to go in winter to watch the waves and parasailers. We also go there to watch the kite fliers. I don't live near enough to walk there.

This is the only safe parking for many to access the beach, and be close to the water. Those who have walking disabilities and challenges utilize this parking lot for a safe stroll on the beach, many cannot walking all the way from the road otherwise. I would be extremely disappointed if the drive through parking was removed.

The disabled are not able to get that close to view the ocean if the parking is removed.

This plan would exclude me from the access I have had and have been patiently waiting to get back following the current construction.

Access to everyone

Currently Clover Point is available to everyone, pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, etc. But this restrictive proposal will make the Point inaccessible to many people, especially older folks in their cars and it will make the point inaccessible to the thousands of storm watchers who frequent the Point in their cars during stormy days.

It is cold and windy on Clover Point for a good percentage of the year and sitting in a car and enjoying the views is one of the only ways to use the area. When there are winter storms, the parking is quite full but the majority of older people who I doubt are going to want to walk down to Clover Point to stand and watch a storm. Also, without the full Clover Point parking, Dallas Road on a sunny day is already quite hard to find a parking spot. Encouraging people to come to Clover Point but not provide adequate parking is ridiculous. All the residential streets are going to bear the burden of the extra cars. As for food trucks, it would be nice to grab a bite to eat but I think maybe designate a few spots where they can park on Dallas Road where there are already food trucks parking so they are accessible to everyone.

It will no longer be a natural beauty spot.

There has always been enough room for cars and green space at Clover Point.; I take my wife there to see the kites. She cannot walk far, and the meager parking that will be available is just poor planning. Stop taking our "truly most vulnerable" citizen's rights away while helping fully healthy walkers and bikers the priority.

I work with elderly and picking up a coffee and parking there - perfect unobstructed view - was a highlight for many of them ! This is abeleist !

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. I am a resident living very near to the point and I use this park daily. I think pedestrian access and use of the point can be enhanced and improved with out removing vehicle access. I am opposed to closing the Clover Point loop to vehicular traffic and converting the current road access to pedestrian use only for the following reasons: this point is very windy and cold (which is part of its uniqueness) for much of the year and so it is not suited to picnic tables; it is widely used by important segments of the population ( seniors, working people grabbing a bite of lunch in their cars, disabled people, tourists who make a short stop while touring on a one or two day stay, mothers with children napping in car seats) all of whom desire access from their cars because of mobility, time restrictions or sensitivity to cold); it is a beautiful and well-known storm watching location because it is safe and warm from a vehicle ( proof of this is to visit the point on a random assortment of days and note how few people are there without vehicles on inclement weather days- even the dog walkers are hardly there); sufficient recreational areas are already provided by the two pathways, viewing platform and adjacent concrete boardwalk existing in the plans underway; food trucks at the point are unnecessary ( Dallas is a better location) because their presence at the point will increase garbage and seagull begging and will conflict with use of the area as an off leash dog park; tremendous parkland in the form of Beacon Hill park is already available and connected to the Clover Point area- the fact that Beacon Hill is currently unsafe and unsightly due to tent residents is one of the reasons that Clover Point is seeing so many people - I understand and support efforts to house the homeless, but Council should recognize that their assessment of increased use of Clover Point may in large part be a reflection of public-use challenges within Beacon Hill park. In fact, Clover Point and Beacon Hill are two different kinds of park, and the plan to turn the Clover Point into pedestrian access only seems to me to be an effort to recreate what Beacon Hill already offers. I would also like to point out that the pedestrian only plan is a kind of downtown urbanization such as is exemplified by the False Creek waterfront in Vancouver, yet Clover Point is stunningly beautiful in large part because of its open, wild and wind-swept character. It does not need to be urbanized! I would like to see it kept as wild and natural as possible. Allowing vehicles down there is an opportunity to share that intimate wild view with everyone in an inclusive, close up to nature kind of way. Vehicles also tend not to stay there for hours, just 20 to 40 minutes, ensuring that turnover from visitors is high, with spots opening up for new visitors. I do see the appeal for a paved area in some part of the point, but it need not be at the expense of vehicle visits and parking. Perhaps put in a wide paved pedestrian path along the perimeter with a paved pavilion at one or the other end of that grass in the middle, for gatherings, skating or scooters, etc, but make it a feature of the route through the area not a stand alone area that works only for one segment (eg. the mobile visitor who does not visit in inclement weather) of our demographic. Thank you so much for the opportunity to provide input.

From Oct - March over the years there are 100's of people accessing Clover Pt. The new proposal would exclude those people and reduce it to a handful (that wouldn't be using it for long due to the cold). Therefore we view the new proposal as exclusive.

There have already been many changes within the city under this council. I would like to see them focus on more important priorities, such as housing the homeless and dealing with the crime problems. We are going to have huge bills to remediate all of the areas that have been destroyed by their lack of forethought in these areas. How about giving the taxpayers a break and focusing on necessities instead of luxuries.

It's unnecessary. Why do we need this?

There is already a ton of pedestrian walkways. The new park wouldn't increase the park use it would decrease it numbers. During storms there is a steady stream of traffic - it is one of Victoria's last charms. Please don't let Council ruin it like they have other parks.

Lack of parking will make site inaccessible to many people; food truck idea seems silly -- there are only a few months of the year when outdoor eating would be appealing and food trucks are available at many other sites. This plan ignores needs of elderly, families, anyone who does not live in walking distance.
I think this is just City Council making a convenient anti-car decision. If any of them spent time actually visiting places in Victoria, they'd know that Clover Point is a popular place for viewing storms that crash waves into the shore. Nobody is out there except people in cars! It's also a popular place to view sunsets in the evening and stars at night. Again, not too many people there on foot at those times.
War on the car and seniors
Equality of access, by vehicle, for HandyDart users, seniors and people with disabilities is best assured by the status quo. This council's "ableism" and idea that everyone can walk or bike is blasphemous.
This is part of the unwanted and illogical ongoing assault on vehicles by Council. It is part of their personal agenda, not what the public wants. I was on the steering committee in the LAP process and the overwhelming response was in support of vehicles despite what Council tells the public.
Too much parking has been removed already. Many people go and sit in their cars to watch the water and should not be discouraged from doing so. City Council needs to stop spending money on make work projects - they have already wasted too much money on unnecessary items that they pushed through without the consent or support of the people.
It is the best place to watch the sunset from my car! Because of it being closed other prime sunset watching spots are usually full. I miss my cozy car sunset viewing time :'(
This is yet another ridiculous idea from the anti-vehicle mentality permeating City Hall since Lisa Helpless started imposing her views on this city.
Closing Beacon Hill Park to vehicles was last year's waste of time and money in order to punish those that rely on vehicles to get around and enjoy our city (ie 98% of Victorians) - it looks like Clover Point is 2021's designated White Elephant Project.
Keeping it the way it is allows Seniors and Physically Challenged citizens and visitors to enjoy the beauty of Clover Point. Also, it is a safe way to spend time watching nature and the other activities. While visiting and living in the area I have always spent sometime there every day.
Lack of access for all users. Lack of parking.
I have the following issues with the current proposal: - not enough parking spaces: it's currently very hard to find parking along Dallas Rd and adding only 17 spots in total is not sufficient. I turned around a couple of times and went somewhere else because I couldn't find a parking spot. - not enough disability parking spots: only 4 disability parking spots is not sufficient to accommodate all disabled park users - disabled users have only limited access to the southern section of the park where before they were able to park and enjoy being right at the water - we will lose the best stormwatching spot in Victoria without the Southern loop I would like the idea of a walking path around the southern tip of Clover Point, a shortened loop or seasonal closure of the southern loop but I don't approve of fully closing the southern loop to vehicles.
I see people walking on the pathway along the ocean that have come by car. They would not have been able to walk there from their homes.
Clover Point is a prime location to drive your vehicle to watch the sunset. Parking along Dallas Road is always minimal during the day because of lack of spots.
For many others it is difficult to get to the point without a vehicle. I am 35 and struggle to walk any distance. Parking is already insufficient. This has been one of the best parts of Victoria for years allowing tourism to reach the point by car or van in comfort.
Both can co-exist
This plan excludes seniors and disable people. The point has served, on foot park goers, cyclists and car drivers who are unable to walk any lengths Clover point has served the needs of all people for decades by the existing design. Secondly; spend money at this time of economic crisis and public health emergency on the redevelopment of an existing and functional park seems absurd. Shouldn't the money go towards dealing with trying to save some of our vulnerable parks and dealing with the squatters on those park lands? I think those funds would be better spent on strengthening mental health services.
Off Leash dog park is my number one priority from clover point to Douglas St. Don't know that a picnic area is a good match
1. It is important for people with mobility issues to be able to drive there. 2. Consider the number of people that have enjoyed that view for years! 3. If people have to park on dallas rd and walk to the point, it is going to have a huge impact on both residents and visitors.

I am not in favour of the Clover Point Pedestrian Proposal. As a viewing area accessible by car (its current use) it is used by all people. For example, I walk there with my family to watch the kites in the summer. We drive there and park to watch the waves and storms in the fall and winter. My grandparents used to pack a lunch and drive there for a picnic inside their car - they could both access the sea view and stay warm by having a picnic that way. Local care homes take residents on van rides to Clover Point. I also used to park at Clover Point after driving my baby to sleep. It is really important that this city council consider the needs of all people in their planning. Please note that car access does not prevent pedestrians from walking the loop. I walk there often with our dog, weather permitting, and drive when weather doesn't permit. Kite-flying and kite-surfing are some of the most popular activities on the point, which should tell you something about its suitability for picnic tables. I fear that if this proposal goes ahead, it will make the point inaccessible for many people who enjoy it year round, and it will in fact be sitting empty most of the time because it is windy and cold. City council could lose a lot of good will over this plan.

It already has varied use

Not enough parking in area

Seniors, in assisted living often get a bus trip to the point and disabled folks should have access via car and 4 handicap spots is not sufficient. Furthermore this is not the time to allocate funds to such projects when people cannot even go to the park without fear of violence or aggression from those who are living in the parks.

There was no public consultation, and less than 6 days between this proposal being made public, and Council's vote! All users should be allowed to have input on issues, including parking plan.

Pedestrian space and amenities can be enhanced without banning all ocean-facing parking. Storm-watching and other ocean viewing from a vehicle are favourite uses of the site, year-round, and for people of all ages and abilities. Clover Point is a unique, peaceful haven for this activity.

Picnic tables and reclining lounge chairs are great for summer use, but much of the year Clover Point is too cold to linger outdoors. Plan should go for the highest total usage year-round, and satisfy a variety of people's needs, not just pedestrians.

There are many alternatives to the current proposal. E.g.:

-- reduce parking spaces somewhat - keep only on west and part of south side of loop. Put 30 minute limits, to allow more users.

The rest of current parking space goes to pedestrian uses.

-- keep current parking but move spaces back just a tiny bit, to allow building a scenic paved path around the perimeter of the ocean-front, with benches at intervals.

-- restrict parking in the summer months - devote more space to pedestrian use; then open it up to ocean-viewing vehicles in the cool off-season.

Room for everyone

No car access limits the public space to able bodied persons only

I like it the way it is. If you want to put picnic tables etc..why not put them in the grass area. A lot of people cannot access the area if no cars are allowed. It should be easily accessible to all. Often times I have driven down there during a storm and watched the sea and the waves. Maintain the status quo. I have missed going down there in the past two years

Lack of public consultation (as was the case with the road closures in Beacon Hill Park). Clover Point has plenty of room for pedestrians, people in cars, bicyclists without effectively banning cars. Or people who are disabled. The point is windy and cold often. It's not likely to be "picnic point" more than few weeks a year. This proposal should not be considered for approval until a lot of further consultation - including people who use the point by driving down to it.

It has been a wonderful place to go and park and storm watch and hang out on the grass. It is great the way it is and doesn't need to change!

Leave it as it was or make it more romantic ...Clover point has been one of the most romantic lookouts in Victoria and for many years...I am 68 now but still, to go and drive by the spot we would park and watch the stars and dream of our future and talk about children a house, and all those things that people wish for, in a modest life. We were always joined by others in cars ..no doubt they were dreaming too.

The day is fine for walking...but the night, the stars.... and the moon....at Clover Point? Why that is for dreaming, and lovers, safe from the weather. Surely we have some lovers still? Or have we all become too old and practical....\*sigh\* So sad.

I believe the area is already very welcoming to pedestrians and vehicles alike for those who need transportation to get to clover point. This proposal seems a frivolous expense in current times given all the competing priorities the city has to deal with. If there truly is a need for a pedestrian "destination" here, why not add the furniture and tables within the grassed area of clover point and find a means of reconciling both user groups rather than prioritizing one over the other?

As a regular pedestrian user of the paths along Dallas Road, I do not believe the vehicle access to clover point in any way impedes my ability to enjoy the walkways or stop anywhere along the path to appreciate the spectacular coastline. The City needs to consider how initiatives such as this impact less-able bodied residents and visitors. This proposal seems to send the message that those individuals are welcome to enjoy Clover Point, just from a distance so they don't get in the way of the cyclists and children (per the visuals attached to the City's report). This proposal strikes me as exclusive rather than inclusive and, as such, I do not support it.

The initial report and suggestions indicates more public input before closure of this area to vehicles. As a long time resident of the Fairfield community the traffic was never an issue and some vehicle traffic should be maintained. Stop spending money where it is not needed.

Restricting vehicle access will greatly limit the number of people that will be able to enjoy this area.

This city council seems intent on ruining our city and making public areas less accessible for everyone. There are many people who have restricted mobility who deserve to be able to access Clover Point and it is absurd to assume that they should do so downhill in a wheelchair. Clover Point needs to remain as a vehicle loop so that it may continue to be enjoyed as it has been enjoyed for many many decades.

Nice cruise by car destination. There are many other areas to build picnic areas. And I'm a cyclist too.

I can't walk very long it nice to drive there and sit in my car and just enjoy the view

I was born and raised in Victoria. I've spent most of my life here and have owned our home in Fairfield since 2012. Even before living in Fairfield, I've spent many special moments in my car at Clover Point. It's a place where I've gone to destress after a long day in the office, to have important conversations with my spouse, or our children. It's a place I've enjoyed for over 27 years, from the warmth and comfort of my car!!!

Most times, it's been too cold to spend much time outside. The idea of daily food trucks brings images of seagulls fighting for food. Victoria City Council can keep the parking spots there as is and has been for as long as I can remember.

If they want to turn it into another picnic area, I suggest they look at San Francisco's weekly picnic in the park and follow a once a week plan to bring people outside.

Losing those parking spaces means losing a very special treasure that Victoria has had for years. It wont work as a pedestrian picnic area because of the weather.

Lastly, it will be very difficult for people who are handicapped or even people like me, to use the area as the new plan has laid out. I'm 3 months out from a severely sprained ankle. There's no way I could walk down to the viewing point and I dont qualify for a handicapped parking pass, but I have an injured foot and very bad back. This new plan is extremely exclusive. I'm personally I sick and tired of Mayor Helps and her council destroying our city. After spending 6 years in California to come home last spring, I am saddened to see a city I barely recognize and am no longer proud of. I'd be embarrassed to invite any out of town friends to visit once it's safe because of how much our town has deteriorated in such a short time. It breaks my heart. Some things need to be left as they were and the money saved can go into mental health and addiction rehab services that are easily accessible for those who need it. Dont fix what isnt broken!

I live within walking distance of Clover Point. From a personal perspective I welcome the proposal. However, I think it is important to make the park accessible all of the CRD's residents especially seniors and the disabled. While I am an avid cyclist and generally not a fan of promoting parking lots, I think the removal of 90 spaces will limit the accessibility for all of Victoria. This should be a park for all, not just for those fortunate enough to live within walking distance. If anything, I would suggest making all of the 17 spaces, prioritized for those with disabilities.

Leave as is access to ALL!

Because it's not necessary and the city should be hanging onto money, not pissing it away.

I have mobility issues and this would affect my enjoyment of the area

Leave it as is. Weather makes it a terrible location for picnics and it is already a well used off leash dog area, which are very limited in this city, and there will be many conflicts between picnickers and off leash dogs and owners. Cutting off the accessibility to those with mobility issues is discriminatory. Taking away parking will also force the issue into the nearby neighborhoods which already happens during the Moss St Paint In. Having a designated "car free" day once a month on a weekday makes much more sense. I'm very concerned about the impact on the dog park as it is the only one all year round is this area.

Removing 73 parking spots and only putting in 4 accessible spots in a lot at the top of a hill (which may be difficult for some mobility challenged people to get up) is NOT creating a space for EVERYONE! Only for the able. Furthermore, the idea of picnic spots in this very windy location is ridiculous! People have enjoyed this spot for ocean viewing and storm watching from their cars for a very long time - far more than will ever use ti for picnics! One CAN have a nice perimeter pedestrian path with parking as before and the cars and people can coexist peacefully as they did before. Closing the point off occasionally for events such as the kite festival has happened before and can still happen. In short, this is a plan designed for some people at the expense of others. It is possible to create something for all.

I love it the way it was. You could always find parking there to go for walks. The point itself if very windy so would not work as a picnic space for most of the time. But it's a great viewing spot from the comfort of your car and I see many people enjoying the view that way.

Retain vehicle/road assessibility to enable all age and ability to view oceanfront in car. There is more than enough accommodation and expenditure for new pathways all over The city and along Dallas Rd and Beacon hill park. Aging population, people with mobility challenges and family of all ages can enjoy Clover Point in a comfortable manner for all weather conditions and all year round. I am very concerned at the excessive expenditures for more road modification sand changes with finite tax dollars. I see this option frivolous.

We would support the emphasis on a primarily pedestrian area and the preservation of the natural beauty and green space. The proposed design with it's permanent features, public art and painted pavements etc. is garish and turns it into a 'fairground'.

Clover Point is a wonderful, accessible natural area for migratory birds and should be retained as part of unspoiled natural waterfront - a primary attraction of Victoria and designated as a Migratory Bird Sanctuary- the first in Pacific Canada. The proposed design, with it's increased lighting, will have a negative environmental impact.

Its fine the way it is. Council has far bigger issues to handle. Spend the money on fixing the mess you have caused.

I liked the way Clover Point was before the temporary closure. I think it met the modest needs of all users, whether they be in vehicles, on foot, or cycling. My wife and I have spent a great deal of time there using all venues, with access by vehicle being our favorite during stormy or chilly days. We would not want to lose that ability to enjoy the site, ocean and natural activity from the comfort of a warm vehicle.

I would also oppose any suggestion for food trucks to service the area (accepting perhaps for special events, like Swiftsure) - let's keep it natural.

There seems to be a lack of public consultation about this plan, and I wonder why that is?

Every space and place has a best use. Clover Point's best use is to provide a place to storm watch (from within the safety of your car) and to fly kites, which it does brilliantly in its current form.

It is far from ideal as an exclusively pedestrian space because it is cold and windy most of the time. It is not easy to get to without a car, unless you live nearby. It is lower than the bluffs immediately to the west so does not offer a "perch" from which to look out. Clover Point is also not at the beach level either and access down to the water is not accessible to those with mobility challenges.

Taken on its own, if there are no public pedestrian spaces in this area, Clover Point could be a viable pedestrian-only green space. But in the context of the surrounding spaces available to the public, the proposed conversion would degrade the variety of functions and benefits that the patchwork of existing spaces offer.

Please do not automatically assume that anything pedestrian-only equates to a societal benefit. Clover Point would become a desolate place except on the sunniest and calmest days, if it were converted; it will no longer be vibrant. Lets not forget that for every car parked at Clover Point, there are occupants inside enjoying the view and storm.

Clover Point is a designated Migratory Bird Sanctuary - the first in Pacific Canada in 1923. This area for migratory birds should be retained as part of our unspoiled natural waterfront - the unique attraction of Victoria. The proposed design, with it's increased lighting, will have a negative environmental impact. Has an environmental impact study been completed for the proposal?

I would support a primarily pedestrian area but with the preservation of the natural green space. The proposed design with it's permanent features, public art, painted pavements, food trucks etc. is tawdry and garish and out of keeping with the Victoria waterfront and an environmentally sensitive area.

It would be nice to find a middle ground that would not see the reduction of all the vehicle access and parking in the area.

It should be open for all to use and enjoy as it has always been in the past.

There is limited curbside parking in the area, and not everyone can walk the long distance from the Moss Street and Dallas Road area to Clover Point. Is there going to be a wheelchair/accessible parking area? Many of the side streets appear to be residential parking, making it even more difficult for local visitors and those locals with limited mobility to enjoy Clover Point.

I wish our car-hating city councilors would stop solving problems that don't exist. I live in Fairfield and often visit Clover Point. There is no problem for anyone who wants to use the area. There has always been enough room for families who want to picnic there, kite and wind surfers who haul the equipment out onto the windy spot and folks with limited mobility who can drive out there to enjoy the space. All of these users will be disadvantaged by the city's intent on limiting access by cars. Please stop!

It's very windy at cover point. I'm an avid cyclist and ledes, but it's also nice to have somewhere to park and enjoy the ocean. There is also already ample picnic and park area in the centre. No reason to remove the parking. It's also a nice place to park and then if the weather is nice, go for a walk. I've done many of beach cleanups at this location as well (I'm currently the vice chair of the surfrider foundation, Vancouver island chapter) and I actually think having a pedestrian only area may cause more garbage to be left at the beach or blow away than if cars still had access. In short, there is plenty of room for both vehicles and people at this park and taking away parking is likely to create less pedestrian use of the park.

This will limit numbers of people that would otherwise be able to enjoy clover point. With limited parking at the point people in cars will be trying to find parking on residential streets

There is not enough parking along Dallas Road, especially near Clover Point. This has been obvious with Clover Point being closed. Where are users of this new space expected to park? I often go to Clover Point when it is windy and it is common for there to be no parking nearby. On a nice summer day, the chances of finding a spot nearby are significantly lower.

I have sent these thoughts and more to the Mayor and Council.

Clover Point is part of my Sunday scenic drive with my aging parent who has mobility issues. There is limited parking in that location around Dallas so not as convenient as the Mayor portrays it to be.

Not everyone can ride a bicycle or walk.

Let's be realistic, when the tourists return, Dallas road will be busier than ever.

I wholeheartedly disagree with the report's recommendation and premise that 'transitioning the area from a parking lot to a pedestrian priority space will greatly improve the value of this recreational area.'

While the upgrades that have been made thus far are valuable and appreciated, it makes no sense to block this area off to vehicles. There has never been excessive vehicular volume in the parking loop. Pedestrians, cyclists and pedestrians co-exist with civility in the area and will continue to do so. I submit that area ought to be left as is so that all can enjoy it.

With parking, the area is accessible to more than just those who are able bodied -- or privileged -- enough to bike or walk to the point. Elderly citizens, those with mobility issues, visual impairments, and those who simply choose to arrive in a vehicle ought not be discriminated against. Allowing vehicles also means people can visit in inclement weather. The proposed changes are unnecessary, illogical and, in fact, biased against many people.

The area is one of the city's windiest spots; installing picnic tables and chairs is a waste of resources. Save the \$250,000.

The loop does not need to be blocked off so that a few can check off boxes on a report that calls for colourful asphalt paint and temporary furnishings. Approval of this idea would smack of ivory tower, autocratic thinking.

In closing, the lack of true public consultation on this important decision is inexcusable and demonstrates poor leadership.

I submit this feedback as a pedestrian, cyclist and motorist. I strongly oppose the recommendation.

There is no reporting on the wind and other weather parameters that generally impact use of this area.

Festivals often are very windy (e.g. Swiftsure start or the road closure days).

I have often seen people sitting in their vehicles watching the waves or sunset. There is no allowance for this to continue.

This seems like a largely unnecessary project.

the proposed area does not sufficiently address the needs for people with mobility issue.

It works well the way it is. Use the money for necessary infrastructure.

Not just the local James Bay Area enjoy Clover point people from sooke, cobble hill and other areas drive to clover point and families that don't have back yard come and enjoy this area with their loved one especially come fly kites

Accessibility for seniors, differently abled people, and young families informs my choice. The changes and upgrades to Dallas Road have created high traffic at all times, limited visibility, and caused congested parking. And the much debated bike lanes never materialized as originally proposed, leaving cyclists on the road with dangerous conditions. Please don't further limited accessibility and parking!

There is nothing wrong with Clover Point as it has always been!! The only change should be the addition of public washrooms and perhaps a few benches. It is ludicrous to think that people would picnic there in the wind. Perhaps the council should spend some time in the area for a realistic sense of the weather. There is a reason that kite flying happens there. Parking on Dallas road to try to look at the ocean is not practical, with 13 spaces available??

Another thought is that maybe we need someone new as Director of Parks and Recreation, one who doesn't hate cars.

This will reduce access to disabled persons. Picnics etc are difficult in this area already with, seagulls, storms etc... however the ability to watch storms in comfort is wonderful! There are many, many places already that are pedestrian accessible in the area, and only a few that have open access for disabled and reduced mobility access.

Access

Being a full time caregiver to my wife, we have been able to walk/scoot to Clover Point from our current residence. This will change before the end of the month. From then, we will need to drive our accessible van there and we feel the allotted four spaces is grossly insufficient. Could you have a plan to keep the road going around the loop and do a smaller scale park within the loop with some of the amenities that are proposed such as picnic tables and such inside the loop. Being where it is, windy and cold more often than not, that would give much more access to people with disabilities as well as others who simply wish to drive to the site and park to see the view. Mayor Helps indicated in an interview that there are hundreds of spots for people to park and view, which is true, and if council decides to go ahead with the proposed plan, ALL of the parking should be allocated to accessible parking, as others have a much wider choice of locations to park at and can walk down to the point.  
Ernie Kummel and Susan Pickard

Too many pedestrian spaces not enough parking

Clover point has always been one of the most accessible places for people with disabilities to visit the shore. Also having the road and parking down there allowed me to drive and sit at the water post partum, which helped my mental health at a time where I couldn't have walked down, and wouldn't have risked my baby's health doing so.

Making this a green space will only increase the maintenance costs.

How would adding more pedestrian space help those with access issues to begin with..the disabled, the elderly, and those of us with infants.

Don't need to spend the money, put picnic tables in the center. It is great the way it is

It's wonderful the way it is!!! Lots of parking for people of all kinds. Walking, biking, driving, dog walking, kite flying etc. Please leave it as is 🙏

There is enough access for walking people along Dallas road. Storm viewing in your car is a bonus of Clover Point. Pedestrians have the Breakwater walk way.

Leave it how it was. More accessible with vehicle traffic and you can still walk down there. Stop over thinking everything. Cars are not the enemy. Save the money free spenders !

I am very much in support of a accessible food truck area but believe this is not the space. I do not support this proposal. The uncontrollable winds and weather should be evidence enough against the proposal, garbage, food flying, food truck "battening down the hatches" or their service days ending early because of weather. I personally, also love sitting in my car during a storm or late at night down on the point. It's the closest you can park to the ocean anywhere and that makes it unique.

Victoria has a significant % of an older population, many with mobility challenges. Beacon Hill Park is out of reach for these, now they f taking away Clover Point!?!?

Almost 50% of councilmembers NOT living in Victoria the Clover Point decision clearly reflects how out of touch they r

It's too windy to be a pedestrian and picnic only area I think cars should have spots to park and allow people to enjoy the ocean scenery in all kinds of weather stormy or otherwise.

It's a wonderful place to stop, wind down and enjoy the view, a take out lunch, take photos, watch the kites etc. We miss it. Many elders cannot walk far and rely on their cars or a ride there. Already parking is at a premium along Dallas so cars will begin to spill into residential areas. Why mess with something that so many people enjoy?!

Our community needs to focus on addiction and homeless services. This is a crisis and should be the primary work at this time. The funds that would be used for this nice to have option would be better spent on our urgent needs. Given the recent history of how the tent cities have become part of our landscape I would predict this recreation area would soon become another tent encampment. Let's do the work that truly is a priority.

The weather at Clover Point is rarely, if ever, suitable for sitting down or lounging. It can be enjoyed by the elderly (and even younger people) in their cars in all kinds of weather. The inner, previously grassy, area where people fly kites could have a bench or two and a few picnic tables as long as they were not in the way of the activities there. The automobile access of days gone by has made Clover Point accessible and comfortable to visit any time of year. It would be a great loss to the community to create a space that, because of the weather, is hard to use except in the heat of summer.

Although we live in Victoria, we would need a car to reach Clover Point. Parking around the area is stretched because of the bike path ( which I support), so there will be no guarantee of being able to park our car. This will be a destination we no longer can visit, although our taxes pay for it.

#### Think about seniors

Clover Point offers up a unique opportunity for people with differing mobilities to come in a vehicle and take in the view. To be down there pretty much surrounded by ocean is so beautiful, with the waves coming in and the salt breeze rushing by. The opportunity to see both sunset and sunrise is amazing. There is a spaciousness in that spot that is health giving.

I cannot think of anywhere else in Victoria with this surround of ocean from a vehicle.

It offers a chance for people who have limited access to commune with the sea animals and birds.

I think there are many many places where we have access on foot to the wonders of nature.

I appreciate that I can walk at Clover Point. I see the area over the years as being used for recreation and special events. I love seeing the kites flying! and the area in the center is well used by the kite fliers.

I totally understand the enthusiasm for a mostly foot traffic plan however the experience from a vehicle would be totally changed. It would no longer be a surround of ocean, or feel so bravely and spectacularly out in the elements. Both sunrise and sunset viewing and moonrise and moonset viewing would be hampered by not being able to be out at the end of the point, or to be at one side or the other depending on the view in the moment. One could no longer see the sunset in the rearview and moonrise in the front of the car or vice versa.

I really believe the right action would be to restore Clover Point to the drivearound it has been, allowing the many people with health conditions that prevent access on foot to take in the 360 degree wonder of the spot. I would be sad to have that taken from anyone who has difficulty getting out and about to be in nature.

thank you for your time and energy,

Reducing the number of parking spaces would gravely reduce any chance many with limited mobility--eg., my wife and myself-- would otherwise have to visit Clover Point. We and many others cannot walk from our Fairfield North home to Clover Point, but we are "too mobile" to have the right to a handicapped decal on our car, nor would we want a decal, preferring to leave that option to those needing it more than we. As Victoria taxpayers, and as people, we should enjoy an access to Clover Point parking greater than that a 17-space limit would allow. The parking arrangements prior to the start of the current public works project worked well for a maximum number of people.

Need to have access for the handicapped and elderly to appreciate this spot. They have used this for years!

Clover Point is not a picnic place, or a childs' playground, but it is a great place for families! We loved to run in the wind there, as did my children, but we never ate a sandwich there. Have you seen the thousands of habitual seagulls and pigeons without the concept of picnics and food truck vendors?! I grew up in the neighbourhood. Never once did any family I knew go to Clover point for a picnic, and it wasn't because of a clash with traffic. Clover Point is a fantastic place to watch a storm, or fly a kite, or to include in your coastal walk. Recognition of indigenous sites and heritage, as well as the inclusion of signage to include info about the ecology, geography of the Clover Point area would be terrific. A public washroom and some sitting-only benches would be a great addition too. The slope of the hill is too much for people with mobility issues to limit the parking to the top area. Painted scooter and floor games?! Good grief! Keep the loop open to vehicles. Put any spare cash toward cleaning up and revitalizing the city parks which have already been established. Sometimes less is more!

Not a proposal that reflects current desire and use.

I support universal access to public parks. Let's make Victoria a city that models inclusivity. Clover Point is a great place to fly kites, clamber on rocks, watch the waves and the birds whether from a car or on foot. It's extremely windy and for most of the year less suited to picnicking. Redesign the walking path to go all the way around the point and leave the number of parking spaces as they are so those with mobility challenges can enjoy the park as well. Mobility challenges come in various kinds ( some not visible) and not all use wheelchairs.

I am fortunate to live near Clover Point and walk, run and bike by it often. I am mindful of people who are limited in their mobility and are unable to access this world class spot without a vehicle. I am often struck by the number of people I see enjoying the area from a vehicle. While I support more bike lanes and alternative methods of transport, I am opposed to removing the existing parking spaces at Clover Point. I'd like as many people as possible to be able to access this area and not just those who are fortunate to live close by or who can secure one of 17 parking spots. Thank you for your consideration.

Barrier to disabled, young families if cars are excluded from access. Pedestrians already have easy access. People and vehicles already coexist at clover point.

<p>I think the lack of parking will be a substantial impediment to use for a large number of older or disadvantaged people. Also, in the winter, it is really only logical to watch the storms and sea from your car (for most people). I'd like to see a hybrid system, with amenities for walkers and other users, less parking, but still enough that winter use is still comfortable and feasible for older or disabled users. And winter in Victoria probably includes most of spring and fall, as it is very brisk down there. It's not a space that many people will linger in without shelter. I'm over 60 and I live outside the City of Victoria, have enjoyed the park over 30 years, but have always used a car to get there.</p>
<p>Its hard on most days to battle the wind. Better to take Mom in the car to watch the storm.</p>
<p>During the winter it gets too cold and windy to be outside in that area for too long. During the summer, closing it to cars in the daytime or specific days isn't a bad idea, but closing it permanently to cars is a bad idea.</p>
<p>During the winter / fall it's nice to sit in your car and watch the waves where it's warm.</p>
<p>It a large area so can be shared by cars and pedestrians. Do not close it to cars.</p>
<p>I, like many seniors who enjoyed walking Dallas Rd, to Clover Point and back for years, can no longer do so. I am now dependent on using my car to sit and enjoy such a beautiful place. City Council, please stop ignoring the needs of a significant portion of our population,</p>
<p>Clover point's weather does not support picnic tables seven months of the year. Too windy; great for kites. I live 1 1/2 blocks from clover point since 1968. I can walk down there anytime but why deny tthat area to other citizens of Victoria that would like to park there. Lovers at night especially ❤️ The area does need a face lift. They need to reconsider that proposal. Clover point is well used by people parking there. Did they take a survey of who uses it, or is it another knee jerk idea...</p>
<p>Totally oppose this.</p>
<p>There are too many people who use Clover Point as a place to go in their vehicle and there is enough grassy area already. Leave it alone. I'm born and raised here and now in my sixties I love going driving down to Clover Point with our Grand babies in their car seats. Older folks will not be able to get down to the beach area if they will have to park at the top and walk down. Leave it as it is! Please!</p>
<p>There is no doubt the area can be improved, but this is not the way to do it, why are we seeing just one plan why not offer options. The first thing our planers seem to think to do is take away access for those who need cars... if they are challenged to come back with a better plan I think they will..</p>
<p>Make walkways for pedestrians, picnic tables ok.... but please keep the parking and roundabout access so everyone can enjoy all year long. Thanks</p>
<p>I won't be able to use it. I can't walk up hill, with my heart failure.</p>
<p>The space needs to be a seasonal multi use park, It needs to be inclusive for all people . It could have picnic tables and lounge chairs May to October and then during the stormy, winter months , it could have access for disabled parking for storm watching. Disabilities could include the frail elderly and people with low energy such as people with MS, or having chemotherapy etc. who do not use wheelchairs. People can enjoy nature sitting in their cars with only the ocean in front. We all can't be on foot/bike.</p>
<p>The design does no take into account the number of people who currently use the parking spaces to enjoy the location from within their vehicles without having to brave the weather or worry about personal safety. It is too windy and or cold and or rainy on the point most times of the year to have a picnic. If not by driving how would most people get out on the point?Are Seniors, people with babies or young children and the physically challenged expected to ride bikes? If one is dropping off a disabled or physically challenged person on the point, where does one park so they can also spend time on the point with their dropped off companion? The plan is another anti-car and not thought through decimation of the Victoria we love.</p>
<p>My concerns are:  There are very few days that the area is warm enough for a picnic  Leave the parking alone...many folks of ALL ages enjoy the amazing view, in a wind storm watching the birds and ocean is very relaxing  Garbage blowing into the ocean...from food  ACCESSIBILITY keep the road  Dogs from the off leash area.....am sure they will love the picnic area and food trucks  SAVE the money, the city will need the dollars to pay for the rejuvenation of Beacon Hill Park after the tents leave  I leave 2kms from the point and it is fine as is</p>
<p>I feel it is important to have both cars and pedestrians share the space at Clover Point.  Having car access allows for year round and all weather viewing of the shoreline and storm watching for everyone of all abilities.  Keeping a grassy centre area gives an area for picnicking and kite flying.</p>
<p>It excludes many point from using the viewpoint and it is poorly planned. For example painting the pavement is illogical in a wind and wave swept area this is completely unnecessary. Moving the parking back to allow for a larger pathway would be a better compromise. Allowing food trucks would create noise and garbage that would take away from enjoyment of the viewpoint.</p>

<p>Clover Point is a public amenity for visitors well beyond the neighbourhood level... (like the Breakwater, Songhees Point, Willows or Island View Beach, Thetis Lake and Mount Douglas).  Reduced parking will make it much less accessible to the broader community.  The current configuration needs enhancements for pedestrians and cyclists but this can be done without significant loss of parking.</p>
<p>The experience of sitting in a car as close as you can get to sailboarders, parasailboarders, sailboats, and, if lucky, a passing orca can not be felt or seen anywhere else. And to be near the water and waves during a storm, with water on three sides, cannot be found anywhere else. It is an experience like no other. Leave it as it is. Make the area to the west the place for people to gather and make the dog off leash area smaller.</p>
<p>Clover point has served the citizens of Victoria well for decades. Not everyone is able to walk or cycle and many have considerable mobility issues. Are they to be denied a view of the ocean for this council's "vanity" projects.</p>
<p>The ocean front resembles the OK corral from old westerns with its split rail fencing, the bike lane is more utilized by pedestrians than cyclists and the whole project costly and unnecessary is a disaster. Leave things alone AND ban the parking of food trucks which are unsightly, smelly and take up parking.</p>
<p>parking around the loop must remain for disabled, elderly, storm watchers, non bikers; already not enough parking on busy weekends and will impact street parking on surrounding community streets</p>
<p>Leave it as it is. Perhaps plant some clover. The deer love it. I can't walk and need a car. Ther is plenty of space for walkers runners bikers etc. What about those of us (mostly elderly) who need to use cars?</p>
<p>Have often enjoyed being able to observe the ocean from the comfort of my by car during rough weather and I note that there are other seniors doing the same. There is often conversation among us, and I get a sense that lonely people go there for comfort. Please do not Lisa-ize this local treasure. I'm not opposed to some of the other amenities, but please let us park at the point. We are not all able-bodied. Don't forget about us. Thank you.</p>
<p>I would like to see Clover Point left as it is/was. My use is restricted to sitting in the car to watch nature. I don't like the idea of cluttering up the natural landscape when that is what many of us go to Clover Point to enjoy. The weather often precludes sitting outside on a lawn chair or sitting at a picnic table. A pedestrian walkway would be okay but basically I think we should let well enough alone.</p>
<p>Make walkways for pedestrians, picnic tables ok.... but please keep the parking and roundabout access so everyone can enjoy all year long. Thanks</p>
<p>While I am more likely to visit Clover Point as a pedestrian or cyclist, I am very, very concerned at the approach council is taking. Council is supposed to be representing the citizens that elected them, and also abiding by previously agreed community plans. This sort of major community decision needs more thought process and input from stakeholders. It's not a lot of money, but it is a high visibility, high impact site. It may be the right way to go in the end, but I think council is actually harming their own reputation by making so many assumptions.</p>
<p>I am disabled</p>
<p>It is fine as is except for a lack of wasroom facilities. I enjoy siting in my car close to the ocean.</p>
<p>Clover Point as it is now allows the old and frail, the disabled and the very young (and their exhausted parents) a chance to be really close to the sea and to feel way from the lights and noise of the city. These are people who do not have the option of walking, cycling or 'rolling' down. Of course we all need to become less attached to our cars. But for some being in a car is the only way left for them to enjoy the waves and the storms and the ducks and seals.  And it is not just a question of mobility. Clover Point is cold and windy most of the year. Only the hardiest can sit outside there comfortably.  The arrogance of this council is unbelievable. Soulliere "not recommending public consultation" and Lisa Helps thinking frail ancients just 'rolling themselves down (and up!). Evidently she has never met a basic non-motorized wheelchair or someone who cannot get in or out of a car easily.  And it is a wild place, We don't need any more ghasly painted asphalt and modern art and food trucks (at the unwilling, unconsulted public's expense). Leave Clover Point alone. Get the roads and storm drains fixed.</p>
<p>The city developed a plan after consulting in 2017. I support people with disabilities who will not be able to access the point if the proposed configuration is put in place. I also recognize that many people like to storm watch from the point.</p>
<p>It will make the area more excesssable if the car loop is manetaned. I have lived in this are for over 50 years and see no resend to change it.</p>
<p>Access will be cut off for those who can't walk or bike - and that's a lot of people in Victoria !</p>
<p>Plenty of walking and cycling already available at this location. Taking away parking makes this area LESS accessible.</p>
<p>Keep parking. Not a seaside attraction. Keep more a country park not a city centre attraction.</p>
<p>My husband uses a power wheelchair. There are few locations in the city for wheelchair users to access the water's edge. Clover point is one of them. Unfortunately it is also cold and windswept much of the year and the only comfortable means of enjoying the area is from inside a vehicle. Sitting atop Dallas Road, while nice view, is not the same as being at the water's edge.</p>

Loss of access to people who need to drive to Clover Point to access the site or who need to shelter in their vehicle in order to enjoy the experience which is often cold and windy. The proposal for a decision now with consultation to follow in some subsequent year is a very poor precedent for municipal decision making. There is no evidence that closing the loop to parking is going to increase the use and enjoyment of the site. There is lots of room for pic nic tables etc on site closer to Dallas Rd and the new washrooms without removing the loop road and associated parking.

1. People with disabilities or seniors and others with mobility issues get to have very close experience of the ocean when driven to Clover point — this is unique
  2. Close and easy access to the ocean for wind surfing, diving and other water sports involving equipment .
  3. No fences restricting the view from cars
  4. So often the weather at Clover Point is windy, cold, wet... it is enjoyed by many on these days because they have the shelter of their car. Can sit and enjoy the storms.
  5. Consider one or two weekend afternoons a week for food truck only otherwise return the ring road and parking.
- \*\*\* it is very frustrating that the city has already completed the road access to Clover Point in a way that hinders public vehicle access prior to this meeting!!!

too much activity in what has traditionally been a quiet area

I am 85 yr. old. I took my invalid husband to clover pt in our car and we sat in the car and could enjoy the scene 365 days a year. He watched the "kite flyers" and the birds etc. etc and could walk about the area with a walker. Now the city proposes to take away that options for people who can only access the area in a car!!! Shameful! Shameful!

!Keep the path easy for All People to walk and keep lots of parking spaces available for cars with passengers. Do not descriminate!!!!!! .

### SOMEWHAT SUPPORT COMMENTS

I think it would be great to have car access during the winter storm season but pedestrian focus for the rest of the year

Love the idea of a space that individuals can gather to enjoy the water and eat or drink coffee. However, I don't love the idea of food trucks at the waterfront and would like to see as much parking as possible retained. Someone had a great idea- stadium seating with driftwood up the embankment. Awesome! Thanks for always thinking of creative ways to make the City better.

It's important to keep vehicle access and parking for those who cannot walk 100 metres, e.g. seniors, those with physical disabilities; this location is very windy and might only be usable for food trucks and picnics a few times during the summer. For example, many times was the outdoor theatre group able to perform in past summers?

The plan sounds creative and thoughtfully conceived with consideration of accessibility issues. I'd like to ensure there are a lot of wild green spaces in town so I'm not sure about another "managed" human-centered space but I do like that the design would encourage creative engagement and possibly community building. Clover point is special compared to Willows beach (for example) because it feels less "managed" and is a bit of a wilder space. I wonder if there would be an increase in noise levels at times as it would attract more events if designed and managed in this way and if that's the case, I feel noise levels explicitly considered, not only for locals but also in terms of the local ecosystem. Genuine indigenous consultation would be wise and respectful.

I think there needs to be more parking available.

Consider 2 way vehicular traffic on the east side of the loop with parking. That would leave the remainder for park and all the mentioned amenities. Perhaps reclaim some road space on the east loop but expand grass on the west loop.

1. As usual, a high degree of wishful thinking regarding the weather. A few windbreaks would be more useful than so much seating.
2. The rocks below the point are equally important: the concrete junk and rusty old iron should all be cleared out as well.
3. The parking is too restrictive considering the area's past popularity with kite flyers and picnickers needing somewhere to shelter FROM THE WIND.

Too 'manufactured', not natural enough. Object to painted road surfaces. Please limit the food trucks to certain days of the week? Please try to re-introduce clover (historic), and please do not follow up on the ridiculous idea of renaming it 'Picnic Point'. Have the rare native plants adjacent to the treatment plant been preserved?

A modified approach. Close to vehicles in summer months, but remain open to vehicles in winter months. Many many people enjoy using parking in winter months to storm watch etc - otherwise area will not be utilized at all during winter. Too rainy, windy & cold

There are so many more pressing issues to spend money on.. mental health / homeless crisis?!

I believe that accessibility needs to be taken into consideration, in terms of number and location of accessible parking spaces. Also, the city should consider how this might overflow into residential parking in the Fairfield neighbourhood and increase traffic along Dallas Rd.

the name should remain Clover point...more clover planted...parking for handicapped must stay...food trucks allowed

I think there should be accessibility for auto traffic too. The City Council seems to forget that not all people are mobile. Many seniors enjoy car rides to scenic parts of the city. There should also be more than 4 spots for handicapped parking.

It should be an all abilities all access place, - fine cut down the number of car parking places, but leave road access for those who need it ie people with mobility issues. Even the kiteboarders need the vehicle access to get to the water. Dallas road parking is already almost fully utilized , and yes there hasn't been parking down there for months, but that doesn't mean it should be cut off entirely. All people, all abilities, accessible - that should be the foundational discussion .

My only concern is that the scooter track / floor games area not impede pedestrians from walking around the loop. I really like the idea of introducing native plants / trees, again only if they would not impede pedestrian access around the loop.

Increasing this area will encourage usage especially as tourism returns and population grows.

No specific community consultation. The plan takes away a significant amount of parking with no mitigation strategy. The area is such a popular place for people to come to from outside of the area and those people will mostly want to arrive in vehicles. People that want to visit with seniors, small children and dogs are more likely to want to drive to the area. Bicycles and public transport are not always a viable option.

Not enough parking for disabled people. Recently and remotely I've had muskuloskeletal issues where I've had limited mobility. Even with a disabled pass there were never enough places at nice and hence popular places to park. The city really is focusing on active transport and active people which I support however there seems to be an exclusion of the older population. I'm 67 and hoping to get back to walking but after a nasty ankle fracture requiring surgery 5 months ago I'm still rehabilitating.

I support the plan, on the condition that there is more accessible parking and access for people with disabilities. There should be sufficient spaces to enable more than a token number of people to be able to enjoy the area at the same time.

As long as there is sufficient parking close by so that people -- especially older people -- who live away from Clover Point can come and share it, then it has my qualified support.

We need to ensure that there will be adequate parking at the bottom area, and not just for "handicap" parking. Many families and others not able to use those spots need access. Food trucks would be a very limited benefit and really only for special events. Not enough traffic to warrant the business effort. More flexibility and usage would be wonderful. Washrooms are wonderful.

Given the lack of public input to this proposal, I support Option 2 for now, although I am not opposed to reducing the amount of parking and providing better pedestrian access.

Council has clearly not considered the fact that the point is often cold and windy even in summer - this is why pic-nickers may stay in their vehicles.

I also advise more practical solutions such as wind-breaks rather than lounge chairs.

Make it seasonal with more parking available in the fall/winter so that people can go enjoy the views in their car.

Food truck parking

I like better pedestrian facilities and I also strongly support vehicular access to the lower part of Clover Point. Many people would be excluded from enjoying the point if cars were banned.

I like the idea of pedestrian only but fear that the parking congestion on Dallas will only get worse

I like the idea of a park but wonder if there should be more parking for elderly and disabled people!

I believe that pedestrian only is the way to go forward with Clover point. The addition of food trucks is a step backwards, too commercial, too much garbage, ruins viewscape. Food will encourage vermin and scavengers. Just make it pedestrian only and leave the rest alone. Public washroom would be good but I think that is already planned.

Like walkway, tables & food trucks. Don't like parking removed. Keep parking spots & add sea wall walk & tables

A much better use of prime land rather than just for parking but better parking than being proposed should be incorporated but at the Dallas Road entry

We do not have a car, but when we did, as we cannot walk far, it was always a treat to drive down there and park for a short while.

While picnic tables are a good idea, it may often be too windy there to really enjoy a picnic.

I think some parking should be maintained for those with mobility issues, those who may want to sit and watch the waves. I like the idea of buried hydro lines and would really support lighting at night that allows for sky viewing.

Parking will become a problem in the surrounding neighborhood as people scramble to find a spot, plus people love to sit in their cars out of the rain and enjoy the view and many people have mobility problems even though they might not be eligible for a handicap sticker. I don't like the idea of food trucks, picnic tables, play areas, art work, etc. More benches are ok and a bathroom by the boathouse would be ok. It is the serene natural environment that is so special and the more designated areas for one activity of another, the more conflicts there will be with people and dogs. Maybe people could park in Beacon Hill Park and there could be a little city van shuttle that drops people off at various points along Dallas Rd.

Some of this is OK like a path in front of cars to walk along the cliff but too much development would spoil the place -make it too crowded - and it doesn't need a lot of jazzing up with art work and painted asphalt - which invites graffiti. The idea of Food trucks is also objectionable - make more litter, smells, ;line ups, washroom congestion. if people have to eat there they can picnic. And if too many people with dogs stop at too many tables . there will be more congestion and annoyance for people who are not fond of dogs - yes there are a few! Why spoil a naturally beautiful place? People can go to other places to get the above excessive frills.

<p>I believe that the space should be a flexible space. Allowing for events to be held once in awhile but not a permanent change. Maybe during the summer season it can be used for pedestrians but come winter it allows cars.</p>
<p>Like the idea of the new clover point plans, however I think it would be best if we could have it closed off to cars during the warmer months, then opening it up completely to cars during the colder months.</p>
<p>I agree that Clover Point has more promise then as a parking area. Parked cars don't allow pedestrians close access to the view unobstructed. Here at the edge safety fencing for young people especially needs to happen. I did see in the diagram of proposed changes a lot of structures along the edge. This defeats the purpose of a clear view and makes it look from my view that these structures are meant for sales of ??? Lets not make it into a commercial area! Please! Picnic tables, maintaining areas for kiting, walkways and walk your bike or park your bike are necessary. Crowds? Giving people space is what would make this a more pleasant experience. Thinking ahead to the needs of the disabled and elderly is important. Parking will need a careful design, crosswalks on Dallas and traffic speed. Make it people friendly, uncrowded, safe, free from commercial activity unless it's minimal and take down easily, events, but not at the expense of strollers by the sea. Thanks.</p>
<p>Parking for disabled with excellent water views, near amenities, must be included.</p>
<p>Food trucks are noisy and obstruct views. More Parking should be available then what is being proposed. Should be a leash only dog area where the current round about is, so the community can picnic in peace.</p>
<p>An efforts to further 'naturalize' Clover Point to the extent possible should be made while balancing against the use of some of the current hard surface areas. Any opportunities to improve water sport access should also be a strong consideration, launching kayaks, paddle boards, etc... on either side of the point due to wind/wave action. I've also come to learn that there have been consideration for a name change which I oppose strongly, if true. Any developments should not look like a theme park i.e. painted scooter track, painted graphics, or play feature... increased seating areas and natural grass areas is all that is needed - even just bolders that people can scramble on, lay in the sun, feel the wind...</p>
<p>The natural beauty. Ensure it stays offleash though! Keep it wild. Keep clover point as name. Ensure bike access. Maybe even create a kite and windsurf dedicated launch area.</p>
<p>You should make a community garden ! There is not enough community gardens in this city !</p>
<p>I LOVE the proposed change personally, but wonder if we could increase the parking somewhat to ensure that our elderly or disabled neighbours still have good access to the site. I know - it's hard to please everyone..... and the work that you have done so far is amazing. Thank you!</p>
<p>what was the problem before spending all the money? Were people requesting them? many people enjoyed it before and often people s(all ages) sat in cars enjoying the view and peace. I feel one will be dividing people into two opposing camps by the planned changes.</p>
<p>I agree with the difficulty faced by pedestrians trying to walk in front of and around parked cars. As a person having had to use a walker it was next to impossible. I support putting a walking path around the edge of the point in front of the cars.</p> <p>I cannot support the proposal to restrict vehicle access. As an older resident of Cook Street Village the only way that I can enjoy this area is to access it by car. Dropping off is not an option when I am the driver, and neither is the option of parking at the top and walking down. I still have to get back up.</p> <p>Clover Point almost always has a wind. Even in stormy weather, or I should say especially in stormy weather, it is probably the best location in Victoria to be able to experience the force of the wind and the ocean, watch the sailboats, catch the occasional whale pass by. For those of us unable to hike the coastal trails that experience is priceless. The number of cars on the point all year round attest to how much this area really is used. Yes there are lots of people out there now; it's COVID; meaning there are very few options for families except the outdoors. Once things open up again and return to social gatherings, team sports, rec centres opening, and other group activities, that will look quite different.</p> <p>Those who are readily mobile have the opportunity to access the beaches from Ogden Point to Clover Point. Most of them have stairs, and none have close up views. This really is all we have, and for those who say we shouldn't be using our vehicles at all, put yourselves in our shoes with canes, and walkers, and wheelchairs. We used to hike and ride bikes too.</p> <p>A parking lot should be able to be included in the plan. A walking path in front of the cars , maybe alternate some parking spots with picnic tables to break it up a bit, and have a few closer to the northern end before the uphill climb, which by the way would be a good spot for washrooms.</p> <p>Without the parking, there will be a large part of the population who will be cut off from a beautiful part of the city. I shall miss my favourite part of the neighborhood. Especially in the winter storms.</p>

Okay as temp. measure during Covid. However, I don't agree that more people used Clover Pt. area this past summer/year than usual. I feel has been more well used when had road access. When this plan goes thru, 'cause already looking like a done deal, I believe dogs should be on leash in area, that ride's need to be off their bikes, skateboarders on foot, etc., as this is a small area actually for what is being planned. I also believe you will have to beef up the Bylaw re-enforcement, especially on the weekends and in the evenings.

I'd like to see a pilot project with cars allowed in the loop Monday to Friday. On the weekends and stat holidays it would be a pedestrian only space. A pilot project should cover at least two summers (hopefully 2022 without covid). We should think big - and put in the infrastructure (power, water, washrooms) for festivals (children's festival, kite festival, shakespeare in the park, site-specific events by Theatre Skam or Kaleidoscope Theatre, concerts, dances, etc). Weekend and some week-long events would help to make Victoria a more vibrant, creative city. Infrastructure for food trucks. Also, dogs need to be on a leash. Public Art is important to the site. Perhaps Victoria could host a Public Art Sculpture Festival in Clover Point Park. New South Wales (Australia) has the fantastic Sculpture by the Sea at Bodi Beach <https://sculpturebythesea.com/gallery/> and Vancovuer has the Biennale <https://www.vancouverbiennale.com/explore-art/artworks/>. Clover Point is a very special place to many residents and visitors. Thank you.

I appreciate due to the wind it isn't really a good outdoor picnic area. Anytime I eat there, I sit in my car due to seagulls and wind. So maybe an exclusively car-free zone isn't brilliant. Sorry. Nice on paper but in reality might not work.

I never drive to Clover Point, but I do see many people in cars who use it as a sheltered space to watch the sunset. It's always windy and I could see that taking this away from those that are disabled would be a real loss. There is a lot of space for pedestrians on the long stretch of beach but not too much accessible space. That's why I only somewhat support the proposal.

I like the idea of a pedestrian only area but am concerned that this is not making the area accessible to everyone who currently enjoys it. I am thinking of the people who love to sit in their car and enjoy the peace of the water, maybe eat their lunch or just chill out. Right now we are all stuck at home so the need to get away for some 'alone time' is increasingly important. With seating in coffee shops and other public spots very limited right now, there aren't too many other options to be out of the weather. Parking though out the city keeps disappearing so I hope that this decision can be held off for a while until more input is received.

A major share of parking needs to be retained, albeit reconfigured with plenty of spots reserved for those with disabilities.

There could be three or four handicapped-only spaces at the base of the hill.

Cars and motorcycles dramatically reduce the pleasure of the point with the noise, unsafe driving, idling and fumes.

At this time there are many 'campers' staying on Dallas Rd. There were on Dallas all summer. My fear is that with the washroom and food close by those same 'campers' will become a fixture on the point. This will take away parking from people like our elderly who would like to be able to sit safely and look at the water. Will there be a limit of time for parking? Will it be enforced?

The indigenous land we use and call Clover Point is open to the ocean and very windy. Not practical for having picnic benches or food trucks. Food trucks are also an unattractive eye sore in this beautiful location. Their odours may also be hard on the neighbours. Cook street village is close by for things like cotton candy, food trucks and picnic benches. Native plantings and a walking path would be welcome as would a new indigenous name. Lowering the amount of signage will help it seem like a wilder, natural place as the adjacent Beacon Hill Park is intended to be.

The new signage, cement bike path paving and benches that face away from the ocean view really take away from this once beautiful ocean stretch.

Since this council was elected, Fairfield has been inundated with cement curbing and bike lanes, signage and permanent road closures. I almost feel we are being picked on. How about moving on to other neighbourhoods like Fernwood, Vic West or Downtown - they need the kind of help \$250 000 would bring.

Keeping the point open to cars is a nice destination when taking elderly and mobility challenged people out for a drive.

There are very few dog parks around so I am in favour of keeping Dallas dog friendly.

Thank you sending out this survey. This decision about the point seems very rushed....

I think it is a nice quiet spot to park in the evenings away from the busyness of Dallas road and there seems to be plenty of space for pedestrian and cars as it was

good to increase focus on pedestrians/green space/cycling path, but more than 17 parking spaces should be available on site, possibly including chargers for EVs

Pro: I like the idea of more pedestrian friendly space where you don't have to be looking over your shoulder for a vehicle. I like the support of more natural space.

I support the accessibility aspect for those who can't wheel or walker down the slope from the upper parking.

I frequent Clover Point 1-2 a week and want to continue to see bald eagles, seals and dead fish there.

Con: I don't like that the kite-surfers and scuba divers I see down there would have to travel farther with their gear - if they go. Have they been consulted?

I like watching the storms in the comfort of my car with my sweetie on those blustery wet and crazy days. I also regularly see other couples listening to music, chatting or having a private moment in their car too. Great drive-in date spot with ocean romance and tourist quick pick stops.

The plans have a ridiculously ugly "Kelowna" plastic feel to the landscaping, with brightly coloured paint yet state they "recognize the importance of native ecosystems". Clover Point was man-made was it not? Why not let it be as natural looking without lead based paint? Let the Esquimalt and Songhees design the art as part of reconciling what we did to their land?

We don't want an amusement park here. Clover Point should remain a relatively wild space to see the sea, the waves crushing etc... and a kite flying place. Not a playground that happen to be by the sea! No games there, or picnic tables. But keep a few parking places especially for handicapped who want to see the sea.

Even in summer it's so windy and cold down there, so it's nice to enjoy from in your car. Especially for folks with mobility challenges. I think shutdown for vehicles during July and August. Rest of year be open. I can't imagine a picnic at one of the many proposed tables, your food would fly into the drink.

I think it's a great idea. However, I understand some folks don't like it. One idea is to split the area in two. One side for vehicles who can drive to the end and storm watch if they wish. The other side for pedestrians who can walk and take their dogs if they wish.

I'm split 50/50. It's one of my favourite places to park and have tea or a quiet conversation with someone, even in inclement weather. However, I'm usually for increasing pedestrian friendly places. It's a classic Victoria parking place to view spectacular scenery close up and I like preserving some of those old style car-friendly places. Maybe I'm wrong but drivers usually seem respectful of pedestrians and kite flyers there:) I'd be a bit sad to lose it for cars (although I see there would still be limited number of spaces) — it's a place you can usually count on finding an excellent place to park and view the ocean at close range, not to mention 180 degree horizon:)

I can see a place for more pedestrian opportunities at Clover Point. But I'm concerned about completely eliminating cars. There is a place for some parking, perhaps utilizing the east side of the Point for that and expanding pedestrian use on the west side. Also, Clover Point CANNOT be an off leash area for dogs. It must be very clear that, to make this accessible for the people who the plan claims to be for, animals must be under direct control of owners.

I like the proposed new amenities, but am against cutting out so many parking spots and vehicular access. This will negatively impact many people with mobility issues.

I really want to protect access for people who can not walk down to the ocean front. I don't support removing all parking and I really don't support just four accessible parking stalls. Also, there are a lot of people who kiteboard, fly kites, paddle etc in this area and I would like for them not to be blocking Dallas Road getting their equipment in and out. As an option I could get behind a summer traffic block onto the point, I think for a good six months of the year it should remain open for wave watchers to sit in their cars and enjoy the access to the ocean.

I like the general idea, but am concerned about the lack of parking. Will a permit be required to drive a truck in to transport - for example - the lovely market tents pictured in the proposal?

I'd like to see some disabled parking closer to the water.

We'd like it to be much more pedestrian friendly. It would be nice to include a covered/wind blocking but non-view-blocking pavillion (maybe carved into the hill?), allowing people without cars to also enjoy the point when the weather is foul. A preference for 1 small stationary coffee/food/ice cream kiosk structure (maybe part of pavillion?) than "random" food trucks, think a small version of Ogden Point Cafe (potential rental income?). If placed more inside the park, it wouldn't consume valuable parking space. Replace food truck space with more accessible parking. Add paid parking meters to limit parking at all times. Consider leaving open the east side of the lot but close loop drive on the west. Thank You.

While I think this is a good use in the summer months, most people who storm watch for any length of time in the winter do so from their cars. A seasonal closure would be better - road open Nov-March, closed to traffic April - October

Most of these suggestions are good but I, like many others, enjoy going down to Clover Point in winter and summer storms and sitting in my car watching the waves. If it's not raining, I often venture out to feel the force of the wind and then getting back into the shelter of my car. It's very invigorating and as a senior, these experiences are rare. I know many of us do this and would hate to lose this valuable experience if we couldn't access the loop. Also, I don't imagine many people will picnic down there because it's almost always too windy. Great for kites of course. Before finalizing this proposal, I hope the designers of it will spend some time actually being down there to get a true sense of the wind and what activities can realistically take place.

I live nearby so don't drive to clover point and its great for walking and taking the dog to not have so many people parked down there. but i realize clover point is a resource for the whole city and I often see people there sitting in their cars listening to cbc and enjoying being so close to the ocean and if there is strong opposition to a pedestrian area, I will go with the majority

This is a save place for teens to meet up in cars without disturbing neighbours. They need places to congregate (always have and always will) like this. I generally agree with the recommendation for Clover Pt, but can there be a place to hang out, away from neighbours?

1. Allow disabled people to park facing southwest partway down (to view the sunset). I'd suggest 5 (or fewer) designated parking spaces there. Regular visitors don't need it.
2. It's terribly windy and cold there much of the time. SHELTERED places to sit and picnic would need serious protection. I can't imagine sitting out there at picnic tables unless they were sheltered by the food trucks.
3. It's important to leave the open area in the centre for kite flyers, etc.

I walk there quite often as I live nearby. The beauty of the area is in the simplicity, not a lot of signage, human ornament or building. Maybe a washroom and a few benches. Keep it simple with as little concrete as possible. The Vistas should be natural not a version of "the Pacific National Exhibition." Theresa Tallentire

NO permanent tents, stalls or public art installations that impede views of the natural world, including the shoreline of Clover Point.

MORE spaces needed for vehicle access / parking to allow sea and storm watching in inclement weather and during the frequent high winds on the point.

PUBLIC WASHROOM access is an important amenity for walker; situate this close to the new sewage-related infrastructure, grouping permanent structures thus.

Impractical to think that everyone that currently enjoys the view at Clover Point in the comfort of their car will be able to do so in inclement weather and due to mobility restrictions. This area is one of the coldest and windiest points in the city. The ability to enjoy the view and storms from a warm car is key to its enjoyment and popularity. We also have concerns (should this change be made) regarding the allowance of riding of bicycles, especially eBikes, and also motorized scooters that have the capacity to reach high speeds in what is supposed to be a safe, pedestrian area. No restrictions on that activity seems to contravene the purpose of the "improvements".

I like the idea of 'pedestrian only' at Clover Point for some days.

There is no reason that the space cannot be shared.

For example, Mon-Thurs (except for when Mon is a holiday) it could be open to vehicles being parked there. Many people have mobility issues that do not allow for them exiting their vehicles.

It's also nice when the weather is stormy and people want to park and watch the storm while they eat their lunch it have coffee.

Then, Fri-Sun could be for festivals, markets etc.

I also think that there should be room for Food Trucks everyday. This city needs more spaces for Food Trucks!!!

Let's share the space and make everyone happy!

There will need to be increased short term parking in other closeby areas, so that drop-offs, and pick-ups can be accommodated

I associate Clover Point with a place to watch people kiting or looking out at the ocean rain or shine, all from a vehicle. I personally don't own a car, and walk and bike most places and support car-less recreation as much as possible but I don't see how this will improve utility. More people will be walking through but I don't see how more people will picnic here. It's windy, like along most areas along Dallas Rd. Though I like dogs I've found that anytime I've attempted to picnic on the beach at Dallas Rd where there are dogs there's picnic crashing. Yes dogs should be under control but in reality they're not. If there's a dog park too at Clover Point with picnicking I can see the same issues. Bylaw doesn't solve it. Considering the aging population of Victoria and surrounding areas I'd expect more people looking for parking along Dallas Rd. I've noticing parking along there is already pressed especially on weekends, holidays and the summer. I've witnessed people coming to and from walking on the Breakwater to their parked cars. These areas are used by a lot of people driving here by car. While not opposed to more pedestrian type development in principle, I don't see how the proposed change will increase recreational utility. If it were for solving a problem such as people in cars having loud parties the solution would make sense for solving that. Even though I don't see how this proposal would add additional picnic destination areas it would be interesting to try it out depending on how it fit into the budget.

Agree with 17 parking spaces. No food trucks on site. Enough options to purchase elsewhere. Let's enjoy the natural beauty, and realize with our weather ,wind in that area,only the hardy souls will be visiting .Again city hall has made a mockery of Neighborhood consultation.

Proposed plan looks ok, a bit inside the box. Water fountain / feature would be nice.

As an avid walker and cyclist who lives in the area. The rare times we use our car we often stop in to enjoy Cloverpoint while staying in our car. This might be to catch a sunrise, sunset or to show off the view to elderly visitors. It is also our version of "cheap" storm watching. Many times year round the weather is too inclement to step out of the car. We also watch the Swiftsure races and attend the pancake breakfasts.

To lose so many parking spots does not make sense. We live close by and walk almost daily there and have observed very few parking spots available during COVID and non-tourist season.

I welcome more improvements and community use but keeping most of the parking spots. Perhaps closing it to cars for events and only in the summer.

The plan is ripe and ready for tent city..... It should have multiple uses and include a portion for vehicles.... Most importantly elder friendly... not homeless friendly. For once, put elders first.... not the homeless, middle age runners and bikers.

waste of money...you already wasted huge amount of money narrowing May st.....totally unnecessary.

Victorians and tourists alike go to Clover point to park why not just have them walk down and have food trucks and proper seating to enjoy the view. I do agree there should be some access for people who cannot drive down though

I think of the several people (of different ages and disabilities) that need to stay in their vehicles and enjoy the view....we could always find parking there, if you take that away, the drive to Clover Point would be disappointing to those who take a great effort just to get into a vehicle then drive to only go home disappointed. Yes, several parking spots along Dallas Road have been created...but it still is hit and miss for parking. Clover Point was always a sure thing for those that have difficulty getting out of a vehicle, so to just be able to sit for a while and enjoy the view would be taken away.

Close the loop from April/May to October, during good weather, tourist and high use season and open the loop way November to March for predominantly residents' storm watching and vehicular access during cold weather (especially appropriate for the elderly/disabled to have vehicular access to the waterfront).

option 2

It might be nice to open the loop to traffic through the winter months so that people can storm watch and kiteboarders/windsurfers can more easily access the space when there are less tourists or people spending time at the waterfront. Or at least please consider adding more parking in the late fall/winter/early spring.

I'm a kiteboarder and also live close by. I am down at clover almost every other day either walking or going kiteboarding. When it's windy or stormy I see a lot of people sitting in their cars storm watching or watching us kiteboard. These are frequently elderly people or people with limited mobility. As being one of the only places that you can drive that close to exposed ocean I would recommend keeping as many parking spots as possible. I'm in support of washrooms and picnic tables as long as a lot of the flat field/grassy area is left open for kiteboarders, kite enthusiasts and para-gliders. Some kiteposts to launch our kite's from would be really cool and would help keep the kiteboarders in a specific zone. They have these installed in Port Alberni.

#### SUPPORT COMMENTS

It would be a fantastic spot for additional green space. It's absolutely going to be accessible, so it should be all ages and abilities, and wouldn't really be a change from the last two years.

It would be great to have a family area there instead of a parking lot. There is lots of parking along Dallas Road and the plan is to have more parking on the point itself. My concern was the access for disabled folks and I believe they have made accommodation for their vehicles also

The city has very few pedestrian-only areas - we need more of them!

Well, I think there are busy at that turn point, if the city avoids car park, it can be a good park for the public. There are many families and children in there, it is good for the cars driving around from there.

Because there shouldn't be a parking lot there. Accessibility is not the same as car rights, it is not unfettered car access. Accessibility is being confused with convenience. CPP is currently unsafe and unenjoyable as a pedestrian. I hate being encircled by cars. It is ugly and polluted as it is and I always fear that someone will accidentally run over my kids. The changes are long overdue and in line with how other major cities treat their natural resources.

I believe it is important to have areas within the city where there are no cars. With this pandemic it soon became apparent that walking and being in nature are helpful for our mental health. I am a retired senior and I like to walk. We used to live in Oak Bay and it was much quieter for my walks. Having an area like that where people can gather without the noise and distraction of vehicles would be beneficial for all ages I strongly believe. There are other areas where cars can be parked and the ocean viewed. As the density of the city increases we need more park areas.

There's no compelling reason for cars in the clover park area. None at all. Restore it.

Great use of the space, less emphasis on cars. Would like to see more parking dedicated to those with disabilities or mobility issues

Cars dominate every public area in the city. There is no reason cars also need to have access here when there is ample parking on Dallas. Not only is there ample parking on Dallas, but also those with accessibility issues can park on Dallas and likely have better use of this area as an accessible park without cars. Also having parking at clover point makes it an unsafe area for kids, and privileges car use over transit and cycling.

Because we are in a climate emergency and everything we do to support better public spaces that do not feature cars should be supported. Also, there are many, many places along the waterfront of Victoria to park your car and sit in it if this is what you like to do. I am tired of the dominant role that cars are playing in our city - it is clear to anyone who has looked seriously at the challenge of climate change that we need to reduce the amount we drive and electric cars, though a good option, will not solve our problem completely. We need to re-connect with each other and with nature - and that is easier and better done through a pedestrian-oriented public space than each of us sitting in our metal boxes (whether electric or gas powered). I also resent the way this is being portrayed on social media as only something that 'tax payers' (i.e. homeowners) should have a say in so I appreciate you giving us the opportunity to comment whether we own or rent.

I would like to see our cities plan around bikes and pedestrians as opposed to around cars. Cities can make a big difference in our climate action as a society through their planning.

Keeping spaces green and for recreation is important to me. This is a beautiful location and with all of the work being done along Beach Ave and around the Breakwater, there is no need for Clover Point to be a parking lot.

I would like the area to be safer for pedestrians, especially little kids, but also dogs too.

Improves/increases pedestrian only areas while retaining opportunity for those with limited mobility to access park. Plenty of opportunity for those who wish or need to remain in a vehicle to observe the waterfront from along Dallas Road. Might have preferred a return to a more natural environment but the addition of benches, picnic tables, expands the potential use and enjoyment of the park so is highly supportable. Reminds me of what I saw in parks and waterfront areas in Sydney and Cairns Australia.

I have always wished that clover point was more people-oriented, however the park areas at Dallas road have become extremely busy during the pandemic so I think there is more urgency now to add space for people to be outside. The additional people-oriented space would allow for better physical distancing and separation of the many uses (picnics, dog walking, kite flying, walking, storm watching etc). It has also been a great addition to have food trucks along dallas, but they would be better suited to the point where more seating can make the experience even better. I know there are neighbours with concerns about reduced parking and access for those with disabilities or mobility issues. I think this plan addresses this, but would be happy for the city review/add flexibility such as additional parking during winter months when it is less likely that the space will be used for picnics. No matter what, I think this currently underused space needs to welcome people first, not vehicles.

Think it should be pedestrian only. No reason to have cars there any more.

The primary value of our waterfront is to view the sea, not to view parked cars. The new plan is a reasonable mix, providing handicapped parking, while making it much safer and more attractive for people on foot, or using walkers or pushing strollers. The previous situation with no safe area to walk (other than a muddy trail in front of cars, or behind cars that might back out) was unattractive and unsafe.

Fewer cars = more happiness.

I am in full support of the creation of more dedicated green space along Dallas Rd. I would love to see Clover Point as a destination for visitors (the addition of tables and washroom facilities will be a plus) with the ability to have food trucks and vendor spaces available for spring/summer months. As a resident (living one block from the proposed location) I would ask that the City enforce strict parking, camping restrictions from the start of the project as we have seen a massive increase in the number of RV, Camper Van etc. that are taking advantage of the current local homelessness crisis - without proper enforcement of parking along Dallas Rd Clover Point will turn into a campground for travellers (picnic tables, washrooms, and the waterfront - what more could you ask for).

Keep as many people away from Clover Point as possible, reserving it more for residents and those who make the effort through alternative transportation. Also, it needs to be kept from devolving into a homeless encampment.

I strongly support turning Clover Point into a park. It's an area that my family avoids because it's pretty unpleasant to spend time there with kids — dodging cars backing out and exhaust — it's a beautiful location but really boring and unsafe. We walk down to Dallas Road from North Park and we just avoid Clover Point altogether. Lots of places for people to park and look at the ocean in this city.

I feel this beautiful piece of land could be much better utilized than the parking lot which currently occupies it. We need to design our city for people, not cars.

I love the idea of having a park rather than a parking lot right next to the ocean. There are other places people can drive to sit in their cars and see the ocean.

There is nothing but parking as far as the eye can see along that stretch of Dallas Road. It has never made sense to me that Clover Point is also a parking lot. Making it pedestrian only is a great idea!

We need more green gathering, relaxation space along Dallas. I support drop of area for handicapped or elderly but otherwise no parking.

I believe it is a great opportunity to reduce vehicular traffic in this already busy area. This area is already a popular pedestrian spot. Please dedicate ALL the parking for disabled parking and keep the name of Clover Point for historical reasons. Consider adding a launch area for water sports as this is a very popular area for kite surfers, etc.... it would be great to be able to drop off a kayak, go park on Dallas road and enter the water safely from Clover Point.

I believe there needs to be more pedestrian centric land use along the oceanfront. I love the space made for food trucks. I appreciate the attention made for accessibility.

Appreciate additional green space for events/families etc. Feel there is enough parking available along Dallas and barrier-free parking spots are also provided on the loop.
I think its a great idea...its a beautiful piece of land right on the ocean that's currently used as a parking lot...time for a change
I love the idea of extending the park area. It is a beautiful spot for the public to enjoy and walk on. Cars should not be allowed.
I don't know why people are so upset about this proposal. If they want to park right next to the water, they can easily drive to Oak Bay marina or Cattle Point. I'm in favour of making the area more pedestrian and bike friendly, there is already too much car traffic along that stretch of Dallas.
Looks like it would be a fantastic park. It is still accessible with dedicated parking spots. But, it will serve the vast majority of people better than it does today.
I also love the idea of having food trucks and events in this area. What an awesome venue.
Safe pedestrian area without cars. Makes sense.
I believe open areas, free from cars is critical to Victoria. Consideration should be made for peeps with disabilities. Parks closer to the area maybe.
Like having less cars at Clover point
Increased park space / picnic area. Less cars down on the actual point. It would be nice to increase parking spots for those in need but otherwise not worried about additional parking as we have been without that parking already.
This is a great initiative. If it was already a pedestrian only park there wouldn't even be a discussion of pros and cons - it would just be - a great park. There are lots of other places for cars to park. For handicapped access, there should be a smooth and safe path for wheelchairs and mobility scooters. We need Clover Point to be pedestrian only.
It's a beautiful spot for markets and community events.. not a parking lot. Eliminating cars makes it safe for all pedestrians and will make it a destination spot for events and leisure.
I love that this is a space where people could linger and gather along Dallas Road. So much of the existing recreational areas along Dallas are about movement, which is wonderful, but it would be nice to have a true destination along the pathway. It would also connect Ross Bay with the Dallas pathway more seamlessly, I think.
My hope is this will become a true community space, perhaps live music showcasing local talent in the summertime, or other community-minded events. As a resident of Fairfield I think this would be an incredible addition to our community.
The existing configuration is essentially a drive-through viewpoint, which was appropriate in the 1950s car area, but at this point is a relic and not aligned with the cities outlined vision for other modes of transportation and usable recreational areas.
I think this is a unique opportunity to reinvent the use of the space for the betterment of the Fairfield Gonzalez community, and Victoria as a whole. I do hope the city capitalizes on this.
Less pollution. While work has been going on, lot has been closed without any problems.
Much better and more accessible use of space
Like the idea but could see incorporating more parking for those who like to go and sit out of the wind but still enjoy the view.
I often thought that the point would be better served as a no vehicle park!
Clover Point is currently not very accessible for pedestrians, as it is basically a parking lot, with cars coming and going, backing up, etc. The greenspace in the centre is underused, as a result. I think that having some parking at the top is sufficient accommodation for those arriving by car. Drivers can also get unobstructed views southward when they park up on Dallas Road.
One of those most scenic waterfront spots in Victoria should not be a parking lot. The space can be enjoyed by a larger number of people if closed to cars. If parking capacity is a real sticking point, I would not object to expanding the parking area off the road in existing green space, as long as the point area closes to the water is kept for pedestrian use only.
I think it is a lovely area to relax. People in cars can view the ocean from the many parking spaces on Dallas Rd.
I like the idea of it being a park-like setting without cars coming and going. People who want to park and and stay in their cars to look at the scenery can still do that in the parking stalls located along Dallas Road.
People over cars. A small designated area for handicap access - does not need to be at the actual point.
Lots of people like to park idle, so having this region closed to cars will better help the environment/run off from vehicles. It will provide a good end point for trial users to stop and relax and have a bite to eat.
I think it is great to encourage people to gather outside and picnic.
Encourages people to walk more and enjoy the waterfront.
A few spots for wheelchair access is all

Outdoor, safe for pedestrians spaces are needed, esp during COVID. Need more bike racks there. Dogs should not be off leash in that part of the park as they present a hazard for the rest of us though I love to watch them run further up the park. Only people with disability vehicle tags or the elderly should be permitted in the new loop. Food Trucks there should alternate and not be primarily junk food. I am concerned about recent finding of ancestral remains along by Ross Bay - what do the First Nations Elders say about the use of that land (the park all along there) and do we need to show more respect for what we develop there relative to what was there? I am keen on a temporary festival type space further along from there but that maybe needs to come after the reopening to see what the flow is. And of course post COVID. Thanks for asking.

The name change is ridiculous. We need to keep the Historic name.

The circular roadway and parking are contrary to the whole idea of recreational park use. The closure of the loop to vehicular traffic and parking is long, long overdue. Although I am a dog owner and walker, I would encourage the point to be excluded from the off-leash area to avoid conflict with kite flyers and similar park uses on the point. I did not see any proposed bike racks for the lower Clover Point area. I suggest installing some at the same location as the handicapped parking stall.

Like idea of picnic and park area for people not carts (or bikes)

That area should have a higher use than parking and car turning circle. I like the look of what is being proposed.

The amount of area currently allocated to parking is far in excess of any demand I've seen. But, some parking is retained, which is important for access.

It just makes sense to have it part of a pedestrian area with the bigger walking trails around there

I was worried about the impact of the construction on this very important area of Victoria, but have been very impressed with the remediation. Love the new bike lane, the split rail fence. We have not missed the car loop during the construction, so turn it all over to pedestrians. (do have more benches to sit on though to watch the sunset.)

I like the idea of less pavement, fewer cars and a more people friendly space

I've been walking there daily since they closed it for vehicles and began construction. When they aren't drilling, etc. it's much more peaceful, beautiful and good for a stroll with the dog. I felt the same way about Beacon Hill Park when they stopped the traffic flow for a spell.

It's safer for pedestrians without the cars, cleaner without people littering their garbage, cigarettes & beer cans from their cars. There is less noise at night since it has been closed. It's nice to have a large open space away from cars to enjoy.

Need more parks and places for people.

It will make the area seem more like a park and less like a parking lot

Clover Point is an exceptional area to view unobstructed views of the ocean. I believe there would be more enjoyment for all without the large parking area for cars. Cars parked in those designated areas block the panorama at eye level which is a viewers perspective. Reserving some designated spots for disabled parking is a great idea and I'm sure no one would disagree.

Always supportive of ideas to reduce driving and encourage active transportation

Dallas Rd Walkway is such a highly trafficked park. It would be so nice to have a full park and pedestrian area at Clover Point for people to play. There is no reason that people need to park down there to enjoy it. Especially due to how much street parking already exists to give access to Dallas Rd. Less parking lots and more human spaces.

Up with people places parks and pedestrians. Love the multi use pathway seawall. Please extend to St Charles

Want a restful, quiet picnic area and ability to host community events. Vancouver Coal Harbour is a good model. Have some beautiful plants Like Sidney Waterfront!. Cars destroy the view and ambiance. Allow only pedestrians and mobility means for those with disabilities. No bikes - they take over the paths, travel too quickly and are not pedestrian friendly or restful. Bikers can stay on Dallas path.

because cars have so much space now already in the area, plus they will still have some parking area at Clover Point, and it's difficult to navigate the sheer number of vehicles for families and children and/or the elderly to enjoy the green space with kite flying, etc

Safety and more space for flying kites!

I walk my dog from St. Charles St. along past Clover point and it would be great for that section to be safe from cars too. I realize I am being selfish because I live reasonably close to it (so don't need to drive to it), but I think if there is parking nearby, people could get out and do a short walk to see that part of the ocean if desired. Otherwise, they could just keep driving along Dallas road to see the ocean from the car.

Plenty of vehicle access fronting the ocean along Dallas Road don't need to use Clover Point as well as a turnaround place.

Excited about the idea of letting kids run free while they fly their kites down there!

It's a perfect spot to be car free and another space available for fairs.

My only concern would be more people parking in the surrounding residential areas.

As a disabled person who has mobility impairments, the closure of the loop means I will not continue to run the risk of being injured by cars while using the parking loop area. The proposal takes into consideration the need for disabled people arriving by car to park closer to the proposed pedestrian only. Accessibility for those who are disabled also enhances accessibility for everyone—a key feature turnoff universal design.

I suggest it be ALL disabled parking or mother/child or similar signage down there. If there are 17 spots of which four disabled then there will be a constant stream of traffic going down hoping to snag one of the 13. This might not be feasible, but some sort of gazebo or viewing platform with <b>**windbreak**</b> would be nice. Make it a cool destination for walkers/bikers. I go down there almost every day with my dog so am a heavy user of this area.
1) There are ample places to park and storm watch along Dallas Road 2) I have no doubt in my mind that the pedestrian area will be accessible for all ages and abilities - a car won't be required to enjoy the area
I like the increased accessibility for disabled persons.
I'm very much in favour of car-free spaces in the City.
I support this as long as handicapped driver parking and drop off loading zones are improved for the area. I also support and endorse commercial food trucks in the area especially for special events
The pathways are often crowded along the ocean - perhaps expanding a walk-only area would relieve some of that congestion.
As a person with disabilities, as well as being a senior, my use of the space without the proposed changes would not be feasible. The changes would give me permanent access to the space while adding safety from moving vehicles.
We use that area all the time for running and dog walking - it would be wonderful to have it as a designated park area with parking access at the top.
It is a better opportunity to use the Point as an enhanced area for pedestrians (and dogs?) with the risk of injury from vehicles eliminated, versus just one more "drive-around" two minute glance at the ocean. The latter are in abundance everywhere in Victoria.
Reduce the amount of asphalt and create more pedestrian green-space
I visit Clover Point daily by foot and benefit greatly from the peacefulness and wildness that exists currently without the presence of motorized vehicles. I feel it is a much greater asset to our community as a pedestrian-only feature area. Safer for kids and dogs too - it would be more like an oceanside park. Also the fumes of cars (and people smoking in their cars) are toxic to visitors. I would love to see a couple of benches at Clover Point and some signage describing local wildlife (birds, marine mammals, intertidal life etc). Thanks for asking!
Fantastic - should have been done years ago, it's a park, not a parking lot! Love the idea of food trucks.
Clover Point is a historic site, and a natural wonder. It should be more than just a parking lot. Like the Ogden Point breakwater, it could be a place where people go to escape the traffic of the city, surrounded by nature on all sides. The City's proposal actually doesn't go far enough: not only should cars be prohibited from Clover Point, all the pavement there should be removed.
The area has been closed to vehicles for a while now and it is working fine that way which makes it more walkable. There is enough on-site parking included in the new plan. The name Clover Point should not be changed as it historical and totally non offensive. Changing it to something as inane as Picnic Point is totally unnecessary.
The space is more inclusive!
I support the proposed pedestrian area because it increases the number of people who can use and enjoy the space. The Dallas beach walk way is a favorite of ours and very busy. We would see a big benefit to having a more pedestrian friendly space. We live in a condo and have 2 small children. Any public green space free of cars (and unleashed dogs) is a great place for our children to play and be outside. I imagine we'll picnic and visit this place often if it is built. We are so looking forward to having more ocean side green space to explore and use.
Less cars and more green space is good for local community
Clover Point; too long associated with the automobile will make a splendid park and recreation area for people. The limited parking should give car access to those who need it.
It will be nice to be able to walk around without the fear of a vehicle backing out of their spot. Children will be able to run around more freely. I feel there is enough parking as there are plenty of spaces on Dallas road as well as those allocated in the plan. I fail to understand why a name change is even being considered. Let's keep it as Clover Point.
This plan promotes optimal recreational use and takes into consideration a multi generational perspective. No cars in the area provides secure play area for children. Proposed parking spots and a drop off zone for those with physical limitations integrates access to all. A very good proposal! One suggestion...please, no dogs off leach.
I have enjoyed walking on the point with my daughter and dog without vehicle traffic. It is safer for everyone and more people would be able to enjoy the point without cars.
Quiet enjoyment of a spectacular location. Keep the open dog area up on Dallas.
The City needs to become more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. This is a step in that direction.
Anything that limits access by motor vehicles is a plus for the walking, biking and people-oriented community.
Clover Point is an ideal space for people to relax and enjoy the scenery without having to mind cars driving around.
Love the idea of it being more walker friendly, with some option for cars for those with mobility issues to park if needed. Food trucks are a fabulous addition to be able to grab a snack or coffee while out walking!
There is plenty of direct access to the water for cars, and like any public park it will be accessible for people of all abilities. The community could really benefit from a community square.

Creates a safe, esthetically pleasing space for recreational/ physical activities. It is a much better use of the area than parking cars.
I have walked this area many times and always felt the current car parking area was a poor use of the space.
I think it is an excellent plan to focus on walking, wheelchairs and bicycling instead of catering to vehicle traffic. The natural beauty of our coastline will be enhanced for the benefit of all species, not just our own.
I think this is great idea - presuming that care will be taken to make it wheelchair accessible.
It will be a great addition to the Point, and to Dallas Road walkway.
Also, there are still 13 parking spaces, plus another four reserved for mobility-impaired, which is plenty.
The capacity to enjoy the uniqueness of Clover Point has always been undermined by cars
I believe less car and more green spaces benefit the community in the long run
I think it's a wonderful opportunity to build a multi-use community space while still keeping it accessible. I'd love to see the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations involved in the process, particularly around naming the area - why not see if there is an appropriate Indigenous place name for the point instead of the colonial and uninspired "Clover Point"
We need more car-free zones period. Clover Point is an excellent choice. Keeping cars out makes room for more people to sit, play, walk-around that beautiful viewing area.
Because it reclaims green space from automobiles - even better would be closing it at Dallas Road! And please don't rename it "Picnic Point"!
An area free from cars, bikes and dogs please
Need to take back space from cars and use it for people.
I like the idea of green/picnic space and opportunity for outdoor concerts, but I will also miss just parking there and watching the ocean.
The parking area on Clover Point deters people on foot from enjoying and really using that area. There is already parking for cars all along Dallas.
Clover Point is an excellent place for people, kites, dogs and birds. No need for cars in such a picturesque area.
It's been closed to pedestrians for a year without any 'fallout' that I'm aware of, as long as there are a few parking spots ( limited time ) and several 'handicapped' spots. I would prefer that it remained fairly 'natural' somewhat like Cattle Point - ie not too many play type areas - we go for the natural beauty - a few chairs and spaces to take own chairs would be nice.
Always encourage feet over cars
A car free area in the loop would create a wonderful experience for ALL categories of pedestrians: People out for a good walk, children and adults flying kites, dogs-on-leash walkers, older people walking slowly, disabled people out for an open air experience and - with benches available - a super time for anyone with a brown-bag lunch who comes to enjoy the scenery and the fresh air without the worry of cars around. It is a no brainer to make this area a car free zone as it allows many more people to enjoy themselves safely compared with very few individuals parked in their cars. Let this happen, please.
The plan proposed would increase pedestrian access and space for safe, socially distanced enjoyment of prime south facing waterfront park space in Victoria. Vehicle access plan looks adequate, and would encourage bicycle use.
Former access felt unsafe more pedestrians with cars looping throughout the south part of the park.
Council please proceed with this plan!
I like the idea of it being made a pedestrian friendly area, but am concerned about it becoming to commercialized, i.e. too many food trucks, craft fairs, etc. Should be kept for people to enjoy the beauty, fly kites, family picnics, etc.
There should be more protected green space especially by water. Thank you.
There is lots of parking all along the rode. A section down below could be made as handicap parking if necessary. It could be a great area for kids to roller skate or ride their bikes.
From the design it looks like there is something for everyone at Clover Point! I can't wait to spend some time there.
Walk around that point a lot
It will create a pedestrian-friendly gathering space while still providing access for those with mobility issues.
Clover is too beautiful for a car parking lot.
Progress is a good thing. The initial proposal provides and contemplates an expansion of public use beyond cars simply driving around and parking. In addition I like the notion that future improvements to this proposal with greater public input is contemplated to make adjustments to what is proposed in this initial recommendation.
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I am a mother with a husband and 2 young children. We would love for there to be less vehicles on Clover Point. This is a brilliant idea for improving the pedestrian experience. It's not very often the city is able to create new public space. I'd like to be able to bike there for picnics with my family.
I love that it will be used as a way to connect people, vendors, businesses without traffic

More pedestrian/wheel chair accessible only areas are needed; there has been too much catering to the needs or wants of motorists.
fewer cars there the better. Obviously it needs to be accessible but the entire point should not be all cars
It's long overdue. The point should be preserved as a bird sanctuary and pedestrian-only spot with access spots for the disabled.
Increases recreation areas for families without risk of car traffic. Consideration should be given to make this an on-leash area for dogs so that people of all ages can enjoy the space without being bowled over by a dog, have their lunch eaten by a dog and/or risk stepping in poop. I am, by the way, a dog owner!
i like option A; thank you. i like the southern part of the park being less vehicular--i'd rather not have playgrounds, and have mixed feelings about the food trucks.
Most things that prioritize pedestrians over vehicle traffic and parking would usually have my support. Things that make Victoria a more pedestrian friendly community are always welcome.
Wonderful improvement to our waterfront. Parking lots should not mar our most beautiful spots. Make the area as natural as possible, with native trees, bushes, and other plants.
This location deserves to be enjoyed safely, without the risks of traffic smells of exhaust, and all of the garbage that comes from people sitting there in their cars. Brilliant proposal, will be a game changer for Clover Point, the community, and the City.
Cars have enough places to go, my only comment is please make it for pedestrians only and not dogs (they are everywhere on the Dallas walk), not skateboards, not bicycles. Just give us pedestrians a chance to enjoy without being inundated by all of the above listed.
There is much ocean viewing opportunity elsewhere along Dallas Rd There is no need to provide space so folks can sit in their cars to storm watch except for those with handicap permits. Having Clover Point car free adds to green park space and open area for festivals eg kites.
It could be a good place to put a telescope if cars were moved back and away, like the urban star park at Cattle Point in Oak Bay.
There is absolutely no need for vehicle traffic at the point. There are still accessible parking spaces nearby which is key. This is going to be a wonderful, car-free public space. Support wholeheartedly.
Better use of the park as more than a parking lot. It is key that there must be handicap parking maintained to keep that park accessible to all. Middle grassy area should be left undeveloped for things like kite flying and frisbee
There is plenty of parking on/near Dallas Road. The current design is dangerous to pedestrian traffic. The proposed design is a significant positive improvement.
Close a gate to traffic overnight.
More space for people over cars is the future. Also more accessible public spaces adjacent to the shoreline is a way to have people interacting and experiencing nature and perhaps developing an interest in stewardship of the land.
Less cars and more green space is good for local community
Minimize use of cars
I support increased emphasis on non-vehicle access. But do NOT change the name of Clover Point!!! It is named because clover used to cover the area! In fact, replanting clover would be ideal - I live in Fairfield and raise honeybees
I feel safer walking at Clover Point and not having to be concerned with car traffic. I strongly support closing the southern portion of the park to vehicle traffic. Prioritizing pedestrians, recreation and special events is praiseworthy. A unique and magnificent place like Clover Point should not be a parking lot. There is adequate parking nearby for all who wish to visit Clover Point.
Please, please, do not call it picnic point!
I think this is an excellent plan and strongly support it. The plan does a good job balancing accessibility requirements for people with disabilities and mobility issues while reclaiming precious public lands for all Victorians, not just those with motorized vehicles. I've been going to Clover Point since the 1970s. The parking loop has always been dirty and dangerous. Getting run down by fast moving vehicles has always been a significant risk. Furthermore, continuing "business as usual" in today's climate crisis is simply not an option. And for those who insist on parking near the water who are not disabled, there is excellent news: there is ample parking available just down Dallas Road that is never full.
Food trucks as well
More places for children and families to gather is always good for everyone!
Considering it is unsafe to take my kid to Beacon Hill Park, more pedestrian areas are needed.
i walk there alot and the cars are intrusive and make the walking experience one of vigilance rather than relaxation
Clover Point is choked with cars. Pedestrian usage seems to be an afterthought. A much more balanced approach is needed.

It will make it a safer place for all to enjoy from young families to seniors and those with mobility devices such as wheelchairs and walkers. A comfortable space for people to rest and enjoy the outdoors while out for a walk or bike ride would encourage and support an active community. A washroom would be a great addition especially for those with young children. My family and I are avid users of the pathway system and beaches along Dallas road. Many times a bathroom would have been helpful at Clover point. As a parent of young children it would be so great to have a car free space to play in, fly kites and not worry about traffic.

I would like the pedestrian pathway to be free from traffic flow on Clover point to provide the safest use.

It should be a dog ON leash area only and strictly enforced. It is not a large space and many owners do not have adequate control over dogs. I have seen children and adults knocked to the ground by off leash dogs when using the pathway along Dallas.

If scooters, bikes, pedestrians and people with mobility aids are to share the roadway, there really should be designated bike space. I think it would get too congested and possibly dangerous if it was one shared path. How would you manage two way bike traffic? Or, should cyclists dismount in the Clover point area?

I cycle frequently but I feel safer riding on Dallas road then on the pathway because people walk dogs on and off leash, young kids dart across the bike/pedestrian path, and large groups of people take up the space and it is difficult to pass them. I will only ride with my kids on the path during non busy times. There is too much going on for them to react. I feel it would be a similar situation on Clover Point if cyclists and pedestrians are sharing the space.

I like the idea of a scooter/bike skills area for kids but it really needs to be separate from the rest of pedestrian traffic with good signage and flow so that it is safe for kids.

#### More green space, bigger park for everyone

Completely sensible. The less cars the better. Perhaps ban dogs as well. The changes to parking along Dallas Road (nose-in instead of parallel) has resulted in far too many cars blocking the view along the road, let alone the overnight campers (illegal but unchecked.) Would add a lovely restaurant right on the end of the point, too.

I agree with the recommendations in the report. However I have concerns about the multi use path that will come from the top of the hill and then continue along the waterfront to the cemetery. The new multi use pathway along Dallas road from Ogden point towards clover point was a great idea, but is a nightmare for all users. Any extension of the pathway should have separation of pedestrians, cyclists, casual visitors and skateboarders. At the moment, each user cgroup seems to claim exclusive rights of occupancy. It seems to be a recipe for future confrontations or accidents. I'm sure that I read somewhere about 2 years ago that it was supposed to be a cycle path for most of its route. Its a disaster.

#### Community needs this space for pedestrians

It is a well loved,well used park. Bathrooms are needed. Yellow benches would be great.

Food trucks much appreciated pls go ahead!

I think it will be better to reduce the number of vehicles in that area. I am concerned that we need more parking spaces for mobility handicapped people, however.

My dog was almost run over by some bonehead who was 'cruising' too fast on a nice summer evening. Guys parade their muscle cars on Saturday nights and leave a ton of cigarette butts and empty cans to be found Sunday. We don't need the cars.

#### more outdoor space free of cars, cleaner air, mental health benefits

I highly support a pedestrian only area at Clover Pt. We need car-free (free of exhaust and car noise) green space along that side of the park. There is plenty of parking along Dallas Rd and good wheelchair access via the paths. Perhaps on Dallas Rd close to the path nearest Clover Pt there could be some designated wheelchair accessible parking spots. Hang-gliders can easily access the ocean via Dallas Rd. I also would like to see Clover Pt free of car noise and pollution for the fairly large population of birds and sea life in that area.

Clover Point is an excellent place for people, kites, dogs and birds. No need for cars in such a picturesque area.

vehicles take up enough space in the city as it is. Let's create more areas for pedestrians.

Its will encourage even more people to enjoy the beauty of the Dallas road area

It will be nice to be able to picnic on the point

I would like to play my flute for people down there

It's one of the few large areas that can be made available for pedestrian activities in this stretch from Ross Bay to Ogden Point. Everything else is in strips of beach or is designated for dog walking. As long as there's adequate parking for mobility-challenged people, it opens up the area to many more people with the interruption of cars

Considering it is unsafe to take my kid to Beacon Hill Park, more pedestrian areas are needed.

I have enjoyed walking on the point with my daughter and dog without vehicle traffic. It is safer for everyone and more people would be able to enjoy the point without cars.

It looks amazing to have this space reclaimed for people rather than cars, for an oceanside gathering spot for strolls and picnics. I like the idea of food trucks down there. It would be much more peaceful without the cars circling, a destination point at the beginning or end of walks with friends. It would work well as a flat, car-free safe place for strolls for elders with walkers or wheelchairs.

Love the idea of more park space, less parking lot.

I like the idea of not dedicating so much public space to cars. This concept is really great. Please implement this!
I support more bird-friendly, car-free space. It's been closed to cars for 2 years. Anyone notice?
I think it really works well right now without a lot of vehicles down there, and handicapped parking is sufficient. I would be worried that live-in vans would take over the loop if parking was offered right at the point. It would end up being a homeless camp with toilets and shower provided.
Time to reduce the car foot print in favour of family-friendly gatherings. Yes!
Get rid of the asphalt and introduce meeting places, family picnics and wildlife viewing.
It is safer for people and nature to walk and play on Clover Point with no cars circulating. There is plenty of parking on Dallas for viewing the Straite from cars for those unwell enough to walk and be exposed to the frequent winds. Perhaps a low shelter to view from could be installed in an unobstructive way.
My mum is in a wheelchair and loves the idea of being able to take a spin on a car-free pathway.
This area is much better served as a walking space than a parking lot. Reduced impact on wild life as well. Vehicles constantly disturb shorebirds which nest on the rocks.
Well used pedestrian and biker area—pristine spot. I live in the neighborhoodans use it when it's not too busy. Not sure you need to spend 1/4 million dollars on upgrades—it's fine as is. Would appreciate a washroom. Hold off on picnic tables until thr pandemic is over.
I think the plan will provide increased recreational opportunities for a wider variety of people. I'm a senior and I don't agree with people who say the parking is needed for seniors. The plan has wisely included some disabled parking at the north end for those who truly need it. I think it's a great plan!
The 2021 design is based on 'lived experience', it incorporates 2017 community based ideas and it zooms those ideas into the immediate future with immense creativity and a much farther reach than what we envision 4 years ago. Furthermore, the plan for vote Feb 11th indicates openness to a much longer term plan which in the years to come could harness the communities' capacity in imporant and exciting ways. For Thursday, the proposed plan leaps us forward into the present which we have come to appreciate due to the pandemic which opened the park up to us in a whole new way. This plan, in my view, is the one we need for 2021. Thanks for the City's hard work on it. May it go forward!
Keep Clover Point name. Plant some areas to native clover that this place was named for (springbank clover).
I like the multiple use aspect. It's a good compromise. Some of the crowded parking along Dallas Rd is, I think, a temporary Covid phenomenon.
I own a home 20 minutes walk away from the Clover Point loop and have walked around it for over 15 years. I have never driven there. When there are cars there, they idle, play music and leave cigarette butts and trash. Motorcycles and other loud vehicles cruising around for a quick look are not compatible with a park setting. It feels like I'm walking through a parking lot or a drive in movie theatre. When I stand in front of the cars, I worry about blocking their view. I am also concerned about accessibility to all ages and abilities and appreciate the design includes several dedicated spaces at the bottom of the hill and a passenger drop/pickup area.
Staff's proposal, while not perfect, is a vast improvement over what is there now. Also, I am not in favour of allowing food trucks or other commercial activity below the hill.
Thank you for asking.
Please do not make this a dog off leash area.
need more car free/walkable spaces.very sad CookSt bike path diverted to Vanc. Cook is more lively & we'd be more likely to stop2shop too if biking via Cook.
I love that area for running and playing with kids and having cars around there makes it hard to use the big green space in the middle safely with kids. I think having food trucks or any other things that would block the view would be a BAD idea, but if they are set back and not impeding the view it would be ok.
We love walking and biking by the water. This plan enhances the space for this and gives more of a venue to support local performing arts.
Clover Point was covered with red clover when James Douglas landed there in 1842. His arrival and the begins of the British Columbia that we know today should be acknowledged at this point, as should the presence of the Songhees people.
Creates a safe, esthetically pleasing space for recreational/ physical activities. It is a much better use of the area than parking cars.
I have walked this area many times and always felt the current car parking area was a poor use of the space.
Interesting plans. I feel there should be a few more parking spaces, no artwork on the pavement, it wears off, yay to benches, picnic tables and food trucks, maybe a couple sheltered seating spots to get out of the wind, good idea having areas for children to ride etc., neighbours will no doubt complain about increased traffic and lack of parking.
"Dallas Commons" (love the name) is a very much lived area and let us love it even more! During COVID we have learnt to socialize outside and with all the picnic tables often taken in Beacon Hill Park additional picnic areas/tables would be welcomed! Parking, yes, could be a problem!

Great idea, but suggest additional parking for those who are not mobile, but want to enjoy the view or for those who prefer to be out of the wind. Pedestrian only is great for those warm sunny days in summer, but with next to no parking it'll be empty most of the time the rest of the year.
I live nearby and walk along Dallas Road often . The new improvements along Dallas are bringing more people to enjoy the fantastic views and a car free picnic site at Clover Point would be a fantastic addition. It is such a wonderful opportunity to make a world class waterfront destination that everyone can enjoy.
Please incorporate as many intergenerational features as possible, that is, design features that promote accessibility and interactions across generations.
I like the idea of more people enjoying the space .
I want the historic name CLOVER POINT to remain unchanged!
I like the idea that a few people have suggested where there is more parking available in the months of November through March when people aren't as likely to want to be utilizing the outside space for picnics and community Events.
Clover point is a beautiful natural park with wonderful views. It is a huge disservice to use it as a giant parking lot. It would be great to have a playground structure added to the amenities.
I really like the proposal to make this area pedestrian friendly. As it stands now, as a pedestrian, I don't really use the area because it's meant for cars, which I think is a really odd use for such a prized location. Effectively I stop when the walking path stops, unless I feel adventurous and go down to the rocks. I like the idea of having reclined chairs and picnic table for people to enjoy. I think some more parking spaces at the base of the loop could be dedicated as handicap parking, if that's a concern for some folks - increase it to 8 spaces of the 17. For those spaces, you could ensure their orientation has a good view of the water. There's lots of spaces for folks in cars already to enjoy views of the straight along Dallas road and over to the Ross Bay for example. We give too much airtime to people complaining about cars, as though they're the top of the food chain and not a drain on public resources, dangerous forms of transportation for people (roughly one person is killed in a car accident in B.C. every day, with another 170 or so injured, according to ICBC stats).
I am a pedestrian and appreciate areas removed from vehicular traffic. Could native clover reestablish itself here?! It would have a good chance, without heavy traffic.
The Dallas Road bluffs are heavily used year-round by cyclists, pedestrians and dog walkers. I support more space for wind sports and leisure at Clover Point by reducing parking. I would even go so far as support for eliminating parking on the point for all but handicap use.
Clover Point is best suited to being a park. Car access for most people is unnecessary. Eliminating much of the car park area will enable the recreational area to be significantly increased.
Vehicles can park on Dallas. The south point loop is for people actually using the park.
I think it's absolutely fantastic and I applaud the vision. This is prime real estate and shouldn't be used as a parking lot!
I'd like to believe we're moving (and building) towards a future with fewer vehicle requirements.
We don't need pavement covering a beautiful park. Lets make this amazing outdoor space usable by more than just cars.
We need more spaces for people, this is a no brainer
More people can enjoy the park if we go with this proposal
Its a beautiful spot
Get more cars off of Dallas Road and but down some bike lanes along it.
I believe that the ocean frontage is meant for people not cars. Providing parking on Dallas Rd and a small amount for the elderly or disabled at the top of Clover Point is sufficient to allow all to enjoy the same view without having cars go all the way to the point. Victoria has very little pedestrian/people only green space right on the ocean. This is an opportunity of a life time to make an amazing park for all to enjoy. One possible idea: Provide benches and perhaps a few picnic tables at the top of the park where the small car park area is so those who are unable to make the walk down to the point can still be outside their cars and enjoying the view comfortably.
We live just a couple blocks from this site and have always thought what a missed opportunity this is! Absolutely in support of making this a vibrant space for everyone to enjoy. Leaving it as a car loop is a complete waste. Add washrooms, and actual playground would be amazing. Please help us parents get out and sit and take in the ocean view while our children ate also entertained! Please! It's been a very long COVID year! Once this is developed nobody will complain. Leaving this space as is is just a complete waste.
Improve pedestrian access and community feeling while still providing access to persons with disabilities. Major improvement.
I live down the block and love the idea of making this area more pedestrian friendly! Previously I avoided it because it's too difficult to manage with kids and all the cars.
I generally support the pedestrian zone at Clover Point, with the following suggestions: - install public washrooms - maintain a few parking spots (both accessible and non-), specifically with water recreation users in mind (wind surfers, scuba, etc.) - create a usable space with which large city events could be held easily. This, I think, would be best done by keeping the space mostly green and open

Freedom to walk and to talk and to do so peacefully
We love the idea of safe spaces for our kids to play and ride bikes/family walks
Love the idea. I have always hated all the cars in the loop. Most people park there and then walk. Now there is more parking up along Dallas for those who just want to sit there in their cars. In all the years I have lived and walked there I have never seen anyone in a wheel chair doing the loop. It was a singularly unattractive area. I think the proposal of a pedestrian park with some disability parking is wonderful. It will compliment the other great changes along Dallas. However, I have say that since Covid, 100s flock to Dallas since its one of the few places people can go to be outdoors. But the traffic congestion there on Sat. & Sun now is brutal - cars, bikes and pedestrians and dogs! I hope that might abate some; I no longer walk there on the weekends.
Les cars at the point, more space for pedestrians. The food trucks are a good idea.
Using that beautiful as a car park is totally illogical. Perhaps in tourist season (!!!) there could be a bicycle shuttle from the Fairfield Shopping Plaza to Clover Point.
I've noticed over the past 5 years an increase in traffic and overall busyness all throughout Victoria. Roads are tight and cars seem to be everywhere! This space feels open and safe for everyone to explore without the worry of cars parking and exiting at all times.
As a frequenter to clover point I support the decision the expand the walkways
When Clover Point was open to vehicle parking it was not a friendly area for anyone on foot or bike. Having more safe open space along Dallas road is needed considering the amount of use at present. There are many spots around Victoria that are accessible by vehicle.
It shouldn't be a parking lot!
It should be a park, not a parking lot. Our family used to avoid Clover Point in favour of more natural shoreline uncluttered by the noise and exhaust of cars. And there are many other options to park along the shore to see the ocean from one's car.
Need to take back space from cars and use it for people.
The best use is for people to enjoy the view and area. Cars should be parked elsewhere (specific spaces for handicap parking).
I like the idea to have more green space, food trucks, shops near home!
I feel the proposal strikes a good balance by maintaining accessibility while enhancing the recreational opportunity. The existing car loop dominates the site at the expense of pedestrians and contributes litter, noise and exhaust (from idling).
Love more car free areas. So much more relaxing , peaceful and no smelly exhaust.
Great space for less cars and more park space. I love the idea!
To increase pedestrian areas / walkbilty
Enhance green space
We need to encourage less car traffic and more bikes and pedestrians, wheelchairs etc. Clover point was an eyesore when it was jam packed with trucks and cars. People walking had to make their way around and behind cars as they accessed the greenspace in the middle and there were constant reminders of cars doing loops at night on the grass , leaving it a mess for weeks afterward.. keep the cars out. It's been closed for over a year, people are used to it now.
Walkability
I love very close to Clover Point on Olive Street. This would be an amazing addition to our neighborhood! I understand people will be sensitive to the loss of parking, but we need to start thinking and designing like Europeans and get over our obsession for cars. Cars don't need an ocean front parking lot. Ensure the parking is wheel chair and senior accessible, provide seating, and give this Neighbourhood the much needed amenity of a vibrant community area. I couldn't tell if it was there but having a kids park (like a monkey bar park) would also be a great addition!
Adequate parking exists along much of the length of Dallas Road for those wishing to have a seaside view from their vehicles.
Looks great!
Love the idea of more waterfront being accessible to pedestrians. Walking along Dallas and navigating the busy parking lot at clover point is dangerous at times.
So much more safe for all humans, especially children, seniors and animals! Thank you
Clover Point is an excellent place for people, kites, dogs and birds. No need for cars in such a picturesque area.
Primarily a safety concern for humans and dogs, as well as enhancing quiet use of the park. We've enjoyed it far more since closed for construction.
This would improve the pedestrian realm and encourage less car use in the area. I fully support this.
We walk our dog to Clover Point four to five days a week. It is so much safer and more pleasant without the cars! Please do not open the road again. I think the plan accommodates those with mobility issues, the hang gliders, and the boat club very well, and adds some exciting amenities for increased pleasure for pedestrians. I fully support the plan and hope it goes through.

<p>Pedestrian only will be more lively, allow better views without parked cars and be more child-friendly. I love it! Not sure why the roadway needs to be painted, though. Also, any way to stop loud boom boxes from invading other's enjoyment of nature? Maybe signs asking people not to blast music?</p>
<p>Fantastic idea. This is an amazing outdoor space in the city and it is a shame to see it as a parking lot. Our family loves using the space and it is nice that its been closed off to cars for the last year or so. There is already lots of parking all along Dallas rd with the exact same view and clover point would be best transformed into a beautiful pedestrian area.</p>
<p>If there had never been parking built there, we wouldn't now decide to "pave paradise." Time to shift to people-focused. Handicapped parking is enough.</p>
<p>less cars, bike it!</p>
<p>Clover point, with its views and central location (as well as unique opportunities for kite-flying) should be a space that is flexible in terms of potential use, spacious for people and activities, and accessible to all. The optimal configuration to achieve these outcomes is a people-focussed design that will allow all modes of access, and the proposal as outlined is pretty much bang-on :-).</p>
<p>I absolutely want Clover Point to be accessible to those with accessibility issues and hope that this can be accommodated effectively (enough handicapped parking, actual enforcement to ensure that use of the spots is not abused). Overall, I think making Clover Point more pedestrian friendly ultimately makes it more accessible. I support having public washroom facilities. As for reduced parking actually at Clover Point, we live very close by (maybe 200m walk) and our residential street rarely has parking issues, only on major events on Dallas Road/at Clover Point. As with Willows Beach, if the public parking (on Dallas Road) is full, there is significant residential parking available.</p>
<p>I think there is a lot of accessible parking along Dallas Road/Clover Point. It makes sense for a beautiful, waterfront look out to be priority for a green space that can be enjoyed by all, not just those who have vehicles. Plus, for any newcomers/tourists to Victoria, it is much more pleasant to look at and enjoy than a concrete slab. Also please consider who is more likely to fill out these surveys (e.g. people who have computer access/have time/resources to fill out these online surveys are also those who are financially stable enough to own a vehicle).</p>
<p>I'm a senior and regularly walk there. It's not safe because at Clover Point you have to either walk behind the cars, or in front of them where there isn't much space. There is adequate room for cars in that area. Let's keep Clover Point safe for walkers, kids, kites, dogs...</p>
<p>Very much support the pedestrian only area with food trucks, etc. Like the art path! Only concern is the 13 parking stalls... is it possible to include more parking in adjacent areas (northwest) that do not impact the pedestrian only areas. As a resident in the area, lack of parking for visitors using this amazing waterfront space means people will look to park their cars on residential streets. Ideally people would walk, bike or bus to the waterfront, the reality is that many will continue to use cars.</p>
<p>The plans look like a wonderful enhancement of the public space. We need to get cars out of our parks.</p>
<p>It will allow for more recreational initiatives for neighbours and visitors to the area</p>
<p>Clover point is a beautiful spot for a walk that could really use some improvements to make it more attractive for pedestrians with less of a priority to vehicles. I think some consideration does need to be made for elderly/disabled parking stalls so that the space can stay accessible. overall a the proposed improvements sound great!</p>
<p>Safer for walkers and everyone enjoying this beautiful area</p>
<p>What a wonderful addition to our community this Clover Point space will be! We are so pleased to see this design that creatively welcomes pedestrian traffic to enjoy the unique and stunning costal location. We have often thought as a family that it is one the most beautiful locations in all of Victoria, yet a shame that it is all an unsightly and traffic filled parking lot. We are excited to see this space enhanced to include practical and useable features, yet designed simply to highlight the natural vista. We are confident that families and visitors will enjoy Clover Point for many years to come! In regards to the concerns about lack of accessibility and parking, we feel that the recent construction along the Dallas Road waterway has created ample parking with the same costal views. Green space is such a precious commodity and should be created and preserved for generations to come to enjoy!</p>
<p>need more park for all</p>
<p>Pedestrian area</p>
<p>More walkways</p>
<p>It's time to stop prioritizing cars and focus for the future on public access. People can sit in their cars at the top of Beacon Hill</p>
<p>Congestion concerns, people sitting with engines running,ban all cars</p>
<p>More paths!</p>
<p>It will be nice to walk without cars driving arohnd</p>
<p>What a perfect area for pedestrian walkway</p>
<p>Awesome!</p>
<p>Primarily a safety concern for humans and dogs, as well as enhancing quiet use of the park. We've enjoyed it far more since closed for construction.</p>

I feel that the idling cars all winter ruin the beautiful, natural environmet that is in the middle of this ever growing city. If poeple want to park and look at the ocean, they can do that easily from any point on Dallas road. If they want to be closer to the water, they can drive to Ogden point or park near the cemetary in Fairfield. When people talk about mobility issues, there are many other access areas to the ocean that are car friendly. The children of Victoria have already lost Beaconhill park as a safe place to play and run due to thehomeless issues, why not provide them with a different safe place to play near the ocean. Please ,keep Clover point closed to car traffic.

Great idea!

Will be wonderful

Can't wait?

It will be nice to walk around without cars!

Love the idea

Limit signage

There are many walkers along the Dallas Road path and Clover Point that far exceed the cars parked along the road. Will be great to have the picnic area and parking will still be available close to the water elsewhere.

The plan proposed would increase pedestrian access and space for safe, socially distanced enjoyment of prime south facing waterfront park space in Victoria. Vehicle access plan looks adequate, and would encourage bicycle use.

Former access felt unsafe more pedestrians with cars looping throughout the south part of the park.

Council please proceed with this plan!

Let's put people first and have more common sitting areas.

Adds recreational space, preserving access.

I agree that our goal should be limiting cars in our city, but there are places where thought needs to be given to the use of a car such as for access to Clover Point. Storm watching in 90 km winds in frigid temperatures is not doable for challenged or fit individuals. We should all have the ability to look out on one of the last uninterrupted views in Victoria, some need a vehicle to do so and a blanket ban seldom serves those in need. Expand walking areas and sitting spots, but leave the parking available to everyone.

There is limited access for disabled persons or even people who have trouble walking.

I support the proposal only if the city provides an equal number of parking spots on the access road to the number removed from the loop road. The 13 space parking lot would need to be extended up the side of the access road. Otherwise, the parking pressure on Dallas Road will become even more crazy than in the past and the design will effectively limit access to the park by the elderly and the disabled.