

July 20, 2020

Dear White Rock City Council Members,

Please present this letter at your next council meeting.

I am a long-time White Rock Resident, Business Owner, an active part of the community and I am hugely concerned about the access to the White Rock beach at the boat launch.

On June 25<sup>th</sup> I was heading down to White Rock Beach via the access that was the first and only option for Residents during Covid-19 (next to Bayview Park). While making my way down the steep slope I slipped and broke the tibia and fibula of my left leg in several places. I required surgery that required three plates and several screws, I will not be able to weight bare for nine weeks and I go back to "light work" duties in 4-6 months.

This area of the beach has convenient parking and being a beach lover I have accessed the beach from this area many times. The steepness of the grade and the slippery crush material on the left are what I would consider dangerous. I have observed many people losing their footing down this access, as well as elderly people needing two people to support them on the way back up this hill. I am incredibly surprised that this has not been an ongoing issue for injuries.

As I start my long, painful road to recovery, I want to express to you all how unsafe this access is for our community. Now that we are in phase 3 of COVID there are more options for the public to find safer access to our amazing beach, however, many people are still utilizing this access near the boat launch. Warning signs are not enough! I beg of you to put in place a safer access to the beach in this area, such as a set of steps with a railing for the safety of all.

Sincerely,

Shawna Moores