

Lands End Monument

A key planning principle was to find a visual marker and beacon for the site for all visitors who approach the Peninsula from any direction or in any mode of transport. The Lands End Monument is located at the most southern end of Oceanfront Park. It is envisioned to be a large, tall structure with a marine theme that ties it to the environment and character of the development. Initial thoughts are of a large sail that moves with the wind and could serve as a digital screen showcasing a multitude of images, and colours that can be changed to suit the need and event. Vehicles travelling north along the Sea-to-Sky Highway will see the Lands End Monument as they approach Squamish. Pedestrians and vehicles travelling along Cleveland Avenue will be drawn through downtown and to the Oceanfront as they set their mark on the Lands End Monument.

It will be the ubiquitous symbol of Squamish as it becomes the “must-see” and “must-photograph” place when you come to the Oceanfront.

Oceanfront Stroll

The Oceanfront Stroll will encircle the Peninsula and provide a complete pedestrian and cycling transportation system. The character of the trail will vary at times. Along the Cattermole Slough it will be a quiet natural experience, winding its way along the water’s edge through the expanded setback area. Along the southern beach and Oceanfront Park areas it will open up and afford views and access to all the recreation and amenities of these areas. As it heads down along the Oceanfront Village and along the Mamquam Blind it will take on a distinct waterfront boardwalk character. The trail will provide links to the Estuary, the greenway paths and connectors and to other trail extensions into downtown Squamish.

Wind Sports Beach

This is a special place that has been designed to give the optimum orientation and access for the famous Squamish wind sports. It will also serve as both the spiritual and physical trademark for the Peninsula, and even Squamish in a broader sense. With all of its extensive intended use, this place is envisioned to be a hive of activity that will draw participants and spectators alike.

The construction will require filling the water lot area, but the importance justifies the effort. The Lands End Monument will anchor the south end and two spits will bookend the beach area, providing wave shelter for both beach-goers and sailors. In particular, the leeside of the spit adjacent to the boat launch will make landing small sailing dinghies easy. The prevailing winds are at 90 degrees to the beach, facilitating kite and sailboard launching. Away from the beach there will be clear water so all wind vessels can move unobstructed. The 600-foot beach length will allow for separate launching areas for each individual wind sport use. The nearby boat launch and temporary parking area allows wind sports participants easy access and gear drop-off. Its southeast orientation provides wind shelter for beach-goers and the views of the Chief and Shannon Falls will be stunning.

O’Siem House, a First Nations Longhouse

O’Siem House is located in a prominent position in the Oceanfront. Bordered on the south and west by Oceanfront Park with unobstructed views out to Howe Sound, on the east by the Oceanfront Hotel and fronting to the north on the Village Commons. Visitors arriving by vehicle will see this proud structure along with the Lands End Beacon, beckoning them towards the water and the Oceanfront Village. Fitting with the word “O’Siem” this structure celebrates the Oceanfront’s respect for the First Nations people, the strong relationship the Oceanfront holds with the land and the water and the coming together of both old and new and many different cultures.

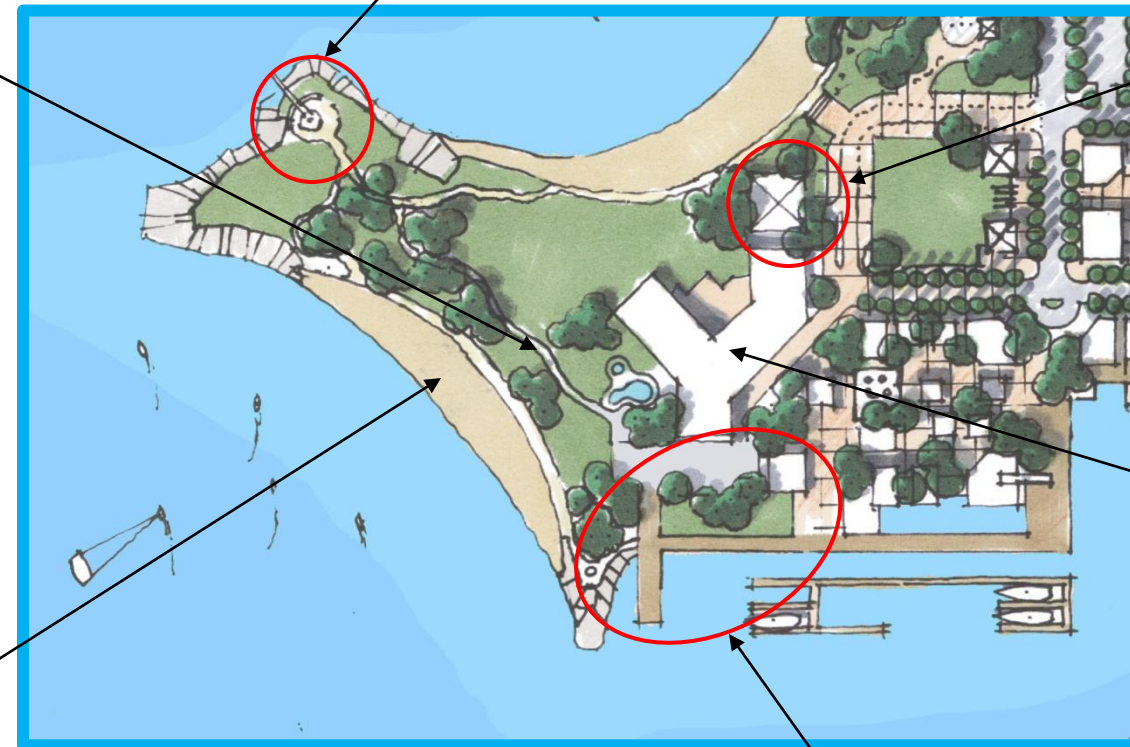
Oceanfront Hotel

The Oceanfront Hotel will be a key architectural feature for the Oceanfront Village. It will serve as a striking beacon to announce and celebrate the Oceanfront Village and the Oceanfront Park area. Views will be unobstructed in all directions. As a large building at the south end it will also serve as a protective windbreak for the Oceanfront Village tucked in behind. As a guest arrives and sees the Oceanfront Hotel across the Village Commons with the Chief, Shannon Falls and Howe Sound filling the background, they will have the distinct sense that they are going to be treated to the premier view and activity spot in the whole development. It will be appropriate for this building to have some statue and height. It is envisioned to be six floors but could be higher, pending further study on massing. One hundred to two hundred rooms can be accommodated though the focus is to be on small group meetings, which are a market opportunity in the lower mainland, particularly for locations as rare as this.

From a social perspective, the Hotel will help drive and animate the Village with its 365-day-a-year use. Guests will have the full range of recreation opportunities at their doorstep with the Oceanfront Park, both beach, Marina, Cruise Ship Terminal, Pier, access to the sightseeing gondola and the Oceanfront Village all right there. As a resident or employee, the Oceanfront Hotel is envisioned to operate as a public “living room” for the whole Oceanfront development.

Sailing and Wind Sports Centre

The Sailing and Wind Sports Centre is located in the sheltered area of the Salt Dock. It will have a drive to boat launch area, a small temporary parking area and a small sailing centre facility for storage, club and rental activities. The orientation of this facility has been planned to facilitate easy launching and return for small sailing vessels.



PLANNING NOTES: OCEANFRONT PARK AND HOTEL