

Cape St Francis Coastal Maintenance Management Plan

Public Workshop 18 June 2021 - Group Work Reporting Notes

Review Maps in the Presentation, and Refer to Questions below

First Exercise:

Objectives

- Suitability of the study boundary
- Identification of sensitive / special environments
- Identification of 'problem areas' that need rehabilitation/access control/maintenance

Considerations

- Check the study boundary and make suggestions for any changes.
- On the map, mark special or sensitive environments of which you are aware.
- On the map, identify any 'problem areas' or challenges where a rehabilitation or maintenance plan is needed. Also consider beach access

Second Exercise:

Objectives

- Finding sustainable solutions
- Prioritise

Considerations

- What can we do to address the problem areas in a way
 - that is sustainable,
 - has low impact, and
- To the benefit of all

Reporting:

The following items were raised by the 4 groups who participated. The number of 'x' in each block is an indication of priority, raised by participants:

- **Study boundary:**
 - 3 of the 4 groups indicated the study boundary is acceptable
 - 1 of the 4 groups suggested the boundary be extended to include the area from Shark point to Otters Landing
- **Sensitive Environments**

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
'Wildside' vegetation	XX			
Bypass Dunefield at Cape St Francis Point	X			
'Tombstones' at Point	X			
Wetlands			X	
Beaches				XXXXX
Natural areas				X

- Problem/Risk Areas to Consider for Maintenance**

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Alien Vegetation	X			
Beach Narrowing	XX			
Informal footpaths	X			X
Erosion of the Boulevard/collapse	XXXXX		XXXXXXXXX	X
Dune / Sand encroachment onto private property	XXXXXXXX	X		XXXXX
Dune / Sand encroachment onto public property and infrastructure (e.g. ablution facilities at Main Beach parking area)	XXX			
Lack of access/parking for public who don't live along the beach		X		
Maintenance of ablution facilities		X		
Finding a balance between protecting dune systems and property		XXXXX		
Stormwater Management (e.g. Niagra and Pangea Streets)	X	X	X	
Funds and responsibilities for removal of sand and rehabilitation – complex situation, history of impacts on the system.			X	
Informal paths over wetlands			XXXX	
Haphazard and uncontrolled placement of benches along the Wildside – erosion and trampling			X	
Access road to the Lighthouse, especially with restaurant and increase in traffic				X

- Solutions – Suggestions to Consider in the MMP**

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Dedicated and controlled access paths to minimise trampling of sensitive vegetation, and erosion	X	X		X
Use signage to indicate walkways and access points	X		X	X
Re-establish a buffer zone between the high water mark and property boundaries	X			

Municipality must enforce rules and regulations, and follow up on transgressions			XXXXX	
Preserve natural areas				X
Maintain access road to Lighthouse, and parking area at the beach				X
Make sure there is budget, and prioritise maintenance interventions			X	
Ensure good communication and feedback between the Municipality and the community w.r.t. implementation of the MMP -			X	
Remove artificially stabilised dunes with earth moving machinery			X	
Stabilise the Boulevard area using natural rock (avoid concrete, gabions etc.)			X	X
Follow the principle of 'least interference' when stabilising the Boulevard area, to avoid unintended impacts	X			
Research suitable ways to return sand to the beach – follow a systematic approach		X		
Maintain public ablution areas		X		
Create formal and dedicated access and parking for people who don't live along the beach		X		
As an alternative to new parking areas, formalise and upgrade existing parking areas (e.g. at Main Beach), include wheelchair access	X	X		X
Implement stormwater management system	X			
Direct visitors to parking areas by means of signage on main roads (to prevent congestion in season)	X			
Remove alien vegetation, especially in headland bypass dunefield, and 'greenbelt' along the beach	X			