



Moorecroft Regional Park Management Plan: 2012-2022 Volume Two - Appendix

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APPENDIX A: FLORA & FAUNA SPECIES LISTS

Table A1. Vegetation species identified in Moorecroft Regional Park

Common Name	Scientific Name	Common Name	Scientific Name
Trees			
Douglas-fir	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> <i>var. menziesii</i>	Arbutus	<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>
Garry oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	Red alder	<i>Alnus rubra</i>
Western red cedar	<i>Thuja plicata</i>	Grand fir	<i>Abies grandis</i>
Shrubs			
Saskatoon	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	Salal	<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>
Baldhip Rose	<i>Rosa gymnocarpa</i>	Tall Oregon grape	<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>
Salmonberry	<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>
Ocean Spray	<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	Willow sp.	<i>Salix sp</i>
Red-osier dogwood	<i>Cornus stolonifera</i>	Red raspberry	<i>Rubus idaeus</i>
Hardhack	<i>Spiraea douglasii</i>		
Herbs			
Rattlesnake-plantain	<i>Goodyera oblongifolia</i>	Hairy honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera hispidula</i>
Trailing blackberry	<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	Twayblade	<i>Listera sp.</i>
Western trumpet honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera ciliosa</i>	Licorice fern	<i>Polypodium glycyrrhiza</i>
Orchid sp.	<i>Orchidaceae</i>	Ross' sedge	<i>Carex rossii</i>
Yerba buena	<i>Satureja douglasii</i>	Slough sedge	<i>Carex obnupta</i>
Cleavers	<i>Galium aparine</i>	Sword fern	<i>Polystichum munitum</i>
Skunk cabbage	<i>Lysichiton americanum</i>	Lady fern	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>
Hedge nettle	<i>Stachys sp.</i>	Wall lettuce	<i>Lactuca muralis</i>
Wood reedgrass	<i>Cinna latifolia</i>	Sweet-scented bedstraw	<i>Galium triflorum</i>
Pacific water parsley	<i>Oenanthe sarmentosa</i>	Woodland star-flower	<i>Trientalis sp.</i>
Bracken fern	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Small-flowered blueeyed mary	<i>Collinsia parviflora</i>
Common camas	<i>Camassia quamash</i>	Sheep sorrel	<i>Rumex acetosella</i>
Grass	<i>Poaceae</i>	Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>
Miner's lettuce	<i>Claytonia perfoliata</i>	Sea blush	<i>Plectritis congesta</i>
Dovefoot geranium	<i>Geranium molle</i>	Pacific sanicle	<i>Sanicula crassicaulis</i>
Chocolate lily	<i>Frittilaria lanceolata</i>	Alaska oniongrass	<i>Melica subulata</i>
Lovage sp.	<i>Ligustichum sp.</i>	Foxglove	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>
Fawn lily	<i>Erythronium oregonum</i>	Nodding trisetum	<i>Trisetum cernuum</i>
Mountain sweet-cicely	<i>Osmorhiza chilensis</i>	Western buttercup	<i>Ranunculus occidentalis</i>
Dandelion	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	Crisp sandwort	<i>Stellaria crispa</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name	Common Name	Scientific Name
Spiny wood fern	<i>Dryopteris expansa</i>	Common rush	<i>Juncus effusus</i>
Stinging nettle	<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Bull thistle	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>
Mint sp.	<i>Lamiaceae sp.</i>	Daisy sp	<i>Aster sp.</i>
Common horsetail	<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	Cooley's hedge-nettle	<i>Stachys cooleyae</i>
Canada thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Common cattail	<i>Typha latifolia</i>
Geranium sp.	<i>Geranium sp.</i>	Forget-me-not	<i>Myosotis sp.</i>
Pathfinder	<i>Adenocaulon bicolor</i>	Clover	<i>Trifolium sp.</i>
Plantain	<i>Plantago sp.</i>	Chickweed sp.	<i>Stellaria sp.</i>
Sheep sorrel	<i>Rumex acetosella</i>		
Mosses and Lichens			
Electrified cat's tail moss	<i>Rhytidiadelphus triquetrus</i>	Juniper haircap moss	<i>Polytrichum juniperinum</i>
Oregon beaked moss	<i>Kindbergia oregana</i>	Step moss	<i>Hylocomium splendens</i>
Broom moss	<i>Dicranum scoparium</i>	Frog pelt lichen	<i>Peltigera neopolydactyla</i>
Menzies' red-mouthed mniium	<i>Mnium spinnulosum</i>	Menzies' tree moss	<i>Leucolepis acanthoneuron</i>
Maple seedling	<i>Acer sp.</i>	Douglas-fir seedling	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii var. menziesii</i>
Oak seedling	<i>Quercus garryana</i>		
Epiphytes			
Red huckleberry	<i>Vaccinium parvifolium</i>	Mushroom	–
Algae			
Brown algae	<i>Fucus sp.</i>	Common rockweed	<i>Fucus gardneri</i>
Purple laver	<i>Porphyra laciniata</i>	Sea lettuce	<i>Ulva sp.</i>
Turkish towel seaweed	<i>Choridracanthus exasperatus</i>		

Source: (Nature Conservancy of Canada, 2011)

Table A2. Wildlife species identified in Moorecroft Regional Park

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status
Birds		
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Yellow
American Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>	Yellow
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Yellow
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	Yellow
Hooded Merganser	<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	Yellow
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	Yellow
Pileated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	Yellow
Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	Yellow
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza medodia</i>	Yellow
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	Yellow

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendroica dominica</i>	--
Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	Yellow
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	Yellow
Rufus Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus rufus</i>	Yellow
Pacific Slope Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax difficilis</i>	Yellow
Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	Yellow
Glaucouswinged Gull	<i>Larus glaucescens</i>	Yellow
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias var. fannini</i>	Blue
Mammals		
Sitka Blacktail Deer	<i>Odocoileus hemionus sitkensis</i>	Yellow
American Beaver	<i>Castor canadensis</i>	Yellow
Harbour seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	Yellow
Stellar Sealion	<i>Eumetopia jubatus</i>	Blue
Amphibians and Reptiles		
Painted Turtle	<i>Chrysemys picta</i>	Red
Pacific Chorus Frog	<i>Pseudacris regilla</i>	Yellow
Fish		
Sculpin	<i>Cottidae family</i>	NS
Unknown school of fish	--	NS
Marine Invertebrates		
Blue Mussel	<i>Mytilus edulis</i>	Yellow
Limpit	--	NS
Purple Star	<i>Pisaster ochraceus</i>	--
Acorn Barnacle	<i>Chthamalus dali</i>	--
Aggregate Anemone	<i>Anthopleura elegantissima</i>	--
Japanese oyster	<i>Crassostrea gigas</i>	NS
Purple Shore Crab	<i>Hemigrapsus nudus</i>	NS
Green Shore Crab	<i>Hemigrapsus oregonensis</i>	NS
Japanese Oyster	<i>Crassostrea gigas</i>	NS
Purple Star	<i>Pisaster ochraceus</i>	NS
Whelk	--	NS
Hermit Crab	--	NS
Dog Winkle	<i>Thais lamellosa</i>	NS

"Red-list indicates endangered or threatened status within B.C., blue-list is vulnerable, sensitive and/or of special concern within B.C., and yellow-list is considered reasonably secure and not at risk in B.C."

Source: (Nature Conservancy of Canada, 2011)

APPENDIX B: PUBLIC + STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Moorecroft Regional Park What We Heard Summary Phase One Engagement



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Executive Summary

The purpose of the first set of community and stakeholder engagement activities, including one public open house, a public survey, and in-depth interviews, was to obtain public and key stakeholder input, information, and ideas on the management topics (issues, opportunities, constraints, management priorities) the plan needs to address and vision of the future of the park. Approximately 100 people attended the open house at Moorecroft Regional Park on October 22, 2011. A total of 74 survey responses were submitted and 8 stakeholder interviews were conducted.

Based on the input received through the public open house, public survey, and in-depth interviews, key management topics include:

- future vision and overall park experience,
- safety and maintenance,
- environmental stewardship,
- environmental education and youth engagement,
- outdoor recreational activities,
- buildings and accommodations,
- services, amenities, and infrastructure (other than buildings),
- potential revenue sources, partnerships, and volunteerism,
- adjacent property owners, and
- dogs in the park.

In addition, key observations of the input received throughout the first phase of the public and stakeholder engagement activities for the Moorecroft Regional Park Management Plan include:

- youth engagement,
- park awareness,
- level of service, and
- sustainable development and environmental stewardship.

What We Heard Summary – Phase One Engagement

The following is a summary of participants' opinions that were gathered through one public open house, a public survey, and in-depth interviews conducted by O2 Planning + Design Inc. (O2) in October and November, 2011.

1. Background and Objectives

The Moorecroft Regional Park Management Plan will guide the long-term management, development and operations of the park by defining a clear vision, management goals, policies, actions and a conceptual development plan. The management plan will provide direction as to how the Regional District and its partners will provide quality recreational opportunities and visitor experiences in the park while ensuring the preservation and rehabilitation of the park's important and sensitive ecosystems.

The purpose of the first set of community and stakeholder engagement activities was to obtain public and key stakeholder input, information, and ideas on the management topics (issues, opportunities, constraints, management priorities) the plan needs to address and vision of the future of the park. This input will help inform the development of the strategic framework and management alternatives of the park management plan.

The open house, interviews, and public survey were conducted based on four themes:

- Current uses of the park,
- Management topics (concerns, issues, opportunities, constraints, priorities),
- Types of activities, amenities, services, and facilities that respondents feel are appropriate for the park, and
- Respondents' vision for the future of the park.



The open house was held in Kennedy Lodge at Moorecroft Regional Park on October 22, 2011 from 12noon to 4:00pm. The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) advertised the open house in

local media and on the RDN website. A set of key questions were displayed to help guide discussions between the open house facilitators and the public. In addition, a set of maps provided attendees with a better understanding of current park features, adjacent land uses, park and neighbourhood zoning, proximity to other parks and recreation amenities in the area, and environmental characteristics. Approximately 100 people attended the open house.

The survey was available online from October 6 to October 31, 2011. A link from the RDN website directed people to the survey, which could be submitted electronically. Paper copies of the survey were also available for completion at the open house. A total of 74 survey responses were submitted. The survey is included in Appendix A¹.

Interviews with key stakeholders were conducted by telephone during October and November, 2011 and ran for 25 to 50 minutes in duration. The RDN provided O2 with a list of 13 stakeholders to contact. Of those 13 stakeholders contacted, 8 responded and participated in the interviews. The interview guide is included in Appendix C.

2. Detailed Findings

Based on the input received through the public open house, public survey, and in-depth interviews, the following is a summary of the common themes and key findings related to public and stakeholder perspectives on the management of Moorecroft Regional Park.

2.1 Public Survey Respondents

The public survey was open from October 6 to 31, 2011 and yielded 74 completed responses. Figure 1 shows that of those respondents, 52% were between the ages of 60 and 80, 27% were between the ages of 35 and 59, and the remaining 21% were 34 years of age or under.

¹ Note: The survey was developed to solicit input from the public on the management direction and future vision of the park, and was not designed as a statistically valid instrument. Results of the survey do not necessarily represent the perspectives of the general public.

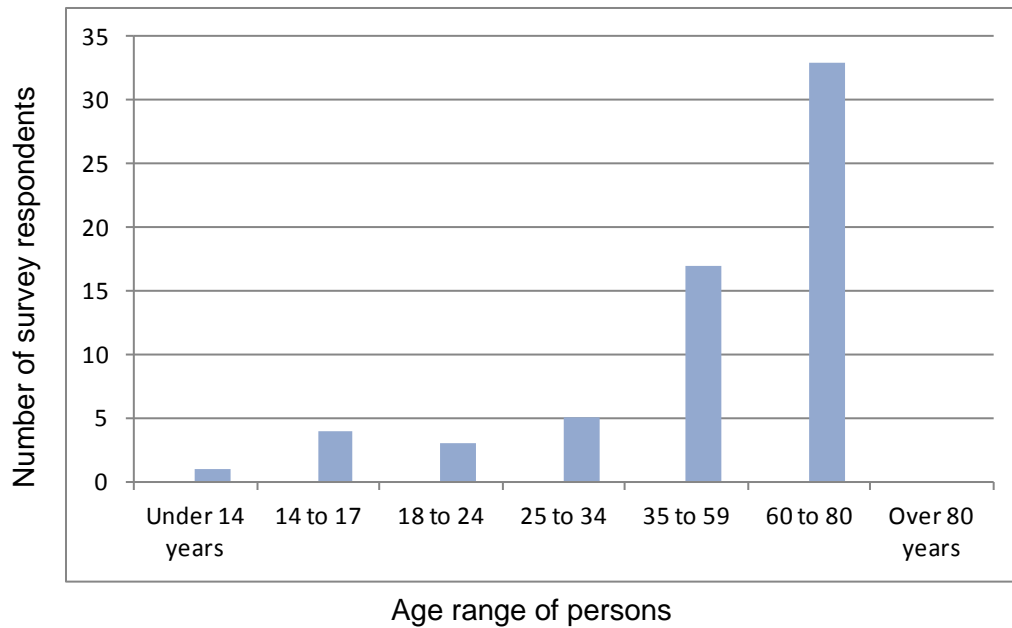


Figure 1. Ages of survey respondents

Considering the current RDN demographics (Figure 2), this survey is not representative of the regional population.

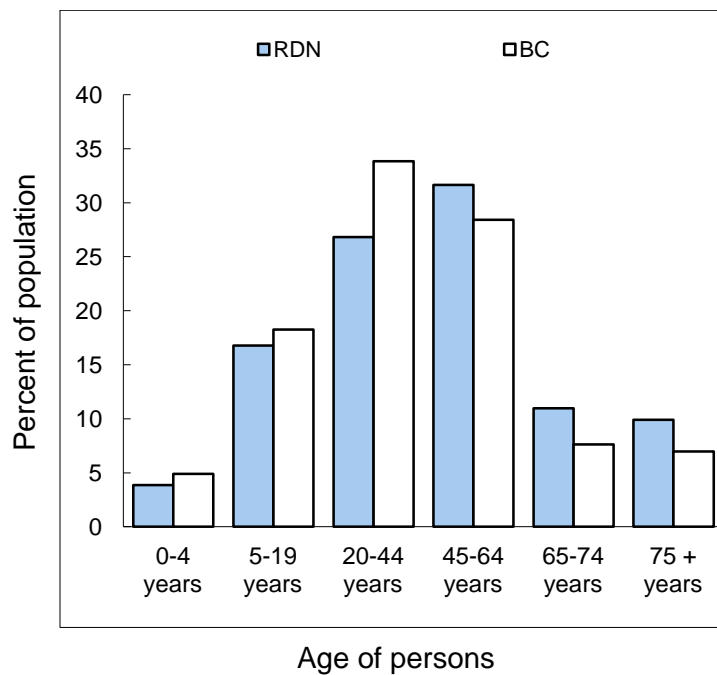
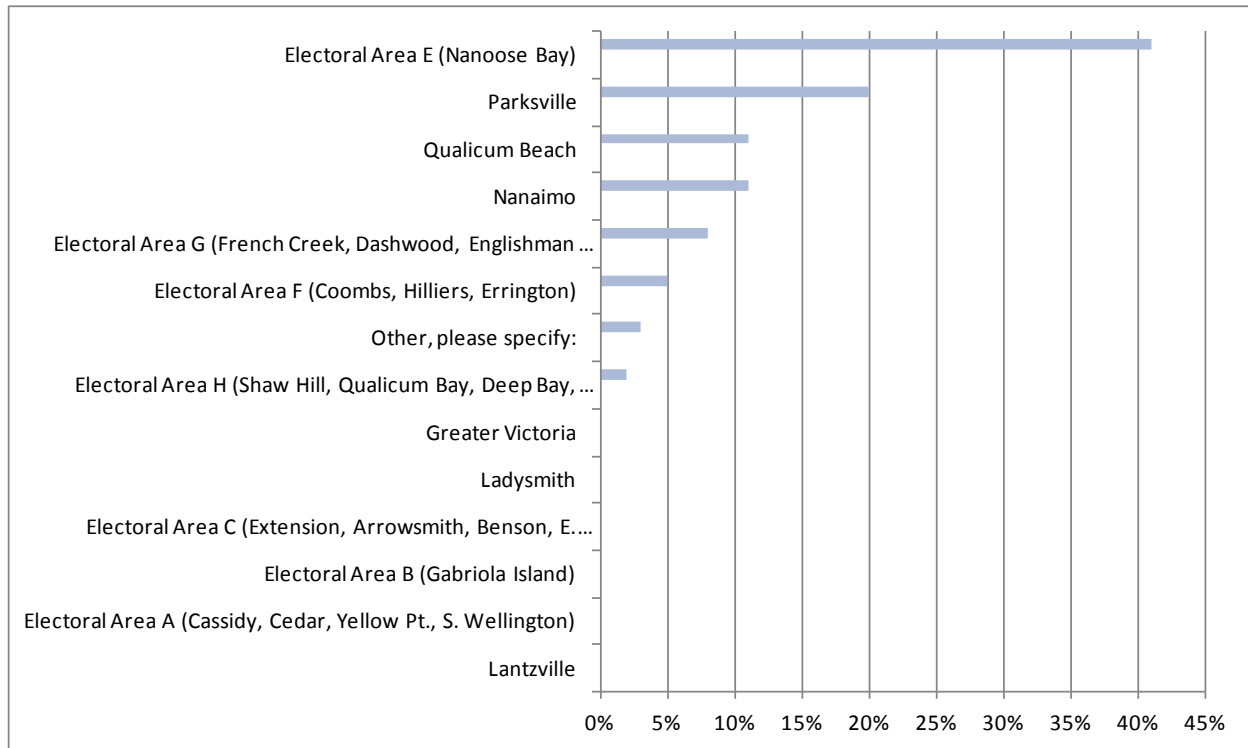


Figure 2. Population by Age Group, percent distribution in Regional District of Nanaimo (Statistics Canada, 2006)

Figure 3 illustrates where survey respondents reside, with 41% of total respondents living in Nanoose Bay and the remainder from other communities in the RDN, one from Coquitlam, and another from Vancouver. Based on this data and the number of property owners adjacent to the park who attended the open house, it appears a large proportion of survey responses are from residents near the park.



Percent of survey respondents

Figure 3. Where survey respondents currently reside

2.2 Stakeholder Interviewees

A total of eight in-depth interviews with stakeholders were conducted between October 14 and November 2, 2011, including representatives from the following organizations:

- The Nature Trust
- Nanoose Bay Recreation and Activities Society
- Nanoose Naturalists
- BC Conference of The United Church of Canada
- Milner Gardens and Woodlands
- RDN Recreational Programming
- Past president of the Moorecroft Camp Society
- VIU Tourism and Sustainable Rural Development

2.3 Management Topics

2.3.1 Future Vision and Overall Park Experience

Based on discussions with participants at the open house and through the interviews, many people are very pleased that the site is now a regional park that is open for public enjoyment, as opposed to the likely alternative for the land: private residential lots. However, it was also noted that most regional residents are likely not aware of the park.



There is a general sense that the park is a vital element to connecting people with nature and to sharing memorable experiences with others. This human-natural environment connection contributes to the health and well-being of regional residents, facilitates public support for preservation of ecological values, and provides an important opportunity for visitors of the park to learn about the environmental systems at work on the site and across Vancouver Island. This human-nature connection needs to be strengthened in the park.

People appreciate the park for its scenic forested and waterfront views and serene setting. Some respondents noted a strong spiritual or sacred connection to the site, based on the natural environment that remains intact and the associated memories for those who had attended or worked at the Moorecroft Camp or visited the site before it was established as a park.

There is a broad spectrum of the types of experiences people expect at the park in the future. Figure 4 provides a good indication of the types of values and experiences that survey respondents associate with the park

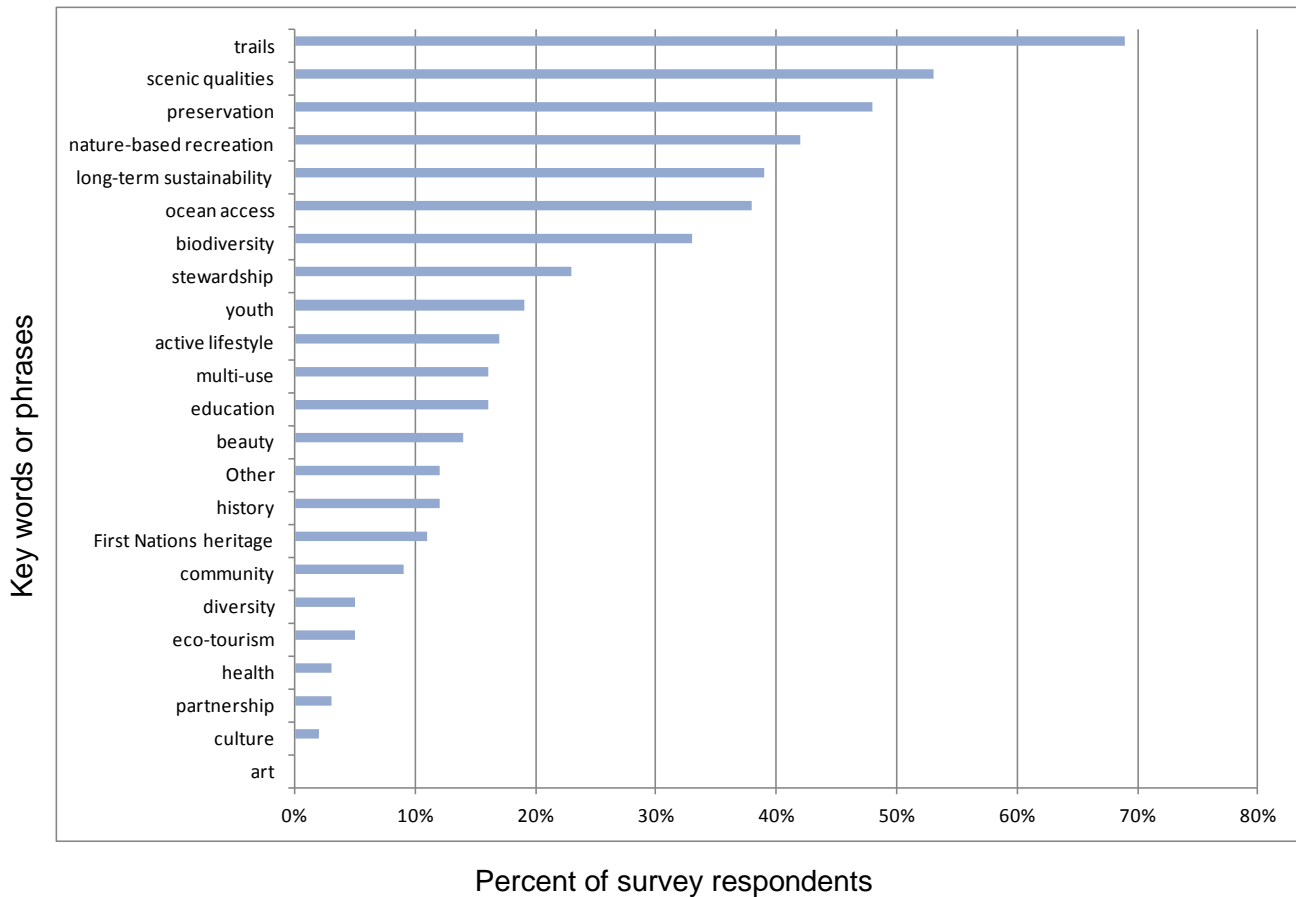


Figure 4. Respondent selection of up to five key words or phrases that they feel are the most important components of a Moorecroft Regional Park vision statement.

In addition to those words or phrases listed in the survey questionnaire, survey respondents and open house and interview participants provided an extensive array of words, phrases, ideas, and comments to represent their vision of the park. Some of these include:

- Sacredness,
- Respect,
- Peaceful,
- Serene,
- Youth programming,
- Engaging,
- Accessible,
- Awareness (of the park), and
- All ages.

2.3.2 Safety and Maintenance

Regardless of the different types of experiences and activities that people may want in the park, there is an expectation from respondents that the park will provide high-quality services and facilities to keep people safe in parks and on trails. Some participants at the open house

indicated that the facilities and infrastructure must be designed and constructed based on best safety practices and are well-maintained. One interviewee talked about how “people will use and support the park if they feel proud of it and feel safe to visit”.

2.3.3 Environmental Stewardship

Throughout the surveys, open house, and stakeholder interviews, it was clear that people have high expectations for maintaining biodiversity and ecosystem integrity in the park. Some suggested a need to better understand and monitor the environmental features in the park, restore disturbed landscapes in ecologically sensitive areas (i.e. the Garry Oak ecosystem at Vesper Point), and remove invasive species. Many recommended partnerships with local and regional educational institutions as critical to building a long-term foundation of environmental knowledge of the park and of the broader regional ecosystems.

Many respondents feel that appropriate access to the relatively intact and unique ecosystems—both terrestrial and aquatic—is vital to introducing people to the natural values of the region. This exposure to the natural environment can help facilitate a greater understanding of ecosystem processes and the importance of preserving the special ecosystems. This perspective was supported in the survey responses (Figure 4); where respondents were asked to select up to five key words or phrases from a list that they feel are the most important components of a Moorecroft Regional Park vision statement, 33% chose “biodiversity”, 48% selected “preservation”, 39% selected “long-term sustainability”, and 23% chose “stewardship”.



Although many respondents appreciate the importance of exposing people to natural areas, respondents noted that access to the natural areas must be sustainable. Some respondents strongly feel that if some areas are sensitive to human disturbance, then, as one interviewee stated, “these areas may not be appropriate for encouraging public access”. Another survey respondent expanded this option of limited public access and suggested that certain ecologically sensitive areas of the park

might be restricted to human access. A balance of access, building awareness, enjoyment, and protection of natural values must be achieved in this park.

2.3.4 Environmental Education and Youth Engagement

Many respondents suggested that engaging people in environmental learning and appreciation opportunities is a defining element of this park. Particularly, acknowledging the site’s past use as a youth camp, many respondents feel that this is a park that should focus on exposing youth to environmental values. One quote from a participant at the open house clearly articulated the importance of connecting youth with nature: “Kids need Moorecroft and Moorecroft needs kids”. When asked in the survey to select up to five of the most important services, amenities, and facilities that should be provided in the park (Figure 5), 22% of those respondents who

answered the question suggested structured youth programming, 32% suggested structured recreational programming, and 22% recommended enhancing children's play facilities.

Some specific suggestions and comments obtained through the survey, interviews, and open house pertaining to engaging adults and youth in environmental learning and nature-based recreational initiatives at the park include:

- School groups to visit the park and participate in environmental education programs,
- Working with schools, conservation organizations, religious congregations, and community groups to provide opportunities for youth to participate in environmental rehabilitation activities,
- Summer youth camps hosted at the park,
- Develop an “ecology centre” that provides learning opportunities of ecological services on the site (several examples from other jurisdictions were noted),
- Support inclusive opportunities for “disadvantaged populations” and people of all ages to visit the park and participate in nature-based learning activities,
- Combine environmental education and art/music (e.g. classes with naturalists and artists leading the groups), and
- Support the development of environmental play opportunities (i.e. active play stations that literally or figuratively connect children with the natural surroundings).

Interestingly, despite the importance associated with youth engagement in the park, several respondents noted the limited youth in attendance at the open house. As previously mentioned in this report, the age ranges of the survey respondents also indicate that youth input through the survey was limited. Many respondents at the open house and through the interviews suggested that there is a need to solicit youth input on the management plan directly through local schools, including opportunities to work with VIU students through coursework and site investigations.

2.3.5 Outdoor Recreational Activities

Historically, Moorecroft Camp was a place that balanced environmental conservation and awareness with outdoor recreational activities that suited the youth groups that visited the Camp. In general, people feel that the park does, and should continue to offer a range of environmentally sensitive recreational opportunities to visitors. When asked in the survey to select up to five of the most important components of a Moorecroft Regional Park vision statement (Figure 5), 69% selected “trails”, and 42% chose “nature-based recreation”.

Some people at the open house and through the interviews noted the important contribution of outdoor recreation to health and wellness and sense of stewardship of the park. This was particularly important in the context of the youth



demographic.

The range of recreational activities that people feel are appropriate to the park is diverse. In the survey, when respondents were asked to select the types of recreational activities should be permitted in the park, many activities were clearly deemed to be acceptable to the majority of respondents. For example, 97% strongly agreed that “nature appreciation, wildlife viewing, and birding” should be permitted, 96% strongly agreed or somewhat agreed that “paddling (kayak, canoe, paddleboard)” from the park is appropriate, and 87% strongly agreed or somewhat agreed that “running” is an appropriate activity in the park.

However, the survey also indicated that there are differing perspectives on the types of recreational activities that should be permitted in the park. For example, while 41% strongly agreed or somewhat agreed that “cycling” is an appropriate activity in the park, 59% somewhat disagreed or strongly disagreed that it should be permitted in Moorecroft in the future.

The types of recreational activities that were mentioned as appropriate by participants of the open house can be categorized into the following:

- Adventure or medium- to high-output activities (both land- and marine-based),
- Natural history interpretation or ecological knowledge-building (typically involves lower output or passive participation),
- Cultural activities, and
- Youth unstructured play.

Overall, respondents feel that the management of recreational uses in the park will become more important as the park becomes more popular. This includes management between incompatible uses as well as enforcement of unpermitted uses (for example, several respondents at the open house and through interviews noted recent off-road vehicle activity in the park).

2.3.6 Buildings and Accommodations

Throughout the Phase One engagement activities, people were asked for ideas on what to do with the existing buildings and what types of overnight accommodations might be appropriate for this park, if any at all. Question 18 of the survey asked respondents to indicate whether they agree that overnight accommodations should be provided in the "Development" zone of the park. In answer to this question, 19% feel that “the park should provide cabins, wall tents, or yurts for paid overnight use”, 17% feel that “the park should provide space for tent camping for paid overnight use”, and 63% selected that “the park should NOT provide any overnight accommodations and only permit day use activities”.

Meanwhile, discussions at the open house and through stakeholder interviews indicate that others are open to exploring options for overnight accommodations, particularly in association with finding alternative revenue streams and providing unique regional opportunities to engage people in the park. Discussion, ideas and comments generally focused on outlining criteria that would guide the development of buildings in the park, including:

- minimize impacts on the ecological integrity of the site,

- be affordable for lower-income families,
- provide opportunities for short-term youth camps,
- provide a source of revenue to the park,
- would be financially sustainable for the RDN to build, maintain, and operate,
- would not be “overly commercial”, and
- would not encourage vandalism or increase risks to public safety.

It was generally agreed that the buildings that are in poor condition and should be removed from the site in an environmentally sensitive manner. Discussions at the open house and through the stakeholder interviews indicated that many people feel that Kennedy Lodge, Gertrude Moore’s cabin, Stringer Hall, and possibly the caretaker’s house should be re-conditioned and upgraded to meet the needs and demands of future park visitors. These buildings were seen as important to the park for either heritage value or may be of value for future appropriate uses.



There were many suggestions for potential uses of some of the existing buildings, including:

- Ecology Centre (perhaps including a natural history museum of the terrestrial and marine ecosystems in the region and space for youth environmental programs),
- Open space and kitchen facilities for small private events and functions (weddings, corporate retreats),
- Regional “community” hall for community-based organizations and schools to hold events,
- Short-term artist studios,
- Yoga, meditation, or other community fitness or wellness programs,
- RDN Parks visitor centre.

One related comment at the open house was to “not rush to tear down buildings (that hold heritage value)”. Another important related comment gained through the interviews was to first determine what value the buildings hold. If regional residents see value in keeping the buildings (value in the form of heritage, beneficial use by park visitors, or potential revenue generation), then the management plan should identify strategies for phasing the repair and upgrades

required to make those buildings functional and meet those values. The challenge noted, however, is that many people in the region do not even know the park and buildings exist, so it may be difficult to determine how regional residents beyond the Nanoose Bay area value the buildings now and considering the future.

Many respondents noted the importance of ensuring buildings (including access to the buildings) were able to accommodate people with different levels of mobility or special needs.

Respondents also feel that if the buildings were to be reconditioned and maintained, the facilities would need to be used regularly to justify their upkeep costs, to ensure financial viability, and reduce the risk of vandalism.

2.3.7 Services, Amenities, and Infrastructure (other than buildings)

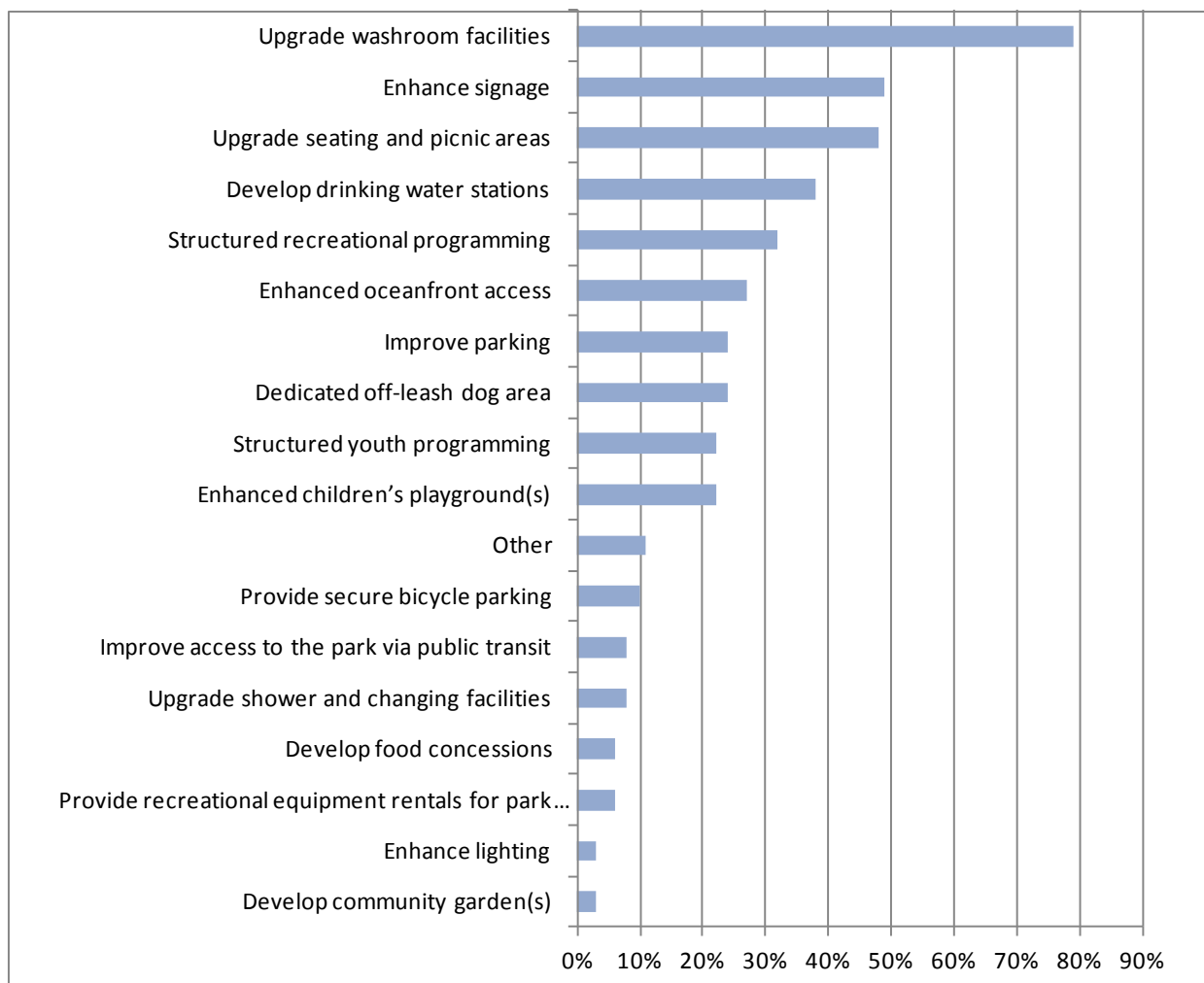
Based on discussions at the open house and via stakeholder interviews, respondents generally feel that the RDN should first focus on addressing basic services and infrastructure, then progressing to the desired level of amenities over time. A phased approach was suggested to first clean up the park, remove derelict structures, and provide basic services and amenities to attract regional residents and develop public interest and “ownership” of the park. If it is



determined that the park is suited to be an iconic regional park or visitor destination, then the level of services and amenities in the park will have to reflect that; with further investments in infrastructure required.

As previously noted in this report, many people who provided feedback suggested that the park holds tremendous value and potential for continuing environmental learning opportunities for youth and for offering a unique level of service that other regional parks may not present. Many respondents feel that the park’s services, amenities and infrastructure should reflect this high value. Others feel that park development should be minimal and focus on providing basic services.

Figure 5 provides a summary of survey responses pertaining to the question that asks respondents to select up to five of the most important services, amenities, and facilities that should be provided in the park.



Percent of survey respondents

Figure 5. Respondent selections of up to five of the most important services, amenities, and facilities that should be provided in the park.

As previously highlighted in Figure 4, the trail system is one of the most important elements of the park to visitors. Many respondents confirmed that the trail system should be enhanced using current design and development practices to meet the current and future demands of park visitors. Participants at the open house discussed and mapped out potential locations for connecting current park trails or new park trails with adjacent neighbourhoods, parks, or Crown lands. This concept of trail connectivity was very important to improving the park experience for many people.

2.3.8 Potential Revenue Sources, Partnerships, and Volunteerism

Based on varied input received from respondents (and as evidenced in Figure 6), there is no clear consensus on funding park enhancements or operational costs. Some feel that no additional fees beyond current tax structures should be applied to parks. Some feel that an increase in taxes is appropriate. Others are open to a range of revenue alternatives to support development and operational costs.

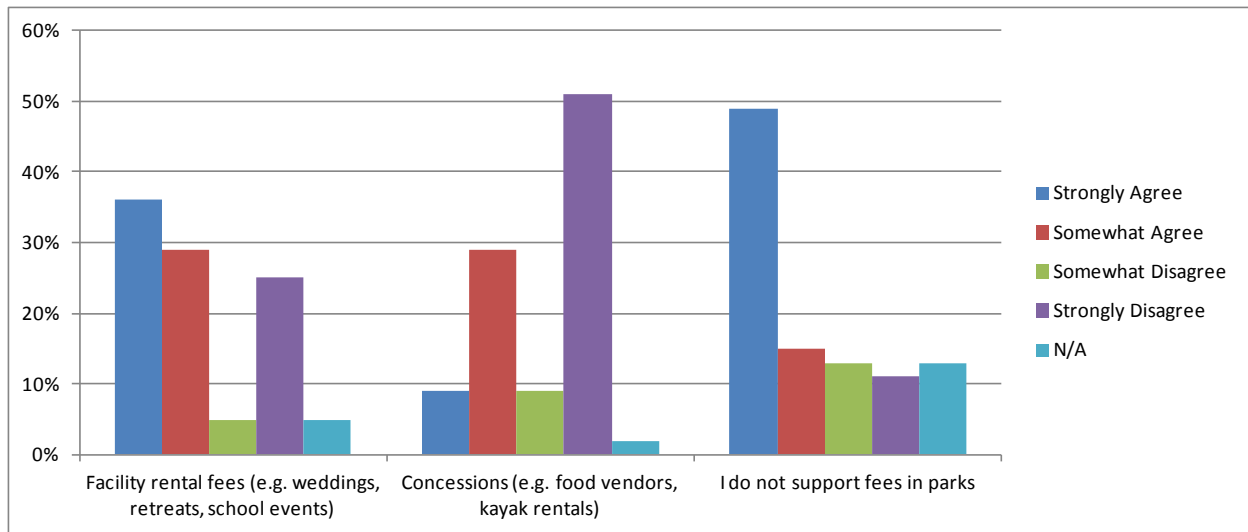


Figure 6. Respondent support for facility rental fees, concessions, or no support for park fees

Through the open house, survey, and stakeholder interviews, respondents had many unique suggestions for alternative sources of revenue to help sustain park development, maintenance, and operational costs. The suggestions generally fall under the following categories:

- Fees for recreational activities that are appropriate based on the natural and scenic values of the park
- Recreation equipment rentals (e.g. snorkelling, scuba diving, kayaking)
- Healthy food and beverage concessions during summer
- Overnight accommodation rentals
- Building rentals for events (e.g. weddings, small conferences, organizational retreats or workshops)
- Set up a specific park development fund (e.g. private donations, municipal DCCs)
- Beneficiary / legacy contribution program (e.g. private donations are accepted for specific infrastructure projects and donators' names can be displayed on the facility; donation drop-box in the park)
- Leverage existing network of private contributors developed through NCC partnership and the past Moorecroft Camp

Many suggestions also focused on leveraging partnerships and volunteerism to help “fund” the costs of the park. Although partnerships and volunteerism is not specifically a source of revenue, it may provide alternative methods for creating and sustaining park development, services, or maintenance beyond what the RDN could otherwise afford on its own. Partnerships and volunteerism can also help establish and maintain a community's sense of ownership, pride, and willingness to support the park. Some examples of partnerships and volunteerism that were provided include:

- Partner with educational institutions to have students build or repair infrastructure,
- Local corporate sponsorship from each industry or business sector (many have contributed to Moorecroft Camp in the past), and

- Local educational institutions or community-based organizations to conduct interpretive programs and offer arts and recreation programs.

2.3.9 Adjacent Property Owners

Some participants at the open house voiced concerns about park visitors accessing private property on adjacent lots. This was of particular concern with residential owners where trails lead through the park to, or near, their property. Some identified potential solutions, such as the installation of fencing and signs. Adjacent private landowners also raised concerns regarding risks to public safety and assets from wildfire.



2.3.10 Dogs in the Park

The issue of dogs in the park was frequently raised through the open house and survey. Based on varied input received from respondents (and as evidenced in Figure 6), there is not yet a clear consensus from respondents regarding the management of dogs in the park. Some respondents feel the park should allow dogs off-leash throughout the park. Others feel that there should be a specific area dedicated to dogs off-leash or permitted in certain areas of the park at specified times of the year. Some respondents suggested that dogs should only be allowed in the park if they are on a leash and a dedicated off-leash dog area is not the best use of the park (given the intent of the park to focus on conservation and education of its special ecological values). When asked about their vision for the future of the Moorecroft Regional Park, 81% of respondents strongly agreed or somewhat agreed that “walking with a dog on a leash” is an appropriate activity in the park.

When respondents were asked to indicate how important they feel it is for the Management Plan to address specific topics, 87% stated it was very important or somewhat important to address dogs in the park. Despite the range of perspectives on managing dog activity in the park, there is clearly a need to address this topic in the management plan.

3. Key Summary Observations

The following points are key observations of the common themes heard throughout the first phase of the public and stakeholder engagement activities for the Moorecroft Regional Park Management Plan.

3.1 Youth Engagement

Respondents clearly indicated that the park has been and continues to be important for engaging youth and strengthening environmental understanding with youth. Particularly,

exposing youth to ecological values through recreational activities and hands-on learning opportunities was a vital element of this park. However, many respondents feel there needs to be greater input from youth in developing the park vision and identifying opportunities and barriers to achieving that vision. As confirmation, there were few youth in attendance at the open house, and few youth that completed the survey. Many recommendations focused on the need to directly engage youth in the management planning process.

3.2 Park Awareness

Based on discussions with participants at the open house and the survey responses, a considerable amount of the input received has been from residents near the park. This suggests that either many people in the RDN are not aware of the park and the management plan process, or they have chosen not to be engaged in the process. It is important that efforts are made to maximize opportunities for regional residents to visit the park and provide input of the future of the park. Of those who have visited the park and participated in the management plan process so far, many have indicated that the park is unique in the region and has the potential to be an iconic regional destination.

3.3 Level of Service

There are opposing perspectives on the future level of service associated with the park. Some respondents feel it should be a passive experience focused on ecological preservation with the majority of existing buildings and infrastructure removed and footprints rehabilitated. However, most respondents view the park to be a vibrant, regionally-significant natural destination that encourages active living, health, wellness, building community social capital, and creating nature-based learning opportunities, particularly with a focus on youth initiatives and connecting people and planet. What seems to be needed is a better understanding of the intended role of the park in the regional park system, as well as how the park can positively contribute to both the local and regional community sense of place.

3.4 Sustainable Development and Environmental Stewardship

In light of the diverse range of perspectives on recreational opportunities, development of services and amenities, and environmental conservation, the consensus among public and stakeholder respondents is that a balance must be achieved between the human and natural values associated with the park. Recognizing the need to upgrade the facilities and services in the park, respondents do not wish to see any degradation of the park's core natural values and wish to protect and rehabilitate the sensitive ecosystems. This balance must ensure the long-term preservation of ecosystem functions, taking an environmentally precautionary approach to park service and amenity developments.

Appendix A: Public Survey Questionnaire

Moorecroft Regional Park Management Plan Public Survey

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ABOUT THE PARK

Moorecroft Regional Park is the Regional District of Nanaimo's newest park! The park has a rich history of use through its historical operations as Camp Moorecroft and as a place of traditional use for the Nanoose (Snaw'Naw'As) First Nation. Now, Moorecroft is available for public enjoyment and provides an opportunity to balance ecological conservation with ecologically sensitive recreation. A significant portion of the park has been placed under a Conservation Covenant held by the Nature Conservancy of Canada to preserve and enhance the ecological values of the park.

ABOUT THE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Moorecroft Regional Park Management Plan will guide the long-term management, development and operations of the park by defining a clear vision, management goals, policies, actions and a conceptual development plan. The management plan will provide direction as to how the Regional District and its partners will provide quality recreational opportunities and visitor experiences in the park while ensuring the preservation and rehabilitation of the park's important and sensitive ecosystems.

ABOUT THE SURVEY

The RDN is seeking the views of the public in helping plan the future of the Park. The following survey gathers valuable information about:

- How you use the park,
- Your thoughts on management topics,
- The types of activities, amenities, services, and facilities you feel are appropriate for this park, and
- Your vision for the future of this park.

Please take a few moments to complete this survey and help shape the exciting future of this wonderful regional treasure – Moorecroft Regional Park.

PART 1: YOUR CURRENT USE OF THE PARK

Description



Have you visited Moorecroft Regional Park since March 2011 (when it was established as a park)?

- Yes
- No

Have you visited Moorecroft Regional Park before it was established as a park?

- Yes
- No

If you answered no to both question 1 or question 2, please proceed to question #11.

Description

Please indicate your participation and level of satisfaction in each of the activities listed below at this park:

	Completely Satisfied	Reasonably Satisfied	Somewhat Unsatisfied	Completely Unsatisfied	N	/	A
Walking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
Walking with dog on a leash	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
Swimming / wading in the ocean	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
Picnicking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
Running	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
Cycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
Scuba Diving	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
Nature appreciation, wildlife viewing, birding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
Sketching, painting or photography	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
Paddling (kayak, canoe, paddleboard)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
Playing Instruments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>

Please indicate any other activities you have participated in at this park:

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Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the facilities, services, or information at Moorecroft Regional Park:

	Completely Satisfied	Reasonably Satisfied	Somewhat Unsatisfied	Completely Unsatisfied	N	/	A
Playground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
Playing Field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
Boat Launch (non-motorized)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
Parking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
Picnic Tables	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
Park Benches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
RDN Guided Tours/Programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
Amphitheatre (previously, Open Air Church)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
Park Website	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>
Park Signage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>

Please indicate any other facilities, services, or information that you have used in this park:

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Please indicate your most frequent mode of travel to the park (check one only):

- Walking/running
- Cycling
- Personal vehicle
- Public transit

Please indicate how often you visit the park:

- Daily
- A few times a week
- A few times a month
- A few times a year
- Once every few years
- Never

Please indicate approximately how far you travel (from your home) to get to Moorecroft Regional Park:

- Less than 5 km
- Over 5 km but less than 10 km
- Over 10 km but less than 50 km
- More than 50 km
- Not sure

Have you ever used the park for group activities or organized events since the park was established in March 2011?

- Yes
 - No
 - If yes, what type of event or group was it?
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If you have not visited the park, please indicate what has prevented you:

- Distance
 - Didn't know the park was open to the public
 - The park doesn't appeal to me
 - I don't know how to get to the park
 - I don't feel safe at the park
 - Other, please specify
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PART 2: YOUR VIEWS ON PARK MANAGEMENT

Description

Thinking about your visits to the park, please indicate how important you feel it is for the Management Plan to address these topics:

Very Important Somewhat Important Somewhat Unimportant Not important at all **N** / **A**

Dogs in the park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Invasive plants & animals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Environmental protection (i.e. ecosystem rehabilitation)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Climate change impacts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Compatibility with neighbouring land uses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visitor safety in the park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Inappropriate behaviour (littering, vandalism, alcohol consumption, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Motorized vehicles in the park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trail condition or location	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Supporting infrastructure (i.e. picnic tables, benches, drinking water, shelter, fencing, waste facilities)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interpretive information and education programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Park and trail signage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Washroom facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Future use of salvageable buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve conditions of salvageable buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Non-motorized boat launch	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parking (vehicles)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parking (bicycles)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public transit access	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Connectivity to surrounding community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

trails

Please briefly specify other important management topics for this park:

PART 3: YOUR VISION OF THE FUTURE PARK EXPERIENCE

Description

Thinking about an overall vision to guide future use and development of Moorecroft Regional Park, please select up to five (5) key words/phrases from the list below that you feel are the most important components of a Moorecroft Regional Park vision statement. The vision will help inform the development of park management goals and principles.

- scenic qualities
- trails
- biodiversity
- history
- nature-based recreation
- youth
- education
- First Nations heritage
- eco-tourism
- art
- ocean access
- culture
- multi-use
- preservation
- beauty
- partnership
- long-term sustainability
- active lifestyle
- diversity

- stewardship
- community
- health
- Other - please specify other key words that you feel are important components of a Moorecroft Regional Park vision statement:

Thinking about your vision for the future of the Moorecroft Regional Park, please indicate the extent to which you agree that the following recreational activities should be permitted in the park:

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N	/	A
Walking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	
Walking with a dog on a leash	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	
Swimming/wading in the ocean	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	
Picnicking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	
Running	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	
Cycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	
Scuba Diving	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	
Nature appreciation, wildlife viewing, birding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	
Sketching, painting or photography	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	
Paddling (kayak, canoe, paddleboard)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	
Playing Instruments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	
Community Gardening	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	
Community/Public Art	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	
Special Events (weddings, concerts, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	

Please specify any other recreational activities that you feel should be permitted in the park:

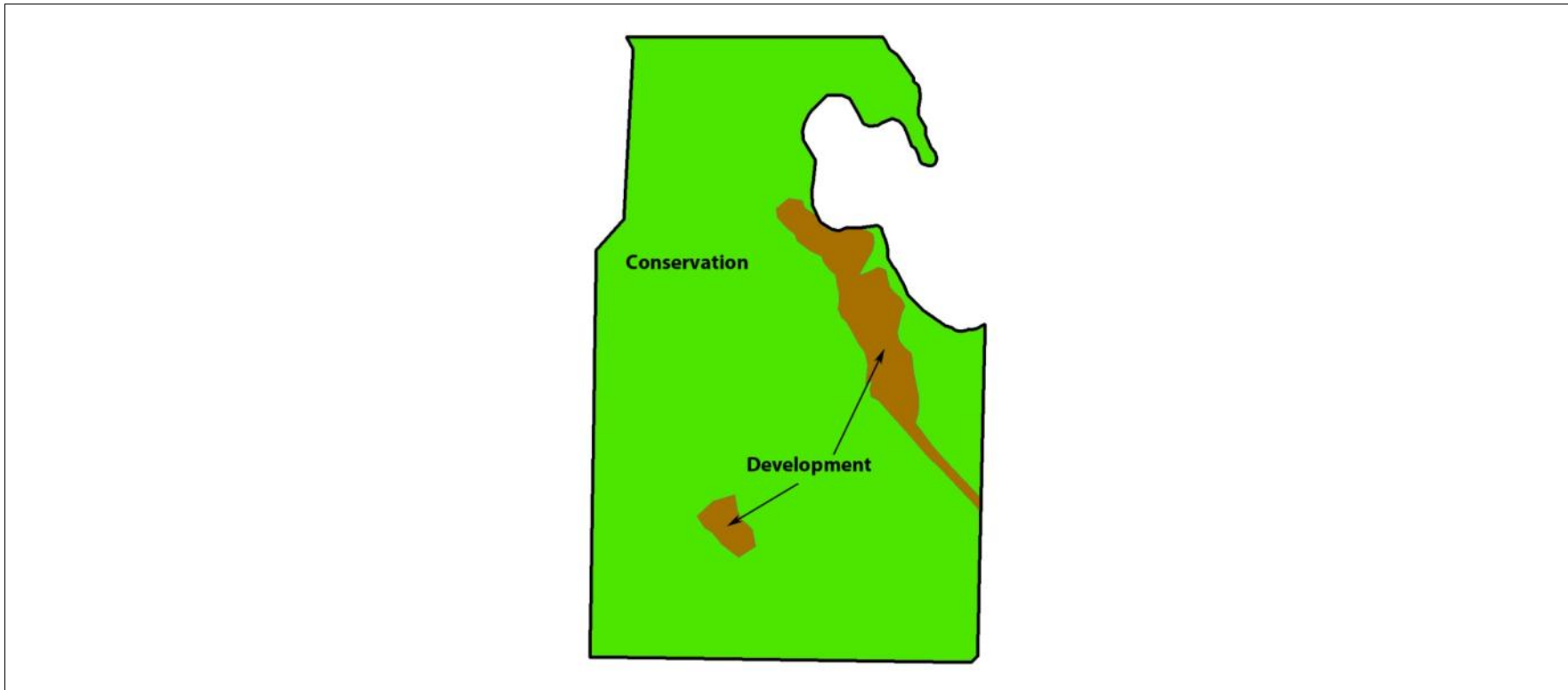
Thinking about your vision for the future of the Moorecroft Regional Park, please select up to five (5) of the most important services, amenities, and facilities that should be provided in the park:

- Upgrade washroom facilities
- Upgrade shower and changing facilities
- Develop drinking water stations
- Enhanced children's playground(s)
- Develop community garden(s)
- Structured youth programming (e.g. day camp)
- Structured recreational programming (e.g. arts and music programs, guided nature walks, wildlife viewing, diving instruction, paddling)
- Enhance signage (i.e. wayfinding, maps, interpretive information, permitted activities, park boundary)
- Provide recreational equipment rentals for park use (e.g. kayaks, diving equipment, windsurfing equipment)
- Upgrade seating and picnic areas
- Dedicated off-leash dog area
- Improve parking
- Provide secure bicycle parking
- Develop food concessions
- Enhanced oceanfront access (e.g. improved non-motorized boat launch, swimming platform, wheelchair accessibility)
- Enhance lighting
- Work with appropriate agencies to improve access to the park via public transit
- Other - please specify any other services, amenities, and facilities that you feel should be permitted in the park:



The images above are examples of types of paid overnight accommodations. Thinking about how you envision the future of Moorecroft Regional Park, while recognizing that the majority of the park is zoned as "Conservation" (see map below), and that under the Conservation Covenant new development is not permitted, please indicate whether you agree that overnight accommodations should be provided in the "Development" zone of the park:

- The park should provide cabins, wall tents, or yurts for paid overnight use.
- The park should provide space for tent camping for paid overnight use.
- The park should NOT provide any overnight accommodations and only permit day use activities.



The RDN may consider various revenue sources to offset park development and operations costs. Please indicate the extent that you would support the following types of revenue sources:

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N	/	A
Facility rental fees (e.g. weddings, retreats, school events)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	
Concessions (e.g. food vendors, kayak rentals)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	
I do not support fees in parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	

What other potential revenue sources may be applicable to offset park development and operations costs?

PART 4: ABOUT YOU

The following information is gathered to help us classify responses. All personal information collected in this survey is protected by privacy laws preventing identification of survey participants. Results will only be reported at an aggregate level and responses will NOT be attributed to any individual survey participant.

Please indicate whether you are:

- Female
- Male

Please indicate which range best describes your age:

- Under 14 years
- 14 to 17
- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 59
- 60 to 80
- Over 80 years

Which community do you live in? Please select one that applies.

- Nanaimo
- Lantzville
- Parksville
- Qualicum Beach
- Electoral Area A (Cassidy, Cedar, Yellow Pt., S. Wellington)
- Electoral Area B (Gabriola Island)
- Electoral Area C (Extension, Arrowsmith, Benson, E. Wellington, Pleasant Valley)
- Electoral Area E (Nanoose Bay)
- Electoral Area F (Coombs, Hilliers, Errington)
- Electoral Area G (French Creek, Dashwood, Englishman River)
- Electoral Area H (Shaw Hill, Qualicum Bay, Deep Bay, Bowser)
- Ladysmith
- Greater Victoria
- Other, please specify:

Did you ever attend Camp Moorecroft when it was in operation?

- Yes
- No

Are you interested in receiving emails with further information about the park management planning process? If so, please provide your email address below or send a request for information to moorecroft@rdn.bc.ca:

Email Address

Thank You Page

The Regional District of Nanaimo would like to thank you for your time and input required through completing this survey. Please note that the survey will closed on October 31, 2011. Mail-in hardcopies of the survey that were obtained at the open house must be submitted prior to that date. For updates on the Moorecroft Regional Park Management Plan and related information, please visit the website at:

<http://www.rdn.bc.ca/moorecroft>

Survey Closed Page

The public survey for the Moorecroft Regional Park Management Plan is now closed. For the latest updates and more information about the park or management plan process, please visit the park website: <http://www.rdn.bc.ca/moorecroft>

Appendix B: Public Survey Results

1. Have you visited Moorecroft Regional Park since March 2011 (when it was established as a park)?

Yes	52	81%
No	12	19%
Total	64	100%

2. Have you visited Moorecroft Regional Park before it was established as a park?

Yes	46	73%
No	17	27%
Total	63	100%

If you answered no to both question 1 or question 2, please proceed to question #11.

3. Please indicate your participation and level of satisfaction in each of the activities listed below at this park:

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Completely Satisfied	Reasonably Satisfied	Somewhat Unsatisfied	Completely Unsatisfied	N/A
	1	2	3	4	N/A
Walking	28 48%	24 41%	4 7%	1 2%	1 2%
Walking with dog on a leash	9 16%	7 13%	0 0%	3 5%	36 65%
Swimming / wading in the ocean	9 17%	6 11%	1 2%	1 2%	37 69%
Picnicking	10 19%	13 24%	6 11%	3 6%	22 41%
Running	6 11%	3 6%	3 6%	1 2%	41 76%
Cycling	1 2%	3 6%	2 4%	1 2%	47 87%
Scuba Diving	2 4%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	49 96%
Nature appreciation, wildlife viewing, birding	33 58%	17 30%	1 2%	1 2%	5 9%
Sketching, painting or photography	15 28%	6 11%	0 0%	0 0%	33 61%
Paddling (kayak, canoe, paddleboard)	10 19%	0 0%	3 6%	1 2%	40 74%
Playing Instruments	5 10%	1 2%	1 2%	0 0%	45 87%

4. Please indicate any other activities you have participated in at this park:

21 Responses

Respondent #

Response

- 1 Sitting around open pit fire. Lecture in dining room.
- 2 Opening Ceremonies for announcement of Park and the final one for acquisition of park
- 3 taking kids to camp. volunteering in the kitchen for kids camp.
- 4 Am not a water person, so only the walking and enjoyment of nature.
- 5 I do not think cycling should be allowed in the park Access for paddling (carrying a kayak so far between parking lot and beach) means I can't access the park for paddling and I would love to; however, I think allowing car access to the beach would be a mistake
- 6 camping, group meetings
- 7 Sharing the experience with family
- 8 We would like to see, at least, an OFF LEASH area for dogs!
- 9 Just sitting, relaxing, enjoying the peace and quiet.
- 10 I camped there many years ago. A lot of fun.
- 11 tent camping. It was a beautiful setting and lots for the girls to learn about camping and the outdoors, as well as being close to nature. I have also attend Leadership Trainings there, using the buildings and out buildings. Great place, but it needed a little upkeep. Could be a fantastic place if

- 12 Helped with some cleanup of UC items
- 13 no others
- 14 Quiet contemplation.
- 15 Listening to nature.
- 16 Walking
- 17 teaching nature programs, providing environmental education and nature walks
- 18 Snorkelling, beach crawl. The best place to look at an intertidal zone!
- 19 Overnight camps
- 20 Stargazing (after midnight when it was still a camp) Catch and release fishing Campfires Camping.
- 21 I primarily use the park to walk my dog off leash.

5. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the facilities, services, or information at Moorecroft Regional Park:

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Completely Satisfied	Reasonably Satisfied	Somewhat Unsatisfied	Completely Unsatisfied	N/A
	1	2	3	4	N/A
Playground	5 9%	12 21%	8 14%	3 5%	28 50%
Playing Field	12 21%	15 27%	6 11%	2 4%	21 38%
Trails	20 35%	25 44%	10 18%	0 0%	2 4%
Boat Launch (non-motorized)	2 4%	5 9%	5 9%	3 6%	39 72%
Parking	15 27%	27 48%	8 14%	3 5%	3 5%
Picnic Tables	4	14	15	5	17

	7%	25%	27%	9%	31%
Park Benches	5	12	17	7	13
	9%	22%	31%	13%	24%
RDN Guided Tours/Programs	4	7	2	0	42
	7%	13%	4%	0%	76%
Amphitheatre (previously, Open Air Church)	6	6	3	1	39
	11%	11%	5%	2%	71%
Park Website	10	18	4	0	23
	18%	33%	7%	0%	42%
Park Signage	5	17	23	4	8
	9%	30%	40%	7%	14%

6. Please indicate any other facilities, services, or information that you have used in this park:

12 Responses

Respondent #	Response
1	Signs on trails.
2	Would not use the toilet. Some parts of the trail need mulch. Quite muddy and unsafe for older people.
3	none
4	Park boundaries and linkages to trails outside the park are not clearly defined and need to be.
5	Kennedy Lodge, bathrooms, Stringer Hall
6	i was not of the understanding that the park was up and operational in the capacity of the questions presented #5
7	no others
8	I have attended retreats in the past.
9	Drop off spot my my kayak.

- 10 Second Bay is great for swimming/snorkelling.
- 11 Splash house (washrooms when it was still a camp), would be nice if they kept open.
Staying in the cabins..
- 12 Vesper Point - contemplation

7. Please indicate your most frequent mode of travel to the park (check one only):

Walking/running	10	18%
Cycling	1	2%
Personal vehicle	44	77%
Public transit	2	4%
Total	57	100%

8. Please indicate how often you visit the park:

Daily	1	2%
A few times a week	7	12%
A few times a month	16	28%
A few times a year	30	52%
Once every few years	4	7%
Never	0	0%
Total	58	100%

9. Please indicate approximately how far you travel (from your home) to get to Moorecroft Regional Park:

Less than 5 km	17	30%
Over 5 km but less than 10 km	11	19%
Over 10 km but less than 50 km	25	44%
More than 50 km	2	4%
Not sure	2	4%
Total	57	100%

10. Have you ever used the park for group activities or organized events since the park was established in March 2011?

Yes	1	2%
No	45	79%
If yes, what type of event or group was it?	11	19%
Total	57	100%

Respondent #	Response
1	Probus picnics
2	Photography
3	Probus Summer Picnic
4	express camp
5	Moorecroft opening
6	Birding group
7	walking group
8	Walking group
9	Walking with friends

- 10 Arrowsmith Natualist club outing
- 11 walking group

11. If you have not visited the park, please indicate what has prevented you:

Distance	1	9%
Didn't know the park was open to the public	4	36%
The park doesn't appeal to me	1	9%
I don't know how to get to the park	1	9%
I don't feel safe at the park	0	0%
Other, please specify	4	36%
Total	11	100%

Respondent #	Response
1	Just haven't got around to it. Was working the day of the grand opening.
2	Distance is a bit of a problem but will probably do a picnic at least once a year
3	Been away.
4	Fed up with dogs off leash and walking in dog excrement!

PART 2: YOUR VIEWS ON PARK MANAGEMENT

12. Thinking about your visits to the park, please indicate how important you feel it is for the Management Plan to address these topics:

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Somewhat Unimportant	Not important at all	N/A
	1	2	3	4	N/A
Dogs in the park	41 64%	15 23%	2 3%	5 8%	1 2%
Invasive plants & animals	32 50%	22 34%	7 11%	3 5%	0 0%
Environmental protection (i.e. ecosystem rehabilitation)	50 79%	10 16%	3 5%	0 0%	0 0%
Climate change impacts	18 29%	23 37%	18 29%	2 3%	2 3%
Compatibility with neighbouring land uses	24 38%	26 41%	7 11%	4 6%	2 3%
Visitor safety in the park	26 41%	27 43%	8 13%	1 2%	1 2%
Inappropriate behaviour (littering, vandalism, alcohol consumption, etc.)	44 69%	17 27%	3 5%	0 0%	0 0%
Motorized vehicles in the park	43 67%	14 22%	4 6%	3 5%	0 0%
Trail condition or location	36 56%	26 41%	1 2%	1 2%	0 0%
Supporting infrastructure (i.e. picnic tables, benches, drinking water, shelter, fencing, waste facilities)	31 49%	28 44%	3 5%	1 2%	0 0%
Interpretive information and education programs	21 33%	29 46%	11 17%	1 2%	1 2%
Park and trail signage	34 54%	23 37%	5 8%	1 2%	0 0%
Washroom facilities	35 56%	23 37%	3 5%	2 3%	0 0%
Future use of salvageable buildings	26 41%	21 33%	6 10%	9 14%	1 2%
Improve conditions of salvageable buildings	26 41%	21 33%	6 10%	9 14%	1 2%

Non-motorized boat launch	17 27%	24 38%	13 21%	6 10%	3 5%
Parking (vehicles)	26 42%	28 45%	7 11%	0 0%	1 2%
Parking (bicycles)	24 38%	27 43%	6 10%	3 5%	3 5%
Public transit access	11 18%	21 35%	17 28%	7 12%	4 7%
Connectivity to surrounding community trails	29 46%	22 35%	8 13%	1 2%	3 5%

13. Please briefly specify other important management topics for this park:

34 Responses

Respondent #

Response

- 1 protect the very sensitive areas such as mosses cacti and wild flowers, by using attractive fencing and educational signage explaining why the areas are closed to foot traffic.
- 2 Should be treated as a classroom/laboratory for the understanding and protection of Coastal Douglas Fir ecosystem.
- 3 Community Connections - school use
- 4 Maybe a concession for refreshments. Instead of portable toilets, have composting facilities like at Buckley Bay.
- 5 Would like to see buildings being used for family reunions, camp outs. do we need to add camping spaces?
- 6 THIS IS SPECIAL AND UNIQUE ECOSYSTEM/PROPERTY; THE PARK SHOULD

BE MINIMALLY DISTURBED PLEASE DO NOT
TURN IT INTO A "city park" - LEAVE IT WILD!
absolutely NO vehicle access should be
permitted other than service vehicles;
PLEASE DO NOT RESTRICT ACCESS FOR
PEOPLE WITH DOGS

- 7 I think there should be more recreation opportunities... not just passive park land... non-motor boat launch, tenting, day programs, special events, picnicing as well as recognizing the heritage of the site (historical information)
- 8 visit at no cost
- 9 Off Leash areas for dogs!
- 10 The park should be kept as natural as possible.
- 11 Think they're covered above.
- 12 Youth education, base line wildlife (fauna and flora) inventory
- 13 Please keep the park in natural state as much as possible. Remove most of the buildings before they are burnt or vandalized. The risk of burning buildings could destroy the forest.
- 14 Just hoping that the environmental protection will not be too compromised by some of the necessary changes, such as parking spaces, will incur.
- 15 I would love to see some part of the Camp set aside for tent camping for youth programs such as Guiding, Scouting, etc.
- 16 I believe that sections of the park should not in general be open to human use. This could be on a long term rotational basis to help protect the native plants.
- 17 encourage some educational camping - through a reservation system - there is no

use have 'wilderness' in residential area if no one from outside the immediate area gets to see and/or appreciate it.

- 18 Preserve anything with historical significance in the park
- 19 Off leash dogs are destroying this park, and make it impossible for park users to enjoy the park. Tickets should be issued to owners of off leash dogs or dogs should be banned from the park entirely.
- 20 In case there is no area later in the survey: No development, keep this park as natural as possible. Keep vehicles and bicycles off trails.
- 21 No in park camping (period) regardless of previous patterns of use. Again, no camping in the park.
- 22 There should be a clearly parked separation of park property from private property to ensure that the "No Trespassing" signs are not unintentionally violated.
- 23 back to natural state, no camping, remove unsalvagable building asap. Improve washroom facilities.
- 24 Would be great to see day camps for kids as well as overnight camping for kayakers. Also nice picnic areas and boat launch. Washrooms are also important
- 25 launch for sea kayaks
- 26 Signage of the distance of trails.
- 27 Dogs should be on leash only. No motorized vehicles except at the parking lot. Most current structures should be removed. Even if salvageable. More trail options should be made available. Current signs are not adequate. The park should be left as natural as possible not used as an adventure pla

- 28 protection of intertidal zone is very concerning with increased access and useage
- 29 Sustainability. Can it pay for upkeep and some programs through minimally impacting commmerical enterprise?
- 30 regulate shellfish harvesting
- 31 Haha keep the cabins, please!!!!
- 32 No off leash dog areas.
- 33 Provide pedestrian access to the park from La Selva Road. Prohibit parking for park purposes on La Selva Road.
- 34 rentals, semi-private, private, public

PART 3: YOUR VISION OF THE FUTURE PARK EXPERIENCE

14. Thinking about an overall vision to guide future use and development of Moorecroft Regional Park, please select up to five (5) key words/phrases from the list below that you feel are the most important components of a Moorecroft Regional Park vision statement. The vision will help inform the development of park management goals and principles.

scenic qualities	34	53%
trails	44	69%
biodiversity	21	33%
history	8	12%
nature-based recreation	27	42%
youth	12	19%
education	10	16%
First Nations heritage	7	11%
eco-tourism	3	5%

art	0	0%
ocean access	24	38%
culture	1	2%
multi-use	10	16%
preservation	31	48%
beauty	9	14%
partnership	2	3%
long-term sustainability	25	39%
active lifestyle	11	17%
diversity	3	5%
stewardship	15	23%
community	6	9%
health	2	3%
Other - please specify other key words that you feel are important components of a Moorecroft Regional Park vision statement:	8	12%

Respondent #

Response

- 1 respect for the preservation covenant.
- 2 benches
- 3 Peaceful, satisfying
- 4 Allow group tenting and/or day programs for schools, youth groups, education groups
- 5 dog friendly
- 6 quietude
- 7 natural state
- 8 Signage/information

15. Thinking about your vision for the future of the Moorecroft Regional Park, please indicate the extent to which you agree that the following recreational activities should be permitted in the park:

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
	1	2	3	4	N/A
Walking	63 98%	1 2%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Walking with a dog on a leash	39 61%	13 20%	4 6%	7 11%	1 2%
Swimming/wading in the ocean	45 70%	14 22%	4 6%	0 0%	1 2%
Picnicking	47 75%	13 21%	3 5%	0 0%	0 0%
Running	32 52%	21 34%	8 13%	0 0%	1 2%
Cycling	13 22%	11 19%	23 39%	12 20%	0 0%
Scuba Diving	15 24%	30 48%	9 15%	2 3%	6 10%
Nature appreciation, wildlife viewing, birding	61 97%	2 3%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Sketching, painting or photography	47 75%	15 24%	1 2%	0 0%	0 0%
Paddling (kayak, canoe, paddleboard)	37 59%	23 37%	2 3%	1 2%	0 0%
Playing Instruments	13 21%	16 26%	17 28%	11 18%	4 7%
Community Gardening	7 11%	12 20%	22 36%	20 33%	0 0%
Community/Public Art	11 18%	28 46%	15 25%	6 10%	1 2%
Special Events (weddings, concerts, etc.)	18 29%	17 27%	16 26%	10 16%	1 2%

16. Please specify any other recreational activities that you feel should be permitted in the park:

20 Responses

Respondent #

Response

- 1 If the main hall is to be maintained, it could be used by groups such as guides , scouts and schools for day use such as educational sessions about the forest environment and shore line.
- 2 geo-caching
- 3 Keep it as natural as possible but have space for people to come and use the facilities for special occasions like weddings, reunions, day camps
- 4 Group tenting for youth, community groups, education groups, schools. This can be done through partnerships with schools, scouts, churches etc.
- 5 Walking dogs OFF LEASH, as we have always been able to do in this park.
- 6 No dogs off leash anywhere in this park.
- 7 We have walked our dogs off leash in this park for years and have always respected the land and the other people and dogs using the park. It appears that RDN is out to ruin the natural charm and wildness of Moorecroft with their signs and rules.
- 8 games on sports field, classes in the pelletry, some nature camping, multiple eco-toilets /outhouses, litter barrels
- 9 Bocce, croquet, horse shoes and Frisbee golf (frolf).
- 10 Dogs off leash away from main trails provided dogs are well behaved.

- 11 I think people should be permitted to walk dogs off-leash if they have control of their dogs and a decent attitude.
- 12 Day camp for kids and overnight camping for kayakers
- 13 Any recreational activity that doesn't make mechanical noise.
- 14 All activities that detract from the beauty park and harm the environment should be avoided. Noise pollution should be held to a minimum.
- 15 Snorkeling, Interpretive high ropes course and zip-lining (no damage to the environment or biodiversity, but is a revenue generator.), bouldering and rock climbing wall (rock climbing during spring, fall and summer months, hiring belayer and employees. Close it during the winter months)
- 16 camping
- 17 Retreats utilizing the natural setting. Yoga.
- 18 Nothing that impacts the biodiversity of the park and it's pristine condition
- 19 Improved safe beach access.
- 20 Dogs off-leash should be permitted at specific times/seasons.

17. Thinking about your vision for the future of the Moorecroft Regional Park, please select up to five (5) of the most important services, amenities, and facilities that should be provided in the park:

Upgrade washroom facilities	50	79%
Upgrade shower and changing facilities	5	8%
Develop drinking water stations	24	38%
Enhanced children's playground(s)	14	22%
Develop community garden(s)	2	3%

Structured youth programming (e.g. day camp)	14	22%
Structured recreational programming (e.g. arts and music programs, guided nature walks, wildlife viewing, diving instruction, paddling)	20	32%
Enhance signage (i.e. wayfinding, maps, interpretive information, permitted activities, park boundary)	31	49%
Provide recreational equipment rentals for park use (e.g. kayaks, diving equipment, windsurfing equipment)	4	6%
Upgrade seating and picnic areas	30	48%
Dedicated off-leash dog area	15	24%
Improve parking	15	24%
Provide secure bicycle parking	6	10%
Develop food concessions	4	6%
Enhanced oceanfront access (e.g. improved non-motorized boat launch, swimming platform, wheelchair accessibility)	17	27%
Enhance lighting	2	3%
Work with appropriate agencies to improve access to the park via public transit	5	8%
Other - please specify any other services, amenities, and facilities that you feel should be permitted in the park:	7	11%

Respondent #

Response

- 1 NO OFFLEASH NO CONCESSIONS
- 2 make it look better try to stay away from weird signs on houses lol its creepy
- 3 upgrade existing trails
- 4 tent camping
- 5 Leave it the way it was
- 6 camping
- 7 Preservation of large buildings for group use

18. The images above are examples of types of paid overnight accommodations. Thinking about how you envision the future of Moorecroft Regional Park, while recognizing that the majority of the park is zoned as "Conservation" (see map below), and that under the Conservation Covenant new development is not permitted, please indicate whether you agree that overnight accommodations should be provided in the "Development" zone of the park:

The park should provide cabins, wall tents, or yurts for paid overnight use.	12	19%
The park should provide space for tent camping for paid overnight use.	11	17%
The park should NOT provide any overnight accommodations and only permit day use activities.	40	63%
Total	63	100%

Enter a question

19. The RDN may consider various revenue sources to offset park development and operations costs. Please indicate the extent that you would support the following types of revenue sources:

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
	1	2	3	4	N/A
Facility rental fees (e.g. weddings, retreats, school events)	21 36%	17 29%	3 5%	15 25%	3 5%
Concessions (e.g. food vendors, kayak rentals)	5 9%	16 29%	5 9%	28 51%	1 2%
I do not support fees in parks	27	8	7	6	7

20. What other potential revenue sources may be applicable to offset park development and operations costs?

32 Responses

Respondent #

Response

- 1 Overnight accommodation should be VERY limited and should not infringe on the overall use of the park. I remember not being able to waterski off the beach at Horne Lake, because it was in front of seasonal campsites.
- 2 Charitable donations focused on specific development projects.
- 3 Secure donation box with a strong message that Parks cost money to maintain and that many small user donations could go a long way to helping.
- 4 Yearly fund raising raffle or solicitation.
- 5 parking fees, taxation
- 6 I don't see food vendors but rental of space for events is a great idea.
- 7 DO NOT MAKE EACH PARK PAY FOR ITSELF - LET MY/OUR TAX DOLLARS PROVIDE FOR PARK UPKEEP; MINIMIZE DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE/IMPROVEMENT COSTS - THE PRIMARY FOCUS SHOULD BE STEWARDSHIP AND ECOLOGICAL PROTECTION. THERE ARE LOTS OF OCEANSIDE CABINS AND COTTAGES - TO NOT TURN PARKS INTO RESORTS
- 8 sell benches, picnic tables, to donors limit

how many parks are acquired if no money to maintain partnership with others such as VIU to oversee conservation, stewardship and dollars

- 9 easy, do not develop
- 10 Tax-deductible donations; legacies
- 11 Should be funded through tax system
- 12 If concessions are an option....it/these should be low-key, tasteful and blend in with the environment.
- 13 We pay plenty in taxes to support other parks as well as this one. We need our freedom to use public spaces without paying for parking or any other uses.
- 14 Try to keep development costs to minimum, except removing most buildings. Volunteer work parties take down buildings and help with trails. Keep parking lots and toilets fairly simple but adequate. Apply for grants from BC and Federal governments.
- 15 reasonable camping costs will keep it accessible to youth groups (under \$10 per person per night) Affordability means more usage more often, creating a better cash flow to help with the upkeep of the Property.
- 16 Any concessions should be restricted to the central area.
- 17 There should be no development and operations costs. Leave it the way it was/is - a home for wildlife and a place to walk in peace.
- 18 no food vendors, but allow kayak rentals, etc. as the equipment would then be in the park and wouldn't need to be carted all over the park.
- 19 Having the RDN board of directors take a

- pay cut.
- 20 Donations from users.
 - 21 Taxes
 - 22 Tax generated revenues should be the sole source of operational funding. It's the only assured method of sustainable funding. If operational funding wasn't to be provided by the RDN, the purchase shouldn't have been made. Why buy it if you couldn't afford it?
 - 23 NO COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES PLEASE!
 - 24 Overnight camping fees and small fee for use for day camps for underprivileged children
 - 25 Rental fees for commercial use.
 - 26 Kayak storage in the boathouse. Rent out snorkeling gear. Rock climbing, bouldering, high ropes, and zip lining. school groups. interpretive programs.
 - 27 Eco-friendly activities such as ziplines.
 - 28 TAXES
 - 29 Charge an entrance fee
 - 30 parking fee
 - 31 I do not support commercial camping activities for individuals, however group camping for youth groups, i.e. boys' and girls clubs, schools, etc. should be encouraged
 - 32 I like the kayak rentals, but not food vendors. The issue of Food safe, access to water for cleaning would have to be addressed and maybe complicated... concession food is a low priority.

PART 4: ABOUT YOU

21. Please indicate whether you are:

Female	38	60%
Male	25	40%
Total	63	100%

22. Please indicate which range best describes your age:

Under 14 years	1	2%
14 to 17	4	6%
18 to 24	3	5%
25 to 34	5	8%
35 to 59	17	27%
60 to 80	33	52%
Over 80 years	0	0%
Total	63	100%

23. Which community do you live in? Please select one that applies.

Nanaimo	7	11%
Lantzville	0	0%
Parksville	13	20%
Qualicum Beach	7	11%
Electoral Area A (Cassidy, Cedar, Yellow Pt., S. Wellington)	0	0%
Electoral Area B (Gabriola Island)	0	0%
Electoral Area C (Extension, Arrowsmith, Benson, E. Wellington, Pleasant Valley)	0	0%
Electoral Area E (Nanoose Bay)	26	41%
Electoral Area F (Coombs, Hilliers, Errington)	3	5%
Electoral Area G (French Creek, Dashwood, Englishman River)	5	8%
Electoral Area H (Shaw Hill, Qualicum Bay, Deep Bay, Bowser)	1	2%
Ladysmith	0	0%
Greater Victoria	0	0%
Other, please specify:	2	3%
Total	64	100%

Respondent #

Response

1 Vancouver, B.C.

2 coquitlam

24. Did you ever attend Camp Moorecroft when it was in operation?

Yes	14	22%
No	49	78%

Total	63	100%
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25. Are you interested in receiving emails with further information about the park management planning process? If so, please provide your email address below or send a request for information to moorecroft@rdn.bc.ca:

28 Responses

Appendix C: Stakeholder Interview Guide

PART 1: YOUR VIEWS ON PARK MANAGEMENT

Moorecroft Regional Park is a unique park in the region because it is located in an important ecologically sensitive area, there are extensive heritage and cultural values associated with the site, and there is a range of buildings, infrastructure and recreational facilities on the site. The park is a popular regional destination with special challenges and opportunities in ensuring its long-term sustainability.

1. Thinking about your time spent in the park and your *[organization's / community's]* knowledge of and interaction with the park, what are the key issues that need to be addressed in the management plan?
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2. According to the facilities inspection report commissioned by the Regional District of Nanaimo, the existing facilities are in various states of disrepair. Some buildings can likely be reconditioned, while others must be demolished. What do you or your *[organization / community]* think should be done with the existing buildings in the park (both the salvageable and non-salvageable buildings)?

PART 2: YOUR VISION OF FUTURE PARK EXPERIENCE

3. Considering the current state of the Moorecroft Regional Park and your *[organization's / community's]* interests regarding the park, what are the main improvements or changes you would like to see in the future?
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[Probing questions]

- What types of **recreational activities** should be permitted in the park?
- What types of **services, amenities, and facilities** should be supported in the park?
- Do you or your *[organization / community]* believe that the park should provide opportunities for overnight use? If so, what type(s) of overnight accommodations do you think should be available?

4. What do you or your *[organization / community]* feel is the **most important improvement** that could be made in the park?
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5. The RDN may consider various revenue sources to offset park development and operations costs. What types of revenue sources do you or your *[organization / community]* think are reasonable for this park?
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6. To what extent would you or your *[organization / community]* support private sector development and operations of services and facilities in Moorecroft Regional Park (e.g. food concessions, equipment rentals, overnight accommodations, programming)?
-
7. What words would you or your *[organization / community]* use to best describe your desired vision (long term direction) for the park?
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[use the following list of words only as a prompt if no response]

- | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| scenic qualities | art | lifestyle |
| trails | ocean access | diversity |
| biodiversity | culture | stewardship |
| history | active | community |
| nature-based recreation | multi-use | health |
| youth | preservation | Other: _____ |
| education | beauty | Other: _____ |
| First Nations heritage | partnership | Other: _____ |
| eco-tourism | perpetuity | |

8. For the final question, do you or your *[organization / community]* have any other information or input that you would like to share at this stage of the management planning process?

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Executive Summary

The objective of the second set of community and stakeholder engagement activities was to obtain public and key stakeholder input, information, and ideas on the following:

- The draft vision, goals, and principles that will guide management of the Park,
- The conceptual design option that people think best represents the future of the Park,
- Elements that people would like to see changed, added, or removed in their preferred scenario, and
- Proposed dog management strategy.

The input received will help inform the preparation of a preferred Park Concept Design Scenario for Moorecroft Regional Park and the draft management plan.

Approximately 120 people attended the open house held in the park at Kennedy Lodge on February 11, 2012. A total of 63 online survey responses were submitted and two mail-in survey responses were received and a total of 88 individual entries were submitted through the online map editor tool.

Based on the input received through stage two engagement techniques and discussions held with the advisory committee, the following overarching themes were identified:

- The majority of respondents felt that the vision, management goals and principles suitably represent the desired future of the park.
- Understanding First Nations traditional use and history of the site and collaborating with local First Nations for interpretive programming and park design elements in the park should be highlighted in the vision, goals, and principles.
- The majority of respondents felt that a blend of the low- and medium-use concept options best represent the desired future of the park.
- Basic park facilities, services and amenities are the most consistently desired elements.
- There is consistently strong support for connecting families and children with nature through natural play areas.
- Leveraging existing partnerships, volunteer resources, and local stewards (in the same vein as Camp Moorecroft) can help maximize the values of the park.
- There is a mix of opinions about formalizing the park entrances to the west and northwest of the park (linking adjacent residential areas using existing trails).
- There are mixed opinions regarding the potential for accommodating youth overnight for educational and nature-based learning experiences.
- There is consistently limited support for commercial overnight accommodations in the park.
- There is at least moderate support for the proposed options for managing dog activities with a recognition that more discussion is required around a set of options are necessary and desired to achieve a range of visitor experiences and to preserve the

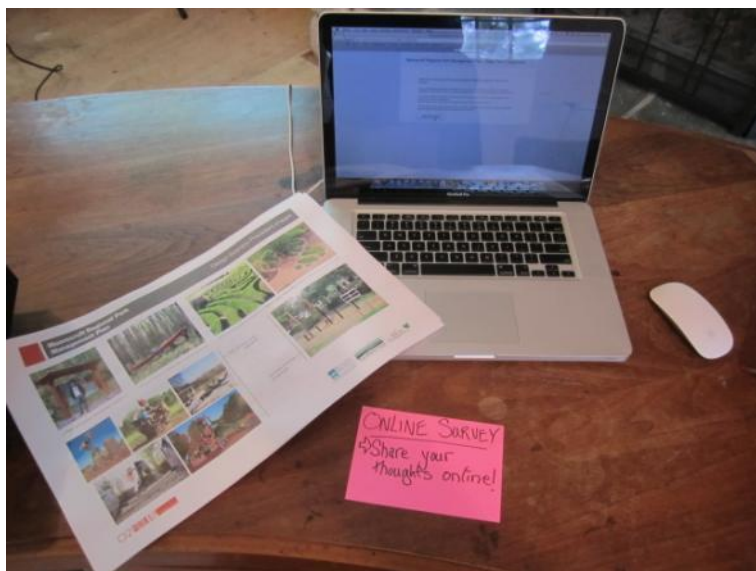
ecological values of the park. Currently, there is no consensus among respondents on what represents the most appropriate suite of options.

1. Background and Objectives

The Moorecroft Regional Park Management Plan will guide the long-term management, development and operations of the park by defining a clear vision, management goals, policies, actions and a conceptual development plan. The management plan will provide direction as to how the Regional District and its partners will provide quality recreational opportunities and visitor experiences in the park while ensuring the preservation and rehabilitation of the park's important and sensitive ecosystems.

The engagement activities were conducted with the aim of obtaining public and stakeholder input, information, and ideas on the draft vision, goals, and principles that will guide management of the Park, the conceptual park design options, elements of the design options that people liked or disliked and the reasons behind those positions. This input will help inform the preparation of a preferred Park Concept Design Scenario for Moorecroft Regional Park and the draft management plan.

The open house was held in Kennedy Lodge at Moorecroft Regional Park on February 11, 2012 from 12noon to 4:00pm. The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) advertised the open house in local media, postings in the park, direct emails to members of the public and stakeholders who



participated in stage 1 engagement and through the RDN website. The open house included large-format displays (maps, graphics, poster-sized copies of the vision statement, management goals, and principles), a web-based survey station, and a station dedicated for the use of the online map editor tool (Figure 1) to document participants' comments electronically. The RDN provided beverages and snacks and the Moorecrofters group set up a booth for promoting donations for

The Nature Trust's purchase amount of the Park. Approximately 120 people attended the open house.

The web-based survey and online map editor tool were available online from January 25 to February 29, 2012. A link from the RDN website directed people to the survey and online map editor tool, both of which could be completed electronically through their web browser. A total of 88 individual entries were submitted through the online map editor tool. The summary maps and related comments are included in Appendix C. A total of 63 online survey responses were

submitted and 2 mail-in survey responses were received. The survey is included in Appendix A¹ and survey results in Appendix B.

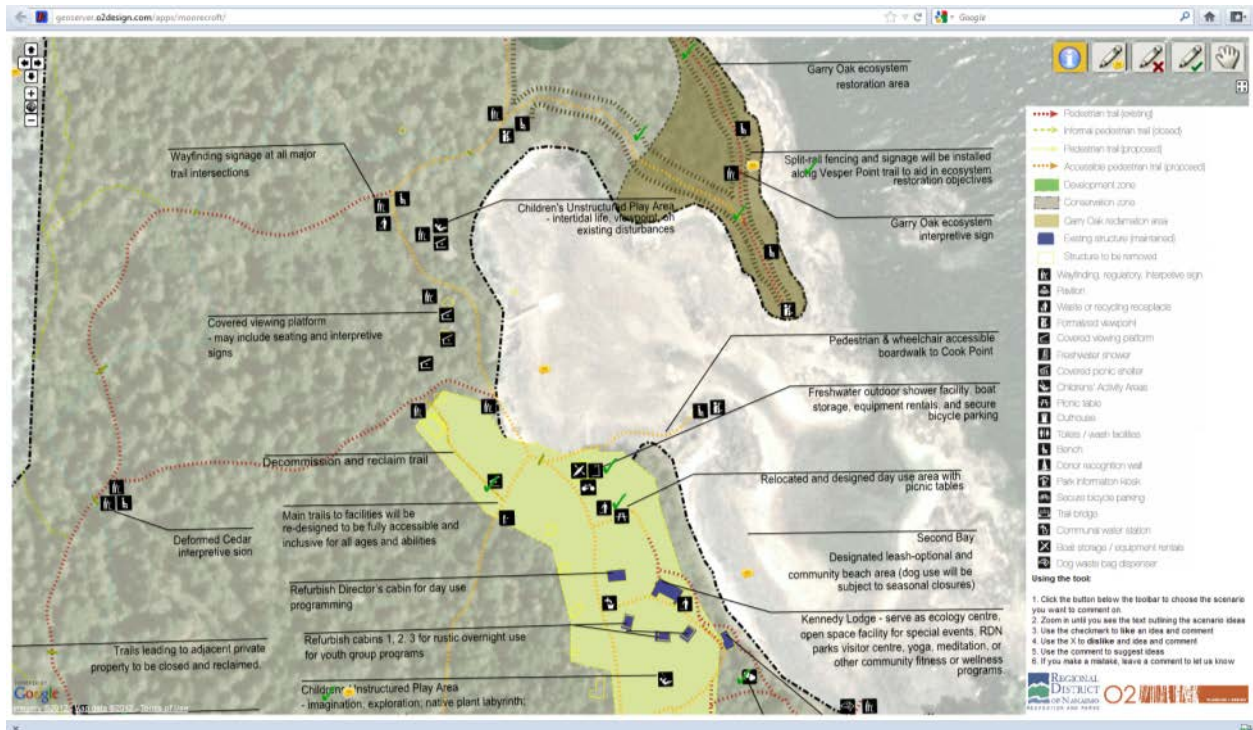


Figure 1. Screenshot of the Online Map Editor Tool

2. Detailed Findings

Based on the input received through the public open house, public survey, online map editor tool, and other comments submitted to the RDN via email or hardcopy of the survey, the following is a summary of the common themes and key findings related to public and stakeholder perspectives on the management of Moorecroft Regional Park.

2.1 Overview of Public Survey Respondents

The web-based public survey was available online from January 25 to February 29, 2012 and yielded 63 completed responses. Figure 2 shows that of those respondents, 44% were between the ages of 35 and 59, 42% were between the ages of 60 and 80.

¹ Note: The survey was not designed as a statistically valid instrument. Results of the survey do not necessarily represent the perspectives of the general public.

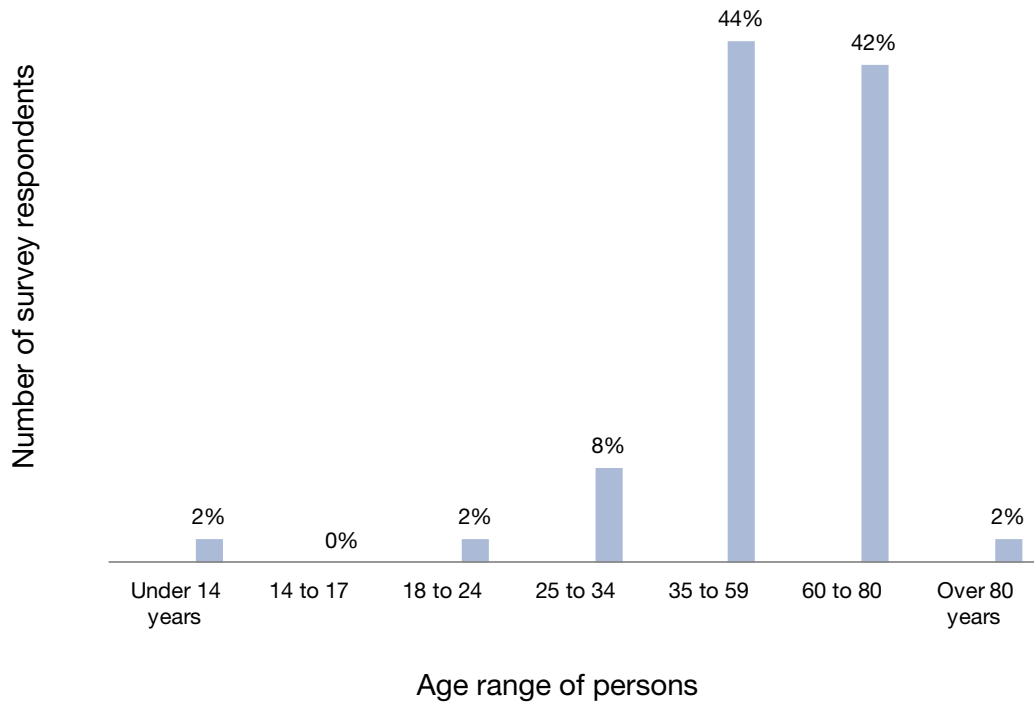


Figure 2. Ages of survey respondents

Considering the current RDN demographics (Figure 3), this survey is not representative of the regional population.

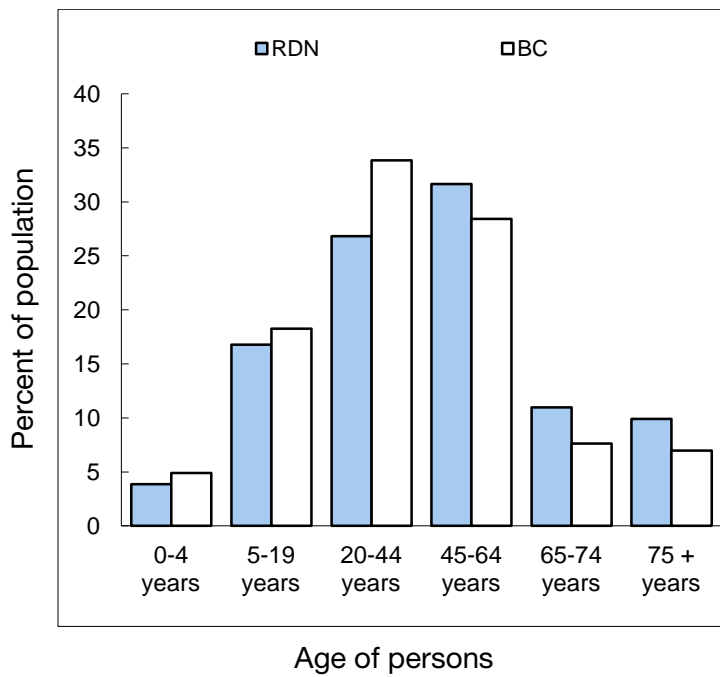


Figure 3. Population by Age Group, percent distribution in Regional District of Nanaimo (Statistics Canada, 2006)

Figure 4 illustrates where survey respondents reside, with 50% of total respondents living in Nanoose Bay, 28% living in Nanaimo, and the remainder from other communities in the RDN, and one from Vancouver.

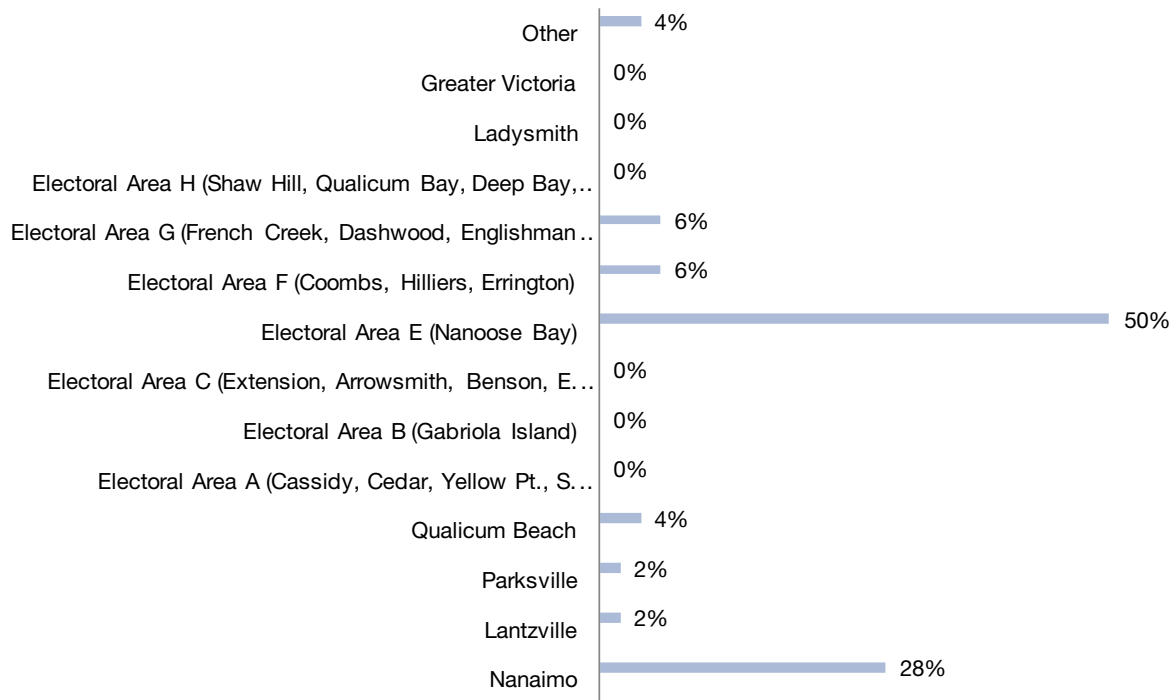


Figure 4. Where survey respondents currently reside

Figure 5 is a photo taken of a pin-up map used in the open house. Participants could identify where they live by inserting a pushpin on the map. Although many participants chose not to complete this exercise, it does indicate that there was both a concentration of people from Nanoose Bay area as well as a larger spread of people from elsewhere in the region.



Figure 5. Map of open house participants, place of residence

Based on the data available, a large proportion of respondents are residents from near the park. This follows the trend observed in the first round of engagement.

2.2 Draft Vision Statement, Management Goals, and Management Principles

The following sub-sections provide a summary of the public and stakeholder opinions associated with the proposed Vision Statement, Management Goals and Principles for the Park.

2.3.1 Park Vision Statement

Based on discussions with participants at the open house, the advisory committee, and through input received in the web-based survey, most respondents felt that the vision statement for the park accurately represents the core values and overall direction for the future of the park. 75% of survey respondents were completely or reasonably satisfied with the vision statement as it defines the desired future of Moorecroft Regional Park (Figure 6).

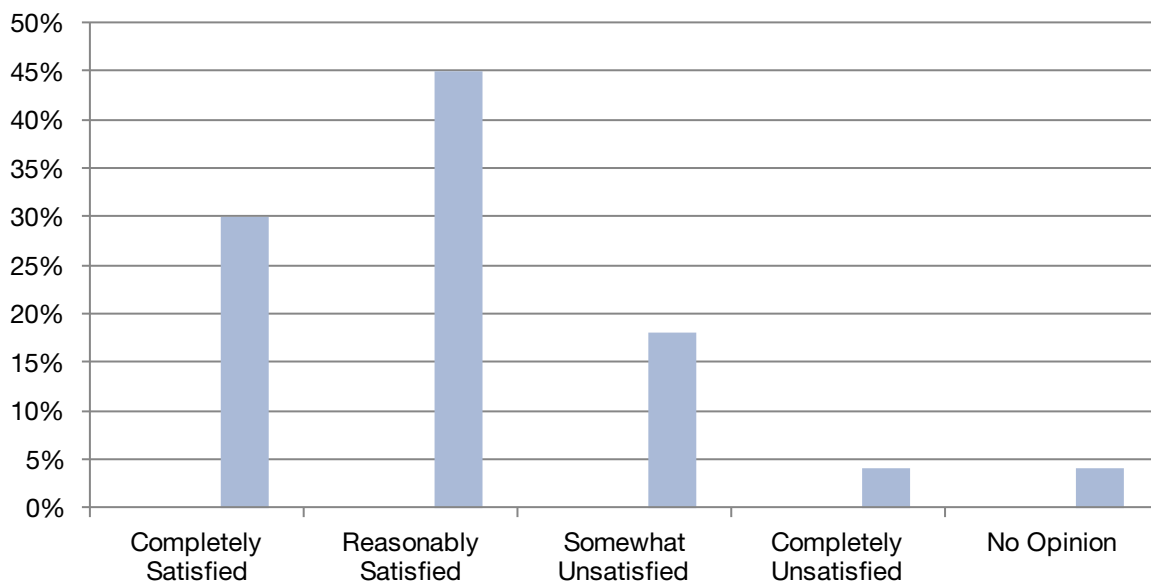


Figure 6. Respondent rating of satisfaction that the vision statement defines the desired future of Moorecroft Regional Park

Common themes that emerged from the comments received through the survey and open house topics of input include the following:

- Several respondents felt there is a need to highlight First Nations traditional use and history in the vision.
- Preservation of ecological values is the highest priority for the park
- Moorecroft’s legacy of connecting children and families to nature is an important value to be maintained.
- Many respondents noted the importance of recognizing and respecting Ms. Moore’s vision of the park site, including the preservation of her cabin near Second Bay as an “historical point of interest”.
- There is an observed correlation between respondents concerned about the park potentially being one of the RDN’s iconic parks, acting as a regional destination, and

their residence proximity to the park. That is, some adjacent residential land owners want to maintain the park as a place that surrounding residents can enjoy.

2.3.2 Park Management Principles

Based on the diversity of feedback, respondents generally felt that the management principles suitably represent the park. Common responses regarding the principles include:

- First Nations traditional use, history, and opportunities for interpretive programming in the park should be highlighted under the Character and History principle.
- Connectivity of the park with people and with the surrounding community is important: many respondents were able to easily identify with this principle on a personal level.
- Collaboration principle was highly valued among many respondents; working with the local community (especially residents of surrounding neighbourhoods) and non-government agencies (i.e. GOERT) to act as park stewards and help deliver the direction of the plan.

Figure 7 demonstrates the extent that respondents agreed with each of the principles.

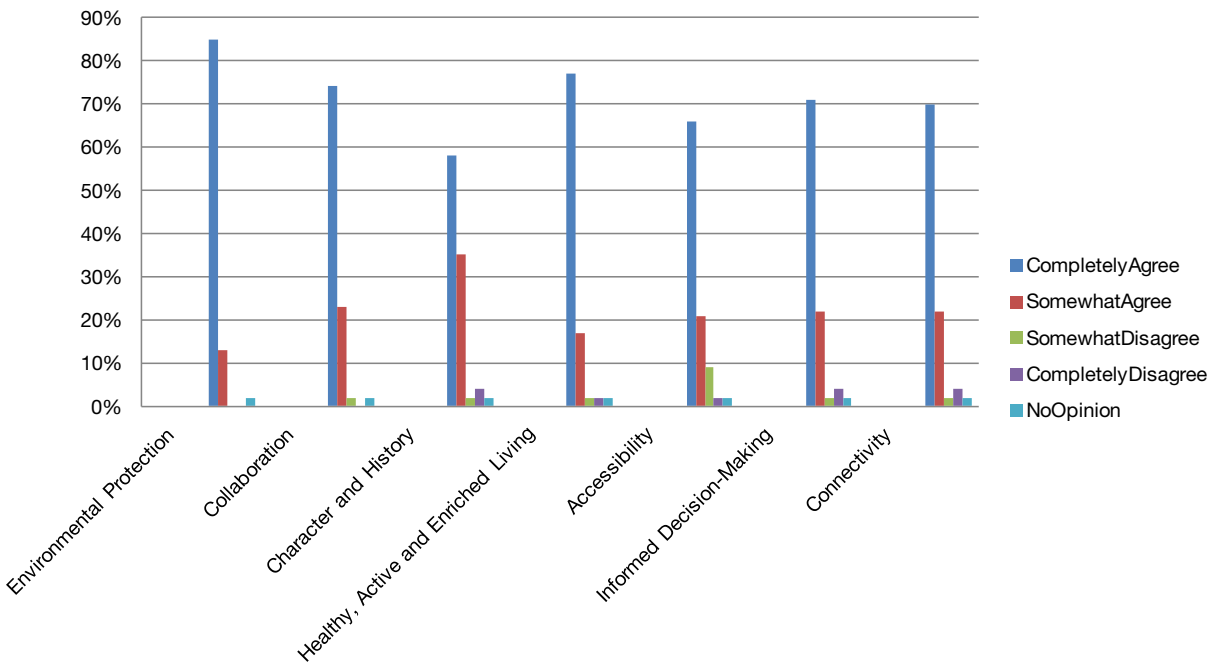


Figure 7. Survey responses regarding suitability of park management principles

2.3.3 Park Management Goals

Table 1 demonstrates that, in the survey, most respondents were in agreement with each of the management goals. Confirmation of the appropriateness of the goals was received throughout the open house and through email correspondence submitted by the public directly to the RDN.

Table 1. Survey responses regarding suitability of park management goals

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Completely Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Completely Disagree	No Opinion
	1	2	3	4	5
The park's biodiversity, ecosystems, ecosystem processes and scenic qualities are protected, enhanced and continue unimpaired.	45 83%	7 13%	1 2%	0 0%	1 2%
Research and monitoring inform adaptive management and support knowledge-based decision-making.	37 69%	12 22%	2 4%	1 2%	2 4%
Outdoor recreation opportunities that promote healthy lifestyles, a connection with nature, personal growth, and a sense of community are enjoyed by visitors of all ages and abilities.	36 67%	13 24%	3 6%	1 2%	1 2%
The park serves as a directed and self-directed outdoor classroom to enhance visitors' environmental literacy and their personal connection with nature.	39 72%	10 19%	3 6%	1 2%	1 2%
Visitor's are responsible and respectful while enjoying the park.	45 83%	5 9%	1 2%	1 2%	2 4%
Partners, stakeholders and visitors are active stewards of the park and are engaged in park management and program delivery.	42 79%	6 11%	0 0%	3 6%	2 4%

Two survey respondents felt that having a goal where visitors are engaged in park management and program delivery may not be reasonable because each visitor holds a different perspective of environmental stewardship that may or may not reflect the vision. One respondent commented that the park “ecosystem includes human values”, while another indicated that the “sacredness” of the site for people who feel a strong connection to nature needs to be highlighted. These comments confirm the need to ensure that the human-nature connection is maintained as described in the proposed vision, principles.

Continuing the theme of comments received regarding the vision and management principles, several respondents noted a need to better understand First Nations history of the site and incorporate opportunities for involving First Nations in park design elements (i.e. application of First Nation architectural styles, naming of park features using First Nations language), park educational and interpretive programming, and leading park stewardship efforts.

One respondent mentioned the opportunity to connect the park with cruise ship passengers and convention users (i.e. conference participants) in Nanaimo to support tourism and potential revenue-generating activities in the park (e.g. First Nations interpretive programming, ecological education).

Most comments received from open house participants and survey respondents pertaining to the management goals were at a more detailed level (i.e. specific policies or actions) than at the higher “goal-level”. These comments will be valuable in the development of policies and actions for the draft management plan.

2.3 Conceptual Park Design Options

At the advisory committee and open house, the RDN and O2 provided large-format displays of the three concept design options: Low-use No Overnight Option, Medium-use Childrens' Overnight Option, and High-use Overnight Accommodations Option. Associated "functional diagrams" for each concept design option were also available to participants to view the broader concepts related to each area of the park. These concept design options were available to the public on the Moorecroft Regional Park website as PDF documents for reference as respondents completed the online survey. People could also comment on these concept design options spatially using the online map editor tool.



Figure 8 and Figure 9 (questions 7, 10 in the survey) show that the majority of survey respondents feel that the low- or medium-use options best represented the park. Approximately 11% of survey respondents felt that the high-use option was most appropriate for the future of the park and 10% of survey respondents felt that the high-use trail options was most appropriate.

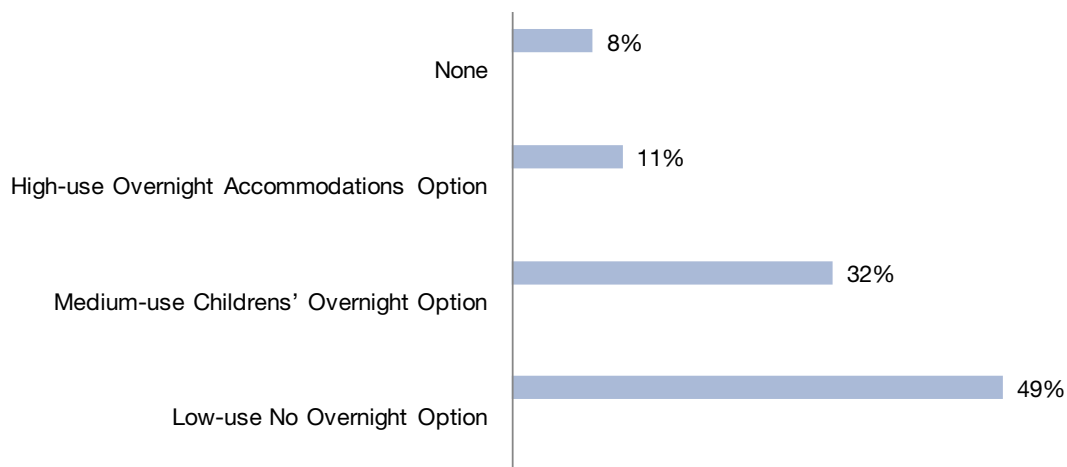


Figure 8. Survey responses regarding which concept design option respondents felt that generally best represents the desired future of the Park

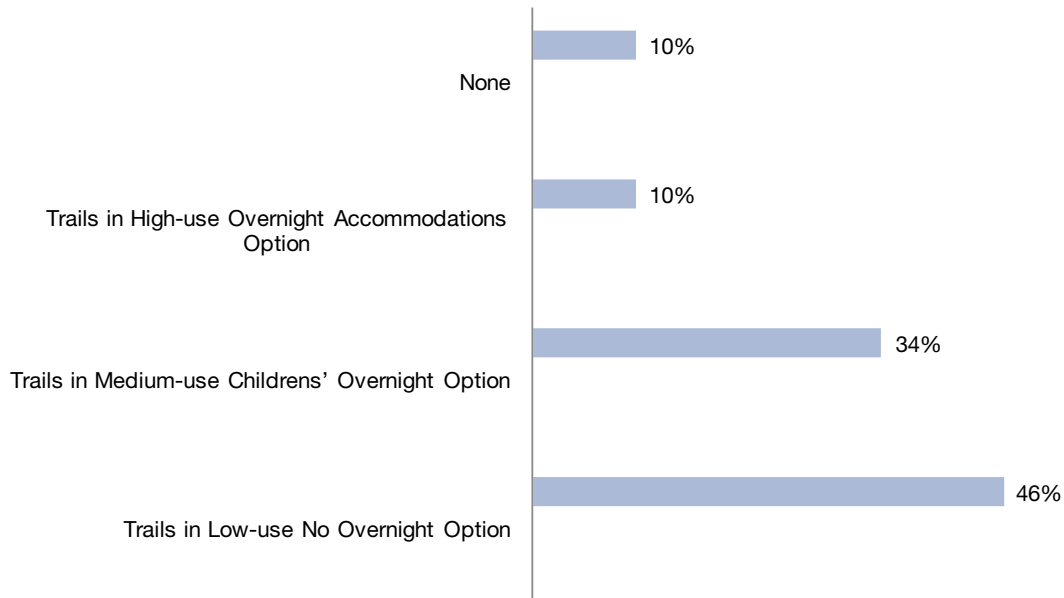


Figure 9. Survey responses regarding which trail system is most appropriate for the Park

The comments received on the three concept design options was diverse and mostly focused on identifying preferred or undesired elements associated with the proposed park options (see Section 2.4). However, generally, the feedback obtained through the public engagement activities is that High-Use option is not the preferred scenario; where the majority of respondents prefer the Low-use No Overnight Option followed by the Medium-use Childrens' Overnight Option.

2.4 Preferred Park Elements

This section summarizes the comments about the elements of the three proposed concept design options for the Park.

As outlined in the previous section of this report, although open house participants and survey respondents were asked to choose one of three options, there were additional elements that they wanted included or some elements that they felt should not be included. Most comments received related to the concept design options were focused on specific elements of the park as identified in each option. As such, it is clear that a preferred scenario is a blend of desired



elements from concept design options 1 and 2 that people feel best fit under the park vision, principles, and goals.

At the open house, RDN and O2 applied a type of “dotmocracy” approach, where participants could indicate whether they “liked” or “disliked” specific elements of the concept design options using sticky dots. The process helped focus the participants to identify key elements that they felt should be part of the final park concept. Figure 10 demonstrates the results of this activity.

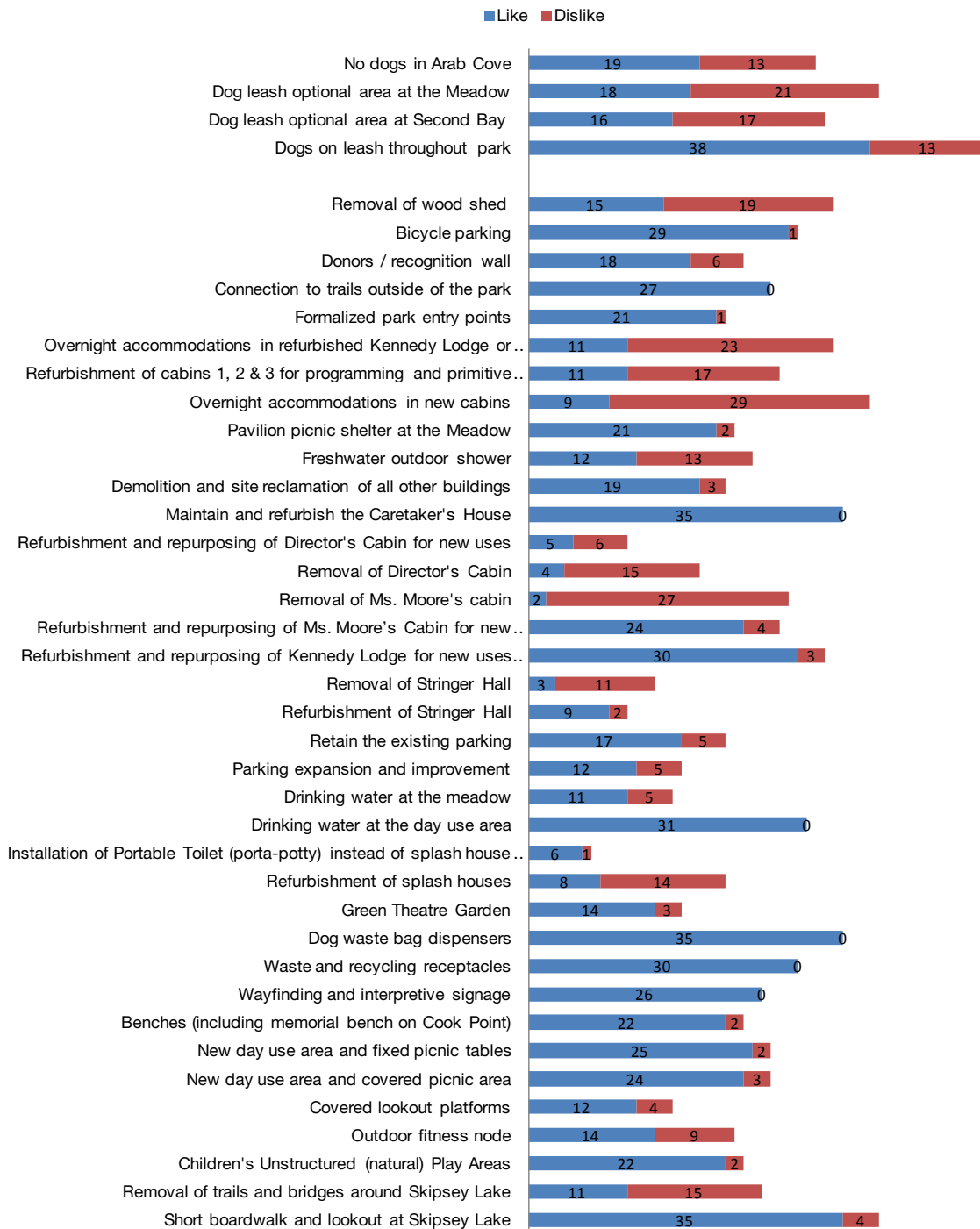


Figure 10. Results of the open house “dotmocracy” activity of park elements

Question 8 of the web-based survey applied the same approach to identifying preferred park elements by asking respondents to select which elements they like, do not like, or held no opinion (Figure 11).

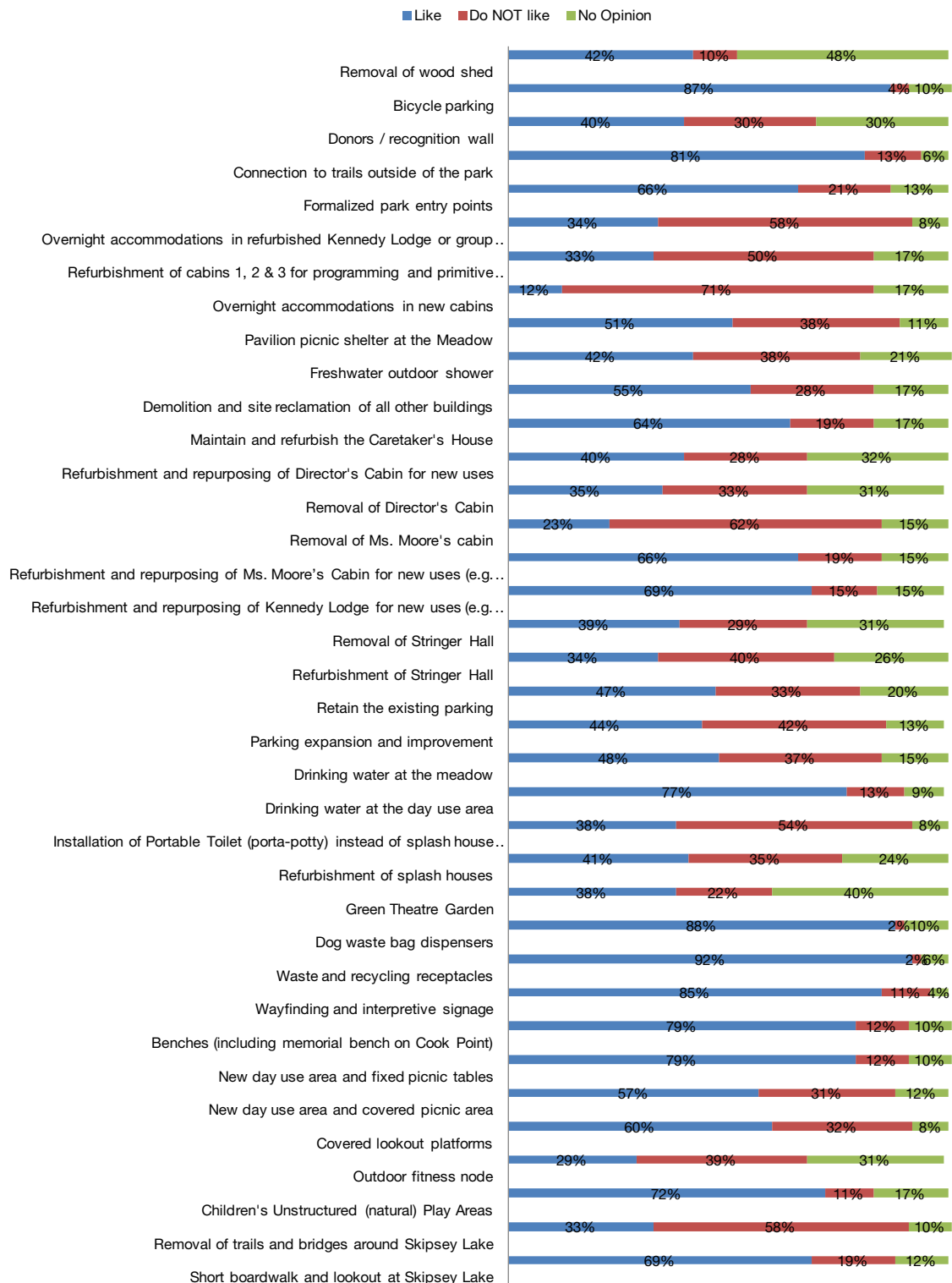


Figure 11. Survey responses regarding the elements that respondents like and do not like

The online map editor solicited spatially-referenced feedback; where input that was submitted was related to specific locations on the three concept design options. Appendix C provides the responses received from users of the online map editor.

Based on a triangulation of results from the responses described above, in tandem with the supporting comments provided, the following points summarize which elements the public feels are best suited to the park, and which elements are less appropriate.

- Basic park facilities, services and amenities (i.e. bicycle parking, trail connections to adjacent neighbourhoods and woodlot, park signage, picnic shelter, drinking water, waste management, benches, trail improvements, etc.) are the most consistently desired elements.
- There is consistently strong support for connecting families and children with nature through natural play areas.
- Several respondents at the open house suggested rebuilding a boat (sea kayak) storage and rental facility at the location of the current boathouse.
- Many respondents feel that overnight accommodations for youth groups in a limited number of refurbished cabins (i.e. cabins 1, 2, and 3) or conversion of the cabin footprints for yurts or tent pads is an important element to maintain with considerable benefits to continuing the youth-nature connection and Ms. Moore's and Camp Moorecroft's legacy. However, the majority of survey respondents and open house participants have indicated they are not comfortable with the development of new cabins to provide overnight accommodation opportunities in the park.
- One interesting suggestion from the online map editor was to remove all existing buildings and build one facility that included a kitchen, overnight accommodation (bunk rooms), and a multi-function communal space (i.e. one room to host meetings, environmental education classes, yoga instruction, etc.).
- The majority of respondents desire to maintain the north-south trail along Vesper Point and installing fencing and signage to encourage visitors to stay on the trail and not degrade the sensitive Garry Oak ecosystem.
- The proposed use of Kennedy Lodge for a variety of group activities, events, and regular programming opportunities (as identified in the scenario options) was well-received among respondents.
- Some respondents felt that refurbishing Stringer Hall for dormitory style overnight accommodation, dining, and year-round opportunities for community events and activities would be the best use of the site, particularly considering the limited appeal of picnicking at that location. However, there is no consensus on whether to remove or refurbish the building.
- Some respondents suggested that the three existing cabins nearest Kennedy Lodge may be well-suited for artist use (i.e. painting, sketching studios), which would help extend the current cultural use of the park.
- Several comments expressed the desire to formalize and enhance the trail connecting the park with Dorcas Point Rd in the northwest corner of the park. Likewise, most respondents felt the need to maintain park connections to the adjacent

neighbourhoods, recognizing the potential challenges associated with increased parking and use at those neighbourhood trailheads.

- Many respondents expressed the need to leverage volunteer skills and resources to assist with “tasks including trail clearing and restoration, carpentry, woodworking and assisting the park wardens.”

2.5 Dog Management Strategy

This section provides a summary of the comments received specific to managing dog activities in the park.

Managing dog activities in Moorecroft Regional Park will be increasingly important as the numbers of park visitors increases. It was clear, through conversations with the open house participants, online survey responses, responses via the online map editor tool and discussions with the Advisory Committee, that dog activities in the park need to be managed.

The purpose of finding an appropriate suite of options to manage dog activities in the park is to balance the recreational desires of visitors with dogs with the expectations of visitors without dogs, public safety considerations, and the sensitive ecological values of the park. The RDN and O2 developed a set of options, including a map of delineated areas that permitted “on-leash”, “leash-optional”, and “no dog” activities in the park. This approach was taken to recognize that park visitors need acceptable options that can meet the social and environmental objectives of the park.

Question 12 of the online survey asked respondents to what extent they agreed with the dog leash-optional area at Second Bay. Figure 12 demonstrates the range of opinions on the level of appropriateness in designating Second Bay as “leash-optional”. The input received on the online map editor suggested a desire to restrict dogs from Second Bay.

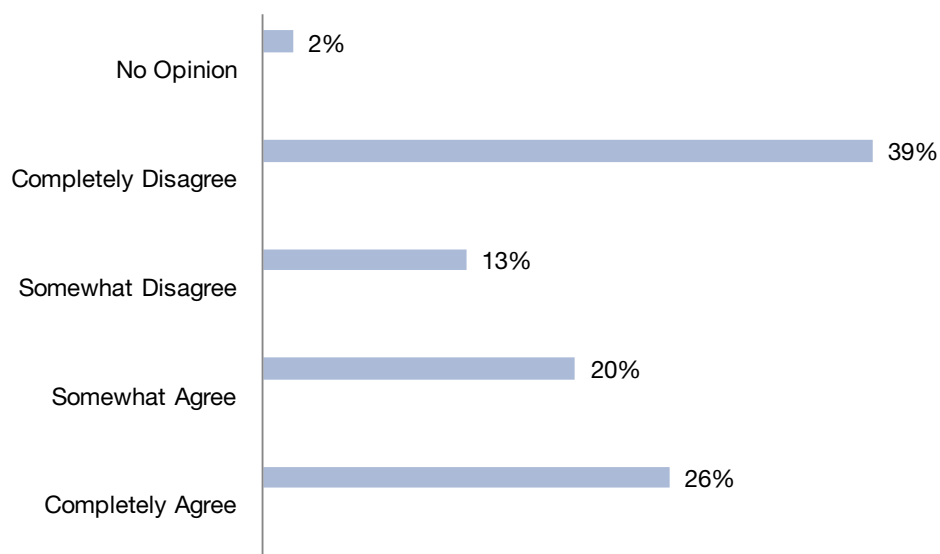


Figure 12. Survey responses regarding the extent that respondents agreed with the dog leash-optional area at Second Bay

Question 13 of the online survey asked respondents to what extent they agreed with the dog leash-optional area at the Meadow (Low and Medium Use Options). Figure 13 demonstrates the range of opinions on the level of appropriateness in designating the Meadow as “leash-optional”.

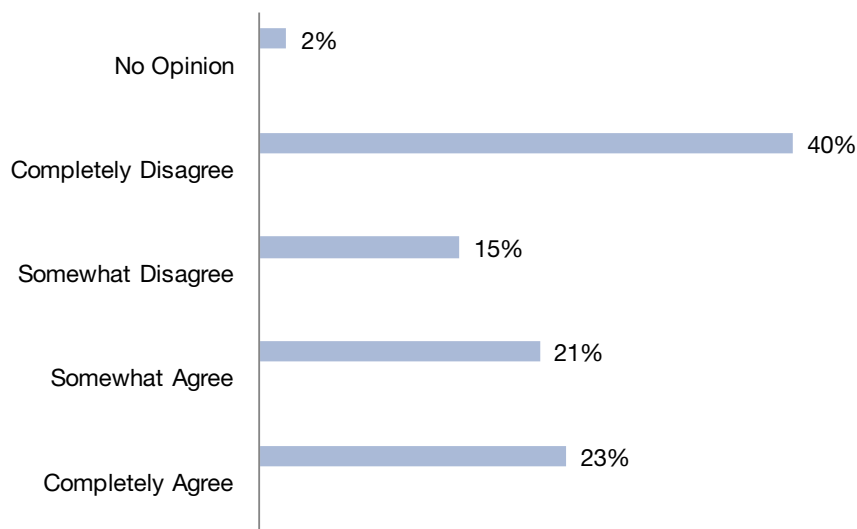


Figure 13. Survey responses regarding the extent that respondents agreed with the dog leash-optional area at the Meadow (Low and Medium Use Options)

Question 14 of the online survey asked respondents to what extent they agreed with the dog restriction at Arab Cove (with the purpose of protecting the sensitive intertidal ecosystem and public health). Figure 14 demonstrates that the majority of respondents (84%) completely or somewhat agree that dogs should be restricted from Arab Cove.

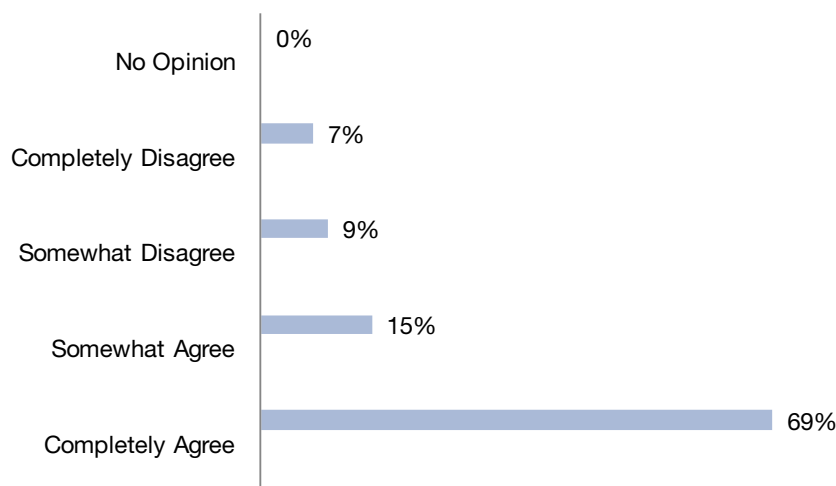


Figure 14. Survey responses regarding the extent that respondents agreed with the dog restriction at Arab Cove

Question 15 of the online survey asked, “If areas adjacent to the park were to permit off-leash dog walking, to what extent would you agree with requiring dogs to be leashed at all times in Moorecroft Regional Park?” Figure 15 suggests that the majority of respondents (67%) completely or somewhat agree that it is appropriate to require dogs to be leashed at all times in the park if areas adjacent to the park (i.e. the Crown woodlot to the south of the park) were to permit off-leash dog walking. Responses received through the online map editor also indicate a desire by respondents to restrict dogs off leash in the park.

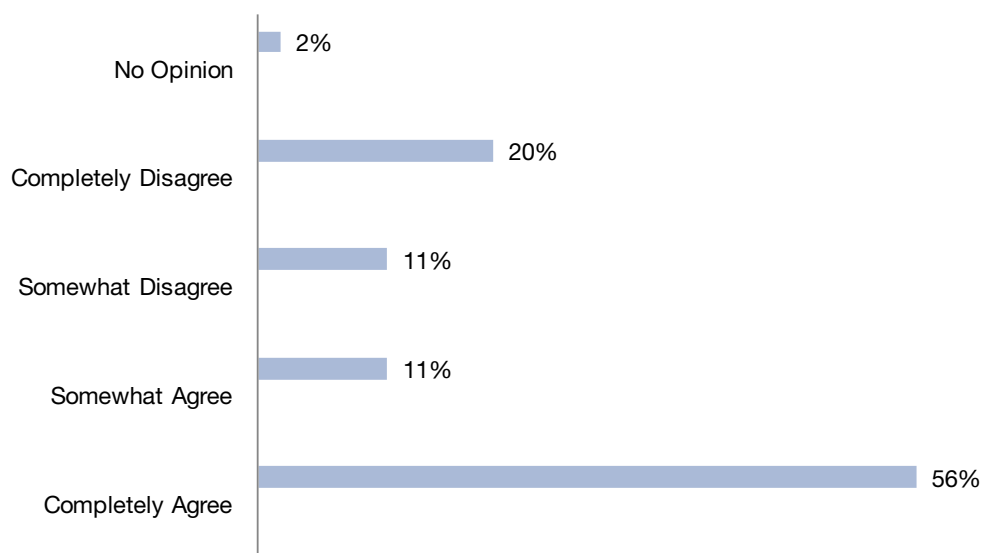


Figure 15. Survey responses about requiring dogs to be leashed at all times in the park if areas adjacent to the park were to permit off-leash dog walking

Considering the responses described above in tandem with the additional comments provided in the survey and the feedback garnered through the open house, there is no consensus from those who participated in the public engagement activities on how to best manage dog activities in the park. However, based on the comments received, there is clear support for the need to actively manage dog activity in the park and there appears to be at least moderate support for the dog management options that were proposed. In particular, many respondents appreciate the availability of options that allow people to continue walking their dogs throughout the park and the provision of controlled opportunities to allow their dogs off leash in the designated leash-optional areas. Many also understand and support the need for designating Arab Cove as “no-dogs” to support the environmental and social values of that area.

The following points help summarize where people differ in opinion from the proposed options for managing dog activities:

- A few respondents feel that dogs off-leash should be permitted throughout the park. These respondents are typically accustomed to walking their dogs off leash in the park and desire to continue this pattern of use.

- Some respondents feel that some trails should be designated as off-leash, particularly those that link the park entrances with the water, meadow, and proposed connected Crown woodlot to the south of the park.
- A few respondents feel that dogs should not be permitted in the park anywhere.
- Some respondents felt that dogs should be on-leash in the park. For example, at the open house, 38 participants liked the statement “dogs on-leash throughout the park” (Figure 10). The opinion that there should not be any off-leash areas was also supported in some of the responses received via the online map editor².

3. Key Summary Conclusions

Based on the input received through stage two public engagement techniques and discussions held with the advisory committee, the following broad conclusions can be made:

- The majority of respondents felt that the vision, management goals and principles suitably represent the desired future of the park.
- Understanding First Nations traditional use and history of the site and collaborating with local First Nations for interpretive programming and park design elements in the park should be highlighted in the vision, goals, and principles.
- The majority of respondents felt that a blend of the low- and medium-use concept design options best represent the desired future of the park.
- Basic park facilities, services and amenities are the most consistently desired elements.
- There is consistently strong support for connecting families and children with nature through natural play areas.
- Leveraging existing partnerships, volunteer resources, and local stewards (in the same vein as Camp Moorecroft) can help maximize the values of the park.
- There is a mix of opinions about formalizing the park entrances to the west and northwest of the park (linking adjacent residential areas using existing trails).
- There are mixed opinions regarding the potential for accommodating youth overnight for educational and nature-based learning experiences.
- There is consistently limited support for commercial overnight accommodations in the park.
- There is at least moderate support for the proposed options for managing dog activities with a recognition that further discussion is needed around a set of options to achieve a range of visitor experiences and to preserve the ecological values of the park. Currently, there is no consensus among respondents on what represents the most appropriate suite of options.

² Note: Similar responses between each engagement method (survey, online map editor, open house) may be the result of the same respondents using each method to convey their opinions.

Appendix A: Public Survey Questionnaire

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ABOUT THE SURVEY

This survey is part of the second phase of public engagement for the Moorecroft Regional Park Management Plan. Through the survey, the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is seeking your input on the following: • The draft vision, goals, and principles that will guide management of the Park, • The conceptual scenario you think best represents the future of the Park, and • Elements you would like to see changed, added, or removed in your preferred scenario. Your input will help inform the preparation of a preferred Park Concept Design Scenario for Moorecroft Regional Park and the first draft of the management plan.

Before starting the survey, please review the conceptual park design scenarios. We also recommend that you review the precedent images and concept sketches. These details and further information on Moorecroft Regional Park can be found on the RDN website here: www.rdn.bc.ca/moorecroft

VISION STATEMENT

Please review the draft Vision Statement for Moorecroft Regional Park and answer the following questions.

The draft vision statement for Moorecroft Regional Park is as follows:

In 2022, Moorecroft Regional Park is recognized by local and regional residents as a destination within the regional park system. The park's native biodiversity and sensitive ecosystems have been protected, and are flourishing. Natural ecosystem processes are continuing, unimpaired, and in a manner that does not pose unacceptable public safety hazards and provides passive opportunities to adapt to climate change. The park serves as a small, yet intact, refuge for wildlife in an increasingly fragmented landscape. Previously disturbed areas within the park have been reclaimed and the park is free from non-native invasive species.

In Moorecroft, the development, management, and operations of the park is being delivered through partnerships between the Regional District, the Nature Trust of British Columbia, the Nature Conservancy of Canada, academic institutions, and the private and not for private profit sectors. Youth, families, and citizens of all ages and abilities are visiting the park to learn about and appreciate its ecological values, connect with nature, and experience our region's nature-based outdoor recreation opportunities. Safe, inclusive and sustainable infrastructure, amenities and facilities are being developed and maintained to enhance visitor experience and manage visitor impacts. Built features continue to be designed in a way that celebrates the park's historical character while remaining in sync with nature and protecting aesthetic qualities. Visitors respect each other, the park's ecological values, and adjacent land-owners.

The Regional District and its partners are working together to provide innovative programs that engage visitors, particularly youth, in exciting experiential learning opportunities through structured programs and unstructured play. Moorecroft has become a place where visitors from the district come together to celebrate the park's ecological values, its history, local arts and local First Nations culture. Citizens and visitors have become coordinated and dedicated stewards of the park and meaningfully engage as

volunteers in park management and visitor experience initiatives.

Embracing the legacy set by Ms. Moore in 1934, Moorecroft Regional Park remains a place for nature, youth, families, community, healthy living, learning and appreciation.

To what extent are you satisfied that the vision statement defines the desired future of Moorecroft Regional Park?

- Completely Satisfied
- Reasonably Satisfied
- Somewhat Unsatisfied
- Completely Unsatisfied
- No Opinion

Please suggest any changes you feel should be made to the vision statement:

GUIDING MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

Please review the draft Management Principles for Moorecroft Regional Park and answer the following questions.

The draft management principles for Moorecroft Regional Park are as follows:

Environmental Protection Above all, the management of Moorecroft Regional Park should recognize the ecological significance of the site and ensure the protection of its ecological values. The site will be managed in accordance with the Conservation Covenant.

Collaboration The Regional District cannot achieve the vision for Moorecroft Regional Park alone. The district will collaborate with the community, partners and stakeholders to manage the park and deliver the direction in this plan.

Character and History Built features and landscapes must harmonize with the natural environment and honor the park's character and sense of place. The park will continue as a place to connect youth, families and community with each other and with nature; but in different ways than the past. Learning and connecting with nature will be infused into all amenities and park programming.

Healthy, Active and Enriched Living The park will be a place for visitors to engage in activities that improve physical and mental well-being and quality of life.

Accessibility Built elements and established programs will strive to enable access for all, regardless of age, ability, or income.

Informed Decision-Making All park management decisions will be based on the best available information. Recognizing management decisions may be made with a degree of uncertainty, ongoing monitoring will enable adaptive management and continuous improvement.

Connectivity Management of the park will embrace the concept of connectivity. Connections between youth, families, the community and nature will be a primary motive for park management. The park will also be connected, geographically, to adjacent communities and, through trails, to other recreational opportunities.

To what extent to you agree with each of the following principles?					
	Completely Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Completely Disagree	No Opinion
Environmental Protection					
Collaboration					
Character and History					
Healthy, Active and Enriched Living					
Accessibility					
Informed Decision-Making					
Connectivity					

Please suggest any changes you feel should be made to the principles:

MANAGEMENT GOALS

Please review the draft Management Goals for Moorecroft Regional Park and answer the following questions.

To what extent do you agree with each of the following management goals?					
	Completely Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Completely Disagree	No Opinion
The park's biodiversity, ecosystems, ecosystem processes and scenic qualities are protected, enhanced and continue unimpaired.					
Research and monitoring inform adaptive management and support knowledge-based decision-making.					



Outdoor recreation opportunities that promote healthy lifestyles, a connection with nature, personal growth, and a sense of community are enjoyed by visitors of all ages and abilities.					
The park serves as a directed and self-directed outdoor classroom to enhance visitors' environmental literacy and their personal connection with nature.					
Visitor's are responsible and respectful while enjoying the park.					

Please suggest any changes you feel should be made to the management goals:

PARK DESIGN CONCEPT SCENARIOS

Recognizing that the final management scenario for the park is likely to be a combination of the three potential park design scenarios (www.rdn.bc.ca/moorecroft), please provide us your answers to the following questions to help inform the design of a single Preferred Management Scenario for the Park.

Which scenario do you feel generally best represents the desired future of the Park?

- Low-use No Overnight Option
- Medium-use Childrens' Overnight Option
- High-use Overnight Accommodations Option
- None

Considering the range of elements proposed in the three different park design scenarios, what elements do you like and which do you NOT like:

	Like	Do Not Like	No Opinion
Short boardwalk and lookout at Skipsey Lake			
Removal of trails and bridges around Skipsey Lake			
Children's Unstructured (natural) Play Areas			
Outdoor fitness node			
Covered lookout platforms			
New day use area and covered picnic area			
New day use area and fixed picnic tables			

Benches (including memorial bench on Cook Point)			
Wayfinding and interpretive signage			
Waste and recycling receptacles			
Dog waste bag dispensers			
Green Theatre Garden			
Refurbishment of splash houses			
Installation of Portable Toilet (porta-potty) instead of splash house refurbishment			
Drinking water at the day use area			
Drinking water at the meadow			
Parking expansion and improvement			
Retain the existing parking			
Refurbishment of Stringer Hall			
Removal of Stringer Hall			
Refurbishment and repurposing of Kennedy Lodge for new uses (e.g. Ecology Centre)			
Refurbishment and repurposing of Ms. Moore's Cabin for new uses (e.g. park history interpretive centre)			
Removal of Ms. Moore's cabin			
Removal of Director's Cabin			
Refurbishment and repurposing of Director's Cabin for new uses			
Maintain and refurbish the Caretaker's House			
Demolition and site reclamation of all other buildings			
Freshwater outdoor shower			
Pavilion picnic shelter at the Meadow			
Overnight accommodations in new cabins			
Refurbishment of cabins 1, 2 & 3 for programming and primitive accommodation			
Overnight accommodations in refurbished Kennedy Lodge or group camping outdoors.			
Formalized park entry points			
Connection to trails outside of the park			
Donors / recognition wall			
Bicycle parking			
Removal of wood shed			
Short boardwalk and lookout at Skipsey Lake			
Removal of trails and bridges around Skipsey Lake			
Children's Unstructured (natural) Play Areas			
Outdoor fitness node			

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Please identify any missing elements or changes you would like to see in the preferred park design concept:

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Which trail system do you feel is most appropriate for the Park?

- Trails in Low-use No Overnight Option
- Trails in Medium-use Childrens' Overnight Option
- Trails in High-use Overnight Accommodations Option
- None

Please share any additional comments regarding the future trail system in the Park:

To what extent do you agree with the dog leash-optional area at Second Bay?

- Completely Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Completely Disagree
- No Opinion

To what extent do you agree with the dog leash-optional area at the Meadow (Low and Medium Use Options)?

- Completely Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Completely Disagree
- No Opinion

To what extent do you agree with the dog restriction at Arab Cove (with the purpose of protecting the sensitive intertidal ecosystem and public health)?

- Completely Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Completely Disagree
- No Opinion

If areas adjacent to the park were to permit off-leash dog walking, to what extent would you agree with requiring dogs to be leashed at all times in Moorecroft Regional Park?

- Completely Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Completely Disagree
- No Opinion

ABOUT YOU

The following information is gathered to help us better understand responses. All personal information collected in this survey is protected by privacy laws preventing identification of survey participants. Results will only be reported at an aggregate level and responses NOT be attributed to any individual survey participant.

Please indicate whether you are:

- Female
- Male

Please indicate which range best describes your age:

- Under 14 years
- 14 to 17
- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 59
- 60 to 80
- Over 80 years

Which community do you live in? Please select one that applies.

- Nanaimo
- Lantzville
- Parksville
- Qualicum Beach
- Electoral Area A (Cassidy, Cedar, Yellow Pt., S. Wellington)
- Electoral Area B (Gabriola Island)
- Electoral Area C (Extension, Arrowsmith, Benson, E. Wellington, Pleasant Valley)
- Electoral Area E (Nanoose Bay)
- Electoral Area F (Coombs, Hilliers, Errington)
- Electoral Area G (French Creek, Dashwood, Englishman River)

- Electoral Area H (Shaw Hill, Qualicum Bay, Deep Bay, Bowser)
 - Ladysmith
 - Greater Victoria
 - Other, please specify:
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Please note- If you are mailing in a hardcopy of this survey, please send to the following address: Oceanside Place 830 West Island Highway Parksville, BC V9P 2X4

Appendix B: Public Survey Results

Zoomerang Survey Results

Moorecroft Regional Park Management Plan - Stage Two Engagement

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VISION STATEMENT

The draft vision statement for Moorecroft Regional Park is as follows:

1. To what extent are you satisfied that the vision statement defines the desired future of Moorecroft Regional Park?

Completely Satisfied	17	30%
Reasonably Satisfied	25	45%
Somewhat Unsatisfied	10	18%
Completely Unsatisfied	2	4%

No Opinion	2	4%
Total	56	100%

2. Please suggest any changes you feel should be made to the vision statement:

24 Responses

GUIDING MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

The draft management principles for Moorecroft Regional Park are as follows:

3. To what extent to you agree with each of the following principles?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.

Completely Agree Somewhat Agree Somewhat Disagree Completely Disagree No Opinion



	1	2	3	4	5
Environmental Protection	46 85%	7 13%	0 0%	0 0%	1 2%
Collaboration	39 74%	12 23%	1 2%	0 0%	1 2%
Character and History	30 58%	18 35%	1 2%	2 4%	1 2%
Healthy, Active and Enriched Living	41 77%	9 17%	1 2%	1 2%	1 2%
Accessibility	35 66%	11 21%	5 9%	1 2%	1 2%
Informed Decision-Making	36 71%	11 22%	1 2%	2 4%	1 2%
Connectivity	35 70%	11 22%	1 2%	2 4%	1 2%

4. Please suggest any changes you feel should be made to the principles:

24 Responses

MANAGEMENT GOALS

5. To what extent do you agree with each of the following management goals?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Completely Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Completely Disagree	No Opinion
	1	2	3	4	5
The park's biodiversity, ecosystems, ecosystem processes and scenic qualities are protected, enhanced and continue unimpaired.	45 83%	7 13%	1 2%	0 0%	1 2%
Research and monitoring inform adaptive management and support knowledge-based decision-making.	37 69%	12 22%	2 4%	1 2%	2 4%
Outdoor recreation opportunities that promote healthy lifestyles, a connection with nature, personal growth, and a sense of community are enjoyed by visitors of all ages and abilities.	36 67%	13 24%	3 6%	1 2%	1 2%
The park serves as a directed and self-directed outdoor classroom to enhance visitors' environmental literacy and their personal connection with nature.	39 72%	10 19%	3 6%	1 2%	1 2%
Visitor's are responsible and respectful while enjoying the park.	45 83%	5 9%	1 2%	1 2%	2 4%
Partners, stakeholders and visitors are active stewards of the park and are engaged in park management and program delivery.	42 79%	6 11%	0 0%	3 6%	2 4%

6. Please suggest any changes you feel should be made to the management goals:

22 Responses

PARK DESIGN CONCEPT SCENARIOS

7. Which scenario do you feel generally best represents the desired future of the Park?

Low-use No Overnight Option	26	49%
Medium-use Childrens' Overnight Option	17	32%
High-use Overnight Accommodations Option	6	11%
None	4	8%
Total	53	100%

8. Considering the range of elements proposed in the three different park design scenarios, what elements do you like and which do you NOT like:

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Like	Do NOT like	No Opinion
	1	2	3
Short boardwalk and lookout at Skipsey Lake	36 69%	10 19%	6 12%
Removal of trails and bridges around Skipsey Lake	17 33%	30 58%	5 10%
Children's Unstructured (natural) Play Areas	38 72%	6 11%	9 17%

Outdoor fitness node	15 29%	20 39%	16 31%
Covered lookout platforms	32 60%	17 32%	4 8%
New day use area and covered picnic area	28 57%	15 31%	6 12%
New day use area and fixed picnic tables	41 79%	6 12%	5 10%
Benches (including memorial bench on Cook Point)	41 79%	6 12%	5 10%
Wayfinding and interpretive signage	45 85%	6 11%	2 4%
Waste and recycling receptacles	48 92%	1 2%	3 6%
Dog waste bag dispensers	46 88%	1 2%	5 10%
Green Theatre Garden	19 38%	11 22%	20 40%
Refurbishment of splash houses	21 41%	18 35%	12 24%
Installation of Portable Toilet (porta-potty) instead of splash house refurbishment	19 38%	27 54%	4 8%
Drinking water at the day use area	41 77%	7 13%	5 9%
Drinking water at the meadow	25 48%	19 37%	8 15%
Parking expansion and improvement	23 44%	22 42%	7 13%
Retain the existing parking	24 47%	17 33%	10 20%
Refurbishment of Stringer Hall	17 34%	20 40%	13 26%
Removal of Stringer Hall	20 39%	15 29%	16 31%
Refurbishment and repurposing of Kennedy Lodge	36	8	8

for new uses (e.g. Ecology Centre)	69%	15%	15%
Refurbishment and repurposing of Ms. Moore's Cabin for new uses (e.g. park history interpretive centre)	35 66%	10 19%	8 15%
Removal of Ms. Moore's cabin	12 23%	33 62%	8 15%
Removal of Director's Cabin	18 35%	17 33%	16 31%
Refurbishment and repurposing of Director's Cabin for new uses	20 40%	14 28%	16 32%
Maintain and refurbish the Caretaker's House	34 64%	10 19%	9 17%
Demolition and site reclamation of all other buildings	29 55%	15 28%	9 17%
Freshwater outdoor shower	22 42%	20 38%	11 21%
Pavilion picnic shelter at the Meadow	27 51%	20 38%	6 11%
Overnight accommodations in new cabins	6 12%	37 71%	9 17%
Refurbishment of cabins 1, 2 & 3 for programming and primitive accommodation	17 33%	26 50%	9 17%
Overnight accommodations in refurbished Kennedy Lodge or group camping outdoors.	18 34%	31 58%	4 8%
Formalized park entry points	35 66%	11 21%	7 13%
Connection to trails outside of the park	43 81%	7 13%	3 6%
Donors / recognition wall	21 40%	16 30%	16 30%
Bicycle parking	45 87%	2 4%	5 10%
Removal of wood shed	22 42%	5 10%	25 48%

9. Please identify any missing elements or changes you would like to see in the preferred park design concept:

27 Responses

10. Which trail system do you feel is most appropriate for the Park?

Trails in Low-use No Overnight Option	23	46%
Trails in Medium-use Childrens' Overnight Option	17	34%
Trails in High-use Overnight Accommodations Option	5	10%
None	5	10%
Total	50	100%

11. Please share any additional comments regarding the future trail system in the Park:

26 Responses

12. To what extent do you agree with the dog leash-optional area at Second Bay?

Completely Agree	14	26%
Somewhat Agree	11	20%
Somewhat Disagree	7	13%
Completely Disagree	21	39%
No Opinion	1	2%
Total	54	100%

13. To what extent do you agree with the dog leash-optional area at the Meadow (Low and Medium Use Options)?

Completely Agree	12	23%
Somewhat Agree	11	21%
Somewhat Disagree	8	15%
Completely Disagree	21	40%
No Opinion	1	2%
Total	53	100%

14. To what extent do you agree with the dog restriction at Arab Cove (with the purpose of protecting the sensitive intertidal ecosystem and public health)?

Completely Agree	37	69%
Somewhat Agree	8	15%
Somewhat Disagree	5	9%
Completely Disagree	4	7%
No Opinion	0	0%
Total	54	100%

15. If areas adjacent to the park were to permit off-leash dog walking, to what extent would you agree with requiring dogs to be leashed at all times in Moorecroft Regional Park?

Completely Agree	30	56%
Somewhat Agree	6	11%
Somewhat Disagree	6	11%
Completely Disagree	11	20%
No Opinion	1	2%
Total	54	100%

ABOUT YOU

16. Please indicate whether you are:

Female	31	58%
Male	22	42%
Total	53	100%

17. Please indicate which range best describes your age:

Under 14 years	1	2%
14 to 17	0	0%
18 to 24	1	2%
25 to 34	4	8%
35 to 59	23	44%
60 to 80	22	42%
Over 80 years	1	2%
Total	52	100%

18. Which community do you live in? Please select one that applies.

Nanaimo	15	28%
Lantzville	1	2%
Parksville	1	2%
Qualicum Beach	2	4%
Electoral Area A (Cassidy, Cedar, Yellow Pt., S. Wellington)	0	0%
Electoral Area B (Gabriola Island)	0	0%
Electoral Area C (Extension, Arrowsmith, Benson, E. Wellington, Pleasant Valley)	0	0%
Electoral Area E (Nanoose Bay)	27	50%
Electoral Area F (Coombs, Hilliers, Errington)	3	6%
Electoral Area G (French Creek, Dashwood, Englishman River)	3	6%

Electoral Area H (Shaw Hill, Qualicum Bay, Deep Bay, Bowser)	0	0%
Ladysmith	0	0%
Greater Victoria	0	0%
Other, please specify:	2	4%
Total	54	100%

2. Please suggest any changes you feel should be made to the vision statement:

Respondent #	Response
1	This is a wilderness neighborhood type park not suitable for new rules for the locals that have watched over, volunteered for many years as well as organized to save park from development. We have lost our park as we want it.
2	I am not sure that this park has a responsibility to become accessible to EVERYONE. It is a natural environment, and creating 100% inclusiveness means creating a lot of artificial trails/ramps etc. It should include a dog off-leash trail.
3	There is no accommodation for continuation of previous uses of the property that the neighborhood enjoyed before it became a park, specifically an off-leash area.

- 4 Maintain a safe environment to all the natural species seen in the park, such as silver tipped fox & cougar. Many visitors are trespassing through PRIVATE LAND to access the park at the point West of the Meadow! The road near this point was NOT built with the intention of becoming a parking lot!!!
- 5 hard to se how you can have such a small park serve as both a regional destination and protect its natural areas and biodiversity
- 6 Change the following: 1) "Youth, families and citizens of all ages...outdoor recreation opportunities" to "All park visitors experience the natural environment and appreciate its ecological value while connecting with nature"
- 7 long before this land was a church camp, it was used by First Nations people, whose decendents currently live close by. It has cultural and spiritual significance to Aboriginal people. There is no recognition of this in the vision statement.
- 8 1)I don't agree the biodiversity & sensitive ecosystems have been protected. Far too much foot & especially dog traffic at Vesper Pt & shoreline. 2)My experience is that visitors w/dogs have not been respecting other visitors by letting them run off leash.
- 9 second paragraph. and the private and not for private profit sectors. ??

- 10 It could be a lot shorter. Very Wordy. 2nd paragraph third line, typo with the "private profit". Last line second paragraph, not needed as it refers to the visitor, not the park or management. Last line re. Ms. moore, very important, move up. 2nd paragraph is the best.
- 11 None
- 12 I Just worry about over-use of the park for obvious reasons. Perhaps this will not become an issue.
- 13 Involvement of 1st Nations would be optimal, but likely not practical.
- 14 I have some doubts that a balance can be struck between protecting ecosystems and all of the human recreation and cultural activities suggested.
- 15 The Vision draft makes no mention of the higher values of Beauty, Joy and a Reverence for all of life. Beauty, as a value for example, trumps and includes ecological values. The same goes for a reverence for all of life. I am not by the way coming from a religious viewpoint in my comments.
- 16 Beginning the vision statement with Moore's legacy, connecting it to the RDN's regional parks and trails mandate and then continuing may create a strong introduction.
- 17 I would like to see highlighted in the vision statement that the park is to act as a wildlife refuge.

- 18 1. Should make specific mention of the parcel being in the critically imperilled Coastal Douglas-fir biogeoclimatic zone and the importance of stewardship with respect to maintaining and rehabilitating the conditions in the park. 2. No mention is made of involving First Nations in any aspects.
- 19 Quite frankly it is written poorly and contains fluff promises, there is no actual meat to this statement. We need a concise and decisive vision statement.
- 20 Amend the 1st sentence from 2022 to reflect: 'The lifetime' of Moorecroft Regional Park is recognized by local and regional residents as a destination within the regional park system.
- 21 The draft vision statement is good but I feel it will be compromised if dogs are allowed to go off leash even in second bay.
- 22 There needs to be a recognition of the archaeological resource to be found in the Park. This is a recorded archaeological site, which has not likely been updated since 1975, when it was first recorded. I would like to see an extensive archaeological investigation of the site and interpretive prg'ms
- 23 The Vision Statement is very general. That is it does not say very much at all and that is dangerous for the well being of the property. I will not tolerate the idea of campers/camping on the property. I envision the use of the property as to be like that of Englishman River Falls-Walking trails

- 24 Should also meet local passive recreational interests as they are the people who will be paying for it

4. Please suggest any changes you feel should be made to the principles:

Respondent #

Response

- 1 I guess it depends on how important the local neighbors are to your plans. So far it seems not very important. Which means an empty park.
- 2 I have been using this property for 10 years. I don't feel a need to increase usage by non-locals. I do want it to remain a peaceful place to walk, connect with nature, exercise/enjoy off-leash with my dog.
- 3 The principles are great, as long as they are followed--while the process is in its initial stages, it does not seem to have followed the policy 10:15 in the Regional Parks and Trails Plan for 2005-2015.
- 4 This park MUST be maintained as a DAY USE ONLY park & NO public access via private property be encouraged! Night use will only discourage wildlife...except the hard core human wild life that is!
- 5 Perhaps it should be acknowledged that due to terrain and costs, 100% of the park area may not be accessible to all persons (disability issues, risks, etc).
- 6 Some parks can not be accessible to all and trying to do so often leads to destruction of those values you are trying to protect

- 7 Ecological includes human values.
Stakeholders - how to differentiate between stakeholders and the public - how is the input of different stakeholders weighted? Is it useful to define that stakeholders is an open rather than a closed intention (certain key groups rather than others).
- 8 There needs to be space where children can play freely without worrying too much about stepping in the wrong place or uprooting the wrong plant. Children need to experience a certain amount of freedom in nature while generally being respectful of it.
- 9 First Nation should have a significant role in decision making, connectivity and character/history
- 10 The history portion doesn't actually talk about the parks history, just that in the future it will be different. The connectivity, love the part about the connecting to other trails etc, don't love the part about families and youth
- 11 They are very well identified and expressed. I'm pleased to see the intention stated to connect the park to adjacent communities. A trail through to Dorcas Point Road makes the park accessible to people on foot.
- 12 None
- 13 Expand the definition of informed decision-making
- 14 Informed decision making is already a problem. It is obvious that the management plan is being made without some key biophysical knowledge of the ecosystem here.

- 15 When are we as a people going to include the spiritual impact Nature has on us as humans!!? This is again, NOT religious based (I don't even attend church) it is however NOT being mentioned anywhere in the documents and I feel it has been deliberately left out.
- 16 A principle speaking to the RDN+Partners responsibility to plan, manage and operate the park within fiscal parameters created from time-to-time should be added. It could reference: capital, operational and life-cycle funding.
- 17 Need to recognize and accommodate wildlife, not just ecological values. Parks are for the enjoyment of nature, go to the gym if you want to improve physical well being, etc. Quality of life??? What is that suppose to mean?
- 18 1. Reference to physically challenged required. 2. Reference to First Nations collaboration and potential to serve
- 19 Youth engagement & school participation to maintain the history of 'camp' Moorecroft
- 20 The history of the park can be remembered through plaques, not by doing expensive restoration of rundown buildings which have little future purpose. Miss Moore's cottage could be a birding observation platform.
- 21 Along with Environmental Protection The principles should include Archaeological Conservation as well.

- 22 300 characters is not enough to say very much. No camping/campers.Youth cabin stays. The outlined management principles are too general and do not protect the land from exploitation. Just cabin stays w/ supervision and environment learning and appreciation.
- 23 All parks can not be made accessible to all users. Don't ruin this one with massive pathways designed for few users
- 24 Retain more of the existings buildings. Focus on the heritage.

6. Please suggest any changes you feel should be made to the management goals:

Respondent #	Response
1	Off-leash walking for dogs.
2	a more formalized information and learning oportunity's for visitors. could be tied in with the BC school curriculum
3	DAY USE ONLY!!! Fines for prohibitive behavior. No Public access from private land.
4	this one small park cannot be all things to all people
5	Ecosystem includes human values
6	While we can strive to make the park accessible to all abilities, some parts may be more difficult for some people. I would not want to see a wooden boardwalk put throughout the park just because wheelchairs cannot function on a wood chip path. Some places may be okay, but I hope childrencanwander

- 7 First Nation should be involved in a meaningful way in stewardship, educational direction, and research and monitoring.
- 8 Recreational opportunities should not include kayaking, boating, bicycles.
- 9 Include that all animals must be leashed.
- 10 A management goal based on Visitors responsibilities is nearly impossible. The only thing the managers can do is put up signs and have staff/volunteers monitor.
- 11 I'm very happy to see the emphasis on protecting the biodiversity and encouraging personal connection with nature.
- 12 None
- 13 There are already problems with park visitors changing the physical attributes of the park to fit their own visions of stewardship.
- 14 The management goals speak to the park's ability to serve citizens (people) not pets. While that is wise, the goals might be more explicit in defining the 'dog' issue. Better to start 'firm' with the ability to loosen that to start loose without ability to tighten.
- 15 I do not see "promote healthy lifestyles...." as a management goal. People will either come to the park or not. I don't know how you manage healthy lifestyles, are no not going to allow smoking? Is this what this means?

- 16 RDN Parks and Rec must allow, NO encourage, volunteer groups to help with cleanup, trail maintenance and yearly cleanup. Remove non-native and invasive plants. All structures to be designed/repared using FN architecture.
- 17 Park trail intepretation on trails with proper signage can bring the classroom to its visitors probably the most effective way.
- 18 Wherever the management plan refers to preservation of nature/ecosystiems etc. it should also include historical and archaeological resources. There should also be a mandate to conduct programs of research, conservation, public education, celebration of these park features
- 19 PARTNERS (Heading above) "...and program delivery." WHAT PROGRAM DELIVERY??? Do not asked me to evaluate something you have not describe. This survey is thus far pie-in-the-sky stuff that does not protect the land from campers and roads and felling trees/bushes/grass where nature survive.
- 20 Disagree with goals for Kennedy Lodge. Skip the wellness, yoga and meditation. Too focused for the general public.
- 21 Keep dogs on leash only
- 22 I have concerns about allowing the public to walk dogs along the park trails and on the beach and shoreline areas.

9. Please identify any missing elements or changes you would like to see in the preferred park design concept:

Respondent #

Response

- 1 Leave as natural as possible.

- 2 Demolition of Boat house, and build a new new building for equipment rentals, and storage.
- 3 I want it left alone as much as possible.
- 4 No dog leash optional areas
- 5 Only formalized entry point should be along the southeast driveway. The entry west of the meadow is PRIVATE PROPERTY as stated previously!
- 6 should not be any dog off-leash areas, this is a rural park focussed on conservation and not a city park
- 7 realignment to boundary trails so they do not go on private property. I would not like to see the boundary trails closed
- 8 If demand requires it then make more parking
- 9 While new parking seems counter to conserving (by making it easier for many more people to come at once), maintaining or improving a clear way to bring small human powered boats to the beach (from the parking lot) would help to maintain the kind of activities that do not damage ecol.values,
- 10 Picnic Shelter should be at Vesper Point where the current picnic tables are located. Or maybe both there and at the meadow if funds allow, but preferably at Vespers.
- 11 construction of First Nation longhouse and other culturally appropriate facilities or areas

- 12 Formal entry points off La Selva Pl is not an option. This is all private property and there is no parking there. Since the Moorepark has been designated a "park" the nuisance to residence of the area has become intolerable.
- 13 Lookout platforms do not need covers & could be at trailside instead of lakeside. A no dog rule in the park. Virtually all other public parks have dogs, I suggest this place be different because of the ecological sensitivity. If dogs are deemed ok they should be on leash at all times.
- 14 Like the idea of Ms. Moore's Cabin being turned into a platform, include history information.
- 15 Ecological information building to be centrally located and staffed during July and August
- 16 Dogs in the Park leashed at all times, with the use of doggy bags. This is for esthetics, and health reasons. Dog feces may contain Round worm eggs and other diseases. (DVM)
- 17 A viewing stand where the old Basketball court was and significant trail upgrades to stop erosion and people walking around puddles and trampling vegetation.
- 18 If you ask any adult who was educated in BC to identify a superb memory from their public school years they will likely mention some outdoor excursion. This park has proven it's excellence in the past in this area and could be used for say all grade 6 students as an overnight experience.

- 19 Programatically, Option 2 (Medium Use) without any over-night accommodation (of any kind) is preferred. Bringing the site to RDN standards that ensure accessibility, affordability and future adaptability is supported. Future information must include operating costs and anticipated revenues.
- 20 No dogs on the beach. Dogs on lease in wooded areas. Dog off lease area if fenced.
- 21 Provide for seasonal "primitive" tent camping as per Newcastle Island or really scaled down version of Rath Trevor.
- 22 Maintain the history of the property
- 23 Keep the park as simple as possible with as few structures to maintain except for the caretaker's house. On site caretaker very important, but the rest are fire risks to the forest. No fires anywhere in park. Find a smaller park with less natural features for off leash dogs and research govts dog use
- 24 Moorecroft should be kept in as natural state as possible and possibly assist in the camping for less fortunate children who would not ever go camping for nature and fellowship.
- 25 Would like to see all existing structures saved as much as possible. Perhaps Kennedy Hall could be re-purposed, but the rest should be preserved to show the heritage and not re-purposed. Do not want to see overnight accomodation or use.
- 26 Low Use plus trail at Vesper Point and short walk to lookout for Skipsey Lake. Overnight by group outdoor camping only.
- 27 No off leash areas

11. Please share any additional comments regarding the future trail system in the Park:

Respondent

Response

- 1 I don't see scenario 1,2or 3-so I don't know.
- 2 I was unable to find the three trail systems.
- 3 They should be clearly off-leash.
- 4 All areas of the park should have directed paths, people will make their own trails if none are provided.
- 5 Trails should be elevated & treated with rockdust to maintain trails at present size & to ensure current trails are not abused or encroached further into wild areas.
- 6 should be rustic and not too manicured, no hard surfaces
- 7 do not close boundary trails, make them so they do not go on private property
- 8 Children must be allowed to wander off trails to explore forests, etc. as long as still on Moorecroft property.
- 9 Do not create an "official entry point" off La Selva. Encourage all traffic to enter the park from the main parking lot. The residence that felt they had purchased a lots that afforded them privacy are all of a sudden dealing with a parking lot in front of their home with all the issues.
- 10 Interpretive signs as a feature; connect to Dorcas Pt Rd,La Selva & south boundary with minimal signage; NO off-leash trails or areas; minimal disturbance at Vesper Pt& eagle nest tree; keep it simple overall.
- 11 The most important part. There are a lot of walkers in the park and if no clear trails, they will make thier own.

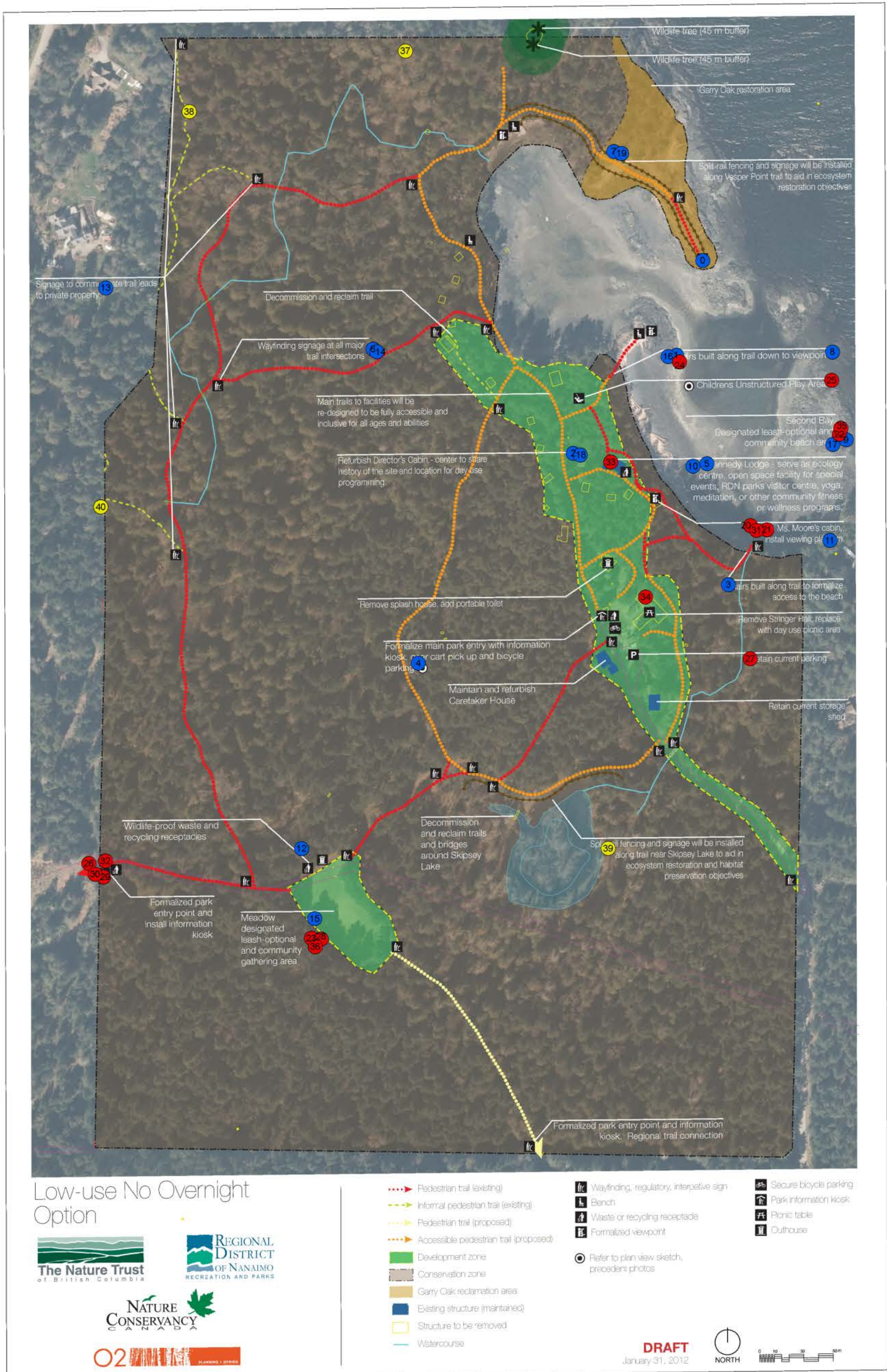
- 12 Trails open to walkers and cyclists but NOT HORSES
- 13 Addendum to #9. Children playing on the ground & especially sandy beaches often put their fingers in their mouths. This should be emphasized at all Parks.
- 14 permeable
- 15 I like some elements of each, but don't like others.
- 16 To honour an aspect of the past (United Church) I suggest Moorecroft keeps the park free of structured programming on Sundays. It could be a quiet, camper-free place for visitors to commune with Beauty in whatever way they wish to express this. Also no dogs on Sundays.
- 17 Signed but rough trails, wheelchair access to the beach.
- 18 Not sure about the intereprestation of Q 10. I would like to see the existing trail system maintained and "corrected" where necessary. Lots of educational signs like Milner Garden.
- 19 Fenced off leash dog area
- 20 No overnight use, too costly to achieve objectives of connecting with nature, leave it to provincial campgrounds , like Rath Trevor which has group facilities.
- 21 Don't understand the question - my feeling is to keep all the trails
- 22 I envision Moorecroft to be like Englishman River Falls. Leave it alone because you cannot improve on NATURE. Be careful before your visions and university degrees ruin this land and will one day no longer represent NATURE!!!!

- 23 Keep the trails for day use hiking. A good comparison and model would be Campbell Valley Regional Park in south Langley.
- 24 As discussed 11/2, new entry through park on La Selva and along road allowance
- 25 Dogs on leash at all times
- 26 Too many smaller trails lead off into confusing directions and onto private properties...

18. Which community do you live in? Please select one that applies.

Respondent #	Response
1	neighbor
2	Vancouver, B.C.

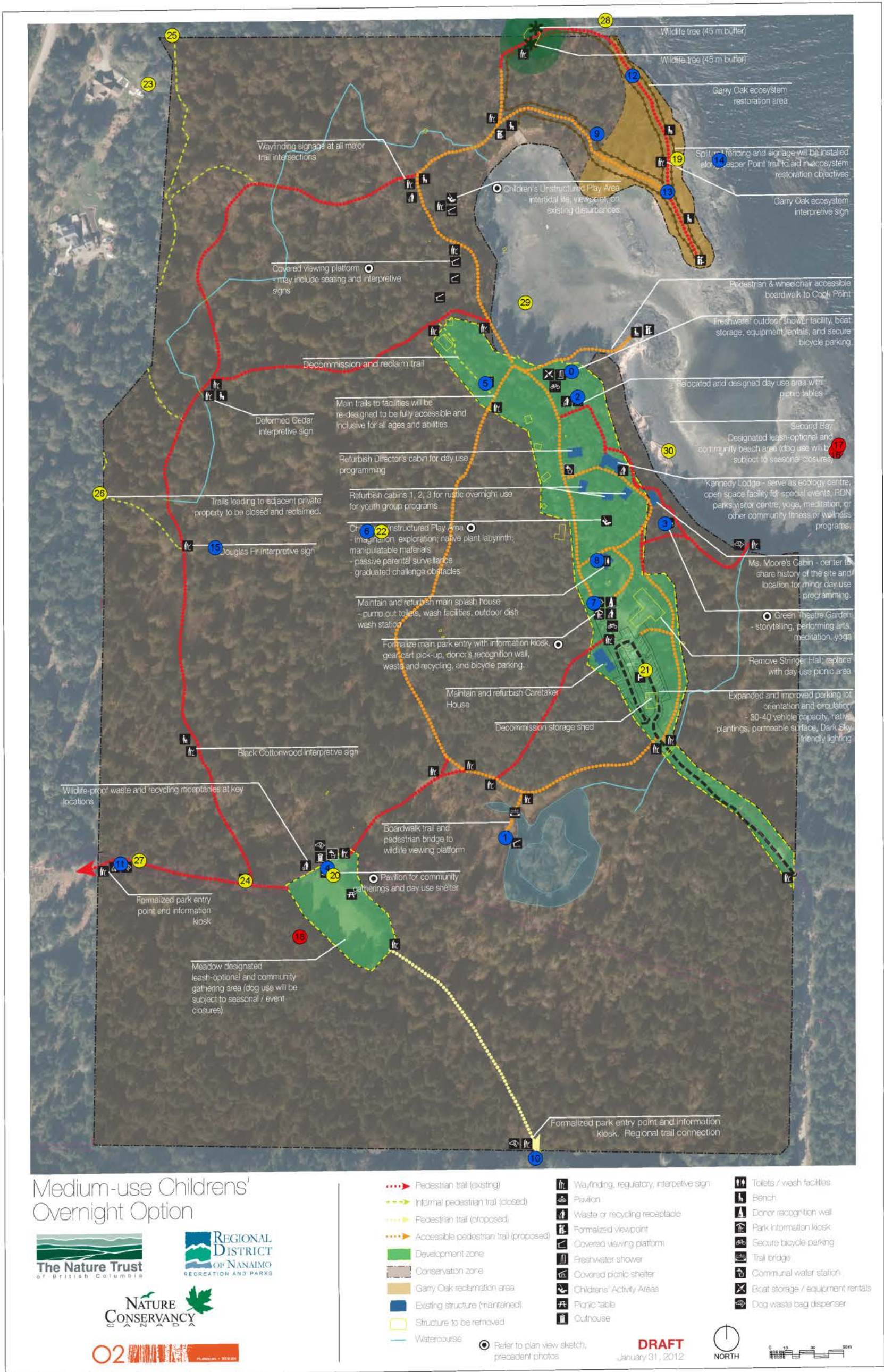
Appendix C: Online Map Editor Results of Concept Design Options
Concept Design Option One



Comment Number	Comments	Suasion
0	No comment	Pro
1	No comment	Pro
2	No comment	Pro
3	access to the beach at this point would be good	Pro
4	Bike parking is a very good idea	Pro
5	all great ideas	Pro
6	Current signage is good	Pro
7	like split rail fence to protect ecosystem, restoration needed	Pro
8	a formalized trail to viewpoint with stairs	Pro
9	no dogs on beach; always on leash; prefer do dogs	Pro
10	yes to all; may produce some income	Pro
11	on of the best spots for viewing platform	Pro
12	need more of these if dogs are allowed in park	Pro
13	suggest landowners do their part as well; strict no encroachment policy	Pro
14	No comment	Pro
15	No comment	Pro
16	No comment	Pro
17	No comment	Pro
18	No comment	Pro
19	No comment	Pro
20	No comment	Con
21	No comment	Con
22	Having been to the park several times and yet to see a single dog on a leash I think any leash optional areas in the park make it less likely that people will use a leash anywhere in the park. I am very much against any leash option areas and encourage m	Con
23	again I am against any leash optional areas in the park	Con
24	Access is fairly easy down by the water so I am not sure why stairs would be needed when signage might direct people the easy way	Con
25	No comment	Con
26	No comment	Con
27	needs some improvement, formalized for best fit at high traffic times	Con
28	leash optional will cause problems for ecosystem and park visitors	Con
29	trail& entry point okay but minimal signage, no fancy kiosk	Con
30	No comment	Con
31	No comment	Con
32	No comment	Con
33	No comment	Con
34	keep stringer. Not a great place for picnic. Keep close to water with view	Con

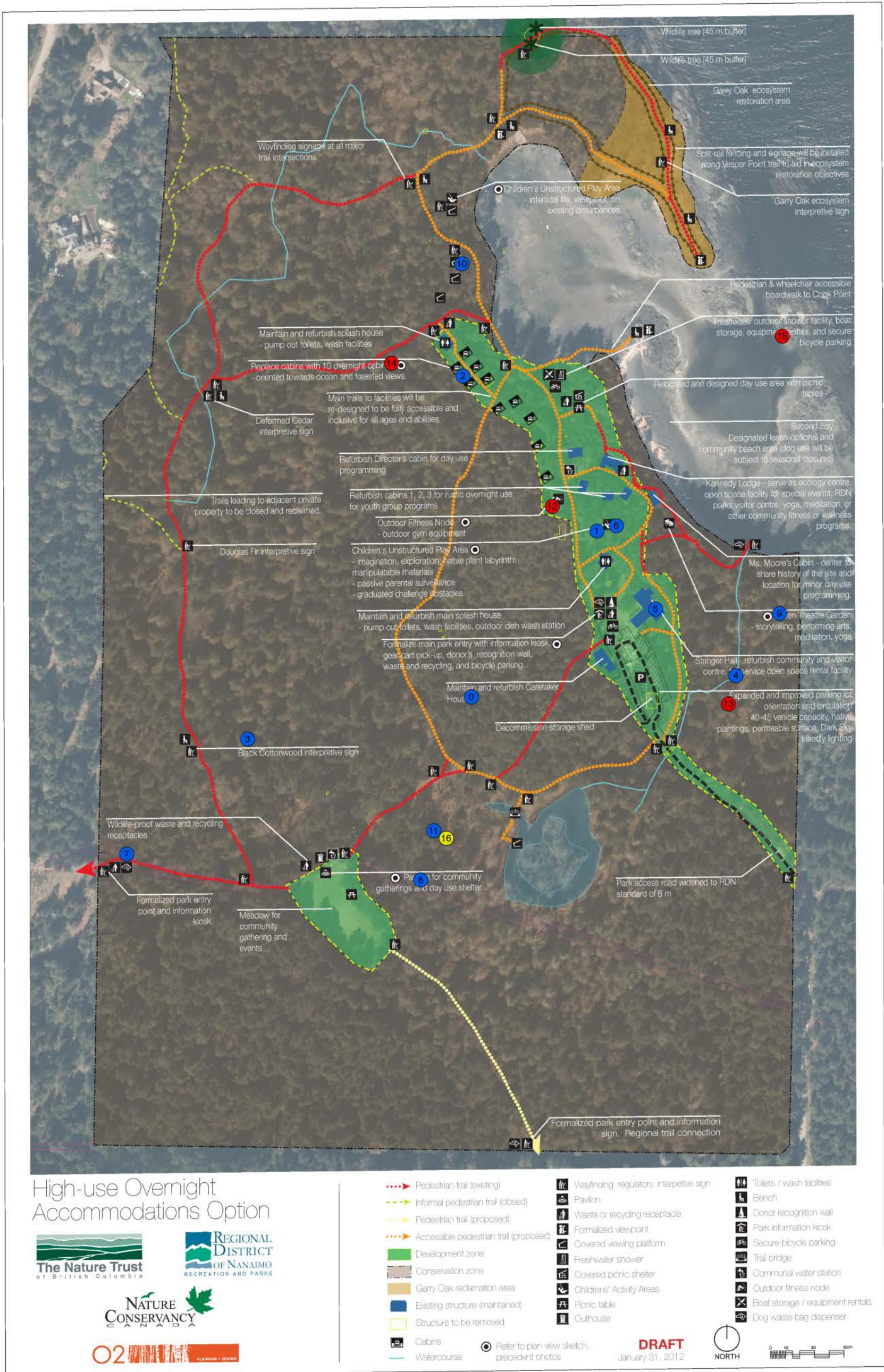
35	Leash Optional is a bad idea	Con
36	Leash Optional is a bad idea	Con
37	trail connecting to Dorcas Pt Rd; close off eagle nest tree area	Suggestion
38	connect to Dorcas Pt Rd	Suggestion
39	bird houses	Suggestion
40	make this a formalized access point. kiosk, bag dispenser & garbage bags	Suggestion

Concept Design Option Two



Comment Number	Comments	Suasion
0	Boat storage and outdoor shower sounds great.	Pro
1	safe accesses to this area would be great as it is difficult to see from the current path. A wildlife viewing platform (or hide) would also be very nice	Pro
2	no fires during fire season.	Pro
3	No comment	Pro
4	support opean air structure	Pro
5	supports covered look outs	Pro
6	good concept, low maintenance but quality construction. Incorporate vandalism consideration & fire.	Pro
7	dog waste bins throughout park	Pro
8	ensure architectural guidelines blend with the site character	Pro
9	fencing is good. Have signs to educate why fenced	Pro
10	COnfigure discussion with license holder for off leash option	Pro
11	keep gsrbe bin and bags	Pro
12	keep this trail system but add to scenario 1	Pro
13	keep this trail system loop.	Pro
14	support but make in way that cant be climbed over them	Pro
15	interpretation along the trails in all scenarios	Pro
16	Leash Optional is a bad idea	Con
17	Off Leash is a bad idea	Con
18	Off leash is a bad idea	Con
19	This fencing is better than Scenario 1. The views from this section are wonderful and it might be a very quiet part of the park that would be a shame to see not accessible	Suggestion
20	as everything needs to be carried a distance to use this sight I would think simple seating for picnics would be enough	Suggestion
21	There is currently not a lot of parking but there has also not been a lot of use that I have seen. If more parking is needed I can understand the expansion	Suggestion
22	ensure native plantings.	Suggestion
23	Forest Mgmt, Forest Health, Fire Smart plan should be required. to guide the longterm future of the forest resource.	Suggestion
24	move info kiosk here	Suggestion
25	formalize entry trail here from Dorcas pt	Suggestion
26	explore this option for another access	Suggestion
27	trail maintenance (standing water) required. Trail braiding occuring. Along entire trail	Suggestion
28	decomission trail to private land	Suggestion
29	keep dogs away from this beach area	Suggestion
30	prefer that second bay is dog free due to conflict with water fowl	Suggestion

Concept Design Option Three



Comment Number	Comments	Suasion
0	No comment	Pro
1	I think this kind of Children's play ground is a great idea	Pro
2	Overnight cabins sounds great	Pro
3	interpretive signs good at many sites!	Pro
4	I like this idea instead of multiple cabin refurbishments; all in one building w/kitchen, rooms, rentals BUT likely a high cost, where will the \$ come from?	Pro
5	keep stringer hall - use for rentals.	Pro
6	good idea	Pro
7	bag dispensers great. Be sure they are dispersed through the park	Pro
8	good idea - but keep rustic gazebo like. Special events, band, stage	Pro
9	No comment	Pro
10	keep small though. Maybe make available for rent?? Reservation system to guarantee but still allow first come use	Pro
11	No comment	Pro
12	Will this get use? I only see kids playing on this equipment at Oliver Woods were there are far more people	Con
13	this is TOO BIG, improvement needed but not to this extent	Con
14	a very costly endeavor, too much to maintain and oversee.	Con
15	far too much emphasis on water activities which threaten wildlife usage. Bike parking should be in parking lot.	Con
16	keep people on boardwalk	Suggestion

Moorecroft Regional Park What We Heard Summary Phase Three Engagement



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Executive Summary

The objective of the third set of community and stakeholder engagement activities was to obtain public and key stakeholder input, information, and ideas on the following:

- Satisfaction with the Management Plan’s direction;
- Recommended park concept and design guidelines; and
- Priority actions.

The input received will help finalize a preferred Park Concept Design Scenario for Moorecroft Regional Park and the draft Management Plan.

Approximately 58 people attended the open house held in the park at Kennedy Lodge on June 16, 2012. A total of 17 survey responses were submitted.

Based on the input received through stage three engagement techniques, the following key themes were identified:

- **Dog Management Strategy:** Open house attendees and survey respondents indicated the need for a dog management strategy, although there is no consensus on the approach.
- **Keep it Simple:** The Management Plan should adopt a “keep it simple” approach by minimizing development and adopting traditional design concepts that in keeping with the context of the site. Respondents support a park concept with little development and regularly maintained and upgraded trails.
- **Long House + Amenities are Key Priority Actions:** Implementation priorities were strongest for actions that support *Outdoor Recreation, Active Living and Learning*, focusing specifically on the development of a feasibility plan for the Long House, upgrading trails to four-season use, increasing trail accessibility for people with mobility needs and providing new benches and picnic tables. *Ecological Protection* actions were also important priorities to respondents, including the development of a Fire-Smart Plan and a Garry Oak Ecosystem Recovery Plan.

1. Background and Objectives

The Moorecroft Regional Park Management Plan will guide the long-term management, development and operations of the park by defining a clear vision, management goals, policies, actions and a conceptual development plan. The management plan will provide direction as to how the Regional District and its partners will provide quality recreational opportunities and visitor experiences in the park while ensuring the preservation and rehabilitation of the Park's important and sensitive ecosystems.

The engagement activities were conducted with the aim of obtaining public and stakeholder input, information, and feedback on the proposed policy direction and priority actions, the Park concept and design guidelines and the implementation priorities. This input will help finalize the preparation of a Park Concept Design Scenario for Moorecroft Regional Park and the draft Management Plan.

The open house was held in Kennedy Lodge at Moorecroft Regional Park on June 16, 2012 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) advertised the open house in local media, postings in the park, direct emails to members of the public and stakeholders who participated in stage 1 and stage 2 engagement and through the RDN website. The open house included large-format displays (maps, graphics, poster-sized copies of the vision statement, plan purpose and study process, management goals/principles and park values), a sounding board where attendees could indicate aspects of the plan they liked and disliked and a phasing chart where attendees could identify their top six implementation priorities. The RDN provided beverages and snacks and the Moorecrofters group set up a booth for promoting donations for The Nature Trust's purchase amount of the Park. The Nature Trust of British Columbia had a booth to promote their conservation activities and their involvement and support for Moorecroft. 58 people attended the open house.

A brief survey was made available in hard copy format at the open house and online from the RDN website from June 16 to June 29, 2012.¹ All open house display material, as well as the draft Moorecroft Regional Park Management Plan, was made available on the RDN website. A total of 17 survey responses were submitted following the open house and 3 comments were received by e-mail. The survey is included in Appendix A.

2. Detailed Findings

Based on the input received through the public open house, survey, and other comments submitted to the RDN via email, the following is a summary of the common themes and key findings related to public and stakeholder perspectives on the management of Moorecroft Regional Park.

¹ Note: The survey was not designed as a statistically valid instrument. Results of the survey do not necessarily represent the perspectives of the general public.

Respondent Demographics

Demographic information was collected for survey respondents. Most respondents were between the ages of 60 – 80 years old. As shown in Figure 1, there were no survey respondents under the age of 35.

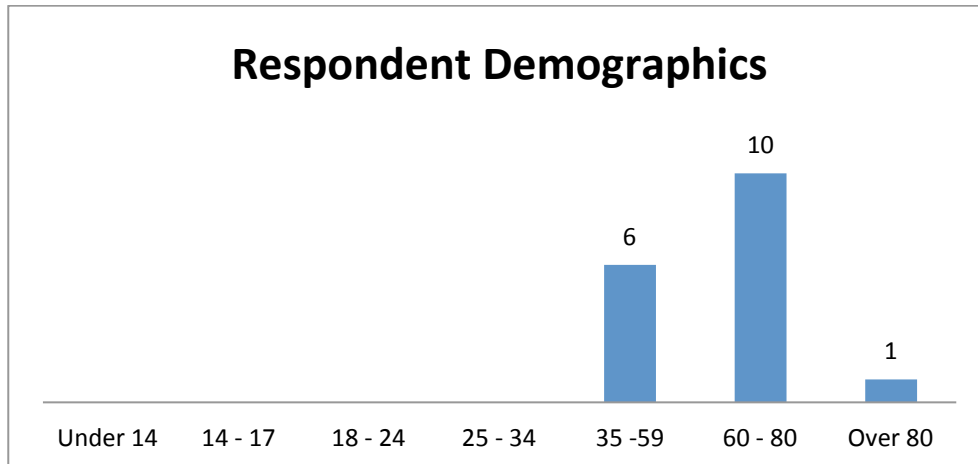


Figure 1 Respondent Demographics

As shown in Figure 2, most survey respondents reside in Electoral Area E – Nanoose Bay. The remaining respondents reside in neighbouring communities including Nanaimo and Parksville, as well as in Electoral Areas F and G. This data suggests that most survey respondents live in close proximity to Moorecroft Regional Park.

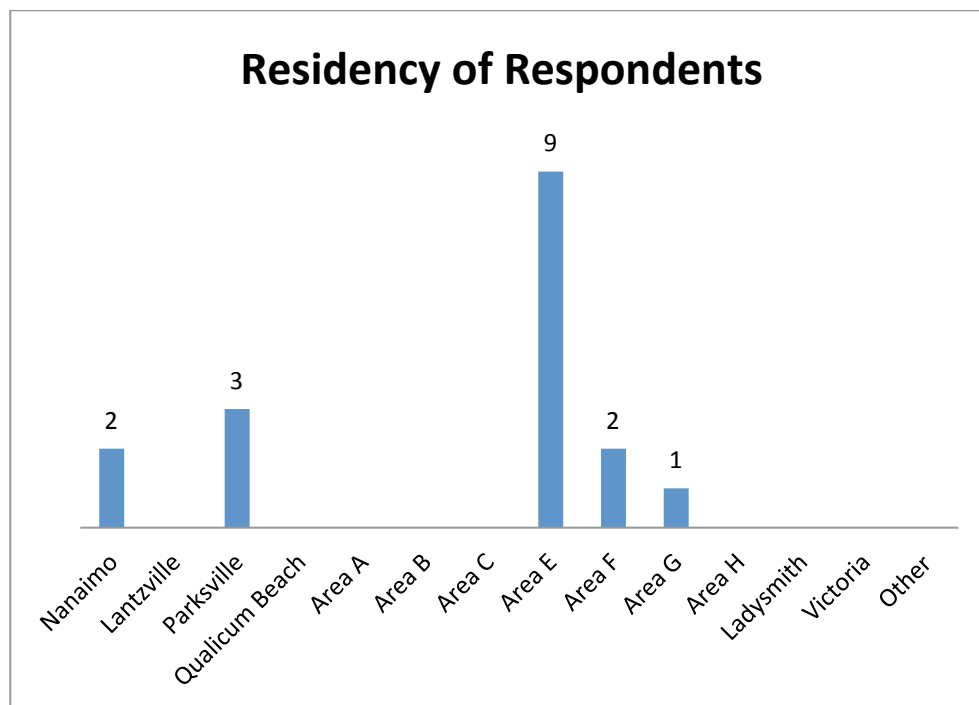


Figure 2 Residency of Respondents

Demographic and residency data were not collected for open house attendees.

2.2 Plan Direction

At the open house, display boards provided information about the plan purpose and planning process, the draft vision statement, the draft management goals, the draft guiding principles and the proposed park values.

Survey respondents were asked to provide input on their level of satisfaction with the overall direction of the draft Moorecroft Regional Park Management Plan and whether the Management Plan can achieve the proposed goals. Respondents were also asked to identify any improvements that could be made to the draft Management Plan. The sounding board at the open house also sought direct feedback from attendees on favoured issues or missing elements in the draft Management Plan.

Policy Direction

Most survey respondents were satisfied with the direction of the Management Plan, indicating support for conservation and environmental protection. Those respondents unsatisfied with the Management Plan's direction suggested additional specificity in the vision statement and believed that dog-wildlife/habitat conflict might impede conservation goals. Results are shown in Figure 3.



Figure 3 Satisfaction with the direction of Moorecroft Regional Park Management Plan

Goal Confirmation

Survey respondents were reasonably satisfied that the Moorecroft Regional Park Management Plan achieves the management goals established for Moorecroft Regional Park. Respondents were most satisfied with management goals related to *Visitor Management and Safety* and *Community Engagement and Stewardship*.

Several respondents were concerned that the lack of a dog management strategy would impede the Management Plan's *Conservation and Protection* goals and may negatively impact visitor safety. Many respondents indicated that *Outdoor Recreation, Active Living and Learning*, with a specific focus on youth and families, is an important management goal for the success of the Park. Results are shown in Figure 4.

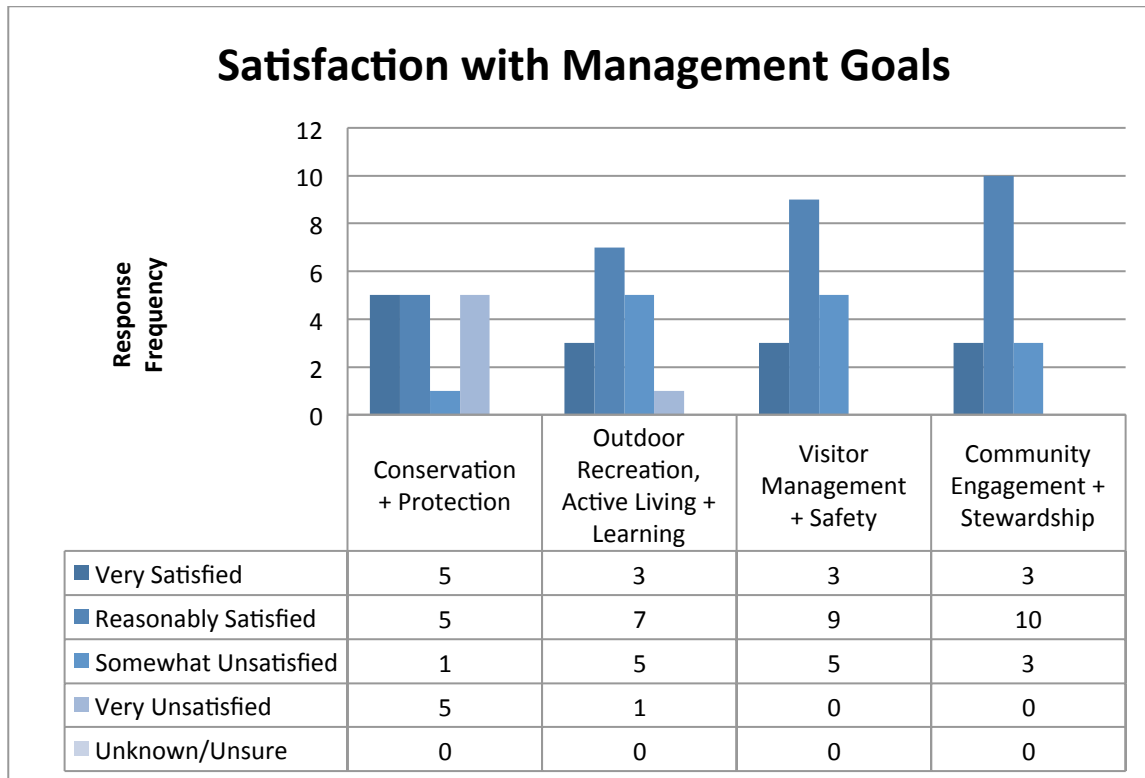


Figure 4 Level of Satisfaction with Management Goals

Respondents also provided a number of suggestions to better achieve management goals, including:

- Provision of additional picnic facilities
- Improved signage at Dolphin Road
- No park user fees
- Provision of overnight camping for schools and youth groups
- Minimize development on the property
- Develop and enforce a dog management strategy
- Provide additional off-leash space for dogs

Comments

Survey respondents were asked to provide additional comments and feedback on the Draft Management Plan. Open House attendees were also given an opportunity to provide direct feedback through a sounding board on which they could post comments, questions and thoughts. All feedback was carefully reviewed, grouped by theme and summarized in Table 1.

Table 1 Survey + Sounding Board Feedback: Policy Direction + Priority Action

Issue	Comment	Frequency
Dog Management	No off-leash area in the Park	6

Issue	Comment	Frequency
	No dogs in the Park	7
	Require larger off-leash area in the Park	8
	Meadow is an inappropriate location for the off-leash area	3
	Limit and fence off-leash areas in the Park	3
	Provide bins and bags for dog waste	1
	Advertising on bag dispensers could cover costs	1
Overnight Use	Include supervised, overnight use facilities for school groups and youth groups.	5
	Long-house should be made large enough to accommodate overnight use.	1
	Restrict park to day use; concern about proximity to residential area	1
Environmental Awareness	Strengthen environmental protection actions	4
	Approve of the Management Plan's overall approach to environmental awareness	2
	Protect the Gary Oak stand	1
First Nations	Ensure on-going park management activities, including design of structures, remain inclusive of First Nations	2
Programming	Create day-camp programming	2
	Free use of park for children's birthday parties	1
Park Access via Private Property	Concern regarding damage to the septic field should park access be provided along western boundary	1
	Park access through a western boundary results in trespass on private property	1
	Provide improved trail access along unused road allowances at northern (Beachcomber) and western boundaries so as to avoid impacts on private property	1
Planning Process	Advisory committee should include citizen representatives	1
	More youth are needed in the planning and operations process	1
	Management Plan document is difficult to read and understand	1

Dog management was the most commonly raised issue by survey respondents and open house attendees. There is no consensus on the approach to dog management in the Park. Generally, respondents who do not support an off-leash policy felt that dogs impede the Park's environmental conservation objectives. A number of respondents indicated that dogs should not be allowed at the Park at all. The respondents suggested that most RDN parks provide off-leash areas and that Moorecroft Regional Park should be a place for conservation-oriented recreational activities rather than dog-oriented recreational activities. These respondents were

also concerned about enforcement of any dog policy. A number of respondents also do support an off-leash policy and some are seeking a greater off-leash area.

Overnight use was another commonly raised issue. A small number of respondents were disappointed that overnight use was not addressed in the Management Plan. These respondents indicated that the Park provides an important outdoor education resource to schools and youth groups that could be enhanced by an overnight use component, either through designated campgrounds or small cabin facilities.

2.3 Park Concept and Design Guidelines

At the open house, a large format display of the draft park concept and design guidelines was presented for public review and comment. Associated conceptual sketches and precedent images for the proposed structures (look-out shelter and entry feature, Long House, splash house, and pavilion and picnic shelters) were also displayed. While recommendations about structure design are outside the scope of this Management Plan, the conceptual images provided additional context for discussion and review of the proposed park concept and design guidelines.

Survey respondents were asked to indicate their level of satisfaction with the proposed park concept and design guidelines and to identify any improvements that could be made. The sounding board at the open house also sought direct feedback from attendees on favoured issues or missing elements in the draft park concept and design guidelines.

Draft Park Concept and Design Guidelines

The majority of survey respondents were reasonably satisfied with the draft park concept and design guidelines, as shown in Figure 5.

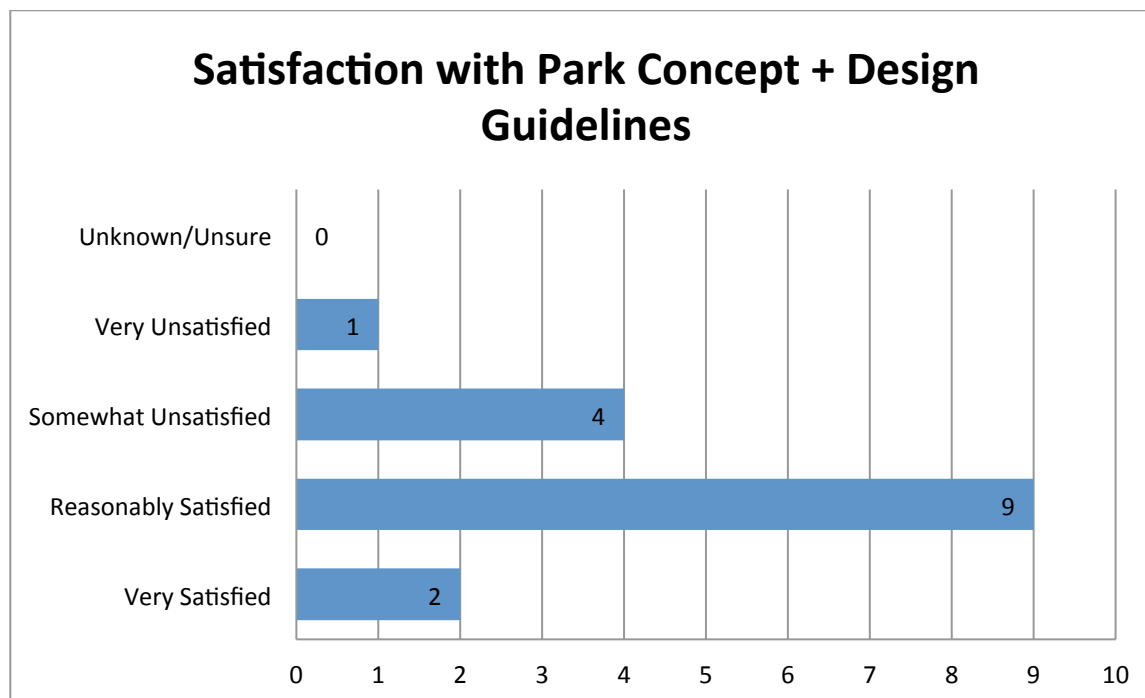


Figure 5 Satisfaction with Draft Park Concept and Design Guidelines

Survey respondents were positive about the Long House concept and appreciated the incorporation of First Nations design elements in the conceptual sketches. One respondent preferred location “10 B” for the physical siting of the Long House. Two survey respondents felt that fewer structures should be included on the site. One respondent suggested that the concept should include an overnight camping designation or small cabin facility.

Comments

Survey respondents were asked to provide additional comments and feedback on the draft park concept and design guidelines. Open House attendees were also given an opportunity to provide direct feedback through a sounding board on which they could post comments, questions and thoughts. All feedback was carefully reviewed, grouped by theme and summarized in Table 2.

Table 2 Survey + Sounding Board Feedback: Policy Direction + Priority Action

Issue	Comment	Frequency
Park Concept	Minimize park development – “keep it simple”	7
Structures	Structures should be more traditional and in keeping with site context than the concepts presented	6
	Prefer benches to viewing platforms as platforms detract from the viewing experience	1
Trails	Upgrade and maintain trails to all-season standards	4
	No bike trails	1

Issue	Comment	Frequency
	Ensure some trails are wheelchair and stroller accessible	2
Meadow Concept	Include washroom facilities at meadow	2
	Meadow should be free of structures	1
Vesper Point Concept	Vesper Point should remain as natural as possible	2
	Consider providing washroom facilities closer to Vesper Point	1
Amenities	Additional picnic tables	2
	Parking should accommodate school buses and charter buses	1

The most common feedback provided by respondents and open house attendees was to adopt a “keep it simple” approach to concept and design. Many respondents felt that “less is better” in terms of the development of new structures. Many respondents also indicated that the conceptual images of proposed buildings were too modern for the site. Instead, respondents preferred a more traditional cabin design.

Respondents also provided suggestions about the need for trail maintenance and the provision of additional facilities such as washrooms at different locations on the site. One respondent suggested providing a composting washroom at the meadow.

2.4 Plan Implementation

At the open house, display boards listed the proposed policy actions and high (1-3 years), medium (4-6 years), and low (7-10 years) priority time frames for implementation. Using a “dotmocracy” approach, open house attendees were given 6 sticky dots and asked to indicate their top 6 priority actions. Survey respondents were asked in more general terms about their level of satisfaction with the draft phasing recommendations as well as to identify any actions that should be phased differently.

Phasing Recommendations

Most survey respondents were reasonably satisfied with the draft phasing recommendations, as shown in Figure 6.

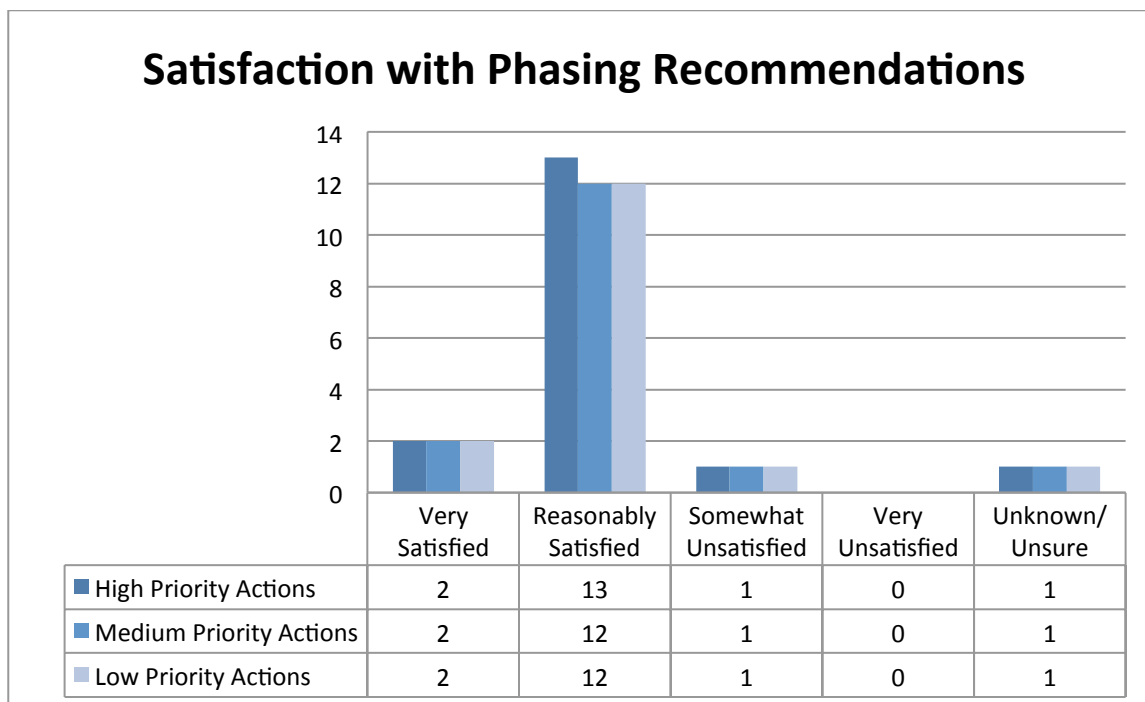


Figure 6 Satisfaction with Draft Phasing Recommendations

Several respondents indicated priority actions, including:

- Upgrading trails and improving access for people with mobility concerns
- Addressing safety issues
- Monitoring dog use (both on- and off-leash)
- Securing management control of the eagle nest tree
- Improvements to the Splash House
- Providing additional detail about revenue streams and operational costs

Implementation Priorities

Implementation priorities were strongest for actions that support outdoor recreation, active living and learning, followed by actions that support ecological protection and visitor management and safety (Figure 7).

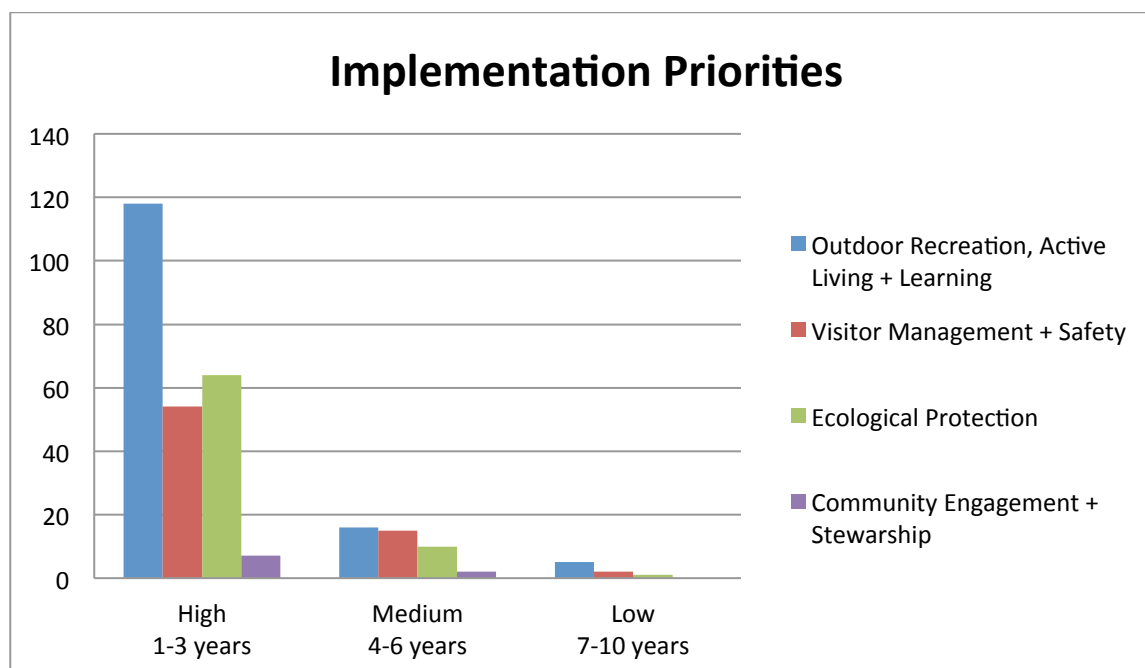


Figure 7 Implementation Priorities

The top priority actions for each management goal are summarized below. Complete “dotmotcracy” results are provided in Appendix B.

Outdoor Recreation, Active Living + Learning

- Develop feasibility plan for the Long House with Snaw’Naw’As (Nanoose) First Nation
- Install new benches and picnic tables (install overtime as funding becomes available)
- Develop regional trail connections through adjacent lands
- Restore and sign informal trails
- Develop ecological and cultural education program
- Install dog waste bag dispensers and waste receptacles

Ecological Protection

- Develop a Fire-Smart Plan
- Garry Oak Ecosystem Recovery Plan
- Secure foreshore lease for Second Bay
- Renew foreshore lease for Block A, Lot 249

Visitor Management + Safety

- Explore opportunities for off – leash opportunities in woodlot south of park
- Complete detailed building condition assessment for Kennedy Lodge, Ms. Moore’s Cabin, Boathouse, and Caretaker’s House, and begin implementation of priorities
- Monitoring of off-leash area

Community Engagement + Stewardship

- Establish “Friends of Moorecroft” association

3. Key Summary Conclusions

Based on the input received through stage three public engagement techniques, the following key themes were identified:

Dog Management Strategy

Open house attendees and survey respondents indicated the need for a dog management strategy, although there is no consensus for a strategy approach. The approach presented in the draft Management Plan proposed designating the meadow as the only off-leash area in the Park. Some feedback suggested that the meadow is an inappropriate off-leash area as it presents high potential for conflict between off-leash dogs, children and families. Considerable feedback requested that the Management Plan either bans dogs altogether or has a strict on-leash policy in all areas of the Park as dogs impede conservation and ecological protection goals. Conversely, substantial feedback was received suggesting that the dog off-leash area be larger.

Keep it Simple

Input on the draft park concept and design guidelines was generally positive. Consistent feedback was for the Management Plan to adopt a “keep it simple” approach by minimizing development and adopting traditional design concepts that are in keeping with the context of the site. Respondents support a park concept with little development and regularly maintained and upgraded trails.

Long House + Amenities are Key Priority Actions

Implementation priorities were strongest for actions that support *Outdoor Recreation, Active Living and Learning*. Specifically, the development of a feasibility plan for the Long House was identified as the most important priority. This focus on the Long House is consistent with feedback received through the survey. Other amenities that should be implemented as priorities include upgrading trails to four-season use and increasing trail accessibility for people with mobility needs. The provision of new benches and picnic tables was also indicated as a priority. *Ecological Protection* actions were also important priorities to respondents, including the development of a Fire-Smart Plan and a Garry Oak Ecosystem Recovery Plan.

APPENDIX A: QUESTIONNAIRE

Moorecroft Regional Park Management Plan

Moorecroft Regional Park is the Regional District of Nanaimo's (RDN) newest park! The RDN is developing a management plan to guide the management, development and operation of the Park over the next 10 years. The Plan establishes a clear vision, management goals, policies and actions to guide park management decisions. The Plan also proposes design concepts and guidelines as well as an implementation strategy.

About the Survey

The RDN is seeking input from the public in helping plan the future of the Park. This survey gathers valuable information about the proposed recommendations in the Moorecroft Regional Park Management Plan. Your views and the information you provide will be grouped with other survey respondents to ensure you remain anonymous.

Before starting the survey, please review the Draft Management Plan and Conceptual Park Design, both are available on the RDN website at:
www.rdn.bc.ca/moorecroft

We encourage you to **answer all questions** as **your input is important to us**. Your help is greatly appreciated and we would like to **thank-you** in advance for your input.

Please return your completed survey to Recreation & Parks by **June 29th, 2012**. Return your survey by:

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Policy Direction and Priority Actions

Vision Statement

In 2022, residents and visitors alike recognize Moorecroft Regional Park as a destination for nature, community and learning. Moorecroft is a place to celebrate the region’s ecological features, its history, local arts and vibrant First Nations culture.

The park’s native biodiversity and cultural assets have been protected, and enhanced. The park serves as a small, yet intact, refuge for wildlife in an increasingly fragmented landscape. Previously disturbed areas within the park have been reclaimed and non-native invasive species are under control.

Moorecroft operates through various partnership opportunities among the Regional District of Nanaimo, the Nature Conservancy of Canada, the Nature Trust of British Columbia, Snaw’Naw’As First Nation, academic institutions, and the private and not for profit sectors. Experiential learning opportunities, sustainable infrastructure and committed stewardship deliver enhanced visitor experiences.

Moorecroft Regional Park remains a place for families and visitors of all ages to enjoy.

1. Thinking about the vision statement, are you satisfied with the direction of the Moorecroft Park Management Plan?

Level of Satisfaction				
Very Satisfied	Reasonably Satisfied	Somewhat Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied	Unknown/Unsure

Additional Comments

2. Four management goals have been identified for Moorecroft Regional Park. Are you satisfied that the Draft Management Plan achieves these goals?

Goal	Level of Satisfaction				
	Very Satisfied	Reasonably Satisfied	Somewhat Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied	Unknown/Unsure
Conservation + Protection					
Outdoor Recreation, Active Living + Learning					
Visitor Management + Safety					
Community Engagement + Stewardship					

Additional Comments

3. Do you feel any improvements are necessary to the Draft Management Plan? If yes, please briefly describe the improvements you suggest.

- Yes
- No

Park Concept and Design Guidelines

4. How satisfied are you with the draft park concept and design guidelines?

Level of Satisfaction				
Very Satisfied	Reasonably Satisfied	Somewhat Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied	Unknown/Unsure

Additional Comments

5. Do you feel any improvements are necessary to the draft park concept and design guidelines? If yes, please briefly describe the improvements you suggest.

- Yes
- No

Plan Implementation

6. How satisfied are you with the draft phasing recommendations?

Priority	Level of Satisfaction				
	Very Satisfied	Reasonably Satisfied	Somewhat Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied	Unknown/Unsure
High Priority Actions					
Medium Priority Actions					
Low Priority Actions					

7. Do you feel the priority actions have been phased appropriately? If no, please identify which actions you feel should be phased differently.

- Yes
- No

About You

The following information is gathered to help us understand the age-range and geographic location of those who have provided feedback to the draft plan. Results will only be reported at an aggregate level and responses will NOT be attributed to individual survey participants.

8. Please indicate which range best describes your age:

- Under 14 years
- 14 to 17
- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 59
- 60 to 80
- Over 80 years

9. Which community do you live in? Please select one that applies.

- Nanaimo
- Lantzville
- Parksville
- Qualicum Beach
- Electoral Area A (Cassidy, Cedar, Yellow Pt., S. Wellington)
- Electoral Area B (Gabriola Island)
- Electoral Area C (Extension, Arrowsmith, Benson, E. Wellington, PleasantValley)
- Electoral Area E (Nanoose Bay)
- Electoral Area F (Errington, Coombs, Hilliers, Whiskey Creek, Meadowood)
- Electoral Area G (French Creek, Dashwood, Englishman River)
- Electoral Area H (Shaw Hill, Qualicum Bay, Deep Bay, Bowser)
- Ladysmith
- Victoria
- Other

Thank you!

Please see Page 1 for details on how to return your completed questionnaire.

APPENDIX B: DOTMOCRACY RESULTS

Table1 : Ecological Protection			
Priorities	High 1-3 years	Medium 4-6 years	Low 7-10 years
Fencing at Vesper Point	0	0	0
New boardwalk at Skipsey Lake	2	7	0
Supplementary nest box program at Skipsey Lake	0	2	0
Natural planting within Development Zone	1	0	0
Assess amphibian habitat and develop a trail and road crossing strategy	3	0	0
Secure management control of eagle nest tree.	6	0	0
Garry Oak Ecosystem Recovery Plan	10	1	0
Develop a Fire-Smart Plan	11	0	0
Develop non-native and invasive species detection and monitoring program	3	0	0
Renew foreshore lease for Block A, Lot 249	8	0	0
Secure foreshore lease for Second Bay	9	0	0
Develop conservation stewardship partnerships with adjacent landowners	4	0	0
Establish and implement Ecosystem Inventory and Monitoring Program	3	0	0
Develop and implement Science Strategy	4	0	1

Table 2: Outdoor Recreation, Active Living + Learning			
Priorities	High 1-3 years	Medium 4-6 years	Low 7-10 years
Develop and conduct visitor satisfaction surveys	1	0	0
Design and construct new splash house	5	1	1
Design and construct pavilion in meadow	3	2	0
Prepare detailed site servicing plan	2	0	0
Design and construct natural playscape	2	2	0
Install wildlife proof garbage and recycling containers	2	1	0
Install dog waste bag dispensers and waste receptacles	11	0	0

Table 2: Outdoor Recreation, Active Living + Learning			
Priorities	High 1-3 years	Medium 4-6 years	Low 7-10 years
Design, construct and install viewing platforms (new platforms constructed overtime as funding becomes available)	4	0	0
Install new benches and picnic tables (install overtime as funding becomes available)	13	0	0
Install bike racks	3	2	0
Develop feasibility plan for the Long House with Snaw'Naw'As (Nanoose) First Nation	14	3	1
Design and construct upgraded parking lot	1	1	0
Construct barrier-free trails	2	0	0
Develop regional trail connections through adjacent lands	13	0	1
Restore and sign informal trails	12	1	0
Formalize park entry along northern and western boundaries	4	1	0
Upgrade bridges, boardwalks and water crossings	4	0	0
Develop strategy for refurbishment / preservation of Ms. Moore's Cabin.	5	1	1
Develop ecological and cultural education program	12	0	0
Install interpretive signage	0	1	0
Develop interpretive website	0	0	0
Deliver public guided interpretive tours	4	0	1
Coordinate and host public events	1	0	0

Table 3: Visitor Safety + Management			
Priorities	High 1-3 years	Medium 4-6 years	Low 7-10 years
Install park kiosk and information signage	0	3	0
Adopt "Leave No Trace" program	3	2	0
Monitoring of off-leash area	7	1	0
Explore opportunities for off – leash opportunities in woodlot south of park	14	4	1

Table 3: Visitor Safety + Management			
Priorities	High 1-3 years	Medium 4-6 years	Low 7-10 years
Install new way-finding signage and maps	0	2	0
Install leash-optional signage at meadow	4	0	0
Development of way-finding signage strategy on nearby roads	4	0	0
Install signs at undesignated trail access points/park boundary	0	0	0
Prepare demolition strategy for existing facilities, including water services	7	0	0
Complete detailed building condition assessment for Kennedy Lodge, Ms. Moore's Cabin, Boathouse, and Caretaker's House, and begin implementation of priorities	11	3	0
Prepare and implement capital and major asset maintenance plan	0	0	0
Remove unused and decommissioned oil tanks	4	0	0
Undertake FireSmart assessment	0	0	0
Undertake hazard tree assessment and management plan	0	0	1
Develop emergency response plan	0	0	0

Table 4: Community Engagement + Stewardship			
Priorities	High 1-3 years	Medium 4-6 years	Low 7-10 years
Establish "Friends of Moorecroft" association	6	2	0
Construct Recognition and Donor Wall	1	0	0

