

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**EAST WELLINGTON AND PLEASANT VALLEY
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, June 17, 2013
7:00 PM**

(East Wellington Fire Hall, 3269 Jingle Pot Road)

A G E N D A

PAGES

CALL TO ORDER

DELEGATIONS

Motion to receive late delegation.

MINUTES

3-4 Minutes of the regular East Wellington and Pleasant Valley Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held April 22, 2013.

Motion to approve Minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

5 Jen Merner, Bike Rack at Meadow Drive Community Park

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Anders Dorit CP: Community Consultation

- Open House Planning (draft survey, display boards, advertising, logistics)

REPORTS

6-11 Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects – April 2013

12-17 Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects – May 2013

Meadow Drive Picnic Shelter Update (D. Cawthorne)

Motion to receive Reports.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

- 18 Benson Creek Falls Management Plan – Open House June 22nd, 2013

COMMITTEE ROUND TABLE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, September 9th, 2013
7:00pm
East Wellington Fire Hall

Distribution: M. Young (Chairperson), C. Pinker (Alternate), R. Heikkila, B. Erickson, D. Cawthorne, J. Wilson,
T. Osborne, W. Marshall, E. McCulloch

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE EAST WELLINGTON AND PLEASANT VALLEY
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
HELD MONDAY, April 22, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

Attendance: Maureen Young, Director RDN Board, Chair
Judith Wilson
Rick Heikkila
Bruce Erickson

Staff: Elaine McCulloch, Parks Planner

Regrets: Doug Cawthorne

Also in Attendance: Charles Pinker
Joy Hunter
Christine Heffernan
Phyllis Kratschmer

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Young called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Election of Secretary

B. Erickson was nominated by R. Heikkila for the position of Secretary. B. Erickson accepted the position of Secretary.

MINUTES

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONDED J. Wilson that the minutes of the November 26, 2013 meeting be received.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Meadow Drive Community Park – Picnic Shelter Update

Ms. McCulloch discussed the work done at Meadow Drive Park and the next steps ahead.

Anders-Dorrit Community Park

The committee discussed the details of the Anders-Dorrit Park Open House that will take place Thursday July 18th at 4:30-7:00 with refreshments. A survey will be available at the park, on the RDN website and will be mailed out as well.

REPORTS

Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects – Nov/Dec 2012

Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects – January 2013

Ms. McCulloch reviewed the November/December and January Update reports.

Electoral Area 'EW/PV' Community Park 2013 Detailed Project Plan

The 2013 Detailed Project Plan was discussed with the Committee.

Electoral Area 'EW/PV' Community Park 5-Year Project Planning: 2014-2018

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONDED J. Wilson that the reports be received.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

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Change of meeting time/date

The committee discussed the possibility of changing the day or time of the meetings to earlier in the day but it was decided to stay with the same days and time for regular meetings.

The committee also discussed the need for 2 more POSAC committee members.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONDED J. Wilson that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00pm.

CARRIED

From: Jennifer Merner [<mailto:jamerner@shaw.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2013 5:45 PM
To: McCulloch, Elaine
Subject: bike rack at Meadow Drive community park

Hi Elaine – I hope you are well.

I am writing to begin to start a conversation about how I can request a bike rack at Meadow Drive Community park be considered.

One thought that has been discussed is children in the area would like to ride their bike to the park and then leave bikes for the day, get on school bus, and then ride home afterschool. The school district has denied our request to come up through the subdivision so we are looking at ways to get the kids to school. With a bike rack it might encourage our children to be more active and bring people to the park.

Thank you for considering my request and letting me know what I need to do from here.

Jennifer Merner
Resident in Benson Meadows, on Creekside Place.

Parks Functions Report

TO: Tom Osborne
General Manager of Recreation and Parks

DATE: May 7, 2013

FROM: Wendy Marshall
Manager of Parks Services

FILE:

SUBJECT: Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects

During April staff have been involved with the following projects and issues.

Electoral Area Community Parks

Area A

Staff prepared and distributed the April 17th PRCC meeting agenda package and attended the meeting.

Staff reviewed the Cedar Skateboard/Bike Park construction drawings and provided design comment to the consultant. Staff also provided site information to the consultant regarding existing culvert locations and specifications.

Staff prepared and submitted the January – March 2013 Periodic Progress Report for the Cedar Skateboard Bike Park Community Recreation Grant.

Garbage clean-up work was carried out at Nelson Road boat launch.

Area B

Water quality testing was conducted at Rollo McClay Community Park. Research is underway to determine more suitable treatment options, and drinking water delivery has been ordered for the interim. Grading work was completed at the McClay Way entrance. Sand, seed and fertilizer has been ordered for the park, and the mowing and maintenance contract has begun for the season. Lock repair work was also undertaken. Brushing work was carried out.

Beach access stair construction was completed at South Road Community Park.

Signage was posted at Huxley Park notifying park users of planned changes to the skate park area. A garbage clean-up was also carried out.

Park clean-up work was carried out at Cox Community Park.

GPS data was gathered for future access gate installation at 707 Community Park.

Area C – Extension

Staff confirmed that progress on the engineering drawings for the Extension Miners CP bridge is currently awaiting design feedback from the community.

Area C - East Wellington/Pleasant Valley

At Meadow Drive Community Park staff removed orchard stakes from the planted trees, inspected tree health, and performed a playground inspection.

Staff prepared and distributed the April 22nd POSAC meeting agenda package including the 2013 Detailed Project Plan and the 5 year Planning Worksheet-2014-2018 and attended the meeting.

Water level monitoring work was conducted at Anders Dorrit Community Park, along with site assessment for possible parking lot development.

Area E

At Schooner Ridge Path staff repositioned a large boulder that had been moved out of place.

Brushing work was carried out at Stone Lake Drive Community Park.

Area F

Survey work was completed at Carrothers Rd (ACT 2) and staff are looking into trail agreements along the right of way. The survey was also completed at Price Rd (ACT 5) and the existing path is well located within the undeveloped road allowance and is ready to use. The trail will be formalized through an MoTI permit and signs installed at each end. Staff have begun looking into trail agreements and surveys required for ACT 6.

Initial planning work was carried out for the installation of an underground electrical line to supply farmer's market vendors at Errington Community Park.

Staff reviewed the Meadowood CP Phase 1 construction drawings and provided design comment to the consultant.

Staff prepared and submitted the January – March 2013 Periodic Progress Report for the Phase 1 Meadowood Park Community Recreation Grant.

Area G

Cost information was obtained for the addition of chain link fence at Dashwood Community Park. Additional building and site improvement cost information is being sought over the spring. Significant park brushing and clearing work improved aesthetics and security around the playground site.

Brushing and clearing trail corridors was carried out at Lee Road Community Park and Hawthorne Community Park. The playground equipment was power washed at Boulton Community Park and staff installed a new post and sign at Rivers Edge Community Park.

Staff met with RDN Planning Staff and the developer's agent regarding the proposed park land dedication proposal in association with the subdivision application for 743 Drew Road. Staff attended a follow-up site meeting to walk to walk the proposed park land and provided comments to RDN planning staff.

Area H

At Henry Morgan, work on the park facilities is progressing well now that the consultants have sorted out the drainage issues. The asphalt sport court is installed, grading work completed and pathways are

laid out. The hill slide and rock scramble were also roughed in. Scheduled for completion in mid-May is the bike pump track, landscaping and the playhouse. Hydroseeding the grass areas will follow to allow for some 'greening up' into June. An official park opening date has not been established yet.

Staff brushed and cleared all Beach Accesses and carried out trail bushing and pruning at Gainsburg Community Park, Thompson Clarke Trail, Rose Community Park and McColl Road Community Park. Ongoing garbage clean-up work was completed at Dunsmuir Community Park.

Community Parks and Greenways Strategy

Public engagement summaries have been completed for Phase 1 and the next round of Open Houses including survey #2 will begin in Early May with the last Open House in Early June. Advertisements for the Open Houses and summary information is posted on the RDN website at the following link www.rdn.bc.ca/parks.

Regional Parks

Arrowsmith CPR Regional Trail

Staff obtained an update from the Island Timberlands' blog regarding the status of the upper trail closure and updated the RDN web site accordingly. The trail remains closed above McBey Creek during the weekday.

Beachcomber Regional Park

Park staff conducted park inspections and maintained trails.

Benson Creek Falls Regional Park

Five proposals were received from consultant firms for the Management Plan. Golder Associates Ltd. was hired and the initial meeting was held on April 30th to provide project resources and to confirm terms of the contract and work plan for the coming months.

Park staff pressure washed the Weigles sign.

Coats Marsh Regional Park

Working drawings for the berm are being prepared for Ministry approval. The target for completion of the tender drawings is June for an August construction window.

Descanso Bay Regional Park

Park staff delivered new fire rings to the campground.

Englishman River Regional Park

Park Staff carried out routine inspections of Englishman River Regional Park and Top Bridge Park. Staff responded to maintenance issues identified by the Volunteer Park Warden including; garbage issues, ATV trespass, vandalism, graffiti and suspect hazardous trees.

Staff pressure washed kiosks, in ground garbage cans and bench. Park staff also GPS'd the park with the GIS department.

Over 180,000 Chinook fry were placed in the rearing pond at the Park hatchery complex by Community Fisheries staff.

Horne Lake Regional Park

Park operators RLC continue to prepare for this summer's camping season. Park staff GPS'd the park with the GIS department.

Staff worked with MoTI on a permit to install additional directional signage along Horne Lake Road and Horne Lake Caves Road. A request was submitted to amend the existing permit. However, MoTI is cancelling earlier permits granted for park signage on Hwy 19A and lower Horne Lake Road and requiring a new permit for any new signage. As well, MoTI advises that existing Hwy 19 signage needs updating as it become too weathered.

Staff liaised with the Park Operator, RDN Building Inspection, and Fortis on permitting and siting of a BRITCO trailer to serve as park office and store. The surveyor is to provide sign-off on accuracy of his building layout from the flooding covenant.

Horne Lake Regional Trail

Staff reviewed the project with Qualicum First Nation councilor including the outstanding request to the Province to assign Heritage Trail status to the route, and the need to engage Port Alberni-side FNs in the heritage trail effort before the Province will consider doing so. The QFN is interested in helping move the file forward, and in participating in the development of area tourism initiatives. Research material on the 1911 Horne Lake Road will be provided to them.

Lighthouse Country Regional Trail

Park staff pressure washed the kiosks and two in ground garbage cans.

Staff received permit from MoTI for permission to install directional signage at Lioness Blvd. Sign production is underway.

Little Qualicum River Estuary Regional Conservation Area

Park staff made some adjustments to the new stairs and additional reflective tape was installed on the new fence at the swimming area.

Little Qualicum River Regional Park

Staff liaised with the QB Streamkeepers regarding invasive removal training scheduled as part of the BC Conservation Foundation's biologist contract to plan re-vegetation of spit. A site visit was held with the biologist, BC Conservation Foundation, and the Guardians of the Mid-Island Estuaries to review the approach to the work.

Staff reviewed archaeological records for the spit and the Province's update of proximate registered sites were noted.

An inquiry was made to Crown Lands regarding moving forward with a boundary adjustment at spit. A follow up call will be made in May.

Moorecroft Regional Park

The building removal project has now been completed. The contractor prepped the demo areas removing rubble and adding soil in some locations for planting of native species. Parks staff then met with Streamside Nursery to select species for the restoration project and worked with the

Moorecrofters volunteers to coordinate a planting day planned for May 1. On the site of the old work shed, the contractor built an addition to the existing parking lot.

Staff carried out other work including replacing vandalized no shellfish harvesting signs and putting recycling decals on the garbage cans. The park was GPS'd with staff from the GIS department.

Morden Colliery Regional Trail

Staff met with BC Parks regarding efforts to restore the tipple, and any opportunities for RDN Parks to work with BC Parks on advancing this project.

Nanaimo River Regional Park

The Forest Genetics section of the Tree Improvement Branch of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, the Canadian Forest Service and Yellow Point Propagation harvested the 100 trees selected. Once the trees were felled further tests were conducted in regards to density of the 50 year old Douglas Fir.

Park staff pressure washed the kiosks and the in ground garbage can.

Top Bridge Regional Trail

Park staff conducted trail maintenance.

Parksville - Qualicum Links

In conjunction with the Oceanside Cycling Coalition, staff organized, promoted and carried out an event to celebrate the formal extension of the Links to the downtowns of Parksville and Qualicum Beach and the way marking of the entire route including installation of route maps at each end and at the Barclay Crescent Millennium Bridge.

Witchcraft Lake Regional Trail

Staff revised an Operating Agreement for the s.57 trail received from MFLNRO and confirmed with RDN mapping that the Schedule of Lands showing the s.57 trail location is accurate.

Miscellaneous

Numerous park inspection visits and maintenance projects were conducted throughout the district including garbage removal, brushing and trail maintenance, new sign layouts and installations, and sign maintenance, and numerous information requests were received from the public.

Staff joined MoE's Local Government Working Group on Species and Ecosystems at Risk and completed a spreadsheet on RDN activity. Staff participated in a conference call of BC local governments and sharing of activities being undertaken.

Work continued on the new Wildfire Response Agreement (WRA), which replaces the Province's cancelled Fire Control Cost Sharing Agreement. Clarification was obtained from MFLNRO about the inclusion of Mudge and DeCourcay Island parks and they will be included. Staff worked with Mapping on the production of shape files for now 20 park and trail properties to be covered by the WRA, and confirmed all park and trail areas to constitute the record. Staff received the new version of the Wildfire Response Agreement from MFLNRO.

The first trail counters were installed throughout the district and the first test data received. Staff are continuing to place trail counters and to test the date over the next few weeks.

Park Use Permits and Events

- Liaised with the Bluegrass Festival planners, and RDN Nanaimo special event permit administrator, regarding the 2013 event permit as well as permitting for the Fall Fair.
- Addressed park use permit inquiry about a multi-day music festival on Gabriola.
- Began discussion about Oceans Day 2013 with the Descanso Bay Regional Park Operators.

Recommendations

That the Parks Update Report for May 2013 be received as information.



Manager of Parks Services



General Manager Concurrence

Parks Functions Report

TO: Tom Osborne
General Manager of Recreation and Parks

DATE: June 10, 2013

FROM: Wendy Marshall
Manager of Parks Services

FILE:

SUBJECT: Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects

During May 2013 staff have been involved with the following projects and issues.

Electoral Area Community Parks

Area A

At Nelson Road boat launch staff brushed and weed eaten the site and removed debris from the ramp.

Following a call from a park neighbour, staff met an arborist at Janes Road Community Park to assess several hazard trees. Falling work is scheduled for June.

Staff reviewed the final construction documents and, as per the License of Use Agreement with School District 68, provided the project specifications and construction drawing for their review and approval.

Area B

Water quality testing continued at Rollo McClay Community Park. Water well maintenance work is still underway in an effort to overcome the turbidity issue that was identified. The mowing and maintenance contract is continuing on schedule. Additional lock repair work was completed on the Gabriola Recreation Society portable storage building. Pruning and brushing work was also carried out.

Staff requested additional trail pruning along the access trails to several Whalebone Area Community Parks.

Staff sought qualified contractors for a bank stabilization project in the 707 Community Park.

Tree trimming work was carried out at the Huxley Park driveway entrance to improve user safety. A garbage clean-up was also carried out.

Additional trail GPS data was gathered at 707 Community Park.

Staff organized and attended a skateboarder “drop-in” at Huxley Park on May 16th as part of the stakeholder interview component of the Huxley Park Master Plan process.

Staff organized and attended a Mudge Island Water Access Open House on May 25th. A second follow-up survey was prepared and distributed at the Open House and was available on-line through the rdn.bc.ca/parks webpage from May 25th through June 16th.

Area C - East Wellington/Pleasant Valley

Mowing and site maintenance work was begun at Anders Dorritt Community Park.

At Creekside Community Park staff contacted a contractor to order grading work at the parking lot.

Area E

At Prawn Road Community Park staff brushed the trail head area and removed litter.

Staff prepared and distributed the May 13th POSAC meeting agenda package and attended the meeting.

Staff attended a meeting with the consultants for the Fairwinds project to review details regarding the Phased Development Agreement.

Area F

Staff continued to provide design comment on the Phase 1 construction drawings for Meadowood Park and met with a representative of the Corcan-Meadowood Residents Association on site to discuss concerns with the rough grading of the site.

The Recreation and Parks Department will be assisting with the installation of an underground electrical line to supply farmer's market vendors at Errington Community Park. The removal of several hazard trees was also carried out at the park. BC Hydro conducted line clearing operations along the Errington Road boundary of the property.

A site meeting was held with MoTI regarding the Carrothers Rd and Price Rd trails. Parks staff will now proceed to a permit application to use the undeveloped road allowances. Staff also liaised with private landowners regarding the Carrothers Rd Trail. Staff reviewed the trail plans with Cranswick and Price Rd neighbours.

Staff met with an Errington War Memorial Hall Board representative and MoTI to review parking improvements along Veterans Way adjacent to Errington Community Park, to be paid for by the Hall Board and Farmers Market. MoTI will require an engineered plan that addresses roadside drainage and vehicle parking.

Staff prepared and distributed the May 6th POSAC meeting agenda package and attended the meeting. Staff provided an update of the Arrowsmith Community Trail for the meeting.

Staff brushed the trail and cleared vegetation at the Middlegate entrance at the Alberni Community Trail.

At Harris Crescent Community Park staff brushed and cleared the trail and removed garbage.

At the Malcolm Property staff brushed the trail and met with an arborist to discuss upcoming hazard tree removal, scheduled for June.

Area G

A building assessment by an engineering company was ordered for the Women's Institute Hall at Dashwood Community Park.

Staff prepared and distributed the May 22nd POSAC meeting agenda package and attended the meeting.

Area H

Playground development work continued at Henry Morgan Community Park and staff delivered 30 donated trees to site for planting. Staff also followed up with a playground equipment supplier following the receipt of damaged slide assembly components. The construction work is nearing 90% completion. The major park components that have not been completed include the 2 tree root wad features and the 'driftwood' play component. In addition to these components the contractor will need to address a list of other minor deficiencies before the project is considered complete. An official park opening date has yet to be determined. The public can view the park construction progress; however, it is important to note that the park is still a construction site and the public is restricted from entering.

Tree thinning operations commenced at Oakdowne Community Park. This project is a continuation of work begun last year by Ministry of Forests Coastal Fire Base, for the purpose of improving safety along this urban wildfire interface zone.

Staff contacted a park neighbour at Isle Wood Drive Community Park regarding a trespass issue.

Community Parks and Greenways Strategy

The final Open House including survey for Phase 2 is scheduled for June 5th in EA H. Public engagement summaries for all 4 Electoral Areas will follow and these will be posted on the RDN website. Two other studies are being finalized, namely the Trail Design Guidelines and Construction Standards and the Cultural Mapping project and these works will be integrated with the public input into the draft final report that will be reviewed by the Advisory Committee and the four EA POSACS in July. Public input will then be sought through a survey to be posted on the RDN website in August.

Regional Parks

Beachcomber Regional Park

Park staff conducted park inspections and maintained trails.

Benson Creek Falls Regional Park

A park site meeting was held with Operations staff, the Environmental Consultant, and the Management Plan Consultants to review and experience the park conditions, facilities, issues and opportunities. Communication materials were produced including a project logo, website, online survey, signs, Open House poster, postcard, social media calendar and stakeholder contact lists. Letters of invitation were sent to First Nations.

Staff met with local residents to determine potential locations for Blockwatch signs (to be supplied and installed by residents).

Coats Marsh Regional Park

Staff continued working to update the draft caretaker agreement. The draft agreement was reviewed by the lawyer and this draft will be send to The Nature Trust for their review.

Park staff and the Vancouver Island Conservation Land Management Program crew removed broom.

Englishman River Regional Park

Park Staff carried out routine inspections of Englishman River Regional Park and Top Bridge Park. Staff responded to maintenance issues identified by the Volunteer Park Warden including garbage issues, ATV trespass, vandalism, graffiti and suspect hazardous trees.

Park staff and GIS staff collected GPS information at the park.

Horne Lake Regional Park

Staff continued to work with the new Park Operator (RLC) on settling in at park, establishing summer staffing, and communication arrangements with the public. Staff worked with the webmaster and reception staff at Oceanside Place on identifying all possible means of directing the public through to RLC.

Staff obtained a MoTI permit to install additional directional signage along Horne Lake Rd and Horne Lake Caves Rd. Two old signs will be updated and four new ones added.

Park staff delivered posts for the campsite numbers. The Park operator has made continuous improvements at the campground getting it ready for this summer's camping season.

Lighthouse Country Regional Trail

Park staff conducted trail maintenance and inspections.

Little Qualicum River Estuary Regional Conservation Area

Staff worked with the BC Conservation Foundation on hosting a one-day workshop with Biologist Dave Polster concerning restoration of the spit. The workshop was held at Oceanside Place and at the spit and was well attended by all agencies (DFO, MFLNRO, BCCF, CIPC) as well as the QB Streamkeepers and Guardians of the Mid-Island Estuaries. Volunteers felt workshop well worth it, and agency representatives enjoyed opportunity to focus on spit and estuary issues.

Little Qualicum River Regional Park

Park staff conducted trail maintenance.

Moorecroft Regional Park

With the help of several volunteers from the Moorecrofters and Nature Trust, over 1,000 native plants were planted and woody debris and mulch installed on the former building sites. Signs were installed for information and parks staff have been watering and applying deer repellent to the plants. An invasive removal project was planned for early June; however, it had to be cancelled as not enough people signed up by the deadline.

Trails were widened in some spots and new surfacing installed and an old trail was blocked off with woody debris to stop public from entering private property. A flight of stairs was built to the old craft hut site.

Park staff and GIS staff collected GPS information at the park

Morden Colliery Regional Trail

Park staff conducted trail maintenance and removed a danger tree near the Nanaimo River. Bridge maintenance was also done as per an engineer inspection report. As well bike jumps were removed.

Park staff and GIS staff collected GPS information on the regional trail.

Mount Benson Regional Park

Staff received and reviewed a revised draft covenant from NALT. A meeting was held with NALT covenant committee representatives and further changes to the document were identified. NALT revised the draft and this has now been forwarded to the RDN lawyers for review. NALT continues to seek out another (back-up) conservancy to go on the covenant.

Park staff brushed the Witchcraft Trail and repaired a vandalized railing on the Witchcraft boardwalk.

Nanaimo River Regional Park

Park staff and GIS staff collected GPS information at the park and conducted park maintenance.

Top Bridge Regional Trail

Park staff conducted trail maintenance.

Trans Canada Trail

Park staff conducted trail maintenance.

Parksville - Qualicum Links

Staff received a permit from MoTI for the installation of a PQB Links map sign at the Barclay Crescent Millennium Bridge. Staff continued to work with Parksville, Qualicum and the RDN Mapping Department on the final map details.

Staff attended the quarterly meeting of the Cycling Working Group.

Witchcraft Lake Regional Trail

As part of finalization of trail use agreement with the Province, staff conducted a site visit with VIU Woodlot manager 0020, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (Recreation Sites and Trails division) to inspect the trail routing, conditions and future plans.

Miscellaneous

Staff concluded work with RDN Mapping on park properties to be included in the new Wildfire Response Agreement with MFLNRO. All associated shape files were transferred to the Ministry. Staff reviewed the various park tenures with Ministry staff and it was decided that for the purpose of the Agreement, no trails are to be included and Crown Lands will examine adjusting their standard licence documentation to reflect the wildfire agreements.

Staff attended the three day BC Recreation and Parks Symposium. This year's theme was Building Healthy, Creative and Green Communities and included a strong focus on natural environments and play.

Park Use Permits and Events

- Approved a park use permit with Arrowsmith Search and Rescue to use riverside at Top Bridge Community Park for the water rescue portion of the all Vancouver Island SAR practice being held in Oceanside the first week in June.
- Attended a site visit at Lions Community Park regarding the 2013 Bluegrass Festival. Temporary snow fending to be installed by Parks along the Regional Trail where it joins the open event field. Reviewed festival plans and use of Lioness Blvd entrance. Park use permit issued.
- Worked with Park Operator on planning Oceans Day 2013. Created poster and buttons. Website was updated to promote event; also Facebook. Organized tents.
- Worked with the Mid Vancouver Island Habitat Enhancement Society on their 2013 Run the River event; park use permit approved for June 9th event. Provided assistance with maps, prizes and parking signage.

Recommendations

That the Parks Update Report for May 2013 be received as information.



Manager of Parks Services



General Manager Concurrence



Benson Creek Falls
Regional Park

We want to hear from you!

Benson Creek Falls Management Plan Update



Over the next few months the Regional District of Nanaimo is updating the Management Plan for Benson Creek Falls Regional Park.

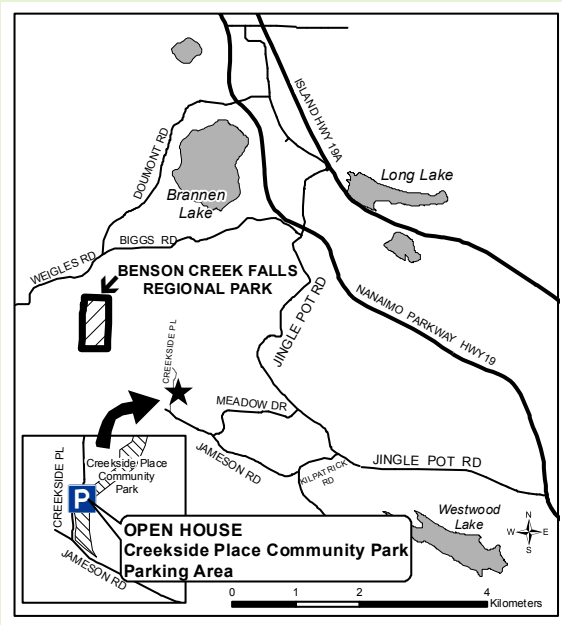
The updated management plan will confirm a long-term vision for the park and identify both short term and long term management objectives and actions for the period of 2014 – 2024.

Join us at a Public Open House to Share your Ideas!

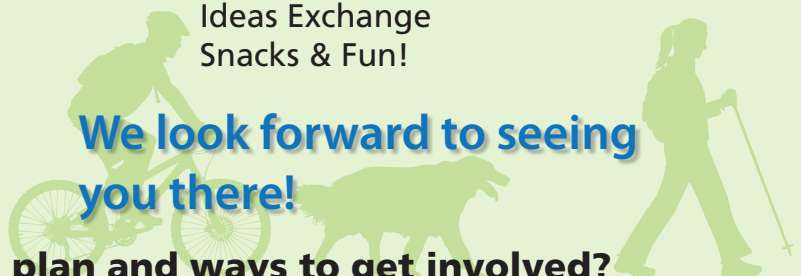
When: Saturday, June 22, 2013
Drop-in from 10am to 1pm

Where: Creekside Place Community Park
(see map)

What: Interactive Mapping
Park Information
Ideas Exchange
Snacks & Fun!



We look forward to seeing you there!



How do I find out more about this plan and ways to get involved?

For more information on this planning process, upcoming public open house events and to fill out our park user survey visit the website at:

www.rdn.bc.ca/parks or call RDN Parks **1-888-828-2069** or **250-248-3252**



Scan here and tell us what you think now.
Connect to the Park User Survey.

