

Cowichan Valley Regional District



Regional Parks & Trails Master Plan:
Appendices

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REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS STRATEGY



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This survey is designed to obtain **your** views and opinions about regional parks and trails in the Cowichan Valley, which includes nine electoral areas and four municipalities.

If you wish to comment on any questions or explain your answers in greater detail, please use the boxes provided, the space in the margins or the back cover.

Thank you very much for your help!

1. Has anyone in your household visited or used a park or trail in the Cowichan Region within the past twelve months? (Please circle the number beside **one** answer)

1.
2.

YES	NO	→	IF NO, PLEASE SKIP TO QUESTION #3
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2. If YES, please indicate all the ways any member of your household used a park or trail within the past year. (Please circle the number beside **all** uses that apply)

1. WALKING, RUNNING, CYCLING, HORSEBACKRIDING
2. PARTICIPATING IN ORGANIZED SPORTS
3. PARTICIPATING IN WATER SPORTS
4. PARTICIPATING IN MOTORIZED RECREATION ACTIVITIES
5. PICNICING
6. CAMPING
7. ENJOYING NATURE/BIRD WATCHING
8. LEARNING ABOUT THE OUTDOORS
9. OTHERS (Please specify)

3. Do any of the following limit your household's use of parks or trails? (Please circle the number beside **all** that apply)

1. LITTLE OR NOTHING LIMITS OUR PARTICIPATION
2. LOCATION OF PARKS
3. LACK OF INFORMATION REGARDING PARKS
4. DIFFICULTY ACCESSING THE PARKS
5. INADEQUATE FACILITIES IN PARKS
6. OTHER (Please specify)

4. To what extent do you feel that parks and trails in the Cowichan Region provide benefits to your household or to the community? (Please circle **one** number for each line)

	No Benefit			Great Benefit	
	1	2	3	4	5
• BENEFITS YOUR HOUSEHOLD					
• BENEFITS THE COMMUNITY					

5. In the future, we can focus on increasing quality or quantity of parks and trails, or try to do both. Which option do you support? (Please circle the number beside **one** answer)

1. ACQUIRE MORE LAND FOR REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS
2. IMPROVE THE REGIONAL PARKS/TRAILS WE HAVE
3. DO BOTH EQUALLY

6. A regional park system can play many roles. Please rate the importance of the following roles for a Regional parks system in the Cowichan Region. (Please circle **one** number for each line)

	Not Important			Very Important	
	1	2	3	4	5
• PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION					
• PROVIDE TRAIL LINKS BETWEEN PARKS					
• PROTECT REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT SITES					
• PROTECT REPRESENTATIVE LANDSCAPES					
• PROTECT ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS					
• ATTRACT TOURISTS					

7. How satisfied are you with the number of parks and trails in the Cowichan Region? (Please circle **one** number for each line)

	Not Satisfied				Very Satisfied
• REGIONAL PARKS (e.g. Sandy Pool Regional Park)	1	2	3	4	5
• COMMUNITY PARKS	1	2	3	4	5
• REGIONAL TRAILS (e.g. Cowichan Valley Trail)	1	2	3	4	5
• COMMUNITY TRAILS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PATHWAYS	1	2	3	4	5

8. If additions to the regional park system are possible, which additions are most important? (Please circle up to a maximum of **three** numbers beside the most important additions)

1. REGIONAL TRAIL CONNECTIONS
2. WATERFRONT/BEACH PARKS (Ocean)
3. WATERFRONT/BEACH PARKS (Lake)
4. MOUNTAIN/ALPINE PARKS
5. RIVER CORRIDOR PARKS
6. MULTI-FIELD SPORTS COMPLEX
7. HISTORICAL SITES
8. NATURE PRESERVES (limited public access)
9. MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL PARKS
10. OTHER (Please specify)

9. Are there **additional amenities or features** that you think should be incorporated as part of a regional parks and trails program for the Cowichan Region? (Please circle the number beside **one** answer)

1. YES
2. NO → IF NO, PLEASE SKIP TO QUESTION #10

- 9a. If YES, please tell us which additional amenities or features should be incorporated.

10. Are there **potential park and/or trail sites** in the Cowichan Region that are not yet park or protected areas that you think should be acquired or protected as part of a regional parks and trails program? (Please circle the number beside **one** answer)

1. YES
2. NO → IF NO, PLEASE SKIP TO QUESTION #11

- 10a. If YES, please tell us which sites should be acquired or protected.

11. Would you support additional public investment in regional parks and trails within the Cowichan Region? (Please circle the number beside **one** answer)

1.
2.

YES
NO → IF NO, PLEASE SKIP TO QUESTION #12

- 11a. If yes, which of the following are the highest priorities for public investment in regional parks? (Please circle up to a maximum of **three** numbers)

1. ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR NEW PARKS
2. INCREASE THE MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING DEVELOPED PARKS
3. IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EXISTING DEVELOPED PARKS BY UPDATING AND ADDING NEW AMENITIES
4. INSTALL AMENITIES TO EXISTING UNDEVELOPED PARKS
5. IMPROVE THE TRAILS SYSTEM
6. OTHERS (Please specify)

12. If a special property tax were set to solely fund the improvement of the regional parks and trails system, how much of a tax increase would you support? (Please circle the number beside **one** number)

1. NONE – NO INCREASE
2. \$20 – \$40 PER YEAR
3. \$41 – \$60 PER YEAR
4. \$61 – \$80 PER YEAR
5. \$81 – \$100 PER YEAR
6. MORE THAN \$100 PER YEAR

**We'd now like to ask four questions about your household
so that we can determine if our sample represents
the entire Cowichan Region.**

13. What is your gender? (Please circle the number beside **one** answer)
1. FEMALE
 2. MALE
14. In which age group are you? (Please circle the number beside **one** answer)
1. 18 – 39 YEARS
 2. 40 – 59 YEARS
 3. 60 OR OLDER
15. Which of the following best describes your household? (Please circle the number beside **one** answer)
1. ONE OR MORE SINGLE ADULTS SHARING A RESIDENCE
 2. COUPLE WITH NO DEPENDENT CHILDREN
 3. COUPLE WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN
 4. SINGLE PARENT WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN
16. How long have you lived in the Cowichan Region? (Please circle the number beside **one** answer)
1. LESS THAN 5 YEARS
 2. 5 – 15 YEARS
 3. MORE THAN 15 YEARS

Is there anything else you would tell us about parks and trails in the Cowichan Region? If so, please use the space provided.

Please put completed questionnaire in the stamped return envelope and drop it in the mail by next Friday.

Thank you for your input

Appendix B

Mailout Survey Results

2006 Regional Parks and
Trails Strategy



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Mail-out survey questions - Quantitative Results

1. Has anyone in your household visited or used a park or trail in the Cowichan Region within the past twelve months? (Please circle the number beside **one** answer)

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	449 100.0%	253 100.0%	189 100.0%	442 100.0%	57 100.0%	209 100.0%	177 100.0%	443 100.0%	105 100.0%	211 100.0%	103 100.0%	21 100.0%	440 100.0%	65 100.0%	114 100.0%	263 100.0%	442 100.0%
Yes	366 81.5%	207 81.8%	155 82.0%	362 81.9%	54 94.7%	188 90.0%	120 67.8%	362 81.7%	82 78.1%	162 76.8%	99 96.1%	17 81.0%	360 81.8%	56 86.2%	97 85.1%	209 79.5%	362 81.9%
No	83 18.5%	46 18.2%	34 18.0%	80 18.1%	3 5.3%	21 10.0%	57 32.2%	81 18.3%	23 21.9%	49 23.2%	4 3.9%	4 19.0%	80 18.2%	9 13.8%	17 14.9%	54 20.5%	80 18.1%

2. If YES, please indicate all the ways any member of your household used a park or trail within the past year. (Please circle the number beside **all** uses that apply)

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	384 100.0%	217 100.0%	162 100.0%	379 100.0%	55 100.0%	198 100.0%	126 100.0%	379 100.0%	88 100.0%	168 100.0%	103 100.0%	17 100.0%	376 100.0%	57 100.0%	101 100.0%	221 100.0%	379 100.0%
Walking, running	352 91.7%	198 91.2%	149 92.0%	347 91.6%	49 89.1%	184 92.9%	114 90.5%	347 91.6%	77 87.5%	158 94.0%	93 90.3%	17 100.0%	345 91.8%	54 94.7%	93 92.1%	200 90.5%	347 91.6%
Picnicking	138 35.9%	90 41.5%	45 27.8%	135 35.6%	28 50.9%	73 36.9%	34 27.0%	135 35.6%	27 30.7%	48 28.6%	53 51.5%	7 41.2%	135 35.9%	24 42.1%	37 36.6%	75 33.9%	136 35.9%
Nature studying/bird watching	104 27.1%	61 28.1%	41 25.3%	102 26.9%	13 23.6%	55 27.8%	34 27.0%	102 26.9%	20 22.7%	51 30.4%	26 25.2%	4 23.5%	101 26.9%	20 35.1%	25 24.8%	58 26.2%	103 27.2%
Cycling, horsebackriding	97 25.3%	54 24.9%	41 25.3%	95 25.1%	22 40.0%	58 29.3%	15 11.9%	95 25.1%	17 19.3%	34 20.2%	39 37.9%	5 29.4%	95 25.3%	12 21.1%	34 33.7%	50 22.6%	96 25.3%
Camping	83 21.6%	49 22.6%	32 19.8%	81 21.4%	18 32.7%	46 23.2%	17 13.5%	81 21.4%	17 19.3%	26 15.5%	32 31.1%	6 35.3%	81 21.5%	9 15.8%	23 22.8%	50 22.6%	82 21.6%
Participating in water sports	74 19.3%	44 20.3%	28 17.3%	72 19.0%	13 23.6%	47 23.7%	12 9.5%	72 19.0%	15 17.0%	22 13.1%	31 30.1%	4 23.5%	72 19.1%	17 29.8%	21 20.8%	35 15.8%	73 19.3%
Others	56 14.6%	32 14.7%	21 13.0%	53 14.0%	10 18.2%	28 14.1%	15 11.9%	53 14.0%	12 13.6%	20 11.9%	17 16.5%	3 17.6%	52 13.8%	8 14.0%	15 14.9%	31 14.0%	54 14.2%
Participating in organized sports	53 13.8%	33 15.2%	19 11.7%	52 13.7%	12 21.8%	28 14.1%	12 9.5%	52 13.7%	12 13.6%	10 6.0%	26 25.2%	3 17.6%	51 13.6%	4 7.0%	13 12.9%	34 15.4%	51 13.5%
Participating in motorized recreation activities	33 8.6%	15 6.9%	17 10.5%	32 8.4%	4 7.3%	23 11.6%	5 4.0%	32 8.4%	3 3.4%	13 7.7%	16 15.5%	0 .0%	32 8.5%	6 10.5%	8 7.9%	19 8.6%	33 8.7%

3. Do any of the following limit your household's use of parks or trails? (Please circle the number beside **all** that apply)

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	451 100.0%	254 100.0%	189 100.0%	443 100.0%	54 100.0%	212 100.0%	178 100.0%	444 100.0%	107 100.0%	212 100.0%	102 100.0%	21 100.0%	442 100.0%	65 100.0%	116 100.0%	262 100.0%	443 100.0%
Little or nothing limits our participation	203 45.0%	100 39.4%	101 53.4%	201 45.4%	24 44.4%	102 48.1%	75 42.1%	201 45.3%	44 41.1%	95 44.8%	50 49.0%	10 47.6%	199 45.0%	27 41.5%	47 40.5%	126 48.1%	200 45.1%
Lack of information regarding parks	151 33.5%	93 36.6%	57 30.2%	150 33.9%	20 37.0%	79 37.3%	51 28.7%	150 33.8%	33 30.8%	74 34.9%	38 37.3%	5 23.8%	150 33.9%	30 46.2%	41 35.3%	79 30.2%	150 33.9%
My/our personal physical limitations	63 14.0%	43 16.9%	17 9.0%	60 13.5%	2 3.7%	12 5.7%	47 26.4%	61 13.7%	24 22.4%	28 13.2%	4 3.9%	5 23.8%	61 13.8%	3 4.6%	14 12.1%	44 16.8%	61 13.8%
Location of parks	54 12.0%	29 11.4%	24 12.7%	53 12.0%	6 11.1%	28 13.2%	19 10.7%	53 11.9%	14 13.1%	22 10.4%	14 13.7%	3 14.3%	53 12.0%	8 12.3%	16 13.8%	29 11.1%	53 12.0%
Other	52 11.5%	33 13.0%	16 8.5%	49 11.1%	8 14.8%	26 12.3%	15 8.4%	49 11.0%	12 11.2%	22 10.4%	12 11.8%	3 14.3%	49 11.1%	11 16.9%	14 12.1%	24 9.2%	49 11.1%
Inadequate facilities in parks	37 8.2%	27 10.6%	8 4.2%	35 7.9%	8 14.8%	17 8.0%	10 5.6%	35 7.9%	8 7.5%	11 5.2%	13 12.7%	3 14.3%	35 7.9%	6 9.2%	12 10.3%	17 6.5%	35 7.9%
Getting to or from park sites	27 6.0%	17 6.7%	8 4.2%	25 5.6%	3 5.6%	10 4.7%	12 6.7%	25 5.6%	7 6.5%	10 4.7%	7 6.9%	1 4.8%	25 5.7%	3 4.6%	9 7.8%	14 5.3%	26 5.9%

4. To what extent do you feel that parks and trails in the Cowichan Region provide benefits to your household or to the community? (Please circle **one** number for each line)

Benefits Your Household

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	442 100.0%	251 100.0%	185 100.0%	436 100.0%	55 100.0%	215 100.0%	166 100.0%	436 100.0%	106 100.0%	204 100.0%	103 100.0%	21 100.0%	434 100.0%	64 100.0%	113 100.0%	259 100.0%	436 100.0%
No benefit	35 7.9%	19 7.6%	15 8.1%	34 7.8%	0 .0%	12 5.6%	22 13.3%	34 7.8%	13 12.3%	17 8.3%	2 1.9%	1 4.8%	33 7.6%	3 4.7%	7 6.2%	24 9.3%	34 7.8%
Some benefit	29 6.6%	14 5.6%	15 8.1%	29 6.7%	2 3.6%	10 4.7%	17 10.2%	29 6.7%	3 2.8%	22 10.8%	3 2.9%	1 4.8%	29 6.7%	5 7.8%	6 5.3%	18 6.9%	29 6.7%
More benefit	98 22.2%	58 23.1%	39 21.1%	97 22.2%	9 16.4%	44 20.5%	44 26.5%	97 22.2%	26 24.5%	49 24.0%	20 19.4%	2 9.5%	97 22.4%	8 12.5%	26 23.0%	63 24.3%	97 22.2%
Lots of benefit	116 26.2%	63 25.1%	53 28.6%	116 26.6%	17 30.9%	61 28.4%	38 22.9%	116 26.6%	28 26.4%	50 24.5%	28 27.2%	9 42.9%	115 26.5%	18 28.1%	35 31.0%	63 24.3%	116 26.6%
Great benefit	164 37.1%	97 38.6%	63 34.1%	160 36.7%	27 49.1%	88 40.9%	45 27.1%	160 36.7%	36 34.0%	66 32.4%	50 48.5%	8 38.1%	160 36.9%	30 46.9%	39 34.5%	91 35.1%	160 36.7%

Benefits Your Community

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	447 100.0%	253 100.0%	187 100.0%	440 100.0%	55 100.0%	213 100.0%	172 100.0%	440 100.0%	109 100.0%	203 100.0%	104 100.0%	21 100.0%	437 100.0%	60 100.0%	116 100.0%	263 100.0%	439 100.0%
No benefit	4 .9%	0 .0%	4 2.1%	4 .9%	0 .0%	1 .5%	3 1.7%	4 .9%	3 2.8%	1 .5%	0 .0%	0 .0%	4 .9%	0 .0%	2 1.7%	2 .8%	4 .9%
Some benefit	5 1.1%	3 1.2%	2 1.1%	5 1.1%	0 .0%	2 .9%	3 1.7%	5 1.1%	1 .9%	4 2.0%	0 .0%	0 .0%	5 1.1%	1 1.7%	1 .9%	3 1.1%	5 1.1%
More benefit	57 12.8%	29 11.5%	28 15.0%	57 13.0%	6 10.9%	25 11.7%	26 15.1%	57 13.0%	14 12.8%	29 14.3%	13 12.5%	1 4.8%	57 13.0%	4 6.7%	17 14.7%	35 13.3%	56 12.8%
Lots of benefit	129 28.9%	69 27.3%	58 31.0%	127 28.9%	20 36.4%	55 25.8%	52 30.2%	127 28.9%	35 32.1%	53 26.1%	30 28.8%	7 33.3%	125 28.6%	18 30.0%	29 25.0%	80 30.4%	127 28.9%
Great benefit	252 56.4%	152 60.1%	95 50.8%	247 56.1%	29 52.7%	130 61.0%	88 51.2%	247 56.1%	56 51.4%	116 57.1%	61 58.7%	13 61.9%	246 56.3%	37 61.7%	67 57.8%	143 54.4%	247 56.3%

5. How satisfied are you with the number of parks and trails in the Cowichan Region? (Please circle **one** number for each line)

Regional Parks (Sandy Pool Regional Park)

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	388 100.0%	217 100.0%	166 100.0%	383 100.0%	52 100.0%	191 100.0%	140 100.0%	383 100.0%	91 100.0%	174 100.0%	95 100.0%	20 100.0%	380 100.0%	53 100.0%	99 100.0%	229 100.0%	381 100.0%
Not satisfied	23 5.9%	14 6.5%	8 4.8%	22 5.7%	3 5.8%	13 6.8%	6 4.3%	22 5.7%	8 8.8%	8 4.6%	6 6.3%	0 .0%	22 5.8%	3 5.7%	5 5.1%	14 6.1%	22 5.8%
Somewhat satisfied	34 8.8%	19 8.8%	15 9.0%	34 8.9%	4 7.7%	17 8.9%	13 9.3%	34 8.9%	7 7.7%	14 8.0%	11 11.6%	2 10.0%	34 8.9%	3 5.7%	8 8.1%	23 10.0%	34 8.9%
More satisfied	182 46.9%	104 47.9%	76 45.8%	180 47.0%	25 48.1%	89 46.6%	66 47.1%	180 47.0%	38 41.8%	87 50.0%	44 46.3%	11 55.0%	180 47.4%	25 47.2%	47 47.5%	107 46.7%	179 47.0%
Satisfied	97 25.0%	57 26.3%	40 24.1%	97 25.3%	15 28.8%	49 25.7%	33 23.6%	97 25.3%	26 28.6%	39 22.4%	26 27.4%	4 20.0%	95 25.0%	16 30.2%	28 28.3%	53 23.1%	97 25.5%
Very satisfied	52 13.4%	23 10.6%	27 16.3%	50 13.1%	5 9.6%	23 12.0%	22 15.7%	50 13.1%	12 13.2%	26 14.9%	8 8.4%	3 15.0%	49 12.9%	6 11.3%	11 11.1%	32 14.0%	49 12.9%

Community Parks

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	413 100.0%	233 100.0%	174 100.0%	407 100.0%	57 100.0%	202 100.0%	148 100.0%	407 100.0%	97 100.0%	184 100.0%	103 100.0%	20 100.0%	404 100.0%	57 100.0%	106 100.0%	243 100.0%	406 100.0%
Not satisfied	27 6.5%	17 7.3%	9 5.2%	26 6.4%	3 5.3%	19 9.4%	4 2.7%	26 6.4%	7 7.2%	10 5.4%	9 8.7%	0 .0%	26 6.4%	4 7.0%	5 4.7%	17 7.0%	26 6.4%
Somewhat satisfied	39 9.4%	20 8.6%	19 10.9%	39 9.6%	4 7.0%	18 8.9%	17 11.5%	39 9.6%	10 10.3%	15 8.2%	12 11.7%	2 10.0%	39 9.7%	1 1.8%	13 12.3%	25 10.3%	39 9.6%
More satisfied	174 42.1%	102 43.8%	71 40.8%	173 42.5%	27 47.4%	79 39.1%	67 45.3%	173 42.5%	41 42.3%	90 48.9%	34 33.0%	8 40.0%	173 42.8%	27 47.4%	45 42.5%	100 41.2%	172 42.4%
Satisfied	119 28.8%	65 27.9%	52 29.9%	117 28.7%	20 35.1%	63 31.2%	34 23.0%	117 28.7%	25 25.8%	42 22.8%	43 41.7%	5 25.0%	115 28.5%	20 35.1%	31 29.2%	66 27.2%	117 28.8%
Very satisfied	54 13.1%	29 12.4%	23 13.2%	52 12.8%	3 5.3%	23 11.4%	26 17.6%	52 12.8%	14 14.4%	27 14.7%	5 4.9%	5 25.0%	51 12.6%	5 8.8%	12 11.3%	35 14.4%	52 12.8%

Regional Trail (Cowichan Valley Trail)

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	406 100.0%	227 100.0%	174 100.0%	401 100.0%	54 100.0%	200 100.0%	147 100.0%	401 100.0%	97 100.0%	184 100.0%	99 100.0%	19 100.0%	399 100.0%	55 100.0%	103 100.0%	242 100.0%	400 100.0%
Not satisfied	21 5.2%	12 5.3%	8 4.6%	20 5.0%	2 3.7%	13 6.5%	5 3.4%	20 5.0%	6 6.2%	9 4.9%	5 5.1%	0 .0%	20 5.0%	4 7.3%	4 3.9%	12 5.0%	20 5.0%
Somewhat satisfied	25 6.2%	16 7.0%	9 5.2%	25 6.2%	3 5.6%	14 7.0%	8 5.4%	25 6.2%	8 8.2%	9 4.9%	7 7.1%	1 5.3%	25 6.3%	2 3.6%	8 7.8%	15 6.2%	25 6.3%
More satisfied	169 41.6%	96 42.3%	72 41.4%	168 41.9%	25 46.3%	82 41.0%	61 41.5%	168 41.9%	41 42.3%	75 40.8%	42 42.4%	10 52.6%	168 42.1%	20 36.4%	42 40.8%	105 43.4%	167 41.8%
Satisfied	118 29.1%	59 26.0%	59 33.9%	118 29.4%	17 31.5%	63 31.5%	38 25.9%	118 29.4%	23 23.7%	54 29.3%	35 35.4%	5 26.3%	117 29.3%	21 38.2%	30 29.1%	67 27.7%	118 29.5%
Very satisfied	73 18.0%	44 19.4%	26 14.9%	70 17.5%	7 13.0%	28 14.0%	35 23.8%	70 17.5%	19 19.6%	37 20.1%	10 10.1%	3 15.8%	69 17.3%	8 14.5%	19 18.4%	43 17.8%	70 17.5%

Community Trails and Neighbourhood Pathways

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	421 100.0%	237 100.0%	179 100.0%	416 100.0%	56 100.0%	206 100.0%	154 100.0%	416 100.0%	100 100.0%	190 100.0%	104 100.0%	20 100.0%	414 100.0%	56 100.0%	108 100.0%	251 100.0%	415 100.0%
Not satisfied	38 9.0%	23 9.7%	13 7.3%	36 8.7%	8 14.3%	19 9.2%	9 5.8%	36 8.7%	6 6.0%	15 7.9%	14 13.5%	1 5.0%	36 8.7%	6 10.7%	7 6.5%	24 9.6%	37 8.9%
Somewhat satisfied	49 11.6%	27 11.4%	22 12.3%	49 11.8%	10 17.9%	27 13.1%	12 7.8%	49 11.8%	11 11.0%	19 10.0%	19 18.3%	0 .0%	49 11.8%	2 3.6%	15 13.9%	32 12.7%	49 11.8%
More satisfied	171 40.6%	100 42.2%	70 39.1%	170 40.9%	23 41.1%	84 40.8%	63 40.9%	170 40.9%	45 45.0%	78 41.1%	40 38.5%	7 35.0%	170 41.1%	25 44.6%	49 45.4%	95 37.8%	169 40.7%
Satisfied	100 23.8%	53 22.4%	46 25.7%	99 23.8%	12 21.4%	52 25.2%	35 22.7%	99 23.8%	21 21.0%	43 22.6%	26 25.0%	8 40.0%	98 23.7%	17 30.4%	21 19.4%	61 24.3%	99 23.9%
Very satisfied	63 15.0%	34 14.3%	28 15.6%	62 14.9%	3 5.4%	24 11.7%	35 22.7%	62 14.9%	17 17.0%	35 18.4%	5 4.8%	4 20.0%	61 14.7%	6 10.7%	16 14.8%	39 15.5%	61 14.7%

6. A regional parks system can play many roles. Please rate the importance of the following roles for a regional parks system in the Cowichan Region. (Please circle one number for each line).

Provide Opportunities for Outdoor Recreation

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	461 100.0%	261 100.0%	194 100.0%	455 100.0%	58 100.0%	217 100.0%	180 100.0%	455 100.0%	111 100.0%	212 100.0%	107 100.0%	22 100.0%	452 100.0%	66 100.0%	117 100.0%	271 100.0%	454 100.0%
Not important	5 1.1%	2 .8%	3 1.5%	5 1.1%	0 .0%	3 1.4%	2 1.1%	5 1.1%	3 2.7%	2 .9%	0 .0%	0 .0%	5 1.1%	1 1.5%	2 1.7%	2 .7%	5 1.1%
Somewhat important	3 .7%	0 .0%	3 1.5%	3 .7%	0 .0%	1 .5%	2 1.1%	3 .7%	1 .9%	2 .9%	0 .0%	0 .0%	3 .7%	0 .0%	1 .9%	1 .4%	2 .4%
More important	38 8.2%	18 6.9%	19 9.8%	37 8.1%	4 6.9%	15 6.9%	18 10.0%	37 8.1%	9 8.1%	18 8.5%	6 5.6%	3 13.6%	36 8.0%	2 3.0%	16 13.7%	19 7.0%	37 8.1%
Important	124 26.9%	61 23.4%	62 32.0%	123 27.0%	16 27.6%	54 24.9%	53 29.4%	123 27.0%	32 28.8%	60 28.3%	27 25.2%	4 18.2%	123 27.2%	10 15.2%	23 19.7%	90 33.2%	123 27.1%
Very important	291 63.1%	180 69.0%	107 55.2%	287 63.1%	38 65.5%	144 66.4%	105 58.3%	287 63.1%	66 59.5%	130 61.3%	74 69.2%	15 68.2%	285 63.1%	53 80.3%	75 64.1%	159 58.7%	287 63.2%

Provide Trail Links Between Parks and Communities

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	452 100.0%	255 100.0%	191 100.0%	446 100.0%	58 100.0%	218 100.0%	170 100.0%	446 100.0%	107 100.0%	206 100.0%	107 100.0%	22 100.0%	442 100.0%	66 100.0%	117 100.0%	262 100.0%	445 100.0%
Not important	8 1.8%	5 2.0%	3 1.6%	8 1.8%	0 .0%	4 1.8%	4 2.4%	8 1.8%	3 2.8%	4 1.9%	0 .0%	1 4.5%	8 1.8%	1 1.5%	2 1.7%	4 1.5%	7 1.6%
Somewhat important	21 4.6%	8 3.1%	12 6.3%	20 4.5%	1 1.7%	11 5.0%	8 4.7%	20 4.5%	4 3.7%	11 5.3%	4 3.7%	1 4.5%	20 4.5%	2 3.0%	6 5.1%	12 4.6%	20 4.5%
More important	104 23.0%	59 23.1%	44 23.0%	103 23.1%	14 24.1%	51 23.4%	38 22.4%	103 23.1%	28 26.2%	49 23.8%	21 19.6%	5 22.7%	103 23.3%	11 16.7%	25 21.4%	67 25.6%	103 23.1%
Important	136 30.1%	68 26.7%	67 35.1%	135 30.3%	18 31.0%	62 28.4%	55 32.4%	135 30.3%	33 30.8%	58 28.2%	37 34.6%	4 18.2%	132 29.9%	19 28.8%	34 29.1%	82 31.3%	135 30.3%
Very important	183 40.5%	115 45.1%	65 34.0%	180 40.4%	25 43.1%	90 41.3%	65 38.2%	180 40.4%	39 36.4%	84 40.8%	45 42.1%	11 50.0%	179 40.5%	33 50.0%	50 42.7%	97 37.0%	180 40.4%

Protect Significant Sites in the Cowichan Region

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	452 100.0%	257 100.0%	190 100.0%	447 100.0%	58 100.0%	217 100.0%	172 100.0%	447 100.0%	107 100.0%	208 100.0%	107 100.0%	22 100.0%	444 100.0%	66 100.0%	117 100.0%	263 100.0%	446 100.0%
Not important	8 1.8%	4 1.6%	4 2.1%	8 1.8%	0 .0%	6 2.8%	2 1.2%	8 1.8%	2 1.9%	6 2.9%	0 .0%	0 .0%	8 1.8%	2 3.0%	2 1.7%	3 1.1%	7 1.6%
Somewhat important	3 .7%	1 .4%	2 1.1%	3 .7%	0 .0%	2 .9%	1 .6%	3 .7%	2 1.9%	0 .0%	1 .9%	0 .0%	3 .7%	0 .0%	1 .9%	2 .8%	3 .7%
More important	51 11.3%	21 8.2%	29 15.3%	50 11.2%	7 12.1%	19 8.8%	24 14.0%	50 11.2%	11 10.3%	27 13.0%	11 10.3%	1 4.5%	50 11.3%	7 10.6%	14 12.0%	29 11.0%	50 11.2%
Important	115 25.4%	59 23.0%	56 29.5%	115 25.7%	23 39.7%	51 23.5%	41 23.8%	115 25.7%	25 23.4%	49 23.6%	33 30.8%	6 27.3%	113 25.5%	17 25.8%	31 26.5%	67 25.5%	115 25.8%
Very important	275 60.8%	172 66.9%	99 52.1%	271 60.6%	28 48.3%	139 64.1%	104 60.5%	271 60.6%	67 62.6%	126 60.6%	62 57.9%	15 68.2%	270 60.8%	40 60.6%	69 59.0%	162 61.6%	271 60.8%

Protect Important / Unique Geographic Features

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	453 100.0%	258 100.0%	190 100.0%	448 100.0%	58 100.0%	218 100.0%	172 100.0%	448 100.0%	108 100.0%	208 100.0%	107 100.0%	22 100.0%	445 100.0%	66 100.0%	117 100.0%	264 100.0%	447 100.0%
Not important	8 1.8%	4 1.6%	4 2.1%	8 1.8%	0 .0%	5 2.3%	3 1.7%	8 1.8%	1 .9%	7 3.4%	0 .0%	0 .0%	8 1.8%	1 1.5%	2 1.7%	4 1.5%	7 1.6%
Somewhat important	5 1.1%	1 .4%	4 2.1%	5 1.1%	0 .0%	3 1.4%	2 1.2%	5 1.1%	3 2.8%	1 .5%	1 .9%	0 .0%	5 1.1%	0 .0%	2 1.7%	3 1.1%	5 1.1%
More important	41 9.1%	17 6.6%	23 12.1%	40 8.9%	5 8.6%	11 5.0%	24 14.0%	40 8.9%	6 5.6%	25 12.0%	8 7.5%	1 4.5%	40 9.0%	6 9.1%	10 8.5%	24 9.1%	40 8.9%
Important	110 24.3%	60 23.3%	50 26.3%	110 24.6%	18 31.0%	48 22.0%	44 25.6%	110 24.6%	28 25.9%	50 24.0%	26 24.3%	4 18.2%	108 24.3%	18 27.3%	24 20.5%	68 25.8%	110 24.6%
Very important	289 63.8%	176 68.2%	109 57.4%	285 63.6%	35 60.3%	151 69.3%	99 57.6%	285 63.6%	70 64.8%	125 60.1%	72 67.3%	17 77.3%	284 63.8%	41 62.1%	79 67.5%	165 62.5%	285 63.8%

Protect Environmentally Sensitive Areas

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	455 100.0%	260 100.0%	190 100.0%	450 100.0%	58 100.0%	218 100.0%	174 100.0%	450 100.0%	110 100.0%	207 100.0%	107 100.0%	22 100.0%	446 100.0%	66 100.0%	117 100.0%	266 100.0%	449 100.0%
Not important	6 1.3%	3 1.2%	3 1.6%	6 1.3%	1 1.7%	4 1.8%	1 .6%	6 1.3%	1 .9%	4 1.9%	0 .0%	0 .0%	5 1.1%	1 1.5%	3 2.6%	2 .8%	6 1.3%
Somewhat important	6 1.3%	2 .8%	4 2.1%	6 1.3%	1 1.7%	4 1.8%	1 .6%	6 1.3%	2 1.8%	3 1.4%	1 .9%	0 .0%	6 1.3%	0 .0%	4 3.4%	2 .8%	6 1.3%
More important	44 9.7%	17 6.5%	26 13.7%	43 9.6%	5 8.6%	18 8.3%	20 11.5%	43 9.6%	9 8.2%	21 10.1%	12 11.2%	1 4.5%	43 9.6%	8 12.1%	6 5.1%	28 10.5%	42 9.4%
Important	83 18.2%	45 17.3%	38 20.0%	83 18.4%	12 20.7%	36 16.5%	35 20.1%	83 18.4%	21 19.1%	38 18.4%	18 16.8%	4 18.2%	81 18.2%	11 16.7%	25 21.4%	47 17.7%	83 18.5%
Very important	316 69.5%	193 74.2%	119 62.6%	312 69.3%	39 67.2%	156 71.6%	117 67.2%	312 69.3%	77 70.0%	141 68.1%	76 71.0%	17 77.3%	311 69.7%	46 69.7%	79 67.5%	187 70.3%	312 69.5%

Attract Tourists

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	455 100.0%	260 100.0%	189 100.0%	449 100.0%	58 100.0%	217 100.0%	174 100.0%	449 100.0%	110 100.0%	207 100.0%	106 100.0%	23 100.0%	446 100.0%	66 100.0%	115 100.0%	267 100.0%	448 100.0%
Not important	29 6.4%	14 5.4%	15 7.9%	29 6.5%	4 6.9%	13 6.0%	12 6.9%	29 6.5%	4 3.6%	16 7.7%	5 4.7%	3 13.0%	28 6.3%	2 3.0%	8 7.0%	18 6.7%	28 6.3%
Somewhat important	24 5.3%	11 4.2%	13 6.9%	24 5.3%	3 5.2%	14 6.5%	7 4.0%	24 5.3%	7 6.4%	10 4.8%	6 5.7%	1 4.3%	24 5.4%	2 3.0%	6 5.2%	16 6.0%	24 5.4%
More important	124 27.3%	64 24.6%	58 30.7%	122 27.2%	16 27.6%	66 30.4%	40 23.0%	122 27.2%	25 22.7%	58 28.0%	33 31.1%	6 26.1%	122 27.4%	25 37.9%	30 26.1%	67 25.1%	122 27.2%
Important	103 22.6%	58 22.3%	44 23.3%	102 22.7%	12 20.7%	53 24.4%	37 21.3%	102 22.7%	27 24.5%	47 22.7%	23 21.7%	4 17.4%	101 22.6%	14 21.2%	24 20.9%	64 24.0%	102 22.8%
Very important	175 38.5%	113 43.5%	59 31.2%	172 38.3%	23 39.7%	71 32.7%	78 44.8%	172 38.3%	47 42.7%	76 36.7%	39 36.8%	9 39.1%	171 38.3%	23 34.8%	47 40.9%	102 38.2%	172 38.4%

7. How satisfied are you with existing trails in the Cowichan Region? (Please circle **one** number for each line)

Variety and Length of Trails

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	417 100.0%	231 100.0%	179 100.0%	410 100.0%	55 100.0%	204 100.0%	151 100.0%	410 100.0%	96 100.0%	190 100.0%	100 100.0%	20 100.0%	406 100.0%	55 100.0%	107 100.0%	248 100.0%	410 100.0%
Not satisfied	19 4.6%	13 5.6%	6 3.4%	19 4.6%	2 3.6%	11 5.4%	6 4.0%	19 4.6%	4 4.2%	8 4.2%	6 6.0%	1 5.0%	19 4.7%	3 5.5%	5 4.7%	11 4.4%	19 4.6%
Somewhat satisfied	34 8.2%	18 7.8%	16 8.9%	34 8.3%	6 10.9%	21 10.3%	7 4.6%	34 8.3%	10 10.4%	11 5.8%	13 13.0%	0 .0%	34 8.4%	3 5.5%	10 9.3%	21 8.5%	34 8.3%
More satisfied	181 43.4%	97 42.0%	80 44.7%	177 43.2%	23 41.8%	78 38.2%	76 50.3%	177 43.2%	45 46.9%	80 42.1%	42 42.0%	8 40.0%	175 43.1%	19 34.5%	40 37.4%	119 48.0%	178 43.4%
Satisfied	122 29.3%	67 29.0%	53 29.6%	120 29.3%	18 32.7%	65 31.9%	37 24.5%	120 29.3%	24 25.0%	58 30.5%	29 29.0%	8 40.0%	119 29.3%	21 38.2%	36 33.6%	63 25.4%	120 29.3%
Very satisfied	61 14.6%	36 15.6%	24 13.4%	60 14.6%	6 10.9%	29 14.2%	25 16.6%	60 14.6%	13 13.5%	33 17.4%	10 10.0%	3 15.0%	59 14.5%	9 16.4%	16 15.0%	34 13.7%	59 14.4%

Trail Accessibility

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	415 100.0%	232 100.0%	176 100.0%	408 100.0%	55 100.0%	204 100.0%	149 100.0%	408 100.0%	95 100.0%	191 100.0%	100 100.0%	19 100.0%	405 100.0%	56 100.0%	106 100.0%	246 100.0%	408 100.0%
Not satisfied	16 3.9%	12 5.2%	4 2.3%	16 3.9%	2 3.6%	7 3.4%	7 4.7%	16 3.9%	3 3.2%	8 4.2%	4 4.0%	1 5.3%	16 4.0%	2 3.6%	3 2.8%	11 4.5%	16 3.9%
Somewhat satisfied	45 10.8%	26 11.2%	19 10.8%	45 11.0%	6 10.9%	27 13.2%	12 8.1%	45 11.0%	13 13.7%	16 8.4%	16 16.0%	0 .0%	45 11.1%	4 7.1%	12 11.3%	29 11.8%	45 11.0%
More satisfied	177 42.7%	95 40.9%	78 44.3%	173 42.4%	23 41.8%	75 36.8%	75 50.3%	173 42.4%	48 50.5%	81 42.4%	35 35.0%	8 42.1%	172 42.5%	18 32.1%	41 38.7%	115 46.7%	174 42.6%
Satisfied	123 29.6%	65 28.0%	56 31.8%	121 29.7%	19 34.5%	67 32.8%	35 23.5%	121 29.7%	21 22.1%	55 28.8%	35 35.0%	8 42.1%	119 29.4%	25 44.6%	36 34.0%	60 24.4%	121 29.7%
Very satisfied	54 13.0%	34 14.7%	19 10.8%	53 13.0%	5 9.1%	28 13.7%	20 13.4%	53 13.0%	10 10.5%	31 16.2%	10 10.0%	2 10.5%	53 13.1%	7 12.5%	14 13.2%	31 12.6%	52 12.7%

Trail Safety

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	415 100.0%	230 100.0%	178 100.0%	408 100.0%	55 100.0%	204 100.0%	149 100.0%	408 100.0%	97 100.0%	189 100.0%	100 100.0%	19 100.0%	405 100.0%	56 100.0%	105 100.0%	246 100.0%	407 100.0%
Not satisfied	16 3.9%	9 3.9%	7 3.9%	16 3.9%	1 1.8%	8 3.9%	7 4.7%	16 3.9%	6 6.2%	4 2.1%	5 5.0%	1 5.3%	16 4.0%	3 5.4%	3 2.9%	10 4.1%	16 3.9%
Somewhat satisfied	37 8.9%	23 10.0%	14 7.9%	37 9.1%	4 7.3%	19 9.3%	14 9.4%	37 9.1%	8 8.2%	18 9.5%	10 10.0%	1 5.3%	37 9.1%	5 8.9%	12 11.4%	19 7.7%	36 8.8%
More satisfied	178 42.9%	92 40.0%	82 46.1%	174 42.6%	25 45.5%	81 39.7%	68 45.6%	174 42.6%	46 47.4%	81 42.9%	37 37.0%	9 47.4%	173 42.7%	20 35.7%	43 41.0%	111 45.1%	174 42.8%
Satisfied	125 30.1%	76 33.0%	48 27.0%	124 30.4%	14 25.5%	71 34.8%	39 26.2%	124 30.4%	25 25.8%	56 29.6%	36 36.0%	5 26.3%	122 30.1%	20 35.7%	33 31.4%	71 28.9%	124 30.5%
Very satisfied	59 14.2%	30 13.0%	27 15.2%	57 14.0%	11 20.0%	25 12.3%	21 14.1%	57 14.0%	12 12.4%	30 15.9%	12 12.0%	3 15.8%	57 14.1%	8 14.3%	14 13.3%	35 14.2%	57 14.0%

Trail Construction and Environmental Protection

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	411 100.0%	230 100.0%	174 100.0%	404 100.0%	55 100.0%	203 100.0%	146 100.0%	404 100.0%	96 100.0%	188 100.0%	99 100.0%	19 100.0%	402 100.0%	56 100.0%	106 100.0%	242 100.0%	404 100.0%
Not satisfied	9 2.2%	6 2.6%	3 1.7%	9 2.2%	1 1.8%	3 1.5%	5 3.4%	9 2.2%	2 2.1%	5 2.7%	2 2.0%	0 .0%	9 2.2%	2 3.6%	4 3.8%	3 1.2%	9 2.2%
Somewhat satisfied	42 10.2%	22 9.6%	20 11.5%	42 10.4%	4 7.3%	23 11.3%	15 10.3%	42 10.4%	10 10.4%	23 12.2%	7 7.1%	2 10.5%	42 10.4%	5 8.9%	11 10.4%	26 10.7%	42 10.4%
More satisfied	172 41.8%	100 43.5%	69 39.7%	169 41.8%	25 45.5%	80 39.4%	64 43.8%	169 41.8%	40 41.7%	78 41.5%	44 44.4%	6 31.6%	168 41.8%	22 39.3%	42 39.6%	105 43.4%	169 41.8%
Satisfied	124 30.2%	68 29.6%	54 31.0%	122 30.2%	19 34.5%	64 31.5%	39 26.7%	122 30.2%	31 32.3%	53 28.2%	31 31.3%	6 31.6%	121 30.1%	20 35.7%	33 31.1%	69 28.5%	122 30.2%
Very satisfied	64 15.6%	34 14.8%	28 16.1%	62 15.3%	6 10.9%	33 16.3%	23 15.8%	62 15.3%	13 13.5%	29 15.4%	15 15.2%	5 26.3%	62 15.4%	7 12.5%	16 15.1%	39 16.1%	62 15.3%

8. If additions to the regional parks system are possible, which additions are most important? (Please circle up to a maximum of **three** numbers beside the most important additions)

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	463 100.0%	260 100.0%	196 100.0%	456 100.0%	56 100.0%	218 100.0%	182 100.0%	456 100.0%	113 100.0%	211 100.0%	105 100.0%	23 100.0%	452 100.0%	65 100.0%	117 100.0%	273 100.0%	455 100.0%
Waterfront/beach parks (ocean)	264 57.0%	153 58.8%	107 54.6%	260 57.0%	26 46.4%	114 52.3%	120 65.9%	260 57.0%	69 61.1%	129 61.1%	44 41.9%	15 65.2%	257 56.9%	44 67.7%	66 56.4%	149 54.6%	259 56.9%
Waterfront/beach parks (lake)	218 47.1%	127 48.8%	88 44.9%	215 47.1%	28 50.0%	102 46.8%	85 46.7%	215 47.1%	62 54.9%	85 40.3%	58 55.2%	8 34.8%	213 47.1%	31 47.7%	58 49.6%	125 45.8%	214 47.0%
River corridor parks	189 40.8%	109 41.9%	76 38.8%	185 40.6%	23 41.1%	95 43.6%	67 36.8%	185 40.6%	47 41.6%	84 39.8%	38 36.2%	16 69.6%	185 40.9%	24 36.9%	46 39.3%	115 42.1%	185 40.7%
Regional trail connections	153 33.0%	87 33.5%	64 32.7%	151 33.1%	15 26.8%	78 35.8%	58 31.9%	151 33.1%	27 23.9%	76 36.0%	40 38.1%	6 26.1%	149 33.0%	22 33.8%	43 36.8%	86 31.5%	151 33.2%
Nature preserves	128 27.6%	80 30.8%	45 23.0%	125 27.4%	15 26.8%	60 27.5%	50 27.5%	125 27.4%	30 26.5%	59 28.0%	27 25.7%	8 34.8%	124 27.4%	17 26.2%	30 25.6%	79 28.9%	126 27.7%
Mountain/alpine parks	116 25.1%	62 23.8%	53 27.0%	115 25.2%	16 28.6%	69 31.7%	30 16.5%	115 25.2%	23 20.4%	57 27.0%	26 24.8%	9 39.1%	115 25.4%	28 43.1%	32 27.4%	55 20.1%	115 25.3%
Historical sites	117 25.3%	59 22.7%	53 27.0%	112 24.6%	15 26.8%	45 20.6%	52 28.6%	112 24.6%	30 26.5%	58 27.5%	21 20.0%	2 8.7%	111 24.6%	15 23.1%	24 20.5%	73 26.7%	112 24.6%
Multi-field sports complex	87 18.8%	45 17.3%	42 21.4%	87 19.1%	14 25.0%	34 15.6%	39 21.4%	87 19.1%	22 19.5%	32 15.2%	28 26.7%	3 13.0%	85 18.8%	9 13.8%	20 17.1%	57 20.9%	86 18.9%
Motorized recreational parks	65 14.0%	31 11.9%	34 17.3%	65 14.3%	11 19.6%	35 16.1%	19 10.4%	65 14.3%	14 12.4%	28 13.3%	22 21.0%	1 4.3%	65 14.4%	5 7.7%	11 9.4%	48 17.6%	64 14.1%
Other	30 6.5%	18 6.9%	10 5.1%	28 6.1%	8 14.3%	8 3.7%	12 6.6%	28 6.1%	7 6.2%	11 5.2%	10 9.5%	0 .0%	28 6.2%	4 6.2%	11 9.4%	13 4.8%	28 6.2%

9. Are there **additional amenities or features** that you think should be incorporated as part of a regional parks and trails program for the Cowichan Region? (Please circle the number beside **one** answer)

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	402 100.0%	224 100.0%	172 100.0%	396 100.0%	53 100.0%	199 100.0%	144 100.0%	396 100.0%	88 100.0%	188 100.0%	99 100.0%	19 100.0%	394 100.0%	58 100.0%	105 100.0%	232 100.0%	395 100.0%
Yes	177 44.0%	95 42.4%	77 44.8%	172 43.4%	22 41.5%	95 47.7%	55 38.2%	172 43.4%	32 36.4%	79 42.0%	52 52.5%	9 47.4%	172 43.7%	27 46.6%	47 44.8%	99 42.7%	173 43.8%
No	225 56.0%	129 57.6%	95 55.2%	224 56.6%	31 58.5%	104 52.3%	89 61.8%	224 56.6%	56 63.6%	109 58.0%	47 47.5%	10 52.6%	222 56.3%	31 53.4%	58 55.2%	133 57.3%	222 56.2%

10. Are there **potential park and/or trail sites** in the Cowichan Region that are not yet park or protected areas that you think should be acquired or protected as part of a regional parks and trails program? (Please circle the number beside **one** answer)

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	370 100.0%	198 100.0%	166 100.0%	364 100.0%	51 100.0%	179 100.0%	134 100.0%	364 100.0%	84 100.0%	172 100.0%	90 100.0%	15 100.0%	361 100.0%	52 100.0%	92 100.0%	219 100.0%	363 100.0%
Yes	147 39.7%	71 35.9%	72 43.4%	143 39.3%	18 35.3%	74 41.3%	51 38.1%	143 39.3%	35 41.7%	61 35.5%	40 44.4%	6 40.0%	142 39.3%	20 38.5%	31 33.7%	93 42.5%	144 39.7%
No	223 60.3%	127 64.1%	94 56.6%	221 60.7%	33 64.7%	105 58.7%	83 61.9%	221 60.7%	49 58.3%	111 64.5%	50 55.6%	9 60.0%	219 60.7%	32 61.5%	61 66.3%	126 57.5%	219 60.3%

11. Would you support additional public investment in regional parks and trails within the Cowichan Region? (Please circle the number beside **one** answer)

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	434 100.0%	246 100.0%	186 100.0%	432 100.0%	54 100.0%	211 100.0%	167 100.0%	432 100.0%	107 100.0%	202 100.0%	101 100.0%	20 100.0%	430 100.0%	65 100.0%	110 100.0%	256 100.0%	431 100.0%
Yes	351 80.9%	205 83.3%	144 77.4%	349 80.8%	46 85.2%	176 83.4%	127 76.0%	349 80.8%	84 78.5%	160 79.2%	89 88.1%	16 80.0%	349 81.2%	52 80.0%	91 82.7%	206 80.5%	349 81.0%
No	83 19.1%	41 16.7%	42 22.6%	83 19.2%	8 14.8%	35 16.6%	40 24.0%	83 19.2%	23 21.5%	42 20.8%	12 11.9%	4 20.0%	81 18.8%	13 20.0%	19 17.3%	50 19.5%	82 19.0%

- 11a. If yes, which of the following are the highest priorities for public investment in regional parks? (Please circle up to a maximum of **two** numbers)

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	351 100.0%	204 100.0%	145 100.0%	349 100.0%	46 100.0%	176 100.0%	127 100.0%	349 100.0%	83 100.0%	161 100.0%	89 100.0%	16 100.0%	349 100.0%	52 100.0%	91 100.0%	206 100.0%	349 100.0%
Acquisition of land for new parks	188 53.6%	105 51.5%	82 56.6%	187 53.6%	23 50.0%	106 60.2%	58 45.7%	187 53.6%	47 56.6%	76 47.2%	56 62.9%	8 50.0%	187 53.6%	27 51.9%	53 58.2%	108 52.4%	188 53.9%
Improve the trails system	144 41.0%	74 36.3%	69 47.6%	143 41.0%	15 32.6%	76 43.2%	52 40.9%	143 41.0%	30 36.1%	68 42.2%	37 41.6%	8 50.0%	143 41.0%	20 38.5%	44 48.4%	79 38.3%	143 41.0%
Increase maintenance of existing developed parks	140 39.9%	87 42.6%	52 35.9%	139 39.8%	19 41.3%	59 33.5%	61 48.0%	139 39.8%	37 44.6%	71 44.1%	27 30.3%	4 25.0%	139 39.8%	21 40.4%	23 25.3%	95 46.1%	139 39.8%
Install amenities to existing undeveloped parks	132 37.6%	87 42.6%	45 31.0%	132 37.8%	21 45.7%	63 35.8%	48 37.8%	132 37.8%	25 30.1%	66 41.0%	33 37.1%	8 50.0%	132 37.8%	19 36.5%	36 39.6%	76 36.9%	131 37.5%
Others	18 5.1%	7 3.4%	11 7.6%	18 5.2%	3 6.5%	9 5.1%	6 4.7%	18 5.2%	4 4.8%	8 5.0%	4 4.5%	2 12.5%	18 5.2%	5 9.6%	2 2.2%	11 5.3%	18 5.2%

12. If a special property tax were set to solely fund parkland acquisition for the regional parks and trails system, how much of a tax increase would you support? (Please circle the number beside **one** answer)

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	454 100.0%	257 100.0%	195 100.0%	452 100.0%	58 100.0%	213 100.0%	182 100.0%	453 100.0%	115 100.0%	209 100.0%	105 100.0%	22 100.0%	451 100.0%	66 100.0%	117 100.0%	268 100.0%	451 100.0%
None-no increase	111 24.4%	61 23.7%	49 25.1%	110 24.3%	11 19.0%	41 19.2%	59 32.4%	111 24.5%	33 28.7%	51 24.4%	19 18.1%	6 27.3%	109 24.2%	11 16.7%	27 23.1%	72 26.9%	110 24.4%
\$10-\$20 per year	166 36.6%	107 41.6%	58 29.7%	165 36.5%	20 34.5%	77 36.2%	68 37.4%	165 36.4%	49 42.6%	77 36.8%	31 29.5%	8 36.4%	165 36.6%	20 30.3%	44 37.6%	101 37.7%	165 36.6%
\$21-\$30 per year	78 17.2%	44 17.1%	34 17.4%	78 17.3%	12 20.7%	40 18.8%	26 14.3%	78 17.2%	15 13.0%	34 16.3%	23 21.9%	6 27.3%	78 17.3%	16 24.2%	13 11.1%	48 17.9%	77 17.1%
\$31-\$40 per year	29 6.4%	16 6.2%	13 6.7%	29 6.4%	4 6.9%	14 6.6%	11 6.0%	29 6.4%	2 1.7%	16 7.7%	11 10.5%	0 .0%	29 6.4%	2 3.0%	9 7.7%	18 6.7%	29 6.4%
\$41-\$50 per year	40 8.8%	14 5.4%	26 13.3%	40 8.8%	7 12.1%	23 10.8%	10 5.5%	40 8.8%	11 9.6%	16 7.7%	13 12.4%	0 .0%	40 8.9%	10 15.2%	12 10.3%	18 6.7%	40 8.9%
More than \$50 per year	30 6.6%	15 5.8%	15 7.7%	30 6.6%	4 6.9%	18 8.5%	8 4.4%	30 6.6%	5 4.3%	15 7.2%	8 7.6%	2 9.1%	30 6.7%	7 10.6%	12 10.3%	11 4.1%	30 6.7%

13. What is your gender? (Please circle the number beside **one** answer)

	Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	473 100.0%	59 100.0%	220 100.0%	194 100.0%	473 100.0%	120 100.0%	218 100.0%	108 100.0%	23 100.0%	469 100.0%	67 100.0%	123 100.0%	281 100.0%	471 100.0%
Female	273 57.7%	32 54.2%	132 60.0%	109 56.2%	273 57.7%	82 68.3%	110 50.5%	65 60.2%	14 60.9%	271 57.8%	39 58.2%	72 58.5%	161 57.3%	272 57.7%
Male	200 42.3%	27 45.8%	88 40.0%	85 43.8%	200 42.3%	38 31.7%	108 49.5%	43 39.8%	9 39.1%	198 42.2%	28 41.8%	51 41.5%	120 42.7%	199 42.3%

14. In which age group are you? (Please circle the number beside **one** answer)

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Household				Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	474 100.0%	273 100.0%	200 100.0%	473 100.0%	121 100.0%	218 100.0%	108 100.0%	23 100.0%	470 100.0%	67 100.0%	123 100.0%	282 100.0%	472 100.0%
18-39 years	59 12.4%	32 11.7%	27 13.5%	59 12.5%	7 5.8%	12 5.5%	38 35.2%	1 4.3%	58 12.3%	14 20.9%	19 15.4%	26 9.2%	59 12.5%
40-59 years	220 46.4%	132 48.4%	88 44.0%	220 46.5%	43 35.5%	88 40.4%	69 63.9%	19 82.6%	219 46.6%	34 50.7%	60 48.8%	126 44.7%	220 46.6%
60 or older	195 41.1%	109 39.9%	85 42.5%	194 41.0%	71 58.7%	118 54.1%	1 .9%	3 13.0%	193 41.1%	19 28.4%	44 35.8%	130 46.1%	193 40.9%

15. Which of the following best describes your household? (Please circle the number beside **one** answer)

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Length of Residence			Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years	
Total	470 100.0%	271 100.0%	198 100.0%	469 100.0%	58 100.0%	219 100.0%	193 100.0%	470 100.0%	67 100.0%	122 100.0%	279 100.0%	468 100.0%
One or more single adults	121 25.7%	82 30.3%	38 19.2%	120 25.6%	7 12.1%	43 19.6%	71 36.8%	121 25.7%	13 19.4%	24 19.7%	84 30.1%	121 25.9%
Couple with no dependent children	218 46.4%	110 40.6%	108 54.5%	218 46.5%	12 20.7%	88 40.2%	118 61.1%	218 46.4%	36 53.7%	51 41.8%	129 46.2%	216 46.2%
Couple with dependent children	108 23.0%	65 24.0%	43 21.7%	108 23.0%	38 65.5%	69 31.5%	1 .5%	108 23.0%	17 25.4%	41 33.6%	50 17.9%	108 23.1%
Single parent with dependent children	23 4.9%	14 5.2%	9 4.5%	23 4.9%	1 1.7%	19 8.7%	3 1.6%	23 4.9%	1 1.5%	6 4.9%	16 5.7%	23 4.9%

16. How long have you lived in the Cowichan Region? (Please circle the number beside **one** answer)

	Total	Gender		Variable Total	Age			Variable Total	Household				Variable Total
		Female	Male		18-39 years	40-59 years	60 or older		One or more single adults	Couple with no dependent children	Couple with dependent children	Single parent with dependent children	
Total	473 100.0%	272 100.0%	199 100.0%	471 100.0%	59 100.0%	220 100.0%	193 100.0%	472 100.0%	121 100.0%	216 100.0%	108 100.0%	23 100.0%	468 100.0%
Less than 5 years	67 14.2%	39 14.3%	28 14.1%	67 14.2%	14 23.7%	34 15.5%	19 9.8%	67 14.2%	13 10.7%	36 16.7%	17 15.7%	1 4.3%	67 14.3%
5-15 years	123 26.0%	72 26.5%	51 25.6%	123 26.1%	19 32.2%	60 27.3%	44 22.8%	123 26.1%	24 19.8%	51 23.6%	41 38.0%	6 26.1%	122 26.1%
More than 15 years	283 59.8%	161 59.2%	120 60.3%	281 59.7%	26 44.1%	126 57.3%	130 67.4%	282 59.7%	84 69.4%	129 59.7%	50 46.3%	16 69.6%	279 59.6%

Mail-out survey questions - Qualitative Results

- 2a. Please indicate all the ways any member of your household used a park or public open space within the past year (Other Responses in the order of priority)
1. beaches, hiking, dog walking in nature.
 2. beautiful animals and view
 3. chillen
 4. climbing steep trails
 5. constructing playground
 6. crabbing
 7. deer hunting
 8. dog walking (13)
 9. fishing (8)
 10. float down Cowichan River
 11. hiking (5)
 12. history
 13. kids to the park, walking trails
 14. natural areas, picnic tables, chair at strategic points
 15. observe sports
 16. playgrounds (5)
 17. PLE in art painting
 18. recreational sports
 19. RV users
 20. school trip
 21. showing visitors our area
 22. sitting outside, taking in the beauty
 23. spectator for sports
 24. swimming/ kayaking
 25. swimming-forestry pools, green bridge, Boy Scout camp, places/parks on Cowichan River
 26. watching grandson playing
 27. wheel chair scooters
 28. where do we have camping in Cow Valley? What we have is taken up with year round residents, if we have new parks who will maintain them? Vandalism?
 29. working.

3. Do any of the following limit your household's use of parks or trails? (Other Responses)
1. a lot of information we've acquired has been from hearsay
 2. areas to get onto the Goose trail is hard to get though
 3. areas where dogs can be exercised should be made known
 4. being able to take our dog
 5. better signage
 6. can't find a group in my age range (60+) who wants to get out and walk!
 7. cell phone doesn't work on Cowichan River Trails. Can't be on call from there
 8. comfort stations needed with wheelchair access and law enforcement officers for safety
 9. cost to government campsites and parking restrictions
 10. day fees for parking are a deterrent it is the principle, not the cost
 11. dirty, used needles, broken glass etc.
 12. goose/duck feces on grounds
 13. groomed trails always safer and will be used by wider age group
 14. we are new to the Valley
 15. hunter creating dangerous environment
 16. inadequate beach access and visible location markers
 17. it would be nice to have a fenced dog park close to Duncan
 18. lack of access to Somenos & Quamichan. Need new deck at end of Moose Rd. Is there public access to Somenos on East Shore-can't find any. Locked toilets
 19. lack of walking trail around Quamichan Lake- lack of hiking trail around Quamichan Lake
 20. larger variety-or number of parks limits our use of parks or trails - there are not enough of them
 21. limited or no trail markers in some parks. Difficulty for non-regular users to clearly identify trails
 22. live on Thetis Island
 23. motorcycles on trails
 24. my lifestyle is very busy, I'm content at my home
 25. no facility to race Karts, cars or motorcycles
 26. no flowers or birds anymore
 27. no time - working too much to pay high taxes
 28. not interested
 29. other than Sandy Pool there are no parks in Sahtlam
 30. pay parking (5)
 31. people and their dogs
 32. pit-bull dog running free in Ball Park at Mesachie Lake
 33. signs! interpretive, direction, linkages
 34. sometimes we don't use the park trails because of dirt bikes. We don't mind bikes but don't like dirt bikes
 35. stairs and ramps are a big help on slopes

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36. there is a park noted on Campbell St. Cobble Hill but no access can be found to it. It is on Parks Maps
 37. this reply is from two elderly citizens
 38. toilet facilities, washing facilities
 39. too many cars. Have to travel to get to park. Need trail network connecting parks. Encourage beside highway trails similar to Galloping Goose
 40. unauthorized motor vehicles/ lack of enforcement/ big gatherings of riders very intimidating/ illegal fires/ broken bottles/ no signage
 41. washrooms closed
 42. we are so busy with our volunteer service that we don't have time to participate in parks and trail uses
 43. we have our own cabin on the West Coast
 44. we live in Arbutus Ridge and are very happy with the facilities there
 45. weather, fuel prices
 46. young children still uses stroller
8. If additions to the regional parks system are possible, which additions are most important? (Other Responses)
1. all of these are important (1-8)
 2. all these areas are essential except for motorized rec. parks. How can this be narrowed down to three in this great big land our ours!
 3. bike Trail
 4. dog parks for off leash (7)
 5. give motor's a place to keep them out of other areas
 6. handicapped access!
 7. horse friendly trails
 8. I would circle all of the above, we are so fortunate to live in this Valley it really has everything
 9. I would have wanted to circle more than three
 10. Kinsol Trestle must be saved
 11. long regional trails that loop
 12. maintain the ocean accesses and keep them clear
 13. more forestry recreation camping sites
 14. more trails that allow horses
 15. mountain bike trails with structures on them!
 16. mountain bike trails with maps of location
 17. new arena
 18. overnight rec. vehicle facilities
 19. park to relax, Similar to Beacon Hill but smaller! Make a better use of McAcclamus more tables, washrooms. Better advertising about Mcaclaims
 20. pier onto Somenos Lake at Drinkwater St.
 21. playground/picnic
 22. spray park
 23. waterfront beach at Maple Bay.

9a. What **additional amenities or features** do you think should be incorporated as part of a regional parks and trails program for the Cowichan Region?

1. 2 tourist info booths - Valley view in Cobble Hill, and Frayne center in Mill Bay.
2. a dock for Quamichan Lake would be helpful to use for our canoe
3. a mix of family fun- i.e. Transfer Beach - but with a park for skateboarding or something
4. a move permeable Shoreline throughout the region would be a great goal
5. a turf field that could be used by more sports organizations than just field hockey
6. a walking trail near or on the water in Mill Bay would be a great addition!
7. access across the river to Sandy Pool so that the whole Park can be used
8. access to inactive logging roads. Even decommissioned logging roads in the interior are open (posted caution) low cost to negotiate with logging companies.
9. adequate signage (5)
10. all developers should be required to leave some green belt through the development or at least some green space and see that this is actually done!
11. an information center for parks and trails of the area
12. area for dogs to run that are safe
13. as a dog owner, more off leash areas for dogs
14. baggie dispenser that are filled and maintained for dog walkers. Fines for dog walkers who disobey leash and cleanup rules
15. bathroom facilities (33)
16. better access to trails and parks and beach parks in the future
17. better barricades to prevent motor vehicle accessibility on Trans-Canada Trail
18. better preservation of existing historical sites etc. The past or old parks are vulnerable
19. camp grounds, tennis courts
20. bicycle lanes and trails (4)
21. boardwalk all around Somenos Marsh. Save the Kinsol Trestle by adding a footbridge beside it or on it. Existing trails connecting with each other
22. campsites - historical info of area. Keep horse trails alive our heritage
23. camping area, available in some of the parks
24. camping areas on the Cowichan River Footpath and the Trans Canada Trail
25. change rooms, showers, camping
26. beach access
27. Community gathering place-big lawns, picnic shelters, playground, diverse activities for all ages and completely fenced dog field
28. concessions
29. concessions
30. connecting trails for walkers, runners, bicycles, throughout the valley
31. connecting with the communities North and south
32. connections to the Trans-Canada Trail. Trails that would link downtown with regional trails
33. Cowichan Lake-boat launch, picnic/camping sites, boat tie-ups
34. Day Camps
35. diapers on any horse on the trails

36. doggy bags for dog owners
37. don't know
38. downhill bike trails
39. drinking water
40. eco information signage, historical references
41. educate public to respect the environment - park, trail, and beach to be left clean. Proper disposal bins and signage
42. education, Stewardship signs and programs
43. emergency contact to outside professional help. Help line or number
44. employ summer students for Nature Tours
45. enforce boating regulations on the lakes. Add buoys restricting speeding, maybe add auxiliary Coast Guard to Police the lakes!
46. event-quest speakers, shoreline cleanups like the Cowichan Bay one
47. extension of West Coast Trail
48. feature proper managing of our resources by staff enforcing/protecting the area. Better enforcement and signs of rules and parks and trails
49. fenced off leash dog park
50. finish existing trails by fixing and replacing river crossing like the Kensol Trestle
51. for horse trails - need parking for trailers
52. water fountains, picnic tables/ benches
53. garbage cans and pick-up (9)
54. require dog owners to clean up after their dogs
55. handicap access
56. having come from communities with bike trails, I would like to see this available in Cowichan Valley area. Especially due to logging trucks safer with designated bike lanes
57. history and spiritual values. SEI sites R&E species habitat. Wetlands. Old growth Douglas fir
58. I think an uninterrupted trail should run from the Fish Hatchery west on the south side of the Cowichan River. Past white Bridge and the pump house and connect with existing river trails beyond
59. I would like to see longer trails that loop back - 10km+
60. in the long term I would like to see nature interpretation programs as in the CRD and GVRD
61. information about parks
62. information center about parks and area. Identify plants and trees on plaques for info
63. jogging between towns parallel to highway
64. just would like to see park and trail sites to be left as natural as possible with minimal amenities or intrusions of any structures
65. Kinsel Trestle - restoration
66. Kinsel Trestle should be made walkable
67. larger skate park, walking trails connecting residential to other amenities
68. leashed dog friendly. Bike Lane. Paved. Motorized scooter for physically challenged
69. local Volunteer Park Warden. Supply Vest to Identify warden
70. main concern safety, senior friendly

71. make sure that most of the parks are accessible by people with disabilities
72. map boards and path handouts maps are important for trails
73. maps along the way telling where are we, how long the trail etc.
74. maps in phone book of all public property
75. maps
76. more accessibility for physically impaired
77. more accessible restrooms, more accessible public knowledge of parks so that we might attract more tourism to the valley
78. more amenities=more people - we prefer user maintained
79. more bag dispensers for people to pick up dog doo doo. More picnic tables in some areas
80. more benches
81. more bridges walking over Cowichan River
82. more camping
83. more frequent beach access (ocean). Any waterfront property i.e. farm coming up for subdivision in North Oyster District should provide ocean access
84. recycling cans for pop cans and bottles
85. more good campgrounds
86. more information on how to reach these parks/trails and if pets are allowed
87. more information, better patrol, make pride re conservation a priority. Education control of dog fecal! i.e. Cherry Point Beach
88. more public awareness as to where trails are and what user group each trail is intended for
89. more public information
90. more publicity about where and how people can access them
91. more safe walking areas for seniors and people with limited physical ability. i.e.. Chesterfield Park type parks in areas like Mill Bay, Shawnigan Lake etc.
92. motto cross, Enduro and track racing (for both bikes and cars) better signage or mapping of existing trails e.g. Mt Tzouhalem.
93. motocross trails and parks
94. motorized
95. mountain biking is an increasingly important recreation. Maps, trail signs and designated trails would be an asset to this user group and would attract tourists
96. nature interpretation centers
97. no vehicles with motors of any kind in parks
98. noise park
99. off leash dog parks
100. off leash safe dog parks
101. Organized nature programs and education programs for community awareness and foster tourism - elevating respect of our natural areas
102. picnic areas, patrol (watching for negative issues)
103. picnic site, Mountain bike trails, dog walking
104. picnic sites, information of areas history and animal habitats
105. picnic tables, rest area
106. playgrounds, picnic facilities

107. pool for swimming
108. posted trail maps and connections to other sites
109. preserve the Kinsol Trestle!
110. public boat access to Lake Cowichan
111. rebuild Kinsol Trestle
112. recycling Bins for drink containers
113. regional trails connecting communities
114. replacement of the Kinsol Trestle
115. rest areas, benches, no motorized vehicles except wheelchairs
116. rest stops
117. restore picnic table, construct foot bridge at Kinsol Trestle
118. Safe fun playground park that's central that parents with small children would be comfortable taking their small children i.e.. We've really enjoyed Nanaimo's playground at Maffeo Sutton Park and Beban Park
119. safe horse trails i.e. no motorcycles or ATVs
120. safety
121. signs that tell the history of the park. Directional signs stating distance, length of trail, rough time to complete
122. snack bars, playgrounds
123. some trails that are wheelchair friendly as well as trails geared towards youth i.e. Mountain biking
124. something so that seniors who have to walk alone could feel perfectly safe
125. spray park, stroller accessible trails
126. swimming pools
127. telephone for 911 and Fire,
128. tennis courts
129. the railway bed to lake Cowichan- develop Somenos Marsh
130. theme garden parks with Easy Access for the Disabled and elderly
131. they must be supervised for safety- too much crime in these areas
132. trail around Quamichan Lake or part of it
133. trail between Chemainus- Ladysmith and Chemainus-Duncan for walking/cycling/horseback riding etc. Similar to Victoria's Galloping Goose would be wonderful
134. trail information kiosks - terrain difficulty etc. directions to public facilities
135. trail maps/directions at all trailheads and intersections
136. trails c/w ' Huts' as per New Zealand
137. trails for ATV's and Motorbikes for all ages
138. trails need to be groomed or up kept from falling trees and overgrowth
139. visitor info and attendants
140. walking trails
141. water to drink (3)

142. waterfront trail (Quamichan Lake)
143. we don't know that answer to this question
144. we need a trail system around Shawnigan Lake independent of the roadway
145. we need nice places in the nature for our elderly where they can walk and feel safe

10a. What **potential park and/or trail sites** in the Cowichan Region that are not yet park or protected areas do you think should be acquired or protected as part of a regional parks and trails program?

1. 40-acre parcel at end of mile end road in Cobble Hill. This land has many beautiful flat walking trails used daily by many people
2. a trail around Quamichan Lake and more parkland on the lake would be good
3. all beach access e.g. Meredith Road and Goulet Road and all Lake accesses. Seawalk in front of Marina extending eventually as far as possible
4. all decommissioned rail lines some real treasures here
5. all the land taken by the logging companies, it's our own land - not theirs
6. along the river near Wilson Ave.
7. any of the sites identified during N. Cowichan's official community planning process
8. any areas around lakes such as Quamichan Lake or Somenos Lake (trails)?
9. any waterfront property on Cowichan Lake. It is being sold off
10. area like old hiking trail up Bald Mt. Near Lake Cowichan
11. around Cowichan Lake
12. around Downtown Duncan (more green spaces)
13. at the top of Sall Road. The existing forest layout makes for a potential park site
14. Baldy Mtn. Shawnigan Lake. The Ravine on Hayes Property behind the Legion-a creek runs through it, not been logged yet. Pristine Peaceful area-trail is on private property
15. Bush Creek - from end of Christie Rd. to fish hatchery and the falls
16. Centennial Park could be water-park for town people. Any agricultural land could be converted to a park/ waterslide facility especially off Hwy 18, lots of sun, good natural grade for waterslide park
17. Chemainus River Area
18. Chemainus River. Stanton, Heart Lake
19. Cobble Hill Quarry
20. Cobble Hill Quarry
21. Coffin Point
22. complete Cowichan Road trail Garry Oak Ecosystems. Unique Wetlands, other bogs
23. Courtney Way has a park that is undeveloped and can link trails to Baldy Mtn. Would like to see a playground there
24. Cowichan Bay. The waterfront is littered with too much new development driving down Cowichan Bay Road you can hardly see the water
25. Cowichan Bay Estuary
26. E&N rail line. Let's move on the trail component
27. E&N right of way

28. E&N right of way along Bings Creek. Robertson River. Greater access into Shawnigan Highlands, Lois Lake, Pete's Pond, Tadjiss Lake etc.
29. Echo Heights (6)
30. educate with signs, enforce the rules of the trails and parks. Protect our parks and trails and people using them
31. end of Kingburn Rd. Kinsol Trestle, area between Mines Rd. and Mountain Rd. End of Mountain Rd. towards Glenora
32. ensure the Trans Canada Trail is completed and maintained
33. entire length of Mt. Tzouhalem from cliff face overtop to paralleling skip road. 100 yards wide. Try to obtain more private land on Cowichan River Footpath
34. expand the Mt. Prevost Park further south to accommodate more of the south side. Possibly Mt. Tzouhalem (but I'm not sure of what is currently under reserve)
35. green belt off Gibbins Rd. by Carmel subdivision private property, which up until now was used. I'm sure owner would sell-could be developed into great park area - lots of walking trails etc.
36. Hill 60
37. Holmes Creek off Philip through to Sherman Rd. Gibbins Rd. near water tower, small neighbourhood green spaces (vacant urban lots)
38. I don't know the area well enough to suggest more sites but I'm quite sure there are places that could be developed
39. I know from attending meetings that there are sites under consideration. Areas of unsettled sites, shore of Mill Bay and Cowichan Bay
40. I think that as much as the island should be protected as possible!!!!
41. I'm not sure where but I'm positive there are a lot of areas
42. increased access to Chemainus River- ungated!
43. it is our understanding that a piece of property next to Yellow Point Lodge will be coming up for subdivision. There would then be no beach access for miles unless they provide public access
44. it would be great to have connecting trails
45. Kingzet Lake (Quarry in Cobble Hill)
46. Kinsol Trestle (10)
47. Kissinger Lake
48. Koksilah rapids and gorge
49. Lake Cowichan - Scout Camp trails into and around Lookout Mountain
50. Lake Cowichan Provincial Park. Trans Canada Trail. Chemainus River Provincial Park links
51. Lake Cowichan Waterfront (West)
52. local updating to all parks and trails water and washrooms
53. Maple Mountain
54. Mesachie Mountain, Bald Mountain, ALL Heritage sites and buildings
55. Mill Bay
56. Mill Bay beach, Brentwood fields A7W if the property comes for sale
57. Mill Springs subdivision
58. more beach areas around Cowichan Lake and the regional lakes in the area
59. more of the watershed areas and wetlands should be protected around Shawnigan especially at the South end
60. most waterfronts a seawall would benefit everyone
61. Mount Tzouhalem before it is destroyed by further development
62. Mt. Prenost and Mt. Sicker area is a historical and excellent vantage point of the Valley

63. Mt. Tzouhalem if not already
64. Mt. Tzouhalem should have an area aside as park land for cyclists and hikers
65. much more of the Cowichan Lake waterfront needs protecting
66. municipal forests
67. not sure of the area, but the more green the better!
68. not sure what needs protecting
69. oceanfront trails
70. old train tracks connecting lake Cowichan and Duncan
71. Oliphant Lake
72. only lived here for 2 years, don't know enough about the area
73. Park access to Shawnigan Lake and Cowichan Lake
74. park area in Saltair trail system behind Old Chemainus Rd. 11000 block to bridge kayak and boat launch (North). Park/trail is inland
75. pathways between Sherman Rd. and Government Rd. Old railway not in use. Jogging trails integrated into new developments. Green spaces larger than a lot size Somenos Marsh, Cowichan
76. places like Quamichan Lake should have a limit relative to building sights. Rivers likewise, people disrupt nature
77. portions of Mount Bagy
78. possibly Echo Heights and Mountain bike trails in and around the Properties
79. probably!
80. protect and help Native land
81. protected from dirt bikes/ 4 wheelers or redevelopment
82. Quamichan Lake path, but waters edge i.e.: Elk Lake in Victoria and Westwood in Nanaimo
83. Richard's Mountain
84. safeguard the Cowichan River
85. Sahtlam School, local park, playground
86. save as much forest area as possible
87. significant sites with important geographic features in environmentally sensitive areas
88. some of the local Mtn. Tops even with limited access
89. Somenos Marsh mature area should be protected. Wildlife as well very important to our ecosystem
90. Somenos Lake
91. Somenos Marsh
92. the area along Allenby Road which borders the high part should be acquired and a cinder track and picnic tables made available for picnicking. There is nothing in this area at present
93. the Cowichan River Trail that starts at Cliff Rd in Duncan
94. the dykes in the Cowichan River estuary - take one from Ducks Unlimited. Ban discharge of firearms in Estuary
95. the islands of Youbou would make a great kayaking destination. Mountain bike trails on the side of the mountain by the Youbou Mill would be beneficial. Make a gondola ride up the mountain-tourists
96. the more parks the better

97. the parkland area in the Chemainus Valley
98. the Quarries in Cobble Hill
99. the Quarry and surrounding area. More area around Burnt Bridge
100. the Somenos Marsh area west of Timber Crest. West of Catalyst Dump house. South of Cowichan River between black and white bridges should be developed to allow camping
101. there are some undeveloped areas along Quamichan Lake. That could be preserved for nature trails and lakeshore picnicking. e.g. Acreage for sale at end of Stamps Rd.
102. there are 6 public accesses to the Cowichan River on Hudgrove Road, not one is marked
103. there is much unused forestry land surrounding Cowichan Lake
104. Timberland/Hallberg Road area totally timbered, lots of people used trails for riding, walking and ATV's
105. trail around Quamichan Lake
106. trail between Chemainus- Ladysmith and Chemainus-Duncan
107. trails around the Cowichan Lake Road (old one)
108. trails on North side of Cowichan River off Cliff's road to Vancouver Pools. Trails and Paths up Mt. Tzouhalem to the Cross with maps
109. trails on Tzouhalem Mt. And access thereto. Reinstitution of public access through bluffs over Maple Bay development. Arrangements for continued public access to the forest lands behind Harmony Estates
110. Tzouhalem and Maple Mtns.
111. Tzouhalem Mountain.
112. Wake Lake
113. Wake Lake - Nature Preserve, Sahtlam School for community park
114. waterfront beach parks-oceans and lakes and rivers
115. water or shoreline parks for kayakers or boaters
116. watershed areas, trails opened up from private logging
117. waterfront in rapidly growing Mill Bay area
118. waterfront! And any environmentally sensitive areas
119. wild flower preserve above , Maple Bay Road
120. wooded area on Quamichan Lake
121. Woodley Range if anything is left!
122. work with First Nations to develop a joint park strategy
123. Youbou Mill site. Elk Corridors
124. Youbou Mill Site

11a. Which of the following are the highest priorities for public investment in regional parks? (Other Responses)

1. Acquisition of land for motorized recreation parks
2. Develop nature corridors to provide a connected park network.
3. Do not allow motorcycles or dirt bikes on trails!!!!!!
4. Environmentally sensitive areas or areas that private companies are pillaging and destroying our natural beauty of the island mountains

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5. Focus on water park themes. Kinsman Park too small for Duncan. Cowichan Tribes need their own pool facility
 6. Forestry zoned land
 7. Get hikers, joggers etc off the highway onto the Trans Canada Trail. Patrol and keep speeding motorbikes and ATV's off of the trail. Safety & health problem
 8. Improve trails in the Mill Bay area
 9. Make more trails
 10. Minimal amenities. Mostly safe access info signage at site to inform
 11. Motocross quad trails and tracks
 12. Negotiate logging road access
 13. Park designation and coveted green space should be a much larger part of new development
 14. Please make available more information on all parks
 15. Removal of invasive species i.e. Broom, Gorse, Ivy, grey/black squirrels
 16. Restoration of Kinsol Trestle
 17. Save Kinsol Trestle
 18. Solve the multi-ownership issues of Cowichan Bay Estuary
 19. Trail over Kinsol Trestle
 20. Washrooms, boat tie ups
17. Is there anything else you would tell us about parks and trails in the Cowichan Region? If so, please use the space provided.
1. I would like to see the Kinsol Trestle preserved but only if it is protected from vandals and safe. 2. Eventually Victoria will get it's water from Cowichan Lake and the Nitinat River via the Old CN right of way (now the Trans Canada Trail) This right of way must be kept intact.
 2. 77 years old and can't walk.
 3. A book containing all the parks and trails in CVRD with maps of trails (could be purchased). An increase in property tax (a modest amount) rather than a special tax would be acceptable and less likely to get out of hand.
 4. A list of existing parks and a map of them would be helpful.
 5. A lot of these do not pertain to me as being an aged senior living alone; do not have the walking ability for trails etc.
 6. A map showing the area of concern would have been helpful in responding to your questionnaire.
 7. A walking/biking path around Quamichan Lake is a must. Since this is where the most growth is, vehicle traffic is heavy and will only get worse. Why can't you start to take some land (a waters edge strip) from the developer when a parcel is developed? Instead it seems only the wealthiest will ever be able to see the lake. It may take 10+ years but if it never starts it will all be gone. West Vancouver has done this very walk on ocean frontage and so has Penticton (Skaha Beach) and Victoria - Elk Lake.
 8. Advertise web sites for information on parkland in the Cowichan Region.
 9. Although I can no longer use many of the trails due to health reasons, I have in the past. Improvement of existing trails is important. Overall I think Cowichan is doing a good job in this area.
 10. Appoint a local Volunteer Park Warden. Supply Warden with a vest to identify him/her. Pamphlet to give to users identifying Wardens duties and jurisdictions. Volunteer Programs- work party to clean up park. Safety items - Tree hazards, faulty bridges, trail repair. Ask local residents for participation, you will get permanent policing of parks by people who use them.
 11. As an avid hiker, kayaker, runner and mountaineer, discovering the Cowichan Valley trails has been a very rewarding experience. Having enjoyed Lakeside property and now finally living full-time in the Valley, the opportunity to showcase its beauty has never been greater. Just as the West Coast Trail attracts

- thousands of visitors, I believe our East Coast Trail beginning in Cowichan Bay and ending in Crofton could also achieve similar status. I look forward to the future direction of parks in the Cowichan Valley.
12. As an avid walker I use Cameron Taggart Road, but it has no shoulder and traffic is increasing. I have walked around the Quarry but that is private land and all walkers are trespassing. In the 1980's we walked in a loop (60 min) around the McKernan to the cricket pitch on Elford to Sylvester Road and on around the Baldy Mtn. Road to home. All that has been subdivided and changed. I enjoy local trails without vehicle traffic. The Trans Canada Trail west of Shawnigan Lake had such large boulders for gravel that biking on it was not possible and walking was a huge effort. The local trails group had many trails mapped out, joining communities. The Beach Estates had trails on paper but they were absorbed into adjoining properties and not marked or maintained.
 13. As the community ages (baby boomers) - the need for walking/exercising trails will increase. Advertisement and increase the information for the community recreation in your parks and trails. Thanks
 14. Below Silver Bridge Boys Rd. Side on Dykes. Good trail or park? Beavers causing havoc with cottonwood. Good tourist attraction. Emphasis on education of parks and what they offer. Talk to First Nations about sharing parks.
 15. Better park maintenance as syringes, alcohol bottles and glass found in our parks where we take our 4 year old.
 16. Compilation of all parks and trails into one resource. Much better maps and signage along trails (my family were lost on Mt. Tzouhalem for 4 hours last year. We were trying to hike to the cross from Kaska Rd.) Some parks are very hidden and difficult to find. I have lived here most of 40 yrs and don't know them all. Develop amenities specifically McAdam Park/Riverwalk it would be a fantastic central community park if upgraded and properly developed. I recently talked with 6 other families that felt the same as I. They all agreed McAdam Park should be properly developed.
 17. CVRD should stand up the to provincial government re: Kinsol Trestle. This should be a designated historic site and should be preserved not destroyed.
 18. Developers need to be accountable to the community and provide lake access e.g. Locksyde off Lakes Road. Public waterfront but no public access!!
 19. Do not use parks.
 20. Don't increase taxes reduce administration costs?
 21. Either a motorized park is created or someone will get hurt bad/ more and more people are coming in the valley for recreational purposes using our trails and parks. Unfortunately, more motorized recreation people are as well. Better signage/enforcement to make our environment recreational a safer place. The above has been the number one factor in deciding to go to a trail or a park. Often choosing not to go because of the negativity of motorized vehicles there.- Please do something about it.
 22. Family safe public parks and trails are needed.
 23. Focus on healthy living, walking, mountain. biking, and running. Soccer is a very important sport to many young people in the valley (1500 kids registered to play) We need more and better soccer fields to keep this important community activity growing.
 24. Garbage cleanup and better security.
 25. Gentlemen - My wife and I are both over 80 years of age and do not use the parks or trails. We live in Silver Park mobile homes and that is where we do our walking. However, we are in favor of good parks and trails for those who use them and space must be provided for them.
 26. Get the motorized vehicles including trail bikes out of the forests.
 27. Green spaces are an essential part of a balanced community whether developed or left semi-wild (still often lots of spaces for hiking, dog walking etc.)
 28. I am 82 years old and haven't hiked in years so I don't feel that filling out the form would be accurate and useful. Thank you.
 29. I am hoping the results of this survey will be published in the local press - thank you.
 30. I am new here and I find it difficult to find information on trails and hikes.
 31. I am familiar with only a couple of parks. Would like more information as to where all the CVRD areas are.
 32. I cannot emphasize enough the scientific, biological, environmental and quality of life importance of protecting the Western Flyway and Wetlands of Cowichan Bay Estuary.
 33. I didn't fill the majority of this out because we don't use the parks and trails very much at all. Also I don't know anything about them. My answers wouldn't help your survey at all.

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34. I do not want to see Cowichan Lake turn into a place where there is not enough public space, the way Shawnigan Lake has.
35. I don't feel I can answer the questions in your questionnaire accurately as I am 80 years old, widowed and live alone. However, I do feel parks and trails are very important for this generation of young people and future generations.
36. I have only been to one park in the area and am completely satisfied with it. I have no knowledge of other parks so I can't answer.
37. I like the idea of long, connected trails but I am more interested in having a wider choice 5-6 miles and 10-12 miles say. Especially circular walk. A little more access to marked trails in the regions 'back county' would be great. Walks with some open section (for views) are of course desirable. Thanks.
38. I like to see walking and also bicycle trails to encourage physical activity, other than organized sports. We live near the Cowichan River trail in Duncan and it's very well used. I am a senior with a bicycle and would love to ride in a safe area, free of car traffic. Any possible way we could have a bike trail, as bikes are not allowed on the walking trail? It need not be that long, as one could circle about. Thank you.
39. I miss the trails lost to the Cliffs golf development. I hope the developer replaces some of them.
40. I moved to Cobble Hill 16 years ago because of the beautiful scenery and availability of so many different types of parks and recreation. My family uses the parks 4-5 times a week and I fully support your efforts.
41. I run a bed and breakfast on Cowichan Bay. My guests make repeated requests to hike up Mount Tzouhalem, but when they try to find trails they are discouraged. Also they like to go up Mount Prevost and also find it poorly signed. They have found that Cowichan River Trail to be an interesting hike but rough and garbage on the ground.
42. I think that we have a wealth of opportunity to our area to engage youth in healthy productive activities yet it seems to be the lowest priority for the leaders of this region. This is a HUGE mistake because it is the youth who will be taking our place. The one area in Maple Bay, which was just this, has been destroyed. What a shame that we don't take a pro-active approach! I sure hope to see more emphasis on attracting youth to the outdoors and healthy activities.
43. I think there are some great areas in the Valley. I see the need for more amenities such as toilets and garbage capabilities and more regular maintenance of these. Cherry Point beach needs toilets. Some of the trails e.g. Cobble Hill Mountain are not well marked and could use more flora/fauna plaques of interest to the users. Need for longer trails too, with possible camping sites along the way.
44. I think there should be more picnic tables made available when mail-outs are sent out once a year you could print a list of all the parks that are available so that people from either parts of our regional area could enjoy the variety in the parks system and by printing the list on the back of a bill for sewer or garbage collection would cut down on the expense.
45. I travel weekly to Nanaimo (Beban Park) to let my dog run free with other dogs. Thus I spend money outside the community while there. I would support a fenced off-leash dog park.
46. I wish to commend you for this initiative.
47. I would like to have a brochure that shows where the hiking trails are located. Maybe it could be included in the Activity book sent out by the Community Center. Thank you.
48. I would like to have a complete guide/brochure describing the parks and trails in Cowichan Valley and where the access to them is.
49. I would like to see a park map and info mailed to CVRD homeowners. Also include park information and maps in blue pages or community pages of phone book.
50. I'd like more variety and length of trails. I am concerned about the small group of mountain bikers that build trails. Give them trail building lessons offered by the Mountain Biking Association.
51. I'd like to say I have been widowed for 33 years and I am single and have been for years. I'm on a big enough property that I can walk on and don't need to go anywhere else. Sorry I didn't get this in sooner.
52. If the Kinsol Trestle is preserved it will be a potential National Historic Site and federal funds may be available for it's preservation. It could become a major tourist destination if it is preserved and designated a National Historic site because of the attendant publicity and promotion.
53. I'm fully in favor of well cared for parks. Some questions were impossible to answer based on lack of knowledge on my part.
54. I'm not familiar with most locations of parks and trails.

55. I'm sorry I can't give you input on your survey. I'm in my 70's and am not in the best health. Sorry for the delay.
56. I'm sorry I could not answer many of the questions - if I did it would not have been with knowledge, only guess work.
57. In 1988 when CN abandoned it's railway to the Youbou Mill, the CVRD had the opportunity to take over the rail line from the town of Lake Cowichan to the mill. However, for whatever reason, it did not do so which surely must rank as one of the biggest blunders the CVRD has ever committed. Had the rail line been taken over, the citizens of the District would have had a wonderful walking trail and most importantly, they would have had 5km of publicly owned beach where lakeside and creek side estates are. Plus in Youbou itself, there would have been many more public beaches instead of just Arbutus Park. Since 1988, the CVRD had done a fine job of destroying Cowichan Lake by allowing housing developments along waterfront with only a 15m setback and on land totally unsuitable for housing. In the future, the CVRD must do more to protect the lake and keep it for the use and pleasure of everyone in the District, and as a source of clean uncontaminated drinking water. I would be willing to spend more on land purchase depending upon the type of land being purchased. e.g. The former Youbou mill site or land on the east side of Cowichan Bay for another park/parking lot like Hecate Park.
58. Keep up the good work!
59. Keep up the great work.
60. Let's get our priorities handled. Fix the Water and Signage. Bury the Hydro Lines, cool the expansion you don't have the ability or money. Look after what you have. Water 1. Signage 2. support the taxpayers you have first!!!!
61. Lets not get too carried away with Trail connections. Instead lets make the roads more user friendly walking and cycling. View hikes i.e. Baldy Mountain.
62. More connections from trail to trail and more trails for all user groups (walkers-horses-cycling-motorized).
63. More effort should be made to employ students and engage them in process. It is a value they'll take with them the rest of their lives.
64. More information available about what kinds of parks and trails/old trail on railway - logging trail etc. seems necessary.
65. Motorcycles and others should not be allowed to tear up parks and trails. Poachers should be dealt with. Leave the eagles, bears, elk etc. alone.
66. My daughter and I have explored many of our trails since moving here from Alberta 6 years ago. We enjoy them very much and appreciate the effort and beauty of them. I am a Geologist and again I appreciate the trails.
67. My main plan would be for a once a year notice about your parks. Thank you.
68. My spouse (husband) relates that the trails are well maintained. My friends remark that washroom facilities would be an added luxury.
69. My wife and I walk a lot but mainly on highways. I think it would help if more trails led to commercial areas or link with those that do. We have quite an active group looking after our interests in the area.
70. No more lake access added to Shawnigan Lake, it's getting too busy.
71. Not all parks and trails have signage showing where they are. e.g. Sandy Pool fly fishing trail on Cowichan Lake Road. There is no sign on the road but if you go down the unmarked trail there is a sign with rules. Put the rule sign on the road so people that don't know where the trail is could figure it out. Also, maybe some history signage where appropriate. (a sign with a quick history or story) Trestles/ parks/ mines. Etc.
72. Our Mountain trails are used by a lot of bikers from Victoria because their trails have been replaced with Developments. I hope we can save our valuable trails for many generations in the future. Kids and adults need beautiful trails more than developments and everyone will enjoy them.
73. Parks and trails are one thing but there are also so many ways to acquire green space and protect environmentally and ecologically sensitive areas within privately owned land in addition to publicly owned land. These should be pursued, as they do not cost the public funds.
74. Please excuse delay in answering but it's not easy. I am 86 years old and in the process of moving. My house is for sale and I will no longer be an owner. Thanks for asking.
75. Please, please improve Saywell Park.
76. Provide what you can afford with no increase in taxes. Taxes are getting too high in the Valley making it unaffordable to continue to live here.
77. Public Beaches.
78. Quamichan Lake is in a poor state of health. Please ensure that no more waste water is poured into the lake to further deteriorate it. There is little flow through of the lake and waste water from storm drains intensifies the poor quality of water. All storm drains should be directed to sewer lines especially the run off from

- the large bluffs development where many trees have been removed and they have announced that the golf course will be watered by grey water from the development. DO NOT install a dock at Stirling Drive access to the park, as children are at risk fishing or swimming in these contaminated waters and unsupervised. Please review the Municipality and region's responsibilities for proper maintenance of the lake.
79. "Remember, "Eco tourism is the way of the future"."
80. Require more sports fields for baseball etc. especially in the Cowichan Bay area.
81. Save the Kinsol Trestle!
82. Sorry for not filling all of this out. Waiting for total knee replacement then I'll be out walking. Love the trails! Keep up the good work.
83. Sorry we can't give more definitive suggestions. We are not able to participate in using the park facilities.
84. Sorry, Since I use none of these facilities, I cannot honestly answer your questions. Lots of success.
85. Thank you for offering this survey. I feel very strongly that given current taxation rates on all income and purchases plus property, the Cowichan residents should not have to pay additional taxes for parks. The provincial government needs to spend our money.
86. Thanks for asking!
87. The Glenora River Trails are kept up quite nicely. It's very good that motorized vehicles are disallowed. This should be considered in other areas as well. Wildlife is less disturbed as a result.
88. The Kinsol Trestle should not be torn down. Various options would save this important piece of Valley history. This issue should be up for public debate rather than the provincial government saying what should happen there. Possibly a comprehensive map book with descriptions and mileage put out for public consumption. A competitive fee would be acceptable so many good trails are unmarked. Clean up and maintain urban trails (EN railway), which are used extensively by students as a route to school/recreation while staying off busy streets.
89. The Kinsol Trestle I grew up on. It would be a shame to lose something of it's magnitude that we could share with the world. Few know of it's greatness or even know it exists.
90. The Mann Park was a nice park until someone encouraged geese to hatch in this region about 40 years ago.
91. The parks are great. We walk the Trans-Canada Trail with our small children daily. Unfortunately motorbikes, dirt bikes etc. have made it very dangerous for anyone walking. As the nice weather arrives so do these riders who make us unable to enjoy the local trails.
92. The parks in the city of Duncan have become increasingly dirty. Full of graffiti, broken bottles, garbage and I've even witnessed the occasional syringe. Parks need to be cleaner for our families to enjoy them. Signs could also be posted to inform park users how to deal with syringe sightings in a safe manner.
93. The parks we have used so far are well maintained and represent a variety of natural habitat in the region. I would love to see more wildlife corridors throughout the region that could be used as linkages for parks and trails.
94. The valley is changing rapidly with growth. Future plans must be looked at with strong goals to meet the demand and maintain what we have. Community must support valley with more than just money and taxes! System like neighbourhood watch to curb vandalism. Pride of cleanliness. Knowledge of nature i.e. Plants, birds, trees animals starts with children-school trips. Many of us do not recognize just how fortunate we are to live in such a special place. Lets preserve what we have.
95. There are a thousand or more contradictory ways to stay healthy but all the experts and pundits agree on one thing., exercise. Give people the trails and parks to walk in and they will use them. For daily use the close to community trails are most useful in this regard. As for acquisition of land the price is only going to go up as our population grows, this goes doubly for prime waterfront sites.
96. There are significant historical points along the trails that we should not forget.
97. There is an amazing opportunity with the E&N corridor. Let's do it now! Every day I see people walking, cycling, jogging, on the highway because there is nowhere else to go. I do not want to get in my car to go to a park. I want access to regional trails/parks from my home.
98. There needs to be more proactive program to get the biking, hiking, walking community on the protected and patrolled trails and off the highways. With the ever-increasing vehicle traffic this is getting to be a safety and health factor. We also have a problem with speeding and polluting motorized vehicle traffic. They

- cause smoke dust and noise beyond acceptable limits and put a stop to a lot of walkers and bikers on the trail. They have vandalized signs and verbally abused individuals. The work being done on areas of the trail is well done and greatly appreciated.
99. There needs to be some kind of pamphlet or web site for information on all parks and trails and how to get to these sites.
100. There seems to be great emphasis on walking trails at the moment. While these are very pleasant and enjoyable to use, they are not a substitute for a park or a forest for that matter. Obviously, to have a balance of all three should be the ultimate goal.
101. To keep physically fit, I walk every second day on Riverside road. This is because I live on Rosedale Road and there are no public trails I can reach without driving from home.
102. "Trails are very important to a neighbourhood, they connect communities together. I'm fairly new to the area; I have no way of knowing where all the parks are. I have a toddler who loves going to the park. I'm a naturalist and avid hiker and I love wildflowers and am always eager to get onto a ""new to me"" trail. I was told not to put my name on this, but I build and maintain parks, trails and Blvd for the city of Langford and I could help out on any future prospects."
103. Trails need proper surface finish not potholes, or muddy. Good pavement wide enough to accommodate walkers, hikers, bikes, personal motorized scooters, rest areas, park benches, garbage bins, and dog bag scoopers. It would be great to have a 2 way paved path system that is fenced. One modeled after Nanaimo's trails on the new stretch of TCH. Safe, level, wide enough for bikes, stroller, with rest/water stops.
104. Trails that are out there are only for people who are walking. We need something for the people who enjoy motocross/motorbikes and quads I know there are a lot of people in the Cowichan Valley who enjoy this sport and have to travel elsewhere to do it. Thank you.
105. Unless one belongs to an organized group, the location of trailheads is a closely guarded secret. Information given out to visitors at the Duncan Tourist Bureau is either misleading or vague.
106. Until Feb. 28, 06 we lived in Douglas Hill (new moved to the Properties). We have 2 dogs and walk them most days approx 300 days to Feb 28, 06. We walked them as follows. Cobble Hill Mountain-30, Handy Creek MB- 30, Cowichan Bay Estuary - 149, Aros Road Park- 30, Bright Angel - 20, Kingscote Park - 5, Gray Lane (off Kingsbourn)-3, Rat Lake - 3, Cherry Point Beach - 30 = 300 days.
107. Very beautiful - anything that could be done to preserve what we have or add to it, I would support.
108. Very Enjoyable!
109. Waterfront parks on Cowichan Lake: lobby government to require logging companies to set aside beach areas and access to properties before they can sell off land. The North Side of the lake has been sold - now we hear the South side is for sale. We need to act immediately. I have heard they are prepared to sell Heather Campsite, Misery Creek etc. If don't there will be no public access to the lake/ or land from Honeymoon Bay on!! Please Help! If I can help with a lobby to government - please let me know.
110. We enjoy Old Mill Park and use the playground at Kerry Park quite a bit.
111. We feel the CVRD does an excellent job on its parks and trails. Just keeping them maintained is a demand on our tax dollars. Keep up the good work!
112. We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to add significant value to our park system by working collaboratively with First Nations to Preserve and Protect land for future generations.
113. We have enough park area, some need to be maintained and developed. A Shawnigan arena would be nice.
114. We have the greatest opportunity to make this valley the most treasured place on earth. Let's protect it and make it the crown jewel. It has already endured the ravages of all sorts of industry from mining to logging. It is so very important in this time to preserve our land for future generations as well as our own. Making conscious and careful choice will improve our beautiful and natural Cowichan Valley. Too much development, too quickly shows no vision and only short term gain and can cause problems down the road such as water shortages, or sewage problems these islands are precious and their ecosystems must be maintained and looked after. We may think we have so much space - but really the land can only handle so much. Let's please be responsible and caring for our land. Creating parks and trails to maintain our Valley is smart and will show vision for many years to come. Thanks for hearing my opinions and input.
115. We like to walk the trails etc. in the Cowichan Valley and there is a variety of these. We also like to participate in motorized sport. We have a \$4,000 investment sitting in the garage, which we are unable to use on Vancouver Island.
116. We live in NRD.
117. We live in the most beautiful part of the most beautiful place in Canada. Thank you for working at developing it with care.

118. We live surrounded by so much beauty, why not make the most of it by enhancing its appearance and use. Everyone would benefit!
119. We love the Holland Creek Trail and supported fund raising efforts to purchase, add land. Great trail great community effort to keep it strong!
120. We love this area and the trails around are wonderful. We really need to show the tourists just how great it is. We can share so much we have chosen CVRD to retire in, we live in a float home and know first hand just how wonderful the Maple Bay area and all the valley is. Let's brag about it.
121. We need a better map on parks.
122. We need more trails for use by horse riders. Better parking facilities for accessing trails.
123. We thoroughly enjoy our move to Cowichan.
124. We would like a pamphlet or something telling where the parks/ trails are and if pets are allowed. We are new here and don't know. Also if we pay more money in taxes we would rather see new sports complex with a pool!
125. We would like loop trails of varying length to accommodate varying abilities.
126. We would love to see more waste containers because we hike with our dog and there are usually no containers to discard waste or garbage. We are very impressed with the amount of trails available to hike. We are purchasing a canoe to use in the summer since we live so close to Quamichan Lake.
127. Where I have been has been very enjoyable and any changes should be well thought out. Years ago I participated in an LIP grant program where we maintained trails and improved access, removing fallen trees and selling firewood we generated entirely around the Sooke basin and up the Sheringham Pt. It was set up as a contract and funded by the federal government. Something like that might be available now.
128. Work to save the Kinsol Trestle.
129. Would be great if there could be trails for horses only, mountain bikes only, and motorbikes only. As horses find it stressful to share with bikes. Thank you.
130. Would like boardwalk around Quamichan Lake. Could be used for walking and biking. Thank you.
131. Would really like to see a motor sports park in Cowichan Region. Forget the Politics! Great economic opportunity for this region and the demand is there. Thank you.
132. Would support development and deployment of some sort of spike belt system engaged by sound and approaching dirt bikes ATV's etc. on trails not designed for them.
133. You have reached a lady over 80 years of age so I'm passed knowing much of parks or trails. What I have heard is that there isn't enough park attendants to keep them safe.
134. Youbou has a terrible lack of signage directing people to parks/lake access from main road!

Appendix C: Comments from Spring Public Open Houses

VISION QUESTION

West Sector Public Open House – Cowichan Lake Recreation Center

In 1992 the vision for regional parks was: “To provide a balanced system of regional parks that provide a diversity of natural and recreational open space environments for the enjoyment and appreciation of the regional population.”

Does this statement reflect your vision of a regional park system? Would you like to suggest words or phrases that should be added or removed from this statement?

- It would be great if CVRD could establish a trail system that makes it possible to travel throughout CVRD off road.
- What does “balanced” mean? Balanced in the sense of spread throughout the region – or balanced in the sense of a variety of activities – both?
- Yes, if this includes trails within private forest-lands and other private land owners willing to cooperate within the CVRD.
- Yes, possible add heritage features.
- Very important to move on Lake. The north side is gone. Very little time left to get parks/wharves/bathrooms. If we don’t have bathrooms, people will use the lake as their toilet.
- Yes, seems to cover everything important.
- The inclusion of motorized use of trails is a must. A lot of ATV riders are over the age of 55. All ride with care. Some have conditions that restrict their ability to walk.
- The vision statement reads well. Equally important are the goals and objectives that are stated and pursued to achieve the vision.

East Sector Public Open House – Cowichan Center

In 1992 the vision for regional parks was to: “Provide a balanced system of regional parks that provide a diversity of natural and recreational open space environments for the enjoyment and appreciation of the regional population.”

Does this statement reflect your vision of a regional park system?

- Should include motorized outdoor recreation. Is this the usual “all talk - no action?” Need: Kart Track, Motorcross Track, Gymkanna Track (sports war).
- No, this statement does not suggest any protection of natural areas, only use by people. I would like to see protection emphasized, before we lose even more.
- The word “balanced” could be removed without changing the meaning - what balance is intended? “Balanced” is often a gloss-word inserted to comfort the public without providing any meaning or commitments.
- Include: “public footpaths” (trails) which link parks and other destinations.
- Yes, diversity should mean that parks are available to many types of users - hike, bike, horse riding, etc.
- Trails (linear parks) provide a low cost access opportunity for people, especially when they connect with more heavily populated areas. If you don’t have a car, it’s hard to get to most parks.
- Preservation of Habitat” - “To Provide Space for Wildlife, etc.” No “noise” parks.
- “For the enjoyment and appreciation of ALL the Regional Population.”
- A diverse collection of activities including ATV’s, dirt bikes, etc.
- Yes, I do agree with the 1992 vision, however I am concerned with the increase in the number of off-road vehicles which find their way into these natural areas.
- Add: “Parks that increase protection and awareness of native plants and animals, and provide a diversity.”
- Not enough attention is paid to historical sites. Many of which are in undeveloped areas even today - although under siege by development and logging.
- I would like to see a park like Beacon Hill here, but I also want a strong emphasis on protecting the environment.
- No, land should not be reserved just for people. Parks are a very important way of saving the environment. Vision should include: “for the preservation of the environment.”
- Add to “preserve natural environment for wildlife.”

- More places where people can walk their dogs.
- Why “open space?”
- Should be “Parks and Trails” - otherwise is good.
- Perhaps delete “balanced” because it’s superfluous.
- We need to protect the ecological integrity of our parks.
- Add “and visitors.”
- True protected parks (closed to development). Large areas protected (not little pocket parks). Parks should also be a refuge for wild game too. (Deer, elk, cougar).
- Statement OK, but I much prefer “protection of natural areas to recreation - especially if that is interpreted to include motorized vehicles, sports fields, etc.

South Sector Public Open House – Kerry Park Recreation Center

In 1992 the vision for regional parks was to: “Provide a balanced system of regional parks that provide a diversity of natural and recreational open space environments for the enjoyment and appreciation of the regional population.”

Does this statement reflect your vision of a regional park system?

- Can it say something in line with the values and language of the Region’s Aboriginal people? Words like “honour” and “respect” the land and its integrity.
- Park connections are every bit as important as parks themselves. Why not add after “...regional parks ... and connecting trails that provide ... etc.”
- No, statement doesn’t capture my vision. Significant regional parks should be established to provide a variety of recreational opportunities and protect critical natural areas of a sensitive or rare nature.
- Add “To provide and Protect ...”
- Add “Population and provide easy access to these areas.”
- Sustaining ecologically sensitive areas. Protect as much natural habitat as possible.
- “And Connecting Trails.” “Whether off road motorized, walking, biking, or horseback riding. (Be specific in usage and what’s not included). Multi-use corridor areas.
- No User Fees.
- Vision being: Multi-use trails for hikers, horseback riders, biking, etc. For personal and commercial tour companies.

- I would like to see a system of connecting walking right-of-way that include villages, private land - that allows people to walk or cycle or ride horses as recreational transportation from place to place. (Multi-use corridor).
- Should also provide for some environmental protection activities.
- No. The statement should mention multi-use trails as well as parks.
- To provide regional parks with a diversity of natural and recreational open space environments for the enjoyment of the people of the Cowichan Valley and their visitors.
- "... And for the protection/preservation of sensitive habitats and species at risk."
- To "include all users."
- I think there should be specific mention of linear parks or connecting trails as part of the vision statement. Trails seem to be the main issue at this time and it is important to keep and acquire land now for these connectors to be able to be developed in the future.
- Need a method of raising money to purchase Green Ways and Regional Parks. Need to protect sensitive ecosystems.
- No. The vision should state something to the effect that parks will be joined wherever possible to provide useable linkages to further enhance trail opportunities and beneficial habitat.
- Need to explore the connectivity of parks and recreation in our valley.
- Open space environment doesn't mean anything to me. Priority: wide variety of areas, with access for different types of recreation with focus on connecting areas.
- Yes! Save our beaches!
- Both young and old should be included (not just walking and hiking trails - also need playgrounds for youngsters).
- More trails to outer parts of area. Mountains bikes, horseback, motor bikes. This would bring more people to the area. They will spend money in the community.

North Sector Public Open House – Ladysmith Secondary School

In 1992 the vision for regional parks was to: "Provide a balanced system of regional parks that provide a diversity of natural and recreational open space environments for the enjoyment and appreciation of the regional population."

Does this statement reflect your vision of a regional park system?

- We must buy land whenever possible. The government is selling crown land – we should be lobbying the government to make some land available to municipalities. Ecological Integrity.
- “To accommodate non-motorized activities” i.e. some way to indicate the availability for public to “get out there” but not to suggest too high a level of control-supervision or provision of other than basic services.
- Ladysmith and area need camping facilities.
- My vision at this point would be to “aggressively act” to provide the Cowichan region a balanced system.
- I see a smaller designated area – “Regional” confuses me. I’m surprised there are only two regional parks.
- Protect natural environments. Priority on minimal development of natural areas and low priority on motorized recreation and more invasive recreational uses.
- Remove sports facilities. Protection of watershed, limited logging.
- Include protection of wildlife and diversity of ecology.
- Regional trails connecting island communities/points of natural beauty/interest. Completion of Cowichan Valley Trail.
- For non-motorized recreational use. To protect sensitive ecological areas. An interlocking corridor to link all the trails in the area.
- Mention trails.
- This statement is fairly general and should stand up well. I would like to see something more about ecological integrity.
- Add “education and for enjoyment and appreciation.” You should include a proper parks classification system so that some little postage stamp parks are not denoted as a “wilderness park.” Include in your classification systems such as: wilderness, natural environment, historic interest, geologic interest, day-use, water access site, etc.
- Concern regarding only addressing “regional parks” – other types e.g. wilderness parks work too.
- It’s ok, but I would like to know if the land for the Cowichan Valley Trail is already owned by the CVRD or not?
- Add trails. In favour of a parkland acquisition tax.
- Role of regional parks in promoting environmental sustainability.
- I believe that during the next decade, green spaces will become more important as sinks for greenhouse gases. Climate change will move from being an important issue to being “the” issue.
- Enjoyment and appreciation through the history of the park.

- It's a good general statement.
- Yes, if you follow up and do it. Not much has happened since 1992 when this vision was expressed. High time to grab some of our gorgeous environment while it's still available. Set aside as much scenic wild green space as you can. Develop it later.
- I, and many of my friends and neighbours, support a heritage parklands acquisition tax. Please take action to acquire prime wild land in a variety of landscapes (ocean front, alpine, deep forest, wetland) as soon as possible. Set them aside for the future.
- Sounds good. I suggest that Echo Heights continue as a "natural, open space environment" – accessible to all.
- Add trails – either bike, running.
- Think about focusing on it as a draw for tourism as well. Beautiful BC isn't just about concrete. Develop a regional map of parks for residents and tourists.
- Parks have to be accessible and runners are important when considering the Trans Canada Trail. It should not be asphalt.
- To preserve and protect areas of ecological and environmental significance in the region. To preserve and protect interconnected natural corridors for wildlife.
- Balanced system of trails and spaces ... Delete "recreational" I don't think sport facilities should be implied or included.
- Regional parks (multi-use) promote healthy lifestyles – trail development should reflect this and work with health authorities to promote their use/acquisition/development.
- I would like to see the Regional District oversee all the areas owned privately or by Timber West. We need to be watchdogs. Don't log our watershed. Crown land is our land, not for the government to do with as they see fit.
- For non-motorized use only.
- "Green Space" will help ensure natural environments, which are a wonderful contrast to the "strip mall" developments mushrooming along the whole eastern corridor of Vancouver Island.
- Echo Heights is a good example of valuable available land being kept in a natural state. There needs to be a unified CVRD approach that protects the beauty we have. Development seems to be happening in a haphazard way without effective political leadership or vision. I don't think the resources are being truly valued or appreciated.
- Ladysmith and area needs camping facilities. Make Holland Creek Trail a wilderness trail leading to hundreds of kilometers of wilderness.
- Change to: natural environments and recreational open spaces.

- To use the word “balanced” is incorrect. Nature here is not protected enough. We are out of balance. We need to halt all clear cut logging.
- Natural environments are needed for wildlife and wild plants. Small broken up areas are useless for this purpose. We will need these places in the future as the population grows.
- Land acquisition tax for acquisition of natural areas while they are still available to us. Conserve interface between nature and community.

USE QUESTION

West Sector Public Open House – Cowichan Lake Recreation Center

Have you visited a park or walked a trail in the Cowichan Region within the past twelve months?

Yes	No	No Answer
18	1	0

What are your favourite parks or trails to visit?

Place	Number of times noted	Place	Number of times noted
Cowichan Valley Trail/TCT	10	Kissinger Lake	1
Cowichan River Provincial Park/Stoltz Pools	5	Koksilah River Provincial Park	1
Cowichan Lake Education Centre Trails	3	Maple Mountain	1
Kinsol Trestle	3	Marble Bay Park	1
Chemainus River Provincial Park/Forestry Pools	2	Misery Creek	1
Mesachie Mountain	2	Mount Sicker	1
Mount Prevost	2	Mount Tzouhalem	1
Bald Mountain	1	Nitinat	1
Carmanah Walbran Provincial Park	1	Point Ideal	1
Gordon Bay Provincial Park	1	Robertson Falls	1
Heather Campsite	1	Skutz Falls	1
Holland Creek/Trail	1	Transfer Beach	1
Honeymoon Bay Wildflower Reserve	1		

What are your favourite things to do?

Activity	Number of times noted	Activity	Number of times noted
Hiking	15	Swimming/Snorkeling	3
Canoeing/Kayaking/Boating	5	Bird Watching	2
Cycling/Mountain Biking	4	Cultural/Historical Appreciation	2
Riding ATVs/Motorcycles	4	Photography	2
Camping	3	Caving	1
Fishing	3	Habitat Clean-up/Preservation	1
Hunting	3	Relaxing/Picnicking	1

East Sector Public Open House – Cowichan Center

Have you visited a park or walked a trail in the Cowichan Region within the past twelve months?

Yes	No	No Answer
42	1	1

What are your favourite parks or trails to visit?

Place	Number of times noted	Place	Number of times noted
Cowichan Valley Trail/TCT	23	Bald Mountain	1
Mount Tzouhalem	17	Brean Lake	1
Maple Mountain	10	Chemainus Lake	1
Cowichan Bay Estuary	7	Coverdale Watson Park	1
Mount Prevost	7	Cowichan Lake Provincial Park/Stolz Pools	1
Eves Park	5	Hillcrest Hill 60	1
Skutz Falls	4	Holland Creek Trail	1
Bright Angel Regional Park	3	Holmes Creek	1

Place	Number of times noted	Place	Number of times noted
Chemainus River Provincial Park/Forestry Pools	3	Holt Creek	1
Cowichan Lake	3	Mount Richards Trails	1
Cowichan River Dyke Trail	3	Mount Sicker	1
Cobble Hill Mountain	2	Shady Point Pool	1
Crofton Lake	2	Shawnigan Lake	1
Kingburne Park	2	Somenos Marsh	1
Kinsol Trestle	2	Spring Pools	1
Mesachie Lake	2	West Coast Trail	1
Stoney Hill	2		

What are your favourite things to do?

Activity	Number of times noted	Activity	Number of times noted
Hiking	29	Creative Inspiration (art, writing, etc)	3
Walking	16	Camping	2
Nature Appreciation	10	Canoeing/Kayaking/Boating	2
Bird Watching	9	Hunting	2
Cycling/Mountain Biking	8	Relaxing/Picnicking	2
Riding ATVs/Motorcycles	8	Cultural/Historical Appreciation	1
Equestrian	6	Running	1
Photography	6	Swimming/Snorkeling	1
Fishing	4		

South Sector Public Open House – Kerry Park Recreation Center

Have you visited a park or walked a trail in the Cowichan Region within the past twelve months?

Yes	No	No Answer
30	1	0

What are your favourite parks or trails to visit?

Place	Number of times noted	Place	Number of times noted
Cobble Hill Mountain	12	Deer Lake Trails	1
Cowichan Valley Trail/TCT	10	Eagle Heights	1
Rat Lake	6	West Shawnigan Lake Park	1
Mount Tzouhalem	5	Cowichan River Footpath	1
Kingburne Park	4	Handy Road	1
Bright Angel Regional Park	3	Holt Creek	1
Cherry Point	3	Manley Creek Park	1
Mill Bay Nature Park	3	Maple Mountain	1
Spectacle Lake Park	3	Merilees Pond Trail	1
Cowichan Bay Estuary	2	Mill Bay Shoreline	1
Jack Fleetwood Memorial Trail	2	Mount Prevost	1
Koksilah River Provincial Park	2	Oceanfront Parks and Trails	1
Malahat/Mount Baldy	2	Shawnigan Creek Trail	1
Bamberton Quarry	1	Shawnigan Hills	1
Cowichan Lake	1	Skutz Falls	1

What are your favourite things to do?

Activity	Number of times noted	Activity	Number of times noted
Hiking	16	Canoeing/Kayaking/Boating	2
Cycling/Mountain Biking	12	Relaxing/Picnicking	2
Walking	9	Camping	1
Nature Appreciation	7	Creative Inspiration (art, writing, etc)	1
Bird Watching	6	Cultural/Historical Appreciation	1
Dog Walking	5	Playing Sports	1
Equestrian	4	Riding ATVs/Motorcycles	1
Running	3	Tennis	1
Swimming/Snorkeling	3		

North Sector Public Open House – Ladysmith Secondary School

Have you visited a park or walked a trail in the Cowichan Region within the past twelve months?

Yes	No	No Answer
71	2	0

What are your favourite parks or trails to visit?

Place	Number of times noted	Place	Number of times noted
Holland Creek Trail	45	Highway to Hell Mountain Biking Trails	2
Cowichan Valley Trail/TCT	24	Ladysmith Alpine Park Mountain Biking Trails	2
Heart Lake/Stocking Lake	23	Roberts Memorial Park	2

Place	Number of times noted	Place	Number of times noted
Transfer Beach	14	Saltair Centennial Park	2
Chemainus Lake	11	Bald Mountain	1
Mount Tzouhalem	10	Cable Bay/Dodd Narrows	1
Echo Heights	9	Cable Creek	1
Diana, Princess of Wales Park	7	Chemainus River Provincial Park	1
Eves Park	5	Coffin Point	1
Mount Prevost	4	Hemer Park	1
Yellow Point Park & Ecological Reserve (Lot 113)	4	Hermits Trail	1
Ladysmith Harbour Waterfront	3	Kin Park	1
Maple Mountain	3	Mount Sicker	1
Askew Park	2	Osborne Bay Park	1
Blue Heron Park	2	Slag Point	1
Elliot Beach	2	Tent Island	1

What are your favourite things to do?

Activity	Number of times noted	Activity	Number of times noted
Walking	32	Beach Activities	4
Hiking	31	Habitat clean-up/Preservation	3
Nature Appreciation	20	Photography	3
Cycling/Mountain Biking	17	Camping	2
Relaxing/Picnicking	14	Creative Inspiration (art, writing, etc)	2
Canoeing/Kayaking/Boating	13	Fishing	2
Bird Watching	10	Attending Concerts	1
Dog Walking	8	Rollerblading	1
Running	8	Tennis	1
Swimming/Snorkeling	5		

Other Comments (mail, website)General Comments

Have you visited a park or walked a trail in the Cowichan Region within the past twelve months?

Yes	No	No Answer
2	0	0

What are your favourite parks or trails to visit?

Place	Number of times noted	Place	Number of times noted
Cowichan River Trail/TCT	1	Mount Prevost	1
Christie Falls (Ladysmith)	1	Mount Tzouhalem	1
Maple Mountain	1	Stoney Hill	1

What are your favourite things to do?

Activity	Number of times noted	Activity	Number of times noted
Nature Appreciation	2	Walking	1
Hiking	1	Relaxing/Picnicking	1

SITES OF INTEREST QUESTION

West Sector Public Open House – Cowichan Lake Recreation Center

Sticker Number 1 - Bald Mountain

- Prime hiking area and an important part of the Cowichan Lake viewscape. As much as possible should be protected. Also for lakefront recreation.
- If possible, the whole mountain needs to be reserved as a regional park after logging has been completed. This is a unique location surrounded by water on 3 sides, with magnificent lake and mountain views. Hiking, mountain biking, camping, swimming, picnicking, fishing, wind surfing, and sailing are just some of the potential activities. It would be a magnet to attract people to the area. Because of proximity to the Trans Canada Trail, there could be a connector trail to Bald Mountain.

Sticker Number 3 - Mt. Prevost

- Would like to see Multi-use Park for hikers, bikers, quaders. There is room for all.

Sticker Number 4 – Cowichan Valley Trail

- I would like to see this trail re-opened to ATV & motorcycles. We have all (horse riders, hikers etc.) been using the trail together and it has been working very well. Plus ATV users keep the trails clean and clear. We do need to have access to these kinds of trails as we work for search and rescue and need to familiarize ourselves with these areas that are closed to us in case of any emergencies on these trails. Diversified trail systems do and can work. We don't expect to be in areas such as a kids park, ocean walks etc. We want areas like Mt Sicker, Prevost, and Cowichan Valley Trail.
- Add use of motorized vehicles such as ATV's and motorbikes. I would like to see the Cowichan Valley Trail used by everyone.

Sticker Number 9 - Drinkwater Road Industrial Park

- My group, The Vancouver Island Karting Association, is looking to participate in a motor sport park. This site is currently industrially zoned and has a good buffer from residences. There is a

great need for an outdoor motorsport park and unlike all other parks would be economically viable and through lease payments etc. would pay for itself. It should be a park for community groups to develop their facilities and be operated in daylight hours only.

Sticker Number 10 - Youbou Lookout

- On Caycuse Road – Best North/East/West viewpoint.

Sticker Number 11 – Stamps Road Trail

- There is a road allowance shown on maps going from Maple Bay west to Stamps Rd. However it is currently inaccessible because of fencing and water levels. It would be a great walking or cycling route – a quiet off roadway of traveling between Duncan and Maple Bay. A boardwalk will be needed for part of it. Farmers need to be aware that this is an existing road allowance.

Sticker Number 12 – Robertson Falls

- This is a heritage trail and is described in “Our Favourite Hikes in the Cowichan Lake Area.” The trail is difficult to find. Recent logging has obliterated part of the lower trail. Trail needs signage and restoration. If one visits during the rainy season, there is a spectacular view of waterfalls several hundred feet high. Need to be agile to reach bottom of falls. Can provide a picture to support view of falls.
- Although located in private forestland, and largely logged at that – these falls are spectacular especially in winter. In many other parts of the country, something like this would be a major attraction.

Sticker Number 13 – Little Beach (north side of river)

- Used locally as the take-out for the commercial operations that organize tube floating in the summer; and by commercial operators as a put-in who instruct river kayaking. More rarely used by fishers. Maybe already in park boundary. Couldn't tell from map.

Sticker Number 14 – Cowichan Lake Education Centre Trail

- The map shows a road system linking CLEC up to Town (L.C) and also to Lake View Park. However at this point, the water ski club etc blocks the route. It should be possible to re-open this route so that we can hike from CLEC to Mesachie Mountain and back.

Sticker Number 15 – Honeymoon Bay Lookout

- Top of hill on Caycuse Road. View East arm of Lake and Village.

Sticker Number 16 – Mt. Whympers (El Capitan/Landale)

- In our region is the highest peak south of the 49th parallel in Canada. Mt. Whympers. Lomas Lake is nestled at the base of Mt. Whympers. The place is absolutely beautiful with an alpine lake and vegetation. The Sierra Club has a sign here inviting good backcountry/wilderness camping. Vancouver Island marmots have been sighted here – not sure if there are current records? Access from Youbou to Cottonwood Creek Main then up into recently logged areas. Established trail through to Lomas Lake.

Sticker Number 18 – Youbou Lookout, North

- This is a heritage trail used by local residents. The trail is described in “Our Favourite Hikes in the Cowichan Lake Area.” The trail is difficult to find and recent logging has covered the bottom part of the trail. One is rewarded with a spectacular view of Cowichan Lake and Youbou Area. Trail needs signage and restoration.

Sticker Number 20 – Lomas Lake

- Alpine and semi-alpine country, excellent hiking, connects to Nanaimo-Lakes trails.

Sticker Number 21 – Kissinger Lake

- Presently TimberWest Campsite.

Sticker Number 22 – Heather Campsite

- Presently TimberWest Campsite.

Sticker Number 23 – Maple Mountain Trails

- It is a wonderful, world class, somewhat strenuous hike from Maple Bay to Osborne Bay (Maple Mountain Trails). I have done that hike then taken the ferry to Saltspring and continued walking. Spent the night in a B & B then returned. The views from the trails are stunning.

Sticker Number 24 – Eagle Heights Grasslands (near Wild Deer Lake)

- Adjacent (not directly) to Koksilah Provincial Park. Old forest on top and native pocket grasslands on slopes. Challenge: If identified, we don't want to advertise too widely as there is a dirt bike area in lowlands and active mountain biking – two activities that are not compatible to shallow soil, grassland communities. Several rare plants.

Sticker Number 25 – Honeymoon Bay Wildflower Reserve

- It's a wonderful little gem that shows a moderate cross-section of wildflowers. Recognizing that a wildflower season is fairly short – it has nonetheless great impact if you visit at the right time. There's a great poster board at the entrance identifying the species. Appears to be a labour of love of volunteers as it is well maintained.

Sticker Number 27 – Cowichan Park Connection

- Connect Cowichan River Provincial Park to Lake Cowichan.

Sticker Number 28 – Misery Creek

- Beautiful beach, natural backdrop, freshwater streams entering lake, lush forest, already for sale – buy some! Use my tax dollars!

Sticker Number 29 – El Capitan Mountain

- This has an excellent hiking trail and has an old gold mine near the summit.

Sticker Number 30 – Heather Mountain

- Heather Mountain has an excellent hiking trail as long as the access can be opened up.

Sticker Number 31 – Townend Road – Somenos Lake

- This area is a small wooded piece of land containing wild flowers, large fir trees, and waterfowl. A lovely place for a short walk along the west side of Somenos Lake.

Sticker Number 32 – Bee Island (adjacent beach area)

- Lovely natural area, beaches, out of weather, road not too far away – so access could be by road, beach area, or boat (Island), historical value. Please make a plan to have parks/wharves so everyone can enjoy the lake, not just a few owners.

East Sector Public Open House – Cowichan Center

Sticker Number 1 - Bald Mountain

- Logging has destroyed access and part of the Mountain itself. This was a beautiful hike before this destruction. Some access to traditional trails should be established.
- Access is cut off to hikers who previously used this Mountain as a regular hike - from bottom, over the top and down to the Marine Park for a swim in the lake - a huge loss to our group. Manzanite Hiking Club.
- Would like to see trail re-established.

Sticker Number 2 - Cobble Hill Mountain Recreation Area

- Suggest a horse-riding and hiking trail be connected from Cobble Hill Mountain Recreation Area - Kingburne Trail, Eagle Heights, and Cowichan Valley Trail.

- Hiked it a few times. Amazing forests on it. Very beautiful. I am very concerned about damage done on parts of it. (Dirt bikes, ATV's, Horse damage).

Sticker Number 3 - Mt. Prevost

- I enjoy hiking it. Enjoy the forest vegetation and waterfalls along the way. Lovely system of trails on it - although some are steep. Some very special wild flower areas on it e.g. Chocolate lilies. Beautiful scenic areas. I am very concerned about ATV and trail bike damage on Mt. Prevost. Also, damage done by bicycles on poorly engineered trails. ATV/Dirt Bikes/Trail Bikes/Mountain Bike people need to form associations and develop a code of behaviour re: usage of their machines etc. to reduce their impact on the environment. Local hiking group (Cowichan Outdoor Group) is an organized group that I belong to. We have an unwritten code of behaviour re: hiking e.g. No littering, picking of wild flowers etc.

Sticker Number 4 - Cowichan Valley Trail

- I have property adjoining this area. Every weekend I have been there I have observed motorbikes using the trail. They start on their back wheels sometimes. How are you policing this? I would like it stopped.
- Important for horse carriage drivers as it is wide enough for us to use. Appreciate large parking lot at Glenora. Use proposed trail from Duncan to Skutz Falls extensively for carriage driving and horse riding.
- I suggest we make more of these trails (mainly wilderness ones) to be multi-user friendly and stop shutting them down to ATV users. We need to access these trail ways for search and rescue (which the CVATV Club are a part of). So if we don't know where to go - how can we help in a search if someone has an accident or gets lost on these trail ways. ATV users bring tons of money into our economy. We also keep these trails clear and accessible to others.
- The Kinsol Trestle should not be torn down. It is not a safety issue except to vandals. Build a footbridge up-stream and let the old girl alone - or give it enough maintenance to prolong its life. It is (was) the longest or largest railway trestle in the Commonwealth. It's an architectural, historical and aesthetic treasure. Also, cliffside side of last spike on E & N is almost inaccessible to most people - at the very least invisible. Don't tear it down.
- This trail should be open for all to enjoy. I would like to see ATV's allowed on a trail that I too helped finance. As a senior citizen this is about the only way I can enjoy the outback.

- Suggest Cowichan Valley Trail be twinned with Trans-Canada Trail to connect Shawnigan Lake to Galloping Goose Trail to Sooke Potholes Regional Park and West Coast Trail via Kinsol Bridge/Trestle.
- Save the Kinsol Trestle. Put a small bypass bridge alongside. This is a very important part of our history. Repair her enough to keep her. All the other standing trestles and bridges are gone. All the historical townsites are long gone. We don't value our own historical sites whatsoever. "Just try to get to the last spike in Shawnigan." You will find it all posted "Private No Trespassing."

Sticker Number 5 - Stoney Hill

- A lovely mountain to hike and generally speaking not a tough hike. Beautiful forests on it. Especially the Arbutus trees. Lovely scenic places to stop. A real gem of an area.
- This is a wonderful viewpoint and there are many forest trails, but access from the road is banned by private ownership. Could an access be obtained?
- We would like a public access to this beautiful area. I belong to a hiking group and have enjoyed this area in the past, but now "permission from owner" is needed to enter legally.
- Public access and parking needed. Adjoining landowners are very unwelcoming.
- In the eastern part of the municipality there are a number of trails. I would like to see these trails connected if possible without using existing roads. There is very poor access to the lakes - Somenos and Quamichan. I would like to see better access. I would also like to see trails around the lakes so that we can enjoy the beauty of the lakes.

Sticker Number 6 - Mt. Sicker Mine

- Along with being extremely historical, it was a beautiful area up until it was clear-cut last month. The trails connect all along the river from Mt. Sicker Road in Chemainus to Hillcrest Road on the Lake Cowichan Highway.
- This historic site has been all but obliterated by North Cowichan, by loggers and ATV users, as have so many other historic sites in the CVRD. They have no protection even when they're on crown/public lands.

Sticker Number 9 - Outdoor Recreation Park

- Need an organized area for motorized outdoor sports in the area.

- I would like to see property in the general area to use as an outdoor Recreation Park.

Sticker Number 20 - Lomas Lake

- Up Cottonwood Creek above Youbou.

Sticker Number 23 - Maple Mountain

- I enjoy hiking it. Enjoy the forest vegetation. Love walking the trail that skirts the coastline from Crofton Area south to Arbutus Road. Lovely series of different trails on it and water falls. I have hiked it many times (member of local outdoor group). Beautiful scenic view areas (we have lunch often). Some rare vegetation (miniature cactus in one area) along the shore - on a bluff.
- I'd like this area to be given regional protection (the trails anyways) for non-motorized activities - running & hiking.
- Great trails.

Sticker Number 30 - Heather Mountain

- Lovely hike (a long one mind you). Lovely meadows towards the top. Wild game (bear there). Problem is access. Getting key to the gate at the base of the mountain. TimberWest seems unwilling to provide access to the mountain. You can hike the mountain from the locked gate but it is a really long hike - much of it on logging road. This discourages use of it.

Sticker Number 31 - Townsend Road to Somenos Lake

- Connected trail system. Cowichan Valley seems to have great potential for a British-style system of linked trails and pathways, which would be a tremendous draw for visitors. There should be circular routes with easy walking through various landscapes with restaurants and pubs along the way. Maybe even bus stops someday. May need cooperation of farm owners, etc. Duncan, Maple Bay, Cowichan Bay, Crofton and intermediate places.

Sticker Number 33 - Chemainus River Provincial Park

- Proposed alternative trail route for Trans Canada Trail, beginning at Hillcrest passing through Chemainus River Provincial Park and following logging roads right through to River Road in Chemainus.
- I think this should be made into a multi-user trail. ATV's included. It can be a trail used by motorized vehicles since we are not allowed on the Trans Canada Trail.

Sticker Number 34 - Cowichan River Estuary

- At present the Cowichan Estuary is developed in a variety of ways, but provides small park areas and pleasant walks along the dykes. A trail south to Cherry Point would be a great addition. River estuaries are valuable habitats for many species of birds, fish, and plants. They are scenic and beautiful places. They deserve preservation and should have some access for walkers and nature lovers.
- This estuary is site of one of the most incredible avian habitats in Canada as well as a major migratory thoroughfare on the Western flyway where huge flocks of many different species of ducks, geese, swans and others stop to feed and take rest on their long journey north and south. In addition, this is habitat to eagles, owls, and many other species. This area should be our children's educational laboratory.
- This area has left our winter population of trumpeter swans vulnerable to dogs.

Sticker Number 35 - Mount Tzouhalem

- I enjoy hiking it. Enjoy the forest vegetation and the wild flowers. Enjoy the fresh air and views. Lovely series of different hiking trails. I have hiked it many times. Concerned about the amount of development on it and reduced hiking areas. I'd like this area to be given regional protection from non-motorized activities.
- This municipal forestland could be developed for bike trails, ecological area, and hiking.
- I would like to see a buffer zone around Mt. Tzouhalem as well as other eco-reserves in the CVRD such as Woodley Range and Ladysmith Bog. Mt. Tzouhalem is the most threatened and the most precious in term of ecological values.

Sticker Number 36 - Crofton Lake

- All these trails can be accessed from either Richards Trail - Osborne Bay Road, Nimmo Road. All interconnecting with varied terrain.
- Sticker Number 37 - Somenos Creek to Cowichan River
- The trail (north side of Cowichan River) from the Trans Canada Highway to the sewer lagoon (on top of the dyke) is very well used every day, but it is too short. There is a natural route along Somenos Creek out to the Somenos Lake, which would make a fabulous route out to the bird watching areas, the forestry centre and even the (maybe) new mall. It should be wide enough for bicycles as well as senior's scooters and feet.

Sticker Number 38 - Hillcrest Road Forestry Pools

- Beautiful area. Connects up with Mt. Sicker area and very accessible.
- Forest roads, hydro line roads and trails provide numerous loops for horse riding and carriage driving which can involve picnic at Chemainus River Park.
- Suggest Trans Canada Trail (North trail along old E & N Rail corridor) & Cowichan Valley Trail follow logging road from Hwy 19 to Chemainus River Provincial Park on to Chemainus (to River Road).

Sticker Number 39 - River / Lake Trail

- Why are the rivers not classified as trails? People tube, wetsuit, canoe, kayak etc. They need policing to prevent misuse. A friend of mine on the Cowichan River regularly collects 3-dozen beer cans from along his water edge. You need boat launches etc.

Sticker Number 40 - Kingburne Park

- Trails around Kingburne Park provide loops for riding horseback. Some are in provincial land - some in private. Bluffs and hilltop have Arbutus grasslands that should be looked at for preservation. Horse trailer parking should be considered.

Sticker Number 41 - Paradise Pools - Cowichan River

- This is on First Nations land but is part of a wonderful trail system with lots of native flora - wild flowers. This area may end up for housing.

Sticker Number 42 - Chemainus Road - Old Boy Scout Camp

- Grace Road and other forestry roads and trails provide numerous loops for horseback riding. Carriage driving is limited by gate. Great spot for picnic on the river.
- Excellent multi-use trails.

Sticker Number 43 - Chemainus River Estuary

- This estuary is undeveloped and difficult to access. Perhaps it should remain that way - some degree of protection is needed.
- Every estuary is a “must” entry on any inventory of natural areas. Preservation and rehabilitation are top priority. They are nurseries and critical habitat for many species, especially fish. This seems to be in the hands of Norske and may be safer that way. Though I don’t know the terms of their commitment to it. But the region should be ready for the day the mill closes. Controlled public access and enjoyment may be appropriate in the future to gain public support for the preservation aspects.

Sticker Number 44 - Mount Landale

- Great walk from Lomas Lake.

Sticker Number 45 - Somenos Marsh

- This is a natural area of major importance to BC. It must be in any inventory of natural areas. Somenos Marsh Society can provide knowledgeable argument for this site. It is valuable for protection of migratory and resident birds and education opportunities for public. Already registered as an important bird area.
- This important bird area is mostly protected, but there is a need for maintenance of boardwalks, parking, signage, etc. Also a nature house here or elsewhere is needed.

Sticker Number 47 - Cowichan River Dyke (Duncan)

- Existing set-up seems very good. Much used by general public but provides some preservation of wildlife - great trees. Available to tourists - so handy to mall and pubs. Trails linking to other sites would be good. Maybe do something creative with Cowichan Tribes, (show off the nursery/hatchery).

Sticker Number 48 - Silver Bridge

- This land belongs to the Provincial Government. It consists of 6 acres. It would provide a greenspace, access to the river and break up the industrial look as you enter Duncan.

Sticker Number 49 - Along the Trans Canada Highway

- It is absolutely essential that any new development along the Trans Canada Highway include a bike/foot/scooter trail alongside it. We must provide ways for people to safely choose alternatives to cars. It needs to extend from Save-On-Foods out to the Norcross Centre to start and eventually south as far as the Old Farm Market. Many of those in cars, jamming the roads for the sake of a 2 km trip, would use a bicycle if it were safe to do on a dedicated, no car trail. There should be no development permits for anything along the highway without funds and completion of their portion of the "trail." This applies to Cowichan Place (Malaspina/Cowichan High), the new developments at Beverly. This is not the traditional "Regional Park" but it might be the most important one. Public support will be high.

Sticker Number 50 - Former CPR Cowichan Bay Line and E & N in North

- Trail connection between these two areas.

Sticker Number 52 - Kinsol Trestle

- Leave the original trestle - it is a part of our local history. A replacement would be like going to Las Vegas to see the pyramids - may look the same, but of no historical value. Tourists want local interest points.

- Do not repair original trestle - a small bridge further down is adequate and far less costly. Please do not put gravel on the trails in woods. Put chicken wire on the bridges please - wood is slippery when wet.
- The present detour is impractical and unsuitable - a very harsh gravel road. The simplest solution is to build a low level bridge close to the trestle with switchback access up and down the riverbanks.
- Please give us a bridge of any kind across the river in this area. To repair or re-assemble the original bridge is far too costly and really not worth waiting for.

Sticker Number 53 - No Name Lake?

- Approximately 1.5 miles west of Heather Lake with TimberWest Road access via Branch 10 off of Nitinat mainline. Area of interest is the Lake and old growth timber surrounding the Lake. Wintering range for Roosevelt elk and a beautiful and unique area.

Sticker Number 54 - Tuck Lake

- West of Nitinat River - might not be within the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

South Sector Public Open House – Kerry Park Recreation Center

Sticker Number 1 – Bald Mountain

- Developer and private landowner is making access very difficult and this is happening on Mount Tzouhalem and other traditional hiking and walking spots as well. Example: people on the old haul road have fenced even the public land easements and accesses that BC Hydro owns – so that traditional walking paths are blocked.
- This is a very special area that would provide marina, walking, hiking, picnicking opportunities. This would make a wonderful park area. This area is just being discovered so let's buy land now while it's available and affordable.

Sticker Number 2 – Cobble Hill Mountain Recreation Area

- Suggest reserving all of Cobble Hill including trails and roads on the Southern access, going up from the Bamberton Quarry that has filled in with water. I think that a lot of people hike up this way. There are some lovely views and wild flowers on route.
- Trails developed by Cobble Hill riders.

Sticker Number 4 – Cowichan Valley Trail

- This is a wonderful regional park as it travels through much of the district – many people have easy access. Also, as part of the Trans Canada Trail it, when completed, will be a great attraction to both residents and visitors alike.

Sticker Number 14 – Cowichan Lake Education Centre Trail

- Mountain biking, hiking and motorized off road ATV riding. This is a multi-use corridor used by a diverse population with 20 years of enjoying this area. It has always been maintained by the off road users and general parks areas were maintained by others. We must work very hard to maintain the enjoyment we all get from the parks and connecting areas for future use and planning.

Sticker Number 40 - Kingburne Park

- Old trails developed by horseback riders in the last 25 years.
- Used by all types including dirt bikes and Quads (although not allowed). Lots of horse riders as it covers a large distance. You can ride from the end of Kingburne Road to the Quarry or head to the trestle and Trans Canada Trail with many hours in between. I believe it is TimberWests land but I would love to see it acquired by the CVRD.

Sticker Number 42 - Chemainus Road - Old Boy Scout Camp

- Old boy scout camp is a beautiful area.

Sticker Number 52 - Kinsol Trestle

- From the trestle (if it was passable) you can travel up and down the Koksilah River to Burnt Bridge and Koksilah Park, Jack Fleetwood Memorial Park, Kingburne Trails and the Trans Canada Trail. Great potential to combine history and connect the Region. One of the first priorities for department should be to get this open. The bypass is far too long especially since it's only open for those on foot.
- This important and historical link in the Cowichan Valley Trail system needs to be restored.

Sticker Number 55 – Cherry Point

- Important feeding area for resident and migratory birds. Sensitive 'moon snail' beds. Bald Eagle habitat. Heron and other bird habitat. One of the few walkable beaches in the CVRD. Currently under pressure due to shoreline landowners cutting trees along the beach, causing landslides and erosion and farmland run-off, especially the beach area immediately south of the parking lot.

Sticker Number 56 – Trail to Genoa Bay

- Nice marked trail from Khenipsen Rd up and over to look-out and back down to Genoa Bay.

Sticker Number 57 – McCurry Point

- Rare flowers, largest patch of poison oak on the coast. Owned by Three Point Developments. Some old growth rare plants listed with conservation data centre.

Sticker Number 58 – Mill Bay Estuary

- Important salmon bearing stream. Mud flats at low tide provide foraging for herons, etc. Foraging for marine mammals at higher tides. Sea grass beds between mud flats and deep bay. Adjacent uplands with forested trails, some included in Mill Bay Nature Park, some being considered for acquisition. Variety of public access points, including boat ramp beside Mill Bay Marina. Used by wintering and breeding waterfowl. Sport fishing as permitted. Paddle sports and sail sports popular. Used by Brentwood College for water sports. Small salmon enhancement facility at mouth of Shawnigan Creek.

Sticker Number 59 – Quamichan Lake Trail

- Great to have a walking trail around Quamichan Lake. Start buying property and improve what we have.

Sticker Number 60 – Mount Wood Trail

- Access via Spectacle Lake or West-East Shawnigan Lake loop around Mount Wood.

Sticker Number 61 – Oliphant Lake Trail

- Access via Spectacle on Bamberton Road or Deer Park – follow road under the power lines up to look out on left to Oliphant, back to power line down back to start on right to Malahat trail. A very old bear is living in the lookout area.

Sticker Number 62 – Rat Lake Trail

- Park at Deer Park entrance, ride to Hal Road and around Rat Lake – connect to power line down and around large trail system.
- From Deer Park development via logging roads you ride past small Rat Lake and can ride all the way to Oliphant Lake.

Sticker Number 63 – Spectacle Lake

- Circle road around lake and connecting to Malahat and Mount Wood and Rat Lake Area.

Sticker Number 64 – Heart Lake / Stocking Lake

- Trails from Holland Creek (Municipal Park) and elsewhere lead to Heart Lake as well as Stocking Lake. These are highly desirable scenic areas at elevation affording views of Ladysmith and beyond.

Sticker Number 65 – Wild Deer Lake

- Mountain road, up the hill to Eagle Heights toward Glenora trails to Wild Deer Lake and Louise Lake. Trail was used in the past for 100 mile rides – Garden City Horseman Club.

Sticker Number 66 – Power Line

- West Shawnigan Lake Road halfway, take road up to power line. Trail takes you to Renfrew Road – Part of 100-mile ride in the 80's.

Sticker Number 67 – Mines Area

- Close to one of the few available crossings of the Koksilah River are a variety of smaller logging roads through treed areas connecting Riverside Road/Mountain Road to the Trans Canada Trail. Nice trails for horseback riding. Caves exist in the area.
- Off Riverside Road to the North are silver mines. The mines are still there. Great trails in area.

Sticker Number 68 – Fleetwood Memorial Trail

- Excellent trail for hiking and horses. Good example of a single track, wooded trail feeding off larger main trails (Trans Canada Trail). This mix allows you to cover lots of ground and get variety. If Burnt Bridge was opened up to more than foot traffic, it could be better used and when the trestle is open will make a nice loop.
- Area of trails around and is connected to Mountain Road Trail and Mines and Wild Deer Lake Trails.

Sticker Number 69 – Bamberton Quarry

- The developer has planned to save the trail around the quarry. Now can we save the trails that go up to Manzanita Hill and down to Kinsol Trestle.
- Nice trails around quarry. Connect to Silver Mine Trails to Kingburne Park to Mountain Road to Glenora to Paldi to Copper Canyon to Chemainus.

Sticker Number 70 – West Shawnigan Provincial Park

- Currently owned by the Provincial Government, this now has a provincial parks plan and is an excellent opportunity for a regional recreational facility. It is also near the Cowichan Valley Trail and next to a large piece of Crown Land adjacent to Cowichan Bay Trail. Opportunities exist for lake access and recreation as well as wilderness camping for the Cowichan Valley Trail users. Good point for a stopover for travelers coming out of Victoria or heading there.

Sticker Number 71 – Old Baldy Mountain

- Beautiful view. Wildflowers.

Sticker Number 72 – Lands Connecting Cobble Hill/Kingburne/Kinsol

- These lands are one of the most varied and scenic and high uses in the area. Koksilah River winds through, Cobble Hill Quarry, deciduous forests, at least 5 terrestrial herbaceous moss outcrops complete with Manzanita and meadows, wetlands and over 55 existing trails. Frequent and high use by runners, hikers, equestrian, mountain bikes and (unfortunately) motorized uses (dirt bikes/quads). There are also two and perhaps more collapsed homesteads and one old mine shaft.
- Large variety of trails from old logging roads to twisty climbing single tracks – accommodates horses, mountain bikers, hikers, and dirt bikers. Trails connect from Kingburne Drive to Kinsol Trestle. Several Arbutus look outs with pockets of small Arbutus bushes. Currently shared very successfully across disciplines.

Sticker Number 75 – Manzanita Hill

- Trails from Bamberton Quarry to the hill – beautiful look out to Koksilah River. Hikers and bikers have trails to use right over to the Kinsol Trestle. Lovely forest walks.

Sticker Number 76 – Mill Bay Shoreline

- The shoreline in Mill Bay (just north of Verdier Point) must be protected from development to ensure future generations' full enjoyment of this local treasure. Open all the public accesses to the foreshore and repair/replace unsafe staircases.

Sticker Number 78 – Richards Creek to Somenos Lake

- Richards Creek is a primary source of water into Somenos Lake and, like Somenos Lake is still a wonderful rich wetland habitat. While Somenos Lake is the centre of a wetland watershed, without a vital source of water, it would be irrevocably compromised.

North Sector Public Open House – Ladysmith Secondary School

Sticker Number 1 – Bald Mountain

- I support the movement to acquire parkland on the Bald Mountain Area. It is too bad that so much damage has been done to the existing volunteer-built Bald Mountain Trail by logging on adjacent private lands. Hopefully through purchase and acquisition of Crown blocks a significant portion of the mountain can be set aside for hiking and other recreational pursuits.

Sticker Number 4 – Cowichan Valley Trail

- Create a safe, wide shoulder along the length of Chemainus Road from Ladysmith to Duncan. Allows for cyclists, walkers, old, young, strollers, and dog walkers to travel within their neighbourhood without having to get into vehicles. A regional linear park can be roadway or utilize the existing railway route.
- Between Ladysmith and South Chemainus the Chemainus highway is used as a trail by walkers, joggers, and cyclists who are frustrated with the lack of trails connecting the communities. By default, the highway is used as a pedestrian corridor. Create a trail next to Chemainus Road or E & N Corridor Trail or wide paved shoulders on both sides of roadway.

Sticker Number 17 – Echo Heights

- Already has excellent walking, hiking trails readily accessible. Examples of logging practices from 1920's – 1950's with second growth forest. Includes bluffs, swamps and forest. An opportunity for the municipality to show concern for the environment and communities well being.
- This publicly owned land is being used now for recreation. It must be preserved for future generations. Very nice forest. Natural setting. Many birds, owls, pileated woodpeckers. The

Chemainus area has not got a big area to walk, or hike. The community needs an area – to be able to go. Just “to be”.

- This belongs to the Municipality and should be made into a park.
- This is a delightful 52-acre area that needs to be preserved. There are existing trails, and an abundance of flora and fauna. Young and old use it extensively (including dogs!). It’s a wonderful, quiet, almost sacred place and could be an excellent addition to your planned/proposed trail system. Stop further growth in this area and preserve the natural wonder that now exists.
- Echo Heights is a very beautiful area – the only municipally owned land that can become a park without it costing the citizens a penny.
- The only forest area available to Chemainus area. It needs to be left as natural as possible – each District/area should be able to have at least one forested area to value. If it cannot be a regional park – then what can it be?
- The last green space left in Chemainus. We don’t need more housing in Chemainus – we need more quiet, green areas to enjoy. This forested area provides a natural buffer between the Industrial Park noise and Trans Canada Highway noise. This forest is home to several rare animals and plant life. This land does not have to be purchased – we already own it. Let’s keep it green. This area could be linked to nearby parks (Stocking Creek, Chemainus Lake).
- Acquiring more land is the most important goal for the CVRD at this point. This is because land is being eaten up at a horrific rate by land developers at this time. Once the land has been acquired it can be used as “passive” parkland immediately and developed/improved in the future. Echo Heights has a mixed bag of sensitive areas and 100-year-old 2nd growth, and wetlands.
- This forest already has a wonderful network of trails. It would easily fit into your plans as a regional park. I would hope North Cowichan would give this forest to the CVRD. It is so worth preserving. It is a natural jewel.

Sticker Number 22 – Heather Campsite

- Actually at very “north” end of the lake. We’ve used it a lot. Needs support for proper maintenance. One of the very few sites suitable for tenting (as opposed to motor homes, 5th wheels etc). I’d like to see it remain available at a very basic level, with existing limitations on motorized boating and limited ease of access (not paved).

Sticker Number 33 – Back Country Trail / Chemainus to Ladysmith

- There is an opportunity to link parks together through/along existing logging roads and trails. This would create a backcountry hiking/running/biking trail between Chemainus and Ladysmith that would preserve natural habitats sensitive environments and serve the region well. Adventure racing in this area has fostered trail development tourism and healthy lifestyles. We have an opportunity to be the best destination around for multi-use trails.
- A safe scenic walk is needed from Chemainus to Ladysmith.

Sticker Number 35 – Mount Tzouhalem Forest Reserve

- Mt. Tzouhalem, including the wild flower reserve, is an incredible wilderness area with all kinds of interesting vegetation, high bluffs looking out onto the Cowichan Valley in all directions. Excellent for hiking and mountain biking. This area should definitely be preserved for the use of the people of the Cowichan Region. Please don't let it be logged for short-term gain. I think if there are enough regional parks there will be something for everyone.

Sticker Number 43 - Chemainus River Estuary

- Some excellent coastal views. May not be big but is lovely. Lots of flowers. Accessible from private land or by kayak/boat down Chemainus River or from sea.
- This area is a haven for wildlife and many birds - it's a gorgeous area and it would be wonderful to have access to it!

Sticker Number 66 - Power line Trail

- I support a trail from Nanaimo through Ladysmith to Duncan to Victoria. This trail could follow the power lines but should be for runners, walkers, hikers, and bikers. All of it off road.

Sticker Number 77 - Coffin Point

- Excellent choice. Should be left as an undeveloped area as possible.
- Excellent beach. Evening Cove is a fabulous place to swim and to walk. The existing park needs to be bigger, at least widen the foreshore.

Sticker Number 80 - David Road Park to Holland Creek Trail

- I would like to have a trail extended from the David Road Park through to Holland Creek Trail (Is it a park?) There is an old logging rail grade that begins at the North End of David Road Park and goes through to Holland Creek Park. It would be good to preserve an old logging road in this area for hiking, walking and for the largest growth sport - running.

Sticker Number 81 - Stocking Creek

- Quiet, Beautiful. Walking trail wonderful, waterfalls. Leave as is. Undeveloped, a little more signage would be beneficial.
- Beautiful hiking trail and waterfalls. Surrounded by wonderful forests, undergrowth and bird life.
- Magnificent hidden natural gem. Beautiful waterfall. Perfect site for educational nature walks for Cowichan Valley/Ladysmith students. A “spiritual” - “natural” environment site - worthy of protection.

Sticker Number 82 - Holland Creek

- The Friends of Holland Creek tried to save a part of the trail from development. Much of the frustration was that our Municipal Government had development started and did not anticipate such a town-wide reaction. Developers seem to rule in that our green spaces, not only in Ladysmith, but also all over our beautiful Island. We need a balance.
- Keep as is. Keep development back and prevent washouts by reducing the watershed degradation.
- Approximately 6 km loop, access at various points. North end of Ladysmith (Mackie Road) and South (Dogwood Road). Not sure if it can be included as a park. Past negotiations between Friends of Holland Creek and the owner of the land resulted in a green space, (purchased land bordering the creek).
- Development encroaching too much on the trail. Riparian zone needs greater protection than what is currently being afforded. Would like to see it incorporated into a regional park.

Sticker Number 83 - Highway to Hell Mountain Bike Trail

- The trail is a very advanced level trail for experienced riders. It took us almost 2 years to build and safety and sturdy construction was our up-most concern. Since we dedicated so much time to this trail, we would love to have this trail conserved. For the future, volunteers would supply funding and maintenance.
- The trail is specially designed for Mountain Biking. There are stunts (man made and natural), which took about 2 years to build. We took lots of time to make sure everything was safe and sturdy. This would be very good for youth and adults in our town as well as bring in riders from around the area.

Sticker Number 84 - Ladysmith Alpine Park

- This is an advanced mountain biking park, which is currently under construction. It would appeal to extreme riders from all over the Island. We have worked on this for almost a year, and have great expectations for it. Once again, safety and safe construction were of our up-most concern. Volunteers would supply Funding and maintenance.
- A riding park with jumps and drops for different abilities of Mountain Bike riders. The stunts are still under construction and we have been working on them for almost a year. A good place for riders to work on their skills and just generally have fun.

Sticker Number 85 - Yellow Point Park

- Yellow Point Ecology walking trail.
- Hiking. Wonderful hiking trails offering a choice of routes, each unique and forested with such an amazing array of flora/ferns, fungi and filled with bird song.

Sticker Number 86 - Transfer Beach Park

- I would love to see the waterfront turned into a regional park. Lots of trails, some playing fields (soccer, ball, tennis court) with a clubhouse and concession. Also, we need a campsite. When Ladysmith hosts a tournament (for any sport) families have no place to pitch a tent and have to go out of town.
- This area is one of the last pieces of easily accessible public waterfront on Ladysmith harbour. It has a number of different attractions: 3 playgrounds, concession, kayak rental, 2 shelters,

and a horseshoe pit area. Slag Point should be acquired. It is a historically significant area. The area upon which Ladysmith was founded.

- This area is currently used as a dog walk, but is also an interesting result of Ladysmith's history. It should be incorporated into the plan as a historically interesting area, which could also provide open areas (not playing fields) for both dogs and people. Although Transfer Beach is developed (concession, playground, etc.) a less manicured area for walking and taking in the view of the harbour is required.
- Correct name is "Slack Point" not Slag.
- Waterfront. Great all-purpose Family Park. Playgrounds for kids; beach for exploring and swimming; access to kayaks; open areas to play; dog area; amphi-theatre for events. We've met people from all over the CVRD there who come because it's the best park - especially people from Duncan. Horseshoe pits as well - competitive. Could use a campsite area nearby. Awesome Park.

Sticker Number 87 - Western Extension of Chemainus Lake Park

- The parkland around Chemainus Lake is a relatively thin strip. Acreage to the west of the park (approx 40 - 60 acres) is (or was recently) for sale. The area has many small streams and some very nice second growth forest made accessible by old logging roads and a few trails. Adding this acreage to the Chemainus Lake Park would make the whole a much more substantial park.

Sticker Number 88 - Hermits Trail

- We enjoy walking there every day. Would like to see more trails and a few less roots.
- Located beside St. Joseph's School, it is a beautiful trail developed by "The Hermit". Apparently he lived there for years and built rock bordered trails, planted flowers and other structures.
- A special area. Above Chemainus along Askew Creek. A heritage piece. Very Small. But very sweet. Three kinds of owls. Two types of woodpeckers. Many natural plants. Some, which individuals have planted.
- If you have ever been there, you know it must be preserved.

Sticker Number 89 - Bare Point

- This is one of the most beautiful sites in the Cowichan Valley. The Chemainus area is sadly lacking in oceanfront access and this would change this. Most land is industrial and residential along the waterfront. Using the E & N Rail land right-of-way as a regional trail is the best idea here. What a gem for Chemainus and the CVRD. But what mis-use in the present state of farm, closed off along one shoreline by the lumber company.

Sticker Number 90 - Island Nursery Land

- Located on the old Chemainus Road - up on the Chemainus River, 60 acres, 20 of which runs along the river. Close to the estuary. The owner's are naturalists who would speak and do nature walks about the plants etc. there. They are very interested in working with the District to help create more natural and accessible areas for public enjoyment.

Sticker Number 91 - The "Magic Forest"

- Between Maple Bay and Genoa Bay - off Genoa Bay Road - access to Municipal forests and properties at Octopus Point. The "Magic Forest" is covered in large conglomerate rock, outcrops and colluviums covered in Garry oak, wildflowers, and scattered Douglas fir. Existing trail leads to large cave that has been thoroughly excavated for First Native artefacts. This cave was formed 300 years ago when part of Mt Tzouhalem was dislodged in a major earthquake. It's private property, but would make a fantastic park if a loop trail was developed (20 - 30 min round trip).

Sticker Number 92 - Woodley Range

- Top of the ridge. Ecological significance with bluff-type vegetation. Apparently, there is a caretaker-type in the area.

Sticker Number 94 - Rail Corridor

- The corridor needs continuous access, i.e. bridges to connect to Cowichan Lake. This trail is a real must as the beginning of it, Sherman Road west, is about the only bit of green space in that over built area of Duncan. It's accessible for a bit, however it badly needs foot bridges in

order to be able to navigate the trail. In the winter it's impassable in places and in warmer weather it's mud.

Sticker Number 95 - Holland Lake

- We need a hiking trail to this lake and to protect the Ladysmith watershed.

Sticker 96 – Ladysmith Harbour Island

- To provide parkland accessible only by water in Ladysmith Harbour. Ladysmith Harbour is fantastic for canoeing/kayaking - but all the small islands are privately owned - allowing canoeists/kayakers access ... but for how long?

Sticker Number 97 - South of Fuller Lake Arena

- Large number of walking/hiking/running trails - wooded area - and growth. Buffer from Island Highway for Chemainus.

Sticker Number 98 - Marble Bay Wetlands

- Currently privately owned. This valuable wetland area drains the lower Bald Mountain Peninsula into Marble Bay. Surrounding limestone topography is unique. The wetland itself is rich in amphibian and bird life. Other wildlife in area includes bear, cougar, otter, beaver, crayfish, and clams. The ecological integrity of this wetland is worthy of protection.

Appendix D: Sites of Public Interest

During the first public open house, visitors were asked to identify and comment on sites they believed warranted consideration for regional park status. During the meetings, 104 sites of public interest were identified. The sites are listed below in the order they were identified during the meetings, not in any order or level of priority or otherwise.

1	Bald Mountain Peninsula	23	Maple Mountain	44	Mount Landale (Landalt)
2	Cobble Hill Mountain Recreation Area	24	Eagle Heights	45	Somenos Marsh
3	Mount Prevost	25	Honeymoon Bay Wildflower Reserve	46	Tent Island
4	Cowichan Valley Trail	26	Silver Lake	47	Cowichan River Dyke
5	Stoney Hill / Sansum Narrows	27	Cowichan River Park Connection	48	Land South of the Cowichan River and East of the Trans Canada
6	Mount Sicker Mines	28	Misery Creek	49	Trans Canada Highway side Trail
7	Mesachie Hill / Mountain	29	El Capitan Mountain	50	Trail Connection between CNR & E&N
8	Top of Malahat	30	Heather Mountain	51	Cliffside on the E&N
9	Outdoor Motorized Recreation Park	31	Townend Road to Somenos Lake	52	Kinsol Trestle
10	Youbou Lookout (South)	32	Bee Island and Adjacent Beach	53	No Name Lake
11	Stamps Road Trail	33	Cowichan Valley Highway to River Road (Trail Alternative)	54	Tuck Lake
12	Robertson Falls	34	Cowichan Bay Estuary	55	Cherry Point
13	Little Beach	35	Mount Tzouhalem	56	Trail to Genoa Bay
14	Cowichan Lake Education Centre Trail	36	Crofton Lake	57	McCurdy Point
15	Honeymoon Bay Lookout	37	Trail from Somenos Lake to Cowichan River Dyke	58	Mill Bay Estuary
16	Mount Whympers	38	The Forestry Pools on Hillcrest Road	59	Quamichan Lake Trail
17	Echo Heights	39	Cowichan River Waterway	60	Mount Wood Trails
18	Youbou Lookout (North)	40	Kingburne Park	61	Oliphant Lake Trails
19	Sandy Pool Older Second Growth	41	Paradise Pools	62	Rat Lake Trails
20	Lomas Lake	42	Chemainus River Old Boy Scout Camp	63	Spectacle Lake
21	Kissinger Lake	43	Chemainus River Estuary	64	Heart Lake / Stocking Lake
22	Heather Campsite			65	Wild Deer Lake






66	Power Line Trail	91	The “Magic Forest” off Genoa Bay Road
67	Mines Area	92	Woodley Range
68	Fleetwood Memorial Trail	93	Holland Creek Estuary
69	Bamberton Quarry	94	E&N Corridor Duncan Area
70	West Shawnigan Lake Park	95	Holland Lake
71	Old Baldy Mountain	96	Ladysmith Harbour Islands
72	Lands Connecting Cobble Hill / Kingburne Park / Kinsol Trestle	97	South of Fuller Lake
73	Wilcuma Ravine	98	Marble Bay Wetland
74	Cowichan / Koksilah Estuary	99	Mayo Mountain
75	Manzanita Hill	100	Youbou Mill
76	Mill Bay Shoreline	101	Wake Lake
77	Coffin Point	102	Bush Creek
78	Richards Creek to Somenos Lake	103	Centennial Park
79	Mount Bolduc	104	Hill 60
80	Logging RoW from David Road to Holland Creek		
81	Stocking Creek		
82	Holland Creek Trail Loop		
83	Highway to Hell Mountain Biking Trails		
84	LAP – Ladysmith Alpine Park Mountain Biking Trails		
85	Yellow Point Park		
86	Transfer Beach / Slag Point		
87	Chemainus Lake Park & Westerly Extension		
88	Hermit’s Trail		
89	Bare Point		
90	Island Nursery Lands		

Appendix E: Relative and Comparative Assessment of Sites of Public Interest

After the Spring 2006 Public Consultation Process, the locations of interest identified by the public were filtered through a relative and comparative assessment process. Sites were assessed based on existing level of protection and/or current land use status, outdoor recreational opportunities, representative landscape protection, ecological importance and/or significance, land availability and regional significance.

Relative Assessment

The following matrix was developed to visually understand the attributes and characteristics of the 104 sites identified by the public.

EVALUATION LEGEND	
SYMBOL	LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE
	Very Significant Attribute or Characteristic.
	Significant Attribute or Characteristic.
	Moderately Significant Attribute or Characteristic.
	Marginally Significant Attribute or Characteristic.
	Not Significant / Does Not Apply.

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	Bald Mountain Peninsula	Cobble Hill Mountain Interpretive Forest / Bomberton Quarry	Cowichan Valley Trail / Kinsal	Trestle / Manzanita Hill Trail / Fleetwood Trail	Stoney Hill / Sansum Narrows / The "Magic Forest"	Top of Malahat / Spectacle Lake / Oliphant Lake	Mount Whymper / Lomas Lake / El Capitan Mountain / Mount Lindolt	Lake Cowichan Waterfront (possibly Heather Campsite)	Somenos Marsh / Richards Creek / Trail Connections	Chemainus River / The Forestry Pools / Provincial Park / Old Boyscout Camp	Chemainus River Estuary	Heart Lake/Sodding Lake / Logging ROW / Highway to Hell & LAP Mountain Bike Areas	Woods Islands	Robertson Falls	Mount Tzohalem	Mill Bay Shoreline / Waterfront	Shawnigan Lake Waterfront (possibly Shawnigan Lake Provincial Park)	Bore Point	Woodley Ridge	Kingburne Park	Stocking Creek Park	Transfer Beach / Slag Point	Chemainus Lake Park & Westerly Extension	Centennial Park	Little Beach	Rat Lake	Wilama Ravine	Honeymoon Bay Ecological Reserve	Cowichan Bay Estuary / Kokiliah Estuary	Holland Creek Trail Loop	Yellow Point Park	Mount Prevost	Maple Mountain	Cowichan Lake Education Centre Trail	Cowichan River		
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Comparative Assessment - Results

Filter 1: Do not meet a Regional Level of Significance

Description: Sites that fall within this level were eliminated because each offered little in the way of regional uniqueness or significance, were small sites and/or perhaps were more suited for consideration within a local community park role or addition to existing park/protected area under the jurisdiction of other levels of government (i.e. potential for addition to existing provincial park).

Do not meet a Regional Level of Significance – Potential for consideration at Local Parks Level

Map Number	Site	General Location
6	Mount Sicker Mines	Electoral Area E
10	Youbou Lookout (South)	Electoral Area F
11	Stamps Road Trail	Municipality of North Cowichan
12	Robertson Falls	Electoral Area F
15	Honeymoon Bay Lookout	Electoral Area F
17	Echo Heights	Municipality of North Cowichan
18	Youbou Lookout (North)	Electoral Area I
28	Misery Creek	Electoral Area F
32	Bee Island & Adjacent Beach	Electoral Area F
36	Crofton Lake	Municipality of North Cowichan
47	Cowichan River Dyke	City of Duncan
48	Lands South of the Cowichan River and East of the TC Highway	Municipality of North Cowichan
51 / 71	Cliffside on the E&N / Old Baldy Mountain	Electoral Area B
55	Cherry Point	Electoral Area C
56	Trail to Genoa Bay	Electoral Area D
57	McCurdy Point	Electoral Area A
58 / 76	Mill Bay Shoreline / Waterfront	Electoral Area A
59	Quamichan Lake Trail	Municipality of North Cowichan
67	Mines Area	Electoral Area B
88	Hermits Trail	Municipality of North Cowichan
89	Bare Point	Municipality of North Cowichan
90	Island Nursery Lands	Municipality of North Cowichan
92	Woodley Range	Electoral Area H
93	Holland Creek Estuary	Town of Ladysmith

97	Lands South of Fuller Lake	Municipality of North Cowichan
98	Marble Bay Wetland	Electoral Area I
101	Youbou Mill	Electoral Area I
102	Wake Lake	Electoral Area E
103	Bush Creek	Electoral Area H

Potential for Provincial Parks Consideration

Map Number	Site	Potential Provincial Function
19	Sandy Pool Older Second Growth	Extension of Cowichan River Provincial Park
24	Eagle Heights	Provincial Park Consideration
27	Cowichan River Park Connection	Extension of Cowichan River Provincial Park

Potential for Private Sector Opportunities

Map Number	Site	Potential Private Function
9	Outdoor Motorized Recreation Park	Private initiative and maintenance

Filter 2: Have Accessibility Constraints

Description: These are sites that either are identified as having significant accessibility or acquisition conflict constraints.

Accessibility Constraints		
Map Number	Site	Constraint
41	Paradise Pools	Indian Reserve Lands
46	Tent Island	Indian Reserve Lands
53	No Name Lake	Remote Location
54	Tuck Lake	Remote Location
77	Coffin Point	Privately Owned & Developed
79	Mount Bolduc	Remote Location
104	Hill 60	Cowichan Tribes Land Purchase

Filter 3: Similarity Constraints

Description: Sites that were identified as having some similarities in elements and character to other sites suggested through the process, but which are considered to have lesser merit for consideration as a regional park candidate than other similar sites.

Similarity Constraints		
Map Number	Site	Similar Site
7	Mesachie Mountain	Bald Mountain / Cobble Hill Mountain
21	Kissinger Lake	Heart Lake & Stocking Lake
26	Silver Lake	Heart Lake & Stocking Lake
30	Heather Mountain	Mount Whympers/El Capitan/Mount Landalt
60	Mount Wood	Top of Malahat / Cobble Hill Mountain
65	Wild Deer Lake	Spectacle Lake & Oliphant Lake
66	Power Line Trail	CVT
95	Holland Lake	Heart Lake & Stocking Lake
99	Mayo Mountain	Bald Mountain / Cobble Hill Mountain

Filter 4: Sites with Reliable Protection Under an Existing Agency or Land Designation

Description: Sites suggested which are already managed and protected by other agencies and/or land designations were not considered further, even though the sites may have evoked strong public responses during the public consultation process.

Existing Municipal or Community Park		
Map Number	Site	Existing Designation/Protection
35	Mount Tzouhalem	Municipality of North Cowichan
40	Kingburne Park	Community Park
70	Shawnigan Lake Waterfront (possibly Shawnigan Lake Provincial Park)	Electoral Area B
81	Stocking Creek Park	Community Park
86	Transfer Beach / Slag Point	Town of Ladysmith Park
87	Chemainus Lake Park & Westerly Extension	MNC Park
104	Centennial Park	City of Duncan Park
Existing Municipal or Community Park Acquisition Initiative		
Map Number	Site	Protection
13	Little Beach	Community Park Initiative (F)
62	Rat Lake	Community Park Initiative (A)
73	Wilcuma Ravine	Community Park Initiative (D)
Land Trust or Conservation Agency Protection		
Map Number	Site	Protection Agency
25	Honeymoon Bay Ecological Reserve	National Second Century Fund of BC
34 / 74	Cowichan Bay Estuary / Koksilah Estuary	Ducks Unlimited Canada/ Nature Trust of British Columbia
82	Holland Creek Trail Loop	Cowichan Community Land Trust Society / Town of Ladysmith

Ecological Reserve		
Map Number	Site	Protection Agency
85	Yellow Point Park & Ecological Reserve	Province of BC
Forest Reserve		
Map Number	Site	Forest Reserve
3	Mount Prevost	Municipality of North Cowichan Forest Reserve
23	Maple Mountain	Municipality of North Cowichan Forest Reserve
42	Chemainus River Old Boy-scout Camp	Municipality of North Cowichan Forest Reserve
Other Protection		
Map Number	Site	Protection Agency
14	Cowichan Lake Education Centre Trails	Cowichan Lake Education Center
39	Cowichan River Waterway	Provincial Heritage Status / TLC /Provincial Park/Province of BC

Filter 5: Sites for Consideration as Candidates for Regional Park Acquisition

Description: Sites at this level of evaluation are considered as candidates for Regional Park acquisition based on the level of public interest expressed during the spring consultation process, the regional scale and uniqueness of the site and the role the site does or can provide for one or more of the following:

- Protection of significant ecosystems,
- Feature representative landscapes,
- Provision for outdoor recreation opportunities,
- Improvement to regional livability.

The role that these sites have the opportunity to provide could be compromised if the site is not secured.

Candidate Sites for Regional Parks & Trails

Map Number	Site	General Location
1	Bald Mountain Peninsula	Electoral Area I
2 / 69	Cobble Hill Mountain Interpretive Forest / Bamberton Quarry	Electoral Area B and C
4 / 49 / 50 / 52 / 68 / 72 / 75 / 94	Cowichan Valley Trail (TCT) / Kinsol Trestle / Lands Connecting Kinsol Trestle and Kingburne Park / Manzanita Hill Trail / Fleetwood Memorial Trail	Electoral areas A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, Municipality of North Cowichan, Duncan, Ladysmith, Lake Cowichan
5 / 91	Stoney Hill / Sansum Narrows / The “Magic Forest”	Municipality of North Cowichan
8 / 61 / 63	Top of Malahat / Spectacle Lake / Oliphant Lake	Electoral Areas A and B
16 / 20 / 29 / 44	Mount Whymper / Lomas Lake / El Capitan Mountain / Mount Landalt	Electoral Areas G and I
22	Lake Cowichan Waterfront site	Electoral Areas F and I
31 / 37 / 45 / 78	Somenos Marsh / Richards Creek / Trail Connections (Cowichan River Dyke, Roads)	Municipality of North Cowichan, City of Duncan
33 / 38 / 42	Chemainus River / The Forestry Pools / Chemainus River Provincial Park / Old Boy-scout Camp	Electoral Area F, Municipality of North Cowichan
43	Chemainus River Estuary	Municipality of North Cowichan
64 / 80 / 83 / 84	Heart Lake / Stocking Lake / Logging ROW Trail / Highway to Hell & LAP Mountain Bike Parks	Electoral Area G, Town of Ladysmith
96	Ladysmith Harbour Islands	Town of Ladysmith

Appendix F: Public Comments from (2006) Fall Open Houses

Completed Comment Form Responses

Proposed Regional Parks & Trails Vision

"The people of the Cowichan Region value and wish to secure in perpetuity a network of regional parks and trails to provide a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities, protect natural ecosystems, feature representative landscapes, link our communities and enhance livability within the region."

Do you agree with the proposed Vision Statement?

Yes	No	No Response
45	1	0

Comments:

- It is very good.
- Is it possible to designate the sites selected to discourage alternate uses?
- Recreational opportunities would be third, after protection and representation.
- There should be something like "heritage" to embrace First Nations aspects. There is a wealth of First Nations cultural aspects relating to many of these sites, which could be greatly appreciated by recreational users, if well interpreted.
- It isn't clear what the access, for some candidate parks, would be. This would be an important factor for me.
- Perhaps you could include some words to recognize that the vision includes improving the attractiveness of the Cowichan Valley to visitors from other parts of the country/world.

Candidate Regional Park Sites

"The following 12 candidate sites have been proposed as a system of regional parks for the CVRD. These parks have been selected from an extensive list of sites recommended during a series of public open houses in the spring. After a selection process guided by the priorities set out in the Vision statement the following 12 sites are recommended."

- Bald Mountain Peninsula
- Chemainus River Estuary
- Chemainus River Corridor
- Cobble Hill Mountain & Bamberton Quarry
- Heart Lake, Stocking Lake, Arbutus Hump
- Lake Cowichan Waterfront
- Malahat – Spectacle Lake, Oliphant Lake, Mt. Jeffrey
- Mount Whymper, Landale, El Capitan, and Lomas Lake
- Somenos Marsh & Trails
- Ladysmith Harbour Island(s)
- Osborne Bay / Ocean Waterfront

Do you support these sites as the basis for a regional parks acquisition strategy over the next 10 or 15 years?

Yes	No	No Response
44	2	0

Comments:

- I would like to see the addition of land on Maple Mountain. The above 12 candidate sites are excellent. I also recommend land on Mt. Tzouhalem being protected.
- Add – Echo Heights.
- Add park on Koksilah River comparable to the park on the Cowichan River.
- Buy a right-of-way / view point for Stoney Hill.
- Stoney Hill has no access to Genoa Bay Rd. Buying the necessary right-of way would be cost prohibitive.
- It's a good start.
- Access to some sites doesn't seem to be included, i.e. Paddy's Point on Sansum Narrows. Will there be parks for limited few who have that access?
- Great job. Many of my favourite places made the short list.
- Add Mt. Whymper.
- Time is of the essence. These parks should be acquired ASAP or several of these opportunities will be lost forever and the cost will become too high.
- Do not put motorized trails on, i.e. Woods Island.

Regional Trails

"The Vision of the Cowichan Valley Trail (CVT) is to link together communities throughout the CVRD with a network of multi-use non-motorized trails. In addition to the main 180km trail route linking with the Galloping Goose Trail south of Shawnigan Lake and Nanaimo's Trans Canada Trail north of the Diamond / North Oyster, connecting routes are proposed to link our communities across the region."

Do you support the overall Cowichan Valley Trail Initiative as it has been described this evening?

Yes	No	No Response
45	1	0

Comments:

- Need motorized access for wheelchairs and electric scooters.
- Get on with it. The sooner – the better. Connections to the more urban areas are missing. If left to the municipality, they may not get done, particularly when the trails cross municipal boundaries.
- A low level crossing of Koksilah River needed adjacent to Kinsol Trestle.
- Specify points of interest (harbours, lakes, rivers, wineries, recreation facilities, etc.)
- In addition, I would like to see the starting of a network of trails similar to Nanaimo and Victoria which are 6' to 8' wide, either crushed gravel or paved, which are used by walkers, joggers, cyclists, etc. The longer we wait as a community, the harder and more expensive it will be to secure and build. Nanaimo and Victoria have a 5-10 year head start at least on us. Why aren't we building them also?
- Put the trestle in across the Koksilah A.S.A.P.
- Connecting routes should be "off road" as much as possible so that they are safe for everyone especially children. Then they could have a dual purpose providing a walk/ride way for school children – ie. Between Shawnigan/Mill Bay/Cobble Hill. What about the Bamberton/Quarry Rd?
- Good for connecting but as little logging as possible.
- I really would like to see Woods Island as a park for educational purposed. Outhouses critical if usage is to increase. Also, education about bears – critical – lots of folks with cell phones in bear season.
- The trail should follow the E & N line in the CVRD.
- To acquire a complete trail around Cowichan Lake would be ideal.
- I feel Cowichan Valley Trail / Trans Canada Trail needs a real push.

Funding Regional Park Acquisitions

To implement this Regional Parks and Trails Plan, the CVRD Board may consider a variety of funding options. Some of these approaches have been described this evening.

In general, which of the following acquisition strategies do you prefer?

- Pay as you Go Acquisitions
- Acquisitions through Debt Financing

Pay as you Go Acquisitions	Acquisitions through Debt Financing	No Response
12	33	1

One method to finance parkland acquisition is through a Special Tax created for this purpose. Similar taxes are in place in the Capital Regional District and the Regional District of Nanaimo. For example a tax of \$1.65/month for the CVRD is estimated to generate \$1,000,000 for parkland acquisition.

If a special tax for parkland acquisition were considered by the CVRD Board, what level of taxation would you consider appropriate for this purpose?

Monthly Tax	Number of Responses
None, no parkland tax	0
\$1.00 / month	3
\$2.00 / month	17
\$3.00 / month	7
\$4.00 / month	16
\$5.00 / month	1
No Answer	2

Proposed Regional Park Candidate Site Comments

Bald Mountain

A lovely hike. There is also an opportunity to swim in the lake when you travel the trail along the lake. I really feel that there should be a moratorium on development on it. It has high recreational potential.

Chemainus River

Maintenance, garbage, etc.

Cobble Hill

Maintain existing woodlot licenses tenures.

Cowichan River Provincial Park

Recently visited the park with an inclusive leadership adventure. I was impressed with the 66-mile trestle hike (how well maintained it was, and the incredible natural beauty). We were also not the only group I saw there and noticed the park seemed popular. The toilet facilities seemed well maintained and the fire pit and covered areas were very nice. The park was wonderful.

Crofton Lake

Crofton Lake has signs that state that access is denied. People should stay out. However, people do go there.

Echo Heights

Want this saved from development and turned into a regional park.

Fresh Water

All sites on freshwater may have potable water values. Although lakes may not be water sources, the aquifers may be needed. Parkland access may have to change as water needs increase.

General Comments

Need a proposed extension to Trans Canada Trail. Telus has a fibre-optic cable under old rail bed.

Almost the last place dirt bikes & ATV's can be safely ridden.

Need to accommodate ATV's and dirt bikes. Environmentally sensitive areas can be accessed by riders. If appropriate, trails should be made available; riders would use them instead of destroying

the environment. Trans Canada Trail is not accessible to wheelchairs and electric carts. Gates, posts and rocks deny access.

Heart / Stocking Lake

I own block 731. Oyster District – 230 Acres within the candidate area. I am very familiar with the trails and the woods. I am interested in discussing park opportunities. Also, I am concerned about property rights and trespass and wonder about the impact of the candidate area on property values.

I am concerned that this trail goes through our watershed. We need to secure a clean source of water.

Mount Whymper

Lovely area to hike. Beautiful views from these mountains.

Concern for opening up a new area to the public. Already accessed but this could create problems for elk, bear, cougar, deer, plant life, etc. The logging road runs along Cottonwood Creek/Widows Creek. Walking from gate at Hall Road maybe, but no vehicle traffic pass the gate. I believe keeping to already used areas.

Stoney Hill

This is a lovely area to hike in. Not a difficult hike with beautiful Arbutus trees on Stoney Hill.

This is a public area with no public road access. Clean up costs of boathouse. Octopus Point – local community very concerned about protecting this property – potential partnerships.

Ladysmith Harbour Islands

Located in Ladysmith Harbour, Wood's Islands would provide local residents and tourists with easy access to the possibility of walking trails, nature hikes and educational outings for the children of this area. Boaters and kayakers would have a short way to go for hiking and picnicking. Acquisition of these islands, both or the smaller of the two would be of enormous benefit to many people, recreationally and economically. These islands are jewels in our community and should be protected.

This area is regionally significant. It is accessible by the Ladysmith Maritime Society, tour boat, kayaks, rowboats and canoes. It has community support. Needs to be protected. Ecologically sensitive, endangered Garry Oak, wildflowers, Yew and Cyprus trees. Marine and forest life offers marvelous educational opportunities. Bute Island is for sale right now. It is a harbour island worth preserving also. These islands should be preserved in their natural state and would be a valuable asset for the region. They are close to the Town of Ladysmith and therefore easily reached. As islands they are not as vulnerable to vandalism as other locations. The educational value of preserving these

islands augments the recreational value of them. I would hope they would be high on the list of locations to be acquired sooner rather than later.

Provides public access to an ecological sensitive waterfront area. There is very little waterfront property remaining that allows public access. There is a strong possibility that negotiations with the owner would see this Island or Islands donated. There is easy access from Brenton Page Road or from Ladysmith Harbour.

General Comments

I would love to see the mention or inclusion of “horseback riding” on any of the proposed sites. The Cowichan Valley is home to a very large equestrian group, and also “outside” visiting equestrian groups, which represent a large tourism potential. Several hundred riders and their families attend events at Avalon every year, with some coming from the mainland and even the USA. If there were “identified” horse trails we could enjoy ourselves and attract visitors who, by the way, can afford to spend money here.

It is nice to see something being done. Can’t wait for more. Do you want volunteers to clear trails etc?

COMMUNITY INTEREST				
	CONTACT	ORGANIZATION		COMMENTS
1	Les Bogden Surrey Office Rep.	Ducks Unlimited Canada 13370-78 Avenue Unit 511 Surrey, BC V3W 0H6	p (604)592-0987 f (604)592-0930 e l_bogdan@ducks.ca	
2	Lori Lannidinardo	Cowichan Bay Parks Commission 1366 Garret Street Duncan, BC V0R 1L0	p (250)748-0152 e lianni@pacificcoast.net	
3	Marcia Stewart Chair	Youbou/Meade Creek Parks Commission 10665 Youbou Road Youbou, BC V0R 3E1	p (250)745-3525 e darmar7@shaw.ca	
4	Dana Arthurs Vice Chair	Youbou/Meade Creek Parks Commission 10101 Youbou Road Youbou, BC V0R 3E1	p (250)745-6267 e danaarthurs@yahoo.com	
5	Christina Waddle Area Manager	The Land Conservancy of BC c/o 2709 Shorline Drive Victoria, BC V9B 1M5	p (250)479-8301 f (250)370-2599 e cwaddle@conservancy.bc.ca	
6	Mary Desmond President	Shawnigan Lake Watershed Watch 1878 Flicker Road Shawnigan Lake, BC V0R 2W5	p (250)743-2278 e slwwa@uniserve.com	
7	Eric Marshall President	Cowichan Valley Naturalists' Society (CVNS) 1705 Pavenham Road Cowichan Bay, BC V0R 1N1	p (250)748-3682 e ericmarshall@shaw.ca	<p>Very many thanks for letting me respond on behalf of the Cowichan Valley Naturalists' Society. There are a couple of points which we would like to make:</p> <p>1. We would like to see the Koksilah River valley develop a trail system, over time, similar to that on the Cowichan River. There are a few trails already there and it would be great to extend these so that one could walk most of the riverbanks.</p> <p>2. Similarly we hope that over time the existing trails could be joined together by footpaths or trails so that those wishing to progress from one trail or park to another could do so without having to walk along public roads. Even a footpath parallel to the road but separated from it by a few meters would be more pleasant than having to walk along the road.</p> <p>3. We hear that many people in the Valley are in favour of seeing that a parkland acquisition fund be set up with support from taxpayers so that property which would form useful additions to our existing parks and trails could be purchased should they come on to the market.</p>

COMMUNITY INTEREST				
	CONTACT	ORGANIZATION		COMMENTS
				Thank you for the opportunity to provide some input. I anticipate that some of our members will be attending the open houses and will doubtless have comments to make.
8	Jeanette Klein Regional Director Vancouver Island	Trails BC 4707 Ambleswood Drive Victoria, BC V8Y 2S2	p (250) 658-4791 e george_klein@telus.net	
9	Robert Holden	Cowichan Estuary Preservation Society 1168 Khenipsen St. Duncan, BC V9L 5L3	p (250) 748-8944	
10	Alan Beckerman Chair	Friends of Cowichan Bay Estuary	p (250)746-6977 e friendsofcowichanbayestuary@shaw.ca	This organization will be making an effort to try and persuade the inclusion of the Cowichan Bay Estuary for inclusion for consideration (correspondence is forthcoming). They will also be attending the open houses in October.
11	Jim Ayers President	Cowichan Community Land Trust Society #6 - 55 Station Street Duncan, BC V9L 1M2	p (250)746-0227 f (250)746-9608 e cclt@island.net	
12	Arthur Caldicott Member	Somenos Management Committee 4389 Wood Road Cowichan Bay, BC V0R 1N2	p (250)743-5551 e arthurcaldicott@sqwalk.com	
13	Dave Rife Member	Cowichan Outdoor Group #206 - 650 Dobson Road Duncan, BC V9L 2L7	p (250)746-4619 e drife@telus.net	
14	Trina White Chair	Shawnigan Lake Parks and Recreation Commission 2916 Wilkinson Road Mill Bay, BC V0R 2G0	p (250)388-0788 f (250)388-0787 e fom_victoria@sandman.ca	I will be talking to the Shawnigan Lake Parks and Recreation Commission further about the Master Parks and Trails. To date most of the Commission is up to date on the Master Trails and Parks. So from the feedback that I have received they like that Cobble Hill Mountain and the Spectacle Lake area is included. They as a group did hope for West Shawnigan Park, but this is also something that the Shawnigan Lake Parks and Recreation Commission could maybe take on.
15	Ken Cossey (also Area B Director)	Shawnigan Lake Community Commission	e kcossey@uniserve.com	
16	John Elzinga Manager	Cowichan Lake Recreation Box 777 Lake Cowichan, BC V0R 2G0	p (250)745-3712 f (250)749-3716 e jelzinga@cvrd.bc.ca	

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17	Brian Harrison Chair	c/o Kerry Park Recreation Commission Box 7, 1035 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road Mill Bay, BC V0R 2P0		
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18	Brian Goble GIS Supervisor	Cowichan Valley Regional District	p (250)746-2620 e bgoble@cvrd.bc.ca	
FEDERAL				
28	Mel Sheng Biologist Resource Restoration	Department of Fisheries and Oceans 4166 Departure Bay Rd. Nanaimo, B.C. V9T 4B7	e ShengM@dfo-mpo.gc.ca	Forwarded to Brian Tutty (e TuttyB@pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca,) p (250)-756-7144) for review. Mr. Tutty is interested in establishing a profile and discussing the CVRD's long-term acquisition plans for sensitive fisheries habitats in the CVRD.
29	Rob Russell A/Sr. Habitat Biologist Habitat Management South Coast Area	Department of Fisheries and Oceans 3225 Stephenson Point Rd. Nanaimo, B.C. V9T 1K3	e RussellL@pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca	At this time Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Habitat Management, does not have any specific comments to provide. We look forward to reviewing more detailed plans of the parks when (you) have moved forward in the planning phase to the point where we are able to provide site specific comments on (your) proposals. If the parks have a marine interface or component, I am your contact (Cowichan Bay, etc). If the parks are freshwater related (rivers and streams), Brad Rushton in our Duncan office (rushtonb@pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca) is your contact.
FIRST NATIONS				
30	Joe Allan, Chair First Nations Advisory Committee	PO Box 1350 Cowichan Lake, BC V0R 2G0	p (250)749-6585 e the750guy@shaw.ca	
31		Aboriginal Tourism Association of BC PO Box 2558 Vancouver, BC V6B 3W8	p (604)980-1088 e info@atbc.bc.ca	
32		Cowichan Valley Métis Association 156D Government Street Duncan, BC V9L 3S3	p (250)746-6146 e cvmn@shaw.ca	
33		Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (Ditidaht Representative) PO Box 1383, 5001 Mission Road Port Alberni, BC V9Y 3S3	p (250)724-5757 e nuuchah@nuuchahnulth.org	

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34		Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council 130 North Tsawwassen Drive Delta, BC V4M 4G2	p (604)943-6712 e robertd@nautsamawt.com	
35		Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group 12611-B Trans Canada Highway Duncan, BC V9G 1M5	p (250) 245-4660 e info@hulquminum.bc.ca	
36		Penelakut Tribe PO Box 360 Chemainus, BC V0R 1K0	p (250)246-2321	
37		Pauquachin First Nation 9010 West Saanich Road Sidney, BC V8L 5W4	p (250)656-0191	
38		Pacheedaht First Nation General Delivery Port Renfrew, BC V0S 1K0	p (250)647-5521	
39		Malahat First Nation 110 Thunder Road, RR4 Mill Bay, BC V0R 2P4	p (250)743-3231 e mfndadmin@shaw.ca	
40		Lyackson First Nation 9137 Chemainus Road Chemainus, BC V0R 1K5	p (250)246-5019 e lyackson@shawcable.com	
41		Ditidaht First Nation PO Box 340 Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7M8	p (250)745-3333 e ditidaht@islandnet.com	
42		Halalt First Nation 8017 Chemainus Road Chemainus, BC V0R 1K5	p (250)246-4736 e bert@halalt.org	
43		Cowichan Tribes 5760 Allenby Road Duncan, BC V9L 5J1	p (250)748-3196 e Chief.Secretary@cowichantribes.com	
44		Chemainus First Nation 12611 Trans Canada Highway Ladysmith, BC V9G 1M5	p (250)245-7155 e tsampson@cfnation.com	
LANDOWNER				
45	Steve Lorimer Manager Public Affairs and Government Relations	TimberWest 3-4890 Rutherford Road Nanaimo, BC V9T 4Z4	e lorimers@timberwest.com	

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46	Devin Hawes	Jemi Holdings PO Box 172, Station A Nanaimo, BC V9R 5K9	p (250)714-0505 c (250)246-7833 e bcland@shaw.ca	
47	Nancy Pezel, RPF	Islands West 172 West Hoylake Road Qualicum Beach, BC V9K 1K3	p (250)752-8896 f (250) 752-8372 e islandswest@shaw.ca	<p>Thank you for providing me with the information package on the CVRD Regional Parks and Trails Master Plan and the opportunity to provide input into the Plan.</p> <p>I am a forestry consultant currently working for two woodlot licensees within the Cowichan Valley Regional District. Woodlot Licence 0022 lies adjacent to Cobble Hill Mountain and will likely be impacted by future trail development and increased use of the area if it becomes a Regional Park. I have forwarded your letter and information package onto the licensees and Keith Granbois (see below) will be contacting you directly.</p> <p>Over the past few months the CVRD and I have discussed plans for the Trans Canada Trail alignment through Woodlot Licence 0024, south of Shawnigan Lake, but only in vague terms. Unfortunately, we have not been able to meet and conduct a field review of the proposed location to date. I hope that a field review can be conducted and a location agreed upon in the near future.</p> <p>My clients and I hope to continue to work with the CVRD and you in this exciting Regional Parks and Trails initiative.</p>
48	Keith Granbois	R & K Woodlot Ltd. 6 Newstead Crescent Victoria, BC V9B 6L4	p (250) 592-4868 e rkwoodlot@shaw.ca	Owner of the license for one of the two existing wood lots on Cobble Hill Mountain. Please include for any future correspondence regarding the development of the Regional Parks and Trails Master Plan that may consider this area.
49	Director Real Estate Management	TimberWest 3 - 4890 Rutherford Road Nanaimo, BC V9T 4Z4	p (250)729-3703	

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50	Fred Young Operations Supervisor	Terasen Gas Attention: Nanaimo Office 16705 Fraser Highway Surrey, BC V3S 2X7	p (250) 751-8300 e Fred.Young@terasengas.com	Their only interests are in the Trans Canada Trail section (just south of Duncan at Sooke Lake). Access is their biggest concern (gate placement, sizing and locks – request has been made to ensure access is controlled with 14 foot double locked gates), as well as upgrades to trail drainage and crossing of their facilities. These activities will require a permit from Terasen Gas. They are in the process of updating their Mosaic mapping system and have sent mapping data depicting their transmission pipeline where there could be potential conflicts with access, etc.
51	Len Hayley Director Timberlands and Properties	Island Timberlands 925 West Georgia Street Vancouver, BC V6C 3L2	p (604)648-4604 e lhayley@islandtimberlands.com	
LOCAL GOVERNMENT				
52	Mayor John Lefebure and Council	District of North Cowichan 9909 Cedar Street, PO Box 303 Chemainus, BC V0R 1K0	p (250) 746-3122 e lefebure@northcowichan.bc.ca	
53	Chris Hall Director of Planning	District of North Cowichan P.O. Box 278 Duncan, BC V9L 3X4	p (250)746-3100 e hall@northcowichan.bc.ca	
54	J.S. Dias CAO	District of North Cowichan P.O. Box 278 Duncan, BC V9L 3X4	p (250)746-3100	
55	Ernie Mantsueti Facilities Manager	District of North Cowichan P.O. Box 278 Duncan, BC V9L 3X4	p (250)746-3100 e mansueti@northcowichan.bc.ca	
56	Mayor Jack Peake and Council	Town of Lake Cowichan PO Box 860 Lake Cowichan, BC V0R 2E0	p (250) 749-6681 e jpeake@town.lakecowichan.bc.ca	
57	Mayor Robert Hutchings and Council	Town of Ladysmith PO Box 220 Ladysmith, BC V0R 2E0	p (250) 245-6403 e rhutchins@shaw.ca	
58	Bruce Anderson Manager of Development Services	Town of Ladysmith PO Box 220 Ladysmith, BC V0R 2E0	p (250) 245-6400 e banderson@town.ladysmith.bc.ca	Referred review to Patrick Durban (see below).

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59	Patrick Durban Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture	Town of Ladysmith PO Box 220 Ladysmith, BC V0R 2E0	p (250) 245-6400 e pdurban@town.adysmith.bc.ca	With regard to the Plan, the Town of Ladysmith has attempted to ensure that a Recreation Trail Corridor be established by acquisition or agreement, to ensure the link through the Town from the Cowichan Valley Trail through to the RDN Regional Trail system, under the umbrella of the Trans Canada Trail. This corridor is also to link throughout the Town at a number of locations to access the Waterfront and other Trail networks. There are a number of acquisitions that have taken place or are in the process that I would be happy to identify in greater detail with you if you wish. We are looking forward to continued dialogue and discussion on the various aspects of the plan and I will ensure Town Council and the PRC Commission are aware of the October 24, 2006 date at LSS in order that they can participate in the Public Information session.
60	Mayor Phil Kent and Council	City of Duncan Box 820 Duncan, BC V9L 3Y2	p (250) 746-6126 e mercias@island.net	
61	Tom Ireland City Administrator	City of Duncan 200 Craig Street Duncan, BC V9L 3Y2	p (250) 746-6126 e tireland@city.duncan.bc.ca	
62	John Gauld Regional Planning Manager	Islands Trust 1-500 Lower Ganges Road Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2N8	p (250) 538-5601 e jgauld@islandstrust.bc.ca	Referred review to Mark Broderick (see below).
63	Mark Broderick Island Planner	Islands Trust 1-500 Lower Ganges Road Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2N8	p (250) 538-5602 e mbroderick@islandstrust.bc.ca	THETIS ISLAND Consideration should be given for connectivity of the trail with Thetis Island, however, this should only be considered with a meaningful opportunity for input from island residents. Currently, there are no significant initiatives to encourage visitation to Thetis Island (i.e. there is no commercial camping services). Thetis is in the early stage of considering an OCP review, this topic could be presented to the community during this time. Please contact Mark Broderick if there is interest. SALT SPRING ISLAND There is advertising for bicycling opportunities on Salt Spring Island, it may be appropriate to consider a bike

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				<p>trail link in Crofton that could allow bikers to ride to/from SSI and connect to the CVRD trail system.</p> <p>Proposed Park #10: Stoney Hill/Sansum Narrows is complimentary with existing Burgoyne Bay and Mt. Maxwell parks.</p> <p>Similarly, the proposed Park #12: Osborne Bay Park is complimentary to the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry.</p> <p>There is an awareness of the possible consideration of tourism study of a "Pacific Rim" connector route, from Vancouver to Long Harbour on SSI and then through to Vesuvius-Crofton to Cowichan Lake and then further west to Bamfield and Port Renfrew, and down to Sooke - Victoria. It may be appropriate to consider this, and link with same or extend the proposed trail system to head further west.</p> <p>Also refer to the attached document "An Initial Tourism Strategy for the Islands Trust Area".</p>
NEIGHBOURING REGIONS				
64	Jeff Ward Parks Planner	Capital Regional District 490 Atkins Ave. Victoria, B.C. V9B 2Z8	p (250)478-3344 e jward@crd.bc.ca	
65	Don Watmough CRD Parks	Capital Regional District 490 Atkins Ave. Victoria, B.C. V9B 2Z8	p (250)478-3344 e dwatmough@crd.bc.ca	
66	Joan Michel Trail System Coordinator	Regional District of Nanaimo	p (250)757-9972 e jmichel@island.net	
67	Jeff Ainge Parks Coordinator	Regional District of Nanaimo	p (250)248-3252 e jainge@rdn.bc.ca	Please refer to comments below from Tom Osborne.
68	Tom Osborne Recreation and Parks Manager	Regional District of Nanaimo	p (250)248-3252 e tosborne@rdn.bc.ca	<p>Thank you for providing the opportunity for the RDN to comment on the CVRD Regional Parks and Trails Master Plan. As you are likely aware, the RDN has a Regional Parks Function in place that has evolved over the years. The primary area of interest that relates to the CVRD Parks and Trails System is in regard to the Trans Canada Trail in the northern portion of the CVRD.</p> <p>At present, the RDN has trail use agreements with Island Timberlands, TimberWest and the Province for the construction and management for the RDN's section of the Trans Canada Trail that starts at the CVRD / RDN</p>

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				<p>border through to the City of Nanaimo border. The Trans Canada Trail in the RDN also includes the 40 metre Haslam Creek Suspension Bridge which is located just to the north of the CVRD border. The RDN is very interested in the CVRD concluding the land use agreement with TimberWest in order to see the completion of the Ladysmith to Haslam Creek Suspension Bridge link. This link will be very beneficial to the northern CVRD municipality as the Bridge and the associated trail works would provide a very valuable recreation trail corridor to residents and guests to the area.</p> <p>This fall the RDN is constructing an 80+ metre suspension bridge crossing on the RDN Regional Trail System at Top Bridge over the Englishman River, located to the south of Parksville. Upon completion of this crossing, it is the RDN intent to complete the Nanaimo River crossing on the Tran Canada Trail in the coming years, thus completing the final step in the Trans Canada Trail through to Departure Bay in Nanaimo. The completion of the Haslam Creek – Ladysmith link is very important in order to fully maximize the use of this trail system.</p> <p>Should you have any questions in regard to the RDN Regional Parks and Trails System as it relates to the CVRD, please contact me at 1-888-828-2069.</p>
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND AGENCIES				
69	Tim Clermont Crown Land Securement Coordinator	Nature Trust of BC 2080A Labieux Road Nanaimo, BC V9T 5J9	p (250)751-3218 e Tim.Clermont@gov.bc.ca	
70	John Maher Environmental Co- ordinator	BC Hydro 400 Madsen Road, PO Drawer 1500 Nanaimo, BC V9R 5M3	p (250)755-7166 e John.Maher@bchydro.bc.ca	
71	Doug Elliot	Ministry of Transportation 3rd Floor, 2100 Labieux Road Nanaimo, BC V9T 6E9	p (250)751-4929 e Doug.Elliot@gov.bc.ca	Refer to comments below from Bob Wylie.

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72	Bob Wylie Sr. District Development Technician	Ministry of Transportation 3rd Floor, 2100 Labieux Road Nanaimo, BC V9T 6E9	p (250)751-3268 c (250)616-6048 e Bob.Wylie@gov.bc.ca	<p>The Ministry is looking forward to reviewing more detailed plans of the proposed parks and trails when (you) have moved forward in the planning phase to the point where we are able to provide site specific comments on (your) proposals.</p> <p>The Ministry's interests are in regards to uses within highway right-of-way, and include safe and appropriate crossings, access and adequate parking at trail heads.</p> <p>For sites south of Chemainus, please contact Doug Elliot in our office directly.</p>
73	Ron Creber Manager Water Stewardship	Ministry of Environment 501 345 Wallace Street Nanaimo, BC V9R 5B6	p (250)741-5694 e Ron.Creber@gov.bc.ca	
74	Don Closson Cowichan Area Supervisor	Ministry of Environment Environmental Stewardship, VI Region 2930 Trans Canada Highway Victoria, BC V9B 6H6	p (250)391-2319 e Don.Closson@gov.bc.ca	
75	Sharon Erickson Planning Section Head	Ministry of Environment Vancouver Island Regional Office 2080-A Labieux Road Nanaimo, BC V9T 6J9	p (250)751-3256 e Sharon.Erikson@gov.bc.ca	<p>In reviewing the July 2006 map showing the candidate park list (draft) of 12 areas, we note that where lands are identified that are under some level of Ministry of Environment management authority (for example, Somenos Marsh and provincial parks - Chemainus River and Spectacle Provincial Parks) we will be involved with ongoing discussions with the regional district on roles for involvement and management of those lands.</p> <p>Similarly, where we have joint involvement with trails, such as the Cowichan Valley Trail (part of the Trans Canada Trail system) we will continue to work cooperatively with CVRD. It is my understanding that work will be undertaken for detailing the route selection in the southern section (Shawnigan Lake south) in conjunction with Capital Regional District relating to this trail initiative.</p> <p>None of the proposed sites raise immediate 'red flags' with respect to ecosystem perspectives. Some of them likely contain rare species or sensitive ecosystems.</p>

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				<p>Some will not. However, until more definite boundaries have been determined, it is not possible to identify specific issues.</p> <p>At this stage, we support the CVRD in continuing with the process of determining public support for the 12 sites and regional trails, and we request that CVRD assess the ecological value of each location once they have done more preliminary selection. This assessment should also address the projected future use of each of these parks (in a management planning perspective as well as assessment of risk to conservation values). We would be pleased to be involved in the review of the assessments once they have been completed.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to review the present stage of the development of the Regional Parks & Trails Master Plan. We look forward to continuing to work with CVRD as the plan proceeds.</p>
76	Emma Neill Woodlot Forester	Ministry of Forests and Range 4885 Cherry Creek Road Port Alberni, BC V9Y 8E9	p (250)731-3022 e Emma.Neill@gov.bc.ca	
77	Dan Biggs Stewardship Officer	Ministry of Forests and Range 4885 Cherry Creek Road Port Alberni, BC V9Y 8E9	p (250)731-3049 e Dan.Biggs@gov.bc.ca	
78	Glenn Ricketts Chief Negotiator	Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation 2957 Jutland Road Victoria, BC V8T 5J9	p (250)953-4004 c (250)889-1695 e Glenn.Ricketts@gov.bc.ca	
79	Bill Armstrong Communications Officer	Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation 2957 Jutland Road Victoria, BC V8T 5J9	p (250)387-5060 c (250)893-7776 e Bill.N.Armstrong@gov.bc.ca	
80	Brent Mueller Manager	Ministry of Community Services Growth Strategies, Vancouver Island PO Box 9845 Victoria, BC V8W 9T2	p (250)387-2540 e Brent.Mueller@gov.bc.ca	
81	Don Foxgord	Vice-President, Tourism BC Publisher, BC Magazine Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts 12th Floor, 510 Burrard Street Vancouver, BC V6C 3A8	p (604)660-3759 e don.foxgord@tourismbc.com don.foxgord@bcmag.ca	

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82	Paul Tataryn Regional Recreation Manager (Coast Region)	Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts 2100 Labieux Road Nanaimo, BC V9T 6E9	p (250)751-7038 e Paul.Tataryn@gov.bc.ca	Forwarded to Frank Ullmann (Frank.Ullmann@gov.bc.ca), the Recreation Officer for the South Island/Sunshine Coast Forest Recreation District. He will be assessing this plan on behalf of our Ministry so please include him on your distribution lists.
83	Raymond Chen Director	2010 Corporate Relations PO Box 9830 Stn Prov. Govt. 300-1803 Douglas Street Victoria, BC V8W 9W5	p (250)387-6826 e raymond.chan@tourismbc.com	
84	Michelle Carr Senior Parks and Protected Areas Planner	Ministry of Environment Parks and Protected Areas Division PO Box 9398 Stn Prov. Govt. Victoria, BC V8W 9M9	p (250)387-3955 e Michelle.Carr@gov.bc.ca	
85	Wayne Haddow Regional Agrologist	Ministry of Agriculture and Land 5785 Duncan Street Duncan, BC V9L 5G2	p (250)746-1210 c (250)701-3466 e Wayne.Haddow@gov.bc.ca	<p>If trails are planned through farming areas please refer to the document "A Guide to Using and Developing Trails in Farm and Ranch Areas", published by the Ministry and the accompanying brochure "Trails thorough Agricultural Area", both of which are available on the web site www.agf.gov.bc.ca.</p> <p>Trails through farming areas can have a real impact on farm operations and therefore establishment and mitigation measures should be given full consideration. A number of regional and local governments have developed policies for trails through farmland.</p> <p>In the case of the Bamberton Quarry, there is farmland adjacent to the quarry that is currently farmed. The land was/is owned by the owners of the quarry. Likely the farmer who currently farms this land would be interested in renting it or a purchase/boundary adjustment.</p>
86	Leah Malkinson Planning Team Leader	Ministry of Agriculture and Land 2080-A Labieux Road Nanaimo, BC V9T 6J9	p (250)751-7087 e Leah.Malkinson@gov.bc.ca	

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87	Roger Cheetham Regional Planner Vancouver Island	Agricultural Land Commission 133-4940 Canada Way Burnaby, BC V5G 4K6	p (604) 660-7020 e Roger.Cheetham@gov.bc.ca	<p>Reference is made to the document “A Guide to Using and Developing Trails in Farm and Ranch Areas”, published by the Ministry and the accompanying brochure “Trails thorough Agricultural Area”, both of which are available on the web site www.agf.gov.bc.ca</p> <p>It is expected that the policies and alignment of future trails follow the requirements of the guide i.e. the trails to be located in the most appropriate locations having regard to impacts on existing and future agriculture and appropriate buffering to be provided in consultation with the affected property owners.</p> <p>If the guide is used, there should be no major difficulty with the applications when they are made to the ALC for specific sections of the trail.</p> <p>It should be noted that when the ALC gets specific applications, it is likely there will be a discussion regarding potential impacts with affected property owners, the satisfaction of their requirements are typically a condition of approval.</p>

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Public's help sought for parks, trails master plan

BY ANDREA RONDEAU
CITIZEN STAFF

The Cowichan Valley Regional District will soon be advertising for members of the public help to develop a master plan for regional parks and trails.

The CVRD board gave the go-ahead Wednesday to start the process, which it hopes to complete by the end of 2006.

For the volunteer advisory group, the CVRD is looking for people to represent a wide variety of interests and perspectives, from those with knowledge and experience in outdoor recreation to those with parks and community planning and development experience or knowledge of the natural environment.

The group's purpose will be to develop policies and objectives of the regional parks and trails, look at issues such as funding, governance and bylaws and make recommendations to the CVRD.

Although only eight will be chosen for the official advisory group, there will be a number of opportunities for others to have their say.

The process will include at least four public open houses, tentatively scheduled for March, as well as a public survey that will be mailed out to take the temperature of the community on levels of interest and willingness for financial support.

"Preparation of the updated Regional Parks and Trails Master Plan will include broad consultation activities involving residents, interest groups, community organizations, local community parks commissions, member municipalities and other levels of government," a CVRD staff report states.

Regional parks differ from community parks in several ways, said CVRD Parks Manager Brian Farquhar.

They tend to be larger pieces of land, he said, and have a more natural landscape. Often they are useful for more rugged outdoor recreational pursuits such as hiking, mountain biking, or horseback riding. They can also have regional significance to the area.

One of the things the advisory group

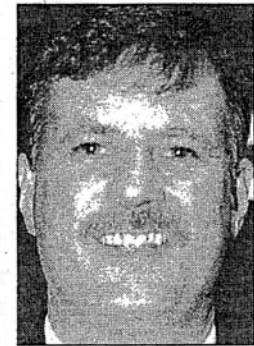
is likely to get involved in, using input from collected from the public, is defining differences between community, regional and provincial parks.

The CVRD doesn't have any particular locations in mind for regional parks, he said, but they're not starting entirely from scratch.

The district already has a couple of regional parks operating, including Sandy Pool Regional Park and the Cowichan Valley Trail Initiative.

Once a plan is put together, the CVRD will likely be look to the public for financing, possibly in the form of taxes, such as those that exist in the Regional District of Nanaimo and the Capital Regional District.

"I think it's cheap to get the plan," said Director Joe Allan; "it's implementing it that's going to cost the money."



Joe Allan: Plan is cheap but not the implementation.

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Public input sought on regional parks, trails

BY DOUG MARNER

The Cowichan Valley has a pretty impressive series of trails and parks.

There is Arbutus Park in Youbou to Bear Lake Park near Mesachie Lake, while the trails meander all through the Valley, most notably with the 140-kilometre Cowichan Valley Trail (Trans Canada Trail).

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Farquhar described the Cowichan Valley Trail as like the spine through the Valley, but there's much more. "Lake Cowichan is certainly connected to the trail, being the western terminus, but how can we link communities that aren't connected to the main trail? That's what we'd like to find out."

For those who can't attend the open house in Lake Cowichan, there are also open houses in the Cowichan Centre social lounge on March 30, 7 p.m.; in the Kerry Park Recreation Centre social lounge on April 4, 7 p.m.; and in Ladysmith Secondary School's multipurpose room on April 5, 7 p.m.

"We will be having more open houses as well," said Farquhar.



Arbutus Park in Youbou is one of the most popular regional parks in the Cowichan Valley. It is used for the annual Youbou Regatta's events, above, as well as being a popular destination for groups from as far away as the Victoria area.

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V A L L E Y

Blazing new trails in the Cowichan Valley



PATH FINDERS: Series of open houses aimed at spinning a strategy for a Valley-wide web of trails

DOUG MARNER
Lake Cowichan Gazette

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Farquhar said some initiatives have already begun, such as Yobubou Director Brooke Hodson's attempt to get parkland on the Bald Mountain

peninsula. He's already secured more than 200 acres and is seeking up to 1,000 acres.

Farquhar described the Cowichan Valley Trail as like a spine through the Valley, but there's much more.

"Lake Cowichan is certainly connected to the trail, being the western terminus, but how can we link communities that aren't connected to the main trail? That's what we'd like to find out."

The series opens with an open house in the Lake Cowichan curling lounge on March 29, starting at 7 p.m.

There are also open houses in the Cowichan Centre social lounge on March 30, 7 p.m.; in the Kerry Park Recreation Centre social lounge on April 4, 7 p.m.; and in Ladysmith secondary school's multi-purpose room on April 5, 7 p.m.

"We will be having more open houses as well," said Farquhar.

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The Cowichan Valley Regional District wants advice from the public on how to best develop the Valley's system of parks.

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Public input sought in CVRD parks expansion

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The Cowichan Valley Regional District is aiming to create a regional park and trail system, now that the provincial government has wrapped up its parkland expansion in the Valley.

This month and next, the CVRD will be hosting public meetings to identify locations popular for outdoor recreation and wildlife conservation, but that are under no formal protection.

"We need to find areas people recreate that are not designated as park," said Brian Farquhar, parks manager for the CVRD. "These are additional sites that the province has not moved on, or that are larger than the capacity of a single community. These are informal sites serving broad user groups."

Farquhar said B.C. Parks is no longer actively seeking land in the Cowichan Valley, prompting the need for a regional strategy.

Sharon Erickson, a park planner with the Ministry of the Environment in

Nanaimo, confirmed that not much is in the pipeline for new local provincial parks.

"B.C. Parks will be there if gaps need to be met, we are not saying there will be no changes or potential acquisitions," Erickson said. "But the regional district will fill regional needs."

One regional initiative, Farquhar said, could be expanding the hiking trail from Duncan, through Ladysmith to Nanaimo using the E&N rail corridor, which recently came under public ownership.

"We are going to be assessing the capacity of the E&N for a trail. At most places it is 100 feet wide," he said.

Farquhar said the CVRD is not looking to control existing community parks or protected forestland. He also said the program is not meant to usurp municipal housing or commercial development efforts.

"The objective is all becoming equal contributors to a regional park strategy. We want to see universal buy-in."

Farquhar expects the regional parks master plan to identify private land parcels for eventual parkland, which he said would likely be expensive. But he noted the Nanaimo Regional District and the Capitol District, for instance, have successfully managed regional parks for years.

Gail Wiseman-Reed, spokesperson for the Friends of Holland Creek, an environmental stewardship group in Ladysmith, agrees, saying: "We are sandwiched between two districts looking after their green spaces. We need to move on this while we have anything left."

"If you do one thing for nature this year, make your presence known at the meeting," Reed said. "If we have a packed house it shows the interest from the area."

The Cowichan Valley Regional Parks and Trail Strategy open house is March 30, 7-9 p.m. at the Cowichan Centre in Duncan and April 5, 7-9 p.m. at the Ladysmith Secondary Multipurpose Room.



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Residents crowd around maps that were part of a Thursday presentation on the future of Cowichan Valley Regional District parks and trails.

CVRD serious about developing parks and trails

CRUCIAL FACTORS: CVRD assures audience, public input is the key to a good plan

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The Pictorial

Community opinion will be a crucial factor in developing a regional parks and trails plan, says the Cowichan Valley Regional District's parks boss.

During a public meeting held Thursday in Duncan, several people voiced concerns that the plan would be drafted without enough public consultation.

But parks manager Brian Farquhar stresses the plan — which is meant to identify new regional park sites and detail how they could be developed — can't be drafted without community opinion.

"It's fundamental. We can't, in isolation, put together a parks and trails master plan because it's our communities we have to reach into for information on sites that they feel are significant and they would like to see preserved for future generations," he said following the meeting.

The CVRD's growing population and increased development pressure spawned the exercise, which started this week with public meetings.

"A lot of the natural spots we have enjoyed over the last 30, 50, 100 years are starting to change because of the increasing population," said Doug Backhouse, a parks committee member.

The plan will have to take into account recreation and conservation needs and cover a mix of environments from alpine to ocean, explained Backhouse.

Once identified, the new sites would benefit from funding from all electoral areas and municipalities.

Though there was some skepticism in the crowd about whether the CVRD board would consider parks a priority, Director Mary Marcotte, one of several directors on hand, says board members are behind the plan.

"We know that we'll have to come up with some creative funding... but certainly there's a lot of support for the idea," she said.

Two more public meetings are scheduled: April 4 at 7 p.m. at the Kerry Park Recreation Centre and April 5 at Ladysmith secondary school at 7 p.m.

Farquhar hopes to complete the plan by the end of this year but says that deadline will be extended if needed.

The CVRD currently has two regional parks: the Cowichan

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Linking CVRD parks with trails interests public

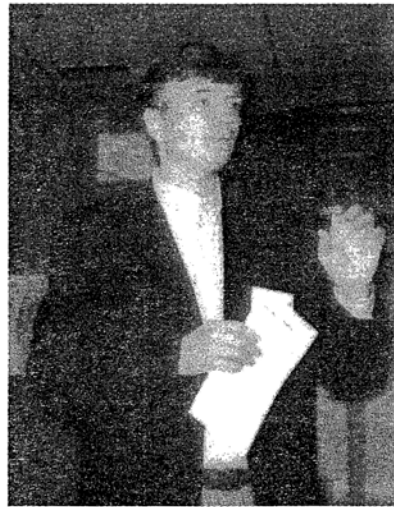
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At the Cowichan Valley Regional District open house on parks and trails, held in Lake Cowichan Wednesday night, Douglas Backhouse, landscape architect for Lanarc Consultants Ltd., and Brian Farquhar, CVRD Parks manager, invited the public to examine maps and identify and label potential sites to be included in a proposed regional park and trail system in the Cowichan Valley.

Forty-eight interested participants attended, discussed and identified several sites at Cowichan Lake that could be included in the regional plan, such as bicycle paths along South Shore Road and North Shore Road.

People also talked about putting something at the Youbou Lookout, between Honeymoon Bay and Caycuse, as well as trails between some of the parks in Youbou.

The Cowichan Valley Regional District covers a huge land area from the Malahat to Ladysmith on the east coast of the island



Douglas Backhouse speaks at the CVRD open house on parks and trails.

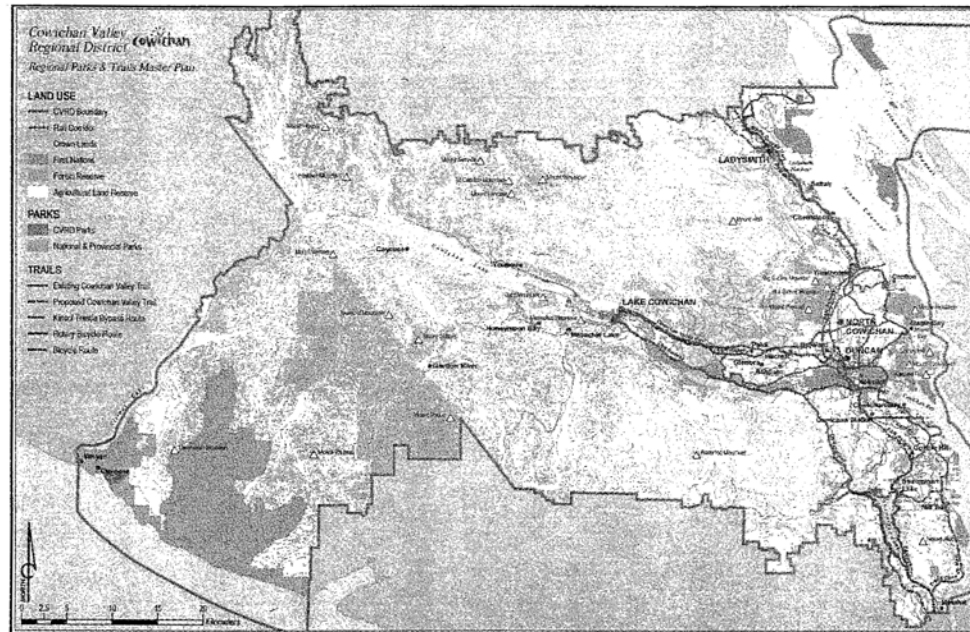
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to the Carmanah and Walbran valleys on the west coast. The potential for a parks and trail system is almost unlimited, the open house learned.

Among the many factors being considered are land acquisition, management options, funding and operations. Other questions to be considered are: Will the trails be accessible to horses, ATVs, bike, etc.? Are the parks to be recreational or conservation? Is land acquisition

possible?

Over the next several months the CVRD will be consulting with residents and stakeholders on establishing a system of parks and trails across the region. Through these consultations the CVRD will define the future policies, priorities and actions to guide acquisition and development of a network of regional parks



The CVRD encompasses a large area, as the above map shows, from Ladysmith in the north to the Malahat in the south and the Carmanah and Walbran in the west, with Cowichan Lake in the middle.

and trails. Public endorsement and CVRD board approval will be required to guide implementation of the strategy over the next 10 to 15 years.

In general, regional parks are established for the purpose of providing benefits for the residents across a region or are sites that have regional sig-

nificance or environmental considerations. Over the past several years the Cowichan Valley has focused on planning corridor acquisition and development of the 140-kilometre Cowichan Valley Trail (part of the Trans Canada Trail). This regional trail, once completed, will link with the Capital Region's

Galloping Goose Trail and the Trans Canada Trail in the Nanaimo Regional District.

Four Open House sessions are being held in the north, east, west and south sectors of the valley to gather community input and ideas on direction and priorities for a Regional Park and Trails Plan.

	Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Constraints	Advisory Group Recommendation
Bald Mountain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High and diverse use • Multiple Use • It's got everything • Strong local support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult road access • Requires public road access as part of acquisition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for Gordon Bay style camping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently at high risk 	Primary Acquisition Site The primary sites may come under increasing development potential. These sites should be aggressively pursued.
Chemainus River Corridor and Estuary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple Use • High riparian area, unchanged riparian • No existing woodlots 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect summer steelhead run • Kayaking, variety of levels • Ecological values are east of the hydro line 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Risk – Logging, Potential Mining • Extend further east toward the estuary • Combine proposed Estuary and River corridor as one site acquisition priority. 	Primary Acquisition Site The primary sites may come under increasing development potential. These sites should be aggressively pursued.
Cobble Hill / Bamberton Quarry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add in the quarry only • High recreation values • Forest Reserve designation protects trails, but does not protect the area from harvest • Georgia Basin Ecosystem Initiative – Rare plants high value • Protect the Summit • Lots of existing outdoor recreation use and activity. Diverse uses (i.e. hiking, mountain biking, equestrian, nature study) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cobble Hill Mtn is not a community park and does not have community park protection. South end parks, funded as a Cobble Hill Forest Recreation Reserve. Existing 30-year agreement only covers 416 hectares or 1003 acres proposed under the Recreation Area Management Plan completed in 2003. • Quarry site may have environmental issues and few ecological values 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of parkland through current rezoning opportunities • Entrench regional interest • Collaboration with management of working forest, regional forest reserve within a regional park?? • Low cost to the taxpayer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development potential 	Cobble Hill Mountain - Primary Acquisition Site The primary sites may come under increasing development potential. These sites should be aggressively pursued. Quarry Site – Tertiary Acquisition Site These sites are either under little development pressure or are not feasible to acquire at this time. It is important to monitor these sites and more actively pursue them as they become available or threatened by development.
Spectacle Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very good multi use • Diverse landscape 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None Significant 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change of use, encroaching urban development 	Primary Acquisition Site The primary sites may come under increasing development potential. These sites should be aggressively pursued.

	Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Constraints	Advisory Group Recommendation
Stoney Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing good protection Outstanding views Access to Saltspring Connection to Mt Tzouhalem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Difficult current access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase by municipality? Designated access is an opportunity Heritage designation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None significant Octopus Point. up for sale and may be logged Addition of hydro 	Primary Acquisition Site The primary sites may come under increasing development potential. These sites should be aggressively pursued.
Cowichan Valley Trail					Primary Acquisition Site The primary sites may come under increasing development potential. These sites should be aggressively pursued.
Heart Lake, Stocking Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vary good multi-use site Older, older second growth Full of old rail grades Heritage logging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substantial local involvement, protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refine the size down Refine proposed acquisition area to incorporate viewscape/drainage, cutoff at the road on the southwest side. Consult with locals for additional information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None significant, but also no protection No sense of urgency Older second growth, may be subject to logging activity 	Secondary Acquisition Site The secondary sites are considered to be under less development pressure than the primary sites. These sites are critical to the overall plan but there may be additional time available for acquisition.
Chemainus Estuary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The estuary is ecologically diverse Not high risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited Use Complexity and difficult ownership Doesn't cater to a large population 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration with FN Linkage to E&N Corridor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None Significant Global Warming 	Secondary Acquisition Site The secondary sites are considered to be under less development pressure than the primary sites. These sites are critical to the overall plan but there may be additional time available for acquisition.
Ladysmith Harbour Islands and Marine Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great beneficial impact on the harbour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited use and access to island 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move to dry land sort Push to have shoreline opposite included as a regional park Include water lots as a marine park Town of Ladysmith to set aside a riparian buffer Add Slag Point 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No protection Log booming has ecological impact 	Secondary Acquisition Site The secondary sites are considered to be under less development pressure than the primary sites. These sites are critical to the overall plan but there may be additional time available for acquisition.

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Cowichan Lake Waterfront	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake waterfront a priority for public access. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited use opportunities at present 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat launch, consider sites on the lakeshore • Look for something more than a campsite on the shore with a bathroom • Look for a site that may accommodate camping • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for changes in land use • Loss of opportunities 	Tertiary Acquisition Site These sites are considered to be either under little development pressure or are not feasible to acquire at this time. It is important to monitor these sites and more actively pursue them as they become available or threatened by development.
Mount Whimper, Landale, El Capitan, and Lomas Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beautiful • Good multi use potential • Extremely low risk from competing uses, Marmots on 3 or 4 peaks • Rare plant ecosystems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote access • Excessive winds, difficult terrain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiking, backpacking, summer activities • Cross country skiing during the winter. • Permit only travel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitive alpine habitat • Gold mining? 	Tertiary Acquisition Site These sites are considered to be either under little development pressure or may not be feasible to acquire at this time. It is important to monitor these sites and more actively pursue them as they become available or threatened by development.
Somenos Marsh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent access for all CV residents • Consider only as threats or opportunities arrive • Internationally recognized bird habitat • Connectivity to Cowichan Bay habitats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited use, • Good existing protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include Richards Creek as an inflow? • Work with willing upland owners to construct a lake trail • Somenos Creek connections to Cowichan Estuary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough land around the wetlands under protection for sustainable plan 	Tertiary Acquisition Site These sites are considered to be either under little development pressure or may not be feasible to acquire at this time. It is important to monitor these sites and more actively pursue them as they become available or threatened by development.

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Osborne Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good current protection • Older forest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult Beach Access, steep waterfront 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None significant 	Tertiary Acquisition Site These sites are considered to be either under little development pressure or may not be feasible to acquire at this time. It is important to monitor these sites and more actively pursue them as they become available or threatened by development.