Parks Master Plan



Electoral Areas B and C



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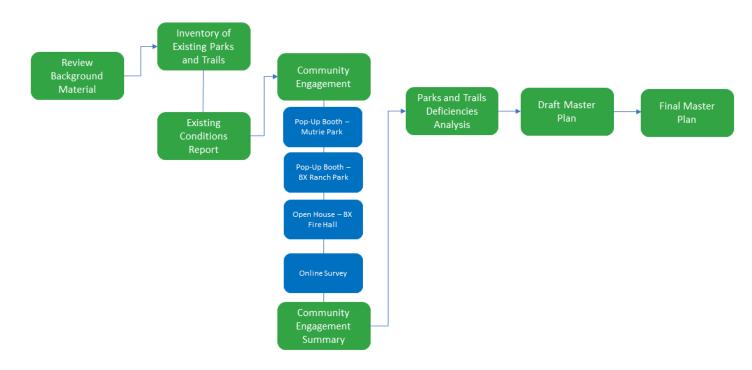
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1.0 CONTEXT

The Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) commenced a parks master planning process in fall 2018 for Electoral Areas B and C. The purpose of this process was to identify deficiencies within the existing local parks and trails system and opportunities for new parks and trails.

A parks master planning process was last undertaken for these areas in 2004, at which time Electoral Areas B and C were under the jurisdiction of Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation District. While there have been some major shifts in terms of parks planning responsibilities within the RDNO since 2004, many of the recommendations pertaining to parks and trails are still relevant. Figure 1 outlines the process for drafting this plan.



1.1 Overview of Electoral Areas B and C

Demographics

The combined population of Electoral Areas B and C was 7,073 in 2016, as reported in the 2016 census. Over a 15-year period, the population of these electoral areas grew by 6.4% (see Figure 2).



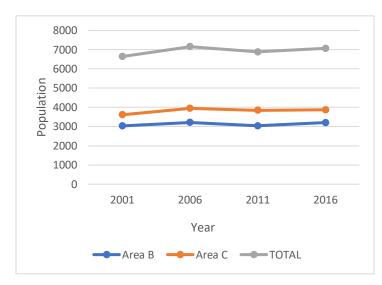


Figure 2: Population Growth (2001-2016)

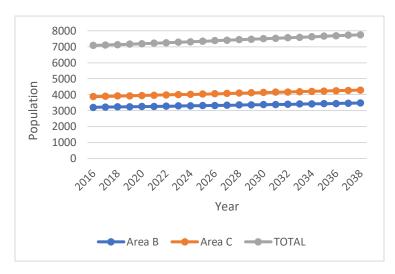


Figure 3: Projected population growth (2016-2038)

If this growth rate continues, the regional district can anticipate a population of 7,634 for these areas by 2038, with most growth occurring in Area C (see Figure 3). Much of this growth will likely be within the Swan Lake neighbourhood portion of Area C, as there are plans to provide sewer servicing to support development in the area. Approximately 1,300 additional residents are anticipated for this neighbourhood by 2038 if the provision of sewer services occurs. This would more than double the annual growth rate from it's current 0.42% for Areas B and C combined to approximately 1.1%.

The majority of the population in Areas B and C is between the ages of 45 and 74. The next largest age group is between the ages of 0 and 14 (see Figure 4). In 20 years, this may pose a challenge to the RDNO as the largest concentration of residents will likely be between the ages of 20 and 34 and 65 and 94, creating different parks and recreation needs than the current population base. If further development occurs with the provision of sewer, it will be in the form of new single family homes, but also carriage homes and secondary suites which may change the demographic somewhat towards 20 to 45 age groups.



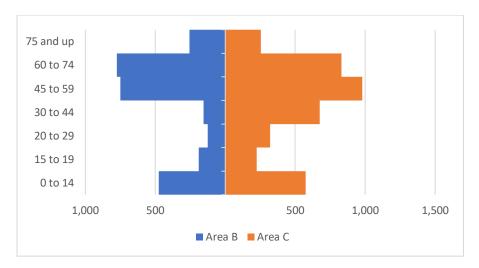


Figure 4: Population age breakdown 2016

1.2 Municipal Plan Alignment

The need for a parks master plan for Electoral Areas B and C aligns with the Regional District's priorities, as demonstrated in the Regional Growth Strategy and Official Community Plan for Electoral Areas B and C.

Regional Growth Strategy

The Regional Growth Strategy addresses the need for parks and trails master planning in the Environment and Natural Lands section. It is encouraged that local parks complement significant parks and open spaces to establish an integrated regional parks system. Part of this integration can be achieved through the creation of a connected trail system that allows for walking and cycling. This parks master plan aims to identify priorities within the short-term that will help achieve an integrated system in the long-term.

Electoral Areas B and C Official Community Plan

The OCP recommends a parks master plan in policy s. 12.1.16. The parks and trails priorities that are identified in this plan will be used to form the basis of a Parks DCC Bylaw for the two electoral areas, partially in accordance with OCP s. 12.1.17. While the management of parks within Electoral Areas B and C has changed since the OCP bylaw was adopted, the overall need to develop local parks and trails remains.

1.3 Parks Management

The Greater Vernon Parks, Recreation and Culture Service at the Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) was first established in 1978 under *Supplementary Letters Patent* granted in 1976. Early 2001 saw the service converted to a bylaw-based service of the regional district under *Bylaw No. 1648*. Since that time, many changes have occurred to improve the efficiency of the service and the spirit of cooperation.

As of January 1, 2018, the RDNO, under the terms of the *Greater Vernon Parks: Sports Fields / Beaches Agreement,* has amended its management scope to "open spaces and trails" in the Greater Vernon area. The signatories to the agreement include the City of Vernon, District of Coldstream, Electoral Area B and Electoral Area C. To promote increased local autonomy and to achieve



improved operating, administrative and governance efficiencies, community and neighborhood parks, sports fields, beaches and local trails have been transferred to the respective jurisdiction in which they are located.

While the main focus of this master plan is on local parks within Electoral Areas B and C, the proximity of these parks to the City of Vernon and the District of Coldstream means that they are used by residents of these municipalities. Likewise, City of Vernon and the District of Coldstream parks are used by residents of the electoral areas.



2.0 Plan Process

2.1 Project Steps

The regional district retained Urban Systems Ltd. to undertake a parks and trails master planning process for the Electoral Areas B and C local parks and trails. The steps taken in this project entailed:

- 1. Review of municipal documents to identify existing objectives for local parks and trails
- 2. Engagement with the community to identify the parks and trails that are being used most often and issues that need to be addressed
- 3. Identifying priorities for park and trail expansion and improvement based on the input received
- 4. Drafting the master plan with recommendations and timelines

2.2 Engagement

Community engagement focused on understanding park and trail use, levels of satisfaction, and concerns. Two pop-up booths were held in 2018: one at the BX Ranch Dog Park on September 18th from 4:00pm – 7:00pm and the other at Mutrie Dog Park on October 2nd from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. The RDNO engaged with visitors to the parks. An open house was held at the BX Fire Hall on September 26th from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. An online survey, also available in hard copy at the regional district office and at engagement events, was open for input from September 13th to October 12th, 2018, and there were 204 respondents.

Survey Results

The survey responses are summarized below. The survey did not require respondents to answer every question, therefore not all questions yielded 204 responses. The total number of responses received to each question is indicated in the analysis, as well as in Appendix A.

Question 1:

In the last year, did you or anyone in your household visit any of these parks or trails for any reason? Please refer to the map for a visual of all parks and trails and select all that apply from the answer choices below.

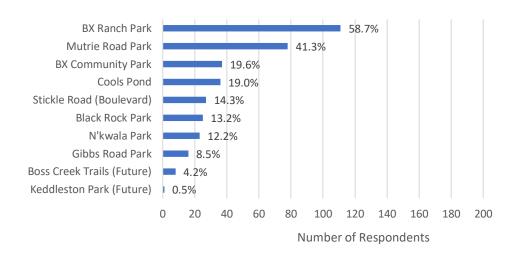
Cools Pond	Gibbs Road Park
N'kwala Park	Stickle Road Park (Boulevard)
Black Rock Park	BX Community Park
BX Ranch Park	BX Creek Trails
Crane Road Park, on Swan Lake	Keddleston Park
Mutrie Road Park	Boss Creek Trails
Silverstar Trails	

Survey respondents were asked to answer "Yes" or "No" to this question. Of the 189 respondents who answered this question, the top three parks that were visited within the last year included:

 BX Ranch Park (59%) (read all as 59% of households had someone visit this park in the past year)



- Mutrie Road Park (41%)
- BX Community Park (20%)





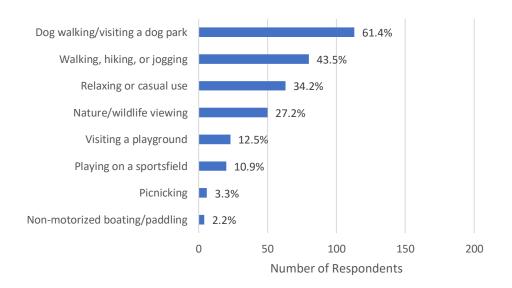
Question 2

Which of the following activities did you or someone in your household participate in at an Electoral Area B or C local park or trail within the past year (as shown on the map in Question 1)?

Relaxing or casual use	Nature/wildlife viewing
Picnicking	Dog walking / visiting a dog park
Outdoor swimming	Non-motorized boating / paddling
Playing on a sports field	Walking, hiking or jogging
Visiting a playground	

Survey respondents were asked to answer "Yes" or "No" to this. Of the 184 respondents who answered this question, the top three activities that residents participated in within the last year included:

- Dog walking/visiting a dog park (61%)
- Walking, hiking, or jogging (44%)
- Relaxing or casual use (34%)





Question 3

What do you like most about the local parks and trails in Electoral Areas B and C (as shown on the map in Question 1)?

A total of 125 responses were received to this question. Below is a summary of the themes that were mentioned (the number of respondents making a similar comment is in brackets):

- Like the off-leash dog areas (41)
- Enjoy the natural setting of the parks and trails (36)
- The parks and trails are easily accessible and in good locations (24)
- The parks and trails are maintained well (17)
- The parks and trails are not busy and are quiet (6)
- Abundance of parking (3)

Question 4

What do you dislike most about the local parks and trails in Electoral Areas B and C (as shown on the map in Question 1)?

A total of 114 responses were received to this question. Below is a summary of the themes that were mentioned (the number of respondents making a similar comment is in brackets):

- The parks are poorly maintained (25)
- More park amenities are needed (e.g., garbage cans, lighting, washrooms) (23)
- Nothing, they are great the way they are (14)
- Poor trail surfacing (e.g., mulch) (8)
- Need more on-leash dog areas (6)
- Abundance of natural hazards in the parks and along trails (4)
- Lack of safety at parks (4)
- Lack of playgrounds and equipment (3)



Question 5

What is your level of satisfaction with each of the following in relation to Electoral Areas B and C local parks and trails (as shown on the map in Question 1), with 1 = very unsatisfied and 5 = very satisfied?

Natural parkland	Parks close to where you live
Trails for walking	Trails for cycling
Sports fields	Outdoor courts
Playgrounds	Picnic facilities
Off-leash dog parks	Swimming / lake activities
Public washrooms	Maintenance of parks
Maintenance of trails	

A total of 134 responses were received to this question. The number of responses indicating a "very unsatisfied" or "unsatisfied" level of satisfaction for each amenity were combined, as were those indicating "satisfied" or "very satisfied". Respondents indicated they are most satisfied with the following amenities:

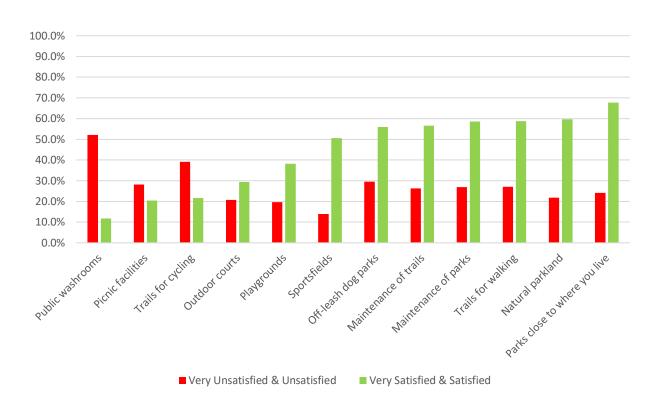
- Parks close to where you live (68%)
- Natural parkland (60%)
- Trails for walking (59%)
- Maintenance of parks (59%)
- Maintenance of trails (59%)

Respondents who answered this question indicated they are most dissatisfied with the following amenities:

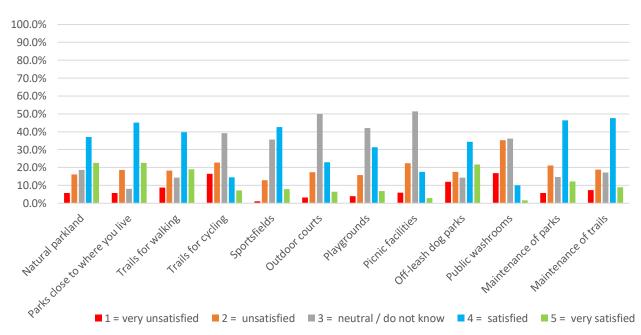
- Public washrooms (52%)
- Trails for cycling (39%)
- Off-leash dog parks (30%)
- Picnic facilities (28%)
- Trails for walking (27%)

The following graph shows the levels of satisfaction and dissatisfaction for each amenity:





The following graph shows the specific responses for each amenity:



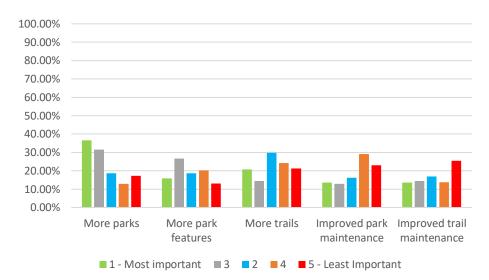


Question 6a)

Which of the following potential priorities for outdoor recreation are most important to you? Please rank each item with 1 being the most important item and 5 being the least important item.

More parks	More park features, e.g. sports fields, playgrounds, picnic facilities, washrooms
More trails	Improved park maintenance
Improved trail maintenance	

A total of 132 responses were received to this question. Around 35% of respondents indicated that more parks is the most important priority for outdoor recreation and 25% indicated that more trails are the second.





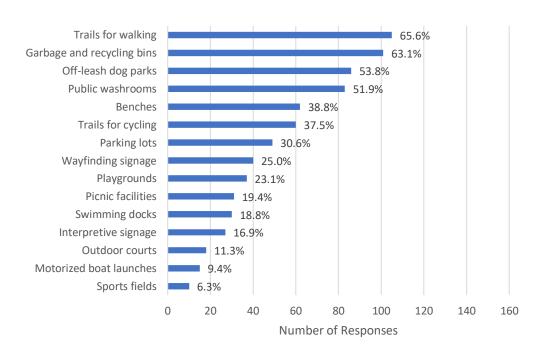
Question 6b)

If more park features are important to you, which of the following amenities would you like to see at the existing Electoral Areas B and C local parks or along trails (as shown on the map in Question 1)? (select all that apply)

Trails for walking	Trails for cycling
Sports fields	Outdoor courts
Playgrounds	Picnic facilities
Off-leash dog parks	Public washrooms
Benches	Garbage and recycling bins
Directional (wayfinding) signage	Interpretive signage
Parking lots	Non-motorized boat launches
Swimming docks	Other (please indicate)

Survey respondents were asked to indicate "Yes" or "No" for each of the amenities outlined in the list above. Of the 160 responses to this question, the amenities that residents would like to see more of include:

- Trails for walking (66%)
- Garbage and recycling bins (63%)
- Off-leash dog parks (54%)
- Public washrooms (52%)
- Benches (39%)





Question 6c)

Are there any specific Electoral Areas B and C local parks or trails (as shown on the map in Question 1) requiring improvements? If so, what improvements are needed and where?

Survey respondents were asked to indicate if any of the parks require improvements. A total of 69 responses were received to this question. Below is a summary of the themes that were mentioned by at least two respondents (the number of respondents making a similar comment is in brackets):

- Better park maintenance (e.g., remove dead trees, cut grass, plow snow in parking areas) (12)
- Provide more garbage bins (9)
- Provide more public washrooms (8)
- Better trail surfacing material (6)
- Provide a dog water fountain at Mutrie Dog Park (5)
- Build a fence along the road at BX Dog Park (4)
- Provide better signage at parks and along trails (4)
- No improvements are needed (4)
- Better playground equipment (3)
- Enhance connectivity of parks and trails (3)
- Pave parking areas (3)
- Provide lighting at dog parks to extend hours of operation in the winter (3)
- Provide a separate area for small dogs at Mutrie Dog Park (3)
- Enhance the environmental areas at BX Dog Park (2)
- Better bylaw enforcement where dogs are required on-leash (2)
- Provide flood protection measures on BX Trail (2)



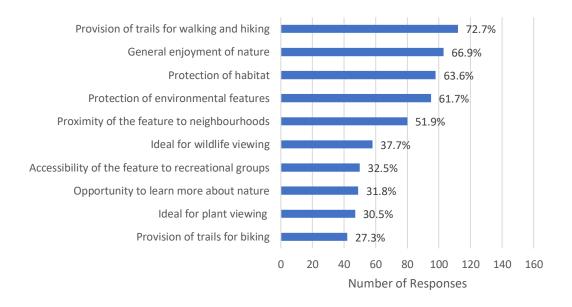
Question 7

What do you value about natural areas in Electoral Areas B and C?

Protection of environmental features	Protection of habitat
Provision of trails for walking and hiking	Provision of trails for biking
General enjoyment of nature	Ideal for wildlife viewing
Ideal for plant viewing	Opportunity to learn more about
	nature
Proximity of the feature to	Accessibility of the feature to
neighbourhoods	recreational groups

Survey respondents were asked to specify "Yes" or "No" for each value. Of the 154 responses to this question, the aspects that are valued most about natural areas included:

- Provision of trails for walking and hiking (73%)
- General enjoyment of nature (67%)
- Protection of habitat (64%)
- Protection of environmental features (62%)
- Proximity of the feature to neighbourhoods (52%)





Question 8

Are there any other natural areas or features in Areas B and C that you value and think should become parks in the future?

A total of 57 responses were received to this question. Below is a summary of the themes that were mentioned by at least two people (the number of respondents making a similar comment is in brackets):

- Nothing (5)
- More public beaches and lake access (4)
- Make BX Ranchlands a park (4)
- Provide more parks around Swan Lake (3)
- Provide more parking (2)
- Provide more off-leash dog areas (2)
- Allow more on-leash dog areas (2)
- Improve trail maintenance (2)
- Provide more parks (2)



Open House Feedback

Several questions were posed on the panels at the pop-up booth and open house events. Participants were asked to answer the questions by writing their response on a sticky note and placing it on the board. A total of 55 comments were received at these events.

What do you like about our local parks?

A total of 12 comments were received to this question. Below is a summary of the themes that were mentioned by at least two people (the number of respondents making a similar comment is in brackets):

- Appreciate the off-leash dog areas (4)
- Enjoy the natural features in the parks (e.g., creeks, forests) (4)
- Appreciate the public washroom amenities (2)

What do you dislike about our local parks? What can be done to improve our local parks and trails over the next 20 years?

A total of 43 comments were received to these questions. Below is a summary of the themes that were mentioned by at least two people (the number of respondents making a similar comment is in brackets):

- More amenities are needed (i.e., benches, washrooms, water fountains, lighting, garbage cans)
 (13)
- More interpretive signage at parks (6)
- More hiking and biking trails (4)
- Better playground equipment (4)
- Better maintenance of parks (3)
- Better enforcement of dogs in off- and on-leash areas (3)
- More off-leash dog areas (3)
- Expand parking areas (3)
- Better protection of environmental features (2)
- Better connectivity of trails (2)



Engagement Themes

Three key themes were identified during the community engagement as top areas of interest for the parks and trails in Electoral Areas B and C. The themes include:

1. Off-leash dog areas

Participants indicated that the primary reason they visit local parks is for the off-leash dog areas. The two off-leash dog parks in the Electoral Areas, BX Ranch and Mutrie, have the highest use. Community members mentioned during the engagement period that they would like to see more off-leash dog areas. Currently within Electoral Areas B and C parks, dogs are permitted on-leash unless otherwise posted.

2. Trails

Trails were identified by participants as the top amenity that they would like more of in the electoral areas. The second most popular recreation activity was walking, hiking, and jogging. Multi-use trails would likely be an attractive amenity as the community mentioned a lack of trails for both walking and cycling.

3. Maintenance and Support Amenities

The community specified that parks maintenance and lack of support amenities are the top items requiring improvement in the local parks system. These improvements pertain to the provision of more garbage cans, lighting, and benches, as well as better trail surfacing.



3.0 Vision and Goals

3.1 Vision

The vision for parks in Electoral Areas B and C is based on the regional district's over-arching vision and input from the community. It is as follows:

Regional District of North Okanagan Electoral Areas B and C have a vibrant and diverse system of local parks and trails that support a high quality of life for residents.

3.2 Goals

The following goals will assist the regional district in achieving the vision for the parks and trails in Electoral Areas B and C:

- 1. Expand the trail network to improve connectivity among parks, schools, key destinations in the community, and existing trails.
- 2. Locate new parks and design all parks for ease of accessibility.
- 3. Provide infrastructure and support amenities at parks and along trails to improve the recreation opportunities and comfort for users.
- 4. Expand the parks system to better serve the existing and future residents of Electoral Areas B and C.
- 5. Evolve the parks and trails over time to meet the changing recreational needs of residents.
- 6. Protect and provide opportunities for appreciation for the area's unique natural landscape by establishing important natural areas and features as parks.
- 7. Maintain parks and trails to a high standard to improve the user experience.



4.0 Parks and Trails

There are eight local parks and two local trails in Electoral Areas B and C with potential for future development. (see Table 1).

Table 1. Local Parks and Trails

Park Name	Park Type	Playground	Sports Fields	Courts	Dog Park
Black Rock Park	Natural Area				
BX Community Park	Community Park	Х	Х	Х	
BX Ranch Park	Community Park				х
Cools Pond	Natural Area				
Gibbs Road	Neighbourhood Park	Х			
Keddleston Park	Natural Area				
Mutrie Park	Community Park				х
N'Kwala Park	Community Park	х	Х	Х	
Stickle Road (Boulevard)	Boulevard				

Trail Name	Trail Type	Amenities and Infrastructure	
Welker Rd	Off-Road Trail	StepsSignage	
Boss Creek	Off-Road Trail	SignageGarbage receptacles	

The parks are described in the sections below.



4.1 Black Rock Park



Park Type	Size (ha)	Location	Access	Amenities
Natural Area	1.48	Area C, east	35 th Avenue	None
		of Vernon		







Strengths	Challenges		
The park has an attractive viewpoint looking west	 There is no parking lot at the park, which may deter visitors who do not live in the neighbourhood from visiting as the area is not ideal for on-street parking There is no recreation amenity in the park (e.g., trails, playground, sports field) 		

Recommendations

- Establish a recreation amenity, such as a trail leading to the viewpoint
- Construct a parking lot
- New Parks Signage
- Bear Proof Bins (once other works are planned at the site)



4.3 BX Community Park



Park Type	Size (ha)	Location	Access	Amenities
Community Park	0.88	Area C, west of BX Swan Lake Fire Rescue Dept.	Silver Star Rd and E Dedecker Rd	 Parking lot Soccer fields (2) Basketball court Playground Signs (2) Bench Garbage receptacle Gate



Amenity	Description	Photo
Soccer fields	 2 fields Grass surfacing Goal posts without netting 	
Basketball courts	Asphalt surfacing	



Playground

- 2 plastic slides
- Wood and chain ladder
- Wood ladder
- Wood ramp
- Wood platform
- Pea gravel surfacing







Bench	Concrete material	
Fencing	Chain link 370 m perimeter	





Strengths	Challenges	
 Location next to the Fire Hall is ideal for attracting visitors Multiple recreation amenities including sports fields and a playground 	 Playground equipment is outdated and not appealing to users There are very few benches for observers of sports games and parents/guardians supervising their children on the playground equipment 	

Recommendations

- Remove or upgrade playground equipment
- Add more benches around playground (if upgraded)
- New fencing along Dedecker Rd.
- New Parks Signage
- Upgrade garbage receptacles to bear proof bins



4.4 BX Ranch Park



Park Type	Size (ha)	Location	Access	Amenities
Community Park (off-	10.89	Area C, east of Vernon	BX Road	Parking lotTrails
leash dog				Washroom
park)				Signage (3)
				Benches (7)
				 Garbage Receptacles (5)



Amenity	Description	Photo
Benches	• Wood	
Fencing	 Chain link around perimeter Wooden rails at trails and entrance 6ft page wire fence on the west side ~ 1,500 m perimeter 	
Park entrance	Gateway / entrance signage 2 garbage receptacles	





Strengths	Challenges	
 Most visited park in Electoral Areas B and C Adequate space for dogs to roam off-leash and many trails 	 Trail surfacing is not ideal after precipitation because it becomes muddy Poor signage outlining rules for having dogs off-leash in the park Poor fencing security at the park entrance Insufficient number of garbage cans contributes to poor park maintenance 	

Recommendations

- Replace the trail surfacing with better material suitable for wet weather conditions
- Install more interpretive and regulatory signage at the park entrance
- Install more garbage cans throughout the park
- Improve fencing at the park entrance to enhance security for off-leash dogs
- Upgrade garbage receptacles to bear proof bins
- Regrade parking area for drainage, improved surfacing (asphalt milling)



4.5 Cools Pond



Park Type	Size (ha)	Location	Access	Amenities
Natural Area	1.5	Area B	Rimer Road	Signage (5)Garbage ReceptacleGate (2)





Amenity	Description	Photo
Viewing Platform	Wood 3 interpretive signs Extends over pond	
Fencing	Wooden rail ~550 m perimeter	





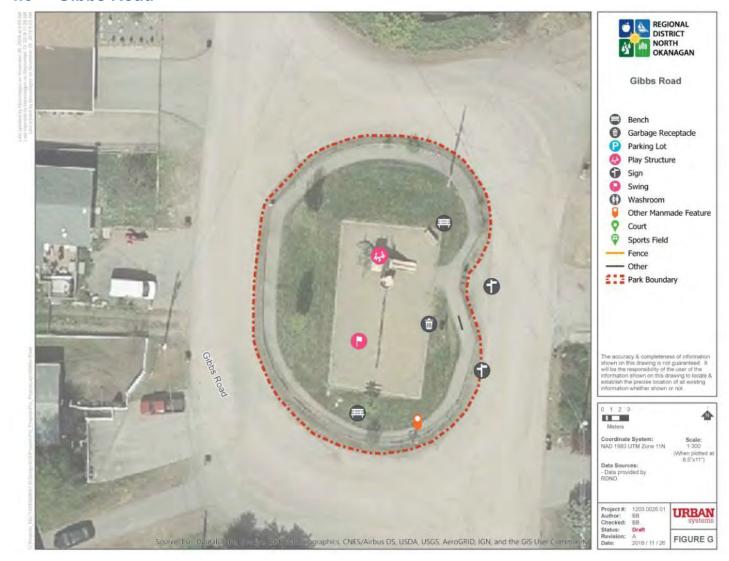
Strengths	Challenges	
 Viewing platform provides for experience of the natural feature 	 Viewing platform is ageing and in need of repair Existing interpretive signage looks dated 	

Recommendations

- Construct a new viewing platform
- Enhance viewing opportunities for additional passive recreation
- Design and install new interpretive signage with more current information
- Improve and expand the existing parking area along shoulder with MOTI
- Upgrade garbage receptacles to bear proof bins
- Replace Fencing



4.6 Gibbs Road



Park Type	Size (ha)	Location	Access	Amenities
Neighbourhood park	0.05	Area B	Gibbs Road	 Playground with sand surface Swings Benches (2) Signage (2) Garbage receptacle Gate





Amenity	Description	Photo
Playground	 2 plastic slides Metal platform Metal climbing features Swing set with metal posts and chain and rubber seats Pea gravel surfacing 	



Benches	• Wood	
Fencing	Chain link	
	~ 100 m perimeter	
		Gites Brief Park
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Strengths	Challenges	
Location within a residential neighbourhood makes the playground ideal for surrounding residents	 Location of the park in a road island limits opportunities. Park design and playground equipment is outdated Lack of shrubs, and few trees Surfacing is outdated 	

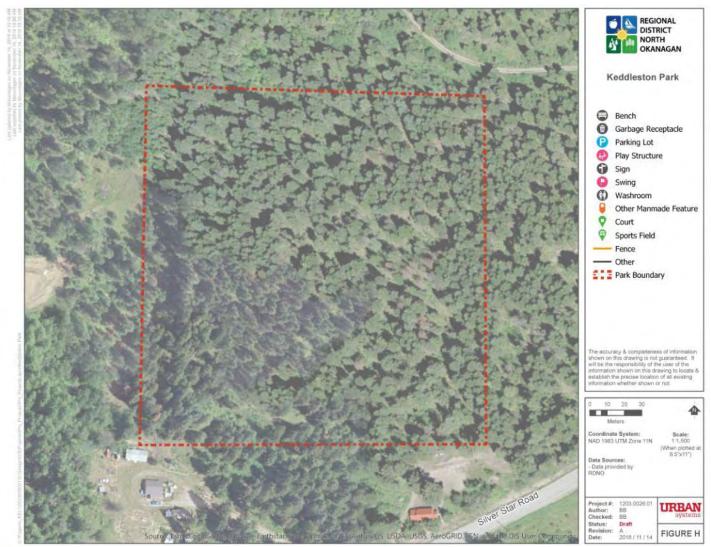


Recommendations

- Reconsider the design of this park and amenities provided in collaboration with surrounding residents
- Provide additional planting of trees for shade within the park
- Replace and add benches
- Replace Playground Surfacing
- Upgrade garbage receptacles to bear proof bins



4.7 Keddleston Park



Park Type	Size (ha)	Location	Access	Amenities
Natural area	4.04	Area C	Silver Star Rd	None

Strengths	Challenges
 Natural features provide an opportunity for trail building and wildlife viewing 	 There is no proper access to the park as the parcel does not abut the road and does not have a parking lot There are no trails or other amenities at the park to draw visitors



Recommendations

- Pursue a parking area adjacent to Keddleston property
- Construct trails for wildlife viewing and nature appreciation
- Add benches and interpretive signage after trails have been constructed to enhance the user experience
- Host additional open house for design of this park and amenities provided in collaboration with surrounding residents
- Include parks identification signage with any future development



4.8 Mutrie Park



Park Type	Size (ha)	Location	Access	Amenities	
Community park	2.73	Area C	Mutrie Road	•	Parking lot
(off-leash dog				•	Trails
park)				•	Benches (9)
				•	Signage (3)
				•	Garbage Receptacles (2)





Amenity	Description	Photo
Benches	• Wood	



Fencing

- Pagewire around perimeter
- Wooden posts at entrance ~ 704 m perimeter





Strengths	Challenges
Adequate space for dogs to roam off- leash in the park	 Fencing is not consistent and poses safety challenges Many of the benches are outdated There are few garbage receptacles, creating an appearance of poor park maintenance

Recommendations

- Upgrade and repair fencing
- Replace existing benches
- Install more garbage receptacles throughout the park
- Update signage at the park entrance to ensure that regulations for park use are current
- Upgrade garbage receptacles to bear proof bins
- Expand current parking area and surfacing as necessary Upgrade surfacing to asphalt millings



4.9 N'Kwala Park



Park Type	Size (ha)	Location	Access	Amenities
Community park	3.03	Area B	MacDonald Road	 Parking lot Playground structures (3) Soccer field (standard) Soccer field (small) Basketball court Swings Washroom Signage Benches (2) Garbage receptacles (2)



Amenity	Description	Photo
Soccer field	Grass surfacing Goal post without netting	
Basketball court	Asphalt surfacing Some grass overgrowth around edges	



Playground

- Swing set with metal posts and chain and rubber seats
- Rope climbing structure
- Plastic slide
- Metal and plastic play features
- Wood fibre surfacing





Fencing

- Chain link
- ~800 m perimeter



Strengths	Challenges	
The park offers a number of amenities to attract a range of visitors	 There are few benches at the park, requiring viewers of sports games to sit on the grass or bring their own lawn furniture The basketball court surfacing is beginning to experience grass overgrowth around the perimeter 	

Recommendations

- Install more benches (within vicinity of play equipment)
- Maintain edges of the basketball court surfacing consider surfacing or acrylic to increase potential uses on the court
- Upgrade garbage receptacles to bear proof bins



4.10 Stickle Road (Boulevard)



Park Type	Size (ha)	Location	Access	Amenities	Notes
Boulevard	0.91	Area B	Highway 97	None	This park is currently under construction

Strengths	Challenges
 Enhances the aesthetic appeal of this	 There is no access to the park or
service commercial/light industrial	recreation opportunity, mainly due to
area along the Highway 97 corridor	the location

Recommendations

• Continue to maintain the landscaping to enhance the aesthetic appeal of this area



5.0 Considerations for New Parkland and Trails

This section discusses the analyses conducted for proposed new local parks and trails. Within the timeframe of this plan, it is anticipated that the number of community parks will increase and a new agricultural park type will be created (see Table 1).

Table 1. Future Park Types.

Park Type	Existing and Proposed Parks
Natural Area	Black Rock Park
	Cools Pond
	Keddleston Park
Community Park	BX Community Park
	BX Ranch Park
	Mutrie Park
	N'Kwala Park
	L&A Road between Baker Hogg Road and Pleasant Valley Road
	South of Tillicum Road and east of Herbert Road
	Baker Hogg Road and Glenhayes Road residential areas
	East of Hillview Elementary surrounding the intersection of Robin
	Road and Pottery Road
Neighbourhood Park	Gibbs Road
Boulevard Park	Stickle Road (Boulevard)
Agricultural Park	BX Ranchlands

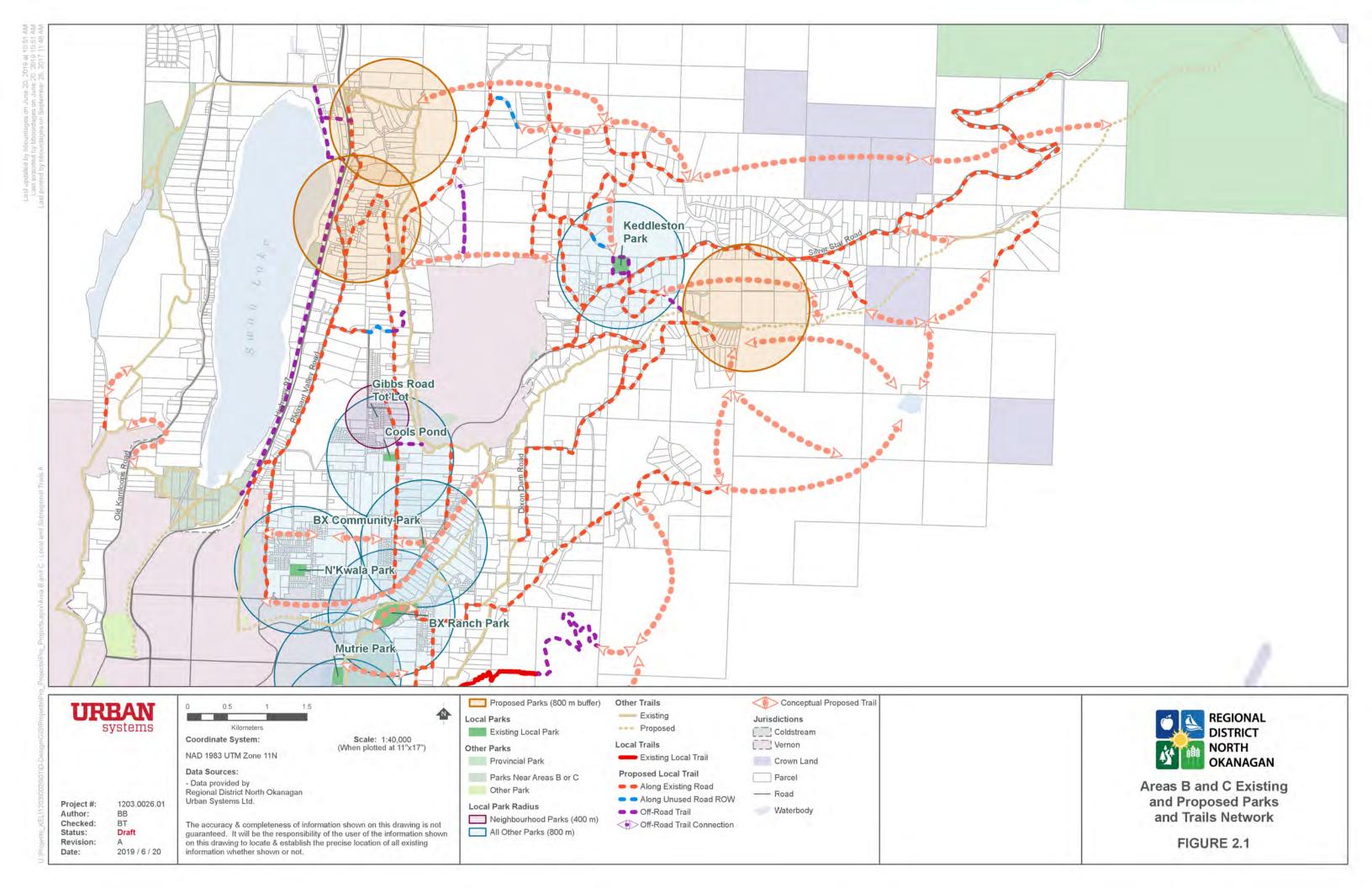
5.1 Parks Acquisition

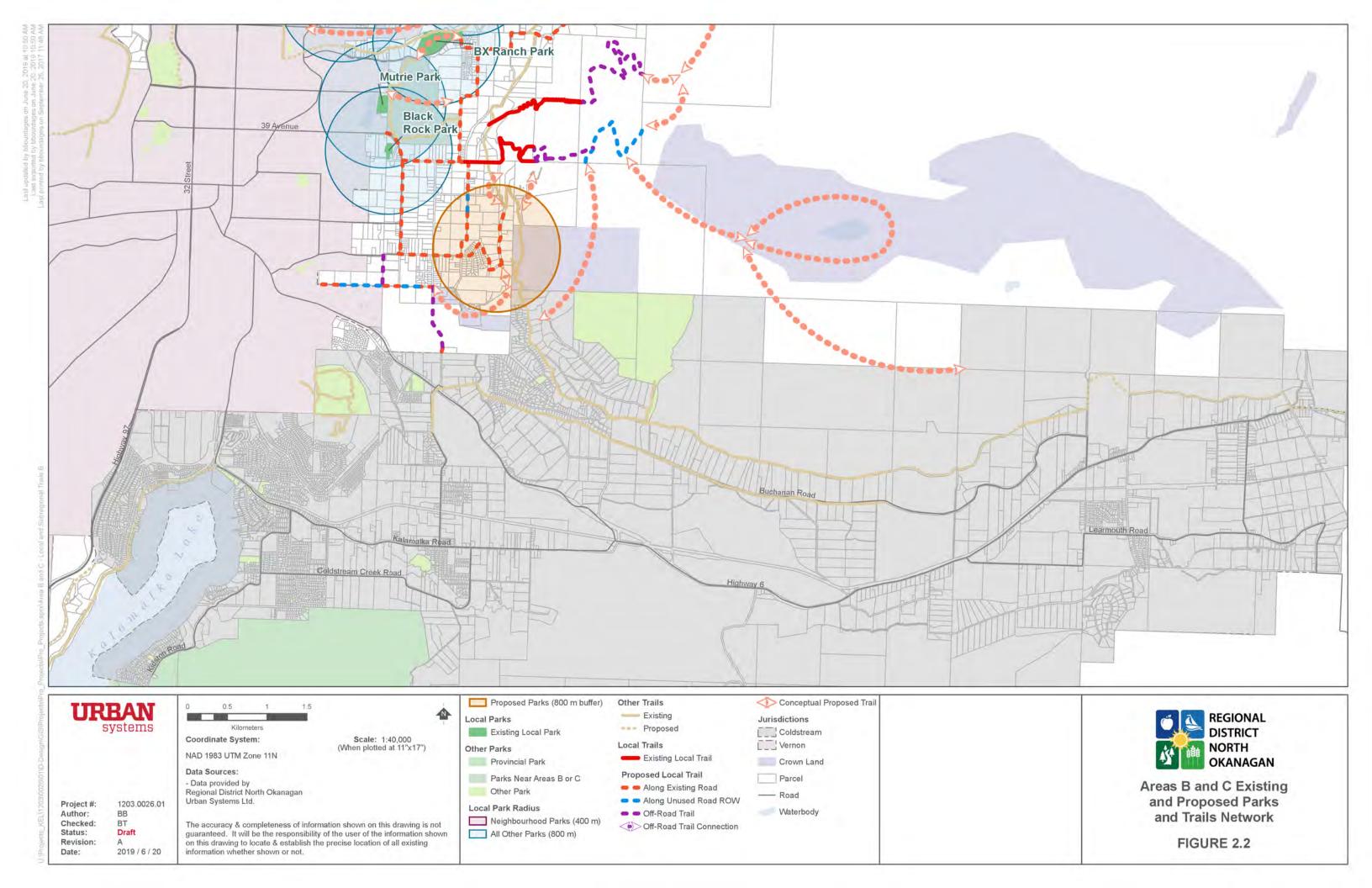
New Parks Analysis

As the population grows, more local parks will be required to serve new residents. There are two main methods for determining the locations of new parks – distribution of parks to achieve ideal walking distances from residents to parks, and population-based standards.

In urban and suburban areas, a typical standard is a five-minute walk (400 metres) to a neighbourhood park and a ten-minute walk (800 metres) to a community park. Figures 2.1 and 2.2 show the 400 m around neighbourhood parks and 800 m distances around community parks and natural areas. Locations for potential new parks are shown where growth is anticipated and to achieve the desired distances of residents from parks.

There are 4 proposed park areas denoted on Figures 2.1 and 2.2. These parks are identified as long-term priorities in s. 7.0 of this master plan. It is anticipated that these parks would be local community parks servicing a wider area. These proposed park areas were selected based upon review of where existing parks (local, subregional, regional, and City of Vernon and District of Coldstream parks) are located in relation to where most residential growth is expected to occur in Electoral Areas B and C. Residential growth projections were determined for the Swan Lake Commercial Area and Neighbourhood Plan that was adopted in fall 2018 as Schedule K to the Electoral Areas B and C Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2626, 2014. This growth analysis determined that with potential sewer servicing, most residential growth can be anticipated within existing residential development clusters (i.e. Gibbs Rd, McClure Rd) and on larger Rural Residential lots that have subdivision potential (i.e. north L&A Rd near Baker Hogg







Rd and Glenhayes Rd). Two new parks were specifically selected for the northern portion of the Swan Lake neighbourhood as there are gaps within the existing parks system here.

Acquisition Standards

The previous Parks and Recreation Master plan completed in 2004 identified the following standards for parkland acquisition:

- Neighbourhood Parks: 1 ha per 1000 people with a typical size of 2 4 ha
- Community Parks: 1 ha per 1000 people with a typical size of 4 8 ha
- Natural Areas: To protect environmentally significant areas/features and provide outdoor recreation opportunities
- Sports fields: 1 field per 6,000 people

The typical standards for neighbourhood parks, community parks, and natural areas do not apply in rural areas, so the approach to identifying new park locations is based more on walking distances to parks and the location of potential new development. Additionally, while the 2004 plan recommends 2-4 ha for neighbourhood parks, in this rural area the parks serve more of a gathering place rather than open space and 2-4 hectares is not required. A size of about 0.4 hectares (1 acre) would work well for a rural neighbourhood park. As such, it is recommended that the standards outlined in Table 1 be used to guide parkland acquisition. Based on the previously identified standard for sports fields of one field per 6,000 people, Areas B and C have more than what is needed for a projected population of 7,750, as there are two sports fields at BX Community Park and One at N'Kwala park.

Table 2. Parkland Acquisition Standards

Park type	Acquisition standard	
Neighbourhood Park	5-10 minute walk from residences within a clustered residential development.	
	Minimum typical size of about 0.4 hectares.	
Community Park	10-15 minute walk from residences within a clustered residential development	
Natural Areas	Environmentally significant features that should be protected within Electoral Areas B and C and that are accessible by car, bike, or foot	
Boulevard Parks	Boulevards or landscaped areas near intersections, acquired as opportunities arise and based on need for visual improvements	
Agricultural Parks	Land that is to be used for agricultural purposes such as community gardens, green houses, and other plantings.	
	Minimum typical size of at least 1.5 hectares	



Acquisition Process

Proposed parks should be acquired and built as part of land development projects. In terms of the process for acquiring parkland in these areas, the Regional District may consider the following options:

1. New Residential Subdivision

As per section 510 of the *Local Government Act (LGA)*, new subdivisions must provide park land of an amount and in a location that is acceptable to the local government or alternatively pay to the local government an amount that equals the market value of land that may be required for park land purposes. If new residential development occurs within the areas identified as having potential for future parks, this would be within the RDNO's favour as parkland can be acquired under the legislative process of the LGA and at no cost to the regional district.

2. Land Donation

There may be instances where land is donated to the regional district. If any land is donated within the areas identified as proposed parks, this land should automatically be considered for such purposes.

3. Land Purchase

The RDNO may wish to purchase property that becomes for sale within areas identified as proposed parks. Based on a review of parcels for sale in areas B and C, the average cost of vacant land per acre in 2019 was about \$75,000.

4. Tenure (Lease or Crown License)

The RDNO may apply to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to use Crown Land for recreational and parkland purposes.

5.2 Agricultural Park

Agricultural Parks have been identified as lands to be used for agricultural purposes such as community gardens, green houses, and other plantings. The BX Ranchlands have been identified as having potential to be developed in the future as an agricultural park. This property is located immediately east of Mutrie Park and south of BX Ranch Park. These lands are very large, at approximately 54 hectares in size, and if the space becomes an agricultural park, 40 hectares of these lands would be a community space hosting community garden plots, hay fields for harvesting, wetland restoration, passive open space, buffer areas and wildlife viewing spaces. Only the portion of the land that is to be used for agricultural purposes would be designated as an agricultural park. The location of the land between Mutrie and BX Ranch parks would allow for enhanced connectivity within the local parks system. The BX Ranchlands has been identified as a high priority for immediate acquisition.

5.3 Trail Construction

Map 3 of the 2004 Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation Master Plan identified potential trail connections throughout the Greater Vernon area, which included Electoral Areas B and C. Since 2004, some of the recommended trails have been constructed as sub-regional trails, such as the Grey Canal and BX Creek trail systems. There are, however, many trails that have not been constructed that are still ideal for Areas B and C due to the enhanced connectivity they will provide within the electoral areas as well as to Vernon and Coldstream.

Potential locations for other proposed local trails were determined with the same objective of increasing connectivity and opportunities for cycling, walking, and hiking within Electoral Areas B and C (see Figures



1.0, 2.1, and 2.2). Some opportunities for trail connections to the District of Coldstream and City of Vernon were also identified. These proposed trails were based on an analysis of existing trail and park locations (including Crown Land and provincial parks), road rights-of-way, and topography (contours). The RDNO aims to incorporate as many trails as possible onto existing unused road rights-of-way that are owned by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Proposed trails are grouped within four categories:

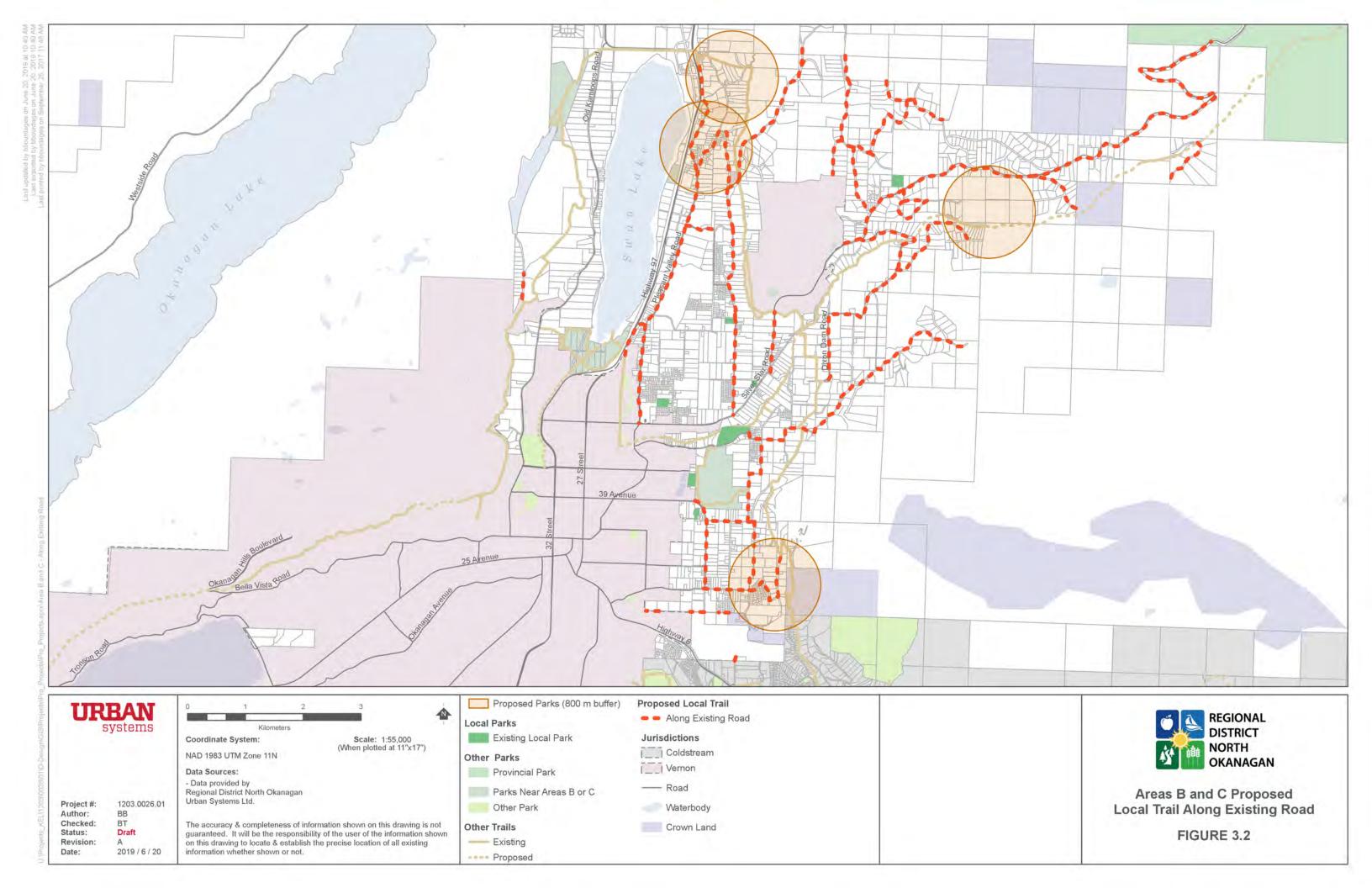
- 1. trails along existing roads,
- 2. trails along unused road rights-of-way (R-O-W),
- 3. off-road trails, and
- 4. conceptual proposed trails.

It is anticipated that any new trail construction will adhere to the standards outlined in Section 3.2 Trail Types of the Regional District of North Okanagan Sub-Regional Open Space and Trails Policy.

Trails Along Existing Roads

There are 50 km of trails proposed along existing roads within Electoral Areas B and C (see Figure 3.2). If constructed, these trails will provide connections to existing sub-regional trails and additional opportunities for safe cycling routes. Trails are proposed to be built along the following existing roads:

- 1. 39th Avenue / Black Rock Road, from intersection of 39th and Mutrie to intersection of Francis and Black Rock Road
- 2. Francis Street from Black Rock Road to Pottery Road
- 3. Highland Road from Highway 97 to Silverstone Frontage Road
- 4. Greenhow Road at Baker Hogg Road to Pleasant Valley Road at Silver Star Road
- 5.. Herry Road from Pleasant Valley Road east to where the road turns south
- 6. L&A Road from Pleasant Valley Road south to Silver Star Road
- 7. Silver Star Road from just south of Blackcomb Way to Star Road
- 8. East Vernon Road from BX Ranch Park to Hartnell Road at Lynx Drive
- 9. East Vernon Road south to Welker Road
- 10. Black Rock Road and East Vernon Road from Francis Street to Welker Road
- 11. Phillips Road at Welker Road to McLeish Road
- 12. Bodwell Road to Robin Road/Pottery Road
- 13. Pottery Road at East Vernon Road to Robin Road at Galiano Place
- 14. Mountview Road (existing constructed portions)
- 15. Dixon Dam Road from Maddock Road to Tillicum Road at Silver Star Road
- 16. Silver Star Road at Hitchcock Road beyond Green Way Road
- 17. Wallace Road loop to second Falcon Road intersection
- 18. Keddleston Road at Silver Star Road to Deerwood Road





- 19. Wilson Jack Road at Keddleston Road to fourth road bend
- 20. Goose Lake Road north from Grey Canal Trail
- 21. Wilson Jackson Road to Aspen Road
- 22. Jodarshe Road
- 23. Ladner Road

Trails Along Unused Road R-O-W

There are 5 km of trails proposed along unused road R-O-Ws (see Figure 3.3). These proposed trails largely supplement proposed trail connections along existing roads or future off-road trails. Trails are proposed to be built on the following unused road R-O-Ws:

- 1. Along the southern portion of Highland Road adjacent to the Swan Lake RV Resort
- 2. Along the creek between Herry Road and L&A Road
- 3. Off McLennan Road
- 4. Unconstructed connectors of Mountview Road
- 5. Connection between Phillips Road and Bodwell Road
- 6. Portions of Boss Creek trails

Off-Road Trails

There are 9 km of off-road trails proposed (see Figure 3.4). Most of the proposed off-road trails are for Boss Creek and these are anticipated to begin construction in 2019. Other proposed off-road trails include:

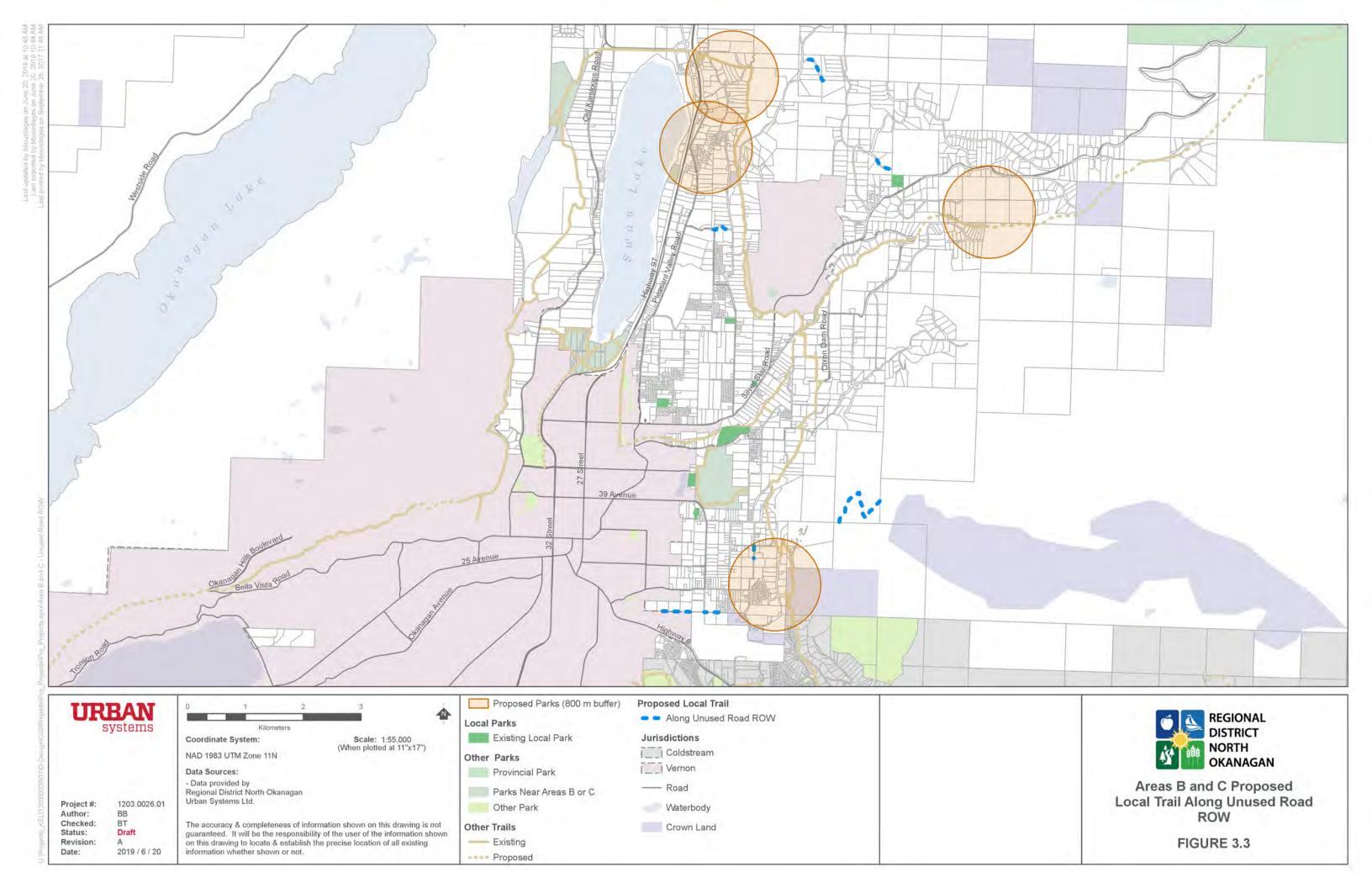
- 1. From L&A Road to Grey Canal Trail
- 2. Around the perimeter of Keddleston Park
- 3. Wallace Road at Falcon Road to Dixon Dam Road
- 4. Boss Creek Trails
- 5. Pottery Road to Mountainview Road, just west of Francis Street
- 6. Along North Aberdeen Road
- 7. Redwing Road along Highway 97 south to Swan Lake Nature Reserve

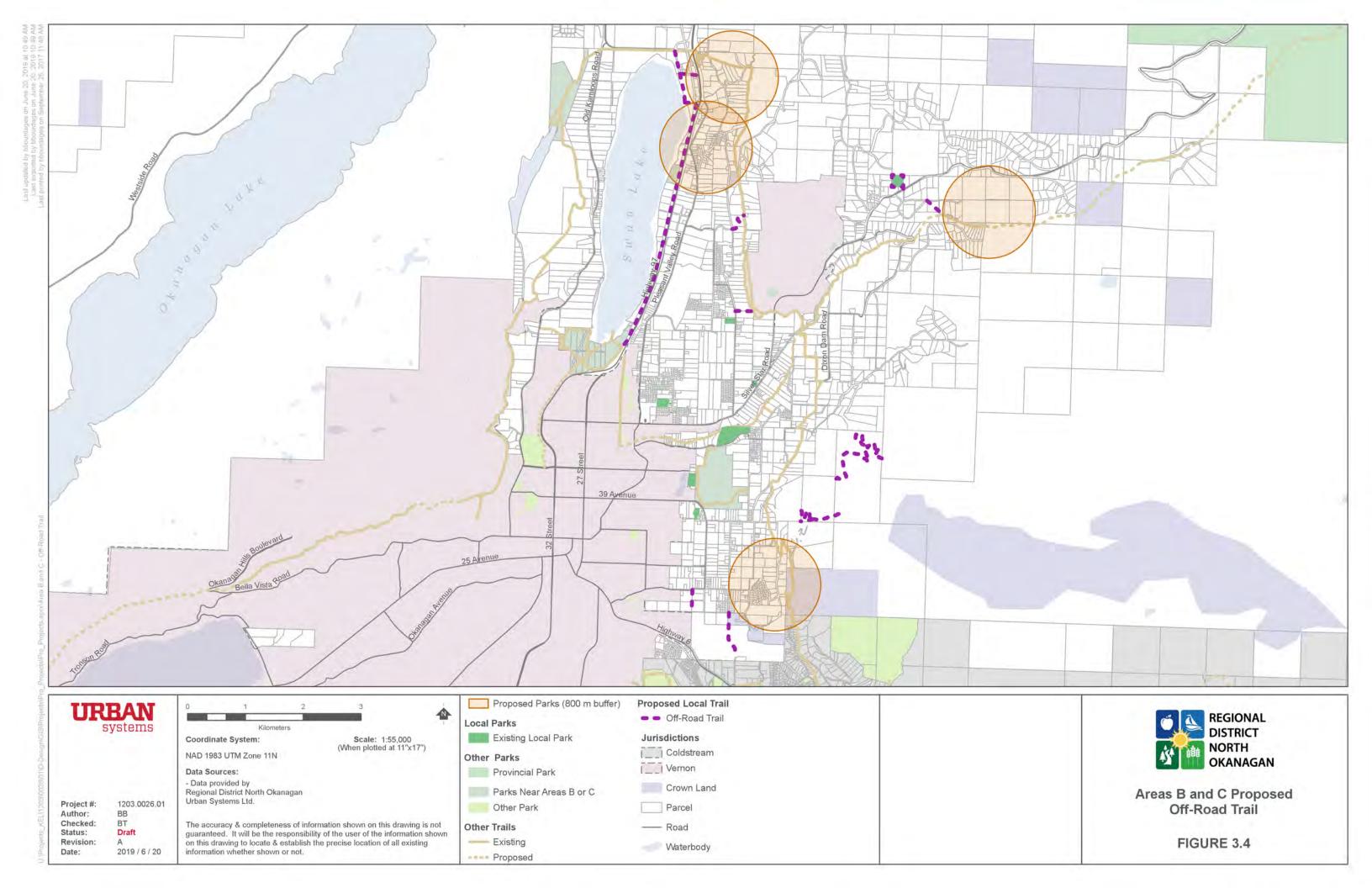
Off-Road Trail Connection

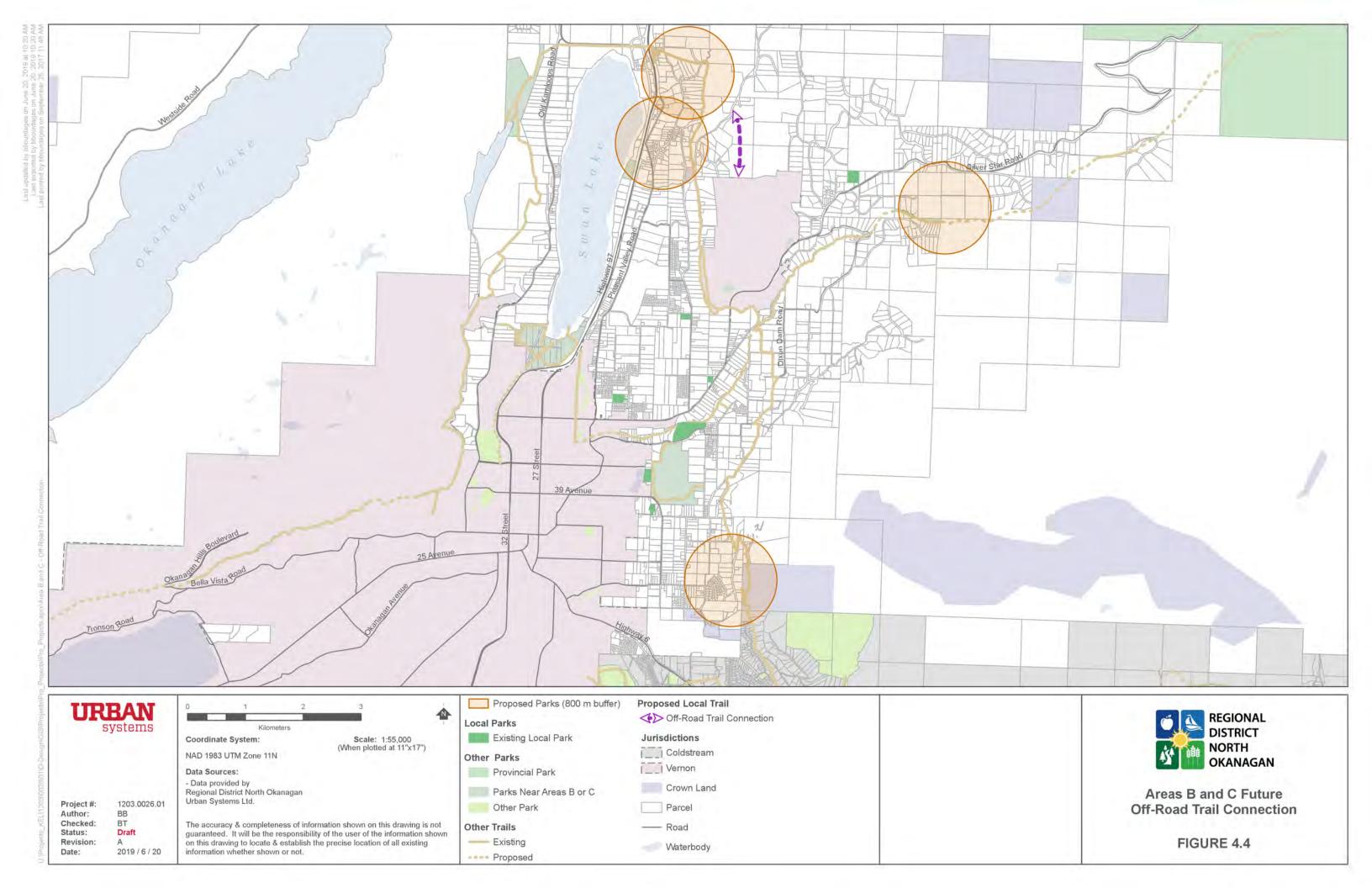
There is one off-road trail connection that was identified off of McLennan Road to accommodate a future residential development (see Figure 4.4). This will aim to connect the future development with the Silver Star Foothills neighbourhood.

Conceptual Trails

There are approximately 62 km of conceptual trails proposed (see Figure 3.1). These are highly conceptual as no exact location has been determined for them, however they were identified as potential









connections to the existing local, sub-regional, and regional trail network. They also act as connections between existing and proposed local parks.

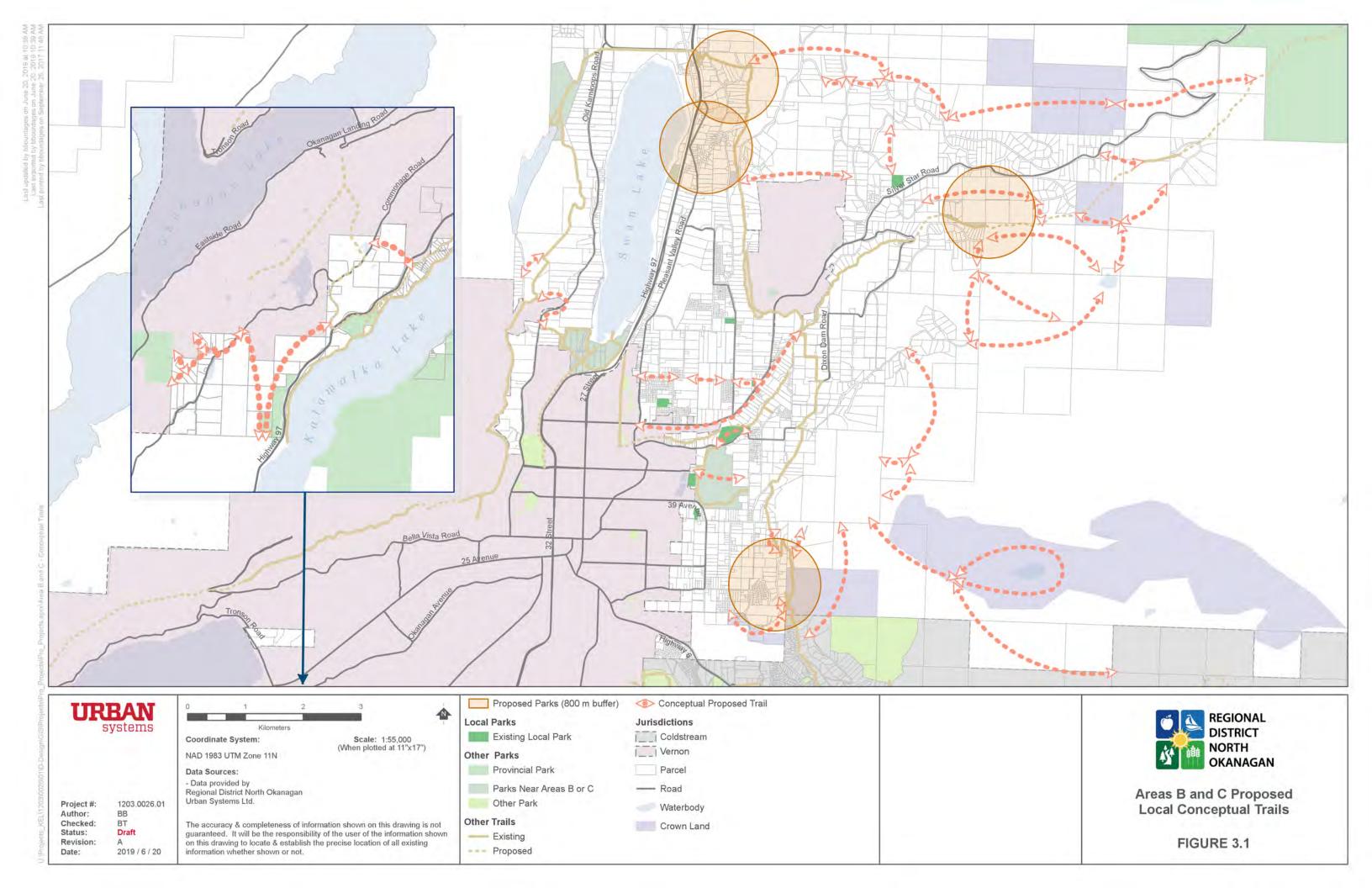
Cost

The estimated per kilometre cost of constructing new trails is \$35,000. This estimate is based on a 2019 contract to construct 2 km at the Boss Creek Trails for \$65,000, which results in \$32,500 per km. The estimate has been rounded up in this instance to account for any additional issues that may arise during trail construction. Table 2 shows a trail construction costs for all of the trails discussed in Sections 6.0 and 7.0 of this master plan.

Table 2. Cost of Trail Construction.

Trail Type	Amount of New Trail	Cost
Along Existing Road	64.3 km	TBD with MOTI
Along Unused Road ROW	5.0 km	\$175,000
Off-Road	9.1 km	\$318,000
Total Cost	\$494,000	

No costs have been provided for the conceptual trail locations as they distances are not known at this time. The actual alignment of the trails will need to be determined once the trails are within a 5 to 10 year time frame or once more definitive route planning has been undertaken.





Short- Term Priorities (2019 – 2023)

The key purpose of this master plan is to provide direction for the development and maintenance of existing parks and trails, and opportunities for new trail construction and parkland acquisition. These priorities are to be achieved over a 5-year period between 2019 and 2023. They will form the basis for the parks budget each year and also provide direction for the Electoral Areas B and C Parks DCC program. The priorities identified below are based on a combination of engagement input and assessment of existing facilities.

5.4 2019

DCC Bylaw

The restructuring of the Greater Vernon parks management system that occurred in 2018 caused some changes in how funding is acquired for local parks and trails. A Parks DCC Bylaw is needed for local parks in Electoral Areas B and C. The parks DCC program will be largely based on the priorities and projects identified in this master plan.

BX Ranch Park – Entrance Fencing

There is little security provided in the current entrance fencing at BX Ranch Park. This is a concern since the primary use of this park is for dogs off-leash. The park entrance features wooden rail fencing and a gate that a dog can escape through, creating safety concerns if the animal runs out onto BX Road or nearby properties. The entrance to the dog park will be improved by providing a more secure fence and gate in the form of page wire fencing.

Boss Creek Trails - Phase 1 Construction

The first phase of trails will be constructed in the Boss Creek area as per Figure 3.4. The majority of the trails are off-road, with others on unused road R-O-Ws. The trails will be excavated to ensure organic soil and vegetation is removed to create the trail base.

Stickle Road

Once construction at the Hwy 97 / Stickle Road intersection is complete, the Stickle Road park area will be re-landscaped. Much of the park's existing landscaping was destroyed due to the road construction.

5.5 2020

Bear Proof Garbage Bins

The installation of Bear proof garbage bins has been identified as a priority for local parks. For 2020 the plan identified the installation of 12 bear proof bins as a priority.

Cools Pond

1. Fencing

There is fence around the perimeter of Cools Pond park along Rimer Road and L&A Road. This is a wooden rail fence that is beginning to deteriorate in some sections. The fence will be replaced



with new page wire fencing. Cools Pond was identified as the fourth most visited parks by survey respondents.

2. Viewing Platform

A wooden viewing platform is located on the north side of Cools Pond near Rimer Road. Improvement of this platform will allow for enhanced enjoyment of the park for visitors. A new wooden platform will be constructed.

Mutrie Park - Fencing

Proper fencing is important at Mutrie Park because it is a popular off-leash dog area and the fencing is in poor condition. The state of the fencing in some areas of the park had deteriorated somewhat, as the wire has sunk in some spots. This creates potential safety hazards for dogs attempting to jump the fence or getting stuck in the wire. The fence should be replaced in these areas with page wire fencing so that it is similar to the entrance.

N'kwala Park - Playground Surfacing

The playground at N'Kwala Park requires resurfacing and this work has been identified for 2020.

Gibbs Road Park - Surfacing / Edging

There is an asphalt trail surrounding the perimeter of the park that requires resurfacing. Two basketball nets are situated along the south edge of the park and better surfacing may enhance the user experience of these nets.

BX Community Park - Irrigation and Turf repairs

Irrigation and turf repairs to the play area are required in BX Community Park for 2020.

5.6 2021

Parks Signage

Improved Parks signage is required for BX Community Park, BX Ranch Park, Cools Pond, Gibbs Road Park, and Nkwala Park. This signage is identified for 2021

Parks Benches

Replacement of aging parks benches and provision of new benchs is identified for BX Ranch Park, Mutrie Park, Cools Pond, Gibbs Road Park, and Nkwala Park

BX Ranch Park - Dog Amenities

Respondents to the survey indicated that they would like to see more amenities for dogs, such as water fountains, at the off-leash dog areas. The Regional District may wish to explore the different types of dog water fountains that are available, however since many residents indicated during the engagement period that they appreciate the rural nature of the parks, it is recommended that a pump fountain be installed at this park.



Mutrie Park - Dog Amenities

Similar to BX Ranch Park, a dog water fountain is also being recommended for Mutrie Park. Dog water fountains are not significant priorities for the parks budget, however would improve the experience of visiting off-leash dog areas.

Trails Along Existing Road - 39th Avenue / Black Rock Road from intersection of 39th and Mutrie to intersection of Francis and Black Rock Road and Francis Street from Black Rock Road to Pottery Road

Road upgrades to this stretch of Francis Street and Black Rock Road by MOTI are planned within the short-term. It is recommended that trail construction occur at the time of these upgrades.

5.7 2022

BX Ranch Park - Trail Surfacing

Residents indicated in the survey that one of the most necessary improvements required to the existing parks and trails system are upgrades to the trail surfacing in BX Ranch Park. The existing mulch trail surfacing material is problematic in this particular area due to the low water table, leaving the trail highly saturated. A 3/8" minus gravel trail surface will be applied to avoid this issue.

Mutrie Park

Trail Resurfacing

Residents provided similar comments on the state of the trail at Mutrie Park as the BX Ranch trail. Improvements will be made to the surfacing of this trail, however less has been budgeted than for BX Ranch due to the shorter length of the trail.

2. Irrigation / Planting

There are large portions of the park where grass has been trampled to such an extent that no vegetation is growing. Areas of Mutrie Park that are lacking in vegetation will receive new plantings and establishment irrigation.

5.8 2023

BX Ranch Park - Parking Lot

The state of BX Ranch Park's parking lot was identified as poor in a number of responses to the survey distributed during the engagement period. Survey respondents indicated that the parking lot is very muddy during wetter periods of the year and full of pot holes, making it difficult for driving. It was suggested that the parking lot should be paved and expanded to improve vehicular access to the park. Funding will be provided to repair the surfacing of the existing parking lot.

Nkwala Park – Sports Court Resurfacing

There are many cracks in the asphalt of the basketball court. Around the perimeter, vegetation is beginning to encroach and grow into the asphalt. Resurfacing is necessary to improve the functionality of this court. In the future, enhanced maintenance and crack sealing may extend the life of the asphalt.



6.0 Long Term Priorities (2024 – 2039)

The long-term priorities are to be achieved over a 16-year period between 2024 and 2039. They will form the basis for the parks budget each year and also provide direction for the Electoral Areas B and C Parks DCC program. The priorities identified below are based on a combination of engagement input and assessment of existing facilities. They have been grouped into 5-year terms as these priorities and resident needs may change over time. The projects are set out on the following Figures:

- Figure 4.1 Areas B and C Proposed Parks and Trails for 2024 2028
- Figure 4.2 Areas B and C Proposed Parks and Trails for 2029 2033
- Figure 4.3 Areas B and C Proposed Parks and Trails for 2034 2039+

6.1 2024-2028

Parks

There are three park areas that are proposed for this time period (see Figure 4.1). One of these parks was selected based on the timing of the provision of sewer services to the Swan Lake Highway 97 corridor and the impact that it will have on the surrounding residential areas. The sewer servicing of this corridor will eventually lead to servicing of all existing residential neighbourhoods within Swan Lake. This sewer servicing allows the potential for additional smaller sized residential lots, as well as secondary suites and carriage homes, therefore potentially generating more residents and increasing demand for parks.

A new park located near L&A Road between Baker Hogg Road and Pleasant Valley Road would help serve an existing gap in the parks system as there are few parks situated in the north end of Areas B and C along the east side of Swan Lake, while also accommodating for additional residential growth to this area.

Some rural residential large lot development is anticipated in the future for the area south of Tillicum Road and east of Herbert Road. Keddleston Park is located near this area but is not within a 10-15 minute walking radius of where the development is anticipated to occur. Additional parkland may be valuable for this reason.

The timing of these parks would be related to the pace of development in these areas. While the timing of development will be subject to market demands, the parks master plan will include them in the program based on anticipated timing for sewer planning and the Official Community Plan

The third park proposed for this time period is the BX Ranchland. Approximately 40 hectares of this land will be classified as an agricultural park and used for agricultural purposes such as community gardens, plantings, and hay.

Trails Along Existing Roads

The following trails have been proposed along existing roads as shown on Figure 4.1:

 Redwing Road along Highway 97 south to Swan Lake Nature Reserve: If constructed adjacent to Highway 97, this trail will provide connections from the north end of Swan Lake to the south, including the Swan Lake Nature Reserve and the Grey Canal Trail.



- East Vernon Road south to Welker Road: This trail will connect the existing Welker Road to trail to BX Ranch Park.
- Black Rock Road from Francis Street to Welker Road: This will extend the existing Welker Road trail west.
- Wallace Road loop to second Falcon Road intersection: this will connect Keddleston Park to the BX Falls portion of the BX Creek Trail along with a portion of off-road trail that is discussed in the next section.
- L&A Road from Pleasant Valley Road south to Silver Star Road: this will connect the proposed trail on Pleasant Valley Road to Silver Star Road while also providing a connection to neighbourhoods along L&A Road and Cools Pond. This trail is recommended as a result of public recommendations for a multi-use pathway along L&A Road that arose during engagement for the Swan Lake Commercial Area and Neighbourhood Plan completed in 2018.

Trails along existing roads would be built by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure as within Areas B and C the ministry has jurisdiction over the roads. In the past the RDNO has worked with the Ministry to encourage them to construct walkways along roads in certain areas, sometimes with the regional district contributing some portion of funds to accelerate the prioritization of these construction projects. The regional district will work with the Ministry to encourage construction of these trails along existing roads.

Off-Road Trails

One off-road trail has been proposed:

• Around the perimeter of Keddleston Park: this trail will allow for the further enjoyment and use of Keddleston Park. Length: 0.84 km

Off-Road Trail Connection

One off-road trail connection has been proposed for off McLennan Road to accommodate a future residential development. This will aim to connect the future development with the Silver Star Foothills neighbourhood.

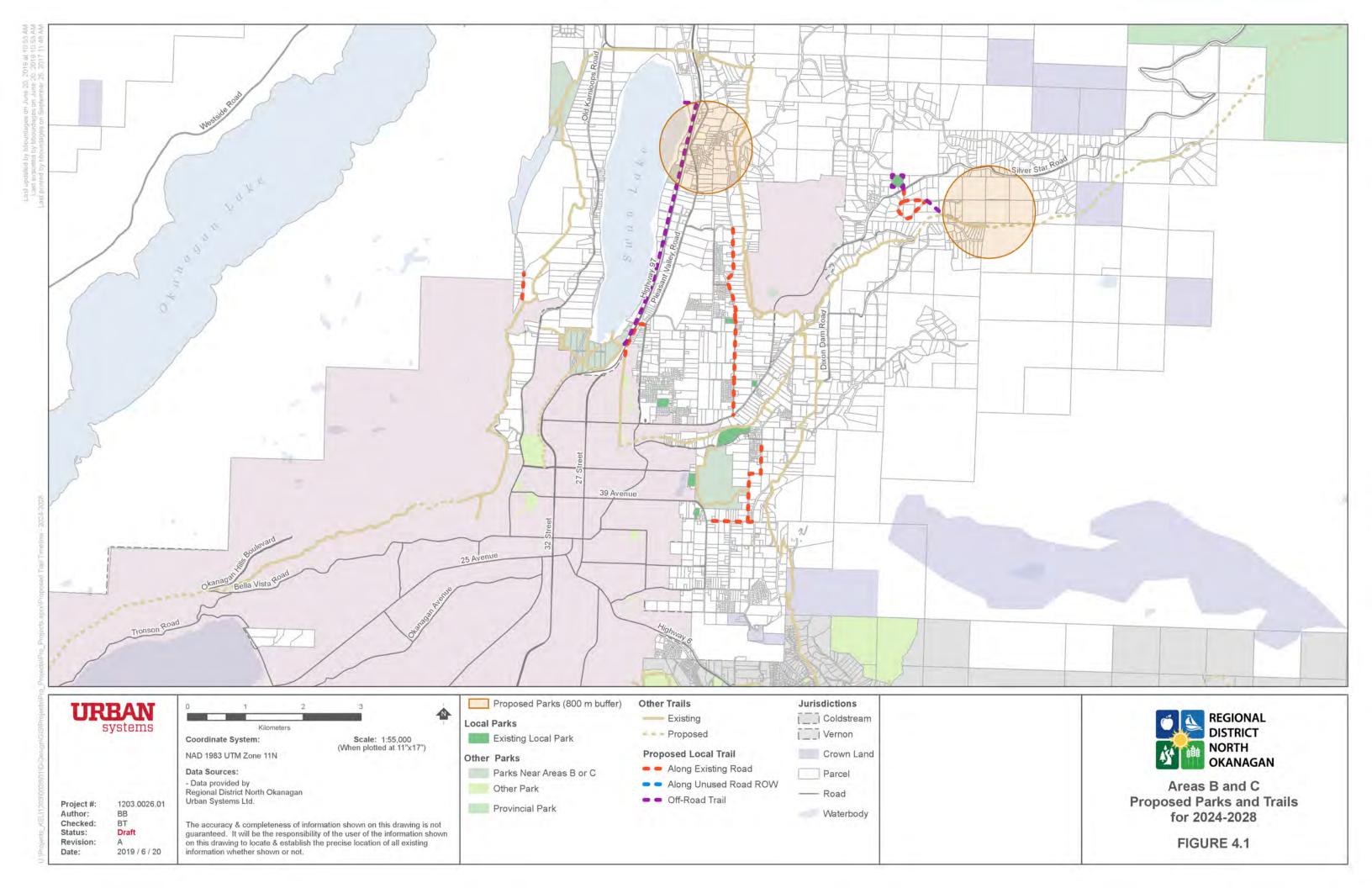
Keddleston Park

1. Trail Construction

Keddleston Park is a large undeveloped woodland lot. This park is the least visited as identified by the survey, likely because it does not currently offer any recreational opportunities. Constructing a trail loop at this park will attract more visitors and allow for the enjoyment of this natural area.

2. Parking Lot

The park currently does not have an official parking area. The site can be accessed via the parking lot for the Old Keddleston School Hall off Silver Star Road. A lease agreement with the community group that owns the hall will be necessary for the public to access the park before a parking area can be officially designated. There is an existing parking area for the hall situated on the private lot that perhaps could be used for the park as well. However, this lot has no material surfacing. An official parking lot is needed to further develop this park.





BX Community Park

1. Playground Replacement

The existing playground at this park is comprised of mostly wooden structures. This is an outdated style of playground equipment. Since BX Community Park was identified in the survey as the third most visited park, and the top parks visited do not have playgrounds, replacement of this equipment should be prioritized.

2. Washroom

BX Community Park is the most visited community park with some of the most amenities — it has two sports fields, a court, and a playground. Survey respondents indicated that they would like to see public washrooms at more of the highly visited parks. Adding a permanent washroom would provide an improved experience for visitors who may be spending time at this park. It may also make the park more attractive for hosting community festivals and events.

Black Rock Park

Signage, Parking, Garbage receptacles and Benches have been identified to add to the attractiveness of this relatively undeveloped park area.

Mutrie Park - Washroom

In addition to survey respondents indicating that they would like to see more washrooms at highly visited parks, they also specifically mentioned that washrooms would be beneficial at the off-leash dog areas, particularly Mutrie Park. Adding a public washroom would provide an improved experience for visitors who may be spending prolonged periods of time at this park

Gibbs Road Park - Playground Replacement

Survey respondents indicated that they would like to see upgrades to the playground equipment. This would perhaps attract more visitors to the park since only 8.5% of survey respondents have visited this park. Upgrading the playground will be a full replacement of existing outdated equipment.

$6.2 \quad 2029 - 2033$

Parks

There is one park area proposed within the northern residential area of the Swan Lake neighbourhood, as shown on Figure 4.2. This park area aims to capture the Baker Hogg Road and Glenhayes Road residential areas. There is some residential development that is anticipated to occur in this area as a result of the provision of sewer services to Swan Lake. However, fewer new lots are anticipated for this area than what is expected for the L&A Road area between Baker Hogg Road and Pleasant Valley Road. Similar to the park proposed for that area in the 2024-2028 time period, there is a gap in the existing parks system that would be addressed by adding more parks to the northern Swan Lake residential neighbourhoods.

Trails Along Existing Roads

The following trails have been proposed along existing roads as shown on figure 4.2:



- Greenhow Road at Baker Hogg Road to Pleasant Valley Road at Silver Star Road: connects Swan Lake east portion of the Grey Canal Trail to Silver Star Road.
- Herry Road from Pleasant Valley Road east to where the road turns south: this will connect the
 proposed trail previously mentioned on Pleasant Valley Road to L&A Road, as a trail extension
 from Herry Road to L&A Road is also recommended in the following 'Trails Along Unused Road
 ROWs' and 'Off-Road Trails' sections.
- Black Road from 39 Avenue to Francis Street at Pottery Road: this will extend a future subregional trail that is proposed to traverse through a large portion of vacant parkland located between Mutrie Road and East Vernon Road.
- Phillips Road at Welker Road to McLeish Road and Bodwell Road to Robin Road/Pottery Road: this will connect the existing Welker Road trail further south to residential areas along Robin and Pottery Road. The required connection between these two segments of on-road trails is discussed in the next section.
- Pottery Road at East Vernon Road to Robin Road at Galiano Place: this will connect the Coldstream Valley Estates portion of the Grey Canal Trail to residential areas along Pottery and Robin Roads.
- Silver Star Road from just south of Blackcomb Way to Star Road: this will connect both trails
 proposed along Pleasant Valley Road and L&A Road to Silver Star Road and further along to the
 BX Falls portion of the BX Creek Trail.
- Dixon Dam Road from Maddock Road to Tillicum Road at Silver Star Road: This will connect the Grey Canal Trail to the BX Falls portion of the BX Trail.
- East Vernon Road from BX Ranch Park to Dixon Dam Road: This will connect BX Ranch Park and the BX Creek Trail to the East Vernon portion of the Grey Canal Trail.

As noted above, the regional district will work with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to encourage construction of these trails along existing roads.

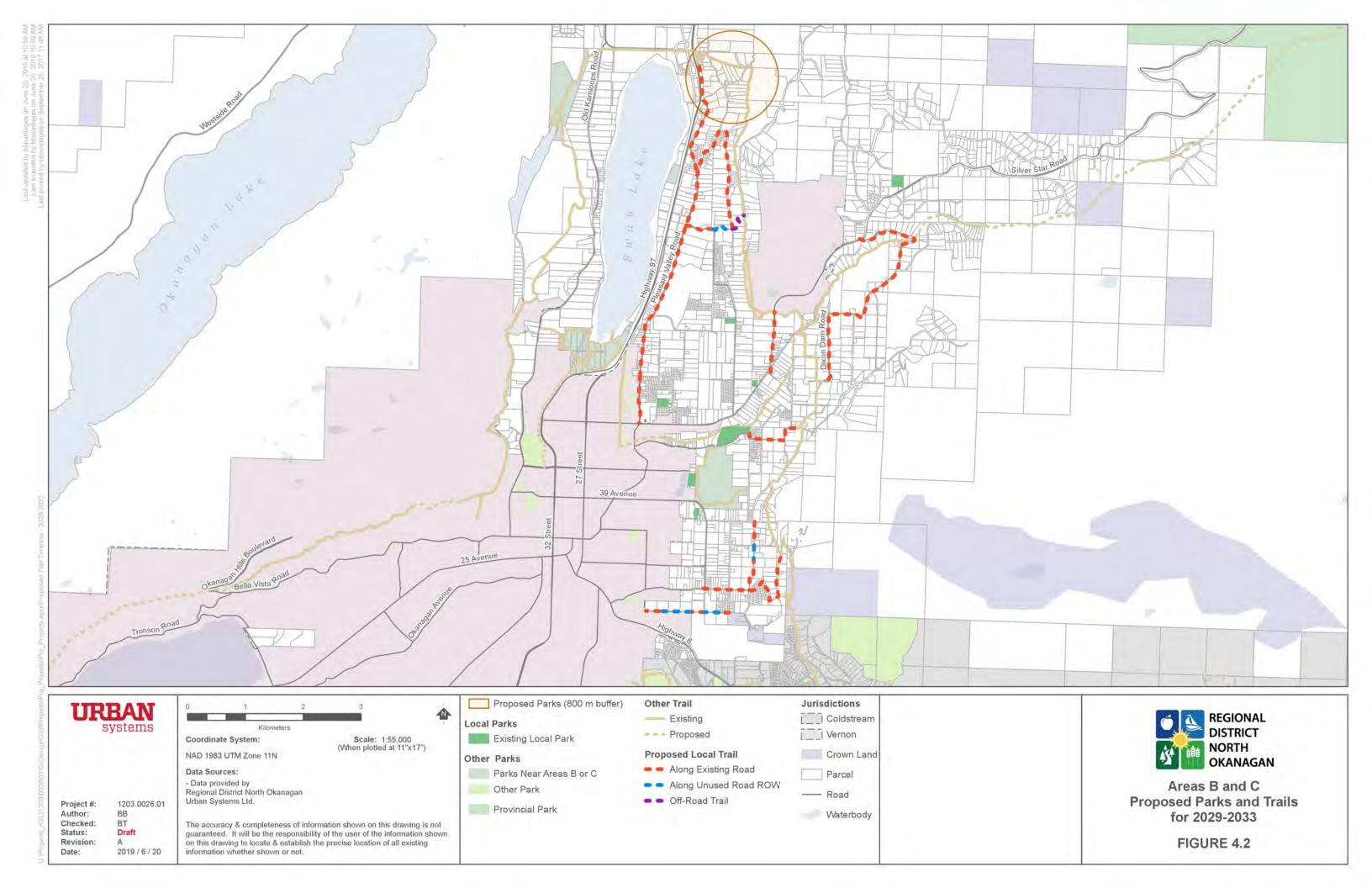
Trails Along Unused Road ROWs

The following trails are proposed along unused road right-of-ways:

- Along the creek between Herry Road and L&A Road: as mentioned in the previous section, this
 will connect Herry Road from Pleasant Valley Road to L&A Road, providing a faster route for
 cyclists and pedestrians from the lower to the upper portion of the Swan Lake neighbourhood.
 Length: 0.38 km
- Connection between Phillips Road and Bodwell Road: as mentioned in the previous section, this
 will connect users of the Welker Road and Grey Canal Trail further south to residential areas
 along Pottery and Robin Roads, will also connecting to a greater network of trails proposed for
 the 2024 2028 period that provide connectivity to Black Rock, Mutrie, and BX Ranch Parks.
 Length: 0.21 km

Off-Road Trails

The following off-road trails are proposed:





- From L&A Road to Grey Canal Trail: as mentioned in the previous section, this will connect Herry Road from Pleasant Valley Road to L&A Road, providing a faster route for cyclists and pedestrians from the lower to the upper portion of the Swan Lake neighbourhood, and further to the Silver Star Foothills portion of the Grey Canal Trail. Length: 0.41 km
- Wallace Road at Falcon Road to Dixon Dam Road: this will provide for a smooth connection from the BX Falls portion of the BX Creek trail to Wallace Road and further to Silver Star Road and Keddleston Park. Length: 0.37 km

6.3 2034 - 2039 and Beyond

Parks

The residential area to the east of Hillview Elementary surrounding the intersection of Robin Road and Pottery Road was identified as having potential for a future park. This neighbourhood was selected as having park potential due to the number of residential lots currently located here, the number of larger residential lots that may have subdivision potential in the future, and this neighbourhood's distance from other existing parks, as shown on Figure 4.3.

Trails Along Existing Roads

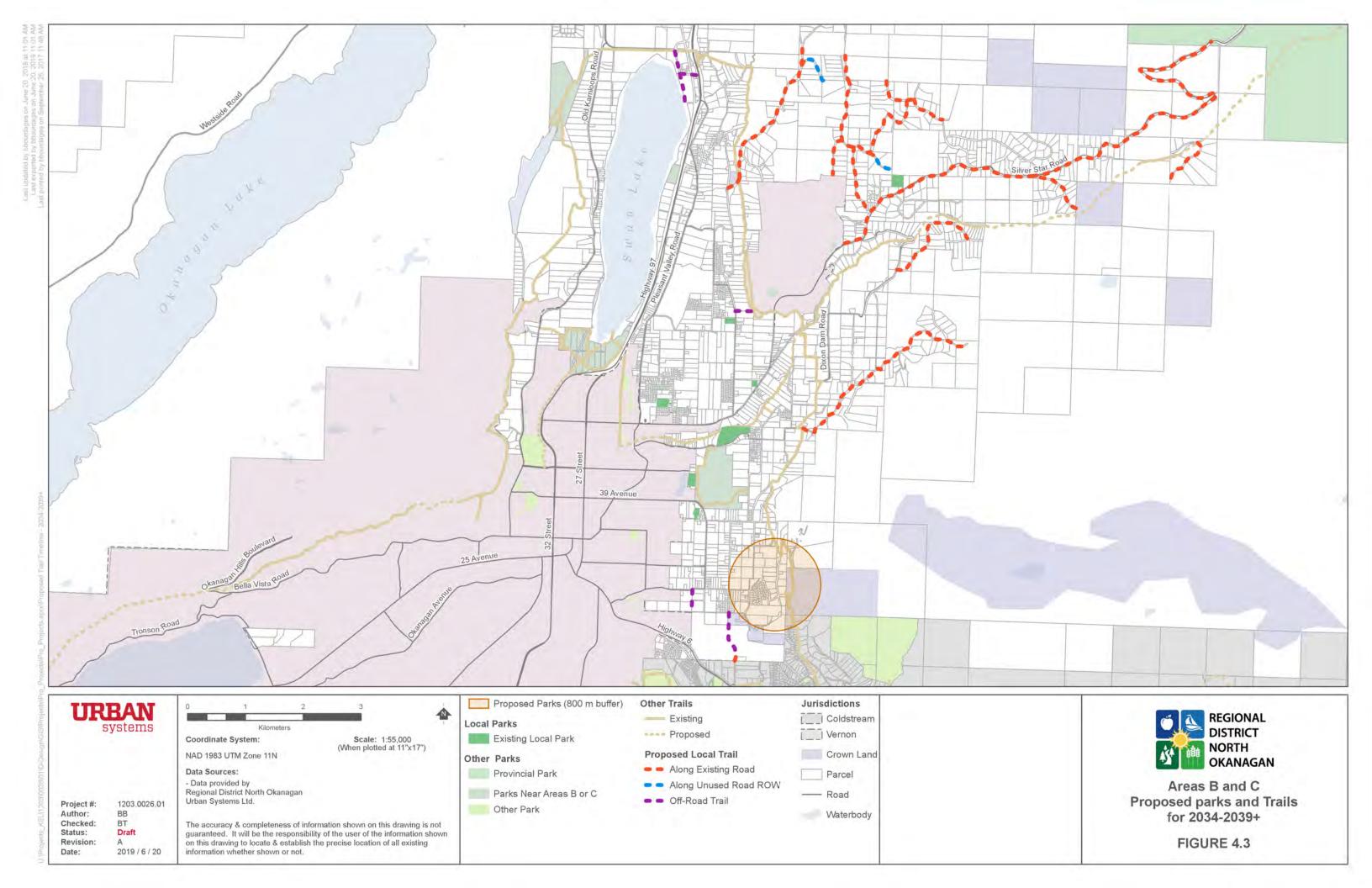
The following trails are proposed along existing roads as shown in Figure 4.3:

- Highland Road from Highway 97 to Silverstone Frontage Road: this will connect the trail
 proposed to run adjacent to Swan Lake along Highway 97 to the proposed extension of the Grey
 Canal Trail along the north end of Swan Lake.
- East Vernon Road from BX Ranch Park to Hartnell Road at Lynx Drive: this will provide a
 connection to the East Vernon portion of the Grey Canal trail and BX Ranch Park for residents
 living farther up Hartnell Road.
- Silver Star Road at Hitchcock Road to Ladner Road: this will provide a trail connection from the Foothills neighbourhood up Silver Start Road to Keddleston Park and beyond.
- Keddleston Road at Silver Star Road to Deerwood Road and Wilson Jack Road at Keddleston Road to fourth road bend: this will provide a connection for residences in the north Keddleston area to Keddleston Park and Silver Star Road.
- McLennan Road from L&A Road: this will provide a connection from the Swan Lake East portion
 of the Grey Canal Trail and larger trail network to residences further up McLennan Road. There is
 future potential for further large lot subdivisions in this area.
- Mountview Road (existing constructed portions): this will provide a connection to the School
 District 22 office and the Hillview Golf Course from the larger trail network that has been
 proposed for this area, such as connections to Black Rock Park and the Welker Road Trail.

As noted above, the regional district will work with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to encourage construction of these trails along existing roads.

Trails Along Unused Road ROWs

There are two trails proposed along unused road right-of-ways:





- Off McLennan Road: this provides further extension of the proposed McLennan Road trail discussed previously. Length: 0.57 km
- Unconstructed connectors of Mountview Road: this connects all segments of Mountview Road
 that are currently unconstructed. Length: 0.78 km

Off-Road Trails

There are two off-road trails proposed:

- Pottery Road to Mountainview Road, just west of Francis Street. this will provide a connection from Mountview Road to the trail proposed for Pottery Road and beyond to the larger trail network. Length: 0.38 km
- Along North Aberdeen Road: this will provide a connection from the proposed trail network for Areas B and C to the District of Coldstream. Length: 0.80 km

Conceptual Trails

There are a number of conceptual trails proposed for Areas B and C that may be constructed beyond 2034. These conceptual trails were identified because they would provide connections to existing local, subregional, and regional parks and trails, as well as those proposed within this plan. The proposed conceptual trails are shown on Figure 3.1.



7.0 Funding

The priorities mentioned in the previous section have been spread out over a 5-year period to better meet budget constraints and allow sufficient time to generate funds for higher priced developments. Tables 3 and 4 provide the costs of the projects identified.

Table 4. Costs of Short-Term Priority Projects

Project	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
DCC Bylaw and	\$37,000				
Master Plan	ψον,σσσ				
Stickle Road	\$5,000				
Landscaping	ψο,σσσ				
Boss Creek Trails	\$65,000				
Phase 1 construction					
Bearproof Garbage		\$25,000			
Bins (12)		, ,			
Parks signage (BX			\$60,000		
community, BX Ranch,					
Cools, Gibbs, Nkwala)					
Parks benches (BX			\$66,000		
Ranch, Mutrie, Cools					
Gibbs, Nkwala)					
39th Avenue / Black			TBD		
Rock Road from					
intersection of 39th and					
Mutrie to intersection					
of Francis and Black					
Rock Road and					
Francis Street from					
Black Rock Road to					
Pottery Road BX Ranch Park					
	I	1		T	£150,000
Parking Lot Repair	\$25,000				\$150,000
Entrance Fencing Trail Surfacing	\$25,000			¢75,000	
			\$20,000	\$75,000	
Dog Water Fountain Mutrie Park			\$20,000		
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Trail Surfacing		\$20,000		\$40,000	
Fencing Dog Water Fountain		\$20,000	\$20,000		
Dog Water Fountain			\$20,000	\$75,000	
Irrigation / Planting Cools Pond				\$75,000	
Fencing	1	\$40,000			
Viewing Platform		\$40,000			
N'Kwala Park		₁ φ 4 υ,υυυ			
Playground Surfacing		\$15,000			
Court Resurfacing		ψ10,000			\$50,000
Gibbs Road Park					ψυσ,σσσ
Surfacing / Edging		\$15,000			
BX Community Park		ψ10,000			
Irrigation/turf repairs		\$10,000		T	
TOTAL	\$132,000	\$165,000	\$166,000	\$190,000	\$200,000
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Table 5. Costs of Long-Term Priority Projects

2024-2028	2029-2033	2034-2039
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Wallace Road at Falcon Road to Dixon Dam Road (Off-Road Trail)		\$23,000	
Off McLennan Road (Unused ROW Trail)			\$30,000
Unconstructed connectors of Mountview Road (Unused ROW Trail)			\$37,000
Pottery Road to Mountainview Road, just west of Francis Street (Off-Road Trail)			\$23,000
Along North Aberdeen Road (Off Road Trail)			\$38,000
TOTAL	\$1,630,000	\$591,000	\$ 628,000

The funding for parks currently come primarily from the Regional District Community Works Fund. In terms of capital projects, the existing 5 year financial plan notes that \$132,000 was allocated for capital projects in 2019, with \$165,000 in 2020 rising to \$200,000 by 2022. These figures will be updated once the Parks Master Plan is complete.

The costs for construction of trails along existing roads have not been included as a cost to the Regional District, as this construction would be undertaken by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. In some cases, the Regional District may need to cost share for these trails or provide some portion of the funding in order to move the trail construction forward in priority. It is difficult to determine the cost shared portion at this time. The initial approach should generally be to encourage MOTI to construct the trails along roads as the Ministry resurfaces or upgrades these roads.

In terms of revenues for B and C Parks, the property tax requisition was about \$158,000 in 2017 and about \$285,000 in 2018. The 2018-2022 five year financial plan projects B and C Parks revenues from property taxes to grow from about \$285,000 per year in 2018 to about \$321,000 per year in 2022. The five year financial plan also shows funding from Fees and Charges, as well as Transfers from Reserves. The transfers from reserves primarily represents a transfer from the Community Works Fund. The funding for capital projects in the five year capital plan is primarily from Transfers from Reserves.

In the future, as an area B and C Local Parks DCC is established, the parks DCC reserve fund will provide funding for growth related parks improvements.

In terms of acquiring new parkland set out on the maps, most of these parks should be acquired as parkland dedication at subdivision. The parks have been identified to serve potential new development and as new subdivisions proceed within the vicinity of the broad future Parks circles shown on the maps, the Regional District should aim to acquire 5% parkland dedications (or cash in lieu) as enabled under



section 510 of the Local Government Act. Many of the trail connections will not require land acquisition particularly in the following situations:

- Trails that extend along MOTI roads since the trails should fit within the existing road rights of way
- Trails along unused or abandoned road rights of way MOTI has indicated that the Regional
 District can utilize or apply to acquire these rights of way so funds are not required for these
- Trails through crown land potentially the Regional District will not need to acquire these land outright, and may be able to gain access though a statutory right of way rather than outright purchase.

The trail corridors that do not fall into these categories may need to be acquired through funds collected through a Parkland Acquisition DCC for Local Parks. The specific segments can be identified through the DCC project. The funding amounts for parkland acquisition in the DCC bylaw will be calculated based on the amount of land required, the lengths of trails to be acquired and the estimated land acquisition costs. It is estimated that parkland in the area will cost approximately \$75,000 per acre (about \$185,000 per hectare).

Appendix A

Engagement summary

Engagement Summary



Electoral Areas B & C Parks Master Plan



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1.0 Project Context

The Regional District of North Okanagan is undertaking a parks master planning process for Electoral Areas B and C. This involves an evaluation of the existing local parks and trails to determine priorities to be addressed by the RDNO in the future. It is anticipated that the final Parks Master Plan will be adopted by the Board in early 2019. This process focuses only on local parks located within Electoral Areas B and C, as shown on the map in Figure 1.

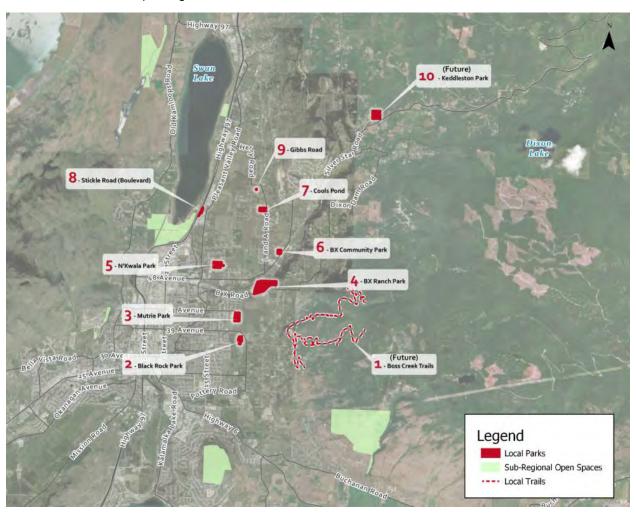


Figure 1. Electoral Areas B&C Local Parks.

Community engagement was conducted prior to drafting the master plan to identify concerns relating to parks services within the two Electoral Areas, as well as aspects of the parks system that residents enjoy most. Two pop-up booths were held: one at the BX Ranch Dog Park on September 18th from 4:00pm – 7:00pm and the other at Mutrie Dog Park on October 2nd from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. The RDNO engaged with visitors to the park, who were residents of Vernon and the Electoral Areas. An open house was held at the BX Fire Hall on September 26th from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. An online survey, also available in hard copy at the Regional District office, was held from September 13th to October 12th, and there were 204 respondents.





This document provides an overview of the input provided during the engagement period. Verbatim comments for each question are in the Appendix. The findings of the engagement will provide guidance for the Electoral Areas B & C parks and trails.



2.0 Survey Results

A survey was distributed online and in person at the engagement events. Online distribution of the survey began on Thursday, September 13th. Residents were asked to submit their completed surveys to the Regional District by Friday, October 12th. A total of 204 surveys were completed online and one hard copy was submitted.

The survey did not require respondents to answer each question, therefore not every question yielded 204 responses. The total number of responses received to each question is indicated in the analysis, as well as in Appendix A - the verbatim survey comments.

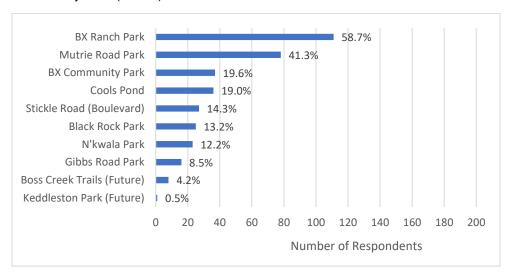
The following sections provide an overview of the responses provided in the survey.

Question 1: In the last year, did you or anyone in your household visit any of these parks or trails for any reason? Please refer to the map for a visual of all parks and trails and select all that apply from the answer choices below.

Cools Pond	Gibbs Road Park
N'kwala Park	Stickle Road Park (Boulevard)
Black Rock Park	BX Community Park
BX Ranch Park	BX Creek Trails
Crane Road Park, on Swan Lake	Keddleston Park
Mutrie Road Park	Boss Creek Trails
Silverstar Trails	

Survey respondents were asked to answer "Yes" or "No" to this question. Of the 189 respondents who answered this question, the top three parks that were visited within the last year included:

- BX Ranch Park (58.7%)
- Mutrie Road Park (41.3%)
- BX Community Park (19.6%)



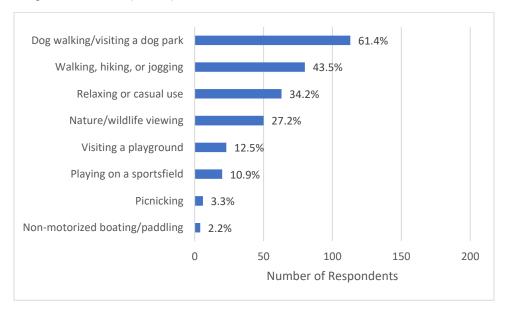


Question 2: Which of the following activities did you or someone in your household participate in at an Electoral Area B or C local park or trail within the past year (as shown on the map in Question 1)?

Relaxing or casual use	Nature/wildlife viewing
Picnicking	Dog walking / visiting a dog park
Outdoor swimming	Non-motorized boating / paddling
Playing on a sports field	Walking, hiking or jogging
Visiting a playground	

Survey respondents were asked to answer "Yes" or "No" to this. Of the 184 respondents who answered this question, the top three activities that residents participated in within the last year included:

- Dog walking/visiting a dog park (61.4%)
- Walking, hiking, or jogging (43.5%)
- Relaxing or casual use (34.2%)



Question 3: What do you like most about the local parks and trails in Electoral Areas B and C (as shown on the map in Question 1)?

A total of 125 responses were received to this question. Below is a summary of the themes that were mentioned (the number of respondents making a similar comment is in brackets):

- Like the off-leash dog areas (41)
- Enjoy the natural setting of the parks and trails (36)
- The parks and trails are easily accessible and in good locations (24)
- The parks and trails are maintained well (17)
- The parks and trails are not busy and are quiet (6)



• Abundance of parking (3)

Question 4: What do you dislike most about the local parks and trails in Electoral Areas B and C (as shown on the map in Question 1)?

A total of 114 responses were received to this question. Below is a summary of the themes that were mentioned (the number of respondents making a similar comment is in brackets):

- The parks are poorly maintained (25)
- More park amenities are needed (e.g., garbage cans, lighting, washrooms) (23)
- Nothing, they are great the way they are (14)
- Poor trail surfacing (e.g. mulch) (8)
- Need more on-leash dog areas (6)
- Abundance of natural hazards in the parks and along trails (4)
- Lack of safety at parks (4)
- Lack of playgrounds and equipment (3)

Question 5: What is your level of satisfaction with each of the following in relation to Electoral Areas B and C local parks and trails (as shown on the map in Question 1), with 1 = very unsatisfied and 5 = very satisfied?

Natural parkland	Parks close to where you live
Trails for walking	Trails for cycling
Sports fields	Outdoor courts
Playgrounds	Picnic facilities
Off-leash dog parks	Swimming / lake activities
Public washrooms	Maintenance of parks
Maintenance of trails	

A total of 134 responses were received to this question. The number of responses indicating a "very unsatisfied" or "unsatisfied" level of satisfaction for each amenity were combined, as were those indicating "satisfied" or "very satisfied". Respondents indicated they are most satisfied with the following amenities:

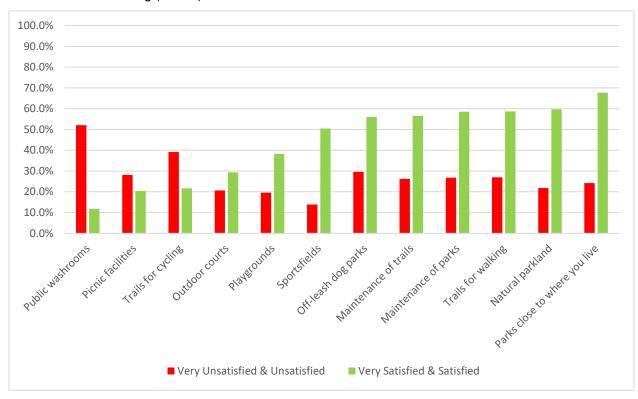
- Parks close to where you live (67.7%)
- Natural parkland (59.7%)
- Trails for walking (58.7%)
- Maintenance of parks (58.5%)
- Maintenance of trails (58.5%)

Respondents who answered this question indicated they are most dissatisfied with the following amenities:

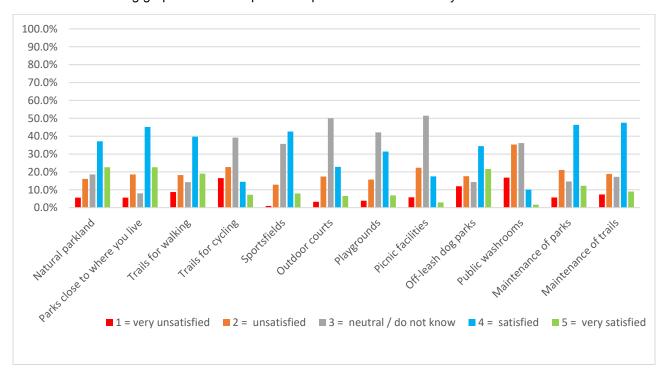
- Public washrooms (52.1%)
- Trails for cycling (39.2%)
- Off-leash dog parks (29.6%)
- Picnic facilities (28.2%)



• Trails for walking (27.0%)



The following graph shows the specific responses for each amenity:



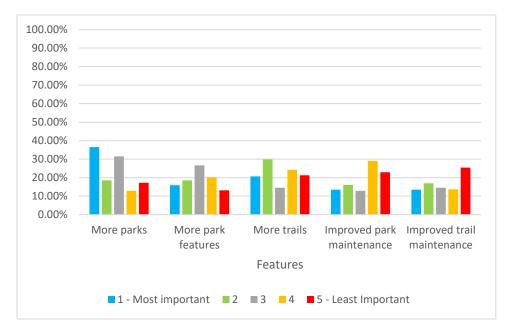




Question 6: a) Which of the following potential priorities for outdoor recreation are most important to you? Please rank each item with 1 being the most important item and 5 being the least important item.

More parks	More park features, e.g. sports fields, playgrounds, picnic facilities, washrooms
More trails	Improved park maintenance
Improved trail maintenance	

A total of 132 responses were received to this question. Around 35% of respondents indicated that more parks is the most important priority for outdoor recreation and 25% indicated that more trails are the second.



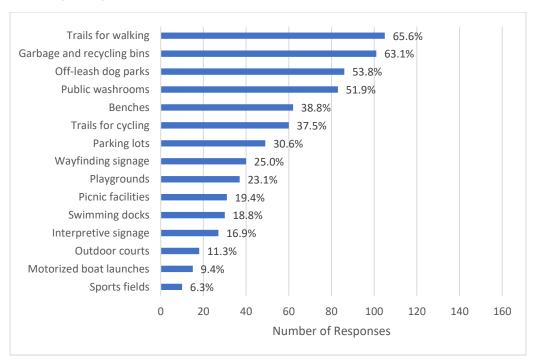
Question 6: b) If more park features are important to you, which of the following amenities would you like to see at the existing Electoral Areas B and C local parks or along trails (as shown on the map in Question 1)? (select all that apply)

Trails for walking	Trails for cycling	
Sports fields	Outdoor courts	
Playgrounds	Picnic facilities	
Off-leash dog parks	Public washrooms	
Benches	Garbage and recycling bins	
Directional (wayfinding) signage	Interpretive signage	
Parking lots	Non-motorized boat launches	
Swimming docks	Other (please indicate)	



Survey respondents were asked to indicate "Yes" or "No" for each of the amenities outlined in the list above. Of the 160 respondents who answered this question, the amenities that residents would like to see more of include:

- Trails for walking (65.6%)
- Garbage and recycling bins (63.1%)
- Off-leash dog parks (53.8%)
- Public washrooms (51.9%)
- Benches (38.8%)



Question 6: c) Are there any specific Electoral Areas B and C local parks or trails (as shown on the map in Question 1) requiring improvements? If so, what improvements are needed and where?

Survey respondents were asked to indicate if any of the parks require improvements. A total of 69 responses were received to this question. Below is a summary of the themes that were mentioned by at least two respondents (the number of respondents making a similar comment is in brackets):

- Better park maintenance (e.g., remove dead trees, cut grass, plow snow in parking areas) (12)
- Provide more garbage bins (9)
- Provide more public washrooms (8)
- Better trail surfacing material (6)
- Provide a dog water fountain at Mutrie Dog Park (5)
- Build a fence along the road at BX Dog Park (4)
- Provide better signage at parks and along trails (4)
- No improvements are needed (4)
- Better playground equipment (3)





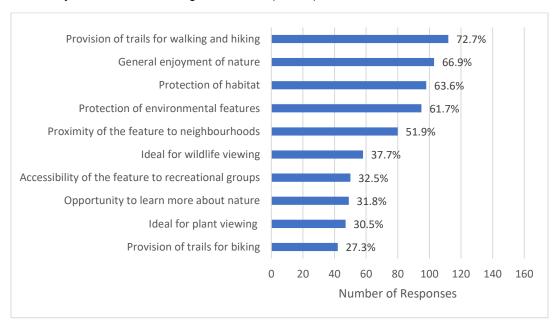
- Enhance connectivity of parks and trails (3)
- Pave parking areas (3)
- Provide lighting at dog parks to extend hours of operation in the winter (3)
- Provide a separate area for small dogs at Mutrie Dog Park (3)
- Enhance the environmental areas at BX Dog Park (2)
- Better bylaw enforcement where dogs are required on-leash (2)
- Provide flood protection measures on BX Trail (2)

Question 7: What do you value about natural areas in Electoral Areas B & C?

Protection of environmental features	Protection of habitat	
Provision of trails for walking and hiking	Provision of trails for biking	
General enjoyment of nature	Ideal for wildlife viewing	
Ideal for plant viewing	Opportunity to learn more about nature	
Proximity of the feature to neighbourhoods	Accessibility of the feature to recreational groups	

Survey respondents were asked to specify "Yes" or "No" for each value. Of the 154 respondents who answered this question, the aspects that are valued most about natural areas included:

- Provision of trails for walking and hiking (72.7%)
- General enjoyment of nature (66.9%)
- Protection of habitat (63.6%)
- Protection of environmental features (61.7%)
- Proximity of the feature to neighbourhoods (51.9%)





Question 8: Are there any other natural areas or features in Areas B & C that you value and think should become parks in the future?

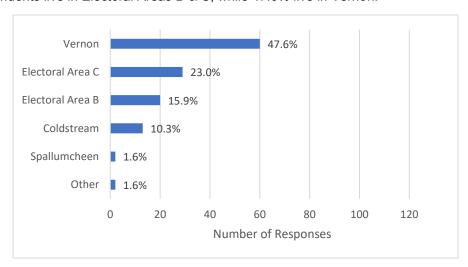
A total of 57 responses were received to this question. Below is a summary of the themes that were mentioned by at least two people (the number of respondents making a similar comment is in brackets):

- Nothing (5)
- More public beaches and lake access (4)
- Make BX Ranchland a park (4)
- Provide more parks around Swan Lake (3)
- Provide more parking (2)
- Provide more off-leash dog areas (2)
- Allow more on-leash dog areas (2)
- Improve trail maintenance (2)
- Provide more parks (2)

Question 9: Where do you live?

Electoral Area B	Electoral Area C	
Spallumcheen	Vernon	
Okanagan Indian Band	Coldstream	
Other		

Survey respondents were provided with a map showing the location of various jurisdictions and asked to indicate their place of residence. A total of 126 responses were received to this question - 38.9% of survey respondents live in Electoral Areas B & C, while 47.6% live in Vernon.

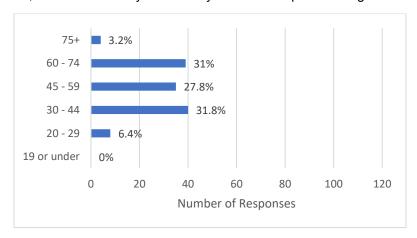




Question 10: What is your age bracket?

19 or under	20 – 29
30 – 44	45 – 59
60 – 74	75+

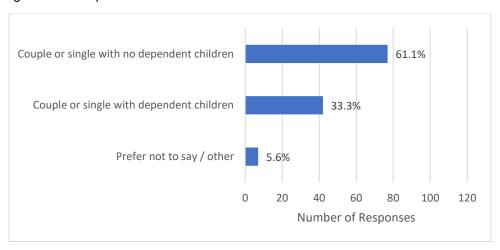
A total of 126 responses were received to this question - 31.7% of survey respondents indicated that their age bracket is 30 - 44, which was closely followed by 31.0% of respondents aged 60 - 74.



Question 11: Which of the following best describes your household situation at this time?

Couple or single with no dependent children	Couple or single with dependent children
Prefer not to say / other	

A total of 126 responses were received to this question - 61.1% of respondents live in a household of a couple or single with no dependent children.





Question 12: Please provide any additional comments on local parks and trails within Electoral Areas B and C (as shown on the map in Question 1).

A total of 54 responses were received to this question. Below is a summary of the themes that were mentioned by at least two people (the number of respondents making a similar comment is in brackets):

- Good job (6)
- BX Dog Park is great (5)
- More parks and trails are needed (4)
- Dislike the new parks jurisdiction system (3)
- Better maintenance of parks and trails (3)
- Better accessibility to parks via alternate transportation modes (3)
- Limit the type of boat motors permitted on Swan Lake (2)
- Improve access to the lake (2)
- Better enforcement of dogs in off-leash areas (2)



3.0 Open House Feedback

A series of questions were posed on the panels presented at the pop-up booth and open house events. Participants were asked to answer the questions by writing their response on a sticky note and placing it on the board. A total of 55 comments were received at these events.

Panel Question: What do you like about our local parks?

A total of 12 comments were received to this question. Below is a summary of the themes that were mentioned by at least two people (the number of respondents making a similar comment is in brackets):

- Appreciate the off-leash dog areas (4)
- Enjoy the natural features in the parks (e.g., creeks, forests) (4)
- Appreciate the public washroom amenities (2)

Panel Question: What do you dislike about our local parks? What can be done to improve our local parks and trails over the next 20 years?

A total of 43 comments were received to this question. Below is a summary of the themes that were mentioned by at least two people (the number of respondents making a similar comment is in brackets):

- More amenities are needed (i.e. benches, washrooms, water fountains, lighting, garbage cans)
 (13)
- More interpretive signage at parks (6)
- More hiking and biking trails (4)
- Better playground equipment (4)
- Better maintenance of parks (3)
- Better enforcement of dogs in off- and on-leash areas (3)
- More off-leash dog areas (3)
- Expand parking areas (3)
- Better protection of environmental features (2)
- Better connectivity of trails (2)



Appendix A: Raw Data and Verbatim Survey Comments

Question 1: In the last year, did you or anyone in your household visit any of these parks or trails for any reason? Please refer to the map for a visual of all parks and trails and select all that apply from the answer choices below.

Cools Pond	Gibbs Road Park
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Black Rock Park	BX Community Park
BX Ranch Park	BX Creek Trails
Crane Road Park, on Swan Lake	Keddleston Park
Mutrie Road Park	Boss Creek Trails
Silverstar Trails	

	Yes	No	N/A (No Answer)
Boss Creek Trails (Future)	8	162	34
Black Rock Park	25	145	34
Mutrie Road Park	78	92	34
BX Ranch Park	111	59	34
N'kwala Park	23	147	34
BX Community Park	37	133	34
Cools Pond	36	134	34
Stickle Road (Boulevard)	27	143	34
Gibbs Road Park	16	154	34
Keddleston Park (Future)	1	169	34

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Total Number of Respondents 189

Total Number of Responses

Question 2: Which of the following activities did you or someone in your household participate in at an Electoral Area B or C local park or trail within the past year (as shown on the map in Question 1)?

Relaxing or casual use	Nature/wildlife viewing
Picnicking	Dog walking / visiting a dog park
Outdoor swimming	Non-motorized boating / paddling
Playing on a sports field	Walking, hiking or jogging
Visiting a playground	





	Vaa	Na	N/A (No
	Yes	No	Answer)
Relaxing or casual use	63	102	39
Nature/wildlife viewing	50	115	39
Picnicking	6	159	39
Dog walking/visiting a dog park	113	52	39
Non-motorized boating/paddling	4	161	39
Playing on a sportsfield	20	145	39
Walking, hiking, or jogging	80	85	39
Visiting a playground	23	142	39

Total Number of Responses 359 961

Total Number of Respondents 184

Question 3: What do you like most about the local parks and trails in Electoral Areas B and C (as shown on the map in Question 1)?

- Beautiful area and scenery
- dogs allowed at some, not all hard or on an incline, close by.
- Beautiful surroundings, easily accessible.
- We love the off-leash dog parks in the area as well as the scenery and ease of getting around when they are well maintained. It's great to have several dog parks to choose from.
- Very convenient for me to visit daily with my dog. Has dog bags and garbage facilities as well as trails. They are dog friendly. They are being maintained in a way that I have not experienced in the past.
- Easy accessibility! Well kept clean and always has dog bags.
- Dog parks
- Parking is easy. Parks are fairly large and not overly busy. Most important they exist and are available for residents. More park space is important.
- Quiet
- I like it is there but it could be improved greatly
- Mutrie Park has been upgraded but not completely yet. It is a great park for social dogs and I don't see too many dogs that shouldn't be there. The bigger more aggresive variety generally to go BX park. At Mutrie I know we have available to us the land on the east side of the fenceline which you where going to make a hiking trail over to BX. Is that still in the works. What I would love to see in Vernon that could put us on the map for travellers with pets is a waterpark just made for dogs and their people. Dogs love water and we love dogs. I will send you some information on one that has been done elsewhere. Vernon should be very dog friendly and more people will visit and everyone wins.
- bx ranch park is a great off leash park and there is easy access to drinking water for the dogs
- We love the tranquility of BX trail from 48th Stickle road but for the last two years our use has been impacted greatly by flooding. I don't understand why resources are being used to rebuild the trail each year and not flood prevention
- They are close to where I live. Adequate parking. Clean.
- BX Dog Park means so much to me there are so few places in any town these days where dogs can roam and play off leash and BX is a gem of a place for this purpose. I was over the moon excited to find it upon moving here from Vancouver 2 years ago.
- close to my residence



- The views! As a photographer, I love to use the areas around the BX. There's lots to see and do. I also have dogs that appreciate the walking trails available to us (and yes, I always pick up after them thank you for having disposable bags at the parks).
- On the whole the parks I use are well-maintained and the provision of doggie bags is excellent, as is the service for cleaning the bins regularly; my hat off to your staff. Have to say that the bark mulch put down at BX is not particularly successful. I feel it would have been better had it been true bark mulch rather than the composted mulch which is 'muddier' particularly when wet.
- Great dog parks!
- natural wooded areas and grasslands, being close to nature and using hiking trails.
- Natural areas need protected Love the trees and water
- · proximity to my residence
- Dogs are allowed
- I like the creek at bx dog park.
- The nature
- We really like the wilderness feel to some of the parks, the ability to bring our dog with us and the accessibility [close-by, flat surfaces].
- Great place to go to socialize dogs and to walk. I like the wooded part by the creek, very relaxing
- I love walking trails with my dog, it's exercise for both of us
- Off leash dog parks.
- · Large spacious dog park with access to water
- The length of the trails
- Creek access at BX
- · Away from the hustle and bustle of the city.
- BX is a great off leash park
- BX Ranch Park has variety of open grassy areas, wooded trails along BX creek and allows an opportunity for a longer, varied walk with the dogs off leash. Also interested in the future Keddleston area park, as this is closer to our home.
- Naturesque
- Still a rural feeling to them
- I'm actually disappointed in how few dog parks there are around here
- Just the ability to be in nature so easily. (We are from Edmonton)
- The natural area and calming effect
- Planned safe distance from freighter transport of dangerous goods and fast highway traffic that should be relocated on a future long overdue ring road to west of riparian valley bottom
- Ease of access. Nature/view
- Variety that each location offers. Dog walkers are limited but people with families have many options.
- Accessibility
- Well
 - Maintained
- They are beautiful parks for walking our dog. Very convenient to access.
- i love the variety and the natural landscape and trees and grasses.
- I love the natural setting of the parks and that my dog can be off leash at BX Ranch Park. We both love the area along the creek it feels like you are in a Rain Forest of sorts so beautiful, quiet, and basically untouched. I love to go bird watching at Cools Pond. There is such a diversity of birds and water fowl. Thank you for maintaining the natural beauty of these parks that are so close to urban/city areas.



- In my community
- The ability to walk and enjoy nature in a large open space close to my home on Larkspur road. As to parks in general, they allow the enjoyment of open space and contribute to a healthy lifestyle.
- they provide recreation opportunities and help protect natural landscapes
- Having access to water for my dog
- · ease of access.
- The dog parks are in very scenic locations, we enjoy going to both Mutrie and BX Creek. I think they
 are great just the way they are.
- that they are pleasant for walking and in many taking your pet for a walk, it also nice that many are not manicured but a little rustic
- These parks are clean and the grass is generally green and cared for.
- Proximity to home and friends places
- BX Park is a great place for a nice leisurely walk or walking a dog
- The fact that the park is off leash. We need more of them.
- It's dog friendly and a nice place to be we go every day for walks there
- Fenced.
- That we have them and that they are usually very clean.
- The ability to have a nice, long, wooded, safe walk with my dogs off leash.
- Large with different landscape
- fully fenced and gated park for dogs variety of grasslands, forest, creeks
- Off leash dog park
- Good to have choices and off leash dog areas
- Playgrounds for children, possibility for off leash dog walk, bike rides (Stickle), natural creek area and forest (BX)
- Beautiful views. Open space for dog to run.
- connectivity via walking trails and paths (BX and Grey Canal)
 access to lakefront, lake shore, for water enjoyment use, eg. kayaking, SUP, swimming, dog
 swimming.
- bx ranch park is the best in town. There is room for the dogs to play and with creek there a great deal of water sport and play.
- Safe spots for dogs to run free. Most users observe safe dog handling practices I've yet to
 experience a problem with my dogs in a park something I can't say about walking my dogs on
 leash on country roads where unleashed dogs run from properties and have attacked
- BX is large and an easy walk for someone my age.
- BX ranch park's trail along the creek through trees is very appealing.
 I select the area to use because it has a fenced area for dogs to socialize while contained.
 I appreciate the supply of bags for poop pick-up and the garbage bins.
- I live on BX Road and I would love a sidewalk from where it ends just before the mailboxes all the way to the top. Local traffic is getting busier and there isn't a safe place to walk along the side of the road, especially in the winter/darker months.
- That there's a fenced dog park and they are all dog friendly
- Variety, off leash dog parks, most are clean....some people don't scoop after their dog poops! Views , nature
- The connection to nature and the cleanliness
- We use mostly the Dog parks, BX Ranch in particular. We like the openness and the fact it is left mostly natural. It's nice and casual and our dog can run around at will, we can walk as much or as little as we want.
- BX ranch dog park is a wonderful park for walking and socializing your dog



- I absolutely LOVE the BX dog park. It is one of the main reason why my wife and I decided to buy a
 house in Vernon and make it our home. I love the quality of the natural experience I can share with
 my dog and my family.
- That they are protected places that we can rely on to see wildlife and the natural environment, and where we can walk.
- Playgrounds with the chewed up rubber surface
- landscape views and viewing of wild life.
- Proximity to home
- BX Ranch has been called the 'world's greatest dog park' by visitors who have traveled all over Canada and the US because of its offerings of an open field plus shade plus the BC Creek. It's refreshing for both dogs and people.
- I really enjoyed the dog park, till they put all that compost down from the dump, and now it is really muddy and there are small bits of plastic all over.
- Size, nice big parks
- Love that BX Ranch Dog Park is close to natural setting. Confused as to why dirt was put on the trail creating mud whenever there is rain. Spring will be interesting.
- Off-leash dog parks are OK however BX Ranch park in particular can be dangerous with the creek running high.
- They are lovely.
- I like the dog accessible trails and the forested trails.
- Mutrie park is fenced in, and used to have a water supply that was awesome for the dogs and owners to use. Also, 99% of the people that I have met at this park are all very pleasant to chat with!
- They are close to home.
- The nature.

Places for children to play and explore.

Something for everyone.

Geographically dispersed.

The nature.

Spaces for children to play and discover.

Geographically disperse.

- I didn't visit any
- Are away from the city. Places were nature can exist
- ease of access, good neighbors, friendly people and atmosphere
- The dog parks are very much appreciated as our entire family can get out and exercise and socialize.
- Natural settings, fenced for dogs. Parking is adequate
- trails
- Green space.
- All the parks are great, just some you have to keep an eye out for your own safety, but I guess it never going to be like it has been in the past.
- We really enjoy the interaction with nature and the ability to get away from an urban environment to relax and enjoy the beauty of the Okanagan and our natural surroundings.
- Well maintained, accessible
- Green space, running water, beautiful views
- Well maintained.

Dog friendly.

Easy access.

 There are quite a few choices in the area. Really like that there is one within walking distance to our home.



- Out in nature, away from cars, quiet, seeing wildlife
- well kept
- Great for walking with dogs
- Public space for children to play, natural habitat/ conservation and nature appreciation areas, walking areas.
- We don't like anything about our parks we DO NOT go because of the issue of drugs and needles.
- The potential for connectivity between areas. I'm an avid commuter cyclist and use the parks when I can to avoid having to bike on the road. Natural areas and their ecosystem values.
- Dog-walker friendliness (including doggie bags and garbage cans). Outhouses at some parks. Ease
 of access (parking). Year round use.
- They are usually quiet and away from the downtown area. I love nature and being in parks that are more rural.
- Being outside in our neighbourhood, going for a walk in a natural area is very important to me and improves quality of life.
- Mutrie park is close to our home, is fenced in, and generally has pleasant folks to chat with. We
 have been able to make a few friends there. It is very rare to have a problem with other people or
 their dogs.
- I love them. I use Mutrie for dogs, as well as Marshall field, and the rail trail.
- BX dog park is the best dog park that I know of. My wife and I visit the park every day with our two dogs.
- They are in a rural area most with nice trees and scenery. They are usually maintained well too.
- they are small, quiet parks, with exception BX
- Off leash dog run, clean water for the dogs to drink and swim in
- Natural areas (creeks, trees, vegetation); Bird life

Question 4: What do you dislike most about the local parks and trails in Electoral Areas B and C (as shown on the map in Question 1)?

- Nothing
- afraid of bears haha. and cactus.
- Poor maintenance, no improvements.
- Some people are irresponsible with their animals and do not take accountability for things. It would be nice if each dog park had a large sign with the rules of the park (owners being accountable/cleaning up after their animals/leashing their animals when they show any sign of aggression, etc.) as well as a contact # for the RDNO in case an event occurs. In the city we lived in last, these signs were posted at all dog parks and were very helpful for those who visit the park so that when an incident happens, we can point to the sign and educate people on proper behavior (even if it should be common sense). It would be nice if the parks were visited by enforcers more often as it is a bit sad how many people visit with aggressive dogs and act as though it is normal, and there is no way to hold them accountable. It ruins it for a lot of other people who visit the parks and we have even heard of people who boycott attending the parks due to other people's actions.

Otherwise, the parks are great and we absolutely love the BX Creek Dog Park and Mutrie Dog Park

• The material that is being used to surface the trails at Mutrie and BX is not appropriate. It is essentially dirt or soil which creates the following problems: it turns to mud when it rains; it seems to



have some manure in it which dogs like to eat. The bark mulch that was applied to the trails at Mutrie last year attracted weeds. The soil that has just been applied will do the same. When I visit now, no one is walking on the trails; visitors walk beside on not on the trails. I think a crushed aggregate would be more suitable, not muddy, resist weeds and make for a walkable and enjoyable trail system.

- they are perfect!
- dangerous creeks, damage to riparian areas, disrespect for nature and wildlife.
- Dog park garbage can location. Although a hassle for parks staff, having garbage cans at multiple locations (not just entrance) would improve dog waste pick up.
- Dog feces,
- The park is not kept up and could be upgraded to be a great place to walk you dog
- I would like water for the dogs. a Faucet like in Kelowna that can just be turned on for water for the dogs. I would also like to see perhaps a sprinkler that is on a timer set up so dogs can run through it. In my previous comment it would be a waterpark that would be tops. Just like a kiddies wadding pool but only for dogs and their people. Also I would like to see a place separated for small dogs under 15" at the shoulder (beagle size) Sometimes there seems to be a lot of bigger dogs and it's intimidating to some pet owners. A nice shaded area with benches so people can visit and dogs can play. It's all good.
- Flooding on BX trail
- Lack of lighting at BX and Mutrie. Lack of water at Mutrie. Parking lots at both BX and Mutrie are very poorly maintained during the winter time (very icy and very slow to respond to sand them properly).
- N/A the only dislike I would have is about the idea that this park may one day cease to be an off leash dog park.
- They are mostly serving dog owners.
- I actually don't have any complaints about the current parks.
- Would it be possible to pave the parking lots at both BX and Mutrie both seem to have a very high water table and are difficult to negotiate for more than half the year.
- Nothing.
- Parks and trails should be smoke, vape and cannabis free to be family friendly
- lacking maintenance (trails)
- the weeds!!!!!
- No garbages throughout the park (only 1 garbage at the entrance) so people leave dog poop bags scattered along the trail.
 - No public toilet/hand sanitizer station.
- I very much dislike the new bark multch on the path at b.x. Its like mud. I understand the nessessity at mutrie, but b.x. is mostly sand. And the multch is worse. Sand dryes and brushes off, that multch just stick on everything and is a mess. Now its there forever...
- Most don't allow dogs on leash.
- Inability of using the parks in the evening of the winter months when it is dark. Lack of lighting. New compost path put down has increased muddiness of trails.
- People that don't pick up after their pets. Maybe more garbage cans and bag dispensers needed
- The number of areas where dogs aren't allowed. I get that some dog owners aren't responsible. I
 also get that you don't want dogs in picnic areas or children's play areas, but there are so many
 trails people should be able to bring their dogs. I think it's been of great benefit at Poulson
- I very much dislike the multch that was put on b.x dog park. I understand the need for it at mutrie because of the mud, but BX was sand. It dried and brushed off my boots and my dog. The multch is more like mud, it packs into my boots.
- Better lighting for winter hours
- I dislike that future trails are included ie, boss creek, as people are trespassing until this is completed.



- The lack of enforcement of basic rules and guidelines for dog parks.
- Many of the parks are small, and I didn't realize that some of these parks on the map were actual
 parks and not someones private property.
- Dog poo all over that is not cleaned up
- Too busy
- Nothing so far
- Outside of off leash areas, I hate running into dogs off their leash and out of control
- Inaccurate maps, including a summer season list to tourism and resident enjoyment of peaceful land based eclectic protection of habitat for wildlife, notably turtle and passers new bird, fish disruptions, and false promises to public for bx trail completion, for walking and biking. Overloaded with input from commercial non resident biases!
- Dogs off leash (other than in dog parks).
- Would like to have fenced areas in larger facilities than say Mutrie, this would separate dog owners and other park facility users, giving both groups more places to choose from.
- Need improved access to silverstar property right now public use is discouraged by resort
- off leash uncontrolled dogs Can not enjoy most parks because of unruly dogs jumping as us as we
 walk If we have our dog with us on leash other dog uncontrolled run up to us and sometimes are
 not friendly
- Could use a garbage can at every entrance and exit.
- Cleaning up debris in creeks
- When they're neglected, they can become overgrown and shabby. It's great to keep them up, mowing the trails, cutting the long grasses, fixing the fences and parking lots especially for the winter traffic.
- The lack of toilet facilities has been an issue at BX Ranch but having the porta potty there this year was excellent.
- I have one main issue ,that there is a need for a flat and groomed place in the wintertime for seniors walking a dog. Mutrie is a 'dirty' park needing to be more like the green at the Mission Hill dog park.
- Invasive weeds need more attention. More funding needs to be allocated to controlling Scotch Thistle and Burdock. As to BX Ranch Park; The upper (forest trail) off Larkspur road needs to be made into a designated trail to prevent the creation of other trails and allow a circle route to be established. This trail was designated and RDNO funds were used to start it some years ago. The lower trail above the first bridge has been washed out and it is not practical to establish a new one (connection to Haynes RD) Protect the Riparian area here and try and divert the walkers up onto the upper forest trail once it is established. I am happy to meet Keith, or Andy and take 15 minutes to walk it. Paul Williamson 250-545-4743 Call me.....
- nothing
- Nothing
- This park (Murtrie) has a vast amount of potential, however, it is poorly maintained with a severe lack of summer mowing and watering of trees in the park. Additionally there is little to no maintenance with regard to fixing holes in the park (made by irresponsible dog owners/dogs), clearing snow /ice from entrance paths in the winter. Recently there was an attempt to, one would assume, improve the park pathway with the addition of mulch from the local landfill mulch collection. This so called mulch is littered with glass, plastic, steel and debris that is an extreme hazard to the dogs and children that attend the park not to mention creating a substantial mess when walked on. I have seen the addition of a bulletin board complete with cover over the summer, this money would have been far better spent with maintaining the park to a safer standard, creating a safe area to walk and the addition of a water source so that dog owners do not have to bring water to the park!!
- Bx Creek could use another garbage can close to the creek entrance.
- not much but in some were dogs are not allowed people do take them but do not pick up after them
- · Lack of maintenance and care



- Its just a big field. More amenities are needed.
- Missing garbage containers and tables
- Not enough parks that allow dogs.
- Nothing
- Lack of garbage cans, public washrooms and signs with applicable by laws/rules
- not enough garbage cans throughout parks, and they should all have lids to reduce the odor and wasps

often poo bags have run out at the dispensers Public washrooms should be available in larger parks Water tap for people/animals

- No trees, no features, mucky ground if it rains
- The occasional abuse of these spaces for partying and drug use at night
- Lack of garbage bins and poo bags along the route. Could have more History signs.
- Not enough parks along the lakefront of greater Vernon's three lakes. We are lucky to live in a city that is surrounded by three lakes, but unless you own a lakefront lot or lake shore property, you cannot access or enjoy much of it. Kalamalka Beach and Kin Beach are over-populated and crowded in the summer. There should be boardwalk trails around Swan Lake and public access to the water for kayaking, SUP and a dog beach. It is unfortunate that so much lake shore is private property. It would be nice to have more public beachfront. Due to historical planning errors, I believe that Cosens Bay Beach needs to have a lower parking lot for our growing population.
- nothing
- Mud and lack of washrooms
- need another garbage bin on the other side of the park.
- I did not know about all the parks shown on the map so have not visited all of them. My park use is usually with a dog or with young children so facilities for those users is where I go.
- Having better pedestrian access would be nice, but all in all the parks are kept in great condition.
- The fenced dog park is small and the ground is usually super muddy, that joggers get upset that people bring their dogs to the dog park
- dog owners not cleaning up after their pets
- Should have fenced area for small dogs separate from large dogs, unleashed dogs out of control, people not scooping their dogs poop. Icy conditions hard for walking, hiking at times. Lack of toilets/washrooms. More seating available to enjoy nature.
- Nothing
- Nothing really, we don't use the playgrounds, but they look out of date to us. The fields look fine, generally there is nothing to dislike about the parks.
- I wish there were lights at the BX dog park for winter as I try to go to the park daily but it gets tough and dangerous when there is no light.
- There is nothing I dislike.
- More parks is always best
- Dog poop left in park, both types, those left by dogs as well as the poop left in plastic bags by dog owners.
- Unleashed dogs
- Too much Scotch Thistle!
- the trail by stickle road is a little over grown, and the same as last question referring to bx dog park
- BX Ranch Park the placement of Compost in the Mutrie and BX Dogs parks is a VERY BAD idea.
 A once nice park is now completely muddy, there was no need for this. I can see the use of bark mulch, but not compost.
- Do not like the dirt/mulch that was added to BX Ranch Dog Park



- BX has a dangerous creek. BX has inadequate fencing to protect neighbours from dog park users, and the overall degradation of the riparian area is a sad sight to see. 20 years ago, this park was a jewel, now it's just a reminder of how little we did to protect our environment, in favour of entitled dog owners. Signs keep getting ripped down, people just go wherever they want with their dogs. Dog crap is still not picked up enough. Why is it OK for people to bring their poop machines to the park then ignore the droppings? I've even had a yelling match with a professional dog walker at Mutrie who couldn't be bothered to pick up after the dogs in her charge while other folks stood by, totally mute.
- They are good
- Mutrie is hot and exposed and needs trees planted in the middle.
- Mutrie is too sun-baked in the summer. It would be nice to have shade structures in place until trees could be planted.
 - The entrance to the parking area is always getting very large potholes throughout the year. I would suggest having this problem resolved ONCE by someone who knows what they're doing. Having the water supply fixed would be awesome also.
 - It gets way too muddy at the gate. I believe that more gravel and less mulch would solve this.
- They aren't very pretty to look at.
- Can't think of anything.
- I didn't visit any
- Should be more ponds like Cools Pond
- people not picking up after their dogs, or, picking it up and leaving the bag on the ground beside the trail.......REALLY PEOPLE!!!!!
- As we are a dog family there are some trails that do not permit our dogs and that essentially means our family cannot use them.
- Have only visited Mutrie, really no complaints
- Close to home and are a nice to take a break.
- I don't like that there is not enough local parks and trails. Definitely lacking in our community!!
- Aggressive off leash dogs, even without bringing a dog with me I should not be harassed by a dog
 barking at me as I try to walk around the park, kids on bikes in parks that race around unsupervised
 with no respect for other people enjoying a walk. New material in the park trails, very soft and wet.
 Now we walk on the grass and have to watch for the dog feces that isn't picked up
- Some parks are not dog friendly. Difficult parking.
- The playgrounds only have one swing suitable for little ones and the playgrounds are not appropriate. Most families that I know have two young children close in age. By the time the youngest is old enough to sit in a bucket swing the older one has no where to swing as her/she is too small for a regular swing. The regular swings are also too high. It's difficult to get onto a swing while holding a child. The playgrounds are all made for older kids as they are too high and have high open gaps. We don't visit the parks as much as we used too as it is too difficult with more than one child.
- The trails are too short, wish there was longer trails for my kids to go bike riding and enjoy the nature.
- n/a
- There is no good way to walk to the parks you need to drive.
- Limited in space and options. No connectivity with respect to bike lanes on roadways. Not much
 length for trail walking/ running. Highly disappointed in how stickleback road connector road was
 allowed to happen given the already existing issues with development along BX creek. That lower
 wetland area was a natural sediment and contaminant filter, and provided flood protection.
 Development of this area was unnecessary. Gibbs road playground needs updating.
- The drug issue we do not feel safe at all going to parks or trails with the homeless issue in this town



- There seems to be an excessive amount of off trail use. The forest in the BX creek park are completely trampled right up to the creek. It is a very sensitive ecosystem that doesn't seem to be respected.
- Lack of even minimal toilet facilities for people at many parks. Need water for dogs to drink where possible.
- Not many of them, especially with playgrounds.
- I would love to see the BX farm lands connect up the disparate areas shown in the map. What I dislike is that they're not yet connected. Also, as I am not a dog owner, it's hard to share some of those spaces with dogs, but that's not that big of a deal. It's important that there is space for them too.
- Mutrie park -- It would be really nice if the potholes at the entrance to the parking lot could be fixed
 once and for all! Also, the entry to the park where the gates are get extremely muddy at certain
 times of the year, while the rest of the park is alright. Perhaps more gravel and less mulch? Also,
 the hose bib REALLY needs to be fixed. A lot of us rely on this water source in the summer.
 Summer heat is a problem there, so, any source of shade, be it trees or shade structures would be
 most welcome!
- Just that people let their dogs run wild
- I dislike that changes are being made to the trails. The material used on the trail makes our feet and our dogs feet muddy and will be a worse when the weather becomes wet.
- The parking lot at BX Ranch Park sometimes has huge pot holes in it that make it hard to drive through. It might be nice to have a portable toilet there too.
- We live on the other side of town and don't get there much
- When people have dogs on a leash or dogs that aren't neutered
- Lacking or degraded signage.
 Damaged creek bridges.

Question 5: What is your level of satisfaction with each of the following in relation to Electoral Areas B and C local parks and trails (as shown on the map in Question 1), with 1 = very unsatisfied and 5 = very satisfied?

Natural parkland	Parks close to where you live
Trails for walking	Trails for cycling
Sports fields	Outdoor courts
Playgrounds	Picnic facilities
Off-leash dog parks	Swimming / lake activities
Public washrooms	Maintenance of parks
Maintenance of trails	





	1 = very	2 =	3 = neutral / do not	4 =	5 = very
	unsatisfied	unsatisfied	know	satisfied	satisfied
Natural parkland	7	20	23	46	28
Parks close to where you live	7	23	10	56	28
Trails for walking	11	23	18	50	24
Trails for cycling	16	22	38	14	7
Sportsfields	1	13	36	43	8
Outdoor courts	3	16	46	21	6
Playgrounds	4	16	43	32	7
Picnic facilities	6	23	53	18	3
Off-leash dog parks	15	22	18	43	27
Public washrooms	20	42	43	12	2
Maintenance of parks	7	26	18	57	15
Maintenance of trails	9	23	21	58	11
Total Number of Responses	1358				
Total Number of Respondents	134				

Question 6: a) Which of the following potential priorities for outdoor recreation are most important to you? Please rank each item with 1 being the most important item and 5 being the least important item.

More parks	More park features, e.g. sports fields, playgrounds, picnic facilities, washrooms
More trails	Improved park maintenance
Improved trail maintenance	

	1 - Most important	2	3	4	5 - Least Important
More parks	46	20	26	17	17
More park features	23	23	37	20	21
More trails	39	33	18	16	18
Improved park maintenance	16	25	30	36	17
Improved trail maintenance	21	16	26	28	31
Total Number of Responses	620				
Total Number of					
Respondents	132				





Question 6: b) If more park features are important to you, which of the following amenities would you like to see at the existing Electoral Areas B and C local parks or along trails (as shown on the map in Question 1)? (select all that apply)

Trails for walking	Trails for cycling
Sports fields	Outdoor courts
Playgrounds	Picnic facilities
Off-leash dog parks	Public washrooms
Benches	Garbage and recycling bins
Directional (wayfinding) signage	Interpretive signage
Parking lots	Non-motorized boat launches
Swimming docks	Other (please indicate)

	Yes	No	N/A
Trails for walking	105	34	65
Trails for cycling	60	79	65
Sports fields	10	129	65
Outdoor courts	18	121	65
Playgrounds	37	102	65
Picnic facilities	31	108	65
Off-leash dog parks	86	53	65
Public washrooms	83	56	65
Benches	62	77	65
Garbage and recycling bins	101	38	65
Wayfinding signage	40	99	65
Interpretive signage	27	112	65
Parking lots	49	90	65
Motorized boat launches	15	124	65
Swimming docks	30	109	65
Total Number of Responses Total Number of	2085		
Respondents	160		

Question 6: c) Are there any specific Electoral Areas B and C local parks or trails (as shown on the map in Question 1) requiring improvements? If so, what improvements are needed and where?

- I would love to see tennis courts have a wall to play against. I can only find one in all of Vernon with a wall and it's used by the tennis club so it's the hardest to be able to play on.
- BX dog park needs fencing along BX road for greater dog safety. Dead trees and fallen branches need to be removed. Old rotting stage needs to be removed as it is a hazard for both dogs and small children.
- Additional garbage bins in parks, especially within BX Dog Park might decrease the amount of
 waste that is not being picked up. That being said, it is understandable that they are not located
 further into the park since someone would need to collect the garbage bags. Can never have too



many garbage bins - people are much less likely to leave garbage on the ground if they know there are bins nearby.

- The material that is being used to surface the trails at Mutrie and BX is not appropriate. It is essentially dirt or soil which creates the following problems: it turns to mud when it rains; it seems to have some manure in it which dogs like to eat. The bark mulch that was applied to the trails at Mutrie last year attracted weeds. The soil that has just been applied will do the same. When I visit now, no one is walking on the trails; visitors walk beside on not on the trails. I think a crushed aggregate would be more suitable, not muddy, resist weeds and make for a walkable and enjoyable trail system.
- I would like to see a water feature for the dogs to cool off in Mutrie dog park!
- BX Dog Park is dangerous when creek levels are high. Riparian destruction has been allowed to continue. Twenty years ago this park had beautiful underbrush near the creek, with ferns now it's down-trodden, danger trees about to fall, a sad state indeed. Why is it OK for this degradation to continue? Parking lot design attracts thieves. Fencing incomplete fence with solid boards, to keep dogs out of next-door farms. Fundraising could happen with Memorial Boards for example folks could purchase a fence board, add a tag to commemorate their dog.
- Mutrie Park Available water better maintenance walking path
- Mutrie we need some kind of water for the dogs see previous comments and a nice fenced off area for smaller dogs with shade trees and benches.
- the rail trail could use more garbage bins (hopefully more people will scoop their dogs waste) but nainly for garbage in general i have seen everthing on the trail ie dirty diapers, coffee cups ect also more doggie bag bins
- Flood prevention along Bx trail
- Mutrie Park: (1) lighting to extend hours of use in the winter time (2) turn the water back on so we
 don't have to pack water for our dogs to the park (3) better winter maintenance of the parking lot
 (more sanding to keep it from icing up so much) (4) more frequent cutting of the grass/weeds in the
 park

BX Ranch: (1) lighting to extend hours of use in the winter time (2) better winter maintenance of the parking lot (more sanding to keep it from icing up so much ... this includes the trails along the creek to the 1st bridge).

- all the parks are under utilized as dog only areas.
- parking lots at BX and Mutrie could be paved. For more than six months of the year they are mud baths.
- All parks need more garbage's throughout the site.
- Trails behind bx dog park are lost due to tress falling [trees falling in park are not dealt with either],
 no garbage cans available past the gate, extra lighting for winter use would be great.
- Bx dog park needs more garbage.
- Better signage, it's really unclear at some parks where your supposed to go. Also I don't
 nessessarly need more off leash areas, just more areas where dogs (on leash) can walktrails
- A boot brush at the entrance of b.x dog park, so i can get that multch out of my boots. Instead of tracking it everywhere.
- I will re-iterate the boss creek future trail to be removed, Galiano road is not acceptable for walking as it is single lane traffic an\$ th3 development is not near completion
- Public washrooms at BX Ranch Park would be a huge improvement, and preventative measures to direct spring flood waters from BX create and reduce trail damage/closures
- Dogs are an important deterrent to my use of these areas. The two major issues are dogs not under control and off leash, and the failure of dog owners not to pick up their dog feces, especially the owners who bag it and than leave it on the trail. Is there any enforcement?



- Currently using Mutrie Park. Very impressed with the improvements, main ten episodes of walking pathway, would like 2 or 3 more benches particularly on east side, and entry signage telling people if they can't control their dog(s) they must be leashed.
- More public access at silverstar
- most parks need better signage as to dogs running loose
- Fences along roadways. and leave the park in BX Dog park as is. No playgrounds as Children and Adults like it as is.
- None that I go to need improvement that I can see.
- See answer regarding BX Ranch Park and Larkspur road entrance. The new Swan lake park needs improvements and perhaps a Bird Blind.
- not sure
- No.
- As noted previously Murtrie dog park is in great need of significant improvement, this includes but is not limited to the addition of: covered seating area, public washroom/ portapotty, better quality of walking surface instead of the dangerous recycled mulch that is presently deposited on the park walk way, water supply, regular maintenance to holes grass mowing and winter snow/ice removal from entrances.
 - In general everything needs to be improved in this park to make it safe and enjoyable to everyone who goes there !!
- Access and parking for Stickle Road boulevard, Keddleston, and Boss Creek Trails
- It would be great to connect BX Ranch with BX falls and the grey canal. So more connectivity of the linear parks.
- Washroom garbage can
- Na
- Nutrient needs some grounds care
- The Mutrie Dog park should have better maintence of fences as dogs have escaped into neighbouring yards and killed chickens on occasion. There are als noxious weeds proliferating on the south side
- washrooms everywhere. and garbage cans (it encourages people to actually use doggie bags).
 and why aren't we recycling everything? it's 2018!
- N/A.
 - Love the snow plow and grass cutting that happens at the Gibbs trial
- We need areas at the dog parks for small dogs to run. Kelowna has small dog areas fenced of in
 most of the dog parks. Its a great model. I don't go to dog parks in Greater Vernon with my dog
 because he is too little to play wih big dogs.
- More public access to the lake shore along Swan Lake and trails around the lake
- I'm a dog park user. Washrooms, mud control and garbage collection.
- A sidewalk the entire length of BX Road....The cidery brings a lot of business/traffic to the area and sidewalks would be an awesome added bonus! The trails are great, we do get a new trail from mother nature each spring after the big melt happens. But there isn't anything wrong with that, as long as we are still able to walk through the BX forest our family is happy.
- The fenced in dog park #3 Is well on the way in the right direction with the improved parking lot and finally double gated entry but it seems to be lacking in upkeep and amenitys for dog owners
- Mutrie ..washrooms, small dog off leash fencing
- BX Ranch Park and Mutrie both need washrooms, garbage bins, trail and parking lot maintenance.
- Not sure
- Playgrounds likely need upgrading/new equipment, dog park parking lots could be hard surfaced or at least rap laid down to reduce pot holes.
- Lights in BX dog park
- Trash and recycling bins at all the parks I have visited.



- The trail in the BX Falls desperately needs repair.
- bx dog park needs the compost that was put down covered with pea gravel. or something to get rid of the mud. I would be putting pea gravel over it. If you ask anyone down there nobody likes it and the dogs just get covered inn mud.. Please cover it soon. thanks
- Leave it as is. No more dirt.
- BX Ranch Park for all the reasons noted earlier safety, cleanliness, environmental protection. This park used to be beautiful near the creek with massive ferns, lush underbrush but has been beaten down to nearly nothing. So many unsafe trees I don't feel safe walking beside the creek. Unsure why there is no riparian protection? No respect shown for our natural environment?
- BX Ranch park needs to have the river channel cleared of logs and gravel brought down last year (2017) during the spring flooding. If not, it will probably flood again in the spring, resulting in more damage to existing infrastructure (bridges), and trail closures.
- Mutrie needs trees and soil improvements
- none that I can think of. Good job to those individuals looking after the parks
- I would like to see the BX ranch property remain in the district's hands. Just give a farmer a 20 year lease or so they will maintain the property that the district is not using, properly and keep it productive.
- Future residential development should retain pathway links through neighbourhoods to reach the parks. Grey canal trail for instance is a bit stranded for anyone to walk to unless in Foothills. Cools pond....are you allowed to walk around there? It doesn't look like much other than a wetland. A bench or picnic table in grassy area might be inviting.
- Bx dog park needs more garbage containers, trails cleaned up for walking, we do not use the park
 to walk our dog as some are too aggressive and in your face, we like to walk the inner trails for the
 beauty of the trees and water,
- The only one in the area that I now use is N'kwala. The fields are nice. The playground area is worn down. When the when playgrounds are replaced they should take into account the little ones as well. Even a small play piece the toddlers can climb without a huge risk of hurting themselves would be nice. There's a park in the foothills that has a nice little playground piece for the little ones, but this is the only nice one I've seen in Vernon all together.
- Grey canal trails need to be linked up and better access to local communities so one can walk not drive to some of these parks
- Gibbs road playground needs updating.
- The BX trail along the creek needs some investment. Bridges, stairs, and signage are in rough shape. It would be nice to walk all the way up to the BX creek falls. I'm hoping that the new Ranchlands park will accommodate cyclists as this would be much nicer than riding on East Vernon and BX roads. It would also be nice to connect on a bike from the new ranch park to bx creek road.
- Outhouse at Grey Canal Trail near Silver Star Road.
- linking together black rock, bx ranch, and mutrie as was originally in the plan when the BX lands were acquired.
- Please refer back to my earlier answer about what I don't like about Mutrie park.
- None I know of
- Im pleased about the new trail that links BX dog park to the one near Black rock road. I haven't have a chance to use it. but it long time we have more public use of the East hill area since the Foothills trail was abruptly shortened by development. yes, we got more parking, but the trail head off BX falls trail on Star Road will soon be gone or smaller. I like parking at BX Falls trail, hiking up to Silver star road, crossing the road to the Foothills trail but that first section is being encroached on by development that I don't consider environmental living (just like East Hill: homes are getting bigger, for smaller families, at the expense of existing trees. this is NOT good for future shade requirements.
- BX Ranch Dog Park replace worn out signs and damaged bridges



Question 7: What do you value about natural areas in Electoral Areas B & C?

Protection of environmental features	Protection of habitat
Provision of trails for walking and hiking	Provision of trails for biking
General enjoyment of nature	Ideal for wildlife viewing
Ideal for plant viewing	Opportunity to learn more about nature
Proximity of the feature to neighbourhoods	Accessibility of the feature to recreational groups

	Yes	No	N/A
Protection of environmental features	95	40	69
Protection of habitat	98	37	69
Provision of trails for walking and hiking	112	23	69
Provision of trails for biking	42	93	69
General enjoyment of nature	103	32	69
Ideal for wildlife viewing	58	77	69
Ideal for plant viewing	47	88	69
Opportunity to learn more about nature	49	86	69
Proximity of the feature to neighbourhoods	80	55	69
Accessibility of the feature to recreational groups	50	85	69
Total Number of Responses	1350		
Total Number of Respondents	154		

Question 8: Are there any other natural areas or features in Areas B & C that you value and think should become parks in the future?

- that chunk of land on the corner of Okanagan Landing and Lakeshore would make an amazing green space. A few trails through it with benches and maybe a gazebo or 2 and some flower beds would be beautiful. Maybe just a tiny parking lot (along Okanagan landing so it isn't as desirable for the beach parking) with maybe 4 spots. Some similar spots that come to mind would be the waterfront walkway along Nakusp and the oriental garden in New Denver.
- Nothing comes to mind.
- Pottery Landfill was supposed to become a park but you already ruined it with biosolids
- The old racetrack would be used to become a beautiful dogpark which could become a jewell of the area and make Vernon stand out as a destination place for visitors with dogs. A wading pool just for dogs and owners. It could incorporate several seperate areas for smaller dogs and with nice landscaping. I would love to give input on how that could be developed. Perhaps even a small business could be incorporated with dog grooming???
- · More public beaches and more parking
- Walking trail being built from BX Ranch to Mutrie should be designated as off leash (no point in making it on-leash ... there will be significant non-compliance)
- Polson Park should allow dogs on a leash.
- Better trail signage
- Better accessible dog beach
- N/a
- BX Falls if it is not categorized as a Park, and trail maintenance in that area along the creek
- Yes the more parks the better



- The top of the hill above foothills subdivision.
- Unsure.
- Parts of silverstar
- Mutrie Road reservoir should have been a park.
- That the BX dog park remain an off leash park and left as close to natural as possible. It a great park now and not needing any major improvements.
- Not sure
- The remainder of the BX Ranch Land (4122 East Vrn Rd) can become either and Agricultural Park, Food/Farm Land Co-op plus other activities.
 - Possible new site of the Vernon Search and Rescue. (VSAR)
 - Wet Land reclamation would serve to provide flood and drought resiliency by providing a landscape that absorbs rainfall and snow melt.
 - · Regional Agricultural Plan priorities can be fulfilled;
 - § Ensuring farmland availability for emerging and multigenerational farmers
 - § Raising awareness through education and celebration of agriculture
 - § Formation of an Agricultural Park with a Food Land Co-Op/Trust
 - § Community Gardens
 - § Horticulture
 - § Creation and preservation of habitat for threatened or endangered species.
 - Open Space activities for North Okanagan citizens.
 - § Expanded trails for Walking, Horseback Riding etc...
 - · Maintain as a Hay Farm for the time being.
 - Strong community support. (over 1.500 Signature Petition)
 - · Accessible to East Hill and BX Residents
- no
- Silver Star Foothills Jackass Hill and Wildwood Gulley, BX Creek Trails, Bates Creek and Brookside Creek
- BX Ranch by Mutrie I like the idea of an agricultural park and open space
- End of Dixon Dam road and all of BX creek that remains.
- What about north swan lake and west side areas
- swimming. accessibility. bathrooms. parking.
- Grey canal trails are super!
- We need a bike jump park for kids. Merritt, Kamloops, Kelowna, Whistler have great examples of bike jump parks. Becker is great but it doesn't have dirt jumps or skinnies.
- Not that I am able to think of.
- No
- If the RDNO does own the land below Mutrie dog park, build a dog friendly golf course!! Then you'd really be a trail blazer!!
- BX Falls trail should be open to dog use
- Anything with lake access.
- No, new to the area so don't know the area that well yet



- Upper knoll of Foothills subdivision BX Creek and entire Grey Canal South end of Swan Lake Some portion of BX ranch lands
- A natural park in the wooded area of Foothills. Yes, I know it's not quite in B or C, but surrounded by them and in theory a Greater Vernon park.
- not that I can think of.
- Upper area and fields above the Foothills neighbourhood needs to be preserved as parkland and not developed.
- Nothing to add.
- Back in 2007 a big deal was made about remediating the Pottery Road Landfill, and a group of disc golfers were used by RDNO Staff to provide an excellent photo opp for the RDNO, and then those hopes were crushed immediately as it turned out, this was merely a pipe dream and the RDNO Administrator backtracked on everything. Ten years later, this property has been covered with biosolids from Metro Vancouver and it is anyone's guess, whether this area will ever become parkland or if it's simply too unsafe to walk. If I were living next to this land, I would have some pretty tough questions I would want you to answer. What a very sad use of land, way to let down this very active user group who could have made something of this dump, way to support local recreation and sports tourism. Don't worry I won't be holding my breath.
- Swan Lake, with a swimming beach and non-motorized boat launch
- The Grey Canal Trail and the BX trail.
 I would love to see a linear parkway along the length of L&A Rd and Pleasant Valley Rd that allows for a shared pathway for pedestrians, cyclists, small-wheeled transports (skateboards, scooters, roller-blades)and leashed dogs.
- The wooded Douglas Fir forest atop of the Foothills development. This area should be protected, including wildlife corridors.
- Goose lake Ponderous peak (above Adventure Bay) Commonage lands
- Create more wildlife habitate especially ponds
- Unsure.
- Yes there are many, but the money only goes so far, and it's better to keep what we have in good shape and safe for family use.
- The areas behind Apex drive and Hitchcock road should become a natural Park area for everyone to enjoy. Just like Kalamalka Park!! Also, more trails and playgrounds on Foothills.
- Yes. Area between L and A rd and foothills...where lower foothills keeps expanding to the north. The Hydro corridor is an ideal right of way that will limit some development. Lots of informal well used trails in there already.
- No answer
- Bx ranchlands should be kept as a park for the public and not developed for housing, it would be
 great if the grey canal trail gets connected to the boss creek trails and actually be a natural trail
 since the current grey canal trail on east Vernon road is NOT a trail it's just walking on the road
- Green space Areas north and east (uphill and adjacent to) foothills development need to be
 protected. The development in this are is very rapid and lots of valuable natural habitat is being
 destroyed. It's become a huge eye sore. This area has great opportunity for development of walking
 nature trails and would be used extensively by the active community that lives here.

Also BX creek trail could be expanded past the waterfall at the east end towards Silverstar. It would be a fantastic opportunity to expand on the much beloved existing trail system and perhaps a way to reduce the pressure from the lower area. I would consider opening up this area for dog use (on leash) as nobody seems to respect the existing bylaw. It is such a busy trail that on leash dogs would likely not provide any additional disturbance to wildlife.





- It would be amazing if the entirety of the BX ranchlands was preserved for public use. It would be nice to have connectivity to Aberdeen road from pottery road. Additionally, it would be great to have improved off road connectivity between the varying portions of the Grey canal trail.
- Bus parking so school children can enjoy walking in some of the larger parks with trails.
- trails connecting bx ranch to bx creek
- No
- there is an awesome trail on the East side of Commonage road, but it needs to be maintained so
 we can do a loop. this would be fabulous for snowshoeing in winter. email me if you want more info:
 musetta@uniserve.com
- Add new natural areas and/or parks in areas on the hills east of Swan Lake.

Question 9: Where do you live?

Electoral Area B	Electoral Area B
Spallumcheen	Vernon
Okanagan Indian Band	Coldstream
Other	

Spallumcheen	2
Coldstream	13
Electoral Area B	20
Electoral Area C	29
Vernon	60
Other	2
Total Number of	
Respondents	126

Question 10: What is your age bracket?

19 or under	20 – 29
30 – 44	45 – 59
60 – 74	75+

19 or under	0
20 - 29	8
30 - 44	40
45 - 59	35
60 - 74	39
75+	4
Total	
Number of	
Respondents	126



Question 11: Which of the following best describes your household situation at this time?

Couple of single with no dependent children	Couple or single with dependent children
Prefer not to say / other	

Couple or single with no dependent children	77
Couple or single with dependent children	42
Prefer not to say / other	7
Total Number of Respondents	126

Question 12: Please provide any additional comments on local parks and trails within Electoral Areas B and C (as shown on the map in Question 1).

- No comments.
- Great job on keeping the current parks up! We really enjoy how many options we have and the issues
 we see really come down to just enforcement of rules and regulations (nothing to do with the RDNO's
 work besides more enforcement of rules).
- A lot of folks from outside B&C also use Mutrie and BX Dog Parks how are these parks funded? Are they also contributing to upkeep,?
- Will reiterate what I mentioned before. We need water for our dogs whether it is to drink from tap source, a sprinkler for them to run and have fun with (timer used) or the best thing ever is to have a large cement wading pool for dogs and owners to pay in. Happy dogs, happy people who pay taxes.
- there is not enough beach access for dogs that people can easily walk to
- As a long time resident, I'm very disappointed that we have the parks function split up again. I live in Vernon but use mostly parks that are outside the city limits. Most of the people that I see at the parks I use almost daily (Mutrie and BX) are from the City of Vernon. It is, quite frankly, ridiculous that we have multiple jurisdictions trying to manage this. One function, governed jointly by the local communities, makes far more sense and would provide better resources to maintain and improve the existing parks.
- BX falls is a nice (albeit unmaintained) trail to take kids for a hike as is the grey canal, but it seems that the majority of "park" space in the BX is dog only space. BX ranch park could be better utilized for more sports and family activity. A playground? A baseball diamond? A gazebo and picnic space? It could still be dog friendly but family friendly as well. Perhaps if there were more types of users than it wouldn't be a large field of feces.
- The BX Ranch dog park is by far the best facility of it's kind in the Okanagan. A really excellent park and admired by all my out of town guests.
- Smoke free please for the enjoyment of all
- I feel more of the trails should allow dogs. Grey canal trail first section allows dogs but the next 2 sections don't. Also bx falls should allow dogs on leash.
- No more mulch at b.x.
- No more mulch at b.x.
- Please remove the boss creek future trail from all maps until implemented as people are continually trespassing to get to this trail.
- More dogs parks and trails!



- RDNO did wonderful job of park management when it managed Vernon City Parks, parks and trails are appreciated by families, fitness and nature lovers and certainly are benefit to tourists. Point of note, if you manage Rocky Point Park and entry to Grey Canal trail at turtle mountain boulevard, the park sign broke from its moorings 2 summers ago and has not been fixed.
- If you are going to make off leash dog parks they should be completely fenced with a notice that aggressive dogs are not welcome and that all dogs still need to be under the control of the handler.
- I am a big fan of the BX Dog park and wish it to remain close to what it is now. There are many parks for children now but none left to nature as BX park is.
- Keep up the good work.
- As a senior I need an appropriate place to walk in the winter with grandchildren and dogs. This
 means maintenance of a parking lot as well as a trail/trails. Maintenance of parks is very important
 for everyone.
- We have our work cut out for us, now that the Recreation functions have been redefined.....Keep up the good Work!
- Public consultation is great! Thanks for doing this. I support more parks and trails in the area 100%
- I would like to see more parks that are available to the handicapped and for seniors to use
- Better trail linkage between parks and neighborhoods.
- Good luck figuring this all out!!
- Please keep up your good work
- Protect as much land as we can now. All of BX creek ecosystem must be protected.
- Please keep BX Dog for off leash dog use, please!!!!
- bathrooms!!
- More trails in vernon would be great. Nice to have a variety of trails to walk my dog on, instead of the same one. More onleash trails for dog users too.
 Horse droppings should be picked up as well. It is more of a problem than dog poo.
- We need trails to riding areas for kids. Connectivity is getting ok with in Vernon but it has a long way
 to to make it safe for families if they want to ride their bikes to parks and the rural trails and parks.
 Also get us some small dog zones at the fog parks.
- More lake access and beaches for the public
- there is no need to change anything
- Safe walking trails, easily accessible out our back doors would be the ideal. Cyclists treat trails like they own them and are often rude. A nice walk should not have to dodge and watch fearfully behind you every step of the way because a cyclist is going to come up behind.
- Please, please keep doing the great job you all do! I love the BX area and am so excited I get to be close to the town core, but live in the wilderness. I would just love more sidewalks hahaha
- We enjoy the outdoors and like the variety of choices offered in the area.
- N/a
- Leave the dog parks, BX Ranch & Mutrie, alone. The are fine the way they are. People that are convincing the RDNO to make so called improvements by installing so-called "mulch" on the walk paths are just being fanatical. Dogs want to run in long grass and love the natural terrain. Don't let people convince you that a whole bunch of amenities are required at these parks because they're not, just give us some open space, a dependable supply of poopy bags and we're happy.
- We love your dog parks, your trails, and your playing fields but perhaps there could be more? as well as more active transportation routes to all these amenities?
- In Scotland I have encountered a park ambassador program local volunteers that are out in the parks helping people, making sure they don't misbehave and providing information. It seems to work very well for them the ambassadors are dedicated and enthusiastic and provide a valuable service. Perhaps it is something we could duplicate?



Really like the chewed up rubber surfaces some parks have like the water park @ Poulson Park.
 Would like to see this type of surface put in all new park playgrounds & all existing parks being replaced with this stuff eventually. It is clean & more accident proof for the little ones. Probably environmentally friendly too (recycled rubber)???

Trees should also be planted by playgrounds & benches as the summers are hot & playgrounds in the shade or at least partial shade would be best.

- Increased enforcement of On-leash rules and litering rules, particularly dog excrement. Make it a real "cash grab" with all the fines collected going to park improvements.
- I believe boat size motor for swan lake should 9.9 hp. and there needs to be a bike path along pleasant valley road from butler boys all the way to where the road meets up by swan lake nursery. as this road is used a lot by peddle bikes
- Leave BX Ranch Off leash park alone. Just mow when needed.
- Too bad RDNO couldn't save our textbook example of collaboration, Greater Vernon Parks & Rec
 district, now it's costing every jurisdiction more and we all are pretending that it only matters what
 Area B/C residents says about parks in Area B/C, when the actual park users are from all over
 Greater Vernon. Just another example of dysfunctional governance, not leading to better services or
 better outcomes for residents, just a bunch of territorial pissings.

Here's a quote from Bish & Clemens' book, Local Government in BC, that sums it up nicely: "institutions of government should be designed so people can resolve problems and provide local goods and services collectively, in a manner that achieves the greatest net benefit" - If you haven't already, grab a free copy at

- https://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/services/publications/local_government_book.html
- Please have a swimming beach at Swan Lake, and a non-motorized boat launch.
- The playground equipment beside the BX Firehall is sad and outdated.
- As I said before hang onto the BX ranch property, by doing what ever it takes. Most of it's not needed
 right now, so lease it out on a long term so the farmer can make it productive and not be afraid of
 loosing money. Vernon is going to do nothing but grow and people in the future will thank you for your
 vision of their need. Frank Adams
- We would really like to see more outdoor recreational locations for hiking, biking and walking. Other than Kalamalka Park; there is no other area to enjoy the beauty of Vernon and area. Even Kelowna has Knox Mountain.
- Keep them accessible to walking and biking...seems silly to have local parks you pretty much have to
 drive to. It's a bigger question of keeping neighbourhood corridors open, bike lanes on roads
 crosswalks etc. Links to Grey Canal and or others existing trails and parks would be a good master
 vision. Trails linking or allowing access through the otherwise car-only 70's and 80's suburban
 residential neighbourhoods above Swan Lake, toward the 'neighbourhood' parks.
- No answer
- Please make more trails that are pedestrian friendly. The current grey canal trail on east Vernon road should not even be called a trail as it consists of roadway. It would be so nice if there was more trails in this area that would be in nature (ie connect to crown land). A lot of people in this area feel that there are no trails and for me that is a downside of living in this area. There are quite a lot of kids in these areas as well and having access to nature and trails would be a huge benefit to them and to all.
- Clean up the needles and drugs along with the street gremlins in the town things are OUT OF HAND
- I am pleased to see investment of time and resources into park development and planning. I really
 look forward to accessing off road public areas without needing to get into a car. I hope to see
 improved connectivity between the rural areas of areas B and C with Vernon via parklands.
- I would like to see better maintenance of the edges of the rail trail. The vegetation is very intrusive, literally get in the way of users. If plants could be dealt with early in the year and regularly it would make it much easier.

Appendix B

Parks inventory

Existing Parks Summary



Electoral Areas B & C Parks Master Plan



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1.0 Project Context

The Regional District of North Okanagan is undertaking a Local Parks Master Plan for Electoral Areas B and C. These parks were previously included in the Greater Vernon Parks and Open Spaces system. The Regional District recently experienced a shift in responsibilities for parks within that system, and they are now classified as regional, sub-regional, and local parks. While there are also regional and sub-regional parks located within Electoral Areas B & C, only local parks will be addressed in the master plan.

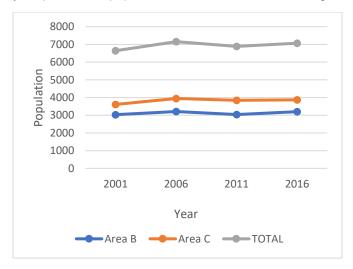
The Electoral Areas B & C Parks Master Plan will identify gaps and deficiencies that exist within the local parks system based on future growth projections for the area, analysis, and community input. Priorities for park improvements within the short- (1-4 year), medium- (5-9 year), and long- (10+ year) terms will be identified in the master plan.

This inventory is the initial step in the master planning process. Its purpose is to describe local parks in Electoral Areas B & C.

2.0 Areas B&C Context

Demographics

The combined population of Areas B & C was 7,073 in 2016, as reported in the 2016 Census. Over a 15-year period, the population of these Electoral Areas grew by 6.4% (see Figure 1).



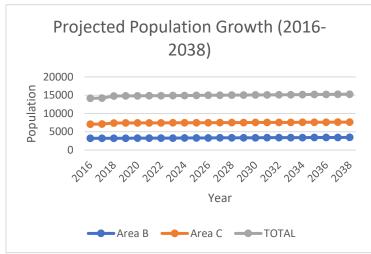


Figure 1. Population growth (2001-2016)

Figure 2. Projected population growth (2016-2038)

If this growth trend continues, the Regional District can anticipate a population of 7,634 for these areas by 2038, with most growth occurring in Area C (see Figure 2). It is anticipated that much of this growth will be within the Swan Lake neighbourhood portion of Area C, as there are plans to provide sewer servicing which will increase the amount of growth and development in the area. Approximately 1,300 additional residents are anticipated for this neighbourhood by 2038 if the provision of sewer services occurs.



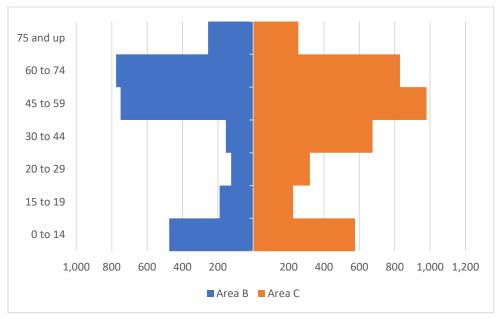


Figure 3. Population age breakdown

Looking at the current age breakdown of both areas, the majority of the population is between the ages of 45 and 74. The next largest age group is between the ages of 0 and 14 (see Figure 3). In twenty years, this may pose a challenge to the RDNO as the largest concentration of residents will likely be between the ages of 20 and 34 and 65 and 94, therefore creating different parks and recreation needs than the current population base.

3.0 Parks Overview

There are nine local parks within Electoral Areas B & C, with a combined area of 24.8 hectares (61.3 acres). The local parks are as follows:

- Black Rock Park
- BX Community Park
- BX Ranch Park
- Cools Pond
- Gibbs Road
- Keddleston Park
- Mutrie Park
- N'Kwala Park
- Stickle Road (Boulevard)

The park types are outlined in Table 1 and are included as Schedule 1 of this report.



Table 1. Types of Local Parks

Park Name	Park Type	Playground	Sports Fields	Courts	Dog Park
Black Rock Park	Natural Area				
BX Community Park	Community Park	х	х	Х	
BX Ranch Park	Community Park				х
Cools Pond	Natural Area				
Gibbs Road	Neighbourhood Park	Х			
Keddleston Park	Natural Area				
Mutrie Park	Community Park				х
N'Kwala Park	Community Park	х	Х	Х	
Stickle Road (Boulevard)	Boulevard				

The details of each park are set out in the following section, including:

- Type,
- Size,
- Location,
- Amenities,
- Photographs, and
- Future Considerations initial thoughts on amenities or other items that could be considered for additions to the park in the future.



4.0 Parks Inventory

4.1 Black Rock Park



Park Type	Size (ha)	Location	Access	Amenities
Natural Area	1.48	,	35 th Avenue	None
		of Vernon		





Figure 1. Black Rock Park looking north



Figure 2. Black Rock Park looking west



4.2 BX Community Park



Park Type	Size (ha)	Location	Access	Amenities
Community Park	0.88	Area B, west of BX Swan Lake Fire Rescue Dept.	Silver Star Rd and E Dedecker Rd	 Parking lot Soccer fields Basketball court Playground Signs (2) Bench Garbage receptacle Gate



Amenity	Description	Photo
Soccer fields	 2 fields Grass surfacing Goal posts without netting 	
Basketball courts	Asphalt surfacing	





Playground

- 2 plastic slides
- Wood and chain ladder
- Wood ladder
- Wood ramp
- Wood platform Pea gravel surfacing









Bench	Concrete material	
Fencing	Chain link 370 m perimeter	



4.3 BX Ranch Park



Park Type	Size (ha)	Location	Access	Amenities
Community	10.89	Area B, east	BX Road	 Parking lot
Park (off-		of Vernon		Washroom
leash dog				Signage (3)
park)				Benches (7)
				 Garbage Receptacles (5)



Amenity	Description	Photo
Benches	• Wood	
Fencing	 Chain link around perimeter Wooden rails at trails and entrance 6ft page wire fence on the west side ~ 1,500 m perimeter 	
Park entrance	Gateway / entrance signage 2 garbage receptacles	



4.4 Cools Pond



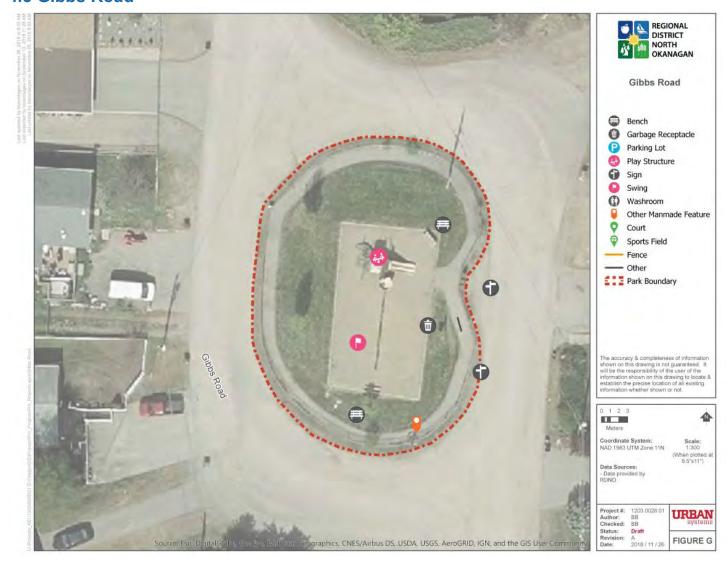
Park Type	Size (ha)	Location	Access	Amenities
Natural Area	1.5	Area B	Rimer Road	Signage (5)Garbage ReceptacleGate (2)



Amenity	Description	Photo
Viewing Platform	 Wood 3 interpretive signs Encroaches over pond 	
Fencing	Wooden rail ~550 m perimeter	



4.5 Gibbs Road



Park Type	Size (ha)	Location	Access	Amenities
Neighbourhood park	0.05	Area B	Gibbs Road	 Playground with sand surface Swings Basketball nets Benches (2) Signage (2) Garbage receptacle Gate



Amenity	Description	Photo
Playground	 2 plastic slides Metal platform Metal climbing features Swing set with metal posts and chain and rubber seats Pea gravel surfacing 	





Basketball nets	 2 freestanding nets Asphalt and grass surfacing 	
Benches	• Wood	





Fencing

Chain link

~ 100 m
perimeter



4.6 Keddleston Park



Park Type	Size (ha)	Location	Access	Amenities
Natural area	4.04	Area C	Silver Star Rd	None



4.7 Mutrie Park



Park Type	Size (ha)	Location	Access	Amenities
Community park	2.73	Area B	Mutrie Road	 Parking lot
(off-leash dog				Benches (9)
park)				 Signage (3)
				 Garbage Receptacles (2)



Amenity	Description	Photo
Benches	• Wood	





Fencing

- Pagewire around perimeter
- Wooden posts at entrance
- ~ 704 m perimeter







4.8 N'Kwala Park



Park Type	Size (ha)	Location	Access	Amenities
Community park	3.03	Area B	MacDonald Road	 Parking lot Playground structures (3) Soccer field (standard) Soccer field (small) Basketball court Swings Washroom Signage Benches (2) Garbage receptacles (2)



Amenity	Description	Photo
Soccer field	Grass surfacing Goal post without netting	
Basketball court	Asphalt surfacing Some grass overgrowth around edges	





Playground

- Swing set with metal posts and chain and rubber seats
- Rope climbing structure
- Plastic slide
- Metal and plastic play features
 Wood fibre surfacing









● Chain link
● ~800 m perimeter



4.9 Stickle Road (Boulevard)



Park Type	Size (ha)	Location	Access	Amenities	Notes
Boulevard	0.91	Area B	Highway 97	None	This park is currently under construction

Appendix C

Parks and Trails Design Guidelines

