## **NEWS RELEASE**



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## New Addition to Cox Community Park on Gabriola Island Open to the Public

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is pleased to announce that the 16.2-hectare (40-acre) Cox Community Park addition is now open to the public to enjoy. By way of the Islands Trust's land use planning process, the land addition was received through a park dedication as part of the Mallet Creek subdivision development in October 2021. It includes new trail signage, trail mapping and approximately 1.5 km of trails connecting to Lockinvar Lane and the Gabriola Medical Clinic.

"This addition to one of Gabriola Island's most popular parks will be well used by residents," said Vanessa Craig, Electoral Area B Director and chair of the EA B Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee. "Thank you to the Gabriola Lands & Trails Trust volunteers who assisted with constructing the new trails in Cox Community Park."

In the fall of 2022, Gabriola Island residents will be asked to provide input towards emerging needs and a long-term management strategy to guide future developments in Cox Community Park. Trail networks and connections will be considered through this process.

A map of the trails and access points to the new park can be found using the RDN Parks and Trails Finder tool at rdn.bc.ca/find-a-park. For more information on parks in the RDN, please visit rdn.bc.ca/parks-services.

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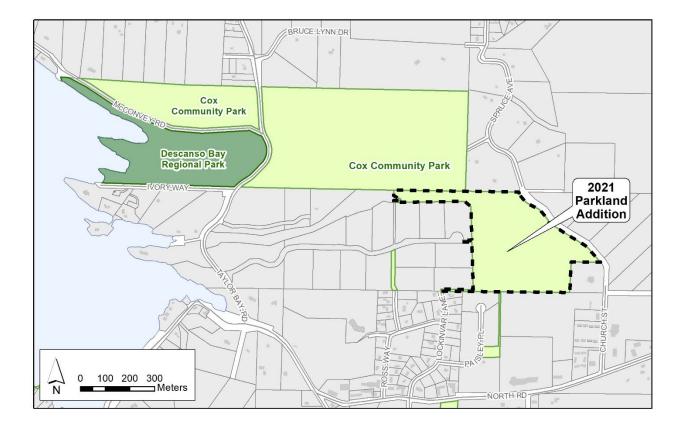
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