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Regional Parks and Trails Strategy Survey Launched

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is developing a Parks and Trails Strategy to guide the development and management of the RDN's regional and community parks and trails for the next 10 years. The first round of public engagement occurred in December 2019/January 2020 to better understand what residents think of existing parks and trails and what they want to see in the future. Based on input from this first round of engagement, a draft vision, goals, and actions were developed. Now, in the second round of engagement, the RDN invites residents to review the draft vision, goals and actions and complete an online [survey](#) by April 28, 2022.

"Access to outdoor recreation contributes to our physical and mental well-being so it is important that residents take the opportunity to provide their feedback," said Tyler Brown, RDN Chair. "Their input helps guide the future of our many parks and trails, from local greenspaces and playgrounds that make our communities more vibrant to larger regional parks that provide a wide range of outdoor experiences for residents and visitors alike."

The RDN will use the results from the second survey to confirm the draft vision, goals, and actions and revise them if needed. The final Parks and Trails Strategy will:

- Confirm the vision for the Regional District's Parks and Trails
- Highlight community values for types of parks and trails
- Present approaches for land acquisition planning
- Clarify the core park services of the Regional District's Recreation and Parks Department
- Encourage sustainability of the parks and trails staffing, resources, and operations



The regional parks and trails system contains over 2050 hectares of land including 12 regional parks, one regional conservation area and 78 km of trails in 10 regional trail systems. The community parks and trails system includes over 750 hectares of land with over 212 community parks and trails.

For more information about the Regional Parks and Trails Strategy update, links to videos and to register to complete the survey, visit getinvolved.rdn.ca/rdnparkstrails. Residents are also encouraged to register and subscribe to the Parks and Trails project page to receive project updates and submit questions. To learn more about RDN parks, visit rdn.bc.ca/parks-services.

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