

AGENDA
PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Saanich Municipal Hall, Council Chambers
Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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***** Territorial Acknowledgement & Inclusivity Statement *****

- 1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES** (attachment)
 - January 27, 2021

- 2. CHAIR'S REMARKS**

- 3. RESILIENT SAANICH ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FRAMEWORK**
 - Staff presentation (attached)

- 4. PARKS WASHROOM OPERATING AND CAPITAL PLAN FOR 2021**
 - Staff presentation:
 - [WashroomOperations-CapitalPlan.pdf \(saanich.ca\)](#)

- 5. OUTDOOR STRUCTURES IN PARKS** (referral from Council – October 5, 2020)
 - Staff presentation:
 - [Report.php](#)
 - [2020-10-05-sp-council-minutes](#), see pages 7 and 8.

- 6. CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW**
 - Staff presentation (attached)

*** Adjournment ***

Next Meeting: March 24, 2021

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MINUTES
PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Council Chambers
January 27, 2021 at 4:00 pm

Present: Councillor Judy Brownoff (Chair), Kathleen Burton, Leigh Campbell, Pamela Carroll, Pat Danforth (via telephone), Annie Djiotsa, Lyndsay Edgar (via telephone), Amy-Jade Louie (5:22 pm, via telephone), Dexter Owen

Staff: Suzanne Samborski, Director Parks, Recreation and Community Services; Eva Riccius, Senior Manager Parks; Cris Caravaca, Senior Manager Community Services; Tiana Solares, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Gary Darrah, Manager, Park Planning and Development; Brenda Weatherston, Community Arts Specialist (4:19 pm); Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Regrets: Ted Austin

Minutes

MOVED by D. Owen and Seconded by P. Carroll: "That the Minutes of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting held October 1, 2020, be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair introduced herself and committee members provided information about their backgrounds and why they joined the advisory committee. Staff liaisons also provided information about their roles and the departments they work in.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair noted she is President and Chair of BC Healthy Communities, and Co-Chair for Pan Canadian Age-Friendly Communities initiative, and believes in inter-generational programming and supporting ways to keep all ages involved in the community. The United Nations has declared this is the decade of ecosystem-restoration, and also the decade of healthy aging. Hopefully some work can roll out through this committee in support of these declarations.

If members have any items for the agenda please contact the Senior Committee Clerk.

2021 MEETING DATES / TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee Terms of Reference and a memo dated January 27, 2021 from the Senior Committee Clerk regarding the 2021 Advisory Committee meeting dates were received for information. One member expressed concern about the start time of 4:00 p.m., however consensus was that the meeting dates and times were acceptable. It was noted that housekeeping edits are required for the Committee's Terms of Reference.

MOVED by K. Burton and Seconded by P. Carroll, "That the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends that the Committee Terms of Reference be amended by removing the asterisk and associated wording referencing the Natural parks P-4N zone on page one, and by amending the departmental name in the staff support section on page two of the document to read 'Parks, Recreation and Community Services'."

CARRIED

PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services introduced the department and expressed appreciation for the input and the different lenses that committee members offer. This team works for the community, which is rewarding, and can also be challenging at times in terms of all appreciating the direction of the service delivery Saanich offers.

A team flowchart and information was given regarding the many programs, supports in place for vulnerable populations, and the extensive partnerships Saanich has with other organizations and agencies. The department's mission: "Creating inspiring community spaces and places to connect, learn and belong". Staff want to build a healthy Saanich for individuals, family and community by encouraging an integrated approach to healthy living.

The Senior Manager, Recreation Services, spoke about the recreation centres and noted the positive community engagement and the sense of ownership that user groups, residents and staff have with the centres.

- As the centres age some maintenance is planned, for example Pearkes arena slab replacement will soon be going to tender and it is anticipated construction will start in March with the hopes to re-open in September.
- Gordon Head Centre turns 50 and staff are looking to find ways to celebrate this.
- Cedar Hill Centre is a community hub and has the loop trail in support of the older adult strategy. Some ceramics drop-in programs are still running at the moment and there is big demand for squash and tennis courts.
- The golf course flood repair work is coming to a close in the spring. About 48,000 rounds of golf were played in the past year.
- Saanich Commonwealth Place (SCP) are holding adaptive lessons; weight rooms and fitness classes are still popular. The boiler room will use wood chips to fuel the centre which should help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

In reply to questions, staff noted:

- A feasibility study for a new rink will be done.
- The Cedar Hill Golf Course is the only 18-hole municipally-owned golf course.
- No formal process is needed to change names of 'recreation' to 'community' centres.
- An accessibility assessment was completed, and actions have been taking place and continue to take place to improve accessibility.
- Each centre has a manager, programmers, supervisors, specific staff for maintenance etc. (flow chart provided). SCP alone has 100+ FTEs with just one manager. Staff would like to look at having more assistant managers in the future.
- Programs are selected based upon surveys and feedback from the public. Staff also have discussions regarding trends. Market analysis is done and lots of feedback is received. Staff members do a lot of data analysis.

The Senior Manager, Parks, spoke to the large park system of over 170 parks and showed a map of the well-spaced system throughout the district. She noted:

- There are some nice trail connections between some parks.
- Council supported the Cedar Hill Park plan, and Horner Park is mostly completed with some small finishing touches to do. Positive feedback has been received for the Horner Park upgrade.
- There is ecosystem restoration to do in Cuthbert Holmes along with moving the asphalt trail away from the river.
- Help from the Pulling Together and Park Ambassador volunteers is invaluable and appreciated.
- There is planning work to do in the core area of Lambrick Park as well as work on the Tree Protection Bylaw and Bylaws relating to development.

The Senior Manager, Community Services, presented information on their team and noted they aim to create inspiring places and spaces and remove any social, financial and mobility barriers. This group has a team of programmers that focus on child, youth and older adult services, inclusion and accessibility, diversity and equity initiatives. Information was given on how Saanich aims to help lower income residents to access programs and services with the LIFE program. Financial assistance is also available for community youth. Civic pride and community identity is embraced with events such as the sandcastles at Cadboro Bay, and staff support all ways of making events culturally respectful.

Further replies to committee questions is noted:

- Staffing numbers and budget information was shared. Last year was very different financially, and appreciation was expressed that Council retained all staff.
- Saanich was one of the first organizations to have a pool re-open in the province and have a full slate of programs available.
- Council's support ensured that day camps could run when schools were closed. This was very good for the community.
- With the pandemic, public participation is different. Departments have been working together to brainstorm on how to best engage the public. Saanich has always had an online component for communicating. When there are less restrictions, there may be opportunity to hold open houses that limits the amount of people who can be present at one time.
- The Youth Development Strategy is almost done and staff will bring a report to Council soon.
- Staff are always open to hearing ideas from committee members.

PROVIDING SAFE SPACES, PLACES AND ACTIVITIES DURING COVID-19

Recreation Services and Community Services staff relayed information on 2020 activities:

- Between March – May all services were paused out of an abundance of caution, and resumption planning occurred. Safety and security for staff/residents were examined and adaptive programming was created.
- Saanich Recreation was one of first to reopen across the province. Pools were opened in a very limited capacity in June.
- Staff used a layered approach, bringing back one element at a time to see how it worked until adding another piece. There are many issues to consider to ensure safety for all.
- A master binder was created with resumption plans and guidelines for reopening. All plans had to go to the Emergency Operations Centre for approval. The process was complex.
- Floor plans were developed for participant entry/exit. Some things had to completely change (eg. people cannot use the change rooms). Staff continued this rigor following Worksafe BC guidelines.
- There are revenue positive and revenue neutral programs and staff have actively managed the programs/budgets.
- Lifeguard training had to be thought through.
- There are now reserved drop-ins and lots of time to clean in between programs.
- During the 2nd wave some programs were ordered to stop (eg. some fitness programming and adult general interest programs).
- Staff created new opportunities for service delivery, for example to support socially isolated seniors, a band was hired to play on the lawn of a care facility. This type of support will continue. Staff will continue to think of dynamic and productive ways to support vulnerable populations.

- There is support for staff, and there is the option to work from home for non-operational staff. Professional counselling availability has increased for staff and there is constant communication from management to gauge where staff are at. Having job security has greatly helped staff and appreciation for this was expressed.

COMMUNITY ARTS IN PARKS DURING COVID-19

The Community Arts Specialist provided an overview of actions taken to offer community arts during COVID. The following was noted:

- The support received from Council has made staff feel very valued.
- Summer 2020 saw lots of canceled larger events as Saanich had to abide by the restrictions. Fortunately it was safer outdoors and events with a maximum capacity of 50 could still occur.
- Staff worked on how to support community well-being by bringing arts and culture to the community safely and for free.
- The goal was to provide an opportunity to connect artists with the community safely outdoors with smaller scale events.
- To adapt, careful planning went in to service delivery and staff worked with Parks department colleagues on scheduling, limiting crowds, etc.
- Having pop-up opportunities versus advertised events worked well as we had to be flexible and adaptable to the changing situations.
- Staff have also had to measure success differently as the situation is much different.
- In terms of music in the community, 32 performances were offered from July-September in various parks and places. Staff tried to broaden diversity of ages, cultures, levels of experience, musical genres and instruments.
- Visual arts pop-ups occurred. Theatre pop-ups were planned but put on hold with the current restrictions.
- The HeArts together community art project has resulted in the creation of over 700+ hearts so far. This project reached out to isolated and vulnerable community members with the help of many community partners, and the hearts that were created connect with the community through park and online displays.
- Moon Festival Lantern Celebration was a controlled entry/exit drive/walk/bike-through. The cultural performances and community procession had to be removed. Despite the restrictions about 800 people attended the celebration.
- Looking ahead, staff will build on the successes of community arts in parks and will explore new ideas, collaborations and opportunities. Committee members are encouraged to share ideas and experiences with staff.

In reply to questions, the Community Arts Specialist noted:

- Many of the events were posted on the Saanich website after the fact in order to not draw large crowds to the events.
- Staff always tries to share the events online afterwards with videos and/or photos for those who cannot leave their homes.
- Discussions have occurred with some partners about selling some of the HeArts Together artwork as a fundraiser.

A suggestion was made to inform block watch programs of upcoming pop-up events.

GEORGE TRIPP YOUTH PARK / BIKE PARK DESIGN UPDATE

The Manager of Park Planning and Development provided an update regarding the George Tripp Youth Park:

- These are the early days of the project although staff have been working for about two years to obtain the site.

- The acre-sized property is leased from BC Hydro and is located between Lochside Drive and Borden Street beside the George Tripp Hydro Substation.
- Staff are working on a design/build contract and will be discussing all aspects to get project up and running.
- Public engagement may be able to occur via outside events onsite with the warm weather coming.
- Staff will keep committee informed of the progress but the hope is to open the park this summer (July or August opening).
- Youth parks mean different things to different people. This project came out of Youth Strategy. Staff are also looking at smaller facilities that may appeal to youth.

In reply to comments from committee members, staff noted:

- Bike parks typically offer distance and flow so riding should not be a concern with COVID. In terms of gathering places on the site, staff will have to look safety and distancing.
- The bike facility at McMinn Park should hopefully be up and running by June. McMinn track will be for younger users, and George Tripp for older users.
- Hopefully people who go into Haro woods will use the George Tripp track. A third facility is being looked at in West Saanich.
- Saanich Parks does have staff working to remove structures in Haro woods.
- UVic has only 1 parcel of land at Haro Woods and cannot accommodate a bike park.

A suggestion was made to advertise the location of the George Tripp bike park. Staff will post a map on website.

DIVISION UPDATES

There was no discussion. Updates were attached to the agenda for information.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair noted that this meeting included a large amount of staff input and she hopes members enjoyed this time. Future meetings will have more member engagement. It was suggested that in the spring/summer this committee maybe can look at restoration projects.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2021.

Councillor Brownoff, Chair

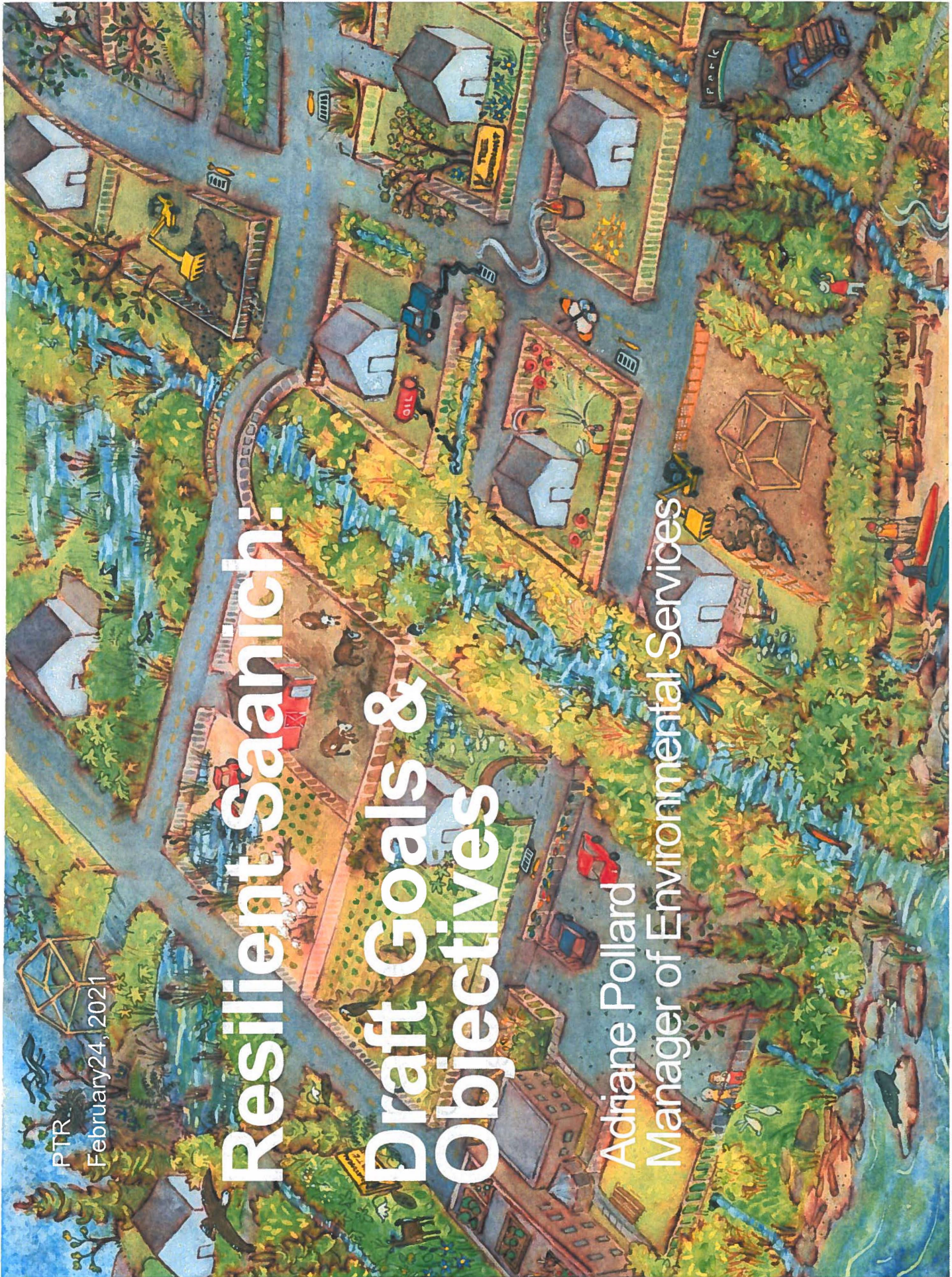
I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary

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February 24, 2021

Resilient Saanich: Draft Goals & Objectives

Adriane Pollard
Manager of Environmental Services



Resilient Saanich is...

- An environmental policy framework of existing/improved/new:
 - Bylaws
 - Policies
 - Strategies
 - Programs
 - Procedures.
- Includes:
 - Biodiversity Conservation Strategy
 - Climate Plan
 - Enhanced Stewardship Opportunities



Official Community Plan
(Sustainable Saanich)

Environmental Integrity

Social Well-Being

Economic Vibrancy

RESILIENT SAANICH
(Environmental Policy Framework)

**Biodiversity
Conservation Strategy**

**Climate
Action Plan**

**Other
Strategies**

**Policies, Procedures,
Bylaws and Programs**

- Existing
- Enhanced
- New
- Linked

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Stewardship Program

Resilient Saanich Technical Committee (RSTC) is...

- Up to 10 appointed experts supported by
 - 1 appointed Council Liaison
 - A clerk
 - A staff liaison (and other staff as needed)
- Established to work with staff and consultants to advise and share expertise
- First action item: to propose the project goals and objectives



Process

- Public engagement
- Analysis of results
- RSTC to consider the feedback
- Staff to present the results of the engagement process and proposed goals and objectives to Council in March/April
- Council to decide on final goals and objectives



The long-term **desired outcome** for the future.

Vision

The **values** that guide progress towards the vision.

Principles

What is needed to **achieve the vision**.
A goal **guides** decision-making.

Goals

Specific, Measureable, Attainable, Realistic and Time-bound steps to achieve the goal.

Objectives

A plan of **actions** to take to **achieve the objectives**.

Strategies

Proposed Vision

Official Community Plan:

“Saanich is a model steward working diligently to improve and balance the natural and built environments. Saanich restores and protects air, land, and water quality, the biodiversity of existing natural areas and eco-systems, the network of natural areas and open spaces, and urban forests.”

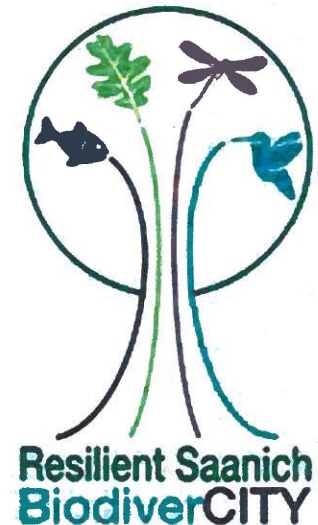
The **Resilient Saanich Technical Committee** has proposed this vision for the framework:

“By 2030, coordinated efforts by all in Saanich/WSÁNEĆ yield measurable improvements in climate change resilience, habitat conservation, watershed health and ecological footprint, benefiting all those who share and inhabit our community.”

Proposed Principles

Principles are defined by the RSTC as cross-cutting values statements that will guide behaviour and decision-making within the Corporation of the District of Saanich including both elected officials and staff.

1. Recognize the intrinsic value of nature
2. Respect Indigenous knowledge and land uses
3. Consider future generations
4. Ensure evidence-based* decision making
5. Adopt the precautionary principle when facing knowledge gaps
6. Build upon foundational knowledge of historical land use
7. Lead by example through innovation and best practices
8. Look beyond our borders to achieve results at a bioregional scale
9. Address climate adaptation and mitigation in all that we do
10. Work in partnership with diverse interests to achieve outcomes that realize multiple values and benefits



*Evidence-based decision making is supported by as much available and appropriate scientific data, models and research, Indigenous knowledge, historic and cultural documents.

Proposed Goals

The RSTC describes the goals as the outcome Saanich is looking for.

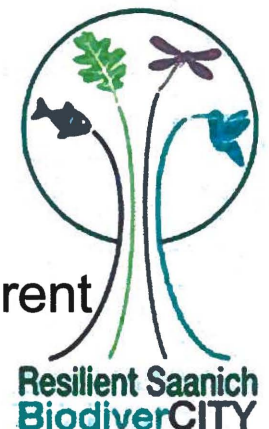
1. Protect, restore and enhance the ecological function and biological diversity of Saanich.
2. Develop and implement complimentary and coordinated policies, strategies, regulations, and incentives grounded in the overarching set of guiding principles to achieve the vision.



Proposed Objectives

The RSTC describes objectives as the purpose of actions intended to attain a desired goal.

1. Fairly and effectively manage the natural and built environment to adapt to climate change, and enhance biodiversity and other essential ecosystem services.
2. Foster resistance and regenerative capacity (i.e., resilience) in our landscapes against escalating environmental shock and stressors.
3. Engage and support citizens in diverse approaches to active and beneficial stewardship.
4. Update bylaws and policies across all departments to be transparent and consistent with the Environmental Policy Framework.



Next Steps

- Complete engagement process
- Report to Council on all outcomes of Milestone One of Resilient Saanich
- How would PTR like to be involved in providing feedback on the goals and objectives?

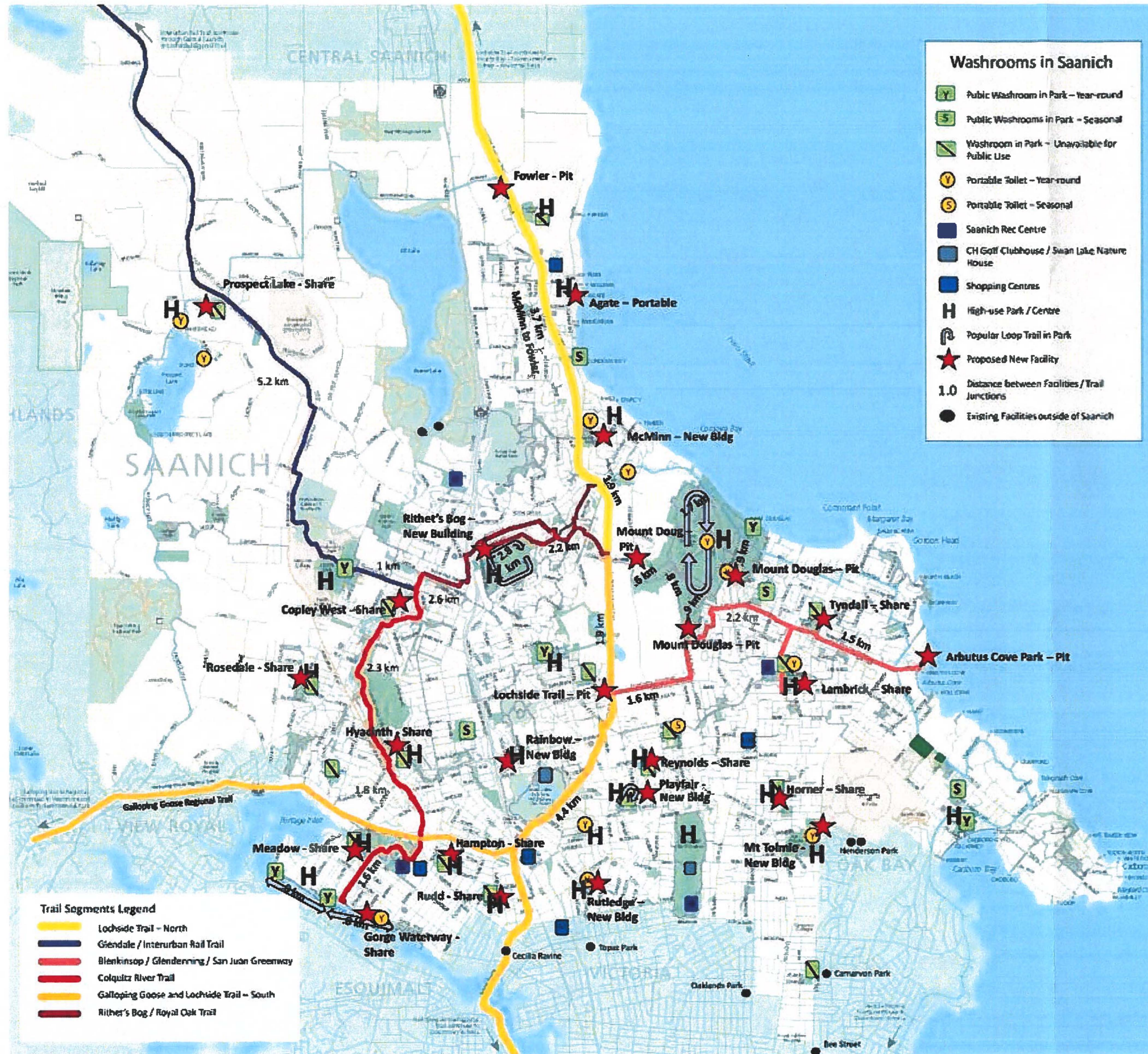
Ways to comment as individuals:

- Feedback form
- biodiversity@Saanich.ca

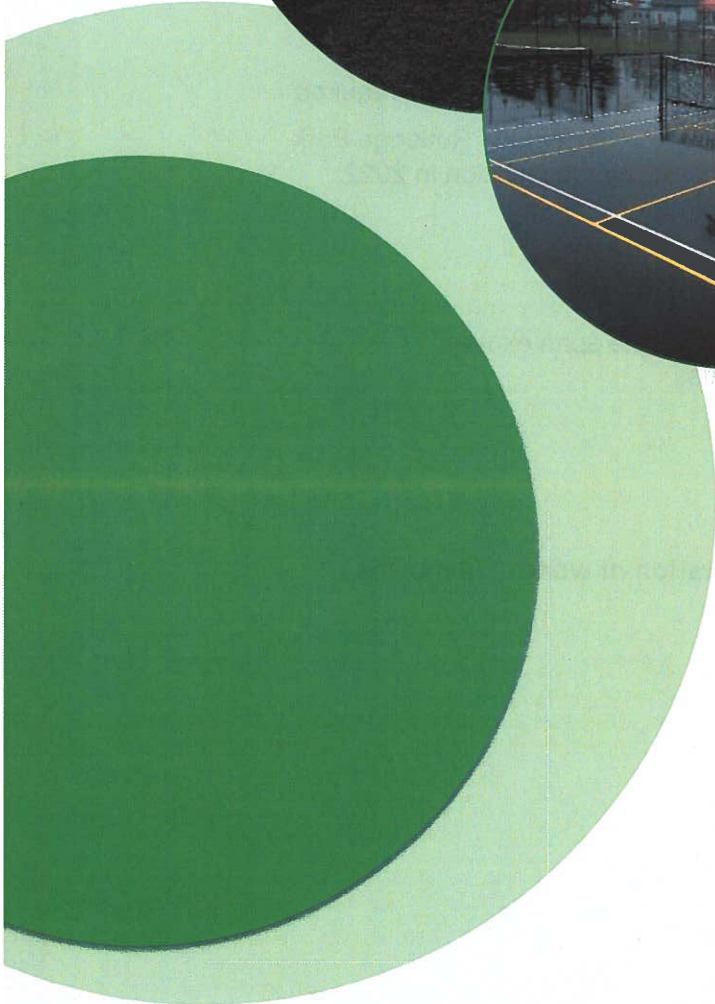


Facility Locations Map

PARK WASHROOMS



PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS





Playground Program: Accessibility & Safety Enhancements

Project Description

A number of well used playgrounds do not comply with basic accessibility needs or have assets that have outlived their useful life.

- Replace existing sand safety surfacing with wood fiber safety surfacing
- Replace worn out equipment components at a variety of playgrounds as required

Candidate sites include Allenby and Normandy Parks. Funds also include Rutledge Park playground as part of the 2020/21 waterpark grant application for installation in 2022.

How will this project improve Saanich?

- Ensure playgrounds are in safe working condition
- Ensure play area assets are replaced as their useful life span expires
- Increase park accessibility for all ages and abilities
- Reduced maintenance cost over the long term

Project Timing

Start date: April to September 2021 **Duration of work:** 6 months

Project Budget \$743,000



Field Renovation Program

Project Description

Work will be ongoing to upgrade and maintain safe and playable sports fields throughout the year. This is a multi-year program; candidate fields include Braefoot, Lochside and Hampton. One of these will be upgraded in 2021.

How will this project improve Saanich?

- Increased field playability and safety for sports users
- Reduced maintenance costs

Project Timing

Start date: April to August 2021

Duration of work: 4 months

Project Budget \$100,000



Sports Court Renovation at Allenby Park

Project Description

Work is required to rebuild the base materials that support the play surface. New paving, resurfacing, line painting (and possibly drainage) is needed to restore the court to optimal condition.

Tennis Court Resurfacing at Sierra Park

Project Description

Tennis courts will be resurfaced based on need identified in the tennis court assessment report.

How will this project improve Saanich?

- Ensure tennis courts are in safe working condition
- Increased court playability to promote active recreation
- Ensure the recreation asset continues to provide public service over the short to mid-term
- Reduced maintenance cost over the long term

Project Timing

Start date: May to October 2021 **Duration of work:** 4 months

Project Budget \$70,000



Irrigation Projects – Various

Project Description

Several significant but old and improperly functioning irrigation systems require total replacement. These include:

- Municipal Hall, Gorge Waterway Park and Saanich Commonwealth Place
- Municipal Hall and Gorge Waterway will be phased in over the next three years
- 2021 is the third year for funding request

How will this project improve Saanich?

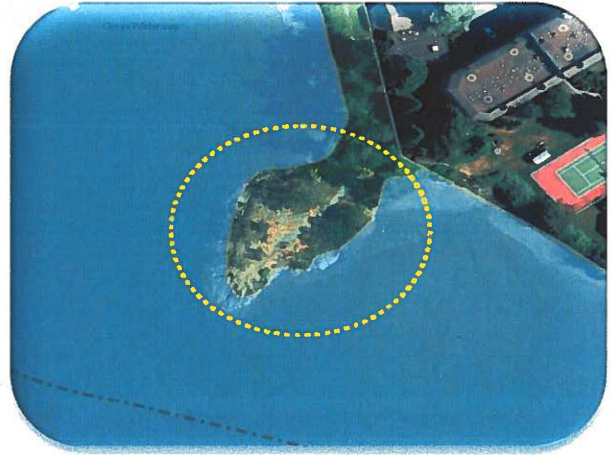
- New and/or repaired systems are more efficient and reduce water consumption
- Ensures proper plant health which reduces maintenance requirements
- Ensures safer and more reliable playfield surfaces

Project Timing

Start date: Spring 2021

Duration of work: Throughout 2021 and continuing into 2022

Project Budget \$150,000



Bridges, Structures and Furnishings

Project Description

Ongoing bridge and structure assessments and repairs include:

- Miscellaneous footbridge deck and structural member replacements
- Parks Structures/Assets – trail marker posts, fencing, benches/tables, bike racks, water fountains, garbage bins and handrails for priority steep trail sections

Curtis Point (Gorge Park) shoreline and recreation enhancements:

- Protect sensitive shoreline vegetation and enhance limited access to water recreation opportunities

How will this project improve Saanich?

- Ensure public safety for wooden bridges and stairs
- Extended lifespan for capital assets in parks
- Increased enjoyment of parks through new/improved site amenities

Project Timing

Start date: Spring 2021

Duration of work: 8 months

Project Budget \$269,000



Trails

Project Description

Resurfacing over 100 kilometres of park trails is completed based on quadrants. Trail conditions are inspected and repaired as needed every four years in each quadrant.

Several new trails or major upgrades are planned beyond the regular quadrant renovation system.

Key 2021 trail projects include:

- Quadrant 2 (central) trail resurfacing (gravel)
- Implementation of Active Transportation Initiatives
- Ongoing repairs to trails with drainage issues in a variety of parks
- Making accessibility improvements to Lambrick Park (behind the Gordon Head Recreation Centre), Gorge Waterway and Quick's Bottom Parks

How will this project improve Saanich?

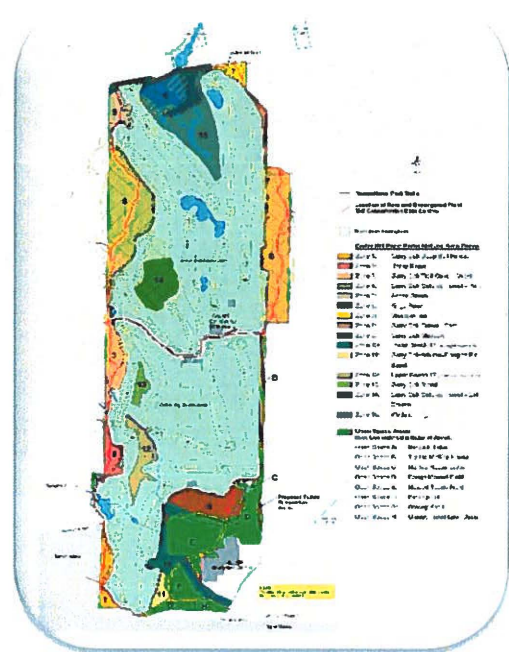
- Increased safety for trail users by reducing potential trip/fall injury
- Increased public enjoyment and use of multi-use or walking trails especially during wet conditions
- More even and safe footing on trails and beach accesses improving accessibility

Project Timing

Start date: Winter through to Fall 2021

Duration of work: 9 months

Project Budget \$275,000



Key projects to be undertaken in 2021

Cedar Hill Park Management Plan Implementation

- Based on endorsement of the park management plan by Council in 2020, funding will be required to begin implementing key initiatives. Impending projects include a feasibility study for creating a separated cycling route through the NE corner of the park envisioned in the Active Transportation Plan. Improvements to the Derby connector through the center of the golf course will also be planned and implemented.
- Undertake ongoing improvements to trails and drainage as required in this heavily used park.

How will this project improve Saanich?

- The Cedar Hill plan will promote various initiatives that benefit the environment, improve recreation opportunities, renew infrastructure, reduce user conflict and improve wayfinding.

Project Timing

Start date: Fall 2021 **Duration of work:** Possible extension of work into 2022

Project Budget \$185,000



Streetscape Renovations

Project Description

Over 700 horticultural shrub beds exist on medians, boulevards and neighbourhood cul-de-sacs. Complete renovation of the landscaping is required on a routine basis. Work involves removing the remnant landscape material and replacing it with new soil (including compost from the Greener Garbage Collection Program) and sustainable plant material and leaf mulch.

Community members partner with Saanich on the maintenance and establishment of many of the horticulture displays located in cul-de-sacs throughout Saanich. Renovations in 2021 include approximately 10 cul-de-sacs and 4 medians.

An additional project this year includes the small Japanese garden restoration in Outerbridge Park.

How will this project improve Saanich?

- Remove invasive plants and weeds and improve appearance of shrub displays
- Reduce maintenance requirements
- Lower water and irrigation needs
- Help build relationships within the community

Project Timing

Start date: Winter & Fall 2021 **Duration of work:** 4 months

Project Budget \$90,000



Natural Areas Restoration

Project Description

Major natural area restoration projects are planned in partnership with community volunteers and stewardship groups.

Restoration projects include native tree/shrub planting, closing/decommissioning trails, split rail fence installation and stream restoration work to improve salmon habitat and reduce erosion.

Implementation of natural areas initiatives from approved management plans:

Key projects for 2021 include:

- Haro Woods Plan Implementation
- Rithet's Bog Restoration
- Cedar Hill Park natural areas plan and Kings/Steven's Pond Assessment/Action Plan
- Creek restoration projects

How will this project improve Saanich?

- Significant enhancements and protection of Saanich's urban forest
- Improve ecosystem values
- Build community partnerships
- Enhance fish habitat

Project Timing

Start date: Spring/Summer/Fall 2021

Duration of work: 4 months

Project Budget \$185,000



Urban Forestry – Tree Planting

Project Description

A major goal of the Council approved Urban Forest Strategy is no net canopy loss and to provide replacement trees for all public and protected private trees that are removed.

Support key initiatives including:

- Park tree planting, boulevard tree planting and establishment, replacing bylaw protected trees lost to development of land and streets
- Hosting a Tree Appreciation Day community event
- Increase tree planting numbers up to 2000 annually (current target) to help combat climate change. This will be achieved through a variety of programs on both public and private lands.

How will this project improve Saanich?

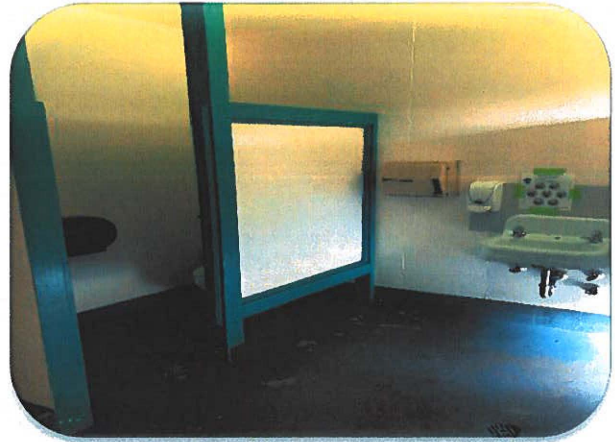
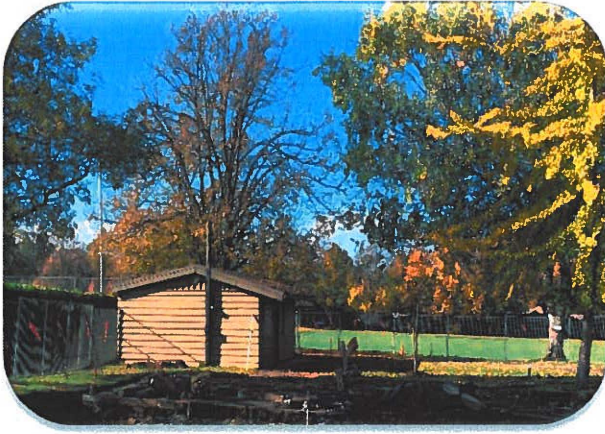
- Work toward the goal of “no net canopy loss” of the Urban Forest Strategy
- Significant enhancements to Saanich’s urban forest
- Build community interest and raise awareness of the value of Saanich’s urban forest
- Beautify boulevards and medians increasing public enjoyment
- Help mitigate climate change

Project Timing

Start date: Fall/Winter 2021

Duration of work: January through March, and September through December

Project Budget \$260,000



Park Building Improvements

Project Description

- Implement the Parks Washroom Operations and Capital Plan
- Upgrade a variety of existing washroom buildings to enhance public use
- Install new washroom facilities in locations identified in the washroom plan
- The plan will be implemented over a seven year period
- Playfair Park – Replace existing washroom building
- Funds also include a Rutledge Park washroom as part of the federal 2020/21 waterpark grant application for installation in 2022

How will this project improve Saanich?

- Washroom facilities are a frequently requested amenity from a wide variety of park users
- Fulfills municipal commitments in the Older Adult Strategy
- Program extends the life of existing park assets
- Improve service delivery to residents

Project Timing

Start date: Spring/Summer/Fall 2021

Duration of work: Various times throughout the year

Project Budget \$540,000



Mount Douglas Park

Trail Program

- Continue to make priority trail renovations and closures
- Ongoing repairs to erosion and drainage concerns

How will this project improve Saanich?

- Increase visitor experiences by providing better access
- Enhanced trails and improved safety for visitors to Mount Douglas
- Protect the natural environment of Mount Douglas Park
- Cost sharing with Friends Of Mount Douglas Park Society leverages municipal funding

Project Timing

Start date: Spring/Summer/Fall 2021 **Duration of work:** 10 months

Project Budget \$45,000 (from the Mount Douglas Transmitter Fund)



Signs & Wayfinding

Project Description

- Wayfinding and Trail Markers in various parks
- Interpretive Signs:
 - Typically 4 or 5 signs are completed each year
- Park Identification Signs:
 - Continuation of the park sign program to be installed throughout the park system over the next few years. Approximately 20 are installed each year
- Regulatory Signs:
 - Ongoing annual program to replace old and outdated signs or provide new where warranted

How will this project improve Saanich?

- Enhance a stronger sense of community and appreciation for local history
- Opportunity to work in partnership with local residents
- Improve communication and quality of information to park visitors
- Provide improved safety and regulatory messaging while visiting parks and beaches

Project Timing

Start date: Ongoing

Duration of work: 12 months

Project Budget \$92,000



Parks Capital Budget Summary

The following table lists all of the Parks' capital budget allocations for 2021.

BUSINESS UNIT ASSETS	Core Capital	Amenity or Grants	DCC Funding	Reserves	Mount Doug Transmitter Fund	Total
Playground Program						
Allenby Playground Replacement	\$300,000					\$300,000
Fibar top ups (safety surfacing)	\$40,000					\$40,000
Normandy Playground Replacement	\$175,000					\$175,000
Component replacements	\$28,000					\$28,000
Rutledge Park	\$200,000					\$200,000
Beckwith Splash Pad Components	\$30,000					\$30,000
Sub-Total	\$743,000					\$743,000
Sportsfield Program						
Field renovation program	\$100,000					\$100,000
Sub-Total	\$100,000					\$100,000
Sports/Tennis Courts						
Sierra Park courts resurfacing	\$20,000					\$20,000
Sportcourt Replacement at Allenby Park	\$50,000					\$50,000
Sub-Total	\$70,000					\$70,000
Irrigation & Landscaping Program						
Municipal Hall irrigation system replacement - multi year	\$50,000					\$50,000
Gorge Waterway Park irrigation system replacement - multi year	\$50,000					\$50,000
Saanich Commonwealth Place (SCP) system replacement - multi year	\$50,000					\$50,000
Sub-Total	\$150,000	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$150,000
Bridges, Structures, Furnishings						
Benches, Tables, Bike Racks	\$95,000					\$89,000
Garbage Bins, Bollards, Bleachers, Fountains	\$76,000					\$83,000
Pedestrian bridge repairs	\$40,000					\$35,000
Fencing	\$15,000					\$50,000
Handrails for steep trail sections	\$8,000					\$8,000
Curtis Point Site Enhancements	35,000					35,000
Sub-Total	\$269,000					\$269,000
Parks Sign Upgrades						
Directional & Wayfinding (20 yr)	\$15,000					\$15,000
Interpretive Signs (20 yr)	\$35,000					\$35,000
Regulatory Sign Program (20 yr)	\$12,000					\$12,000
Park ID Signs (2019 to 2023)	\$30,000					\$30,000



SIGNS AND WAYFINDING

BUSINESS UNIT ASSETS	Core Capital	Amenity or Grants	DCC Funding	Reserves	Mount Doug Transmitter Fund	Total
Sub-Total	\$92,000					\$92,000
Trails Program						
Quadrant Trail Program (gravel) - Quadrant 2	\$120,000					\$120,000
Misc trail and path improvements (ie. all surface types)	\$25,000					\$25,000
Active Transportation Plan – trail implementation	\$50,000					\$50,000
Lambrick Park Accessible Pathway (GHRC)	\$30,000					\$30,000
Accessibility Enhancements in Gorge Waterway P	\$50,000					\$50,000
Sub-Total	\$275,000					\$275,000
Buildings and Washrooms						
Washroom Plan Implementation (building conversions and pit toilets)	\$40,000					\$40,000
Playfair Park new washroom	\$200,000					\$200,000
Rutledge Park (new washroom w/waterpark)	\$300,000					\$300,000
Sub-Total	\$540,000					\$540,000
Park Renewal Program (includes multiple assets)						
Cedar Hill Park – Implement Management Plan	\$150,000					\$150,000
Misc drainage and landscaping	\$35,000					\$35,000
Sub-Total	\$185,000					\$185,000
Horticulture Islands & Streetscapes						
Streetscape-Traffic Islands/cul-de-sacs	\$90,000					\$90,000
Sub-Total	\$90,000					\$90,000
Natural Areas						
Haro Woods plan implementation program	\$30,000					\$30,000
Rithet's Bog restoration	\$25,000					\$25,000
Capital project(s) creek restoration	\$50,000					\$50,000
Kings Pond Env. Assessment/Action Plan	\$45,000					\$45,000
Cedar Hill Park Natural Areas Plan	\$15,000					\$15,000
Habitat Planting, Protection Fencing	\$20,000					\$20,000
Sub-Total	\$185,000					\$185,000
Urban Forestry						
Park tree planting program	\$40,000					\$40,000
Boulevard tree planting/watering program	\$90,000					\$90,000
Tree Planting Program	\$60,000					\$60,000
Tree Appreciation Day	\$20,000					\$20,000
Small tree replanting and establishment	\$50,000					\$50,000
Sub-Total	\$260,000					\$260,000
Planning and Design						
Misc. project support as needed	\$45,000					\$45,000
Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update	\$100,000					\$100,000
Sub-Total	\$145,000					\$145,000
Community Projects						
Annual Community / Partner Projects	\$40,000					\$40,000



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BUSINESS UNIT ASSETS	Core Capital	Amenity or Grants	DCC Funding	Reserves	Mount Doug Transmitter Fund	Total
Sub-Total	\$40,000					\$40,000
Sub Total	\$3,084,000					\$3,084,000

Reserve	\$59,900					\$59,900
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Total Capital Budget	\$ \$3,143,900					\$ \$3,143,900
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Mount Douglas Park Transmitter Fund						
Trails Program (ie. various surface materials)	\$45,000				\$45,000	
Sub-Total	\$45,000				\$45,000	