



1. What is the Lambrick Park Campus Renewal Project?

Lambrick Park is located within the District of Saanich's (the District's) Gordon Head neighbourhood - a growing community that is increasing in both population and density, with expanding community needs. The existing park includes Gordon Head Recreation Centre, sports fields, natural areas, heritage buildings, and supporting facilities. The area serves as an important sports, recreation, and community space for residents on both District and regional scales.

The closure of nearby public amenities is placing pressure on the parks and recreation services within the Lambrick Park Campus area. In addition, development over the years has resulted in an inefficient layout while aging infrastructure and facilities present challenges. Through this planning and design process, the District will establish a roadmap for the future of these lands to ensure that the Campus can better meet the needs of the community.

2. What are the objectives for this project?

This planning and design process will help gain a deeper understanding of the area, its context, community needs, programming possibilities, financial strategies, and phasing options to guide the renewal of the Lambrick Park Campus. Engagement with site users and interest groups is an essential part of this process. The first milestone will be to establish a plan for the future of the Campus, to ensure that the site continues to thrive as a vibrant destination for a growing and evolving community. This plan will include a conceptual design as well as a strategy for funding and phased implementation (to follow).

3. Who is working on this project?

The District of Saanich Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department is working with consultants from [DIALOG](#). DIALOG is a design practice comprising architects, urban planners, interior designers, structural, mechanical and electrical engineers, landscape architects, and sustainability consultants. They believe the diverse perspectives and expertise of their multi-disciplinary teams position us to tackle today's challenges in ways others can't.

The consultant team was chosen through a competitive bidding process, ensuring transparency and fairness. They were evaluated based on clear, pre-established criteria including their experience, qualifications, cost, and approach to the project. Part of their accepted proposal incorporates sub consultants that are subject matter experts in their own fields.

4. What do you mean by ‘campus’?

The District of Saanich is home to four recreation centres, all located within parks. These sites offer a multitude of amenities and activities delivered by the [Parks, Recreation & Community Services](#) department – more of a “campus” feel, and certainly much more than your typical park!

In addition to the Gordon Head Recreation Centre, Lambrick Park Campus includes several recreational buildings, outdoor sports fields and courts, a variety of trails, and other amenities. This terminology shift from ‘park’ to ‘campus’ represents Lambrick’s importance as a sports, recreation, and community gathering space for residents District-wide.

5. When did this work start? When can the public have a say?

The project team kicked off this project in May 2025. Engagement opportunities occurred in Fall 2025 and more engagement activities will be coming in early 2027.

- Round 1 Engagement (Fall 2025) focused on establishing the vision, goals, and needs for Lambrick Park Campus by evaluating the opportunities and constraints of the existing area. Feedback will be summarized and integrated into the design stage in Round 2.
- Round 2 Engagement (early 2027) will present draft concept plans exploring ideas for redevelopment. Input on the concept plans will be integrated into the final report, directly shaping the future of Lambrick Park Campus.



6. What opportunities will there be for public input?

Engagement opportunities will be posted on [Hello Saanich](#). The advantage of registering on Hello Saanich is that you can opt in to follow the project and receive key project updates via email. There will be various opportunities for public input through both stages, including:

- Online questionnaires
- Pop-Up Events
- Open Houses
- Virtual Information Sessions

The project team will also schedule workshop sessions with identified interest groups. Please stay tuned for specific dates and times to engage.

7. What kind of input are you seeking?

The project team wants to engage with the public on:

- Your experiences, ideas, and priorities of the area (current context)
- Your ideas for how the area can be developed (future improvements)
- Your likes and dislikes about potential new designs or layouts (conceptual design options)
- Your opinion on whether you felt heard throughout the process (project communications)

8. Is housing part of the plan?

While housing is **not** the focus of this process—it may be examined as part of the more comprehensive scenario where a wider variety of uses are being considered for the site. Any consideration of housing would be guided by community input and potential partnership opportunities.

9. Will an ice rink be considered for Lambrick Park Campus?

The Ice and Dry Floor Demand Analysis Study, completed in 2023, identified Gordon Head and Cadboro Bay as the areas within Saanich that would benefit most from a new ice arena, based on a set of factors (such as neighbourhood demographics, current access to ice, and the planned closure of the University of Victoria's Ian Stewart Complex). The Study specifically recommended that opportunities for a multi-use facility should be explored, for instance by co-locating ice and swimming facilities.

Exploring the community's appetite for adding an ice facility to the Lambrick Park Campus, and evaluating the feasibility, is part of the scope of this project but not a given outcome. Per the recommendations in the Demand Analysis Study, this potential new facility could look like anything from a smaller leisure ice rink to a larger arena made possible through partnerships.

10. What is going on with the Gordon Head Recreation Centre weight room?

Work began in late spring 2025 to address a persistent moisture problem between the ceiling and the roof over the weight room. As remediation and repair work progressed, it became clear through investigation that the roof assembly needed to be replaced, significantly expanding the original scope of work and timeline.

This new scope required an extensive and detailed design process to ensure engineering design requirements are met, and to take into account current building code requirements and seismic improvements. A complete roof replacement tender was issued and has been awarded, and a temporary enclosure needed to be built to protect the building from inclement weather and allow for safe winter construction.

The extra time required for additional design work and contract tendering means that the weight room will not be reopening in December 2025 as previously targeted. Another update will be provided in early 2026 as we look forward to reopening this highly valued community amenity.

For up to date information, please see: [Project: Roof replacement at Gordon Head Recreation Cent... | The District of Saanich](#)

11. How does the Lambrick Park Campus Renewal Project relate to the Shelbourne Valley Plan (SVP)? Is Lambrick Park part of the SVP update?

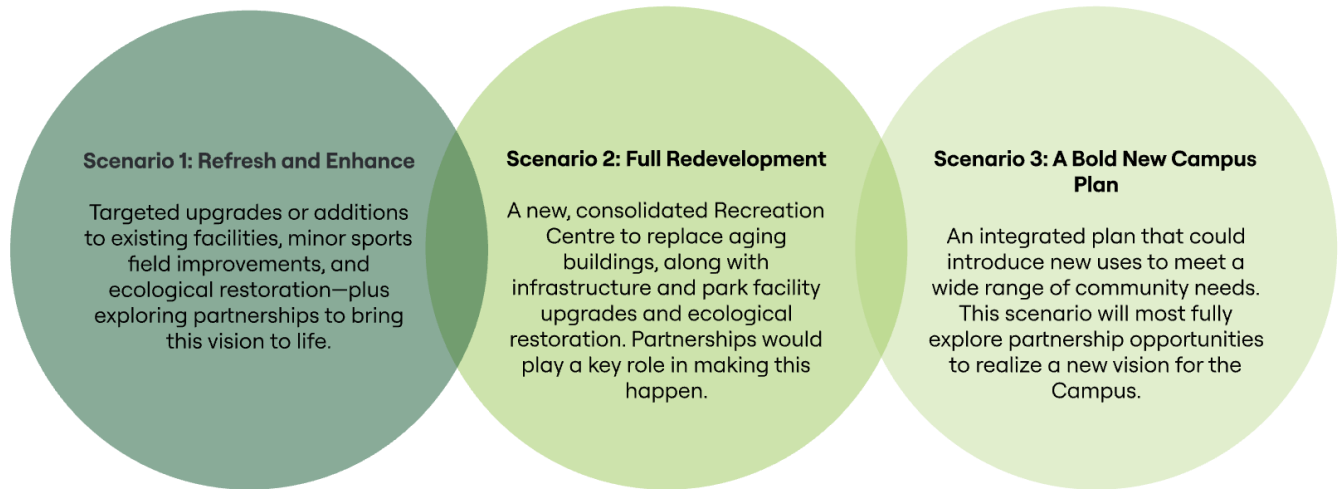
The Shelbourne Valley Plan was originally adopted in 2017 and is intended to guide land use and transportation decisions in the Shelbourne Valley over the next 30 years. The Plan is currently being updated to align with Saanich's new Official Community Plan (OCP) and provincial legislation, and to reflect demographic changes and community aspirations.

Lambrick Park is located within the Shelbourne Valley. One of the key reasons we're planning at Lambrick is to take a close look at our parks and recreation facilities. We want to understand how they serve our community today and how we can adapt them to meet the needs of a changing community in the years ahead.

More information is available at: [Shelbourne Valley Action Plan Update | District of Saanich](#)

Winter 2025 Update: What's next?

The first round of community engagement is complete, and no proposals have been published yet. Our next step is to create three draft concept designs, based on the direction below. Your input will help shape three possible directions for the future of Lambrick Park Campus:



All three scenarios will be shared with the community for feedback and questions during the next round of engagement in early 2027.