



# PHASE 2 COMMUNITY INPUT SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 2018 - MARCH 2019



# McAdam & Rotary PARKS MASTER PLAN



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The existing trail network within McAdam and Rotary Parks is highly valued and well-used by park visitors of all ages.

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McAdam and Rotary Parks provide valuable floodplain attenuation and habitat areas for a range of riparian and terrestrial species. The parks natural areas are historically, culturally, and environmentally significant to the community.



McAdam and Rotary Parks combine to cover over 40 acres offering a diverse range of amenities and services from the sports fields, to trails and open space, to mature wooded and riparian areas. The McAdam and Rotary Parks Master Plan is an opportunity to consider what is currently working well and what could be improved for the future.

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### I | PLANNING PROCESS

The City of Duncan is developing a master plan for McAdam and Rotary Parks. The parks presently play a number of key community roles including: active sports field destinations for football and soccer; off-leash dog-walking areas; flood attenuation and buffering for nearby residential neighbourhoods; places to access the Cowichan River; and connections along the City's popular Somenos Trail Loop. To date, there has been no comprehensive plan for McAdam or Rotary Parks, so the parks have evolved incrementally without a clear vision for the future. The McAdam & Rotary Parks Master Plan provides an opportunity to consider the parks today and identify potential updates, programming, and maintenance that will support logical decision making for the future.

A three-phase process is being undertaken for the development of the Parks Master Plan. Initiated in May 2018, it is anticipated to be complete in 2019.

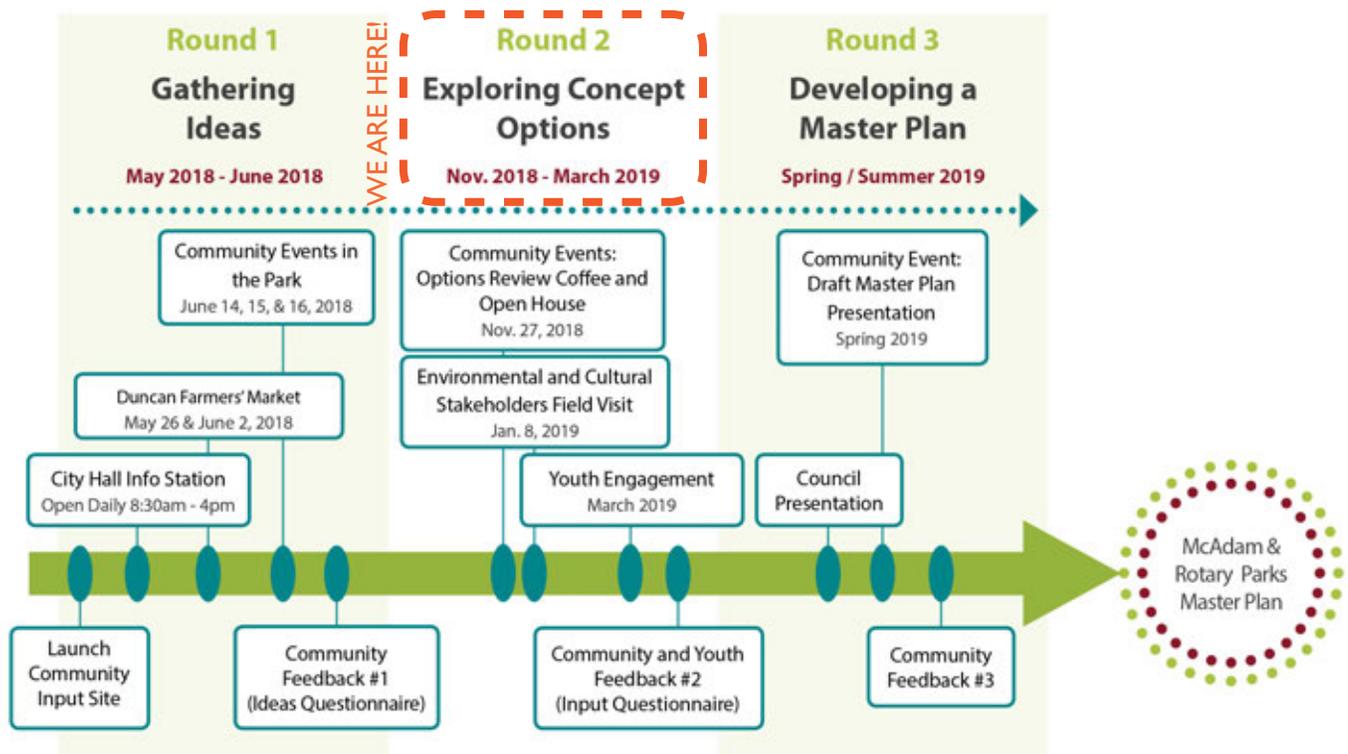
- **Phase 1** focused on gathering information on the parks' background and existing conditions, gathering preliminary ideas from the community, and beginning to build a framework of opportunities and constraints. This information was used to create a draft vision and guiding principles and a broad set of initial ideas to be explored further in the planning process.
- **Phase 2** involved review of the Vision and Guiding Principles and the consideration of ideas to bring these to life. The goal of this phase was to explore as broad a range of ideas as possible, evaluating and identifying those that could warrant development in the draft plan, and to eliminate ideas that may not be suitable for the parks.
- **Phase 3** will work on developing, refining, and prioritizing the draft Master Plan directions.

Each phase has involved or will involve public engagement opportunities that ask participants for their opinions, ideas, and concerns. This input is fundamental to adjusting planning directions to reflect community desires.

## I.1 NEIGHBOURHOOD LOCATION MAP



## I.2 OVERALL PROJECT PROCESS



## 2 | ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

### 2.1 PHASE 2 OUTREACH

The Phase 2 engagement period ran from November 2018 through March 2019. The following outreach was completed to inform community members about opportunities to participate:

- **PlaceSpeak Website:** Project page at [www.placespeak.com/McAdam](http://www.placespeak.com/McAdam).
- **Facebook:** Posts on the City of Duncan's Facebook page.
- **Neighbourhood Postcards:** Drop of postcards to properties near the parks.
- **Community Group Emails & Phone Calls:** Targeted emails and calls to approximately 10 local community groups and businesses, with requests for participation and support for building public awareness.
- **Public Emails:** Email sent to the list of project contacts gathered in Phase 1 to notify interested participants about upcoming engagement opportunities.
- **Posters in Schools:** Posters were displayed and leaflets distributed in local high schools to inform students about the process.
- **Youth Engagement:** Sessions held with students to discuss the master planning process and their ideas.
- **Environmental and Cultural Stakeholders Group:** Emails to local environmental and cultural stakeholder groups with requests for feedback and participation in a field visit.
- **City Hall Project Info Station:** Project information available at City Hall during business hours.

### WHY IS A MASTER PLAN BEING DEVELOPED FOR MCADAM AND ROTARY PARKS?

There is much that people love about McAdam and Rotary Parks, but there are also challenges that have been noted. The McAdam and Rotary Parks Master Plan is an opportunity to consider the parks today and identify the improvements that will help them remain well-used community amenities for years to come. Details about the project are posted on the City of Duncan's *PlaceSpeak* website at [placespeak.com/McAdam](http://placespeak.com/McAdam).

### ENGAGEMENT OBJECTIVES FOR THE MCADAM AND ROTARY PARKS MASTER PLAN:

- Raise awareness amongst residents and interest groups about the McAdam and Rotary Parks Master Plan and invite participation in the process;
- Gather community feedback to build an understanding about issues, opportunities, and ideas;
- Collaborate on the development, refinement, and evaluation of potential ideas that could be a fit for the parks' future;
- Focus in on technically feasible options with the greatest community support and merit;
- Invite review and feedback on draft directions to confirm those themes and design decisions to be carried into the Parks Master Plan;
- Create an ongoing flow of information to help participants see how their input informs the Parks Master Plan; and
- Build ongoing relationships that will encourage residents to continue their involvement as ideas and directions in the Master Plan are advanced.

### HOW IS PUBLIC INPUT USED?

Public input is extremely valuable to the Master Plan process. All feedback is reviewed, considered, and used to help develop Master Plan recommendations alongside technical analysis and background research.

## 2.2 PHASE 2 ENGAGEMENT

### COFFEE CONVERSATIONS

DATE	Tuesday, November 27 @ 8:00 am - 11:00 am
LOCATION	McAdam Field House
DETAILS	The project team spent the morning at the McAdam Park Field House gathering feedback from park users on a range of ideas and possible amenity additions for the parks. Community members of all ages were encouraged to record their input on interactive boards and to complete a feedback questionnaire.

### HANGING AT THE HATCHERY

DATE	Tuesday November 27 @ 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm
LOCATION	Vancouver Island Trout Hatchery
DETAILS	The project team spent the evening at the Vancouver Island Trout Hatchery to gather ideas, input, and feedback from park users about a draft vision, guiding principles, design approach, preliminary ideas, and possible amenity additions for the parks. Community members of all ages were encouraged to record their input on interactive boards and to complete a feedback questionnaire.

### IDEAS QUESTIONNAIRE

DATE	Tuesday, November 27 through Monday, December 17
LOCATION	Online @ <a href="https://placespeak.com/McAdam">placespeak.com/McAdam</a> In Paper @ Community Events, City Hall, Vancouver Island Regional Library
DETAILS	The ideas questionnaire was focused on gathering feedback about the draft vision, guiding principles, design approach, preliminary concept options, and possible new amenity additions. This individual input is important to understand the range of opinions and preferences so that the best ideas are carried forward into the Draft Master Plan.

## WHO PARTICIPATED?

**1271**

Views to project website on [placespeak.com/McAdam](https://placespeak.com/McAdam)

**142**

Connected to the project on [placespeak.com/McAdam](https://placespeak.com/McAdam)

**~80**

Attended the Community Events on November 27, 2018

**279**

Completed a Feedback Questionnaire online or on paper

**113**

Youth participated in engagement opportunities online or in person



Participants brainstorming at the "Hanging at the Hatchery" Event on November 27, 2018.

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL STAKEHOLDERS FIELD VISIT AND ENGAGEMENT

DATE	Tuesday, January 8, 2019
LOCATION	McAdam and Rotary Parks
DETAILS	The City of Duncan met with a group of local environmental professionals, stakeholders, and experts. Participants included members of Cowichan Tribes, environmental organizations, and provincial and federal government agencies. The goal was to discuss past and present conditions of riparian areas within the parks, and identify potential strategies for future restoration, maintenance, and management in order to improve ecosystem health.

## YOUTH INPUT

DATE	Tuesday, March 5 through Friday March 15, 2019
LOCATION	Online Questionnaire on Simple Survey In Person @ Local High Schools
DETAILS	The project team visited Cowichan Secondary School to speak with students about the master plan process, gather ideas and input about existing park conditions, and brainstorm possible improvements for the future. Students were encouraged to record their ideas on interactive boards, and complete a short feedback questionnaire.

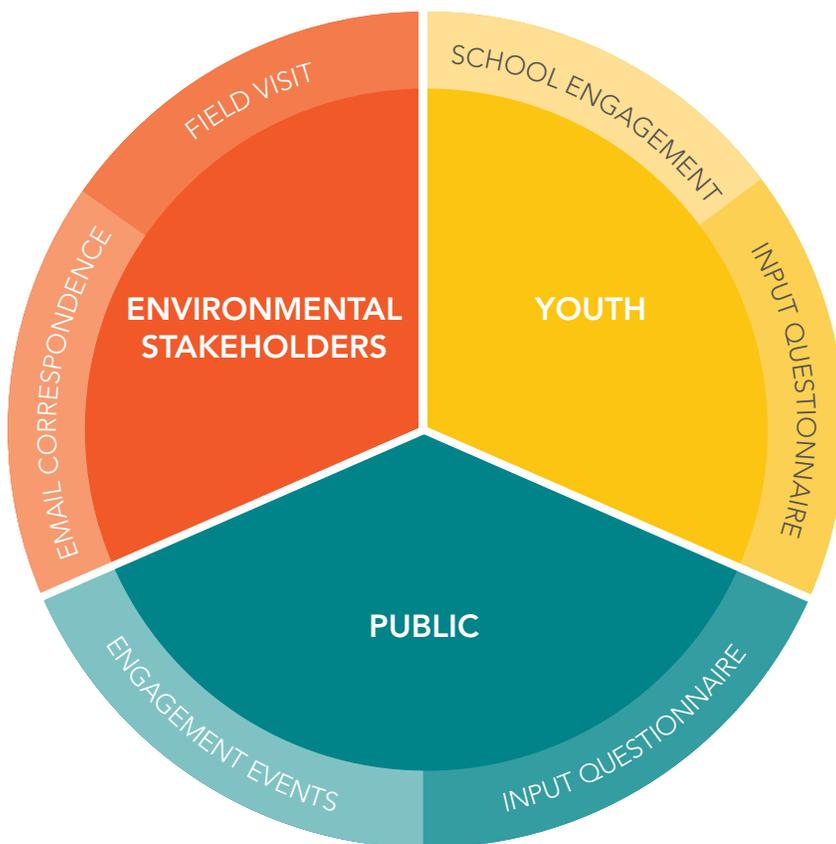
## 2.3 THE RANGE OF INPUT RECEIVED

The public engagement process encouraged input from a wide range of local and regional park users, to reflect the diverse recreational, environmental, and social roles that the parks play within the community.

The graphic below summarizes the various groups who provided input during Phase 2 and how people contributed.

The feedback received as part of this process was voluntary. This summary report does not provide statistical analysis, but rather an overview of ideas, information, and key themes. The information gathered as part of this phase will be reviewed and considered along with background research and technical analysis to inform refined master plan recommendations that will be presented during Phase 3.

This summary documents the public input received throughout Phase 2. Please refer to the Phase 1 Community Engagement Summary for details from that process.



ENGAGEMENT PARTICIPATION OVERVIEW

### 3 | ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVEMENT

City of Duncan staff met with a group of local experts and environmental stakeholders for a field visit to McAdam and Rotary Parks. Attendees from the following groups were present:

- Cowichan Tribes
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- Cowichan Watershed Board
- City of Duncan
- Local Biologists and Environmental Consultants

The project team received important research information from this group and other local professionals who could not make this field visit. The goal of the field visit was to discuss past and present conditions of the parks, to identify and assess environmental concerns, challenges and strengths, as well as to inform potential strategies for future restoration, maintenance, and management to improve ecosystem health. A number of important ideas were discussed, including:

- The history of the Cowichan River and its cultural and environmental values.
- The opportunity to bring the river and riparian areas back to their natural state, with a focus on improving fish habitat.
- Ideas about strengthening partnerships with local environmental organizations to explore volunteer and programmatic opportunities that support environmental initiatives.

Specific park issues and opportunities were also discussed, including:

- The nature trail south of the Dyke is maintained by the City. Each year the trail is re-surfaced and washed away in the winter floods.
- Consideration of discontinuing mowing of the areas on the river side of the Dyke (beyond the toe of the Dyke) and undertaking riparian planting to re-establish native species in the floodplain.
- There was a large fish-kill in 2010 outside of the park boundaries, the exact cause of which was never determined. Recent City studies and tests have suggested it could have been a result of extreme low levels of dissolved oxygen originating from the City's storm water pump station at the end of Marchmont Road. The water sits and stagnates at the pump station during the drier, summer months, and then when the pumps are activated, that water enters Fish Gut Alley on the upstream side of the JUB Lagoons, possibly contributing to the fish kill. The City has recently begun a 2019 project to oxygenate the water in the Marchmont pump station, and is reviewing options for reducing silts from the pump station outfall to further improve fish habitat in the area.



Re-establishment of native planting areas south of the Dyke Trail could help filter pollutants and improve infiltration

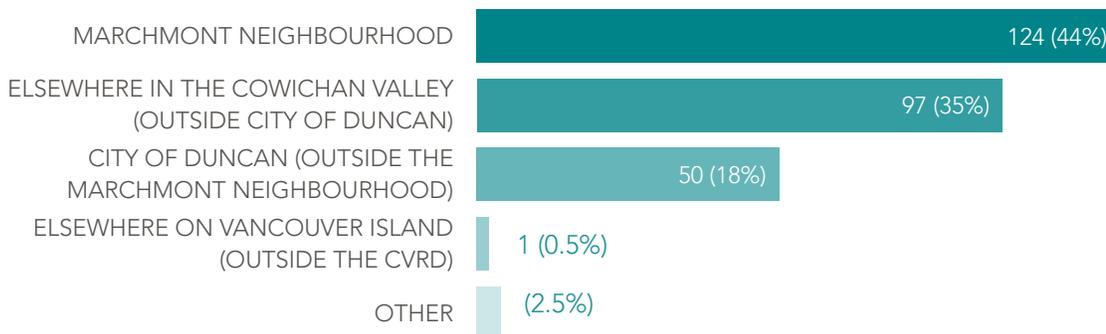
## 4 | IDEAS QUESTIONNAIRE

The Ideas Questionnaire encouraged individual input on a draft vision for McAdam and Rotary Parks, guiding principles, two preliminary concept options for the parks, and potential amenity upgrades. The following pages summarize the results of this process. To see all submitted comments refer to page 12.

### 4.1 SECTION I: ABOUT THE PARTICIPANTS

Questionnaire respondents were asked to provide background information so the project team could understand who participated.

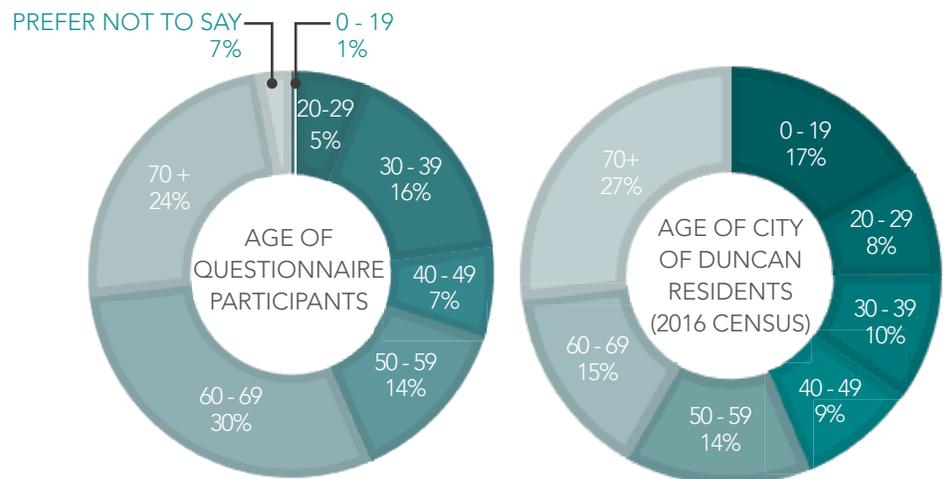
#### WHERE DO QUESTIONNAIRE PARTICIPANTS LIVE?



- The largest number of participants (44%) live close to McAdam and Rotary Parks, within the Marchmont neighbourhood
- A large number of responders also live elsewhere in the Cowichan Valley (outside of Duncan), indicating that the parks attract visitors from around the region

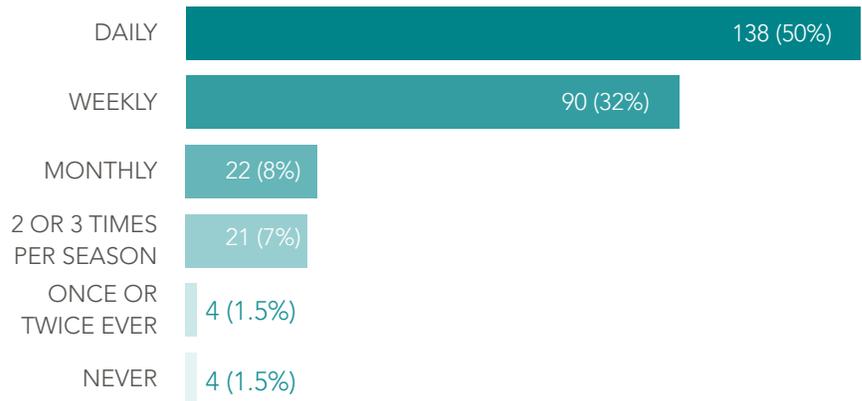
#### AGE OF QUESTIONNAIRE PARTICIPANTS

- A very large proportion of participants (over half) were 60 years of age and over (54%)
- Only a small number of participants were under the age of 30 (6%)
- These results suggest additional steps were warranted to connect with youth and other underrepresented age demographics



## HOW OFTEN DO PARTICIPANTS VISIT MCADAM AND ROTARY PARKS?

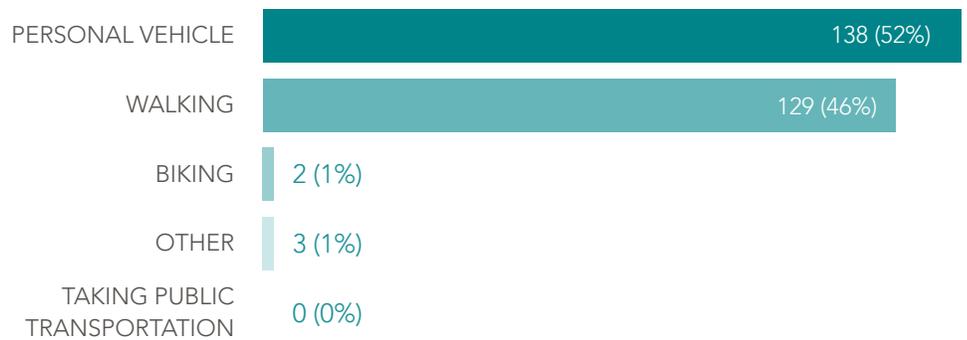
- Half of participants reported visiting McAdam and Rotary Parks every day and another 32% visit weekly, indicating the parks have a very high number of repeat visitors



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## PARTICIPANTS TYPICALLY GET TO THE PARKS BY:

- The majority of participants travel to McAdam and Rotary Parks by car (52%) or by walking (46%)
- No respondents use public transportation to access the parks



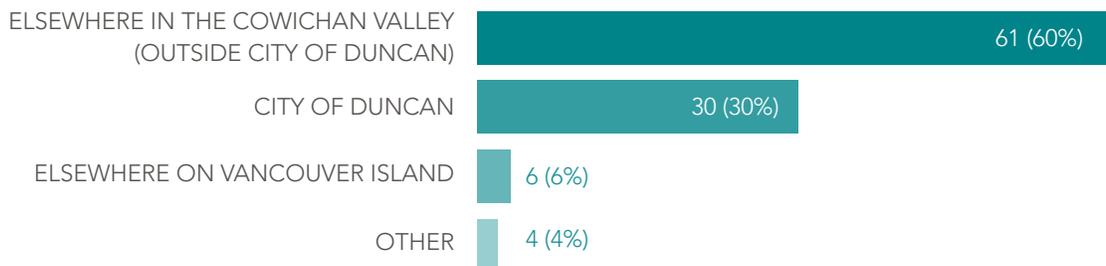
## 5 | YOUTH IDEAS QUESTIONNAIRE

Due to low participation from youth under the age of 20 in the Ideas Questionnaire, City of Duncan staff arranged in-school sessions with local high school students and teachers to engage them in a discussion about the future of McAdam and Rotary Parks. Students were given an introduction to the parks master plan process, and were asked to provide information about if and how they use the parks currently, and ideas they have for the future. Responses were recorded on large-scale interactive boards, and through short questionnaire surveys. In addition to the in-school events, surveys were available online between March 5th and March 15th. In total, 113 youth answered the questionnaire online or participated in-person. The following pages summarize the results of this process. A full list of comment responses are provided on page 68.

### 5.1 SECTION I: ABOUT THE PARTICIPANTS

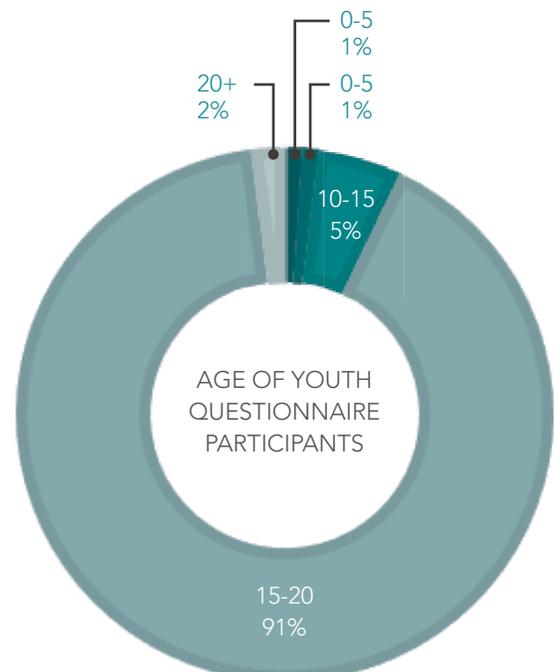
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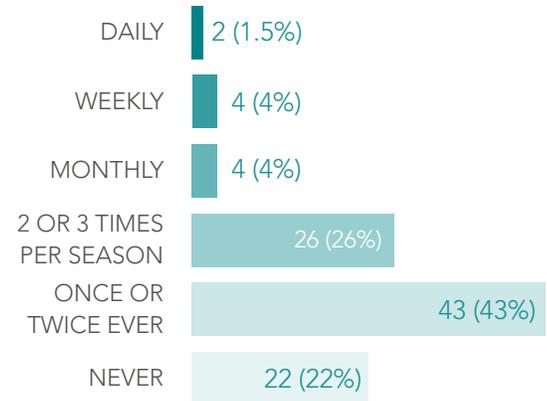
#### AGE OF QUESTIONNAIRE PARTICIPANTS

- Since the in-school engagement process took place at Cowichan Secondary School, most participants were between the ages of 15 - 20 (91%)
- Participants were asked to distribute to family and friends, but only a small number of participants were under the age of 15 (7%)
- This supports a gap observed with the initial questionnaire, in which only 1% of respondents were under the age of 20.



## HOW OFTEN DO YOUTH PARTICIPANTS VISIT MCADAM AND ROTARY PARKS?

- Most participants (43%) reported visiting McAdam and Rotary parks once or twice ever.
- Visitation rates amongst youth respondents were generally much lower than the initial public survey (in which 50% of participants indicated visiting the park daily). This could be attributed to the fact that the youth schedules are generally more programmed and they are less likely to visit parks on their own, outside of sports or organized activities.
- Lower visitation rates suggest potential consideration of park amenities to attract youth could be warranted to increase and diversify park usage.



## WHAT TYPES OF ACTIVITIES DO YOU TYPICALLY DO AT MCADAM AND ROTARY PARKS?

Respondents were asked what activities they engage in at McAdam and Rotary Parks today. Responses identified the top activities as:

1. Walking with Friends and Family
2. Dog Walking
3. Playing Soccer
4. Swimming
5. Watching Sports
6. Bike Riding
7. Picnicking
8. Outdoor Education
9. Playing Other Sports
10. Playing Football

## 6 | EARLY IDEAS AND CONCEPT OPTIONS FEEDBACK

The following are responses directly recorded from the public engagement activities, on display boards and through input questionnaires. The comments have not been edited and are listed below as received.

### 6.1 ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED

#### COMMENTS RECEIVED ON ALL DISPLAY BOARDS

##### “WHAT WE HAVE HEARD SO FAR” BOARD

- Love social interactions and connections
- People remain concerned about illegal activities happening in or near the park

##### “DESIGN YOUR PARK” EXERCISE

- Doggie doo doo bins on the trail close to the river!
- Wayfinding to dog off-leash areas
- Fenced and open dog areas
- Update existing rear footbridge (widen and make structurally sound)
- Improve river access points
- Improve accessible connections to Dyke Trail
- No yurts / tree houses
- Music in the summer (suggest Andy MacCormack and his group “Tropical Mayhem” (Retro Hits) Andy lives directly across the street)
- Just leave it as is (especially the south areas)
- Like the idea of a pedestrian bridge across the river + swimming areas + covered picnic areas and additional benches
- No sculpture garden, public art in McAdam Park would be acceptable (possibly totems)
- No Children’s Farm - the natural ecosystems should be showcased instead
- Improve safety of Dyke Trail in the winter (icy / slippery / wet)
- Retain the natural areas and character!
- Add an edible forest / orchard
- Keep the memorial trees and “wildness”

- Provide safe areas for walking that are not off-leash
- Control invasives
- Creek restoration
- Add a culvert / fish ladder to support spawning fish
- No one plays tennis - change them to pickleball
- Don’t limit the size of off-leash dog areas
- More parking! In more areas
- Preservation of this unique wetland / river area
- A second tennis court is fine, but without pouring more concrete (if possible)
- Concept B is much more suitable and non-intrusive to our lovely park! Thanks
- Keep it wild
- Signs to mark off-leash vs. on-leash areas
- Keep open areas for dogs
- Maintain off-leash functionality
- No to Children’s Farm - enhance the natural beauty
- No enclosed dog park. Walk the trails with your dog, keep off leash areas
- Utilize the Fish Hatchery more - education / meeting rooms
- Improve connectivity to the Highway Trail and under the Highway into Downtown
- Separate small and big fenced dog parks are difficult to enforce. Consider one larger one
- Idea: walking loop for people with limited mobility (west end)
- Add interpretive signage, especially to provide history on Fish Gut Alley
- New adventure playground (should be located close to washrooms)
- Reduce off-leash dog areas to a larger fenced zone. Example: South Arm Park in Richmond

- Walking loop for people with mobility challenges
- Mountain bike pump track (should be close to parking areas)
- Campground okay only if there is a live-in caretaker
- Add lighting on core trails (potential loop west of Rotary Field)
- Expanding the park at the former school site could provide more parking?
- Playground for younger children
- Disc golf could flow across pathways. Maybe start disc golf near parking at McAdam Field
- The areas along the creek have a lot of invasive and would benefit from more use
- Partnership with Cowichan Tribes for totems or bridge design
- Partnership with Fish Hatchery to use parking / facility?
- Kid's programs to increase use of the park - e.g. renaming Fish Gut Alley
- Add more lighting on the trails, not just by the fields, for safety
- Dedicated dog river access
- Fruit Trees
- Ensure Heron nesting areas are protected
- Improve pathway connectivity at NE (where it hits the road) to make a continuous loop with the Beverly Street Dike Trail
- Reduce off-leash areas and add a fenced dog park
- Movies in the park!

## **“SUMMARY OF KEY MOVES AND PROGRAMMATIC DIFFERENCES” BOARD**

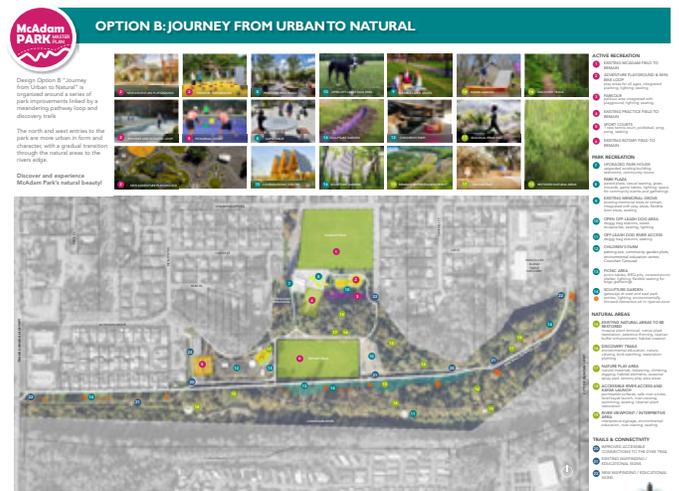
- Sports Courts and Fields: need spectator seating returned to McAdam Park
- Dogs: MUST retain off-leash portions of existing trails please :)
- Limit dog access to river so they don't disturb wildlife
- Nature Play: Bright Angel Park is a great example of a natural playground
- Trails: Improve lighting on major trails for use in the dark
- Trails: fix east end of loop trail so it doesn't wash out

## OPTION A BOARD

- Add adventure playground towards the north
- Oak Bay has a caretaker / resident - Windsor Park
- Ian Smith (golf course in Saanich)
- Consider providing safe pedestrian access across the river from the South
- Cowichan Lake - Gorden Bay Campground (good example)
- South areas are beautiful the way they are. Improve / upgrade existing pedestrian bridge
- 20 (accessible viewpoint) make it part of the overall trail flow: popular swimming hole
- Campground takes up too much room to be economically viable
- Transfer Beach in Ladysmith has a great example of a playground
- Prince's Island Park (Calgary): a good park (events)
- Do we have numbers / locations for dog ownership in the City?
- As a resident of the area, I am not in favour of the proposed camping opportunities. It looks like it will take up too much space and may encourage disruptive night-time activities
- Opportunity to incorporate Hatchery Programs in the Park

## OPTION B BOARD

- Improve access under bridge - lighting, other improvements to make it feel safer
- Make a Section on loop of Dyke Trail that is for evening use
- Idea: Kayak slide to get boat down to river
- Consider existing desire lines when planning trail network
- Time of day use for dogs?
- Kid's programs to increase use of the park - e.g. renaming Fish Gut Alley
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## COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE PRELIMINARY CONCEPTS (PARK HOUSE AND PLAZA)

- I think the park is perfect just as it is. No improvements necessary except building concrete steps to access lower trail from the Dyke.
- This is an area of NATURAL beauty, and should be allowed to stay that way. It is accessible to residents of the Duncan and N. Cowichan area, and to people who are passing through. It gives the impression of being out in the countryside without having to travel far. Why in the world are "we" trying to improve on nature? Next it will become another shopping mall.
- I don't feel the park needs the ambitious Option A which would greatly increase traffic through our quiet neighbourhood. Overnight camping options can lead to more problems and costs for security with our homeless population issues.
- The primary use, along the river, at the moment is dog walking. Any restriction on that use will be a detriment to the area.
- Macadam is the only park in all of Duncan that is off leash and available open accessible for people with disabilities and their dogs leave the park alone we don't need a concession here yes we need better washrooms other than that the park is fine people with children can go to any other park in Duncan in the Cowichan Valley in Cobble Hill and Sean again lake where dogs are not allowed to leave McAdam As a dog park
- Why spend money on something that works well...
- Both options look good. As I rely on a wheelchair or electric scooter I appreciate the accessibility improvements. I use the park as a great place to walk my dogs on leash but enjoy watching the dogs off leash playing and running. For those that have concerns about the off leash areas, clear signage on where the boundaries are would be great.
- Keep the park as it is.
- With more people owning dogs, I believe there needs to be more space for them to run, I attend this park daily, in any given day, there are twice if not more dogs being walked/run then there is people, maybe it's time we think about our pets that use the park more, then the families that seldom show up there.
- Leave the park as it is in it's natural state. It is beautifully maintained and should be kept as such.
- Love the park the way it is.
- Do whatever goofy thing you feel you need to add on the football side of the park. Leave the park side to off leash dog walks -- 90% of its use daily.
- Off leash dog park must remain
- The park is just right the way it is now.
- I am not in favour of limiting the off leash dog areas. Once of the reason I chose to purchase a house in this area is so that my dogs could go off leash in a large space. The options for dog owners seem quite limited.
- An update washroom would be nice. We do not need a big gathering area.
- Leave the Park alone. Stop spending taxpayers money you do not have yet on projects no one asked for.
- Given the existing problems in this park - alcohol and drug abuse/discarded alcohol containers and drug needles/syringes/vandalism and graffiti/discarded household items/homeless campers etc. I question the wisdom of any further development -throwing good money after bad. I walk in McAdam Park two to three times a day every day of the year. Believe me I have seen it all and cleaned up a ton of garbage.
- I like the he park the way it is.
- Does anyone even use it?
- I would like to suggest that we do not develop the river front area at all because it is a riparian zone, a salmon bearing river. I would like to see it left for an off leash walk and kept natural. It is the only off leash walking area in the valley. Leave the trees and trail as is for a continued natural area.

- Love the addition of disc golf - traveling to Nanaimo to play is a drag.
- We think that the whole change is a big and costly mistake.
- I think a "club room / community space" that could also be rented out by groups for gatherings ... even one w. A kitchen would be great - see <https://www.facebook.com/wellingtonscottish/> - in NZ it is pretty standard to have club rooms for athletic clubs. This could live here OR possibly in a renovation of the bldg by the track - the latter possibly a better option given use of the track and existing parking / etc. As for a "concession" similar to those at ball games etc / I'm not a fan.
- Please save the park as it is (and incidentally save the money) Don't try to guild a lily, more is not always better. (To paraphrase Joni Mitchell ) The paved paradise and put up a petting zoo!
- Football 100%
- Both proposals are absolutely useless and, in part, compete with initiatives best offered by the private sector.
- What important outstanding need is being addressed by this plan? What problems are you trying to solve? Why not leave the area as it is, except for protecting the natural environment there?
- Leave the park as is, especially the dog area. There isn't enough parking In the area for this much development
- Don't change anything
- Everything suggested is seasonal and only viable for perhaps 2 months of the year. Neither option takes into consideration that people need to walk and dog owners need to walk with dogs off leash. Walking is a very healthy activity and there are many, many seniors in Duncan and living close to the Park that can't afford gym or Aquannis memberships, they rely on walking for their exercise. I think its sad to change the Park to such an extent that dogs and dog owners who love the Park 12 months of the year get a tiny bit to use. Very very sad.
- Duncan is NOT an urban area. Don't force this upon us. We live here because it is a small town (although you call it a city) and doesn't have the varied population to support a larger development. I approve none of your suggestions.
- Improvements seem reasonable except for the limitations for dogs.
- Large off leash dog area so people can walk
- In my opinion, both concept options far exceed what is appropriate for this natural green space located next to a heritage river. However, there are some viable parts in each option: Option A: McAdam Pavilion should be built on the existing location of clubhouse. Please ADD off-leash trails for dogs, possibly a loop from the Fish Hatchery to Rotary Field; disc golf and camping are NOT a good fit Option B: More appropriate plan for Sports Courts; love the idea of a River Crossing (consult with Cowichan Tribes); Children's Farm is NOT a good fit with the number of dog walkers that use the area, and not all that humane
- I would suggest to keep the park as natural as possible. Its lovely the way it is. More washroom facilities would be great. We love the off leash dog area and it is wonderful and special to have a natural place to swim and enjoy nature rain or shine.
- Why should my tax dollars be spent to assist a football organization.
- Noise in area to existing wildlife and wet lands. Roads leading into McAdam, McKinstry and Wharnccliffe do not drain properly Currently people block both sides of Wharnccliffe when an event takes place. I'd like to see the original deed to the park and see what it was designated for and was this "expansion " but of original deed

- Why on earth would we take a (more or less) natural area and convert it into a 'Disc Golf Course'. 2. There is no need to create any 'fenced off leash dog areas' within this park. Having visited the park both with and without my dog weekly to daily for nearly two years I've yet to see anyone threatened by a dog. The entire park with the exception of existing and usually fenced soccer/sport fields should be available for responsible dog owners which is what I see every day down there. I have witnessed dogs who have anxiety issues with other dogs are frequently put on leash briefly. Another 'Park acquaintance', I've met there has been using this park for over 13 years and can count on one hand the incidences of uncomfortable dog confrontations.
- Please leave the park in it's natural state.
- This is a total waste of tax dollars. Destroying a natural environment with all of this unnecessary construction and limiting dogs to small fences areas -- meaning the owners do not get a walk, too -- is ludicrous and irresponsible on the part of those considering neither of these options.
- Having added security patrols and regular garbage / needles pick up would be great. I would leave the natural setting as it is. There is lots of room for kids to play or for families to have a picnic without changing the park. Maybe one adventure playground for the little kids. and garbage pick up would be a big improvement I would not add any additional features. Leave the natural setting as it is.
- Remove the practice field. When it was created it destroyed a ground bees hive. This area was a mass of ground bees in the spring. Why was no environmental study completed before building the field?
- Please do not degrade this lovely natural park with some fad, expensive junk.
- Leave it natural
- We Are so blessed with this Natural donated Park from the rotary club. We have most of those proposed options already in other parks in the beautiful Cowichan Valley. Why would you want to change this " extraordinary piece of Mother Nature" into anything else.??
- Please leave as is!
- The park is pretty much fine as it is except for a lack of consideration for the young and old disabled and definitely a disregard for dog owners
- No camping, controlled dog areas, no need for more tennis-existing tennis court rarely used, no petting zoo
- Maintain the park as it is.
- Minus the gathering space.
- Given that there are homeless people living in tents in the park even during the winter, public funds would be best used at this moment on public housing not park improvements.
- The existing infrastructure seems to have some life left in it. I think the footprint of this should be kept small.
- Add covered tennis courts

- This area is an oasis, and a rare gem within a city. For those many of us seniors, adults, young adults, teens, children, toddlers, infants, and dogs who use it serves as a sanctuary, with peaceful, natural and quiet surroundings, close to the City, yet a world away from its noise and bustle and traffic and air pollution and stress. We can move about the mostly accessible physical spaces offered, taking short or longer movement routes as desired. We can meet and exchange conversation and enjoy social connectivity with others - deemed by the World Health Organization as one of the most significant contributors to Health. We can get casual or more extensive exercise as desired. Our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health are all enhanced by spending time in this setting. Our dogs can run freely, enjoying the sniffing of natural places, exercising, socializing with other dogs, and with people, swimming or just cooling themselves in the river. Each of the two proposals contains several elements that violate these much desired and appreciated aspects. The changes proposed will forever alter this site, and not in positive ways. Please do not 'pave paradise'!!! The costs that have already been paid to a consultant to create these concepts and plans could have been better used to: --- enhance the park, (eg. more benches, some wild habitat viewing platforms, some additional and modernizing of very old nature habitat information signage, sanding of the trails after snowfall to enhance safe mobility for people who are walkers, joggers, or who use wheelchairs, walkers, canes, and strollers, or to ---correct some of the concerns (eg. build up the river bank in the sections that are annually being eaten away by the river, replacing the exp naive twice-built and still unsuccessfully remediated annual 'wash-out' area with a footbridge, add some night lighting) More community consultation is needed. And with much more effort to effectively advertise such meetings, please, so that those of us who want to exchange ideas, contribute to our community, and engage in positive co-working and collaborative problem-solving and planning, can.
- Is there wide community support for pickleball, yurts and tree houses etc?
- I'm quite happy with the space the way it is but some of it is tired. There's no need for a fancy urban park here but the upgrade in option #2 look good.
- Gathering spaces will be taken over by the homeless.
- These take away from the natural beauty of the park, and will limit the amount of space for pets and children wanting to explore one of the few places in town that is still "nature"
- Improve the existing facilities but leave the area by the Dyke and river wild.
- Keep existing playing fields. More seating. Update clubhouse and washrooms as needs arise.
- 2 story building with resident, 50% for care taking.
- Pavilion would be a nice spot to gather.
- Maybe run occasional meetings to attract use?
- Big waste of money
- Leave the park alone
- This is a good idea for area around existing McAdam sports field.
- Leave it alone. We don't need any buildings in an off leash park.
- Adding a children's playground to the northern field area is a good idea. The current washroom building seems to be sufficient for usage. What do we need a "plaza" for?
- Waste of money that will only increase my taxes.
- Please leave this park alone!
- Neither - leave parks as they are.
- Update signs bathrooms accessible get rid of invasive plants. Keep whole park off leash need to walk some distance with my dog for health.
- Option A Creekside Camp Experience - this is a terrible idea - would be taken over by street people and ruin park for anyone else.
- I agree mostly on "A" if a new pavilion - there should be a better press / announcer box and sound system for announcements.
- Visiting tourists and people attending football games have noticed no bleachers or picnic tables. There is only one picnic table. Not enough when games are playing.

- Hard to choose but requires some update and improvement. Work with groups on the usage.
- Will Duncan and the RCMP provide security or will on site caretakers and security people be hired 24/7 - the vandalism and theft here even in gated communities is rampant.
- Leave as is
- Our small municipality (5,000) cannot afford to develop and maintain suggested options for McAdam Park.
- Re "Concession" - means littering! Paper cups, snack wrappers, etc. Until you educate the public, let's not entice the actions of lazy people.
- I prefer to leave these areas much as they are.
- Tax \$ better spent on cleaning up the park and protecting sensitive riparian areas and removing invasive species.
- Lighting encourages all or late night activities.
- Yes to B but only in McAdam. Include shower facilities for teams.
- Are needs of current team users being met?
- Confine development of courts, playgrounds, etc. Not Rotary Park.
- Public washrooms in Duncan are monitored for drug users. We already have a group of volunteers picking up needles. Unfortunately washrooms would attract the drug users.
- Better access to public washrooms. Improvements to existing building if needed and used by sports teams.
- Yes but keep the large area walk way for owners and dogs to play and run free.
- Keep it natural.
- Children need natural wild areas to investigate with little interference. Dog area must be kept as is. I have never in 10 years found a vicious dog.

## COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE PRELIMINARY CONCEPTS (PLAYGROUND AND PARKOUR)

- Please see my comments above.
- As a cyclist I strongly agree with any plans to support safer cycling options. I can at present cycle safely from my home in the neighbourhood over to the Somenos Marsh with the Tzouhalem Rd crossing being the main obstacle. The improved trail under TC Hwy where one can cycle over to the other side of Allenby is good and any supportive improvements are appreciated.
- We do not need any more structured play areas, the ones we have there already are under used
- Not needed
- Until the issues of homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse in the park are addressed - I fear that a lot of money and time could be wasted converting a naturally gorgeous park into an attractive nuisance theme park. Have you really looked at the demographics of use in the park currently?
- Sport and recreational facilities are important and should be encouraged. However any restrictive changes imposed on the present users would be regressive. This area has heavy use by dog walkers and frankly by people who come to see dogs being walked.
- Leave the Dyke area alone!
- I think the park is perfect the way it is there are many parks people can take their children to but there are not many parks where dogs are allowed they should remain our number one dog park first and child park second
- Again, both look good.
- We already have many playgrounds - would prefer to have dedicated off leash walking trails for dogs
- Keep the park as it is.
- I am desperately hoping there will be a playground suitable for YOUNG children. There is no playground in walking distance for children under the age of 5 - Duncan Christian School and the Sportsplex both have playgrounds but neither is suitable for children under 5 and there is nothing else.
- Love the park the way it is. More people and events will scare the wildlife away as has happened in so many other areas in this valley. You will not see the eagles fishing any more. Need to address the homeless situation and put funds towards that in the Duncan area. Not spend more money to ruin a gorgeous retreat.
- Kids have many places to play in Duncan and many other playgrounds. This is out playground for our dogs.
- Really excited for any playground to be incorporated into the plan. Would be great to do more of the 'adventure' playground as proposed, in keeping with the natural setting.
- I'm surprised a playground is wanted where we have such a problem with discarded needles and drug addicts. Is there a plan to deal with the housing situation before so much is invested in this area? Having a young son, I am happy to have the addition of a playground if it is safe and does not affect the ability to have dogs off leash. Otherwise there are already many playgrounds in Duncan.
- The park is just right the way it is now.
- This is the only park without a playground, because there is so much nature to see. Children don't have to have a playground to have fun
- See above comments. Also, existing parking seem inadequate for either option.
- Option B flows better having the active recreational aspects closer together near the park house. It would also likely attract more users as it is near the parking area, closer to the playing fields etc. For families who have children playing sports on the fields, siblings can be playing on playground/parkour while parents are nearby rather than the opposite side of the park.
- I like the park the way it is.
- I do not like the location of the parkour area in option A. I don't think I would feel safe sending my 11 year old there. It is too out of the way, and not enough foot traffic going by.

- This is the only off-leash dog park with a trail in the whole city of Duncan and I would be heartbroken to see it be taken away for a children's play area (there are already tons of those) and a bike-loop (again, many places to bike in this city). I come here every morning and walk my dog. There is already a large dog-walking community that comes here daily and many of them can't afford places with big back yards for their larger breeds to run around, making this park the main source of the dog's exercise. I urge you to please reconsider the size of your proposed off-leash areas for dogs if this plan goes through.
- We are not a city. The natural areas are inexpensive and lovely the way they are.
- Keep all "houses / better to renovate these for another use OR rent out." Instead, consider this playground just east of football field / in the open space there. Consider also: Park run system see: <https://www.parkrun.com/> that extends under bridge and towards Cowichan tribes AND frisbee golf course.
- Please see comments for proposal 1
- Both of these plans are terrible. Keep this place as a natural walking area where people can take their dogs off-leash. Parkour can go elsewhere
- This goes into the current off-leash dog park which is what is needed in this town due to the diminishing areas we can bring our companions to.
- No parkour, too much risk of injury
- Some funds could be applied to a regular maintenance program.
- Leave the park as is, especially the dog area. There isn't enough parking in the area for this much development
- Work around keeping the off-leash dog walking area.
- See above - this is already a lovely natural park, don't change it!
- Adventure playground with lighting??? Seems excessive!
- Refer to my comments in last question. Option A ideas are quite expensive, and the only one that makes sense (to me) is better lighting and some simple seating for the sports fields. Please consider the current users and stakeholders before making radical changes. Many of these amenities might be nice for tourists, but make little sense for the regular dog-walkers and sports teams.
- This would need to have a chain link fence to be locked at night or the drug needle users will move in and there will be needles left each night making it unsafe for the kids. I really don't believe there are a lot of kids living in this area. People would need to drive there just like Centennial Park. Carbon waste. Better to update Centennial by adding more play structures.
- See above. Also at night, who will monitor these areas with \$\$\$ improvements. Tax payers to pay for security??
- All involve removal of trees and urbanization of the park
- There are too many needles in the park to allow increased volumes of children. I have called the city twice about needles not being disposed of properly. Mini bikes destroy the environment and disturb animals, birds, dogs, etc.
- See note above
- Leave it natural
- Mini bike loops and walkers and dogs do not mix..I believe Centennial park is a better choice for the adventure playhouse and mini loop
- NO CHANGES!!
- Please leave as is!
- Children need access to nature, not more man-made structures. Consider updating the Nature Focused educational boards, making them more interesting to kids and more applicable to the times we live in now, no need to expand these, just update them. It would be valuable to include more information of stewardship of Nature!
- Maintain as it is.

- There are already existing trails all over Cowichan for bikes, hiking; there is a sports complex; there is a skate park; at least two ballparks, but not really a quiet walking place to stroll with a dog. The little enclosed dog space in Duncan is horrible, because of how users use it. Small children afraid of dogs and climbing on dog rocks, slipping; people taking unsocialized dogs there and those that are socialized get injured - mine bitten and to the vets twice; the ground is so saturated with urine and soaked in feces that when the dog walks there in wet weather then jumps in the car it reeks of excrement. It doesn't work for old dogs who need not to be jumped on. The current Rotary/McAdam park is ideal to enhance socialization between elders who are lonely and by walking dogs, who are also often older and friendly.
- The current trails \*are\* a playground that nature has already provided. Free.
- As long as this all stays on the "Clubhouse" side of the creek.
- Given that there are homeless people living in tents in the park even during the winter, public funds would be best used at this moment on public housing not park improvements.
- I would support a playground near the existing field house and maybe a smaller parkour. I would like to see this kept to a smaller footprint with most of the existing field retained.
- Currently the space is perfect as a playground and provides opportunities for adventure. The current natural space encourages increased creativity and opportunities for young people to build wonderful childhood memories spending time in nature a few blocks from their home. Once this area is de-natured and the park trimmed and formalized with its many rules and regulations many growth opportunities for the young will be lost forever.
- They put up a tall fence at cowichan preschool says it all
- See above comments.
- Why is there not an option C? Namely, leaving a special and natural area (with maybe some minor improvements) alone?
- An area near the McAdam field is fine to have more play activities for kids. However I don't think there needs to be bike loop etc. Around the grasslands area of the park. Also having more seating and lightning will encourage people to 'hang out' after hours and smoke/drink alcohol and leave a mess behind.
- Yes! A playground would be amazing.
- Adventure playground good idea. Not sure about a plaza - it must be supervised and policed if necessary.
- Segregate parkour from playground.
- Leave the park along
- This is also sensible planning to put new things in the more "urban" side of McAdam Park i.e., north and east side. But, what is parkour?
- They can do all that in their own neighbourhoods.
- Waste of money that will only increase my taxes.
- We don't need any more playgrounds, petting zoos, etc. Every other park has playgrounds etc. and thing for kids.
- Neither - park not broken no one needs to "fix" it up
- Not at this location.
- Only the adventure playground appeals. It's basically an open space now, underutilized.
- My family that visits loves the pure (unenhanced) natural area here. So do the many people I know that come here regularly from as far as Mill Bay and Cowichan Bay and from the north. I believe these people want their children to see nature rather than modern playgrounds.
- Leave as is
- Give the children and young ones a play area in McAdam Park - leave the Rotary as is.
- There are very few young families living in this area which would necessitate their having to either drive or a long walk. More pollution.

## COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE PRELIMINARY CONCEPTS (SPORTS FIELDS AND COURTS)

- More ambitious plans are an unnecessary first step in improving the park
- I am in the park every day and have yet to see anybody on the tennis court, and to put a roof on would just encourage the homeless and drug user to use it for their own ends
- Not needed
- We had to tennis courts here and in your infinite wisdom you redid the fencing around them and turned it into one so why are you now wanting to expand it back to two and put in a pickle ball court. This is the only park in Duncan where dogs can run this should remain a dog park nature park and build up and add onto the many existing family parks many where dogs are already not allowed.
- Rarely see anyone using the existing court..maybe 3 - 4 times a year
- I don't see the current tennis courts being used a lot but, a covered area with seating would be nice.
- Keep the park as it is.
- Tennis court is rarely used and I have never seen anyone playing pickle ball on the courts. Any more ping pong tables etc should be on the McAdam field portion of the park.
- Ripping up turf to replace with more turf is not environmentally friendly.
- The park is just right the way it is now.
- The current tennis court is never in use. Updating it won't change that.
- When I moved to Duncan thirteen years ago there were two tennis courts adjacent to the McKinstry Road entrance.. One was decommissioned several years ago the remaining one is rarely used.
- Why wouldn't you enhance pre existing infrastructure for things like tennis courts, in other parks. How are you going to address the yearly flooding that happens in the park?
- Not really needed as no one really uses them
- Existing tennis court gets little use (perhaps because of poor condition? I have no idea as I'm not a tennis player :)). In over a year of walking daily in the park, I have seen it used only once or twice. As such I don't feel it is necessary to build a complex, but perhaps upgrade the existing facility if that is what is needed to attract users.
- I like the he park the way it is.
- Leave it the way it is. I am at the park everyday and do not saw the tennis court used once last year.
- To upgrade tennis courts (and heat them, of course) is big bucks and likely unused. And would be a challenge to upkeep / with. Homeless folks... same is true for any sheltered area which will attract homeless folks.
- I don't think we need more tennis courts, the one there is not constantly in use, and we have a few different options for tennis courts elsewhere. I don't think ping pong tables will get used much after the novelty has worn off, but pickle ball does seem like a good idea.
- Put roof over tennis/ pickleball court. Upgrade McAdam field - new fence all the way around, update turf, have seating area to watch games, Put lighting around McAdam field. Rotary field upgrade to turf - put in bleachers for spectators. Have the rolling bleacher/dugouts for teams to have as benches with covers.
- Put this stuff elsewhere. Keep this area natural and clear of clutter
- We have lived here and do a lot of walking in the area and have only witnessed anyone on the courts 3 times at the most - so why add another.
- Leave the park as is, especially the dog area. There isn't enough parking In the area for this much development
- There is never a line up for the tennis courts, ever. Why add? Keep the off leash dog walking area. More walkers daily and year round than any other sport including what takes place on the fields.
- Where is the parking? Shouldn't a proposal for parking be first on the agenda after roads and surrounding infrastructure are fixed

- Lived in area 30 years, Used tennis courts 30 years ago . They are seldom used for tennis and have been vandalized often. Parking is limited and those using the parking lot are not very careful entering or leaving. Very many close calls re accidents. We live in River's Edge and at one time hired security on many weekends. We get garbage thrown over our walls, parking in our turnaround .
- Another tennis court, sure. A roof over it will attract the kinds you don't want! Question: What the hell is pickleball? Do we need a court for this? How about bocce fields... maybe lawn bowling? seriously...don't change what's not broke.
- No one uses the court now
- While option A looks very good and I have selected it, I recognize that I live about a block outside city limits so would not have to pay the \$\$\$\$. (I would vote same were I inside the city limits) I do like the idea of adding Pickle Ball lining for those of my generation who are taking up that sport, either way.
- The existing tennis court is rarely used why increase the number. The playing fields are only used intermittently during the summer.
- There used to be 2 tennis courts and one was removed due to under utilization. Being in the park every day I can count on one hand how often the existing tennis court is used and I go by the court in the morning and in the afternoon. It is simply not a case of "if you build it they will come". Lighting and a separate pickle ball court would be a welcome addition.
- No changes
- Please leave as is!
- Neither would be good. In a year, I've seen the tennis court in use once, in my near-daily visits. Sports fields are more often being mowed and watered then actually used for sport. If you want playgrounds, turn those areas into them and leave wild areas wild, or revert the entire space to wild.
- Leave it natural
- I have seen the tennis court used once in all the years I've been going there. I don't think we need another one. I believe, but am not sure, that pickleball is available at the gym-the one absurdly named after a bank
- No more tennis courts needed, I've rarely seen anyone use them at this park ..there are lovely courts at Centennial and Maple bay..2 pickleball courts would be used more which would fit into the current footprint, but those courts should really be placed at Chesterfield.
- Existing court is seldom used. It has not been maintained and according to tennis players I have spoken to, has a poor surface for playing. If this one court could be rebuilt for multi sport use (pickleball, etc) . If the park is expanded and use increases there will be a real need for additional parking. Use the space for this rather than building several courts.
- Tennis court rarely used, Option B without additional tennis court
- Improve the existing tennis court and put a roof over it, do not further develop the area within Rotary Park.
- Minus the extra tennis court, the existing one hardly gets used.
- The tennis courts are hardly used now....a bit more in summer months but not enough to warrant even a second court.
- Given that there are homeless people living in tents in the park even during the winter, public funds would be best used at this moment on public housing not park improvements.
- Existing tennis courts are often empty, even in the summer. Additional courts might not be justified.
- As I don't really have a choice and if my vote counts B
- Cover the tennis courts
- Consideration to upgrade Rotary field to all-weather turf - good idea. Let's ensure field areas for our youth. Keep existing Rotary Fields.
- Having the tennis courts remain is a good idea, I don't think more courts are needed though, just a reasonable time limit for players. Lighting at the courts is a good idea especially for security purposes, but they should be programmed to turn off after a certain hour. The McAdam and Rotary fields are great for the neighbourhood.
- Very little use on the one court at any time, so why enlarge this activity. Leave it to the tennis club.

- I would like to know how much the court is used.
- Please do repair / update tennis courts. Maybe add a bit more seating for spectators.
- No one uses the tennis court now.
- Do nothing to this natural beauty
- Leave the park as it is. Don't mess with nature.
- Existing tennis court surface should be upgraded. As an ex-tennis player, I know concrete surfaces such as the current court has are never used any more. Another tennis court would be great!
- There used to be 2 tennis courts for some reason it was reduced to 1. Lighting could be helpful. Spectator seating would be helpful.
- Don't forget how much of the area is under water in the winter. Don't forget the hundreds of dead fish stinking all spring.
- Pickleball OK
- Has the usage of the tennis courts been documented? In all of my visits I've seen it used once. Why is another of what is not used needed? Painting for pickleball is a good idea, maybe more people would use it.
- I don't see anybody using the tennis courts, so I don't know why you would build another one. Pickleball, give me a break.
- Roof over tennis courts will increase homeless sleeping there.
- Waste of money. The existing tennis court is hardly used. Adding a roof or lighting won't change usage and will just attract homeless or junkies, all ready a problem.
- Option B but no need to put back the second tennis court as it was already removed for lack of use. Current court hardly used.
- Would any of these required paid supervision. Keep the natural grass at all the fields. Why do tennis courts need a roof? Only Wimbledon, Flushing Meadows, Roland Garros, and maybe Melbourne have roofs. This is McAdam Park - Duncan. Fields should have better seating.
- At one time there was 2 tennis courts. Then was reduced to one.
- The major issue is seating to watch activities. Install lights on McAdam. Turf is debatable due to injuries on all weather turf versus natural.
- Easy to expand to 4 courts in an already open area. Forget about the rest.
- I do not use sports fields - apparently a court (second) was in existence here and unused so was taken out. Older people than I know the history and I bet the Rotarians do - has anyone asked their opinion? I am thankful to them who established this here - wish my Rotarian husband was still here to tell you the history.
- Leave as is. We hope you will read all the input questionnaire and to be honest with the results. Hoping you have not made you're decision yet. A lot of the people did not know this was going to be as big as what it looks on the plan. Let others have some fun ideas.
- Existing tennis court retained with added roof.
- Another tennis court not needed as the existing one is underutilized.
- Resurface existing, seldom-used tennis court (much cheaper).
- Additional tennis court may not be needed.
- Current courts rarely used. We like the quiet neighbourhood.
- Tennis court is already underutilized.
- Consider adding washrooms at tennis court area.
- Second tennis court removed several years ago. Pickleball - no. It seems fields meet current requirements.
- Tennis court at Rotary is hardly ever used - do not build extras.
- The court is seldom used. As a result of mis-use and lack of usage one of two courts was removed years ago. No more courts is needed.
- Pickleball court should be added at Chesterfield Park if needed. 2nd tennis court was removed. Present one is little used, no more needed.
- This is a waste of time and money. Who are you wanting to be here in Duncan. First Nations people. Keep this in mind.
- Don't see existing tennis courts used enough to warrant another. Don't think demand is there for pickleball court.
- B okay, but no additional courts.

## COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE PRELIMINARY CONCEPTS (OFF-LEASH DOG AREAS)

- I would like to see that the dog waste bins be emptied more often especially in the warmer.
- My dog loves the park as it is. I bring my own waste-bags and there are enough receptacles. He also know where he likes to access the river.
- I don't own a dog but support those who enjoy the off leash park. Following Cobble Hill dog park set up is something to pay attention to.
- The city needs an off-leash dog area much larger than planned. Dogs enjoy exploring the "wilderness" areas of the park and their owners enjoy the relatively long walks. Dogs also enjoy socializing with other dogs.
- The park works the way it is. There are hundreds of people that use that park because it is off leash and there's no problem.
- The vast majority of people using the park on a regular basis are dog owners. If you plan to restrict access and off-leash areas, what alternatives are you affecting?
- It appears there is a forgone conclusion at work here with one of the objectives to restrict the dog use. Someone is poorly informed if they don't understand the numbers of primary users already in place. In the walking areas at least, this morning I encountered 3 dozen walkers. Regulars and newbies. People stopping to visit and I would say two of them didn't have dogs and those two were happily engaging with the dogs.
- The entire park should be a dog park where the dogs can roam everywhere and socialize with other dogs of all sizes, we already have a dog park in Duncan at the Beverly roundabout that has designated areas for large and small dogs leave this part of the way it is stop wasting taxpayers money trying to improve something that does not need improvement
- We currently use this park multiple times per week as we love to walk the trails with our dogs. We would prefer dedicated trails to walk versus an open field. We already have a dog park at lakes Rd which we don't use as it tends to attract aggressive or untrained dogs. If we can't walk the trails with our dogs off leash we will stop using this park and drive to the off leash park in Crofton.
- Keep the park as it is.
- I can hardly breathe, seeing what both concepts do for the countless people who bring their dogs. B is barely less offensive than A. Keep dogs off the fields, of course, and out of the courts. But don't limit off leash to just one end (and don't forget how much we lose to flooding anyhow). I would say there would be too many people and dogs crammed together in that area except that lot of people simply will not come. The park is a treasure, and yes, I do want to see more people loving it, park benches and tables perhaps, some loosely organized activities, chess games, poetry readings, yoga classes, children's games( but not a lot of structures) I left the park at 4:29 today. In my half hour there I had 7 brief conversations with people I did not know, all with dogs, just little chats about the weather or admiring each other's dogs. It's sad, but that was the only human contact I had today. I am sure that is true for some of the others there. It was cold - raw, even. No families were there. Two men were playing tennis (yes, in 4 C! Brrrr) and btw, their elderly dog was in the court with them. One man appeared to be just walking through. Everyone else was there to walk their dog. Everyone. I believe you have overestimated how much activity the park will see once summer is gone regardless of recreational amenities if dog-walkers can't come. Dogs are better off leash and they need the space to run and play. I have met countless people in the park, often elderly, who tell me they once had dogs and make a fuss over every dog they see. We know interaction with dogs reduces blood pressure. Dogs get us out of the house. Dogs make people laugh. Children exposed to all animals are less likely to develop allergies (the hygiene hypothesis). Thank you for the dog access at river - but the dogs go in all up and down it and people only swim in the one place. Separating the dog people from the rest of the park is just...sad.
- People before dogs
- Fenced in areas for the playgrounds and open space for the dogs to run

- I use the dog park twice a day every day (for six years) with my two dogs and have never had a problem with other dogs or people. Please beware of rumors, single stories blown out of proportion, or down right lies about the "dangerous dogs". This park is the jewel of Duncan and I understand that the population is growing. Small fenced in areas for dogs like the Beverly dog stop are not conducive to many dogs.
- Leave as is.
- Why ruin a Duncan Retreat!
- There are disgusting little fenced areas for our off leash interactions with our dogs. Ludicrous. Stinks. You are choosing not to listen to the people using the park.
- I'm interested in the dog access to the rest of the park. The majority of dogs are off leash in the entire park, and it's something I enjoy with my dog. This should be clarified - will dogs be allowed at the rest of the park, and will it only be on-leash? Or just on leash during certain months of the year?
- The main reason I'm taking this survey is because of the possible reduction of the off leash area. So many people rely on this area as a safe place to walk there dogs. We already have a fenced off leash area a short distance away but it's not suitable for all dogs. My dog is large and needs more exercise than she can get stuck in an area with other dogs. Currently the off leash walk along the river works great for her and I am able to take my son for a walk along the trail too. We would likely stop coming if the off leash area was reduced and would be forced to walk somewhere more isolated and unsafe off leash or I may have to give up my dog to someone with more property.
- This will be most important to the many dog lovers and users of the park to continue to have existing open off-leash dog area retained.
- I would like the off leash areas to remain the same. There are no other places to walk off leash near Duncan, or to just throw a ball for those need a good run.
- The park is just right the way it is now.
- As someone who lives adjacent to the park dogs that are off the leash in the surrounding neighbourhood is a huge problem. Aggressive dogs, dogs that owners do not clean up after, unleashed and running in the streets, etc. I think that we need to be stricter about which areas are appropriate for off leash dogs for public health and safety.
- Which ever option gives more space for dogs to run freely.
- The off-leash is working fine as it is now. Don't mess with it. We with our dogs also keep the park safe --- I wouldn't want to walk there (as a female) without my dog.
- Don't reduce the size of the off-leash dog area. There are very few options for off-leash access in the area, and the park is well-used by dog owners.
- Dog areas do not need to be fenced and dividing the dogs by size is getting ridiculous.
- The other reason people use this park is because it is the only off leash area in town. I purposely refuse to go to the fenced in dog park because of how many dogs and irresponsible owners there can be crammed into the space at one time.
- It would be nice if the few remaining benches were not placed directly next to the waste receptacles. Quite unpleasant during the heat of the summer.
- Separate large and small dog off leash areas are a good idea. Hopefully this then means the remainder of the park (except river access points) are on leash areas.
- I like the he park the way it is.
- Leave the area open to off leash as the caged areas are awful!
- Off leash all along the river front.
- The way the park is now for dog is the reason we have stayed in Duncan.
- Keep dogs OFF family beach. PLEASE.
- If McAdam park is going to be seeing more foot traffic, then that will change the dynamic of the off-leash dog area. If it gets busier, I think a fenced area would be a good idea.

- Please leave the park as it is! I have never with dogs in the park.
- Fenced in dog park is simple enough - keep it that way. Lots of garbage bag and disposal bag stations will be good. No need to make this grander and more expensive than it has to be.
- Everyone should share the park. People should be free to walk their dogs through the whole park. Access to doggie bags throughout the park and lighting.
- Both options offer tiny and useless off leash areas. Both of these plans are terrible. Keep this place as a natural walking area where people can take their dogs off-leash. This is the only spot in Duncan that has reasonable space to walk your dog on-leash
- This greatly reduces the current size and that leaves this town with very little area to take our companions
- It's one of the few places dogs can go to run off energy, and should not be restricted other than under owner's control
- Present arrangement is more than adequate.
- Leave the park as is, especially the dog area. There isn't enough parking In the area for this much development
- Leave the park alone! Us dog owners are getting pushed out. We have no where to go!
- Where do the dog walkers walk, we don't want to be fenced and can't walk?
- Leave entire park off leash
- Fenced off-leash parks are a step backwards, we should be more progressive. More and more people these days have dogs in place of human family. Having a wonderful sanctuary such as this is a blessing. Probably 75% of park visitors are locals there to walk and exercise there dogs. To restrict off-leash activities to incredibly small fenced-in areas will no doubt anger many many people. The other off-leash park in town is rife with issues, many people I know will not go there. Please don't make the same mistake here.
- I believe the off lease should left "as is" I am disabled but find living in the area allow my dog and I to walk in the park twice daily I also get to meet people and their dogs
- Both options significantly limit off-leash space, reducing dog lovers to 'big pens' - what is natural about that? A fenced-in area for small dogs or puppies might work, perhaps to the east of Rotary Field. Please, please, please consider keeping a portion of the current trail system for well-trained and well-socialized dogs and their caretakers. My suggestion would be a loop from the Fish Hatchery entrance to just before Rotary Park, with the exit being at the end of Beech Ave., that also includes river access at multiple locations.
- A fenced area would make it safer for the elderly to walk on the dyke and not be worried about a large dog knocking them over (something I have seen happen). Also, walkers would not have to keep their eyes on the trail to avoid stepping in feces - not everyone picks up!
- Only if you can insure that needles will be removed daily so that the dogs will be safe.
- There are many fragile elderly people in this area who would like to use the park but are afraid of being knocked over by a large "friendly" dog. This could result in a broken hip etc. resulting in a lot of pain or even an early death. Part of the park should be designated as a non dog area. Even if dogs are supposed to be leashed many people leave their dogs loose which could result in the aforementioned problems.
- I saw a small dog attacked by a large dog so think small dogs need a separate place to be safe even though most large dogs are friendly
- One does not require fenced dog areas regardless. As father of a 9 year old who has obviously raised toddlers, any fencing ought to be around areas such as playing fields and kid-play / adventure parks and the remaining areas to remain open to off leash.
- My real answer is neither - leave the off-leash area as it is. I walk there daily without dogs, but greatly enjoy them. If you restrict them, or pen them up, then you eliminate the exercise people now get as they walk their dogs - instead they sit and watch them play, or go elsewhere, so that we all lose.
- The current off leash areas are working fine. Save the money for more essential services. If you want a greater presence of people in park to deter

drug users, I suggest you add signage on highway and Trunk Rd indicating off leash dog park and walking trails

- Should remain completely off leash as it is now although I like the dedicated dog access at river. Many dog walkers that I meet have said that they will not use the fenced in off leash areas. One only has to go by the Beverly Street off leash fenced in area to see that it is under utilized. Somebody needs to do their homework. If it doesn't work there which is evident then it won't work at McAdam park either.
- As it is, the park works well with dog owners and non dog owners alike. Leave things be.
- Let the dogs run just as they do now. Putting dogs in fenced areas causes disease and they fight more often. Dogs on leashes try to protect their owner and often become aggressive.
- Fenced in dog off leash areas are ugly and don't allow dogs exploration of natural areas. Dog river access is good though. Improved lighting and waste receptacles are also important. I would like to see the natural off leash areas much more than the paltry area East of the Rotary Field.
- No changes.
- Please leave as is!
- Not a dog owner. My preference would be no dogs.
- Leave as is.
- I love McAdam Park because it is the only place in Duncan where there are walking trails that are not specifically on leash for dogs. I love that my dog has access to the river and that I can walk a loop and have access to the fields to play with other dogs. I am definitely in favour of upgrades to the park, but I fear it means I lose the best place to take my dog and I know other dog owners feel the same.
- I go to this park mainly because it is off-leash and would have to see less off-leash areas. We need more as there are so many dog owners in this area!
- The two options fail to consider the problems with the existing dog prisons - fencing in, filth from repeated excrement even when picked

up, remains and urine soak in and are carried home on the dogs feet. The provision of a water bowl is a danger for transmitted diseases. I urge you to actually go to the parks and see who and how they are used. Lot of elderly walk dogs there and as stated previously, it is an informal socialization process for people who would otherwise experience loneliness which, in turn, negatively affects health. Thee difference between an enclosed area and the walking areas as they are, is that the socialization on the trails allows one to stop and chat or move on by - the time of the encounter being brief - longer is able to be controlled by both parties who then just move on. It is an element of comfort and control often missing in the context of elder health. An enclosed area includes an element of feeling pressured to engage when it may not be desired, therefore one avoids that part of the park. My experiences working with the elderly grieving losses and with those having some cognitive decline provides the background for my entries here. NO - i do not now and have never worked for VIHA. I have spoken often with seniors - men and women - who are hesitant to have long conversations, but who show sadness and are brighter when participating in a brief social conversation. They open up about losses, sharing briefly, then move on with a smile and a kind word offered to them. We build distant relationships each day and each day they become a bit stronger - this is how the elderly help each other in this park, all while walking the dogs. It isn't just about where to have the dogs.

- It would be a travesty to create a fenced dog park such as are available in other locations. Many dogs do not thrive in fenced areas. The beauty of Rotary Park is its open and relaxed access for dogs and their owners. Please don't change the dog accessible off-leash areas in Rotary Park as this is the only option for many Duncan residents if we are not to get in our cars and drive somewhere else! The ability to walk to this park with my dog is one to the fundamental reasons I love Duncan! And I do not live very near the park!
- How is it possible for a dog to get a decent amount of exercise in these small designated area. Many folks in our neighborhood walk to

this park daily with their dogs and have bonded over the animals playing together. The amount of off leash areas have been reduced to the point that you know need to drive out to some distant trail and now even at that dogs need to be leashed. This park provides a valued space for free running. Those who do not want unleashed animals can happily go to the many areas that are on leash only.

- The off-leash area along the existing trails has worked very well. A dedicated dog access area is not really feasible as the river is too low in the summer and when the existing swimming and beach area is filled with people, very few dogs swim and the kids love it when they do! This swimming beach could definitely use a Garbage Can in the summer months.
- Fine as it is.
- Neither of these options would be as good as the existing facilities. Right now dogs and human park users are coexisting in harmony. Your map of the existing park shows that only a small off leash area, but according to the signs in the park, dogs are only excluded from the sports fields. The existing park is perfectly designed as a dog park. There are lots of loops and the park is well connected to the streets in the community. The dog bag stations and garbage bags are well located.
- I have met people who travel from other areas on the Island, (Saanich and Nanaimo) to walk their dogs, off leash, in this wonderful natural area along the Cowichan River. Numerous comments on how fortunate we are to have a space such as this within the City limits and so close to our homes.
- Keep whole park as is...off leash everywhere. Do not fence in dogs in an already off leash area.
- Leave our off leash dog area exactly as is!!!
- Yes - but fenced. Sometimes too many dogs when trying to walk the path. Dog owners must pick-up after their dog. Use the dog bag stations. River changed every year depending on flooding. Swimmers and dogs don't always mix.

- Leave the dogs alone.
- What is beautiful about the park is the off leash. The dogs all get along big and small. Puppies learn from big dogs. Dedicated people access and swimming - dogs do just fine as is. Don't take this away from use. People drive from all over the Island to use the park.
- Restrict open off-leash area. Large fenced off leash area with natural features in place.
- There are hundreds of people with their dogs that use the park every day with no problems. Leave the park the way it is.
- Too small, too unnecessary, leave dog park along
- Open off-leash areas for dogs should be along the entire length of the Dyke and all the area between the Dyke and the river. We have been using this area for 18 years for our dogs. The dogs are happy and 95% of the owners are responsible and are by far the most common users.
- If dogs have access to river, signage should indicate the sensitivity of dog and wildlife interactions. More dog-bag stations and waste receptacles.
- Dogs need walks, not nonsense. They can build their own beams and tunnels - most dogs and owners don't use. Just keep it all off leash.
- Leave it alone!
- I come to the park because I have a dog. The park is used extensively by dog owners. It is probably the best dog park I have visited throughout BC and the US. Don't ruin it by making fenced in paddocks or very small areas in a bad location. The flood plain of the river is the perfect location for off leash area. No development required.
- I like the idea of the whole park being off leash. If you make separate areas, so people will think that off leash should be limited to these areas.
- Not at all do I think removing the off leash area is a good idea. Elderly walk their dogs which is good mental and physical for them. Plus it is the only dog park in area not fenced. There are however multi areas for jogging.

- Dogs should still be off leash at all trails. We fought for that years ago.
- Leave the park and off-leash park, as most people that use the park "year round" come to walk their dogs.
- Neither - maybe consider one dedicated people access - and please remind them to clean up their trash and diapers currently cleaned away by dog walkers.
- Whole area off leash all dogs as is.
- Dogs and owners walk the park already.
- Dogs are fine as is. They walk on Dyke all the time (on and off-leash). All dogs I've seen are well behaved. Leave as is (except lighting - all along Dyke).
- Rotary park is the only off leash park in the Cowichan Valley. All the trails in area which are wonderful are leash only. Taking away off leash limits exercise of dogs. As a dog owner, I will never use fenced in areas, as it limits my exercise which will be none if I'm forced to use fenced in area.
- The only one in valley. People from Cobble Hill, Duncan, Cowichan Bay, Crofton all use the off leash. Need to keep. Lots of other trails around for hikers, bikers, and walkers.
- No opinion on above except that I love watching the dogs and owners out my window. At night I can see the frequent misuse of the park with users and drinkers and "homeless" people.
- Continue with off leash policy.
- Leave off-leash dog areas as they are at present.
- Lighting invites use other than what's intended. Never a problem with dogs being off leash.
- I have been walking my small dog in this area for the last four years (since I moved into Duncan) and never have I encountered any altercation with another dog. This off-leash dog park was one of the attractions of buying my home i River's Edge. On Beverly @ Lakes Rd there are small and large dog "pens".
- Leave it as it is.
- Leave as off-leash dog park. Majority of users are dog owners. Leave park the way it is.
- Dogs to into the river almost wherever their owners allow them. Lighting encourages all night activities.
- Leave as is.
- How can dedicated dog access be enforced. River has fairly strong current for most of year - safety for dogs?
- Terrible ideas - will impact the quality of the natural environment.
- Dogs are walked throughout the park. No need in a fenced area. Dog owners enjoy the walking and opportunity for socializing with other walkers. Lighting for security purposes to detect those that would damage structures and the park would be welcome.
- I am not a dog owner but I believe in fitness. The people who currently walk their dogs - walk themselves. Fenced dog areas create noise, their owners just watch - they don't get exercise themselves. If you ever consider a fenced area it should be well away from houses so that dog owners have to walk to it. Better still they can to the dog park on Beverly Street.
- Dogs are good together. Lighting and improve the loop trail for pets. Make the park about dogs word just like you will find in Paris or New York. Put things in place for dog play.
- I think current off leash regs are ok - but only if they are monitored on a very regular basis and irresponsible dog owners dealt with. I have had several problems with uncontrolled dogs and are away of many others.
- Just leave the park the way it is. We love the park currently.

## COMMENTS ON THE PRELIMINARY CONCEPTS (SOUTH AMENITY IMPROVEMENTS)

- Keep it simple - covered picnic shelter and bathrooms - possibly a disc golf.....no need for yurts/camping/petting zoo etc.
- Both options are expensive and will not necessarily be used. Terrible ideas.
- Both these plans are quite ambitious and unnecessary to keep the small park feel of the area.
- None of those options belong in a natural wilderness park. We don't need a Disney style play area. They would destroy the whole concept of what it is.
- Not needed
- I enjoy disc golf and this would generate a significant attraction. However, it will create a conflict with pedestrians and pets. There is not enough space in this park to do both.
- There garden plots and environmental elements of option B would be sustainable and I think would enhance the park for the community. Children's Farm and Petting Zoo and carousel would be unsustainable over the long term.
- Interesting, considering the tax increases that the City of Duncan is imposing. Cleaning up the garbage along the river and in the park areas would be much cheaper.
- Seriously Creekside camping, we already have that is called homeless people . Or a petting zoo we have the biggest petting zoo going with all the dogs that come in here of all ages big dogs little dogs puppies senior dogs what are you going to put in a petting zoo rabbits and chickens that's ridiculous leave the park the way it is it's perfect none of your improvements are really encouraging people to come to the park what you're doing is telling the hundreds if not thousands of people that come here every day with their dogs that they are not welcome at this park this is a dog park. It's the only part in all of Duncan in all of the S. Island Ave., Vancouver Island where dogs of all ages and people of all ages people can come and enjoy the park and the nature and make friends leave this park alone
- Waste of money
- I would like the covered BBQ area but would use anything else
- Keep the park as it is.
- Camping! Golf? Carousels, petting zoos...What happened to Nature? A picnic shelter, sure, a space for group gatherings. The rest is just busy stuff. Waterside parks I have known and loved: all the Vancouver beaches, the Ottawa river, the Beaches in Toronto, all heavily used by walkers, runners, bikers, by people finding picnic spots without needing shelter. Just keep it clean and safe and people will make their own play.
- I think both options are excessive and will take away from the natural environment
- Love that we might get a petting zoo in Duncan! Sculpture garden not a real need.
- Ridiculous -- all of these items are stolen from our off leash dogs areas. The stink are seriously stupid -- camp sites. You are stealing our land we are using and enjoying for our walks with our dogs.
- I know people are using the park for camping now (?homeless?) But this is definitely not my preference. I think having people camp there would make me feel uncomfortable using it for day use. I like the idea of garden plots and an education centre, possibly a children's farm, but wondering about the impact on increased number of visitors to that area of the park in terms of available parking.
- Just the disc golf
- I think the beauty of McAdam is the nature. I've always enjoyed that it's rugged and basic. Camping? Petting zoo? And as nice as these ideas sounds, that park isn't that big, unless you level all the trees and natural beauty of it. And what happens during flood season? McAdam is one of the last green ways along the river and putting that kind of traffic on it will have a negative impact on the animals that are able to call that space home.

- Camping next to fish gut creek would increase traffic in a delicate salmon spawning area. Treehouses and yurts might be cool closer to the main river but we shouldn't risk our local spawning stream to increased traffic and potential additional litter.
- The park is just right the way it is now.
- Petting zoo? Ridiculous, who is to maintain the animals? I don't want campsites near town, and I am sure the nearby residents don't either. Camping should be in more rural areas. Yurts? We have so many homeless people in this town, this seems a joke.
- Absolutely ridiculous. This is supposed to be a nature area, not a midway
- I don't think that either 'glamping' or a children's petting zoo are necessary or are going to do well in this area of town. Work on general park clean-up and solving homelessness and needle crisis as top priorities before taking on projects like this.
- Both of these seem excessive and unnecessary
- Neither of these options are viable until you get rid of the current campers leaving needles scattered about.
- Disc golf!!
- A nature house that's education would be good. We do not need a petting zoo!
- Definitely no camping... minimal structure in this area would be nice
- When I first started walking in the park there were picnic tables available - all have been removed due to vandalism - All except one or two which have been flooded numerous times during the years and are now totally unusable.
- I don't understand these ideas at all. We don't need a petting zoo at taxpayers expense, send the kids to providence farm if they want to see animals that bad, or take a drive along Glenora road. Most people who are paying to have this done with their taxes won't be able to afford to camp here or pay (I assume there will be a charge) to get into the petting zoo.
- Already too many problems with campers, and all these ideas are too expensive and a waste of tax dollars
- I do not support Option A. While a neat idea, I think that the park is too small to have campsites or yurts without taking away the essence of what it is -- an escape to nature, in the city. Picnic areas or a small picnic shelter is a great idea (I'm envisioning something similar to Bright Angel Park where people could have birthday parties etc but no over night camping). As a young family, Option B is very attractive. I imagine the preschool would make use of Option B facilities as well. A resident caretaker would be very valuable at deterring some of the criminal activities that take place in the park and making other park users feel safer. I live very near the park but don't feel safe to go in it near dusk alone, or after dark. If a caretaker is not an option, perhaps regular security patrols after dusk?
- I like the he park the way it is.
- A covered picnic area would be nice. But why these other things?
- All a waste of money and who will pay for future upkeep
- Please leave the way it is
- Yes to disc golf, nature house (in existing house perhaps ... rented out?)...yes to forest style playground (see west Vancouver: <https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/parks/john-lawson-park/>), no to yurt (again too hard to protect from vandals, etc.), yes to simple STURDY sculptures, BBQ areas, and "semi" covered spaces.
- I really don't like either option. except for the covered picnic shelter.
- Please see last comments. I find it hard to believe these are serious proposals.
- We don't need camping, a petting farm, a sculpture garden, or a carousel. None of those offer enough of a return on the investment in land required. Keep the garden plots, environmental education centre, the washrooms, picnic shelter,

and disc golf. All of these are more engaging in the existing landscape.

- Disc golf just causes confusion and unnecessary injuries to the recreation area. My previous town had a disc golf field spanning over 4 acres - one person used it once a week and it cost over a million dollars. A waste.
- Have some picnic tables through out the park and close to the river to have picnics. Have one BBQ area for group gatherings. I would suggest getting the old Charles Hoey building to make that the gathering space. Turn it into something like the hub.
- Again too much clutter. Keep this a natural area.
- Irresponsible and irrational - facilities of this nature should be offered by the private sector and your proposal of them leads me to suspect that you have given little, if any, consideration to operating costs.
- I like the 9-hole disc golf idea but I also like the idea of a children's petting zoo and bbq areas. IF you could combine those that would be perfect
- Other than the picnic area this isn't necessary
- As a City of Duncan Taxpayer..... where is this money to come from?
- An educational centre and some picnic areas. No camping. Washrooms. More benches along the Dyke. Caretaker.
- Seriously... Disc Golf? I've seen at least a dozen 'courses' thru the years.... never have I seen anyone playing... ever! Petting Zoo ??? These ideas seem ridiculous! Why spend money on this stuff? Why not spend it on social housing or mental health facilities... areas that are seriously lacking focus?!?!? zoo
- NO camping, NO disc golf course, NO petting zoo!!!
- Too expensive. Unfair to animals to have a petting zoo. Do not want my taxes increased for either of these choices.
- Both options seem excessive, and I'm unsure if they'd receive enough use..? Maybe. I lean toward Option B.
- Are you kidding with this? Would the golf areas be fenced and better so public would not go into sensitive eco areas? Who pays to clean up after public?
- More paving causing more flooding and garbage going down the river. More kids exposed to needles.
- Like the covered picnic area and some of the Children's Farm ideas. Unsure about the petting zoo unless it was seasonal.
- I believe that further construction should be limited to such things as washrooms, and possibly a picnic shelter. This park is a beautiful and largely natural asset. The sport fields are wonderful and well maintained. If demand from youth need it I would support expansion (and also, if needed to increase usability, artificial turf)
- You have got to be kidding! A Nature House with a caretaker, etc. Where is the money going to come from and what problems might this cause? A disc golf course? Option A is bad enough, but Option B. Why, why, why do we keep putting up parking lots (or play grounds) when what is there is wonderful as is. How many cities have natural unspoiled areas within them? Those that do are not planning a miniature Disneyland. Who on earth came up with these options?
- I Think the planners haven't been there in the winter floods - no place that won't sustain water damage without a lot of fill which equals riparian damage. We do need picnic tables
- Seriously...? Does anyone involved in this project even walk the area on a daily basis? A campsite that will be subject to flooding & \or be an invitation for vandalism or robbery by the homeless people who have tents along the river. Have you taken the time to find out how much crime the surrounding neighbourhood has had in the past year. The other concern is who is paying for all of this not just the implementation big the upkeep? If public works is expected to do so then that is Duncan taxpayers' money. So Duncan residents pay for all of North Cowichan to enjoy these new facilities?
- I like the idea of a nature house which could be an education centre as well as the garden plots. Maybe the disk golf also. But please, this is not an area for campers. This park isn't that big. A petting zoo is a bit silly, this isn't Beacon Hill Park.
- Good grief has the city go too much money? This sickens me.

- Don't fill up the park for the sake of being unable to stand empty spaces.
- No camping, no petting zoo. Covered picnic area and BBQ area would be good
- No changes.
- Again this is not a good idea do the homelessness issues. Money needs to be put into cleaning up that problem. I see this bringing in more of the same problems especially during the winter months when this shelters will be sought out.
- None of this is needed. Picnics can be had on a blanket on the grass! Nature is an education area better than any we could develop. Neither option seems to prioritize Natural Space protection; the relative expanse of Rotary Park does not need to be filled with the proposed amenities. We are blessed to have such a Natural Space within Duncan, please don't ruin it!
- Both options sound awful, though option A is more awful than B, except for the petting zoo (hey, let's chop down trees and replace them with captive and fake animals!). How about forest and river? That is all anyone needs for healthy recreation.
- Absolutely not ..the heart of this community is the Cowichan River..its ecosystem is being taxed enough..how about we protect it by not developing it..our children could get more out of its natural state than a PETTING ZOO..really.. there are garden plots all over this town unused ..
- Far too many things for a park this size and for a small town. The petting zoo is a terrible and dangerous idea. There is so much vandalism in this area now I think those poor animals would either be abused, killed for spite, killed and eaten by some people. A caretaker could not protect them 24/7.
- Please leave as is!
- A covered picnic area or just more picnic tables would be sufficient. Why take away one of the few natural nature infused parks in the Valley. Kids and parents enjoy the open spaces and freedom it offers.
- Are you kidding ... these options are totally out of this world... maybe disc golf ... covered areas for gatherings will these be fenced and locked?
- No petting zoo
- Most of this whole area is underwater in the winter! This area is already being used for flood control! People love walking through here with their dogs and families. We always see people with binoculars for bird watching.
- Once again the area would be more educational and provide the natural experience with less manipulation of the natural site and less formality that will require many rules and regulations making it a rigid park.
- Why is there a need for a sculpture garden? A petting zoo will take a sizable area? More natural area lost?
- I don't agree with too much 'development'. The majority of it should be left more of a nature walk.
- One simple shelter with BBQ areas sounds great. Those who would like to go camping can go to a campsite. A petting Zoo simply detracts from the nature all around us. What will be left of the wildlife? There are simply too many lofty ideas for a small local park.
- Option B without the petting zoo. Who is going to care for and protect the animals?
- A bit of an overload. Let's preserve the natural environment. We've enjoyed the park for 50 years. We don't need animal farm - supervision required.
- Keep domesticated farm animals out. People should look for wild life. No artwork - maybe totem poles by parking and trail entrances. Would be nice to have a picnic area.
- Love the children's farm, but would choose not to include the sculpture garden if possible.
- Waste of \$. Picnic tables will suffice.
- Include sculpture garden.
- We have 3 golf courses already. Leave park along.
- This area of McAdam park is a wonderful natural area so rare in an urban setting. In needs to be preserved as is the Dallas Rd off-leash dog area in Victoria!
- No petting zoo or 'farm', no camping, yes picnic shelter, yes garden plots or nature centre
- All unnecessary and where would you put all the new parking spots.
- Who is going to pay for the premises and care of the petting zoo animals? A sculpture garden is a

good idea, perhaps with more totems to attract visitors. Covered picnic areas are an optimistic idea. Already the bench area beside the rotary field is used for over nighters. Add a covered picnic area and that could mean a tent village. Not what anyone would want to see I'm sure.

- Waste of money that will only increase my taxes.
- No camping areas.
- What a waste of taxpayers money. Covered picnic areas will encourage homeless people. They are sleeping in covered shelters at football field.
- Totally opposed to "Option A" - the 3 ideas would be disruptive to the whole park. No children's farm, sculpture garden OK, picnic shelters OK
- Every suggestion in Option A is as silly as you can get. The only suggestion in Option B that has any merit would be the covered picnic shelter, etc. As long as they are designed with open sides and lighting to prevent anyone from using the area for living or sleeping.
- Petting zoo, where is the money coming from? The cost to taxpayers is too much. We already have non-paying campers in park who are destroying enjoyment of park users with garbage, needles, threats of violence.
- Will only provide things to vandalize and provide more places for gathering to drink, drugs, party, etc. This is already a problem - no need to enhance it.
- We need open spaces. Every tree cut down must be replaced.
- Petting zoo - not natural. Neither option required especially at cost for so few participants.
- Patrolling, maintenance, security, parking, city cost, theft vandalism and drug use and crime, property values.
- Please leave as is
- Leave the Rotary Park in its natural state.
- Please no campsites.
- Please do not take away dog off leash areas. It is a joy to see the dogs playing. The reason why we chose to live @ "Riverside". Those that bring their dogs to walk them in the park have very well behaved dogs - and it is very important to us. There is no other place in Duncan for them to run freely. We enjoy the walk so much.
- Absolutely not to either.

- Where would the natural place be with all this? What a terrible invasion of a lovely peaceful park this would be.
- Vandalism in this day and age is rampant. We do not need more "improvements" for them to be destroyed and therefore most cost to the taxpayers. We also do not need a "tent city" to set up. Also the feed for "farm" animals will attract the rats from the river.
- Will disrupt the natural habitat of thousands of species. Neighbourhood went into the trash when you allowed campers, garbage, and drug paraphernalia and human excrement a large problem.
- Most of this area is subject to regular flooding by the river every spring. Who would maintain children's farm, e.g., feed the animals (non-humans that is), prevent theft.
- Covered picnic shelter good!!
- Leave as is - natural, not development at all in rotary - improved access only.
- No campsite. Park - Rotary Park is not big enough. Leave it as a natural park - no development. Campsite will turn into a tent city for homeless.
- No camping, this will lead to over nighters. We are in the community next the path - Rivers Edge and have had break-ins, homes, cars, and attempts of opening mailboxes. No camping. This will bring long timers - a tent city. No resident caretaker or caretaker dwelling - too costly. Petting zoo will lead to rats seeking food and bringing disease to animals - a unnecessary cost. We have raptors flying on Her Rad and local farms. A petting zoo is available in Beacon Hill Park, Victoria - a larger park with more room.
- We are a small urban area in Duncan. This is the only natural area (this side of the Trans Canada). It is the only area where we can listen to the river, hear the birds, and enjoy the peace and tranquility of nature when with age or other disabilities, a person can't physically access parks like Mt Prevost, Mt Tzouhalem, etc.
- No campsites in this area. No golf course.
- Prefer option A but without golf course.
- Who would protect the animals from local hooligans.
- None of these. If we add new amenities the lovely natural well known park will disappear.

## COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE PRELIMINARY CONCEPTS (NATURE PLAY AREA)

- Let's have a park where children can explore the natural environment. We don't need to make it into an artificial environment.
- Again I feel a small footprint approach is preferred.
- Again no. Children do not need any more structure in there lives they need the freedom to make their own play.
- "Build it and they will come." I'm not so sure. Does anyone know how many street people use this area. Spend some money on them. They are not going away.
- Seriously do any of you people live in Duncan and come to this park. This whole park is a nature park balancing digging sensory you can go to the beach and dig you can balance by climbing on the trees and the logs you have the century by playing in the water or listening to the birds petting the dogs why are you guys wanting to spend money on something that already exist Naturally leave McAdam rotary park all loan it's perfect the way it is any improvements will only be ruining the area
- Keep the park as it is.
- Keep it minimal. Nature is natural. But yes, get rid of the invasives. And replace the Himalayan blackberries with native Thimbleberries, blackcaps, salmonberries and some education around that wold be good.
- Here's an idea -- leave the area natural...as it currently is... within paying a cent and putting up ridiculous areas/recreations that are not going to be used and cost alot of upkeep. We are the lowest cost and best idea for your park. Keep it as it is.
- The park is just right the way it is now.
- Again, way to many things for such a small area.
- Why do we need to create nature playgrounds when children enjoy being in nature itself?
- It would be nice to have a place for the younger kids to play. But safety needs to be a priority. Needles would be a bit of a concern for me.
- Families with smaller children or school field trips who would use the play areas would likely rather have it all in one area, rather than having to convince their kids to move along the next section (or in the case of a school trip, keeping the kids in one area to be under supervision). This would also free up space adjacent to the trails to remain in a natural state!
- I like the he park the way it is.
- I thought they were getting rid of some playgrounds due to dangerous climbing obstacles designed for children. They just got rid of one where I live on Langtry road at Keating park where I played as a child.
- It is already a nature play area
- We already this sort of park in town.
- No children's farm. Far too many ethical and health issues involved. Just look at beacon hill petting zoo in Victoria. They work at an annual loss subsidized by charitable donations. Why would you create something that is already predetermined to lose money?
- Put the kids stuff elsewhere
- No need, let kids learn to use their imagination if they want to play at the park
- Children are quite capable of playing on their own and the park in its present form allows many opportunities for them to do it.
- The park in its natural state is perfect as it is, large fields to play and run for kids and dogs alike, beautiful pathways for walkers and cyclists and runners and dogs.
- These smaller 'nature play' areas should be fenced for the security of the children! Keep the kids in a fenced area ... let the dogs play in the space some of the need and retain the rest of the off leash walk-ability for the people.
- Many children use the park now - walking with their families. They can play in and walk through nature perfectly well now, they don't need a constructed artificial "enhancement" The benefits of the family walk are what we should encourage, not the sit down and watch your children play.

- I completely support creating educational play areas that focus on and utilize the natural habitat. Please consider partnering with the Island Fish Hatchery to utilize their vacant space (the old reception area/front office); in conjunction with the School District or other community organizations, so existing (already built and underutilized) venues can be utilized for community nature education programs and sessions.
- Find an area away from environmental sensitive area and river to build children's play area. There are too many needles in the park for children to be playing around them. Having more people in the park will destroy this natural area with garbage and vandalism
- Grass water and trees are pretty natural. Leave things as they are.
- The forest is a nature play area. Let it grow, just keep the garbage and squatters out of there.
- No changes.
- Please leave as is!
- There is a park in Duncan with all these amenities by the lawn bowling place.
- Leave as is.
- No "Nature Play Area" need be delineated, Rotary Park is already a Nature play area! Let our children know that Nature is Natural! Man-made or man-developed "Nature Areas" are not Nature.
- These are already a nature play area!
- There are many areas now that are suitable for balancing, climbing and digging. Minimal manipulation is required to direct users to the areas. Possibly better signage would be suitable.
- Cats like to dig and leave gifts
- A nature area already exists there. Are we going to produce a "developed" natural area?
- I think it's best to keep this Park more like a 'Nature Walk'. If you introduce a WIDE variety of activities, people will tend to disrupt the fauna by walking/running over them. A small picnic area is fine near the area of Rotary Field, but I don't agree with having concession stands etc. as this will create more possibilities of littering around the park.
- Leave it natural.
- All can be done the way the park is now.
- Why don't the children's play areas go over in the "urban" side (north) of McAdam Park?
- There are way more old folks than kids using this park right now. The kids have all that at school.
- Waste of money that will only increase my taxes.
- Neither - go and listen to the screaming children @ Centennial Park. We moved from that area because the noise was excessive after the water park was installed.
- What is the need for these suggestions? Option A would be better, but should have the picnic area. As for a petting zoo, forget that idea.
- A playground of slides, swings, etc. for children is all is needed in park.
- I like the idea of a children's play area east of the clubhouse; forget the rest.
- Please leave as is
- Please no jungle gym. Please no zoos.
- Keep it natural.
- Any covered area quickly attracts drug addicts and homeless and all night drinking parties. This is a residential area. Are cannot stand any increase in traffic.
- Playground must have rubberized surface to clean up needles easily and nowhere for people to sleep / leave debris.
- Confine development to McAdam.
- If you can keep the area very natural that I'm agreeing. Tours from Duncan and they area for nature walk. This is a dogs word park that is very important to the community.
- Any play areas to be totally natural.

## COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE PRELIMINARY CONCEPTS (RIVER ACCESS)

- We should not encourage fishing in the river, stocks are critically low. Also, kayaking and other river activities should be limited, if not entirely banned. Let's act to preserve this beautiful river. Other points of entry are available in any case.
- Out of control river access is needed. I don't agree with kayak launching and increasing the human interaction in the fragile river ecology, IE garbage and increased access to other points along the river not to mention the safety issues.
- Ludicrous idea
- If there is river access, there will be problems.
- The fishing in the Cowichan is severely limited. Don't you people understand
- Both of these concepts I like
- Keep the park as it is.
- Real Fisher-people wear waders! Please, no pier. This is a famous salmon river. It would be embarrassed to have a pier. Also, I am beginning to wonder, did Duncan just win the lottery or a big legacy?
- Beautiful Natural Sanctuary the way it is!
- Leave the river configuration as it is. Remember - thats called natural.
- The park is just right the way it is now.
- Many places to fish on the river, I don't think we need to spend money on a pier for that.
- I think the idea of multiple areas is excellent, but people shouldn't be limited to where they want to swim or bring their pets
- No. This is not Disneyland
- Too shallow and lack of water in summer makes this unusable
- Please keep the river area as natural as possible.
- The riverbank is fine as it is. Do not damage the integrity of it.
- I come to the river to enjoy the quiet and have solitude. 1 larger area and then more smaller access points would be ideal to satisfy a variety of needs.
- I like the he park the way it is.
- In the winter the river is not safe for swimming or kayaking. In the summer there often isn't enough water.
- Not really needed also shouldn't impact fisheries
- More seating along the river but that is all as it will get flooded in the winter anyway
- Making dedicated areas along the river spoils the natural beauty of the river.
- And what happens when the river floods?
- One area will get crowded quickly. Lots of areas allow for more people to enjoy the same view.
- Clean up the trails to the river access we all ready have. There are lots of great spots along the river to do swimming, fishing, dog swimming, picnics. those trails have over grown. If we clean that up there would be more access to the beaches that are not accessible right now.
- Let's not put more things along riparian areas.
- This does not improve what is already there and will take away from the current dog area.
- No need as there is already enough places to view the river and fish if they want. Besides, are you forgetting that during the winter and spring there is flooding involved
- These areas exist and only require regular maintenance
- Kayak launch yes, but leave the rest as natural as possible
- The river is very accessible as it is and lovely for swimming in the summer, fishing in the fall and when its full and flooding its banks in the winter what will happen to these fancy ideas. Keep it natural.
- I think these suggestions would be difficult as the river changes so much year to year. Sometimes the water is so low its easy to walk across with hardly getting wet. We need to be careful changing the natural topography . A supervised swimming area would be good but it would need to be redone every year.
- The fish are suffering enough. Fishing should not be encouraged. River viewing - yes, yes, yes. No need to promote the killing of natural beings.

- Kayak launch - the only time there is enough water for kayaking is in the winter - it wouldn't get used. More riverside trails -- great idea!
- This is a tough one; please consult with reclamation experts to determine what options will have the least impact on the Cowichan River. We don't want to add to water pollution and contamination.
- Too expensive.
- Life guard on duty?? Who monitors area for drinking, fires etc??
- As long as it does not remove the current area where families spend their evenings playing in the water in a very safe, very happy setting. The current swimming area is very well set-up and managed each year by the users, and needs no interference.
- Remember this is a flood plain. Structures will have to be replaced annually. More money for upkeep.
- Kayaking? The river dries out in the summer so much so that one can walk across and in the fall/ winter it runs much too fast for kayaking. The river is also a salmon spawning river so let's just leave it alone!
- Do you know that the river floods?
- The kayak launch is a nice idea but at times the Cowichan River is so low that it would be difficult. At other times of the year the river is very full, swift and potentially dangerous for kayaking. Have kayaking experts been consulted on this?
- No changes
- Please leave as is!
- With major concern about maintaining natural areas and wildlife protection.
- Is there going to be safe river access for children (for them to cool off on hot days) without having to worry about sharing that access with dogs? Kids love water. A shallow pool (that already exists) would be awesome.
- I would also suggest benches throughout the trail part of the park. Some of us tire and would just like to sit and chat. Some of us have physical disabilities and would love to walk farther along the trails but cannot do so because the distance between benches is too far, so we stick with a

small loop. Also, for some who are disabled in terms of needing scooters and wheelchairs, rising from the existing standard-sized benches can be a strain when legs are not so strong. Maybe consider having some benches a bit higher than others and the two different sizes beside or near each other. A garbage pick up with trash by the river areas would be useful. In the summertime I find used diapers from children just left on the ground by the river, plastic bottles, food wrappers. People are too lazy to clean up after themselves when it involves walking more than two steps to a trash can.

- Developing access to the river, in my opinion, will only serve to endanger its ecology. Please leave as is!
- I enjoy sitting on the riverbank or a log - the seat that nature has already provided for us. Free.
- As long as this does not interfere with the natural habitat along the river beds. You can't redesign the river itself... that's nature's job.
- Preserve shoreline areas...no built structures such as seating.
- There are already lots of access points to the river. At this time of the year, the river comes all the way up to the path!
- I see many users enjoying the river throughout the summer. There are great swimming holes and areas to access the water with your pets. Once again, for sustainability, less manipulation the better. I would hate to see the beavers being displaced related to the so called enhancement plans.
- You can view the river from many areas along the natural walkway we already have I am opposed to any development along the river in these areas... no docks no bridges no view launches It is a riparian for a reason... There are many species of animals that live along the river...birds nest salmon spawn
- I might choose option B if I knew Cowichan Tribes was open to it. The trailer park on Boys isn't part of the reserve but it clearly should be--I suspect it was simply removed back when that was done without consultation. This area is in the heart of the Tribes territory so they should have input.

- Quiet seating areas would be acceptable to me. This is not the right place for a kayak launch.
- Take a look at the river now, any installations are going to be inundated or washed away during high water levels.
- Both have nice aspects. Maybe some of each. Love to sit and watch the river.
- Option A (slightly smaller) with additional viewpoints / interpretive areas. Do people really kayak this river in this portion?
- I can see the river + birds + fish without your interference
- Just a few more benches and garbage cans is all that is necessary. Are there not legal restrictions on interfering with the river bank of a salmon spawning stream?
- No kayak launch, just small river viewpoints.
- The water would cover all that for months every year. Think of the expense of regular testing if there are people swimming everywhere.
- Has the implication of developing the riverfront been cleared with the federal government?
- Waste of money that will only increase my taxes.
- Will just add to the garbage that is already left in the river and on its banks. This is cleaned up by the people walking their dogs, not the city!
- Neither - current viewpoints are only used by junkies to shoot up / camp on / and deface or burn + garbage. Quiet seating will be taken over by drunks and junkies. Kayak launch during the summer months in record low water levels is a bit ridiculous. This river is on the threatened list, should be left alone.
- Leave as is add signs for where washrooms are.
- Educational aspects great. River is often unsafe due to currents or in summer dry. Avoid possible liability issues.
- Option A sounds nice except it must be safe. Therefore fishing from pier would have to be separated from those not fishing. Option B would be terrible in all aspects as the liability and safety would be enormous.
- Fishing pier would be nice but in winter large trees in river would knock it out so waste of money.
- Leave nature as is on this item. Are too many safety concerns from these items.
- You really don't know the river do you?
- Better access to the river is desirable and safer.
- People here know the behaviour of the river at different seasons. Will city take responsibility for someone drowning because they are kayaking and full river flow? Please leave responsibility with the people.
- Please leave as is
- Leave it alone.
- We have quiet viewing areas now. Please don't commercialize them.
- Keep it natural.
- Should be environmentally protected.
- Has consultation taken place with indigenous people as they fish in this river. Remember what you here affects everything downstream.
- Benches and picnic tables only - to be placed and removed seasonally.
- Salmon and Steelhead fishers wade into the river and constantly cast their lines. The pier would only take one angler and he would not wish his cast to catch in the trees or on passersby. Trout fishing pools are up stream.
- No dock or pier, water too high for safety or too low to reach the water depending on the season. The occasional seat is ok.
- Just clear some of the riverside brush.
- Any additions will make this beautiful natural park decline in value.

## COMMENTS RECEIVED ON PRELIMINARY CONCEPTS (TRAILS)

- Cost is the big issue here. Not sure what the point of having a bridge over to the south side of the river is unless there are plans to do something there.
- It is perfect the way it is, cannot improve on nature
- Both of these concepts I like is well
- Keep the park as it is.
- It seems to me the trails are pretty clear, we have enough ramps, and connections to the Dyke are straightforward. Perhaps those steep stairs could be ramped so that someone on a walker or in a chair could make a shorter circuit. Otherwise can't see much benefit. If the bridge would be useful to residents of the south side to cross to Duncan without having to go to the Silver bridge i would definitely support it. For park users, I don't see it.
- 2-3 additional benches along river trail and stretch from pump #5 and silver bridge given increasing # people with mobility issues who still need to walk dogs and/or keep moving which is good for them
- No more trails are required into areas we are trying to keep natural in the park. What is it -- cant you be happy that the park is used by people and dogs in a positive way, that doesn't cost any more money, that leaves the park in the most natural state. These plans make no sense.
- I think a bridge would be too expensive to consider, though it's an interesting plan.
- The trails there now are easy to access and use. The South side of the river will only encourage more theft from the surrounding area, cause you'll make it easier to "get-away" with stolen goods.
- The park is just right the way it is now.
- Possible bridge to the south side.... why would anyone want to go over there? There is a bridge via the highway, people don't walk on that side of the bridge.
- They already exists no need to spend money, instead use saved funds on doing the job properly in earlier 1,2 and 3 stages
- Way too much. This is a small park, it can not handle thousands of people walking etc. Also, why would you mark the trails, has anyone ever gotten lost? We are talking short distances here.
- I don't believe we need a bridge over the river. How would that work with flooding??
- A pedestrian bridge would be fantastic! This would increase the length of trails available and allow the Boys Rd area safe access to the park... However, I also feel this would be increase the need for security in some form or a caretaker as it would encourage foot traffic that might otherwise use the highway side-walk to cut through the park.
- I like the he park the way it is.
- The trails are fine the way they are.
- Only stairs from the west of the football field to the river opposite exiting stairs
- Trails are already great except for under bridge - on both sides of the river - and also connection to dyke trail across trunk road...improve these and everything changes.
- A bridge connecting to the south side will only create more after dark loitering.
- Too much cost involved in B
- Overkill!
- Include features from both options .
- I think the maintenance of the trails as they are is all that is needed.
- All good ideas in option A. Pedestrian bridge... waste of money.
- Please consider keeping a portion of the trail system accessible for walking dogs off-leash. The majority of current users have well behaved and well socialize dogs. Perhaps the loop from the Fish Hatchery entrance to just before Rotary Park, with the exit being at the end of Beech Ave., that also includes river access at multiple locations.
- Sounds feasible without being too costly.
- No bridge please. I am curious to know if Cowichan Tribes been consulted on this at all.
- Please leave as is!
- Please just leave out little piece on nature alone.
- Further trail development and changes will infringes on the Natural areas. Maintain and improve what is already in place, do not develop more!
- No changes.

- The pedestrian access to the south is an interesting idea - the best one in this whole report. The rest I find just fancy ways of saying well widen the trails, straighten out, and pave them. They are really fine as they are, though a more easy rolling surface on the main Dyke trail would be nice. We eat the blackberries, enjoy the trees. Widening that was done last year was already too much.
- Include the old school in the park. Maybe build a walkway/bridge to this area. Use the existing building for the youth creativity: art gallery, crafts, sewing, music, plays, etc.
- There are trails already, as far as I know nobody has got lost. No more signs needed.
- Like the idea of meandering trails rather than direct trails but need to still keep them accessible. Discovery trails from option B is also one good idea. However the pedestrian bridge is NOT needed and would be very costly.
- No signs, please. The Dyke is already accessible- the only improvement I could recommend would be a gentle sloping path, up to the dyke, starting at the public works yard.
- I like that idea of a potential pedestrian bridge to connect to south side of river.
- Proper maintenance of existing trails would be more than enough!
- Less manipulation of the lands around the natural site the better for users as well as the wildlife.
- Fix only what is necessary... no bridge
- There are elements of each that I favour, but other elements that I do not support.
- I find the area has sufficient walking area as is.
- I do agree there should be more signs so visitors will know where the trails lead to and which direction to go to link with another trail.
- This sounds like something that would expand our access to the beauty that's already there. Yes!
- Existing trails are quite adequate. The problem of homelessness and drugs remains a deterrent.
- Either one, both have some good points.
- Bridge access across the river would be great.
- Do you have nothing better to do than this?
- Focus on improving existing routes to be accessible.
- "B" because that's what we have now. And what do you plan to do about the folks who live in the park for 9 months every year?
- Waste of money. No one will use these trails because the homeless are camping in them and it's not safe.
- Leave the area "as is"
- Neither - not necessary trails are fine, if we get heavy rains most of them will get washed out, and will only be accessible during dry months.
- There is nothing in Option "B" that is worth any money spent. Above all, forget pedestrian bridge - anyone on south side has the highway bridges to access the park. Option A sounds like cleaning up existing amenities.
- A bridge would be nice too, but the cost to taxpayers too much.
- No bridge!
- Please leave as is
- Not needed, leave natural.
- A ramp exists south of tennis courts to access dyke.
- Keep it natural.
- Bridge will increase dug and theft traffic in the area.
- No bridge over river.
- Replace/improve existing footbridge on lower trail to improve accessibility. Footbridge or culvert at washout area at east end.
- Any new trails should be clearly marked. They should not endanger the flood areas close to the creek. This habitat is necessary for the small fry fish.
- This park needs some upgrading and may table more benches along the trail where those who have difficulty walking can rest and then continue into the natural woods and trails of the park along the river. I have used this park so many times in my life when have family and friends visit out of town. My children and grandchildren have very fond memories of this park. The owls and other birds are amazing to watch at the river side and walking the trail. It's a wonderful place for a quick morning walk or in the afternoon break to lose stress and relax away from all of the noise of the City. I have lived here for 18 years.

## COMMENTS RECEIVED ON BIG IDEAS: FUTURE LAND ACQUISITION

- Ambitious plan. Lets improve what we already
- There's a huge housing shortage in shortage in Duncan and most of the adjacent lands have houses on them so I don't agree with purchasing houses to add to a park
- Spend funds on homelessness
- Set up you 9 hole disk golf course, your glamping/ camping/yurts (that will get destroyed pretty quickly or live in by the many drug addicts are the park). Do you realize that as dog owners using the park we are picking up the drug paraphernalia and broken glass and garage around the park
- If upgrades can be done to the newly purchased land leaving the currently existing areas off leash, I would be in support
- I find the park fine the way it is now.
- McAdam Park is a gem in City of Duncan. Any chance to expand the park and provide more nature to our residents should be acted upon.
- No need for buying houses, but yes - purchase cowichan tribes land perhaps and WOW - link to Cow bay? South OR north of the river...
- Not if that risks altering the park as it is
- Provided you are responsible in terms of price
- What for?
- I would support a clear and transparent process that outlines any expansion before final deals are made!
- Would depend on what properties were being added and their proposed purpose.
- Only the old school property
- I support acquisition of lands that are not already natural area! Build more parks from residential or otherwise developed or developable lots but do not "develop" parks, from Natural Areas (including McAdam Park development encroaching into Rotary Park any further)
- Depending on what the plans are for new land.
- The more "natural" park, the better!
- Better have a good reason for buying an overpriced aging building
- If you can do so without the loss of the current natural areas along the river and creek.
- We're not a big metropolitan city. Enhance what we have. The native people may not want to part with their land.
- Spend money expanding rather than more doodads that mess up the natural environment.
- Night move the large homeless camp out. Longer walking trail.
- Get rid of illegal camping in this area.
- More swimming opportunities are east of existing park.
- Include area north of tennis courts / develop south of Campbell St area.
- Leave this beautiful park alone
- Currently private property on east side should be acquired or fenced off - camping and drug activity keep people away or wary of coming to walk in park.
- The people who mow and do leaves and clear trails already can't keep up with all the work.
- It's great just the way it is now!
- A larger park is always nice, but it would be up to Council to side if the \$\$ are in the budget for it.
- The park is fine as it is. Expanding it will cost money and raise our taxes.
- Old school by current washrooms. Washrooms handicap accessible.
- I don't know what you mean. What adjacent lands? Who owns these adjacent lands? How much would that cost?
- Nuts.
- The cost to taxpayers is too much.
- Only if you use this space for all your wonderful ideas.
- This might work, but establish the existence of what we have. Elimination of homeless area should be highest priority to make development safe.
- You could add some of the concepts from A + B and leave the original park basically as is.
- Please leave as is
- Not affordable. We do not have a big population of taxpayers to purchase any adjacent property.

- There is a large sportsplex existing - Chesterfield park.
- As long as it remains natural and undeveloped and continues to be off leash dog park.
- Purchase land to the east.
- Prohibitive costs (taxes).
- Adjacent lands are in the floodplain not suited to park development. There are wildlife there, do not disturb.
- What lands? If the land is suitable for housing that should be 1st priority. If it is marsh land then acquire it and preserve it.
- Not if this means take the Rotary Parkland. This area is used so often by people family gathering events, hang out at the river among natural wildlife, birds, fish.
- Expanding the natural park would be fine, as long as there is no additions, but left natural to appreciate.

## COMMENTS RECEIVED ON BIG IDEAS: PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

- Why?
- We can already walk across the bridge that they're adding a pedestrian cross way might just add two more crime in the area
- As i said earlier, if this is useful to the residents of the south side, and it probably would be, I support it for their sake.
- Spend money on homelessness
- Create more garage and drug use
- I think this would be expensive, but maybe safer considering I see a lot of pedestrian traffic using the silver bridge.
- Build a bridge over the river..... nice way to word can we increase your taxes
- Absolutely not!
- Why? If we have the money to make a pedestrian bridge, better to put it east- west, just north of the bridge, so that people can cross the highway safely with their groceries.
- I believe the land on the south side of McAdam Park is native land. It does not belong to the City of Duncan.
- I support the pedestrian bridge, however feel it would serve as a shortcut into town for many, not to mention increase the number of people using the park itself. I think it would require strategic security to ensure that those using the park are doing so in a positive way.
- Again - start by improving under bridge experience AND fixing rail bridge west of HWY that crosses river...and improving pedestrian experience crossing bridge focus on using and improving existing assets.
- Sounds like an expensive project, does the city own the land on the other side, and would there be stuff over there?
- On to reserve land?
- We need the trail under silver bridge to be upgraded so we can walk to town or continue our walk down the dyke.
- This will cause more traffic through the area and attract unwanted individuals
- There are several homeless people that squat along the river. Putting in a bridge would give them easier access to move in and around park. All the trash and mess they create on the south side would now spread into McAdam park.
- Half the fun of the river in the summer is trying to walk across and falling in
- Why? The homes on the South side have their own private access on their side.
- Most of the people walking are from the native communities on the south side of the river. A safer walking pathway would be much better for their families.
- Please consult with Cowichan Tribes.
- Cannot see the positive to building this. Where would the residents of Duncan go if they used this bridge or would the taxpayers pay for this bridge so that it would only benefit residents living south of the river?
- There is no neighbourhood on the south side of the river that requires additional access. The two trailer parks cannot be accessed from the south side dyke and both are gated communities that would not welcome your proposal. The rest of the "neighbourhood is reservation.
- An expensive bridge to where?
- I am mostly concerned with the increased foot traffic through our neighbourhood. As well as the safety of the trails and pedestrian bridge after dark.
- This would disrupt natural ecology of the river banks, please simply improve pedestrian access across the existing HWY 1 bridge.
- This would require the necessity of another beach/ swimming area on the south side of the river.
- No bridges. It is a riparian
- Only if Cowichan Tribes was interested.
- Must be well planned, well maintained, accessible to all users, and with full pre-consultation and support of adjacent neighbourhoods.
- The cost would be prohibitive. Danger to it (and people on it) during high water periods?

- Where are you going to go? It's native lands. Do the people in the trailer park want this intrusion?
- Joining what to what?
- There are seniors and indigenous people and kids that have to walk the busy highway to get over to the park.
- Would be nice, though cost would be high.
- You are destroying what we have.
- City \$ would be better spent building a pedestrian bridge over the highway from Casino on west to east just north of the condos. So many pedestrians cross unsafely - give them a safe place to cross the highway.
- And the people who live there wouldn't want the rest of us on their land.
- Is that not reserve land mostly?
- How would this work with the fish habitat? Presumably spawning gravels would be disturbed. I think a foot bridge would be great but... is this even possible?
- I can't disagree with this more. All it would do is bring more Indians into the park. If you try and do this, I will lead a large protest group against it. Along with the cost, it will forever ruin the park. Seniors won't use it.
- South side of the river is Native land I'm sure they are going to want increased traffic.
- Dead against this. People can use the Highway bridge which is already there. No need to spend money here.
- It's a heritage river.
- I've been discouraged by Cowichan Tribes walking on other side of river where many eagles nests and owls reside.
- Makes sense.
- Please leave as is
- Have you consulted with the residents on the south side of the river?
- Increased accessibility brings more drug traffic and B+E in neighbourhood.
- Perhaps a better question would have been: "How many times do you visit neighbourhoods on south side of river?"
- Who would use it?
- So you want to get more garbage from other neighbourhoods.
- Parking on south side? Parking patrol? Who pays?
- Construction of a bridge would be costly and potentially dangerous - people walk across the Silver Bridge and are in the park within a few minutes.
- I see McAdam and the Rotary as very different parks. I wonder how this will impact the First Nation land.
- Only if it does not damage the river.

## COMMENTS RECEIVED ON BIG IDEAS: PARTNERSHIPS AND ENTERPRISES

- This park is already used by people who enjoy the natural surroundings. Why tamper with nature? We really don't need it to be a mini-Disneyland.
- Too ambitious. Can our neighbourhood support the increased traffic issues?
- Visitors already come from all over, and cannot believe how lucky we are to have such a wonderful facility. All of those examples would be detrimental to the area and the existing wildlife, you should be finding ways to encourage more wildlife to the area.
- Camping/glamping facilities, children's farm and petting zoo would not in my opinion would not be sustainable over the long term and the area of camping possible be problematic ie: partying, garbage, may encourage camping outside designated areas. All other elements of the above sample I would support.
- We don't need a petting zoo at the park, the park is a huge nature interpretive centre one only need visit the park to enjoy the eagles, ducks, spawning salmon etc
- I would be open to this if we don't loose the current use of the dog park. There isn't many places I can safely walk my dog off leash. With back problems I can't walk fast enough to have them burn energy to walk them off leash they can burn energy by running ahead 50 feet and the back throughout the walk
- This is a wonderful natural space which requires protecting and only changes which do that. Picnic tables chess areas a few additional benches are examples of changes with a more thoughtful approach. Why can't changes that consider elderly,retired persons and dog owners of variable ages be given more thought. We are now living longer and like to do activities as much as youngsters but ours are less costly since we are capable of entertaining ourselves rather than being entertained.
- I feel commercial activities in the park may be hard on the neighbourhood surrounding it.
- Visitors coming to camp makes it a commercial enterprise - yes i do see that is your point - and spells the end to what makes the park ours. Dislike children's farm and petting zoo. There are lots of real farms in this valley; it's not as if we live in a huge urban centre where kids think milk grows in bottles. If you can make money from a nature centre, well, that's great, but my guess is not. The nature Centre at the Estuary might have some useful thoughts however. Maybe the hatchery has some ideas. Programmed activities - sure. ( Umm...dog training?) If people will pay the city to do yoga in the park, play competitive open air chess, listen to authors read from their latest works, get married, watch open air movies, I say sure.
- Duncan is becoming a retirement community, we have plenty parks designed for kids already
- Big crowds will ruin this sanctuary!
- No.
- I'd like to see the hatchery opened back up for visitors. A nature interpretive centre would be awesome but anything else takes away from the beauty of the park.
- As above, if additional land is purchased. Currently the land is almost always busy when I'm there. I don't support taking the land away from current residents who pay taxes to give it over to tourists so the city can make money from it.
- A place for a couple of food trucks to park would be great! The valley has increasing numbers of available food trucks and this would be a great way to help promote local food businesses.
- Definitely not!
- It is a beautiful space. Improve the safety with some lighting. Get rid of the homeless campers, not only does it make it feel unsafe there is a huge environmental impact. Today I saw the remnants of a camp right beside the river that will likely be washed out into the ocean before winter is over. If we can't even look after the space in its beautiful natural state the addition of a petting zoos seems ludicrous.

- I do not support camping/glamping facilities.
- Commerce belongs downtown, not in a park.
- Ongoing costs and attractive to people who may take advantage of area as a permanent home
- There already is positive activity in the park :)
- OK - like the kids zoo idea, but can we protect from vandals and really financially support this?? Likely not - same for the enviro ed idea ... save for possibly some summer day camps which may be a great start to test these waters. Glamping ?? Likely not in this neck of the woods ... just not the demographic...yes to help monitor the park (say a hotline if folks are vandalizing or sleeping in the park) ... the homeless population are the largest urban planning force in the city at present. The city (or region) needs a policy that sees them stationed somewhere (ie inclusive space) rather than saying they can set up anywhere if the shelter is full. And, this needs real enforcement.... a very difficult issue but one central to moving forward w. this park.
- No camping. No petting zoo. Sustainable attractions and engaging activities for the local and developing community is a good investment, and any improvement in that area will attract visitors by default.
- Please consider the area this is in. Glamping is fun, but not when you're in an area where the homeless population has total run of the land. Needles with your morning coffee anyone? These are lovely ideas - but not in this area.
- I think to enhance this is to rent out space for functions. have a building with rooms to rent out for different classes. Be more known to attract sporting events.
- Let's keep this riparian area beautiful and intact... not filled with clutter. A self guided interpretive natural trails would be good for the public
- no need for children's farm, petting zoo, camping etc
- The park in its present form is attractive to residents and any attempt to force feed its role in another context will ruin it.
- No
- No matter what is done, the Park will be very seasonal and not used in the winter, or for about 5-6 months of the year. Now it is used year round by many many dog lovers and dogs. Where will the Children's Farm animals go in the winter?
- I support these activities with the exception of camping.
- This sounds like a public/private enterprise which I am absolutely opposed to. I think it would be the ruin of this area. Its so nice to walk in the park and feel like you are in the country. We don't need a Disney Land.
- McAdam (Rotary) Park is a simple green space to play sports, take a nature hike along the river, and/or walk your dog. Please keep it that way! There is no appropriate infrastructure in the surrounding neighbourhood to support large groups of visitors, and would add to traffic and parking congestion.
- Absolutely not!
- The city should maintain control
- The park is too small, and should be kept for walking, and observing nature. There is no room nor need to add commercial ventures.
- This park is a lovely place because it still feels like a forest walk in the city. Turning it into a theme park would ruin it. Children's farm, petting zoo and camping is not a good idea. Nature interpretive centre sounds good and stays within the integrity of the park. It would be great to see Cowichan Tribes involved so they can share the history of the river and the importance of the salmon.
- Keep it a public park.
- An interpretive centre perhaps, activities/events maybe, but more development, no. Just patrols to keep squatters out and enforce garbage removal.
- No camping then you get the homeless camping and we already have some in there. Thanks to The commissar they get them to move quickly.

- No camping! Hard to monitor and maintain. Lots of petty vandalism now. I live adjacent to the park and the extra noise, parking issues, mess in the park would be horrible. Picnic tables and BBQ OK but not camping! Garden plots OK.
- Cowichan Valley is a huge farming community. Children here can see farm animal's in a real farm environment, are we not past penning and malling animals..what is this teaching our children..then we will have some uncontrolled off leash dogs circling the pens..lovely
- No camping, no petting zoo or children's farm.
- Would be a great way to keep the our housing taxes down.
- "Programmed activities and events in the park" is the only aspect I agree with. Park stewards and guides, Nature Tours for children, improved and updated environmental educational kiosks are other ideas so long as the fundamental purpose of these is to promote protection of Nature. It is backward thinking to develop a natural area to teach children about nature. Instead, support families to get into nature with park programs, nature guides, and naturalist interpreters. Many other places to camp, very limited other Natural areas within Duncan that are accessible in the way Rotary Park is! I do not want to drive to get to nature, Rotary Park is a gift in this town!
- Absolutely not.
- This idea disgusts me.
- Absolutely not - it will ruin the natural beauty of the park
- Stop trying to eliminate our natural parks by turning them into a crowded, all purpose recreation area. Lets expand on Chesterfield Park for that purpose.
- There are many opportunities for tourist recreation in the area without privatizing our community parks!
- keep it as natural as possible for sustainability. Ask yourselves how you want it to look in fifty years. No fashion trends please.
- No glamping. No petting zoo.
- A children's farm requires a large area to be effective. Rotary/MacAdam park is simply too small for it.
- They all require trained personnel that need to be paid - or should be. Nature interpretive centre would be good.
- Leave it natural. We already have campers in this park! Don't encourage more.
- No - it should be a natural - nature vegetation / animal park. Not a glorified playground.
- Monitoring and positive activity, yes.
- I am hesitant about camping... but yes, partnering is a good idea. One consideration is how will the monitoring take place and will it occur during the hours when it is most needed?
- Summer camps, events, maybe multicultural festival can relocate to the park?
- Waste of money All means destruction
- Listen to the people.
- In my opinion, all we need here is an increased presence of by-law officers.
- I moved to this neighbourhood because of the river, walking trails and nature. I would not have moved close to a zoo, farm, or camping. People avoid the park due to campers and drug activity.
- Maybe the same people who can't find a name for the Cowichan Community Centre? Partnerships don't last!
- More activities like glamping and enterprises in the park will destroy the natural habitat of the park and the river. "Natural to Urban Enterprise" (who wants that in a park?)
- Right now, families can take children to the park and its free. If commercial enterprises where doing business there, it would put pressure on parents to have to pay for those activities. Therefore they wouldn't take their children there as often.
- The park is beautiful as is you don't need a campground.
- We don't need any commercial enterprise or partners in the park. What's next? McDonald's or Coke advertising? How about riverside condos with private access to the river?
- Monitoring and reg positive activity yes! Safety / homeless a major issue.

- It has been nice to see the RCMP walking/biking the park, makes me feel safer. If all you suggest to happen in the park, you will need police 24hr of the day.
- Monitoring and regulating costs a lot of money. Do not encourage projects that require so much maintenance, upkeep, manpower. If you are going to spend money - put it into monitoring the park to keep it neat, clean and safe at all times.
- Already the upkeep of park is slack i.e., grass cutting and weed eating. Also do not want to attract any more vagrants to area. Also no tree cutting re: Duncan bylaw. Take out a tree - replace with another. I have major concerns over who will monitor and police area. Do not have sufficient already.
- Just leave it for Duncan residents. There are very few open spaces.
- Camping - not overnight. Children's farm and petting zoo would attract dangerous animals creating unsafe area. Do not be afraid of talking to potential investors.
- Please leave as is. No camping - outsiders will come in droves lighting fires being inconsiderate for the quiet neighbourhood.
- Have you consulted the adjacent neighbours regarding the noise factors that will occur.
- The parking for cars in the surrounding area is very limited - residential zoned properties in the immediate area do not need the streets overrun by parking. I hope this would not encourage any commercial enterprises in a park.
- Monitoring is okay.
- Parking in the area is very limited and residence already have difficulty getting to and from residences when sports activities are on. More police presence would be welcome and is needed.
- Who would be involved in a partnership? Don't understanding financial implications of partnerships?
- Absolutely not. Leave as is.
- Outdoor childcare.
- Let's leave it natural, and safe. The community has many other pressing issues.
- No camping. No zoo. Petting zoos are very stressful for the animals.
- More pressing matters than this.
- The park is too small for additions. People prefer the park as it is - as a natural gem - as Maple Mtn, Tzouhalem, Bright Angel Park, and others.
- This is too small an area. These ideas should be elsewhere in the Cowichan Valley. There is no more space for parking cars. The present ones are often full and overflowing on Wharncliff if there is a sports tournament. If you cut down a tree the bye law says you must plant 2 more. I really love the park as it is.
- The park as it is already attracts people from other area of the Island. I think upgrades could be done on access to the park and post sign that tell people of the natural walk track and the rivers beautiful as is. Also this is an off leash park that is so wonderful for all to enjoy.
- I find what attracts visitors is the natural park.
- Looking into hiring a garbage pick up team. Keep our nature park clean and control invasive plants.

## COMMENTS RECEIVED ON ADDITIONAL IDEAS FOR AMENITIES

- Yes, I would like to see concrete steps to access the lower trail.
- Yes. It ain't broke, so don't try to fix it.
- The park is fine the way it is, it is nature. We don't need to spend money.
- Large signs for rules in off-leash areas reminding dog owners to clean up feces, and generally respect all other park users.
- It is a wonderful area. I have people that are jealous of what we have so near. Leave it alone. House the homeless. Feed them and clean up the garbage in the area.
- Leave the park alone, its beautiful as is. Mess around with the McAdam side if you feel the urge.
- Once again there are many parks in Duncan that already offer all of these amenities that you're wanting to put in this park, this is the only park in Duncan that is accessible to people of all disabilities of all ages to bring their dogs were the dogs can actually run through the entire park and interact with other dogs and be dogs please leave this park alone. We do not need to spray park put in a park that is right beside the river where people can swim, We already have a spray park in Duncan
- Dog off leash designated trails versus open dog area
- I'm sure there is also thought to parking for all these people we're expecting... I do love this park and use it every day. Expansion to keep plenty of wild areas would be wonderful and may keep the tent cities from forming. And thanks so much for asking us.
- Please leave the park the way it is. The surrounding Neighbors and the people that come from other areas of the Cowichan Valley come here for the peacefulness that attracts and for the outdoor atmosphere. Or dogs have miles and miles to run without being on a leash or in a fenced area they can swim Etc... we do not need to make any changes to this particular area. We don't need another Chesterfield track area or another dog park that is fenced in or small.
- We do not need it to change. We enjoy walking on the trails and its been this way for years
- Yes I would like to see all these other activities, other than walking out dogs in peace in the entire area of the park off leash, trashed. I don't think anyone in planning has spent much time engaging in people other than a couple of mornings where you'd meet just a few of us.
- A place for food trucks!
- The park is just right the way it is now.
- I think it would be great to have a skate park
- No, I think you guys have been smoking too much cannabis. This is a small park, that needs a bit more care, and few picnic tables, and leave the rest alone. The birds, squirrels, fish and walkers thank you.
- Please don't change the natural areas they can never be restored to the way they were. I am all for improving and getting the most out of this area but lessening our footprint should be part of our guidelines. Improve our buildings, car park and area between tennis court and sports field
- Improved safety, fewer homeless people living in there.
- Just ensuring everything is done with sensitivity to the environment, protecting and restoring riparian areas.
- Quite frankly I was hoping this wonderful park would remain as it is.
- Leave it as natural as possible as I would like to continue to have my kids around nature and less developed
- Off leash dog walk along river
- Note that the Cow. river crossing is likely not financially viable ... but would be cool, just the same. Let's go for it!
- Please leave the park alone,
- Dog agility course. Even in the third world countries we travel to there is always a dog agility course implemented into their parks. They are simple and inexpensive to set up.

- Overall I am greatly unimpressed with the proposed plans. They add unnecessary clutter and development to a natural riparian area -- keep this area wild and open to families and dog owners walking through and enjoying peaceful riparian areas. The fenced dog parks are tiny and this is the only off leash area with a reasonable amount of area. Take a look at the City of Kamloops and see how they have developed parks in this city. When I moved I was shocked how unaccessible Duncan is for dog owners
- Leave the park alone.
- Lovely pathways for dog walking for humans and dogs and cyclists and runners.
- Do not limit off leash dog area to one area
- Don't do this.
- More dog friendly amenities. Drinking fountains that service dogs as well?
- Here I'll make one last plea to PLEASE retain a portion of the current trail system for off-leash dog walking including multiple river access points. Please don't make radical changes to this lovely green space, which is a real jewel for the City of Duncan; instead, focus on enhancing the opportunities for park visitors to serenely connect with nature.
- Increase security. Most people in the park are older.
- Yes. Where is the parking plan? I see only two very small parking areas. When the current lot on McKinstry Road is full, people are using the private property in River's Edge to park. Most of the residents in this strata are elderly and the parking area is necessary for their guests and support people.
- Wait a minute. There used to be more tennis courts in McAdam Park but that number was to the current one and now you want to put MORE back in the park??? Come on.
- Having seen this park through 4 seasons I wonder how a 'fishing pier' would survive the flooding/ trees/logs which we can expect more of with climate change induced extremes of weather.
- Leave it alone! Why fix what isn't broken?
- No talk about the surface of all the trails - no talk about how many trees would need to be removed - no goals around the current most common use of the park - the many people who walk there daily, eyes open for eagles and herons, the state of the spawning fish, the run of the river, the buds on the trees, the ripening of the blackberries, and the fall of the leaves. It may feel like we're not important because we only there for 45 minutes or an hour as we walk through, but we do this every day
- We have Chesterfield park that has outdoor exercise machines....hardly ever used. Why would we duplicate something that doesn't work in one area and assume it would work in another. The beauty of McAdam is its natural setting...leave it alone!
- Maintain more of the current lovely trees now there. If too many amenities of theme areas are put into this very small park it will lose it's natural beauty and current character. Many of the concepts in the two options are great ideas but I just feel there is way way too much that might go in and destroy th park that so many of us love. A natural park..not a citified urban park.
- No option showing to keep Park AS IS!
- I see there is a forced-choice of a fenced dog area and no choice of a completely off leash dog area on all parts of the park. My personal interest in to keep the park as it is for dog owners - off leash for people who are respectful with behaved dogs - off leash for the entire park except fenced ballpark greens. I would like to see an area for occasional small concerts - like a bandstand that exists in the Vancouver West End for an hours lawn concert occasionally.
- A swimming area in the river for children.

- I fear that more amenities will serve only to make this park like all the rest... let's keep Rotary Park the beautiful Natural area that is it, such a privilege to be able to walk to this Park from most anywhere is Duncan. The wild natural character of the park is its charm and beauty! Let's not fill all the space with human-made and human-designed amenities - Nature is better without them! and this is some of the last remaining nature we have accessible in town,
- Truthfully we just want our park to stay as it is. Sure a few minor improvements would be fine but this is our neighborhood and we don't want all this new development and additional traffic. I feel if there is money available for ventures like this we sure could spend it in a better way. Let us clean up Duncan and it's problem first. Is proposal is like painting over a problem.
- Please, please we need this wild-scape - not every piece of land has to be "developed."
- The football field is used a couple of months during the year...it could accommodate a nature house and sensory gardens.
- Much much less! The park is amazing as is.
- There are many swimming areas now. Formal gardens whether they are sensory or sculpture would take away from the natural environment that currently grows. It is very accessible for dog walking and approaching the rivers edge currently. At this time I would consider the whole area as Natures Play area.
- Movie in the park music in the park simple things not a theme park This reminds of a song..."they paved paradise and put up a parking lot"... if it's not broken don't fix it... I suggest whoever came up with these crazy ideas should spend time in the park daily...different times of the day all year round
- See improvements comments above.
- An option C which would leave most of the park in its original, natural condition.
- Leave the park as is.
- I would love to see totem poles in the park and sitting to reflect.
- Park safety. Like patrolling sight lines that cover park well.
- Mountain bike pump track for kids only. Re: Dog park - please plan for this to be a safe park for children and families. Right now it is not. Off leash, aggressive and uncontrolled dogs do not mix with children's programming. Thank you. Plans to work with local government and local agencies to address some of the needs for services? Affordable housing, addictions, mental health services?
- Indigenous flower garden.
- Leave the park alone
- You are destroying one of the most natural areas in Duncan! How can you live with destroying animal and bird habitats, messing with nature? And filling it in with
- I have been told by my friend who has been walking her dogs in Rotary / river park for 25 years that there used to be more picnic tables and benches along the river. The City removed them because that's where the homeless congregated.
- Safety would be a priority - fence off east side of park so no access to private land. Traffic slowing on Wharncliffe Rd - 'speed bumps' to stop/slow people who speed to practice and speed away from practice or games. Tired of seeing the race track-like driving. I live across the road from the park. It will help people go 30 km/hr.
- We can live with not having a big off leash park as long as we can still take our dogs through the whole park on-leash. Better get a few staff people into the park now and see what is really happening before changes are made.
- Increased parking, especially if expanding.
- Leave the whole park as off-leash - it's working just fine. More parking?
- Keeping park natural.
- Option #3 - leave it alone - I have lived in this neighbourhood for 60 years and would hate to see this gem ruined by someones need to change things to create their vision of what they feel this park "should" be. Please don't ruin it, hard to go back.

- Total off leash big and little dogs encourage health of seniors and people with disabilities and relief for all Island within 1 km of Hwy. Disability washrooms, simple maps of the trails and where bathrooms are.
- Kayak launch? Where are the vehicles going to park. I live nearby to the tennis courts and know full well that you never considered parking. McKinstry Road does not need any additional traffic.
- You have covered possible additions pretty well.
- There is more there than I would have given consideration to for a project like this. These 2 parks are an asset to our community. If they can be tweaked here and there - all the better. They are well used and require upgrading from time to time. The grass is a lot better than artificial surfaces as it is easier on the body. Yes it has to be cut but artificial surfaces require constant maintenance.
- Please leave as is. Thank you.
- Leave it as is. Natural habitat.
- The problem of eliminating homeless and drugs that are very evident throughout the entire park.
- Please leave this park in its current natural state. The option to do this was not on this questionnaire. Why should Duncan have to have this theme park we are the tax payers and all the outsiders come and make a mess at our expense - North Cowichan + CVRD have more land, use them to share this.
- Keep park basically the way it is.
- Hope you would have a citizens committee or at least a few on your committee.
- Plant conservatory
- Leave as it is.
- Bridge over flooded area by pond so loop is accessible year round. Removal of invasive species. Refurbish existing changeroom/ bathroom. Clean up garbage left by campers. Leave the rest as is - need to be protected environmental.
- Sorry below are concrete recommendations. I don't think in concepts. Better signs about nature could be posted by the existing bridge, buy the existing tennis courts, and by rotary field. Has there been any consideration for increasing parking of cars. Owners of single-family homes may not want more cars and traffic by their homes.
- We should be supporting Chesterfield Sportsplex with any grants. Keep McAdam natural and safe. Some picnic tables yes. Don't forget lots of soggy areas during year. Effect on taxes - now, 5, 10, yrs from now.
- Leave Rotary Park as is. This should be a third option.
- Some security patrol so single women aren't scared of the crackhead bums and junkies hobos and thieves.
- All of this is nothing more than a tax grab. Change nothing.
- I would prefer to keep the park the way it is. It's close by and perfect for walks with my dog, quiet, peaceful, and little cost to taxpayers.
- Keep it natural.
- Make something that will be amazing. This is a dogs and people area so enhance it to fit the dogs with trails and swim areas and dog training opportunities. Equipment for dogs to climb or crawl through or over. Large fields of grass for dogs to run and chase ball, etc. Fitness for the dog and owners water station, light post, and benches like New York Park "Dog Paris".
- Fenced dog park should be very big.
- More garbage / recycling cans in park. Look into replacing existing lighting with solar powered lighting.

## ALL ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- We live very close to McAdam Park & walk our dog there daily, sometimes 2-3 times. Also have friends with dogs who do not live as close but come there to enjoy the off lease, free area as it is now. It is good for human & animal socializing. don't fence us in!
- Lots of great ideas but need to keep in check the scale of the dream.
- This park is a taste of wilderness within city limits. Elderly people, most with dogs, love to get their exercise and walks in the park. It would be a shame if the park becomes noisy and busy.
- I would like to emphasize the need to keep a large area for off leash dog interactivity, exercise and socialization. There are no other areas in the Duncan area that provide the size off the current off leash area.
- I think I've made my feelings very clear
- Please leave McAdam park the way nature intended, don't try to make it like every other city park. Clean up the garbage and keep it clean. It is unique place and there is nothing like it anywhere else. Don't turn it into a concrete Disney land there are enough of them around but nothing like the park as it now stands
- You don't need to spend money on all this expensive fancy stuff for people to enjoy it. It is great the way it is.
- I am really concerned about the homeless who are forced or elect to crash in the park. Drug debris is evident as Warm House volunteers are not able to dispose of anything other than syringes (which they still miss on occasion). This would make a "camping experience completely inadvisable as unsafe. We need a coordinated effort between volunteers and park workers to remove all drug related periphernalia from the park.
- I would like to see the results of all surveys regarding this proposal.
- We do not need to create areas that will encourage camping of the addicted and homeless, the problem is great enough now.
- If it ain't broke don't fix it.
- Duncan McAdam rotary park is the perfect nature park accessible to all people of all ages and all disabilities, it is the only place where people come with their dogs and meet in groups to walk and enjoy the park. There are no issues at this park with people or dogs haven't been worked out by the people and the dogs that frequent the park. There are many other parks in Duncan that are available for children-with swings and water parks please leave this park alone!!
- Total waste of time and money..counted 13 signs at the park today about the meeting...would like to know what that cost the taxpayers
- I use this park almost every day and love it. Keep up the good work.
- Use this park 3 times a week year round for the off leash dog park if we can not walk our dogs off leash on dog trails then we will stop using this park and start using other off leash dog trails such as crofton
- I have lived in the same house in this area for thirty-four years. Dog walks are the highlight of my day. I see and talk to many dog owners each day. Most, like myself, are seniors and have some form of disability. I was saddened to learn of the pending changes. I have missed the discussions on this topic due to my own health issues and those of my family. I am responsible for our three family dogs. Any changes to usage, for our dogs, will impact them, tremendously.
- I truly feel our great city should address its homeless and drug issues before spending its money on an already existing attraction.....get a detox!
- I am desperately hoping there will be a playground suitable for YOUNG children. There is no playground in walking distance for children under the age of. I am slightly sad to see the level of development planned - I am concerned about parking, traffic, and noise, and about lack of access to the park while the construction is happening.

- You are all very good at planning and I admire your work which generously includes the many suggestions. I am however terrifically sad that did not know about the summer consultation and so far only one of my friends knew and could not go. It seems the people who use it year round and love it because of its exceptionalism are being pushed aside - or at least their dogs are - for some expensive and complicated ideas that will see little but seasonal use and some of which would ruin the natural area
- What a treasure of accessibility this park is for seniors and dog walkers. Why can't we turn this project into a project that embraces and celebrates this. Seniors and youngsters could easily be regarded and avail themselves of a low tech more natural open space rather than cater to the groups always searching for higher tech often noisy and certainly more costly forms to be entertained by. Instead improve access for off leash dog walking and quieter outside natural activities .
- As I stated in the areas of this survey please leave this parking loan it's beautiful the way it is the wild life Etc
- Really hope that the City uses it's funds to help people in the community in need instead of destroying a beautiful sanctuary full of nature that we already have.
- Please do not change the park. Everyone is used to how it is. And it goes without saying that everyone enjoys it. So many people come here everyday to walk their dogs. We all have a blast.
- Why are you so set against McAdam Park as an off leash dog park. We are a large cross section of people -- diverse ages, sexes, incomes -- and we get to have the enjoy of walking our dogs off leash in the city, instead of trying to find some possibly dangerous logging road to take them to and enjoy off leash. What is the matter with it now? As dog walkers, we treat the park very well. Why do you guys hate us? Because thats how we feel.
- Just leave it as it is without The drug users
- Depending on which options are used, I'd be interested in hearing about considerations for increased parking/traffic solutions. During large sporting events, there is already spillage of vehicles into the neighbourhood, so if there were improvements made to the park, it would be anticipated that parking could become an issue.
- Please don't get caught up in trying to appease too many folk with these grandiose ideas. There are so few natural places left to enjoy, especially with the loss of the 'Paradise' river access. Some of these ideas are wonderful, but don't loose site of what makes McAdam an attraction to begin with by trying to make it something it isn't.
- The park is just right the way it is now.
- I strongly feel we need to keep the off leash area as it is. When people have dogs off leash, they are, for the most part walking, The dog park at Beverly is a perfect example. Drive by you will see people standing and possibly throwing a ball, some with coffee some without. The dogs don't like to run on the gravel there, and grass gets too muddy. A perfect spot to socialize for dogs and people I suppose but mostly a dirty icky place, and great for those with mobility issues perhaps.
- A question, did you let the park go to seed this past summer because you were planning on doing all of this? Is this why there was hardly and lawn mowing? And trees were trimmed, not professionally, but by a huge brush cutter? Don't ruin it.
- Leave the park alone....development would be a major mistake .
- Love the park for it's natural landscape and river, like some of the ideas but try to protect the natural environment above all!
- I have used this park on a daily basis for thirteen years - every day of the year. I have made some wonderful friendships and met many interesting people while walking there with my canine companion. Please leave it as it is. A gem. Do not commercialize it. I am frankly horrified at some of the suggestions in both master plan proposals!! The natural beauty of this location will be destroyed forever if these proposals are enacted.

- There is already a sports complex at Chesterfield with potential to add tennis and pickle ball courts. Can we not keep this area natural? It is so nice to walk in the woods. Camping would be a terrible choice with the number of people already doing it illegally. Let's protect what we have. Maybe some lighting some picnic tables, a small playground and loop for children to bike.
- Whatever the final options chosen, I hope that McAdam Park stays true to what it is now... a wonderful escape to nature, somewhere to walk, take the dogs, sit by the river. Don't try to add too much "stuff" in.
- There needs to be more consideration of future/maintenance costs instead of avoiding them. Has there been realistic surveys of park users to ensure the processed will actually be used instead of tearing out the natural areas for ideas that have come from people that will never use the park.
- Please reconsider this expansion for the sake of many people and dogs who use this park every day for exercise and well being. We won't have anywhere else to take our dogs :(
- The beauty of Rotary Park is that it is not developed. It is a natural area right in town. I would like it to remain so
- I think it's great you are creating more nicer places for the drug addicts and alcoholics to spend their time. I'd also like to know how you are going address the flooding of the entire area, without compromising the natural habitat of the river and it's surrounding area. This is the only place in the area where dogs can be off leash. Small fenced areas create trouble and not let the dogs run free while walking with owners, every other park in Duncan is all on leashed or fenced.
- Again - all this work hinges on 1. homelessness policy and enforcement. 2. interconnectedness to other dyke trails, to west of hwy, to north of trunk, to cow. bay. 3. think maximum impact with min. investments.... much of what we have at park is already really good. 4. think better connection to hatchery? Could we run educational programming from there? It is really quite underutilized at present from a public contact point of view.
- Keeping McAdam the way it is where everyone can enjoy no sections for dogs or people. Putting in a new club house, spectator seating, rooms you can rent out (to do exercise classes), bbq area, Kids park, new fencing around McAdam, lights through out the park walkways, a building for the community, and cleaning up the river entries to access the river.
- Apart from trail maintenance and some shore stabilization the park is fine. Keep it accessible for dog owners who already have no sizable off-leash walking areas and keep the clutter out!
- I have been walking my dogs daily at McAdam Park for several years. It has been a healthy and invigorating component to both my dogs and I. There are many others who would agree with this. The ability to walk my dogs off lease has always been a important part in the sociability progression. Please do not take this privilege from my dogs and the many other dogs that use McAdam Park.
- Just incorporate our local native history please.
- I am stunned by this whole questionnaire. Has the city too much time and money that they need to develop this wonderful park?
- McAdam Park is well known for its natural surroundings. Leave it alone for the most part. Children are losing the ability to use their own imagination, and the park is one way of allowing them to be kids exploring on their own without all these toys/gadgets that do not engage their minds. Dogs love the park as it is, and they are already limited to spaces where they can run freely (under owner's control, of course). Stop wasting tax dollars on things that will only be vandalized.
- We think that your plan will encourage very much more undesirable activities such as drugs and vandalism. Safety in the area, particularly in evening and overnight hours will be very negatively affected. Also, what is now a quiet area will become busy and noisy which is certainly not what the population , mostly seniors, expected to have to endure when they moved here. Although your plan might work well in another larger area, we are convinced that this is not the place for it.

- What important outstanding need is being addressed by this plan? What problems are you trying to solve? Why not leave the area as it is, except for protecting the natural environment there? This all seems like far too much to try to fit into a small area, in a city with a small population. Who is going to use all these facilities?
- No one wants the park changed! Choose a different location
- Please do not take away the wonderful off leash dog walking paths, humans and dogs alike benefit year round, no matter the weather.
- I purchased my house last year specifically in the Rotary Park area because of the parks' off leash dog area. Everyday, I see many people getting their exercise in while walking their dogs. Everyday, I see homeless people living in tents and sleeping in bench shelters at soccer fields. There is constant garbage left behind from the homeless population and drug use paraphernalia and dirty needles. Spend this money on park safety and clean up. Forego fancy infrastructure and focus on safety.
- Traffic and parking need to be carefully examined. The speed limit in this area is already at 30 km/hr but there several dangerous areas. Al Wilson Grove- stop sign - many cars don't stop at all, Cars coming from or going to parking lot don't seem to bother looking . The side street visibility is poor-- coming onto McKinstry cars coming from side street have to creep out inch by inch. Washrooms are a necessity. more benches along the Dyke. Security of some kind - patrolling?
- Please keep the park in its natural state as much as possible.
- I have been visiting this park with my dog family for over ten years. We make the trek to the park twice daily, rain or shine, floods or not. We absolutely love going for walks there. The ability to walk for a few kilometers with my dogs beside me playing off leash... Having the opportunities to exhaust all of their pent up energy... is priceless. No fenced-in dog park can provide this. I understand some like to see change for the sake of change... some of us do not.
- I believe the park is well used "as is" Money spent on these changes would be better spent on helping the homeless and /or building housing
- Please provide stakeholders, nearby neighbours, and park users with some History of this space. What came first - McAdam or Rotary? What is the difference? Is one a part of the other, or are they separate? What was the original intended usage? Who is McAdam and what does that name mean in Duncan's history? Also - I own a home on Campbell Street that backs onto the holding pond behind the Fish Hatchery. How might this water source be affected by proposed changes?
- I live at River's Edge and, as I have stated several times throughout this questionnaire, I am very concerned about traffic and parking. I live at River's Edge and already we have park users parking on our property when the city lot is full. This creates a problem for our residents and visitors. I would very much like to hear the planning department's plans to address these issues. Also I would like to know how much my taxes will increase to pay for these ideas.
- If taxpayers do not want changes then don't make any. With the population in Duncan again, the focus should be on accessibility to the amenities already in place.
- I'd be happy if the park basically stayed the same with just a few improvements
- Yes. Who paid for the glam postcard that was left in our mail boxes about the McAdam Park Proposal? How much did that cost the tax payers? Also who scheduled the meetings for morning and mid day when majority of tax payers are working? Really? Who on council is pushing this through and why? Are there not better agenda to address in Duncan than this? Is this why our taxes are going up?
- Please leave it pretty much as is. That's why it's special. It shouldn't try to be everything.
- Just add a club house with washrooms available at least 9-5 in winter and 9-9 in summer. Improve the nature trail. Add another tennis/paddle ball court. Leave the rest!

- The reason I am opposed to the sculpture garden is that one person's art is another person's nightmare. The park should be a relaxing place to walk and enjoy the natural surroundings.
- The current park is a gem. I'm a retired physician who has moved to Duncan; one of my reason for choosing this city was the availability of an off leash area where I can have a walk with my now aging dog who loves to explore and play. After using this park at least weekly, and often daily, I see no reason for the move to restrict dogs to a 'fenced area'. Interactions with other seniors, many of whom live alone with their dogs has been a huge asset for me and others. Fenced areas will not do
- The park as it sits, is one that any town or city would be proud to have in its community. Seniors feel secure and no that there is always someone around to help in an emergency. Being able to have your pet off leash in such a well protected area is an added bonus. There must be better uses for our tax dollar than developing a "PARK".
- I think I have made my views clear. As a senior and a dog owner who uses this park regularly, I object to anything more than the bare minimum of so called improvements.
- Almost every amenity (save picnic tables) will detract from the current pleasurable use of the park. So you could hope to have a few different people spend an afternoon once in a while, or you could provide that which no other place in Duncan does - a scenic, hour long walk in nature, with no paving (better for your feet, legs and balance). I don't have a dog, yet still walk their daily, and really enjoy that interaction with all the dogs on their walk. It's an interesting and attractive place t
- The off leash dog park is essential for our community's wellbeing
- I love it the way it is! I walk my dogs there regularly. It is my go to place in Duncan. I am grateful to be able to walk my dogs there!
- I would not have bothered with this survey except for the intent to enclose the dog areas - i am completely against this - leave it as it is.
- Please consider doing only minor upgrades to this beautiful natural park. Please do not create a Disney park here and destroy this beautiful area. The people who currently walk their dogs in this park try to keep it plastics and feces free. There is a lot of clothing and camping equipment left in the park during the summer that gets washed down river during the winter.
- Duncan residents to have direct and tangible input at council meetings about this project and concerns not be dismissed as they have been so far by the representatives. I can only assume that our tax dollars will be used in one way or another. Be it via grants (paid for by our income taxes) or by having to hire more staff for public works to be a able to do the upkeep or the repairs that will be needed due to vandalism (homeowners' property tax dollars).
- As a resident close to the park, I am wondering how safety is going to be addressed? Including our homeless community who is camping in the park. Also, I would still like to see this be an off leash dog park. However, I have had to start leashing my dog for his safety because of too many aggressive dogs who have attacked mine. Are there any creative solutions to deal with this problem? If you make it an park with restricted off leash areas, how will you enforce this?
- Please abandon development concepts. Spend money elsewhere.
- Yes leave it natural in Rotary Park Why spend all that money on taxpayers dollars. Who in their infinite wisdom decided on this ?McAdam Park alone is well used just put some picnic tables so people can enjoy food from the stand .They have to walk around with food in their hands. I live close to Rotary Park and on a summer night you can hear very few people playing tennis so why build more or close them in.
- Please don't ruin this beautiful park by over developing over thinking this natural wonderful off leash walking trail. Think about what the other parks in Duncan can and do offer before developing. Green space CAN just remain green and natural
- Again, many great ideas in both options. Just too much for this small area. Many of us love it as it is now but I realize it would be nice to have more for the kids and families. I am so worried as are many

in the complex (River's Edge) where I live that all the new things will destroy the natural beauty that now exists. I would therefore like to see some of the ideas implemented but on a smaller scale. Improved river access would be great for both people and dogs. Fishing no...hooks in water.

- Why do we need to change anything about this natural wonderful Cowichan Valley Park??
- McAdam Park is a jewel 'as it is' now. Altering the park would sway the direction of the park into a more theme park. With all the wilderness around us, it is wonderful to have a spot, right in our own town, where we can walk and enjoy the existing fields and trees and meet other people who also come to enjoy the peace and tranquility of the park.
- Please leave the park as it is. Don't spoil it.
- I'm sure you're getting the message, but please don't shrink the off leash area in this park, it is the only location like this in Duncan.
- I believe that the Natural Character of Rotary Park is priceless and very vulnerable to the proposed changes! The proposed changes will serve only to infringe on the natural beauty of the park! if increased access and use is the goal, consider programming within the park and guides, naturalist, bird watching, walking groups, and other community minded events that do not require development of the natural space. We cannot go back, once developed, we lose what it is now!
- I feel my opinion has been made clear. Let us clean up the problems. Let us keep our little piece of nature. Let us all stop over developing everything. This is my back yard.
- I think other than a good clean up the park should stay the same. Its one of a few great dog walking areas that allows the dog to get its exercise while staying highly socialized!
- McAdam Park is great as it is and I am grateful for the City of Duncan for providing the public with this treasure. I think that public funds should be spent on public housing solutions for the homeless folks living in the park. A park for everyone - does that include giving shelter to the homeless?

- This park plan has been a topic of conversation popular amongst everyone around me and is something very important to me. I grew up in this park, it's always been a place I could go if I was feeling troubled or needed to get back into nature. Almost everything these plans propose put everything I love about this park at risk or ultimately destroys it. We don't need this and we don't want this
- Please leave it alone. The wild-nature of this park is a great mental-break from living in the city.
- We live a few blocks away from McAdam park. When we moved to the Cowichan Valley earlier in 2017 we chose to live in Duncan because of this great park where we could take our dogs. It would be great to see a play area here for kids, and it is nice that you are retaining all of the sports areas. Sports teams are at the park a few times a week, kids might come to the park every day in the summer! We take our dogs to the park 3 times a day, rain or shine, and year round! Only the ducks are there.
- I would like to know when or what events occurred that put this process into motion. Have there been numerous complaints about the current Natural state of the park? How is manipulating the natural element of this park and providing many segmented, formal play areas enhancing the natural elements that currently exist. For the health, welfare and creativity of all users this park, it should be minimally upgraded for sustainability. You will be applauded by your great, great, grandchildren.
- The park is a pleasant and enjoyable place the way it is. Changing it in attempts to bring in tourism or more traffic will only cause the people who go to it now to be unhappy.
- We have lived near McAdam Park for 50 years and have enjoyed walking the trails in all four seasons. We have enjoyed watching the sports, boys and girls. We love the natural beauty of McAdam Park. Our children grew up with McAdam Park and our grandchildren - swimming, biking, sports, bottle-digging, and yes, even sledding in snowy times.

- Who's friend needed a job so that my tax dollars could pay for someone to ruin a beautiful park? Make improvements to existing areas...don't ruin a good thing....it would be sad to have to move from the area after 20 plus years as the park has kept me here...some of the crazy ideas that have been suggested have seriously made me consider moving
- I believe both parks are amazing and a very simple solution is just to clean up the creek and park area's for a start the rest of the ideas would be a huge lift to the area.
- I am really surprised at the wide range of activities you want to crowd into a relatively small area. What is wrong with an OPTION C that leaves the area in its current natural state with minor improvements. I look at some of the suggested additions to the park and they have an amusement park "feel" to them. Can't we just have a nice quiet place which is enjoyable to walk in. That's what makes Rotary/Macadam park today such a nice place to visit.
- Please leave it the way it is and do not take away our off leash dog park.
- Yes stop wasting money on unnecessary stuff.
- We use the park more than once a week for exercise and to allow our dog the opportunity to investigate and run off leash. We pick up after the dog! We enjoy the quiet that enables us to watch wildlife going about their natural activities. I agree that we need a decent campground in Duncan to attract visitors and it might even be possible for local people to have the camping experience at an affordable price but do not take away the peace and quiet of the park as it exists.
- The riverside areas are wonderful natural areas. They should not be replaced with funland ideas - choose another area of the City. I am worried that you are already committed to build things (so-called amenities) whether we want them or not.
- I have not completed the questionnaire regarding the proposed plans for McAdam Park but am expressing my thoughts by way of this letter. First of all, I've been walking my dogs in this park for

at least 25 years. I have enjoyed it immensely, as have they, because it is a natural area where they can run off leash and socialize with other dogs. At the same time, I am getting exercise without being confined to one small area. To implement all these plans for development of the area is ridiculous. There is no way I would want to restrict my dog to a fenced-in area, regardless of the size. Furthermore, feel it entirely unnecessary to plant more trees, install picnic areas with benches and tables, which would only encourage vagrants to occupy them, or any other development that is not natural to the area, especially between Rotary Park and the Cowichan River. It would absolutely spoil the ambiance of the whole site. I, along with many others with whom I've spoken regarding this matter, feel things are fine the way they currently exist. "If it ain't broke, why fix it??" I am not, however, adverse to improving the tennis / pickle ball courts or development of the area near McAdam Park soccer field. I just feel strongly that anything else between Fish Gut Alley and the Cowichan River should be left as is. Also, a bridge across the River is a waste of money.

- Please keep the park "natural". Let the big cities have the "cement" parks. Even children need to know about trees, birds, and rocks. There are lots of wilderness areas for mountain bikes. Please keep the park for foot traffic and mobility aids.
- This park has a lot of potential for a diverse range of people to enjoy and come together. Right now it is very underutilized. It could be a great hub for many to enjoy.
- Yes, leave this park alone. Find some other area to destroy! And I thought Vancouver Island was all about saving / preserving nature with caring attitude. Not destroy it. Leave the park
- The park in its current state is stunningly beautiful! Many of the ideas presented do not capitalize on its natural beauty. If it ain't broke what are we trying to fix?

- As frequent users of the McAdam-Rotary Park, we are very concerned about the major changes that are being proposed by the City of Duncan. This unique natural park bordering the Cowichan River has been enjoyed by young families, seniors, dog owners and visitors to Vancouver Island for many generations. Large areas of natural vegetation including giant cottonwoods, walking trails and good access to the river provide all of us a great opportunity to enjoy Vancouver Islands' outdoors. The park is basically well maintained by the city of Duncan although there are always a number of small improvements that could be made. Unfortunately, the City is proposing a grand plan to totally remake much of the park which will destroy a lot of the natural setting. Two options have been proposed: Option A features a large number of changes which including: converting the one rarely used tennis court to a 4 court complex with roof, ping pong, lights and seating; two separate fenced off areas for big dogs and little dogs that include seating, lights, jumps and waste receptacles; one off-leash river access point; adventure playground and mini bike loop with integrated(?) planting, also with more lighting and seating; a parkour area [some type of obstacle course]; walk-in campsites, glamping [really?] with yurts, tree houses and camping including registration for camping [unfortunately we know who will camp there]; a large area along the river for disc golf - a game that almost nobody plays; nature trails with play areas including a possible mountain bike pump track. The whole plan gives one an impression of building something like Disneyland on the Cowichan River. Concept Option B named "Journey From Urban to Natural" is no less invasive in nature. It also includes: two tennis courts with pickleball and seating, an adventure playground with mini bike loop, a parkour area, small off-leash dog area, off-leash dog river access, children's farm and petting area, sculpture garden with lighting, picnic tables, BBQ, covered shelter, etc. Again these are desirable feature in a developed city park. It would be a shame to force them into the lovely natural areas which we still have along the

Cowichan River. Regrettably, third option which would leave much of the park in its original natural condition with some minor improvements has not been proposed. With exception to the area round the McAdam Park sports area, which is already developed, leave the natural areas of the Rotary Park river areas along. Hopefully the city will reconsider the currently proposed plans.

- Leave the park as it is. The tennis court is never used, the Rotary field is not used enough to warrant all the money spent on upgrading it.
- My husband and I come to McAdam Park (south) or Rotary Park year round sometimes twice a day to walk our dogs and have for 18 years. It's so wonderful to have a natural wild area for the off-leash dog walking along the dyke and river. This is a real treasure for a city to have. There are lots of urban type parks, but not other natural areas. Please but the urban type facilities in McAdam Park north and leave the south area as natural as possible.
- The beauty of this park is being able to access nature with ease. Please limit to accenting nature instead of replacing nature.
- What will you do about all those big trees that we are warned to stay clear of in a big wind? Cutting them down will ruin the park. This is not a well thought out plan for this area.
- Think it is perfect as is! Leave it alone.
- Leave it alone! Not enough parking now - if traffic increases, where will people park?
- Leave it alone. Spend the money on existing facilities elsewhere. Duncan is a very small area, why can't you put some of the theme park up by Discovery Train. Theirs lots area up there also the only activity for them needs to have more going north - buildings, apartments, etc. they need some things to do and I am sure the apartment behind Ford not everyone will have a vehicle - also the grounds where the skateboard is and something else for kids to enjoy. Will the off leash for dogs that is near the River Trail - that river can get pretty fast and high - if another dog chases another out of fear can't swim.

- I was hoping that there would be an option to just leave the park as it is now. The only improvements i needs is some better flood management. It could use a small bridge at the east end where the berm meets the river trail and it gets flooded in the winter. It would be nice, if in the fall, the park staff would pick up the dead fish daily, so our dogs aren't rolling in them. The biggest problems with the park are the homeless and the Indians. The homeless are camping in the bush and people don't feel safe to walk in the forest trails. The Indians sit down by the river and shoot up drugs, so nobody wants to go down there. Please don't entertain building a bridge over to the Reserve. it would just destroy the park and nobody would want to use it. The cost of vandalism would be sky high.
- As a dog owner and neighbor to park I would like to see the off leash area stay. People from all around come to use it and say its a gem. It also gives a lot of elderly a place to walk their dogs and socialize as well as it is needed.
- I am so disappointed to hear about the changes you want to the park. It is beautiful and natural as is. Been walking there with by dogs 15 years. To me a lot of it is a waste of money to taxpayers. When soccer tournament was on tourists had told me how lucky we were to have that park for off leash for dogs.
- Keep the park at the level of use as is. The more improvements, the more maintenance, the more money needed, the more taxes.
- I am totally not in favour of this Theme Park. With homeless people, children going to school hungry. Necessary Food Banks and being told to expect more expensive food and taxes to increase. This is unnecessary.
- Has any thought about the neighborhood been considered? We all ready have drivers speeding above the 30 km limit. What about parking? And who's going to pay for all of this things. Will the tax payers have to pay for things they don't want or need?
- Option #3 - let the neighbours of this park oversee what happens. Speeding on surround streets is already a problem- what happens when there is even more outside traffic flying past our houses disregarding 30 K signs.
- This survey is untimely - busiest time of the year. Bureaucratic wording excludes. Technology dissuades new Canadian, seniors, disabled, less literate. "Wayfinding?" - "Simplified Signage". Only flat accessible off leash dog park on this Island within 1/2 mile, 1 km off highway one.
- I walk regularly in the park - mostly along the dyke. I don't agree with a lot more activity there, walking and enjoying should be of prime importance, please cleaning up some areas.
- We already have a water park in Duncan, where I send tourists to, when I meet them at Rotary / McAdam Park looking for a park where children can play.
- The walk by the river is so lovely and the children swimming in the summer. When things work well why change them? I don't think it can be improved. Keep the park clean and the grass cut. Thanks.
- Take your time and do it right.
- I am very displeased that we accidentally found out about this. We do have a mail service and I do believe you have all our addresses or can get them. I would love for you to speak to people who know the history of the Park - it's very positive effects and the problems there have been in the past and the ones we still have.
- If the city has money - spend it on the homeless.
- No consideration has been given to the noise factors to surrounding residential neighbourhoods. Maintenance problem now with the riverfront area. Firepits? We can't have outside opening in the summer but I'm sure that park visitors and vagrants will ignore this, and you will have to hire extra staff to patrols this whole McAdam Park proposal. Flooding? If there was a problem with the weir. Will the public be given notification (i.e., newspaper) as to when Council will discuss this item.
- Can support playground for children in McAdam - leave Rotary alone.
- The river park is now a lovely, quiet spot that is easily accessed by all. It is an unique, almost unspoiled piece of nature in Duncan's back yard. To add all or any of the things that are being suggested would ruin one's contact with the natural world. Nature does not need to be jazzed up.

- This is a beautiful wilderness park which Duncan is very lucky to have at its centre. I feel it should be left as such for people to enjoy - there are those for whatever reason cannot access wilderness areas out of the city. The money should be spent on more pressing issues like housing, drug treatment and other social needs. Leave the park alone.
- A culvert should have been a part of the trail at the east end of the park where the dyke meets with the natural trail leading down to the river. This has caused further erosion of the trail.
- "Discover and Experience McAdam Park's Natural Beauty." Since this is recognized, please keep it this way - it is still a peaceful, quiet, environment where one can enjoy the serenity and clear their mind of the stresses that bombard us on a daily basis. Also, the pristine aspect of the park, enhances the user's respect for their surroundings - in other words "no littering."
- Our building received a special notice of the Trans Canada Highway project before a drop-in session at the Ramada. Most of us understood the basic need and were supportive subject to the specific location of the pathways. No such notice was provided before the drop-in sessions about changes proposed for the McAdam/Rotary parks. The details and scope of the changes were a shock. One resident said she would not be able to sleep nor enjoy Christmas for worrying about the changes from the natural area we have now. Some residents had been thrilled to see eagles the week before. So far no one I have talked to has seen the need for drastic changes. It is possible to improve the area a bit, even add some child-friendly facilities near a day centre, but not this. I had trouble endorsing the vision and guiding principles. Initially these sounded okay. However, the words did not match the concepts and content. I do not think you can combine a nature and wildlife sanctuary with Coney Island. It is unlikely you can serve this community and make the area a tourist attraction for a sizable number of outsiders. One item says security - accessibility. These components are unrelated. This area could use more supervision, but accessibility involves an infrastructure issues - more traffic in an area where there are some narrow roads and peculiar

intersections. I was told the plan began in this community but that is hard to believe. It might benefit outsiders (the "people who live in the yurts"?), the construction industry and perhaps some commercial interests. If commercialization is the purpose there need to be market studies. There may be some basic problems with reality. During some winters, extensive areas have been under water. I would support upgrading the educational materials re flora/fauna, adding some benches, removing some blackberry bushes and cleaning up the river. Otherwise the money could go to social services and attempts to reduce drug use, the most immediate needs for this area.

- Maintain as a natural park no development
- This will destroy this quiet neighbourhood. I will be selling my home and moving to a rural area. It needs to be protected environmentally and the garbage and needles need to be cleaned up. More police presence. Area will not be able to handle increased traffic/parking.
- My concern is about adequate patrolling of entire area to reduce abuse and degradation of existing facilities and naturalness. It is a lovely area to live beside but please try not to improve on nature. I think it is interesting that you want to put money into this area without a thorough examination of its current usage and simple improvements to enhance this usage. Just because this was a budgeted item of the previous council doesn't mean it has to be used for exactly the same purpose. The river floods on a seasonal basis. Graffiti on any solid surface is a problem.
- Not in favour of any changes.
- The park is great now - don't wreck it. I suggest you all take a walk and experience and enjoy nature. It is so peaceful the dogs are happy. Their owners are getting exercise. The odd dog is mean but it is not the dog's fault (probably has been caged up). I do not know who is responsible for the upkeep of the park. It is well done. Thank you. The trail is always a safe place to walk until nature kicks in (flooding). Thanks again.
- Separate McAdam and Rotary. They are distinctly different parks, intended and used for different purposes.

- A sliver of nature turned into a theme park? So to address this current issue of changing McAdam, Rotary Park from its current natural state to some kind of circus. Firstly it is completely absurd and ridiculous. What are you thinking? I would like to give recognition and gratitude for all those who have submitted letters of the same opinion. Well done. I have been walking my dogs in this park for over 25 years. I've met all kinds of people who enjoy its natural splendor and are able to reflect this in this small sanctuary surrounding by a ever growing and faster society. I would like to give a shout out to the City of Duncan works crew who do a first rate job maintaining our local playing fields and parks. The river park serves many people with different needs, from nine to ninety. These activities range from casual walks to serious fitness also allowing dogs to run and socialize. I should not that most dog owners are very responsible with their pet's behavior and cleaning up. However the few baddies seem to get all the press. It should also be noted that this park was donated as a "natural park" for the citizens of Cowichan and visitors by the benevolent Rotarians. So any stipulations that it must remain this way? I'm sure that was the intention. Any kind of changes would not be an important and only further remove nature from our lives.
- I first started going down to what was called the dikes over 60 years ago. Leave it alone.
- Leave everything just as it is - natural.
- Rotary Park is an ecological gem - a bird sanctuary. Leave it in its natural state. Nature does not need to be improved or fixed. You are sneaking changes to Rotary Park along with your propaganda. Many hundreds of people of all ilk enjoy the peaceful trails at Rotary. Not a single user I have spoken to, supports your options. Current users of the park vote and pay taxes. Our voices need to be heard.
- Many other priorities in community: condition of roads, sidewalk repairs - such as TCH, E

side, Dobson to Trunk - trees have damaged sidewalk and need to be removed, water (rainfall) control and damage - 700 block Wharnccliffe - no drains on S side - pooling @ Day Rd and also McKinstry W side Dobson + Trunk. Refer to letters in newspaper. Against increase in traffic and no comment re: improving parking lots and lighting. Would like to see proactive approach on all Council matters, rather than waiting for considerable damage before fixing. Leads to increases taxes.

- Talking away this dog park or shrinking it to a tiny fraction of its current size would be awful. This dog park is one of the best anywhere. It is a shame if it is taken away.
- Go door to door to see resident demographic. Too much \$ spent on postcard in colour and yet a photocopy paper version in B&W that you can't clearly see pix or maps. Open house forums during weekdays. Current roads into park do not drain rain water property. Fix that first.
- A much larger tract of land suited to a multi-use park is probably located in the greater Cowichan Valley, for the near 100,000 residents of the Cowichan Valley if there is a need. Families for a wish to take their children to a mega playland head to Disneyland. They usually only seek one experience - no cost to our local taxpayers. As an adjunct to planning, consultation should be had with long time residents, members of the parks department and works yard, their archives if available to learn from past events to avoid repeating them such as the vandalism of picnic benches and tables which resulted in their removal and the removal of a second tennis court.
- Thanks to the parks board workers for their maintenance.
- Let our dogs enjoy the free walk in the park just the way it is now please.

- This park needs some upgrading and may table more benches along the trail where those who have difficulty walking can rest and then continue into the natural woods and trails of the park along the river. I have used this park so many times in my life when have family and friends visit out of town. My children and grandchildren have very fond memories of this park. The owls and other birds are amazing to watch at the river side and walking the trail. It's a wonderful place for a quick morning walk or in the afternoon break to lose stress and relax away from all of the noise of the City. I have lived here for 18 years. I love the area and have for many years but most is the river and the off leash park for dogs and owners. It is a wonderful feeling to be part of what works well in this community. People of all ages. Families. First Nations people sharing their space help all of us understand the raw natural space together. Place to relax and let our best friend the dog's be free to run and play on the river edge and through the trails. Amazing place in Duncan. Make the entry to Duncan more appealing beautiful tree and flowers along the Hwy. Post signs to parks.
- Just leave the park the way it is.
- Leave park as leash free.
- The 'dog park' parking area by tennis courts is already busy and frequently full. With cars parking both sides of McKinstry. The majority of neighbours in the immediate vicinity are 70+ with scooters, walkers, and canes and they don't move fast. No provision has been made for additional parking until far into the future. The park, as it exists, is a lovely, quiet, nature-filled area that encourages quiet contemplation and a genuine feeling of peace. Please don't ruin a Duncan jewel, just provide a little more 'policing' and needle clean up. Can you imaging stanley park in Vancouver with a Glamping area?
- I have walked this park for 10 years and enjoyed the people and lovely natural setting. I have met people from other towns who are amazed at this lovely natural park. They come often and bring their dogs. Please do not develop it (this park) more.
- Let's keep it simple and try to protect what nature is left for future generations. Thank you for your time.
- Let our dogs enjoy the free walk in the park just the way it is now please
- Just leave the park the way it is
- Leave the park as leash free

## ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE YOUTH INPUT QUESTIONNAIRE

- Nature walks and more signs, park for little kids, activities for all ages (giant chess, frisbee course), sitting area
- For most kids my age or older, having a lot of open (but nicely kept) space is usually most ideal for hanging out (not overly crowded).
- Just try to focus on things that aren't already available in Duncan. Many of the suggestions here are covered by areas elsewhere that are a short walk away.
- Inside turf so we can play sports when it snows.
- A nice relaxing spot
- Bigger field so during football games the balls don't leave the field.
- I grew up in Maple Bay and never would dare going into McAdam Park because my parent thought it was unclean and lots of needles. We always drove out of Duncan to "have fun." I would love a place to go swimming that is local and be able to enjoy myself. Washrooms, security, and change rooms are necessary though. Outside movie!!! Get date spot.
- Tennis or turf courts. Pump track or nice meeting / walking area
- Wifi, diving boards
- I would visit the park more if it had a swim area
- I think there should be volleyball nets, either on grass, but it would be better if it was on a sand pit.
- I wish there were less dangerous homeless people around the park, because then my family would go to the park more often.
- I would like and think it would bring teens and families to the park if they did outdoor movies in nicer weather like every other Friday night or something.
- Wifi! That would really improve the ability to hang out with friends.
- Hover board course
- Move it closer to town, its so far for walking, homeless is crazy they use it more than us. Crack heads leave needles. Closer to town, \*lacrosse court
- If there was a campground and there was no crackheads
- It's scary to walk around at night without fearing of being robbed or stabbed. And we need a turf.
- Easy access to the water
- Easy access to water
- Road hockey courts with nets maybe?
- This may not apply to McAdam's Park but Duncan should have a zoo.
- Animal sanctuary, swimming hole / cliff jumping
- Open mic, public gathering, organized events (runs etc.) pollinators, safety
- Boulders for rock climbing
- The trails need to be updated. River access would be nice without the fishing pier.
- If there was beehives that would be super good for Duncan. Not even just the park. A garden with a few beehives would be great, maybe with a sign or information in the butterfly / insect house on the benefit of bees. Also, honey to go along with the community farm if that happens. Save the bees lol.
- Wifi would get those more secluded in personality to get out.
- Wifi!!! Worried about the homeless people.
- A fishing pier would be super great.
- Safe place.
- Inside turf
- Nature trails, fishing area sounds cool. Indoor area for hanging out/ eating / town history. Museum?
- Area for paint ball course (closed as to not ruin anything there)
- Night time lighting
- A turf field would be very beneficial as our soccer practices are usually canceled due to weather and our only turf is always taken over by 4 other teams, when ideally only 2 teams should be using. It would also benefit other sports and activities.
- Free wifi, food trucks / market in summer

- Inside and outside gym
- Loopy trail
- Free wifi, animal farm
- Horse friendly
- BMX Track / Park, trails that are horse-proof
- Free Wifi, BmX Track, Horse Trails?
- Dirt jump park, there's currently one in Nanaimo (Steve Smith Bike Park). You could get locals to maintain it and it is currently the only type of bike riding we don't have.
- Dog park would need to be very big so dogs can run. I haven't gone to McAdam Park in years because I don't feel safe. On the discovery trails, have signs to help people get around. For movie nights, people need to feel safe so maybe implement it next year.
- Basketball hoops/court
- Needs: a bridge or culvert at south east end of lower trail, covered area (outdoor classroom or meeting space), more trash disposal, park hosts, help keep homeless out, or at least from camping in park and leaving dangerous waste.
- Basketball Court, Bike Park, Vending Machines
- Ping-pong tables would be cool but they most likely would be vandalized and unusable. Water parks are also disgusting.
- It would be nice to have wifi available in certain areas of the park (plaza)
- Wifi in the plaza area would be great, I'd go there all afternoon.
- I would like to see more security there. The amount of homeless people / drug disposals is a lot. It's hard to go there with my younger sister when there are dirty needles on the playground and trails.
- Rock climbing gym or wall
- If this master plan works and many people start visiting there. So there should be a plan or a team for cleaning and maintenance of all the parks and it might help to keep everything maintained and organized. Good luck!
- Calisthenics Park
- Wifi
- Basketball Court, child training camp
- Improve Swimming Access
- Diving Boards
- Lakes and Dike Connector
- Wheelchair Accessibility

## 6.2 AMENITY LIST - PRIORITIES

Participants of both the general and youth survey were asked to review the below list of amenity ideas that could be considered for McAdam and Rotary Parks and rank their top 10 priorities in order of preference. The list of amenities were developed based on Phase 1 input and incorporated a broad range of ideas in order to gauge support. A park Master Plan is implemented over time as funding and opportunities arise. Setting priorities will help the City identify which projects should be considered first. The results are summarized on the following page.

### ACTIVE RECREATION IDEAS

- NEW ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND
- ALL-WEATHER TURF
- COVERED TENNIS COURTS
- EXERCISE EQUIPMENT
- MULTI-SPORT COURTS
- PARKOUR AREA
- PICKLEBALL COURT

### NATURAL AREA IDEAS

- ACCESSIBLE RIVER ACCESS / FISHING PIER
- DISCOVERY TRAILS
- KAYAK LAUNCH
- NATURE HOUSE
- NATURE-PLAY AREAS
- MOUNTAIN BIKE PUMP-TRACK
- SWIMMING AREAS
- INSECT / BUTTERFLY HOTEL

### PASSIVE RECREATION IDEAS

- BOCCE / HORSESHOE PITCH
- CAROUSEL
- CHILDREN'S FARM
- COMMUNITY GARDEN
- COVERED PICNIC AREAS
- CREEKSIDE CAMPGROUND
- DISC GOLF COURSE
- DOG PARK (FENCED)
- DOG PARK (OPEN / NO FENCE)
- MINI-TRAIN
- NEW PARK PAVILION
- PARK PLAZA
- PING-PONG
- SCULPTURE GARDEN
- SENSORY GARDEN
- SPRAY PARK

### OTHER IDEAS

- COWICHAN RIVER CROSSING (PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE)
- WAYFINDING / SIGNAGE
- POTENTIAL PARK EXPANSION

## AMENITY LIST PRIORITIES - GENERAL SURVEY PARTICIPANT RESPONSES

The following amenities were most frequently selected on the general survey:

- |           |  |            |                          |
|-----------|--|------------|--------------------------|
| <b>1.</b> | DOG PARK (OPEN/NO FENCE)               | <b>7.</b>  | NATURE-PLAY AREAS        |
| <b>2.</b> | PICNIC TABLES / SEATING                | <b>8.</b>  | POTENTIAL PARK EXPANSION |
| <b>3.</b> | DISCOVERY TRAILS                       | <b>9.</b>  | COVERED PICNIC AREA      |
| <b>4.</b> | SWIMMING AREAS                         | <b>10.</b> | WAYFINDING / SIGNAGE     |
| <b>5.</b> | ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND                   | <b>11.</b> | COMMUNITY GARDEN         |
| <b>6.</b> | ACCESSIBLE RIVER ACCESS / FISHING PIER | <b>12.</b> | COWICHAN RIVER CROSSING  |

## AMENITY LIST PRIORITIES - YOUTH SURVEY PARTICIPANT RESPONSES

Youth survey participants chose the following amenities most frequently:

- |           |  |            |                          |
|-----------|--|------------|--------------------------|
| <b>1.</b> | DISCOVERY TRAILS                       | <b>7.</b>  | MULTI-SPORT COURT        |
| <b>2.</b> | ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND                   | <b>8.</b>  | DOG PARK (FENCED)        |
| <b>3.</b> | ALL-WEATHER TURF FIELD                 | <b>9.</b>  | KAYAK LAUNCH             |
| <b>4.</b> | SWIMMING AREAS                         | <b>10.</b> | EXERCISE EQUIPMENT       |
| <b>5.</b> | ACCESSIBLE RIVER ACCESS / FISHING PIER | <b>11.</b> | DOG PARK OPEN (NO FENCE) |
| <b>6.</b> | COVERED PICNIC AREA                    | <b>12.</b> | PARKOUR AREA             |

## 6.3 “GET INSPIRED” ACTIVITY

### GENERAL RESPONSES

At the *Hanging at the Hatchery* event, participants were asked to place a red dot on images that they liked or that resonated with them, and a blue dot on the images that they didn't like. The intent of the exercise was to encourage participants to think creatively while considering the types of activities they would like to see in the parks. This exercise was helpful for gauging the level of support for a wide range of potential park features. The results also helped inform preferred directions to explore in the draft Master Plan. The results are summarized below.



## YOUTH RESPONSES

Both in person, and as part of the survey, youth participants were asked to place a **red dot** on images that they **liked** or resonated with them, and a **blue dot** on images that they **didn't like** (online they were simply asked to answer "Love it!" or "Nope" to describe their feelings about the images). The results are summarized below. The images provided to the youth were the same images provided during the *Hanging at the Hatchery* event, for continuity.



In the "Get Inspired" activity, public event participants responded favorably to images of:

- Trails for Walking/Biking
- Playgrounds
- Community Events in the Park
- Seating Areas and Flexible Gathering Spaces
- Dog Areas
- Art in the Park
- River Kayaking

Participants had some interest in the following images:

- Sport Courts
- Ping-Pong
- Children's Farms
- Spray Parks
- Disc Golf
- Campfires
- Nature Play

Participants disliked images of:

- Carousels
- Glamping



The above photo received the most number of positive responses at the public event and during the youth engagement process, suggesting there could be support for additional nature trails or upgrades to the existing trail system. This photo also provided a clear example of a forested natural area, which could reflect the fact that users value McAdam and Rotary Parks' natural character.

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- Dog Parks
- Art in the Park
- Sport Courts
- River Activities
- Campfires

Participants had some interest in the following images:

- Children's Farms
- Disc Golf

Participants disliked images of:

- Carousels
- Glamping
- Spray Parks
- Nature Play



The above photos also received high numbers of positive responses during the public engagement event and youth engagement process, which indicates participants could support play areas, community events, and river-related activities in McAdam and Rotary Parks.

## 6.4 “DESIGN YOUR PARK!” EXERCISE

Public event attendees and student engagement participants were also asked to review the below list of activities and features and identify those that they would like to see in the parks. They were then asked to place a sticker on a map of the park to indicate their preferred location for the park feature. If there were amenities that were not listed, participants were encouraged to add their ideas to the board with a sticky note. The map on the following pages summarizes observations and ideas recorded during the *Coffee Conversations* event, *Hanging at the Hatchery* event, and youth engagement process.

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### OTHER IDEAS

- COWICHAN RIVER CROSSING (PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE)
- WAYFINDING / SIGNAGE
- POTENTIAL PARK EXPANSION

## “DESIGN YOUR PARK” RESPONSES

Participants in the *Design Your Park* exercise located a broad range of park features in both McAdam and Rotary Parks. Results revealed that participants from the *Coffee Conversations*, *Hanging at the Hatchery* events, and youth engagement process selected and placed similar uses and activities in three park zones. The zones are shown on the map below, along with the most commonly chosen activities in each area.

The diagram and lists summarize the range of responses received, but are not intended to imply that all activities will be carried forward as final recommendations in the master plan. This feedback is useful as the project team begins to identify preferred uses and activities. The results from this exercise will be considered alongside the rest of the engagement input, background research, and analysis to determine which activities and features are the best fit for McAdam and Rotary Parks.





### UPLAND ZONE FEATURES:

- Adventure Playground
- All-weather Turf
- Exercise Equipment
- New Park Pavilion
- Park Plaza
- Carousel (Youth Engagement)
- Wayfinding / Signage

### LOWLAND ZONE FEATURES:

- Dog Park (Open)
- Dog Park (Fenced)
- All-weather Turf
- Multi-sport Court
- Exercise Equipment
- Covered Picnic Area, Benches / Seating
- Wayfinding / Signage

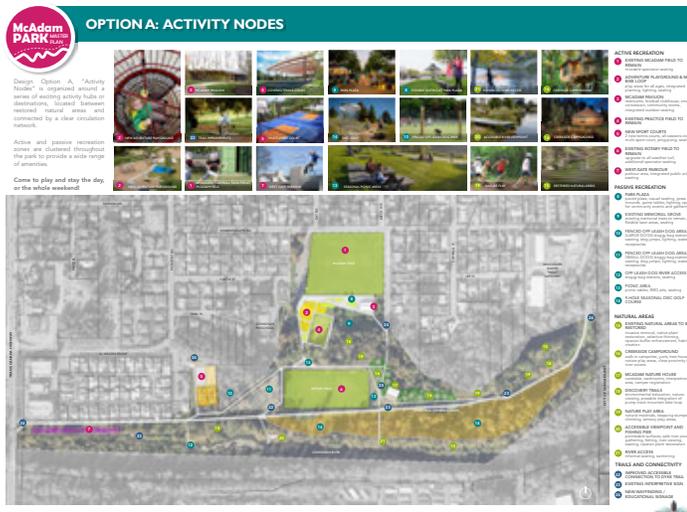
### RIPARIAN ZONES AND NATURAL AREA FEATURES

- Discovery Trails
- Swimming Areas
- Kayak Launch
- Accessible River Pier
- Nature House
- Cowichan River Crossing (Pedestrian Bridge)
- Dog Park (Open)

## 6.5 “PRELIMINARY CONCEPT OPTIONS” REVIEW

In this exercise, participants were asked to review and consider two preliminary concept options that were developed based on the information gathered during Phase 1 of the engagement process and answer a series of questions to articulate their preferences from each option. Concept A *Activity Nodes* and Concept B *Journey from Urban to Natural* are shown below.

The intent of the activity was to illustrate the broad set of ideas identified to date to determine those that could have public support to be carried forward and eliminate those that may not be suitable for McAdam and Rotary Parks.



Public engagement participants were then asked to review the concept directions for 8 potential park elements integrated in both *Concept A Activity Nodes* and *Concept B Journey from Urban to Natural*. The potential park elements are as follows:

- Park House and Plaza
- Adventure Playground and Parkour
- Sports Fields and Courts
- Off-Leash Dog Areas
- South Amenity Additions
- Nature Play Areas
- River Access
- Trails

Participants were asked to identify which concept (“A”, “B”, or “Neither”) they preferred and if they had refinements, comments, or additional suggestions. This exercise helps to identify which potential park improvements could be supported and which are not. Responses for each park element are summarized on the following pages. For a full list of comments on each key park element, please refer to Pg. 15.

## 1. Park House + Plaza

OPTION A	OPTION B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ New larger McAdam Pavilion with football clubhouse, public washrooms, concession and community meeting rooms</li> <li>▪ Multi-use plaza, seating, gathering spaces, lighting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Upgraded smaller park house with improved public washroom facilities, concession, storage, possibly re-using existing structure</li> <li>▪ Multi-use plaza, seating, gathering spaces, lighting</li> </ul>
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### SURVEY RESULTS

OPTION A: 9%    OPTION B: 49%    NEITHER: 42%

### COMMENTS ON THESE IDEAS

- Support to upgrade the existing park house facility adjacent to McAdam Field including washroom improvements, community meeting rooms, and adjacent outdoor seating areas
- Concerns about cost of building a new structure, and drug-use / illegal activity associated with public washroom facilities

## 2. Adventure Playground and Parkour

OPTION A	OPTION B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adventure playground with lighting and seating at current park house location</li> <li>▪ Mini-bike loop</li> <li>▪ Larger "urban" parkour area along Dyke Trail (ages 10+)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adventure playground with lighting and seating east of park house</li> <li>▪ Mini-bike loop</li> <li>▪ Smaller parkour area integrated with playground (ages 8-12)</li> </ul>
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### SURVEY RESULTS

OPTION A: 9%    OPTION B: 31%    NEITHER: 60%

### COMMENTS ON THESE IDEAS

- Some support for a play area adjacent to McAdam Field, per Option B
- Concerns about keeping illegal activity (drug use, vandalism) out of the play areas
- Potential playground additions should support the natural character of the park
- Limited input from the demographic who would use these types of facilities

## 3. Sport Courts + Fields

OPTION A	OPTION B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 4 Court Complex: 2 tennis courts, new roof over 2 courts for all-season play, multi-sport court, lighting, ping-pong tables</li> <li>▪ Spectator seating at McAdam Field</li> <li>▪ Consideration to upgrade Rotary Field to all-weather turf</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Existing tennis court retained in place (no roof added)</li> <li>▪ 1 additional tennis court</li> <li>▪ Pickleball court lining</li> <li>▪ McAdam Field and Rotary Fields as existing</li> </ul>
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### SURVEY RESULTS

OPTION A: 7%    OPTION B: 52%    NEITHER: 41%

### COMMENTS ON THESE IDEAS

- A second tennis court was previously removed due to lack of use. Consideration to resurface the existing court to encourage more use, recognizing limited use may be related to poor conditions
- Concerns that adding a roof to the court could encourage illegal camping. Some support for roof and lighting to increase positive park activity during evening hours.
- Support for minor upgrades to existing field, especially related to spectator seating

## 4. Off-Leash Dog Areas

OPTION A	OPTION B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ New fenced off-leash dog areas on west side of Rotary Field (current location)</li> <li>▪ Separate areas for large and small dogs</li> <li>▪ Dog-bag station and dog park elements: balance beams, tunnels, waste receptacles, lighting</li> <li>▪ Dedicated dog access at river</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Open off-leash dog area on east side of Rotary Field</li> <li>▪ Dog-bag station, waste receptacles</li> <li>▪ Lighting</li> <li>▪ Dedicated dog access at river</li> </ul>
\$	\$

### SURVEY RESULTS

OPTION A: 12%    OPTION B: 36%    NEITHER: 52%

### COMMENTS ON THESE IDEAS

- Many park users are dog owners. Strong support to keep the existing off-leash dog areas close to existing
- Generally low support for fenced dog areas
- Concerns regarding safety of some park users encountering off-leash dogs
- Support for a marked dog access point to the river, separate from swimming areas
- Consideration for potential seasonal use areas

## 5. South Amenity Additions

OPTION A	OPTION B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creekside Campground: tree houses, yurts, walk-in camp sites, picnic areas</li> <li>Nature House: resident caretaker, washrooms, environmental education</li> <li>9-hole seasonal disc golf course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children's Farm: petting zoo, garden plots, environmental education centre, carousel</li> <li>Sculpture Garden</li> <li>Covered picnic shelter, BBQ areas, flexible spaces for large group gathering</li> </ul>
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### SURVEY RESULTS

OPTION A: **6%**    OPTION B: **13%**    NEITHER: **81%**

### COMMENTS ON THESE IDEAS

- Participants prefer to limit programmatic additions in Rotary Park
- Very little support for commercial enterprises within the parks (camping, carousel) at this time
- Some support for disc golf and integration of public art
- Support for covered picnic areas and park infrastructure to encourage stewardship and environmental education
- Concerns regarding homelessness in or within close proximity Rotary Park

## 6. Nature Play Areas

OPTION A	OPTION B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smaller nature play areas throughout the park adjacent to discovery trails</li> <li>Balancing, climbing, digging, habitat elements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Larger nature play area adjacent to Children's Farm and covered picnic shelter</li> <li>Balancing, climbing, digging, habitat elements, spray-pad, sensory garden</li> </ul>
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### SURVEY RESULTS

OPTION A: **30%**    OPTION B: **12%**    NEITHER: **58%**

### COMMENTS ON THESE IDEAS

- Preference to locate potential play areas in McAdam Park adjacent to McAdam Field
- Participants prefer to limit programmatic additions in Rotary Park
- Participants feel the natural areas offer opportunities for play in their current state
- Concerns about keeping garbage and unsafe waste, such as needles out of play areas

## 7. River Access

OPTION A	OPTION B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 improved accessible viewpoint and fishing pier: safe river access, seating, river-viewing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 accessible kayak launch and swimming area: safe river access, seating, river-viewing</li> <li>River Viewpoints / Interpretive Areas: environmental education, seating</li> </ul>
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### SURVEY RESULTS

OPTION A: **14%**    OPTION B: **33%**    NEITHER: **53%**

### COMMENTS ON THESE IDEAS

- Limited support for fishing pier or kayak launch point
- Concerns about river access and viewpoints functioning within changing river water levels
- More information related to protection of riparian ecosystems should be provided
- Addition of benches or seating areas that do not affect ecological processes could be warranted

## 8. Trails

OPTION A	OPTION B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New accessible ramp connection to Dyke Trail west of Rotary Field</li> <li>Improved existing accessible routes</li> <li>Clear, direct trail layout</li> <li>New wayfinding signage</li> <li>Discovery trails at east park edge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved existing accessible connections to Dyke Trail</li> <li>Meandering trail loop</li> <li>New wayfinding signage</li> <li>Discovery trails throughout park</li> <li>Potential pedestrian bridge to connect to south side of Cowichan River</li> </ul>
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### SURVEY RESULTS

OPTION A: **33%**    OPTION B: **23%**    NEITHER: **44%**

### COMMENTS ON THESE IDEAS

- Some support for additional trails
- Desire for existing trails to remain
- Support for accessible upgrades to the Dyke Trail and improvements to the trail connection under the Cowichan Bridges
- Mixed opinions regarding the pedestrian bridge. Some strong opposition, some in favour.

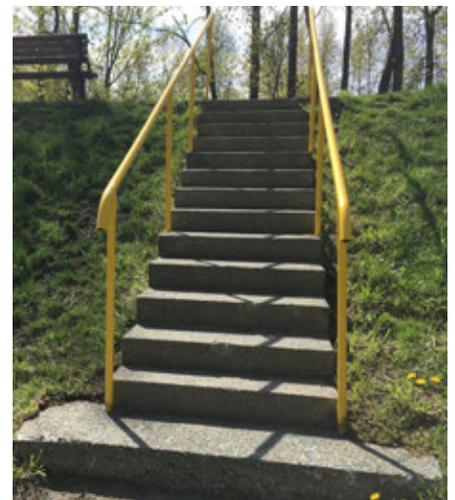
## “PRELIMINARY CONCEPT OPTIONS” PREFERENCE SUMMARY

In this exercise, participant feedback revealed some support for potential upgrades to the following key park elements:

- **Park House and Plaza:** Potential to upgrade existing facility to improve washroom and team facilities, accessibility, and potentially provide additional functions (e.g., announcer booth, meeting rooms) as well as the addition of spectator seating areas adjacent to field areas.
- **Adventure Playground and Parkour:** Some support for the potential addition of all ages play areas near McAdam Field.
- **Sports Fields and Courts:** Repair of the existing tennis court may be warranted to encourage more use. A covered facility with lights could increase year-round and evening use. Respondents generally felt that the existing field facilities were adequately meeting current needs, with the exception of spectator seating.
- **Off-Leash Dog Areas:** Preference to maintain off-leash trails within the parks largely as existing.
- **South Amenity Additions:** Potential integration of covered picnic areas, benches, and park infrastructure to encourage environmental stewardship and education (i.e., additional signage, outdoor classroom spaces), but less support for more extensive or programmatic facilities at this time.
- **River Access:** More seating opportunities adjacent to the river, designed to limit impacts to natural areas and the riparian zone and to withstand or avoid periodic flooding.
- **Trails:** Potential for upgraded accessible connections to the Dyke Trail as well as trail and safety improvements at the Cowichan Bridge underpass and at the east end of the nature trail that often floods. Addition of lighting, signage, and seating areas / benches adjacent to trails, although some concerns exist that seating could attract loitering and undesirable uses.



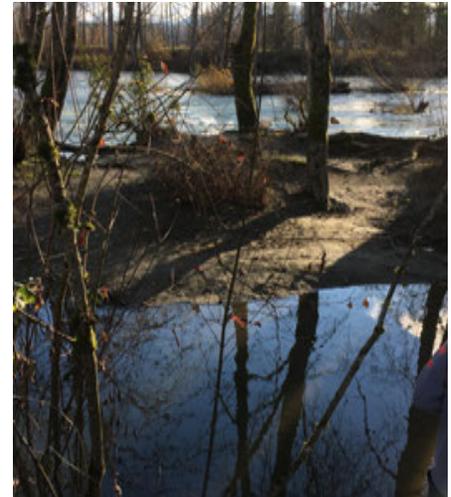
Participants support potential upgrades to the existing McAdam Field House to improve washroom and team facilities and integrate multi-purpose spaces for community meetings and small events.



Participants support upgraded pedestrian connections to the Dyke Trail for users with mobility challenges.

Responses to the key park elements indicated a number of common suggestions or areas for improvement, as related to both concept options:

- The natural areas within the parks, especially Rotary Park’s riparian areas, are highly valued. Amenity additions within these zones should be limited, with a focus on protection and restoration.
- Park upgrades should carefully consider seasonal high water levels in the floodplain and riparian zones including storm events.
- Commercial uses within the parks such as campgrounds, carousels, and children’s farms are generally unsupported at this time.
- There are concerns about trying to fit too many amenities within the parks, both related to funding and the potential effects on natural areas and park ecosystems. Generally, there is more support for potential amenities at McAdam Park than at Rotary Park.
- There are concerns about tax implications.
- The parks are well used by dog walkers who would like the off-leash trails to remain similar to existing.
- The parks are also used by people who have expressed concerns and fears about off-leash dogs.
- Strong concerns continue to be expressed related to homelessness and illegal activities in or within close proximity to the parks. These issues often were associated with fears that current and potential future amenities would be vandalized or misused.
- Several comments recognized the efforts of parks maintenance staff in maintaining the parks.



Potential park upgrades should carefully consider impacts to floodplain environments.



Concerns exist related to illegal activities and degradation of park and civic infrastructure within and in close proximity to the parks.

## 6.6 PRELIMINARY OPTIONS A AND B FEEDBACK

Participants were asked to Consider Options A and B and list the elements that they like and don't like about each option. The results were totaled and the top 5 most commonly listed responses for each option are summarized below.

### CONCEPT A: "ACTIVITY NODES"

#### FEATURES THAT PARTICIPANTS PREFERRED

- 1. EXISTING MCADAM AND ROTARY FIELDS TO REMAIN**  
with spectator seating added at McAdam Field
- 2. PROTECTED AND ENHANCED NATURAL AREAS**  
invasive removal, native plant restoration, selective thinning, riparian buffer enhancement, habitat creation
- 3. TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS**  
improved accessible connections to Dyke Trail and additional Discovery Trails in forested areas
- 4. ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND**  
play areas for all ages, integrated planting, lighting and seating
- 5. IMPROVED RIVER ACCESS**  
safe river access, river-viewing, swimming, riparian plant restoration



Input revealed support for the retention of McAdam and Rotary Fields, with possible consideration for addition of spectator seating and programming to activate field areas when not in use for community sports.

#### FEATURES THAT PARTICIPANTS DID NOT PREFER

- 1. CREEKSIDE CAMP EXPERIENCE**  
walk-in campsites, "glamping," yurts, tree houses, nature-play areas
- 2. FENCED OFF-LEASH DOG AREAS**  
separate areas for large and small dogs, doggy bag stations, seating, dog jumps, lighting, waste receptacles
- 3. 9-HOLE SEASONAL DISC GOLF COURSE**  
integrated with natural areas
- 4. WEST-GATE PARKOUR**  
advanced "urban" parkour area (ages 10+) integrated public art, seating
- 5. NEW SPORT COURTS**  
3 tennis courts, all-seasons cover over two courts, multi-sport court, ping pong, equipment box, seating lighting



The majority of respondents oppose fencing of off-leash areas.

- In this exercise, there was a strong negative response towards the creekside camp experience, in part due to fears that it would compound existing issues with illegal camping and other undesirable activities.
- Participants responded negatively to fenced-off leash dog areas. There was support for the inclusion of dog-park features, but not in a fenced environment.
- Participants showed limited support for additional sports courts, as the existing one appears to be underutilized.
- Respondents were strongly in favour of maintaining existing recreational fields and natural areas.
- There were positive reactions towards expanding the trail network, considering the integration of an adventure playground near McAdam Field, and exploring potential for improved river access.

## CONCEPT OPTION B “JOURNEY FROM URBAN TO NATURAL”

### FEATURES THAT PARTICIPANTS PREFERRED

1. EXISTING MCADAM AND ROTARY FIELDS TO REMAIN  
with spectator seating added at McAdam Field
2. PROTECTED AND ENHANCED NATURAL AREAS  
invasive removal, native plant restoration, selective thinning, riparian buffer enhancement, habitat creation
3. DISCOVERY TRAILS  
environmental education, nature viewing bird-watching, restoration planting
4. OPEN OFF-LEASH DOG AREA  
doggy bag stations, waste receptacles, seating, lighting
5. ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND  
play areas for all ages, integrated planting, lighting, seating

### FEATURES THAT PARTICIPANTS DID NOT PREFER

1. CHILDREN’S FARM  
petting zoo, garden plots, environmental education centre, Cowichan Carousel
2. OPEN OFF-LEASH DOG AREA  
doggy bag stations, waste receptacles, seating, lighting
3. SCULPTURE GARDEN  
gateways at west and east park entries, lighting, environmentally focused interactive art in riparian zone
4. COWICHAN RIVER CROSSING  
pedestrian link to south side of Cowichan River
5. ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND AND MINI-BIKE LOOP  
play areas for all ages integrated planting, lighting, seating

- In this exercise, there was a strong negative response to the Children’s Farm as participants felt it did not fit with the parks’ character.
- Respondents were in favour of retaining off-leash areas in the park, but not limiting them to too small of an area. The “dislikes” for Option B were due to a perceived reduction in open dog park area size.
- Positive reactions towards preserving the existing playing fields, protecting and enhancing the natural areas, and expanding the trail network to include additional “Discovery Trails.”



Participants support the preservation of natural areas and potential integration of new “Discovery Trails” for environmental education and nature appreciation.



Image: Local Practice Architecture, Surrey Bend Park

In addition to the items listed, for both options, respondents reacted positively to additional picnic and seating areas adjacent to trails and for river-viewing; however concerns about illegal camping and vandalism would need to be considered.

- Reaction towards the playground and mini-bike loop was mixed. Given the positive reaction towards the playground in Option A, and the number of respondents who support the integration of nature play, the negative responses may have been due to the more urban character of the play area image displayed for Option B. Comments noted a desire to fit within the parks’ natural character.

## 6.7 BIG IDEAS

In addition to a review of preliminary concept options A and B, participants were asked to consider the possibility of the following big ideas.

### PARK EXPANSION

Participants were asked whether they supported the idea of expanding McAdam and Rotary Parks by seeking acquisition opportunities on adjacent lands.

- Mixed opinions suggest the idea of park expansion could warrant exploration depending on location, cost, use, and other factors.
- Respondents expressed some concerns about housing issues, and ensuring that land zoned for residential uses isn't reduced or that planning efforts are equally allocated to affordable housing issues.
- Desire for further protection of natural areas, if possible.

### PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Participants were asked whether they supported the idea of building a pedestrian bridge over the Cowichan River to connect McAdam and Rotary Parks to neighbourhoods on the south side of the river.

- Primary concern was cost. Potential project funding opportunities would need to be carefully considered.
- Engagement with Cowichan Tribes and CVRD would be required.
- Input revealed apprehension about a new bridge connection bringing additional users to the parks, which could negatively impact safety.
- Concerns about habitat impacts / need for environmental permitting.

### PARTNERSHIPS OR ENTERPRISES

Participants were asked whether they supported the idea of introducing a potential partnership or enterprise in McAdam and Rotary Parks that could:

- > Help increase monitoring and regular, positive activity in the park
- > Attract visitors to the region
- > Support economic development and job creation
- > Encourage more active use and enjoyment of the park

Examples provided included camping / glamping facilities, children's farm and petting zoo, nature interpretive centre, and more programmed activities and events in the park.

- Participants largely did not support ideas about camping / glamping facilities, children's farms, or petting zoos.
- Support may exist for partnerships related to fostering environmental stewardship and education within the park.
- Support may exist for additional park programming (i.e., events, concerts, movies in the park) so long as programs take into account impacts on parking and noise.
- Concerns that increased park activity would negatively impact natural areas.



Support exists for partnerships related to fostering environmental education, stewardship, and restoration of the parks' cherished natural areas

## 6.8 ADDITIONAL IDEAS

In addition to the structured engagement activities and survey questions, participants were asked to provide additional comments on the proposed preliminary concept options and any further ideas not already covered. By asking for additional comments, the project team is able to receive ideas that may not have been included in the engagement materials, and understand which ideas respondents feel are a priority. For the full list of additional comments, refer to Pg.56. Ideas and comments were provided on the following key themes:

### COMMENTS FROM GENERAL INPUT QUESTIONNAIRE

#### NATURAL AREAS

- Very strong support to protect and restore natural areas, especially within Rotary Park. Protecting habitat areas for fish, birds, and wildlife is very important.
- Concerns related to removing trees and native vegetation in favour of other amenities.
- Suggestions to remove invasive species and provide restoration planting in areas.
- Suggestions to further consider flood-mitigation and seasonal high water levels of the Cowichan River and Fish-Gut Alley.
- Support to celebrate the natural character of the park and not to “over-urbanize.”
- Support to maintain and potentially enhance river-viewing and swimming areas, so long as enhancement does not degrade riparian ecosystems.

“This area is an oasis, and a rare gem within a city. For those many of us seniors, adults, young adults, teens, children, toddlers, infants, and dogs who use it, it serves as a sanctuary, with peaceful, natural and quiet surroundings, close to the City, yet a world away from its noise and bustle and traffic and air pollution and stress. We can move about the mostly accessible physical spaces offered, taking short or longer movement routes as desired. We can meet and exchange conversation and enjoy social connectivity with others - deemed by the World Health Organization as one of the most significant contributors to Health. We can get casual or more extensive exercise as desired. Our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health are all enhanced by spending time in this setting...”

#### PARK AMENITIES

- Majority of participants wish to keep off-leash dog areas and trails. A smaller number of participants reported feeling unsafe due to the unpredictability of off-leash dogs in the area.
- Desire not to over plan or add too many amenities to the parks, especially Rotary Park. More support for focused amenity additions or upgrades in McAdam Park.
- Support for enhancing pedestrian safety, especially related to the Dyke Trail at the Cowichan Bridge underpass and improved ramps and stairs for people with mobility challenges to access the Dyke Trail and waterfront.
- Support to increase picnic and seating areas in both McAdam and Rotary Parks, with some concerns about protection of amenities from vandalism or negative impacts.

“Please keep the park ‘natural.’ Let the big cities have the ‘cement’ parks. Even children need to know about trees, birds, and rocks. There are lots of wilderness areas for mountain bikes. Please keep the park for foot traffic and mobility aids.”

“Myself and many others drive up to 30 minutes to visit McAdam Park because of the off-leash rules. It is a sanctuary for dog lovers from far and wide. Creating small fenced off-leash areas may be fine for very young, small, and/or timid dogs, but for a full sized dog such as my German Shepherd.... they need room to run! Something akin to the size of the sports fields might be approaching the size needed for a successful fenced in off-leash area.”

- Suggestions to add more waste receptacles.
- Suggestions to improve signage related to environmental education, park and area history, park trails, washroom locations, and indication of off-leash dog areas.
- Support to upgrade, improve, or replace existing facilities that are degraded or vandalized to improve public perception about the parks.
- Suggestions to consider how new amenities or programming will affect existing parking demand.
- Concerns about underutilization of field zones when not being used for organized sports
- Support to explore additional park programming in the form of neighborhood events (movies in the park, concerts) and educational partnerships with the Vancouver Island Trout Hatchery, local school groups, or other organizations.
- Concerns related to funding future park projects (taxation).

“I am really concerned about the homeless who are forced or elect to crash in the park. Drug debris is evident as Warm House volunteers are not able to dispose of anything other than syringes (which they still miss on occasion)...We need a coordinated effort between volunteers and park workers to remove all drug related paraphernalia from the park...”

“Re: Dog park - please plan for this to be a safe park for children and families. Right now it is not. Off leash, aggressive and uncontrolled dogs do not mix with children’s programming...”

## SAFETY AND SOCIAL ISSUES

- Concerns exist about the presence of homeless within the park and neighbourhood.
- Mixed opinions about adding lighting. Many park users do not feel safe accessing the parks at night, but some also expressed concerns about adding lighting due to fears of further encouraging undesirable evening activities.
- Concerns exist about evidence of illegal activities (drug paraphernalia, garbage) within or in close proximity to recreational and natural areas.
- Suggestions to address social issues within the neighbourhood and city (housing shortage, addiction) as a priority.
- Suggestions to increase patrolling or passive surveillance of entire area to reduce vandalism and degradation of facilities and riparian areas.

“McAdam Park is great as it is and I am grateful for the City of Duncan for providing the public with this treasure. I think that public funds should be spent on public housing solutions for the homeless folks living in the park. A park for everyone - does that include giving shelter to the homeless?”

## COMMENTS FROM YOUTH INPUT QUESTIONNAIRE

For the full list of comments, refer to pg. 68. Participants commonly provided comments about:

### PARK TECHNOLOGY

- Strong support for provision of wifi in park areas.
- Participants frequently mentioned addition of wifi in gathering areas or in potential park plaza spaces.

"Wifi in the plaza area would be great, I'd go there all afternoon."

"Wifi! That would really improve the ability to hang out with friends."

### PARK SAFETY

- Many participants reported feeling unsafe in McAdam and Rotary Parks, which has impacted usage.
- Concerns exist about the presence of the homeless population in the park and the neighbourhood.
- Concerns exist about evidence of illegal activities (drug paraphernalia, garbage) within or in close proximity to recreational and natural areas.

"I wish there were less dangerous homeless people around the park, because then my family would go to the park more often."

### PARK AMENITIES

- Strong support for integration of additional park activities and amenities in both McAdam and Rotary Parks.
- Respondents commonly mentioned river activities, including improved river access, fishing, and swimming areas, as well as upgraded sports facilities, improved trails, and opportunities for movie nights or other community events.

"Boulders for rock climbing."

"Easy access to the water."

"Nature walks and more signs, park for little kids, activities for all ages (giant chess, frisbee course), sitting area."

"A turf field would be very beneficial as our soccer practices are usually canceled due to weather and our only turf is always taken over by 4 other teams, when ideally only 2 teams should be using. It would also benefit other sports and activities."

"If there was beehives that would be super good for Duncan. Not even just the park. A garden with a few beehives would be great, maybe with a sign or information in the butterfly / insect house on the benefit of bees. Also, honey to go along with the community farm if that happens. Save the bees..."

## 7 | DRAFT VISION AND GUIDING PRINCIPALS

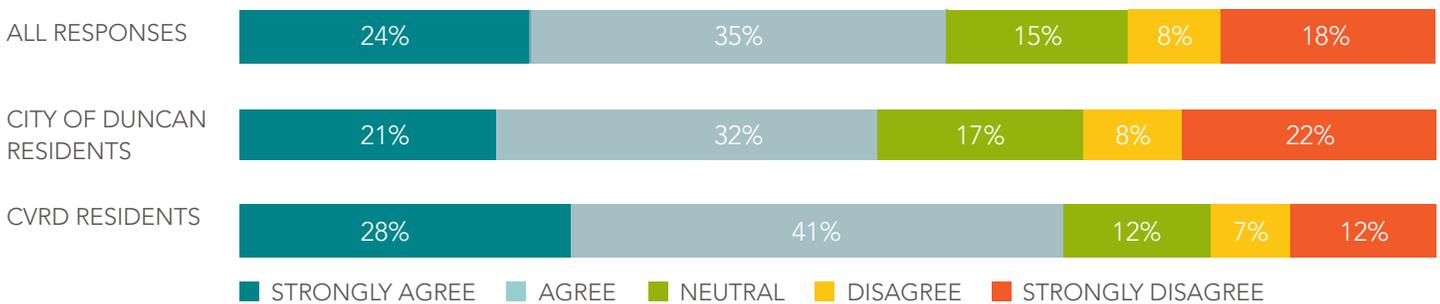
### 7.1 DRAFT VISION:

Participants were asked to review a draft vision and set of guiding principles for McAdam and Rotary Parks and indicate how strongly they agreed or disagreed, and provide suggestions for improvements. A draft vision and guiding principles help to provide a framework for the evolution of the parks. The draft vision was developed through the Phase 1 engagement process, which included information gathering from the community about key issues, opportunities, and hopes for the future. The input received through the Phase 2 process will be used to refine the draft vision.

#### DRAFT VISION PRESENTED FOR FEEDBACK IN PHASE 2:

**Located on the Cowichan River, McAdam Park is Duncan’s waterfront park, providing something for everyone to enjoy. With safe, accessible trails, engaging, family-friendly amenities, sports fields that support personal achievement and recreation, and an enhanced natural riverfront – McAdam Park is an exciting year-round destination for residents and visitors alike.**

#### LEVEL OF PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT FOR DRAFT VISION



#### COMMENTS & SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS ON THE DRAFT VISION

The following comment themes were observed. Comments will be used to help refine the vision as part of Phase 3. For the full list of comments on the draft vision, refer to pg. 93.

- A notable issue was the collective use of McAdam Park to refer to both McAdam and Rotary Parks. Participants noted that each park is unique and should be differentiated by name. From this point forward, naming will be McAdam and Rotary Parks to recognize this important distinction.
- McAdam and Rotary Parks’ natural areas play an essential role in contributing to the parks’ character and ecological identity. They are highly valued places that should be recognized in the vision and protected.
- The off-leash dog area is well-used by residents within the neighbourhood, City, and beyond, and this use may warrant recognition within the vision.
- Park safety is a concern that should be prioritized within the vision and the overall master plan.
- The parks are “riverfront” not “waterfront,” which is an important distinction for the experiential and natural aspects of the parks.

## 7.2 DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Based on the input received and the information gathered during Phase 1, a series of draft guiding principles were developed for review. The purpose of the guiding principles is to create a foundation for the master plan and for future decisions about the park. The guiding principles will be used as a tool to guide decision-making and prioritization of potential future projects in McAdam and Rotary Parks. The input received through the Phase 2 process will be used to refine the draft guiding principles.

### DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES PRESENTED FOR FEEDBACK IN PHASE 2:



#### Increase Connectivity

- Create a continuous pathway loop for walkers, runners, and users with mobility limitations
- Increase accessible pathway connections
- Provide routes that feel safe and inviting
- Link beyond the parks' boundaries to destinations in the surrounding neighborhoods
- Create a wayfinding and signage system that is fun, clear, and engaging
- Care for the spaces between destinations, making the entire park a cohesive and beautiful experience



#### Protect and Enhance Natural Areas

- Protect riparian areas and expand the riparian buffer to support a healthy Cowichan River
- Restore and enhance the parks' existing natural features
- Support and encourage eco-tourism opportunities
- Celebrate nature through integrated art and design



#### Maximize River Access

- Provide safe and accessible routes to the Cowichan River
- Establish viewpoints that inspire and delight
- Celebrate and enhance the parks' unique waterfront identity



#### Improve Safety and Accessibility

- Make the park inviting throughout all seasons and times of day through strategic lighting, enhanced visibility, and activity that encourages eyes on the park
- Provide clear sight lines along pathways
- Integrate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles, especially surrounding park destinations

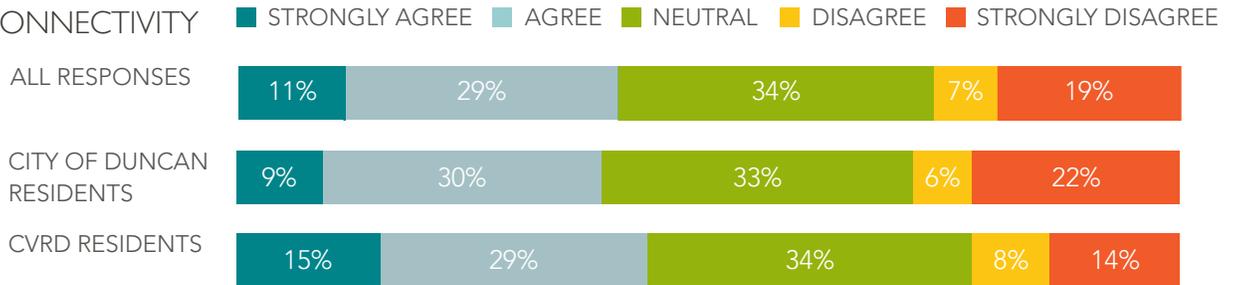


#### Diversify Recreational Amenities

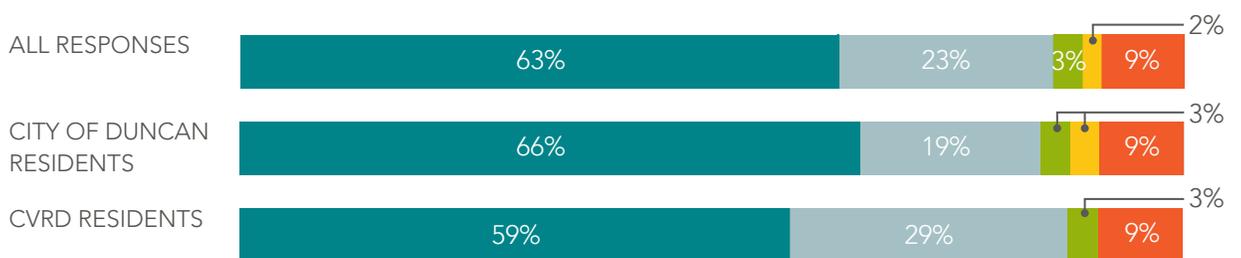
- Offer opportunities for community events and day-to-day recreational use for all ages
- Prioritize amenities that attract visitors throughout the year
- Provide flexible, multi-use spaces that encourage a wide range of activities
- Seek opportunities for future park expansion
- Create a cohesive park design that seamlessly links one park destination to the next creating an enticing and interesting journey of discovery

## LEVEL OF PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT FOR DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES

### 1. INCREASE CONNECTIVITY



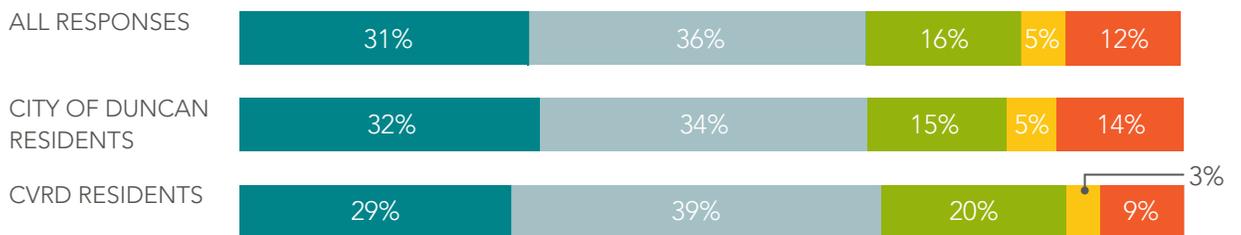
### 2. PROTECT AND ENHANCE NATURAL AREAS



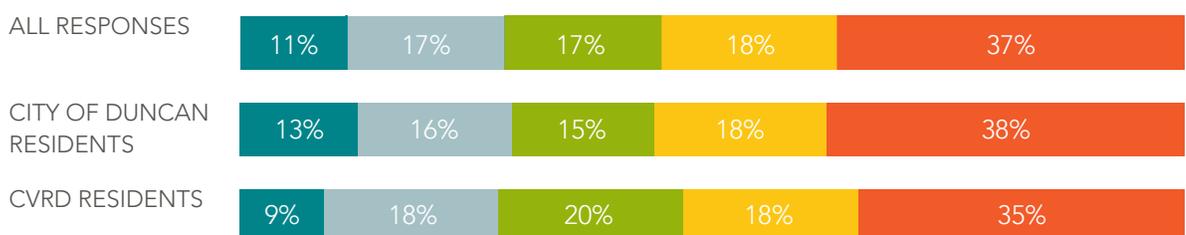
### 3. MAXIMIZE RIVER ACCESS



### 4. IMPROVE SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY



### 5. DIVERSIFY RECREATIONAL AMENITIES



## COMMENTS & SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS ON THE DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES

When reviewing comments on the draft guiding principles, the following themes were identified. These themes will be used to refine the guiding principles during Phase 3. For the full list of comments, refer to the following pages.

- **Principle #1 Increase Connectivity:** Opinions regarding increasing connectivity are mostly in agreement or neutral. Some participants noted additional Dyke Trail access points and the pathway condition at the underpass as priorities for improvements. Some participants expressed desire to ensure existing trail routes remain intact. Some felt the term “connectivity” was confusing and more straightforward wording should be used.
- **Principle #2 Protect and Enhance Natural Areas:** McAdam and Rotary Parks’ natural areas are highly valued and there is strong support for this principle. Some suggestions were made to consider revising the principle to emphasize protection and restoration rather than enhancement. Concerns were expressed about the current degradation of vegetation and natural areas, including the presence of invasive species, erosion, and human impacts.
- **Principle #3 Maximize River Access:** Opinions regarding river access are mixed. Some participants noted provision of safe access to river viewpoints, including for those with mobility limitations, and improved trails adjacent to the river as a priority, while others prefer to see no change. Protection of the sensitive riparian habitat areas, flood zones, and public safety were commonly noted. Safe swimming areas, especially for children were commonly noted as a priority, including provision of separate river access areas for dogs and people.
- **Principle #4 Improve Safety and Accessibility:** Improving park safety is a priority. There are specific concerns about illegal activity in the park including camping, vandalism, and drug-use. There is also a fear that improvements to the park could inadvertently increase negative activity. Additionally, concerns exist that off-leash dogs are dangerous to some users, namely elderly and young children. Some participants reported choosing not to visit the parks due to their fears about off-leash dogs.
- **Principle #5 Diversity Recreational Amenities:** Diversification of recreational amenities was less supported than the other principles. Participants expressed concerns about trying to fit too many activities or amenities within the parks, and the related impact to natural areas. This principle should be revised to ensure amenities are thoughtfully integrated in a way that preserves valuable ecosystem areas and existing park assets.

## ALL QUESTIONNAIRE COMMENTS FOR IMPROVING THE DRAFT VISION

Following are all responses directly recorded from the public engagement events and input questionnaires. Comments are not edited and are listed below as received.

- Regarding safety, I would like to see concrete steps built to access the lower trail. These would be most welcome for many of us who currently slip and slide down the embankment.
- Larger area for off leash dogs
- The park is a unique natural gem just the way it is. We do NOT need any more structured play areas we need more wild spaces. It is frequented by dog walkers, children and parents looking for a natural place to be with nature and the natural world, and walkers young and old who need a safe tranquil area for walking. Also this area has a lot of natural wild life, there are eagles, beavers all manner of song birds and the fish spawning grounds all of which would be impacted.
- The park is perfect the way it is.
- I wouldn't say McAdam Park is exciting... There's no adrenaline rush.
- Emphasize "safe" with drug free and no smoking please. Dog owners (I include myself) must be better educated on off leash areas and the absolute necessity for policing their dogs and picking up.
- I want it left as it is. It is Duncan's gem and we do not need to see a campground, etc. Leave it as it is.
- Keep the park as is. It provides a wonderful quiet area used regularly by young and old. Why try to fix something that isn't broken?
- Friendly off leash dog park through the entire park
- I understand that there is a recommendation that dogs be restricted to an off-leash area. I strongly disagree with this part of the plan. I have lived in the same house in this area for the last thirty-four years. I have had dogs for almost the entire time. The highlight of my day is to take the dogs for at least one walk.
- Visit daily for 13 years..like the park as it is, have never had an incident Picnic tables would be my only wish
- We use this trail as it is an off leash trail which provides exercise for both us and the dogs who can run freely. We have had many negative experiences in the Lakes Rd fenced in dog park as people tend to take aggressive or untrained dogs to this park, while in 5 years have never had a bad experience at McAdam park.
- "Family-friendly" is exclusionary. Many single people love the park. I am one. In fact I see couples and friends walking together, and singles alone, usually with dogs, all year round. I see families rarely except in summer, usually to swim, teach a child to ride a bike, or dog-walking.. And the phrase excludes dogs. As for year round, I do go year round. Even in winter when the dike is dangerously icy, and even in flood season. I go because I have a dog to walk. Families do not go then.
- It's not really family friendly at this time, as dogs are off leash in all parts of the park.
- My biggest concern is the off leash area. Are you asking us to contain the dogs in an area like Beverly Dog park? I strongly disagree with that as I won't visit that dog park...not because of the dogs but the owner's can be pushy and aggressive and after they become used to the crowd they become territorial and act like they own the place. Our dogs at the off leash area have to freedom to decide whether or not to mingle with the other dogs and can run away if a dog becomes aggressive.
- I love the McAdams Park the way it is now I take my dog down there on a daily basis and have been for over 7 years. It's a beautiful walk along the river bank without having to put our dogs on a leash they can swim they can play with kids as well as chase their ball and stick. What I'm hearing about the proposals is that you may put into smaller fenced areas for our pets that's ridiculous we have many off-leash parks like that name Lee Beverly corners area and I will refuse to have my doggy in a fenced area.

- The park is absolutely perfect as it is. It is the only decent place to allow my dog to be a dog, to run and play and socialize with other dogs. I am fairly new to the area and have made great friends and connections at the dog park. If the dogs are to be fenced in I likely would no longer come as would my other doggy friends. My children and grandchildren always want to go to the river park when they visit me.
- There is a huge community of daily dog walkers and owners alike. This is the only area that allows a vast off leash dog walking retreat in the valley now and it is enjoyed by an enormous amount of dog owners and the dogs alike. Many lonely seniors go to the park that do not have dogs just to be greeted by the friendly dog friends they have made. It literally makes their day! Other than the homeless issue the park environment is protected.
- Its a fabulous park as it is. The many dog walkers that use this river side of the park have fought City of Duncan interference not very long ago when you have tried changing out little loved area. The activities and recreation ideas you are proposing are ludicrous and involve off leash in a tiny fenced area you are determined not to listen to what we the users of the park want to do with the river side of the park and that is to enjoy it in its current state.
- Pet friendly should be added
- I don't feel safe in that park so I don't go there. I have found it dirty with trash, trails over grown and a scary amount of homeless ( I understand not all homeless are scary) I haven't been there in years, because I haven't felt safe.
- Removal of most invasive species i.e. ivy, leather leafed Daphne, laurel. The Himalayan Blackberries can stay.
- I find the park in its mostly nature state a very relaxing place for me and my family. We have spent many hours all year round in the park. My biggest concern is the increasing amount of homeless people and dirty needles found at the river and on the trails. In my opinion the park is one of the few places in the town limits that isn't over developed with commercialism.
- Keep the off leash dog park area
- We've noticed this past year that there doesn't seem to be the maintenance and upkeep of previous years. Some crazy brush cutter went through this summer and took the sides of trees out. Also the "special" football field seems to lay dormant most of the year, very few people seem to have access to this area of the park. The amount of grass cutting, garbage removal also seemed to be very haphazard this past summer.
- I like the way the rustic natural parts of this park are at present and would like to see existing public/recreational areas improved such as the car park surface, fences, new kiosk, new change rooms etc. I think we should leave the river and walking trails as they are or at least saved until last on your park revamp.
- It is the only park in town where you can go and be with nature undisturbed. Any additions would take away from that atmosphere and be a danger to the wildlife.
- Nobody asked you, whoever you are , to create a "vision" for any of us? We who live here don't want the park to be developed. More migratory birds pass through this bottom land estuary, than any other place in N.America except Florida. Over 220 species .
- This park does not necessarily provide year round total access. At times during the winter due to flooding only the dyke is available for walking.
- Something for everyone seems to expect too much for such a small area that already has so much.
- What I like about the park right now is that I can bring my dogs to let them have some off leash time. I don't want to loose that.
- Target user groups "young through elderly" or "place to play for all"??? though I see this identified on the guiding principles.
- I am extremely upset by this questionnaire, the wording seems VERY loaded in promoting a plan. The statement above I had to read twice, it sounds all positive, but! Do we have the option of leaving this popular park as it is?

- My suggestions on improving the park is to have more people come out and enjoy it. It has lots of great things. You get to walk and enjoy nature. You have swimming holes all along the river which are great for kids or dogs. You get to meet new people.
- Need more focus on dog friendliness. This is the only off leash area in Duncan with reasonable space. Other dog parks like the one off of lakes road are utterly useless
- Please leave the off leash dog area as is.
- It should include a safe environment for walking your dog.
- Incorporate native language somehow, maybe in parentheses the tribes name for cowichan.
- Question is too general to be of use
- McAdam park is the best dog park on the island, there is no where that allows a free space for dogs to interact while walking in such a serene environment
- Leave the park as it is
- It is a place where year round dog lovers, walkers and runners and even cyclists can gather to enjoy the beauty. Dog lovers walk their dogs off leash, socializing and staying fit and looking out for one another. The Park always has dog lovers walking and enjoying nature with their fur babies and these people come from far and wide, Victoria, Mill Bay, Maple Bay Cowichan Bay and Chemainus and lady smith. The people who come from further afield then spend money in Duncan!
- Pet-friendly
- The draft vision is above not below. "Please write BELOW..." Improve your English so we all can understand. Destination is not appropriate here.
- Keeping the park an Off-leash destination. Myself and many others drive up to 30 minutes to visit McAdam park because of the Off-Leash rules. It is a sanctuary for dog lovers from far and wide. Creating small fenced off-leash areas may be fine for very young, small, and/or timid dogs, but for a full sized dog such as my German Shepherd.... they need room to run! Something akin to the size of the sports fields might be approaching the size needed for a successful fenced in off-leash area.
- Located along the Cowichan River, McAdam Park is Duncan's waterfront park, providing a safe and engaging space for all to enjoy. With accessible trails for dogs and people; family-friendly recreation amenities that include sports fields; and enhanced natural green space and riverfront – McAdam Park is an exciting year-round destination for residents and visitors alike.
- This question does explain in detail what is meant by "something for everyone to enjoy". I believe the park should be left in its natural state, as much as possible. I do not see any vision for accommodating the extra traffic on McKinstry Rd which is a narrow street with on street parking allowed. Also, I don't see a vision for parking for all the additional park users.
- I am wondering what enhanced waterfront means. Otherwise I strongly agree with the statement
- Need more Bylaw Enforcement people to make it feel safer. Can no longer swim there or take kids to the river without seeing drug users shooting up and throwing needles in the river in the summer.
- People I have spoken to are unaware of this process. It seems to me that your public engagement process has been poor. People, especially those living near the park, should have received direct information to ensure that they were informed and could participate in the process.
- Pollinator are a priority
- I'd mention that it is the only 'off leash' area which is maintained in a largely wild state for dogs to explore off leash but under the supervision of their human family.
- Benches at several more locations including river front for all to enjoy especially seniors and mobility challenged
- There is nothing at all wrong with the park as it is. Today I walked the round trip with a friend and our two dogs. We came upon several people walking without dogs, two with strollers, and many with dogs. The only possible improvement would be to built a small bridge over the area that floods out every year because one cannot walk the loop as it is in the winter. The two improvements done to date haven't alleviated the problem; a small bridge would. My Sheltie and I walk this trail often.

- Safe accessible trails through a natural wilderness area within a city - McAdam Park is a place to reconnect with nature on foot, or with a mobility device, for all ages.
- To remain a natural park environment Continued off leash dog walking is essential for the residents of the Cowichan Valley
- I'm concerned about environmental issues along the river. Lots of plastic rubbish left on the river banks during summer. Leave the park as is - it is mainly used by seniors with their dogs.
- Sounds like a loaded question!
- Not sold on the amenities/fields. A natural environment is something for everyone to enjoy; simply a forest with trails would protect the riparian area and would provide healthy 'entertainment' opportunities for all Duncan residents. Read more on the importance of forests and natural spaces to health (leave alone walking). The fields are rarely used unnatural spaces, and apart from washrooms and trash receptacles, no 'amenities' are required.
- Put picnic tables in McAdam Park .
- Keep the park as natural as possible with most upgrades centering on the football field area for players and young families. Both visions are a little too much. It should be a local park and not a playground destination.
- I don't want any improvements please keep this incredible natural park as is. Thousands of people use it every year. It's a gift to all.
- It is not really family-friendly if you are disabled - can't push a wheelchair, lack of paved trails make it a hazard for those who are sight-impaired.
- Keep it as natural as possible
- How often do you find a nature park so close to downtown that you can enjoy the sounds and sights of wild life? Please leave it alone! This area gives people of all ages much joy as it is.
- Don't forget the dogs! Even non-dog owners love to watch them play and interact with them... especially the seniors who don't have a dog anymore.
- Rotary Park is a gem within Duncan because it has remained relatively untouched by development. Natural Wild Space is of the utmost importance to our community and serves to support the Wellbeing of many individuals. Rotary park is the best example of wild space that is accessible by foot for Duncan residents. Nature is already "something for everyone to enjoy." Protect, don't develop, Rotary Park!
- It is one of the few places for families to go and walk in nature. Places where dogs are welcome. What is proposed will require development and with development means removing trees. A practice that is far too common. Let's clean you the needles and homelessness in the area first. That is the most immediate improvements needed.
- This is one of the only natural parks we have left in the City. Please leave it alone. I go there to get away from signs of human made structures. It is beautiful, quiet, and peaceful - just as it is. Re Guiding Principles: For this particular park: please do not add signs, art installations, playgrounds or eco-tourism activities. I like the choice of either walking the packed, accessible path, or the rugged path.
- Located on the Cowichan River, McAdam Park is Duncan's waterfront park, providing urban residents with easy access to natural area. With safe, accessible trails, engaging, family-friendly amenities, sports fields that support personal achievement and recreation, and enhanced natural riverfront – McAdam Park is an exciting year-round destination for residents and visitors alike
- Apart from the sports fields, McAdam park is about relaxing in nature. It is more tranquil, less exciting. People enjoy having a place on the river to walk their dogs and watching birds.
- Visit McAdam park Keep whole park off leash park No development on south side of dyke (especially on river) Fix existing tennis courts and buildings No glamping, no petting zoo
- Currently I don't feel the area is safe.

- "Along the Cowichan River" is a better description than "waterfront" which, to me, brings to mind an urban riverfront park. Also, must it be "exciting"? That sounds like default advertising to me--perhaps serene or beautiful.
- I strongly support the preservation of the existing natural areas in McAdam park and Rotary park. I get much enjoyment walking through the natural woodland area bordering the Cowichan river. This natural area, with its towering Cottonwood trees is a visual treat throughout the year, especially during the spring to the fall period. The sounds of birds in these trees and undergrowth add to the ambiance of this wooded area. Our community lacks quick, easily accessible and scenic natural areas.
- Get rid of the draft vision and leave the park be in its natural state.
- Provide toilet facilities other than the one in the football field. Maintain the paths and trails and leave the rest to nature. It is the only place near town where adults, children, strollers, wheelchairs and pets can enjoy nature in a free and unfettered way. The off leash park is safe and fun for humans and dogs alike providing opportunity for exercise for everyone.
- People come to the park to walk - but can't stay. No place for a picnic or area to linger in.
- Walking trails further along the river.
- Remove campers, illegal vagrants, homeless, drug addicts.
- With this plan protection plans should be drawn up e.g., sight lines for RCMP to patrol park with least effort. This is so it will be patrolled. Protection of nature also must be applied. Remove invasive plants. Don't cut town too much brush, trees, etc.
- The draft vision sounds very nice. I am responding to the accuracy of the draft in reflecting the current park.
- Leave the park alone
- Everything except the toilets - if they are open year round then the above is true.
- No changes needed.
- I go to the park every day to get my exercise and walk my dog off leash. I'm against any development that would encroach or limit the area I can walk my dog off leash.
- Leave it exactly as it is right now.
- Leave the park as is, instead of a bunch useless things like Disc golf course that will be used by very few and will destroy a large section of the park.
- Provide third option - leaving Rotary Park and McAdam Park as they are with minor improvements, keeping the integrity of the current parks.
- Currently, inclusive wheel chair accessible, provides where I can have my dog off leash to flat stable walkways encourage my health and my dogs health.
- Like all suggestions it is hard to group some good ideas with not so good ideas. I would like to see some ideas in "A" combined with "B" and then there would be a better concept.
- Shred it.
- Leave it as it is Natural Habitat.
- More toilets for swimmers.
- Continue to develop the park or activities that exist and promote more family friendly use.
- Your vision's language is purposely vague and in non way actually nits at the drastic changes described in Option A or B.
- I believe the consultants doing the planning should speak to elders - re flooding, parking, vandalism, and past activities and development that has been tried. I do agree we should protect natural areas and enjoy them - but enhancement? is it an oxymoron?
- None leave park alone spend money elsewhere.
- The area is an off-leash dog park.
- Leave it in its natural state. The way it is now.
- Your draft vision has not indicated where designated vehicle parking will be provided.
- Please leave as is. Don not make any changes to the park.
- And it should be left as it is.

- Your description of the park above, in it's current state/condition makes me wonder why on earth would you want to change it?
- Do not develop, maintain as is.
- Environmentally protected. Maintain quiet neighbourhood. Water too polluted for swimmers by summer.
- This is a park beside a river it is not a waterfront park. Some of the "trails" are not so safe, e.g., slipping down a slope from the long dikes can be dangerous. How can you enhance nature and yet keep it natural? What input to this survey with indigenous peoples have as they use the river.
- Leave the park as it is and just add picnic tables and more benches.
- As is now
- This "Draft Vision" is so loaded and leading that it is insulting. Do you agree with motherhood, apple pie and puppies? BTW: McAdam is not riverfront - Rotary is.
- Preserve current natural strengths. Location and characteristics of Park do not match grand schemes.
- Leave Rotary Park as the natural sanctuary and nature reserve that it is. Plan to improve McAdam not Rotary. Your words are misleading.
- No further family amenities are needed. A riverfront, subject to flooding should not be 'enhanced' with piers, launches, or other structures that would be subject to damage.
- The draft vision already applies. Keep the park as a natural area as it is today.
- This is not enough information about enhanced riverfront. There are already sports fields used all summer. Don't fix what's not broken. It works as is now for many people.
- Please just leave it alone. It is a beautiful, natural area, enjoyed by hundreds. The tennis court should be resurfaced and by all means add pickleball, but please no theme park like attractions.
- I like it as is
- Located on the Cowichan River, McAdam Park is a refuge in Duncan. The #1 most important thing is the trees and the nature that lives there.
- None - leave the park in natural state.

## ALL QUESTIONNAIRE COMMENTS FOR IMPROVING THE DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES

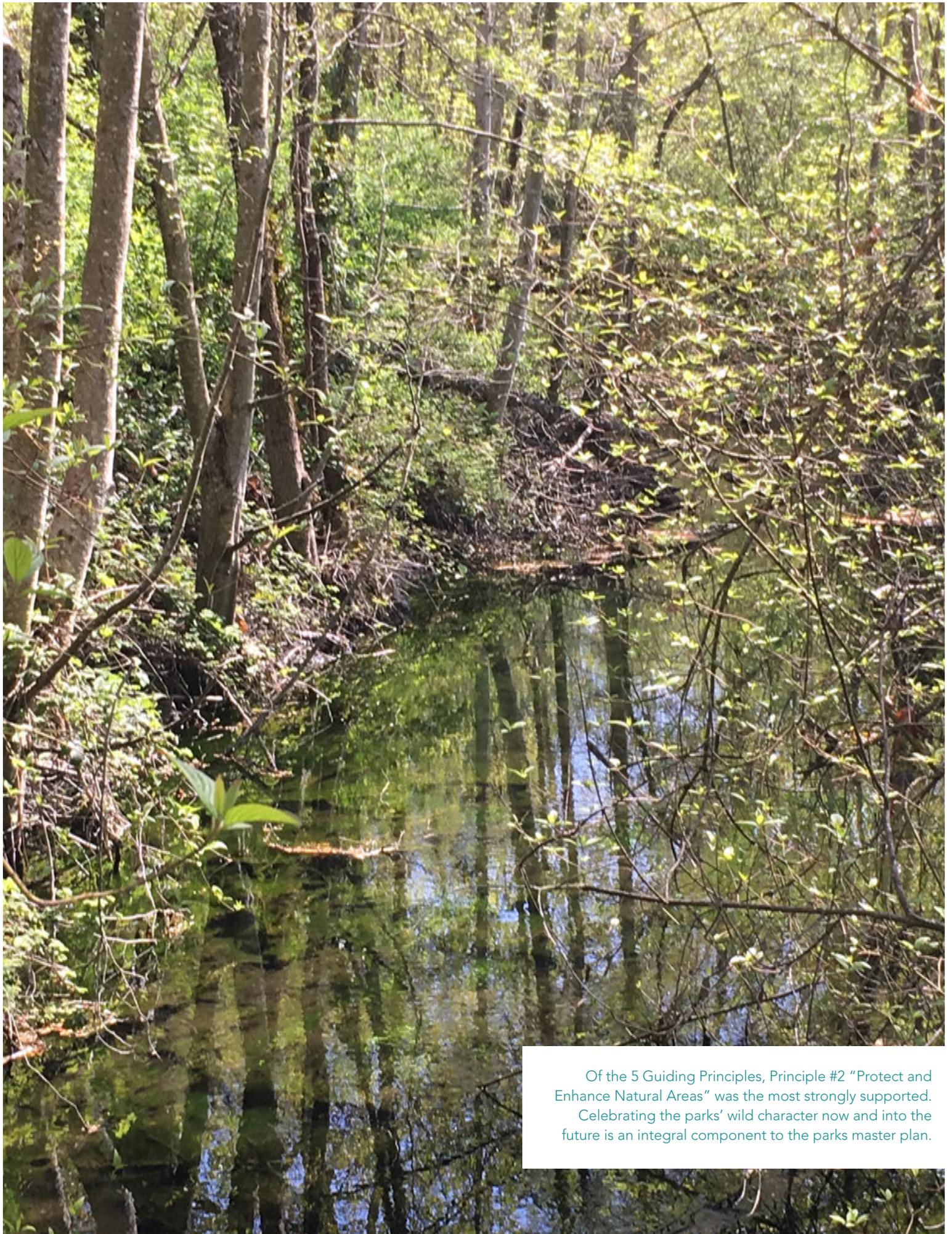
- The proposed area for off leash dogs is extremely small. The dogs daily interaction with other dogs walking daily is important for their socialization and exercise in a safe area.
- The area should be cleaned up, the homeless people who have their tents in the bush have left a lot of garbage, not to mention hundreds of needles that have been found. The lower trail that runs along side the river floods in the winter sometimes all the way to the Dyke which makes it totally unsuitable for any other activities.
- Leave the park as is.
- This survey is unnecessarily detailed from my prospective. Our household uses this area between 3 and 6 times a day and is of the opinion that any restrictive changes would be a gross misuse of taxes.
- Leave the park alone!
- We take our dogs to this park multiple times per week & are currently one of the key users of this park. Heard rumors that the city is considering making this a leash only park or making a fenced in area for dogs. Most dog owners prefer to take their dogs to McAdam park then the lakes road fenced dog park. The off leash walk allows users with disabilities to walk their dogs and provides a more positive experience then fenced parks. Most owners who can't control there dog use fenced parks
- I only "agree" with improving safety because once the camp was moved, the park immediately felt less insecure and more friendly. A few months ago I would have strongly agreed in caps...
- The park needs to be protected environmentally and should stay as is with regular clean ups of the river and park to remove all of the garbage and needles left behind by the homeless. Our children and grandchildren will thank us for preserving the natural habitat of may bird and mammal species
- The area that floods in the winter needs underground pipe so the city guys don't have to continuously add gravel and pack down the spot. ( right by the cement divider they installed to keep the homeless ? from camping? not sure why the cement blocks and sharps container were installed there...never have I seen someone shot up there....but the soccer field is a popular area
- Clean up the dog poop and the dirty needles. Designate a dog area for the beach and a no dogs allowed area.
- A few picnic tables by the tennis court might be nice. Also an on site year round washroom or outhouse.
- This park is already widely used and turning it into another structured park with so many rules that it makes it unpleasant is such a loss for the city. I have found in other parks where this structure has been created, people are fighting all the time telling each other that what each person is doing is wrong. Dog on leash. Dog not on leash. Cyclists almost running you over with just a ding of their bicycle bell. Grumpy people just trying to find something to complain to you about.
- Nothing needs to change. Everything is fine as is and we all enjoy walking here everyday with our dogs.
- Leave the park as it is. Why are you so determined to spend money and ruin the park. Whoever is doing this planning is totally out of touch - glamping. There are many silly ideas with the bottom line that you want to lock our dogs up in a tiny fenced area.
- To improve existing fields and buildings with increased amenities like lights for Friday night lights and bleachers for spectators.
- Dog friendly
- There is a lovely natural swimming area already in place. No improvement is required
- Leave it the way it is...an off leash dog park.
- What does "connectivity" mean? And diversifying, why? It's great to have a nice walking park to go to within city limits.
- Maintain the natural areas while updating existing amenities and structures

- Clean up the park (camping gear, needles, garbage etc)
- Get homeless camps out
- Please don't make it a tourist trap. The other parks in town are always crowded and littered. This is the only place that is quiet and peaceful for seniors and others, and has us connect most with nature.
- Don't connect to anything Don't enhance a thing Don't increase access Don't Diversify anything Make people aware that they use the park at their own risk . Its more than safe now .with the exception of the homeless drug addicts who trash different locations Increase security at night
- Sometimes less change is better
- Please leave this wonderful park exactly as it is at this time. Do we really want to improve accessibility given the amount of garbage that is retrieved from the Park and the Cowichan River each year? ( By wonderful volunteers by the way) Makes no sense what so ever.
- Focus on keeping the natural aspects of the area. Developing this area will increase maintenance costs do you need to specify how you propose that's covered in the future
- I would suggest that it read protect natural areas, Enhance suggests adding infrastructure to a riparian zone
- River access is already good - and needs to be simply "targeted or managed" i.e., - place for dogs, place for families, place for youth.
- This is the most 'loaded' questionnaire I have ever seen! Please leave the park alone.
- The park as it stands contains a well balanced range of facilities which allow users to determine the extent of their desired use of it. Any attempt to expend a large sum of money on it is ill-timed, unnecessary and irresponsible.
- For improving. Need an updated club house. Put in a park for kids to get more families to utilize the area. I would suggest getting your hands onto the empty Charles Hoey school and make it into a community activity area such as, The hub. You can have classes or even have an area for families, friends, people to use to have picnics. Utilizing the renting space for the fields for events or even community. Even putting some lights along the paths in rotary park, to make it more inviting.
- Increase/maintain area for off leash use by dogs
- We live in Rivers Edge on McKinstry Rd. and we strongly disagree with the whole idea of making the proposed change to, what is now, a peaceful natural setting. The majority of the Duncan residents are low income seniors who cannot afford a major increase in taxes due to very unnecessary changes that would clutter up the area. Many people come from all over the valley to come and enjoy peace and serenity and your busy and cluttered plan will definitely change that feeling.
- What important outstanding need is being addressed by this plan? What problems are you trying to solve? Why not leave the area as it is, except for protecting the natural environment there?
- Leave the off leash area as is. There are many leash only parks in the valley already
- Many people enjoy the River in the summer, mostly locals and whole families come down around 3 or 4pm to spend the late afternoon swimming in the river when it is running low. These people are not in the Park the rest of the year when it is wet and cold and icy and the river is rushing. Year round walkers with dogs and runners with dogs etc utilize the pathways. Dogs are great at keeping the Park family friendly and safe. No one walking feels unsafe with a dog! The plans above ignore this?
- A plan to keep homeless people from tenting in the park
- I only ticked 'neutral' because the park is currently both safe and accessible. I'd have ticked "Strongly Agree" had the choice been "Maintain..." rather than "Improve..."

- This park can not be for all,1. There aren't enough parking spaces. 2. There are no engaging amenities except for the tennis courts, soccer fields, and the dogs one brings. Is it the plan of the amenities to "support Personal achievement?" I always thought parks were for the enjoyment of Nature. More recreational facilities would detract from the natural aspect of the park. There is enough abuse of the park by "visitors", such as, overnight camping.
- Allow off leash area along the dyke. It is one of the few areas which is flat and enjoyed by the elderly walking their dog
- The Guiding Principles do not mention one of the current - and longstanding - uses of this area: as an off-leash dog park. There is no other off-leash park of this size located in a natural environment anywhere in the City. I strongly recommend acknowledging this user group in the vision for this park. At the recent Open House, I asked if the Rotary Club (who donated a all or most of this land) had been consulted on what their original vision was when they handed the land over to the City.
- Rotary Park is a free zone for dogs. We are not dog owners, but love to see, greet, and watch them romp and play together. It is the most rewarding aspect of the park - apart from the exercise! We don't need more cages for dogs. The one at Beverly & Lakes is more than sufficient. The one thing that needs attention is the nature walk. Too many pot holes. Part is washed out, preventing access to all our wheelchair users.
- You need to specify what you mean by these points. I and my friends connect regularly with others walking the trail. We do not need any other kind of recreation there to do that. We have lots of recreational areas in Duncan and the Municipality of North Cowichan as it is and very few places that are easily accessible, flat and suitable for aging owners, aging dogs, moms with strollers, elderly people with canes or walkers and so on. To destroy this would be to deprive many of being close to nature
- Increase connectivity - The park already is a cohesive and beautiful experience create a continuous pathway... likely means pave all the trails. Do not agree at all. The routes already fell safe and inviting - you don't need to anything about that, especially if it means light and cutting trees. wayfinding system - it's actually really hard to get lost there as it is... Protect and enhance: I read this to mean move the trail away from the river, and fence it off no eco -page won't let me add
- Strongly agree with the-natural park environment and continued safety for dog walkers such as Off leash and night lite areas
- This is a natural area and should remain so to the greatest extent possible.
- Maximizing river access will increase garbage being thrown into the river. The signs for this process were vandalized and thrown into the river.
- I walk the dike twice a day, 6 days per week and the options offered to "urbanize" McAdam/rotary park are way too complex for the area.
- Leave the park as it is
- No clue what you mean by 'increase connectivity'. Sounds like you want an internet cafe or free wifi.
- The off leash dog aspect is a very important part of the current success of this park. It seems to hardly be mentioned in the Guiding Principles
- There are already enough recreational facilities. it is pleasant because it is a quiet park.
- Leave it as it is.
- Are there any plans to make the park safer to access after dark. Light up some of the pathways to the new sports field?
- I have concerns regarding the terminology to "Enhance Natural Areas". It is foolish to believe we can plan better Nature's design to "enhance" a natural area. The Dyke and access trails are plenty enough development for this area. It would be a shame to further develop this area as to regain the natural character once disrupted would be almost impossible.
- Just remove dead trees and clean up garbage.
- Please leave it natural, as it is. It is a gem, having a natural space like this so close to the busyness of the City.

- Maintain its natural state with improved trail maintenance like a bridge over the trail section beside the old fish ladder pool so the trail can be accessed all year round for the most part. A proper picnic area would be practical so people can enjoy having a meal at the park.
- More emphasis on protecting the natural environment.
- It would be great to see a stronger emphasis in preserving the existing asset and experience. The park also provides important ecosystem services, notably flood control.
- Less invasive activities...music in the park, movies in the park, dog agility area, exercise areas like at chesterfield "boot camp" type activity as you walk
- My main concern is the protection of the wooded area in McAdam/Rotary park. We lack quick and easily accessible natural areas like that bordering the Cowichan river. There are a lot of older people like myself who enjoy a nearby walk in the woods.! In fact, I meet a lot of young people (moms with buggies etc) enjoying the area too. The natural areas in McAdam and Rotary park are a real community asset that I do not want to lose.
- Please leave Rotary Park the way it is! We go there twice daily with our dogs and we strongly feel that it needs no change. Definitely NO to any kind of enclosure for dogs in lieu of them running off leash and NO to any outdoor structures. We have spoken to so many people that frequent this park and every single person we have had a discussion feels the same way.
- Make it safe but do not pave any areas or fence off parts of the park that are now accessible. The 'sharps' collector is an improvement but it would feel safer knowing that there are no people living in the bushes.
- Fish Gut Alley should be cleaned up and made up for the purpose it was built for - to enhance the fisheries. We used to be able to see the fish spawning.
- Diversify only if they do not change or destroy the natural environment. Do not want a funland in the forest.
- Better access to river during summer season. More benches for sitting and enjoyment of the area.
- The more the park is utilized, day or evening, keeps out the undesirables.
- Get police involved. Have the school board involved with what will add to kids lives here. Rename fish gut alley (kids to do)!
- What does "increase connectivity" mean? A new set of stairs or 2 would increase safety for those trying to get on or off the dyke.
- The river needs protecting and the surrounding vegetation over the 8+ years I have lived here and walked the park regularly there is noticeable change to the north side as the water washes away the banks.
- Leave the park along - its great as is and we need homeless shelter a lot more. Spend your money wisely.
- Not sure what is meant by connectivity? Between users? Between user groups? Very important to protect the natural ecosystem of the river and the fish. Also the forest should remain as natural as possible to protect the river ecosystem. The river is used for swimming and fishing how. I'm not sure what other access is required. Trails to the river?
- Don't change anything. The park is wonderful as it is, and any development would only make it worse.
- Protect nature, not enhance.
- Leave park alone it's fine the way it is.
- Plain speak SVP. Are we talking about paved and widened?
- Proposed changes are going to make the area too structured.
- Technology excludes a huge demographic when it comes to communicating with seniors people with disabilities and people with less reading skills. River and shade access essential for people and dogs.
- Remove yurt and tree houses, leave off leash area unfenced, don't need a skate park one in NC, disc golf waste of \$

- A place of serenity, not activity.
- Get all ideas from all sources and combine the good ideas. You may need to scrap some that you think were good so it will take some “give and take” on everyone’s thoughts. Just remember to keep things safe and the probability of liability and responsibility is kept to nil.
- Shred it.
- Leave it as it is.
- What about parking, McKinstry? Already congested. Traffic on McKinstry already an issue.
- The fabulous fields require bleachers. Off leash for dogs is great. All must learn to clean up behind pets. Homeless are major problem.
- Retain as much of the unspoiled nature as possible, while improving river access and expanding sports courts.
- The river was diverted before development here - talk with people who know history. It has flooded often (thus the berm) and with future unanticipated climate may do so again.
- None leave park as is. Spend money elsewhere
- Leave McAdam Park in its present state.
- I do not think one can improve on nature. Please leave this area untouched.
- Protect the natural areas of the park from pollution doesn’t necessitate enhancing these areas. Danger trees only should be removed to ensure safety.
- My suggestion is please leave it as is.
- Keep part natural. People like the park because it is natural and untouched a little nature right in town. Current tennis courts rarely used. Remove invasive species. Leave it as an off-leash park. Clean up garbage. Opening it up to camping bring many issues to area residents.
- As is now
- McAdam and Rotary must be considered and dealt with separately - you are confusing the issue.
- Improve safety and accessibility without going overboard.
- Leave Rotary Park as is. Do not include Rotary Park as part of McAdams.
- Parking.
- Enhancement of the park should be accomplished by engagement of a professional designer and landscaped to ensure the long term recommendations are followed to preserve the health and beauty of the trees and natural elements, bushes, grassy areas, shrubs, etc. Leave the park as is, subject to above notes.
- If it doesn’t compromise the Dyke, put a gradual slope with hand rails, opposite the steps at the far end of the sports field from the trail along the River so the less mobile can enjoy walking along the river trail, even if they can’t manage the whole length towards the fish hatchery.
- Keep the river clean and provide garbage cans along bottom paths. Keep the loop as off leash for dogs to enjoy a free run and access to the river. Clear some of the bushes so there are open areas to the river. Picnic tables and benches. Pave upper path for walkers and strollers, etc. Put up a dusk to dawn law and enforce it. Natural trail tours from town for visitors.
- Improve safety and accessibility only if you do not need to cut down any more trees and nature.
- The park in its natural state is best left alone.



Of the 5 Guiding Principles, Principle #2 "Protect and Enhance Natural Areas" was the most strongly supported. Celebrating the parks' wild character now and into the future is an integral component to the parks master plan.

## 8 | KEY THEMES

Phase 2 was an important and challenging step in the master planning process. During Phase 1, a very broad set of ideas were identified for consideration. Phase 2 was an opportunity to test those ideas. While some ideas were well supported, others were not. Key concerns emerged around the protection and value of the natural setting and the preservation of existing uses like the off-leash dog trails. We received very valuable insights into what is important to keep, what should be explored further, and ideas that should be left behind because they do not fit the vision for this unique and special place.

### PARTICIPANTS GENERALLY SUPPORTED:

- Protection and restoration of natural areas
- Consideration for amenity additions in McAdam Park and selective improvements to Rotary Park
- Improvements to the trail network
- Additional interpretive and wayfinding signage
- More picnic and seating areas
- Potential park expansion, depending on use and cost



### PARTICIPANTS IDENTIFIED CONCERNS ABOUT:

- Reduction of off-leash dog trails
- Over programming or urbanization of Rotary Park
- Impacts to critical habitat areas, specifically within riparian zones
- Illegal activities within the park (camping, drug use)
- Safety, especially at night
- Impacts to taxes



### KEY THEMES:



**SAFETY AND SOCIAL ISSUES:** Significant concerns continue to exist about the presence of illegal activities within the parks (vandalism, drug use, camping, etc.) Input suggests that these visible social challenges contribute to negative public perceptions about the parks and potentially impact use, especially in the evenings.



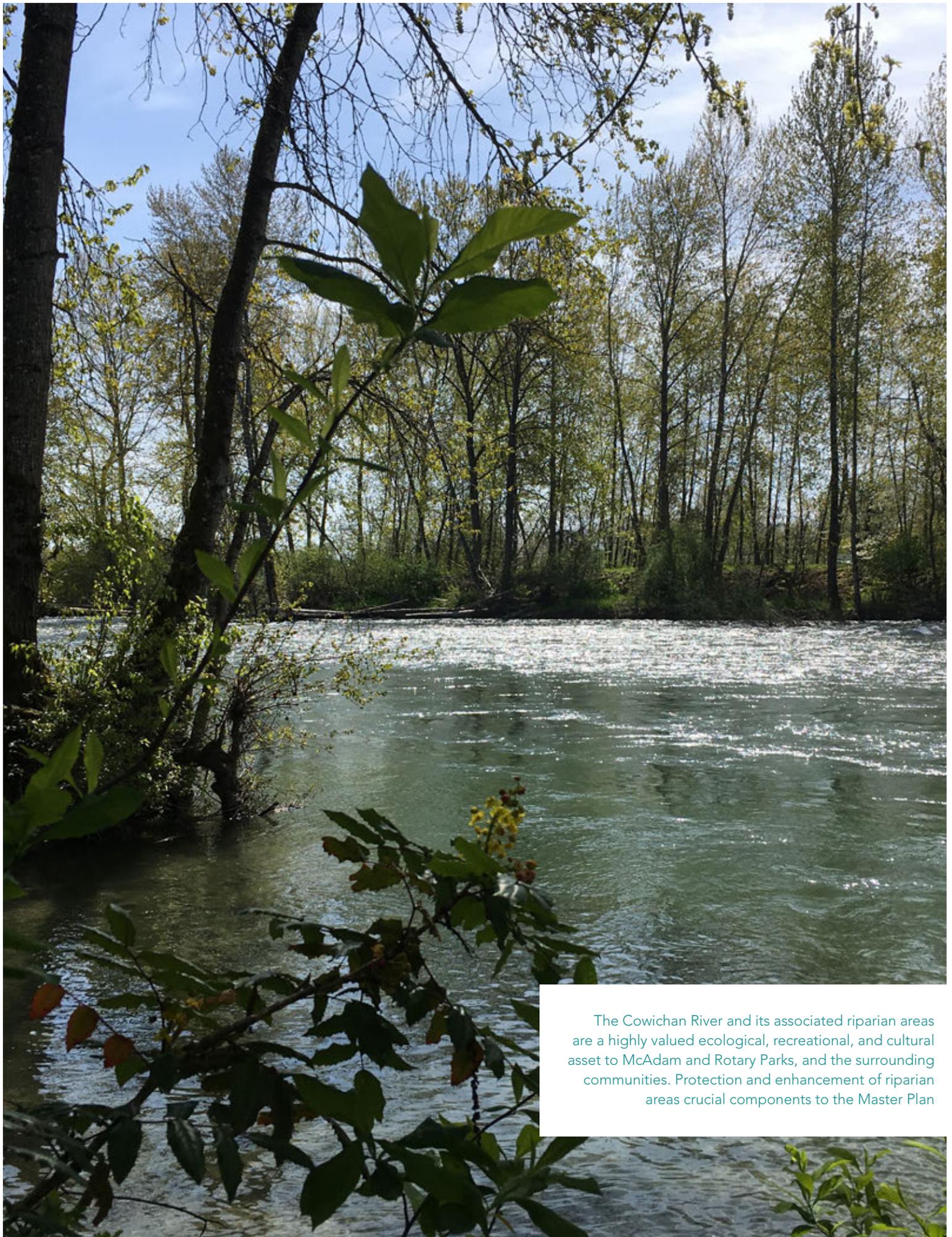
**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES:** The parks' riparian and forested areas are highly valued environmental assets; however, invasive species, erosion, human and dog impacts, and succession challenges are issues. Concerns exist about amenity upgrades impacting the parks' wild character and affecting critical habitat areas, especially within the floodplain. Careful management and planning should support the parks' ecological systems now and into the future.



**RECREATIONAL AMENITIES:** Public input indicates varied opinions about changes within the parks. Many users value the parks as they are, while others support upgrades to existing facilities, and selective improvements to support a broader range of park uses, especially in McAdam Park. Input suggests a strong desire to maintain open off-leash dog areas within the park, while some users note concerns about off-leash dog interactions. Finding a balance will be important to ensure the park continues to serve all of Duncan's residents well.



**TRAILS AND ACCESS:** McAdam and Rotary Parks are well connected on the Somenos Trail Loop, and many people value the existing park trails. However, existing trail entrances are not well-marked, some conflicts were identified, and there is potential to improve signage throughout the parks. Support exists for trail upgrades to increase accessibility for users with mobility challenges, to improve the feeling of safety at the Cowichan Bridges underpass, and to allow usage throughout the seasons and at all times of day.



The Cowichan River and its associated riparian areas are a highly valued ecological, recreational, and cultural asset to McAdam and Rotary Parks, and the surrounding communities. Protection and enhancement of riparian areas crucial components to the Master Plan

## 9 | NEXT STEPS

Phase 2 of the engagement process has reaffirmed that McAdam and Rotary Parks play a significant role in the City of Duncan's parks and open spaces network. They are important destinations for experiencing nature and accessing the Cowichan River, as well as for sport and leisure, and for walkers with and without dogs. A careful balance between preserving the parks' cherished trails and wild places, while continuing to provide safe, accessible recreation opportunities for residents of all ages will be very important.

The outcomes of this process will be used during Phase 3 of the McAdam and Rotary Parks Master Plan. Upcoming next steps in the process include:

- Focusing of ideas with general support into draft master plan directions.
- Continuing to gather input on emerging directions and outstanding questions to supplement information compiled to date.
- Welcoming further input and ideas via email or phone call.
- Summarizing the draft directions to be shared with community members later in 2019 for review, refinement, and further discussions on preferences and priorities.

Please visit [www.placespeak.com/McAdam](http://www.placespeak.com/McAdam) for updates as the master planning process continues.

Please look for further information at [www.placespeak.com/McAdam](http://www.placespeak.com/McAdam) in the coming months regarding Phase 3 of public engagement for the McAdam and Rotary Parks Master Plan. Your input has been extremely valuable to date and we continue to welcome ideas from all voices as we refine this plan.

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