

Appendix A

Summary of Background Reports

Campbell River Parks Plan 1993

The 1993 Parks Plan provided a list of Park Improvement Projects and associated budgets, by year. Facility and landscape improvement projects in various parks were set out for the period from 1993 to the Year 2000. Due to budgeting restrictions, many of the projects envisioned in the plan were not completed.

The document also included an outline plan of every park site in Campbell River at the time.

The Parks Plan 1993 did not address additions to the parks system.

Winds of Change Official Community Plan

The 'Winds of Change' Official Community Plan was adopted in 1997. It includes a chapter titled 'Open Space and Greenways'. The chapter sets out a greenways program through a combination of volunteerism, regulation and capital investment. It called for the preparation of an updated parks plan.

Parks and Open Space Development Plan 1999

A Parks Planning Committee consisting of Engineering, Leisure Services, Planning and Parks produced the Parks and Open Space Development Plan 1999.

Included in the Action Plan were a set of Goals and Objectives, an Action Plan, and a Parks and Open Space Classification System and Database.

The plan recognized the funding constraints of the time, and looked for innovative approaches to parks funding. The Plan called for annual review of parks priorities and budgets.

The committee is no longer active.

Campbell River Environmental Action Plan

The Environmental Action Plan sets out an implementation strategy and budgets related to environmental management for a five year period from 2003 to 2007. It covers a wide range of environmental issues, including transportation, waste management, environmentally sensitive areas and greenways, land development, air and drinking water quality, risk management and City operations.

A Parks Master Plan (this project) was identified for the 2004 and 2005 fiscal years. The Parks Plan was seen to include direction for acquiring and managing natural and environmentally significant assets, and to showcase environmentally sound land use and development practices.

The Environmental Action Plan also supports the development of the 'Recreational Greenway' loop to create a continuous trails system around the greater Campbell River area.

Official Community Plan 2005

The 2005 Official Community Plan is recently adopted by Council.

Chapter 7 of the OCP addresses Parks and Natural Areas, and sets out a general framework only as background to the more detailed proposed Strategic Parks Plan.

Map Schedule 6 'Recreational Greenways' and Map Schedule 8 'Environmentally Sensitive Areas' are an update from previous OCP work, and are relevant to the current Strategic Parks Plan.

The 2005 OCP also brings forward from the previous OCP several Comprehensive Development Plans that include commitments to provide new parkland as development is implemented.

Appendix B

Analysis of Playing Field Demand and Supply

About 90% of users of sports fields use them for some form of soccer or ball.

Ball Fields (Softball, Slo-pitch and Baseball)

While amalgamating softball, slow pitch and baseball into one analysis masks some details it serves to make the general summary points listed in the Issues section of the Backgrounder.

There are about 2100 ball players in Campbell River at present. The average number of players per team is approximately 11, which means that there are about 190 teams. Half of those teams (mainly adults) play one game per week and don't practice. The other half (mainly youth) play twice per week but don't practice much during the regular season. That means that there are approximately 120 game slots per week in the height of the season from mid April to the end of July each year.

As games are scheduled only once per night and only four nights per week (saving weekends for tournaments) that requires about 30 diamonds. There are only 26 diamonds in the allocation system (12 municipal and 14 school diamonds). That shows a shortfall of about 4 diamonds.

Municipal diamonds are maintained at a much higher quality than school diamonds; many of which could be enlarged and upgraded for more and more varied uses, and to accommodate more uses each week.

Soccer

In total, there are about 1720 soccer registrations for league play each year. As this includes all ages and both spring and summer soccer for youth, some players may have registered twice within that total. About 1020 of these players are playing at any one time. That time is the height of the winter season. If the average number of players per team is 13, that equates to approximately 79 teams.

These teams have quite varied schedules and league formats but averages can be used to make the observations listed under 'Issues'. On average, teams play one game per week and practice once per week. That means that they require 40 game slots per week and 79 practice slots. However, some of those practice slots are indoors in school gyms in winter, so a more reasonable estimate would be 60 practice slots.

Therefore, the total requirement each week is about 100 slots of time. Since practices are usually during the week and games are usually during the weekends, there are typically about 8 scheduled usage slots each week per soccer pitch.

The 100 required slots of time averaged over 8 slots per pitch would equate to a total of 13 pitches. Although there are currently 16 pitches in the allocation system, many are substandard and can only be used by a limited age group or for practices. Also, weather plays a factor during the winter season, and not every pitch is open for 8 slots per week for the entire season.

This means that there are roughly sufficient numbers of pitches to meet current demand. However, the quality and size of pitches varies significantly, with concerns about both; especially on the school pitches.

Tennis

There are 10 tennis courts available for public play in Campbell River. They are not allocated or scheduled for the most part, so the predominant use is drop in when the weather is good. There are no statistics to indicate usage levels but observation would suggest that the courts are not fully utilized. Therefore it would appear that the current number of courts are either adequate or more than what is required.

Football and Rugby

Football and rugby have a total registration of about 80 players. The two groups play on three fields that appear to be adequate both in number and in quality.

Appendix C

Public Process and Comments

Public Process

The Public Process in Phase 1 strives to see the future of the Park system through the eyes and ideas of the public, community organizations, the municipal staff and other affected agencies in the City.

The public process had the following components.

Public Visioning Workshop

Held April 12, 2005, this weekday evening workshop was facilitated by Lanarc and PERC to:

- Identify strengths and weaknesses in the Campbell River Parks System.**
- Explore visions for Campbell River Parks:** List a range of visions or key words to describe desired futures.
- Lead to consensus:** Work with attendees to find common threads of a vision.

Results of this workshop are attached.

Issue Identification Workshop

A second workshop was held May 10, 2005. Again facilitated by Lanarc, this workshop was organized to:

- Present a sample of the background material assembled.** Discussion of this material will act as a 'test' of its suitability.
- Identify issues and opportunities.** The public was asked to list, and then discuss issues that the upcoming park plan should address. They also were encouraged to identify opportunities.
- Setting priorities:** The consultants worked with the public to weight or prioritize the issues.

Results of this workshop are also attached.

Consultant/Staff/Committee Vision Workshop

A final workshop was held June 9, 2005, to allow the consultants and key District staff to focus on the content of the final product. Organized as a '1/2-day retreat', and facilitated by Lanarc and PERC, this workshop set out to:

- ❑ **Synthesize all the issues and opportunities raised.** Staff were instrumental in adding depth and background to these items.
- ❑ **Prepare an outline of the Parks Vision and Background document.** The outline identified key headings, graphic and illustration content.

This workshop was organized as a true collaboration among staff and the consulting team – a group of professionals working cooperatively.

Incorporating Public Input, Draft Vision and Issues into the Parks Vision and Background Document

In a key step, the consultants have ensured that the public and staff input received has been recorded and reflected in the background document.

Public Comments Received

The pages which follow provide a summary of the input received from the general public.