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Frank James Park open house and online survey to review masterplan concepts

Draft concept masterplans for Frank James will be available for public review during an open house May 10 at Willow Point Community Hall. An online survey will also be available to collect community ideas between May 10 and 24.

This drop-in public open house will share two initial concepts based on previous public consultation and gather public feedback on preferred directions for future park development.

Join us from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10 at the hall next to Frank James Park (2165 South Island Highway) to:

- Confirm a vision for the future of Frank James Park.
- Review initial concepts and identify your preferred directions for the future.
- Identify ideas that may warrant further consideration.

“Community participation is important, as public input will be used to refine and consolidate the two initial concepts into a single, preferred concept for the Frank James Park masterplan,” says Grant Parker, the City’s parks operations supervisor. *“Once that work is completed, it will go for another public review, scheduled for June, then to Council for consideration. After that, we can begin working this project into the long-term parks planning process, which would include exploring potential funding and grant sources and what the timing for future park development might look like.”*

Frank James Park is an important waterfront amenity in Willow Point. It is home to the annual Transformations on the Shore chainsaw carving competition, and is a key point along the Seawalk. The park is also home to Sybil Andrews cottage – an arts and heritage focal point in the community.

“Public input to date shows that people value the roles that Frank James Park plays today, and that there is room for improvement with more park amenities, beach access and open spaces to make Frank James Park an appealing space in all seasons,” Parker adds.

In spring 2016, the City embarked on a process to develop masterplans for Frank James Park and Nunns Creek Park. In June 2016, more than 50 people attended the first public workshop for the process and 150 questionnaire submissions were completed, providing input and ideas for the parks. Based on this input, the City began exploring options for both parks.

Masterplan development for Nunns Creek Park includes time to conduct geotechnical investigations into the park’s subsurface conditions, which will inform the range of options available for future development.

Learn more about the Frank James Park Masterplan at: www.campbellriver.ca/NunnsCreekFJ or call the Campbell River Parks Department at 250-286-7275.

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