



VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER CENTENNIAL PARK MASTER PLAN

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01 PROJECT OVERVIEW + RELEVANT DOCUMENTS



PROJECT OVERVIEW

We gratefully acknowledge that this project is within the traditional and unceded territory of the Sinixt, and by ancestral ties the Ktunaxa, Syilx, and Secwepemc First Nations.

The Village of New Denver is in the midst of an exciting chapter of community growth and renewal. Centennial Park is the largest park within the Village of New Denver. The 12.73 acre park is surrounded by stunning vistas of Sloan Lake, Valhalla Provincial Park, Mount Denver (refield, Idaho Peak, and Mount Aylwin). The park is Village-owned and is the primary community gathering and recreating space within New Denver. With numerous public lake access points, Centennial Park holds tremendous recreation and cultural value to the community of New Denver serving as a community hub, active and passive recreation venue, economic driver through the municipal campground, and has a rich cultural history exhibited by the Kohan Reflection Garden and connecting to the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre. Centennial Park is also a venue for popular regional events such as the Hills Garlic Festival and May Days, weddings, family reunions, adaptive sports retreats, and cycle tours. At present, Centennial Park amenities include a municipal campground, washroom and shower facilities, sports fields, parking, playground, cooking facilities, gazebo, a public boat launch, a separate marina, off-leash area, Centennial Beach, and the Kohan Reflection Garden.

The most recent master plan and upgrade to Centennial Park was completed in 1988. Since that time, much of the park infrastructure has exceeded it's expected lifespan and many of the park amenities require refurbishment, replacement, or a fresh approach to meet the needs of a diversity of user groups, residents, and visitors. In the fall of 2020, The Village of New Denver was successful in grant funding opportunities to begin the process to undertake the development of a comprehensive Master Plan for Centennial Park. The Village of New Denver engaged the collaborative consulting team of LARCH Landscape Architecture, Selkirk Planning & Design, and Petra Hekkenberg to lead a comprehensive community needs assessment, undertake a robust stakeholder and community engagement process, and develop park concepts that respond to the unique community values of New Denver's varied demographic mix. The Master Plan for Centennial Park creates a cohesive and community supported vision for park development over a ten year period and beyond.

FOUNDATION DOCUMENTS TO INFORM THE CENTENNIAL PARK MASTER PLAN

The following foundational documents have been reviewed and stakeholder engagement/interviews have been undertaken to inform the New Denver Centennial Park Master Plan to date:

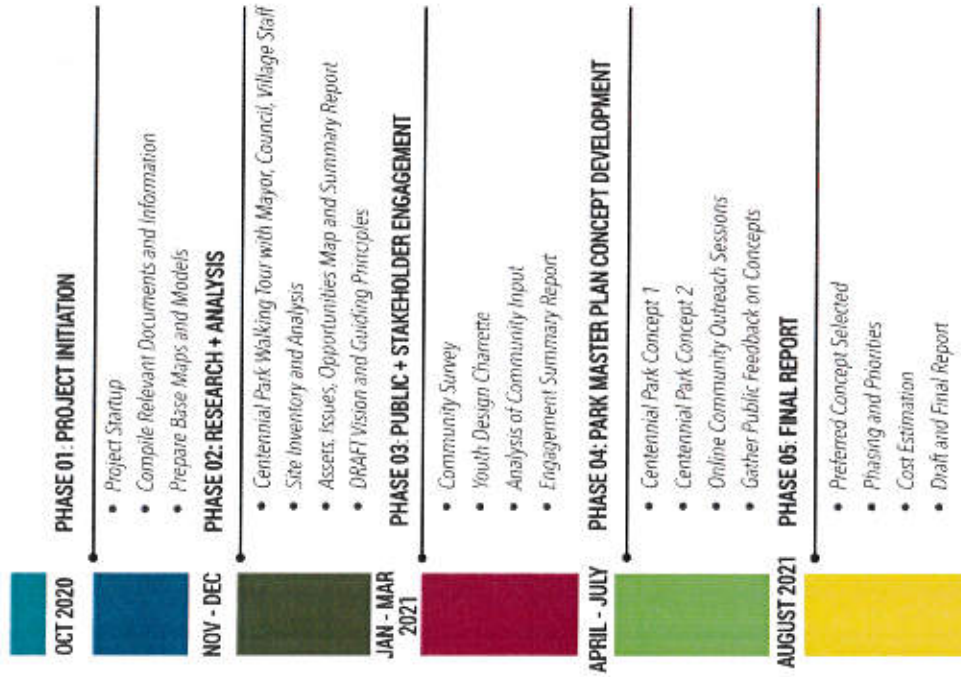
- The Village of New Denver Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 611 (Consolidated 2019), Schedule B, Schedule C, Schedule D (2007)
- The Village of New Denver Zoning Bylaw No. 612 (2007)
- The Corporation of the Village of New Denver consolidated bylaw no. 581 - Solid Waste Rates and Regulations (2019)
- The Village of New Denver Animal Control Bylaw No. 516 (1999)
- The Village of New Denver Traffic and Streets Regulation Bylaw No. 558 (2002)
- Village of New Denver Noise Bylaw No. 338 (1986)
- Village of New Denver Sign Bylaw No. 711 (2017)
- Walking Tour of Project Site with Members of Council, Public Works Staff, and Stakeholders (Fall 2020)
- Interviews with Village of New Denver Public Works Staff (Fall 2020)
- Centennial Park and Campground Accessibility Evaluation - Kootenay Adaptive Sport Association (2020)
- Kohan Garden Operational Plan (2020)



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02 PROJECT OVERVIEW + TIMELINE



03 VILLAGE STAFF WALKING TOUR + EXISTING CONDITIONS



Village Staff Site Walk October 15, 2020 - Dyke trail South of Carpenter Creek



Kohan Garden, South shore campsites and boat launch access - End of I Ave



Boat Launch - Assessing condition, high water level, ramp size and parking



South Campground - Pipes delineating campsites and boat trailer parking



Day Use Area Concrete Table - Potential site for accessibility improvements



Existing Gazebo - Unique and crafted by local trades



VILLAGE STAFF WALKING TOUR + EXISTING CONDITIONS



VILLAGE STAFF WALKING TOUR + EXISTING CONDITIONS



Existing Sport Facilities - Basketball, baseball, bocce, soccer, volleyball



Existing Playground- Mix of old and modern play elements



Beach Volleyball Court end of 3 Ave - Prime location, sand is rough



Existing Play House - Presents some challenges to public health and safety



Existing Bocce Courts - Minimal use and are considered high maintenance



Existing Campsites- Select sites with power and water



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VILLAGE STAFF WALKING TOUR + EXISTING CONDITIONS



Park Entrance 3 Ave - Sani station and existing concrete washroom building



Existing Park Signage - Park entrance from 3rd Ave



Alley to Nikkei Center, Josephine St - Potential pedestrian connection



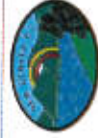
Off-leash dog field - Potential location for a new Pump Track and Skills Park



Pedestrian Highway access to off-leash dog zone - Accessibility challenges



Informal beach access South of Carpenter Creek - Access from cell towers



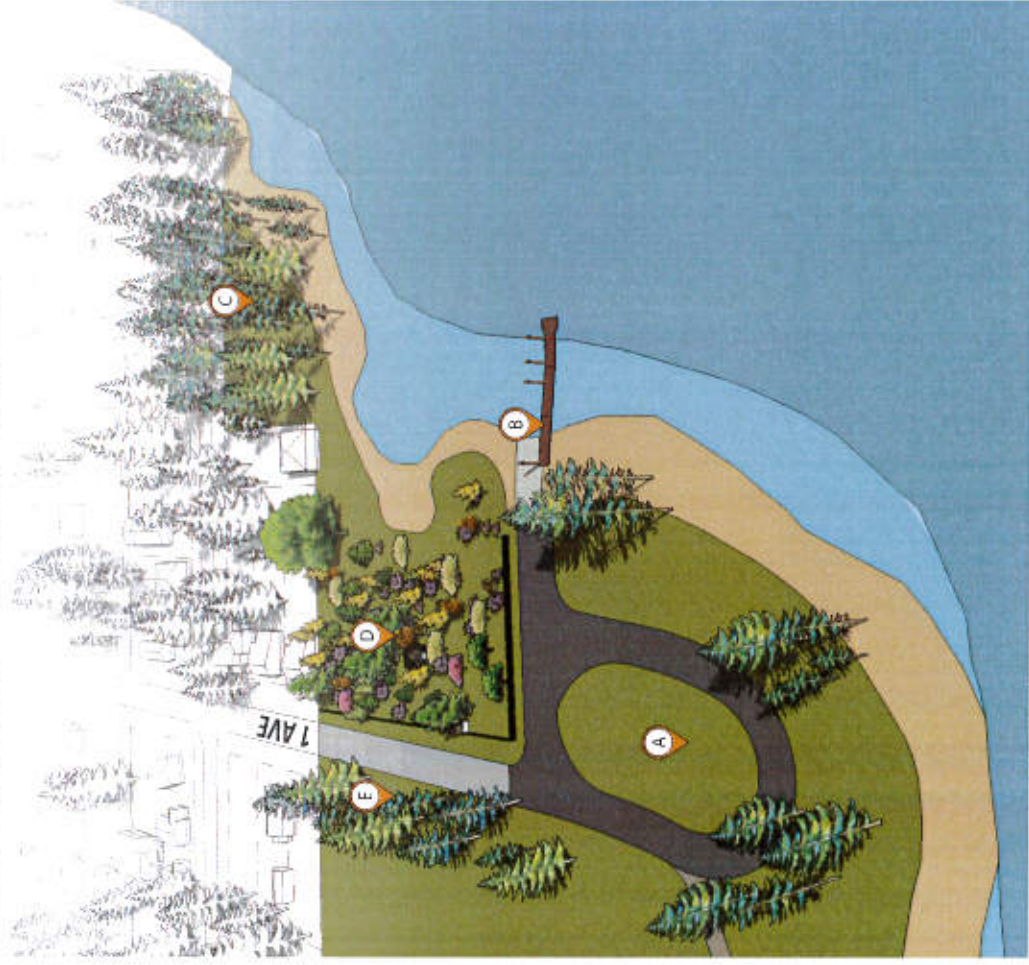
04 PARK INFRASTRUCTURE + OPEN SPACE ANALYSIS



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 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 | 2024-2025

CAMPGROUND + KOHAN GARDEN



INVENTORY + ANALYSIS

Location	Analysis Notes	Recommendations / Opportunities
A	The 17 South shore campsites (sites 32 - 49) are very popular sites within the campground. There is currently one water tap in the center and no electricity. There is also a field designated for group camping. The Northern campsites (sites 1-31) are larger and tend to be more private and quiet. The South shore campsites tend to be louder and less private which is in conflict with the adjacent Kohan Reflection Garden. The sites are not properly sized for larger camper trailers or RV's. The sites are defined by metal pipes. There is no "Reserved" signage system and you can access the sites without visiting the attendant at the Northern campsites. The closest sanitary facilities are found in the center of the public park.	- Redesign campsites 32 - 49 to be of a higher quality standard with power, water, and nearby washroom facilities, or - Remove and relocate sites 32 - 49 to a more appropriate location. Focus design improvements in the South shore area to make it more accessible and user-friendly for all the park users.
B	The current width of the boat launch ramp (4.6m, 15') has been noted as too narrow for the amount of use it receives. The concrete ramp has a crack through the middle. The concrete foundation of the dock is slowly being eroded by high water levels.	- Consideration and fiscal planning for medium to long-term expansion and improvements to boat launch. - The current agreement for the boat launch prohibits charging a fee using the boat.
C	The current Rose Path was created to connect New Denver's hospital with Centennial Park. It connects to the South-East corner of the Kohan Garden. Currently the trail is unpaved and accessibility is limited.	- Upgrade the Rose Path to an appropriate accessible trail standards (Gravel or Paved). - Explore potential connectivity opportunities to link a future New Denver Silverton shoreline trail with Centennial Park via this pathway alignment.
D	Kohan Reflection Garden (est. 1984) honours the Japanese Canadians relocated to the BC Interior in 1942. The purpose of the garden is to provide some quiet space for reflection. Children that come to play in the garden pose a risk to fragile plants and the pond liners, and can disturb the peace and quiet of the serene lakeside grounds. The Kohan Garden does not have a clearly defined border between public and residential grounds.	- Create an attractive green play space elsewhere in the park, easily accessible from the campsites. - Better define the boundaries of the Reflection Garden. - Signage improvements to protect sensitive vegetation within the Kohan Garden.
E	Daytime and overnight (trailer) parking for boat owners and campers is insufficient within the boat launch area. The Village assigned a small boat trailer parking for local's only, but enforcement is difficult. The Village seasonally opens a marked section of the park for overflow parking.	- Design defined overnight trailer parking area that can accommodate local and visitor needs. Opportunity to generate revenue for overnight boat/trailer parking. - Ensure adequate flex space nearby for overflow parking on busy days. Or - Relocate the boat launch and design the appropriate facilities



OPEN SPACE + RECREATION AREA



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PARK INFRASTRUCTURE + OPEN SPACE ANALYSIS

INVENTORY + ANALYSIS

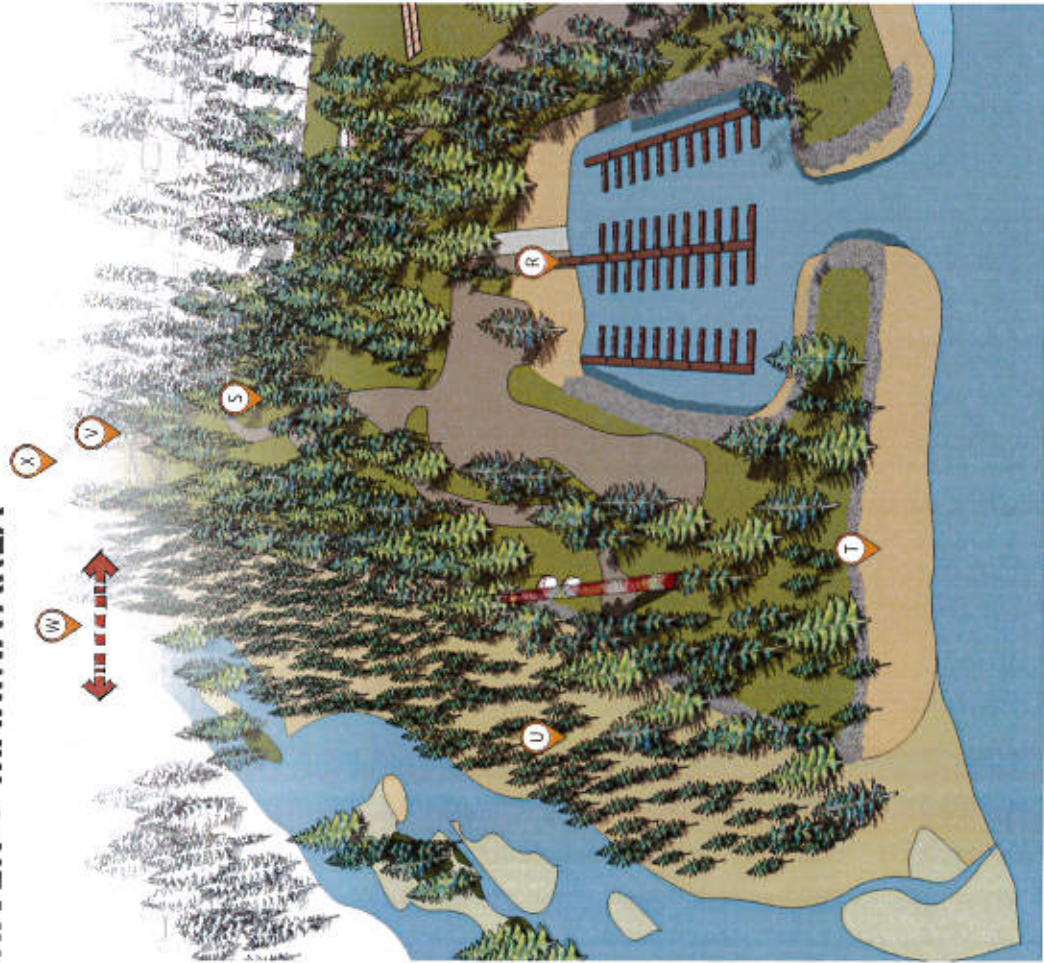
Location	Analysis Notes	Recommendations / Opportunities
	The current sports / recreation fields receive minimal use. The bleachers, bocce courts, basketball nets receive infrequent use. With funding, the baseball diamond was converted from fast pitch to slow pitch in 2019. The condition of the diamond is declining due to minimal usage and weedy vegetation. Junior Soccer is typically played at the Lucerne School. The open fields are well utilized for Garlic Fest and May Days. Informal bike jumps have appeared over the past years indicating a strong desire for a bike skills course or pump track in the area.	- Consider the long-term demand for recreation amenities with low use and high maintenance costs. - Consider removal of bocce courts due to low use and high maintenance requirements. - Develop options for a flexible field open space area(s) that can continue to accommodate large events and sport / recreation use. - Explore options for the location of a bike skills park and / or pump track.
	The log building housing the restrooms and showers was constructed in 1977 from a log boom that escaped Rosebery and washed ashore in New Denver. The most recent improvements include the 2014 (interior) and 2015 (expansion). The interior is in good condition. There are minor exterior drainage issues and the building has some minor structural issues. The existing gazebo is in good condition and is a popular meeting spot.	- Explore options to re-use or convert the log building for other uses. - Explore medium term opportunities for a new multi-use building with showers and washrooms to serve the campground users. - Preserve the existing gazebo.
	The day use area is beach is frequently used by visitors, campers and residents from The Orchard. There is a swimming area, marked with buoys, and a floating dock. The beach consists of pebbles and rocks. Informal fire pits and driftwood benches are common on this beach. Several tree stumps require removal to improve maintenance and mowing. The current concrete table could meet accessibility standards with an extended concrete apron.	- Explore options for beach and access enhancements. - Explore opportunities for accessibility improvements to create an accessible day use node with accessible table, connections to park amenities, and potential for accessible deck.
	The beach volleyball court has historically seen higher use but at present receives medium to low use levels. The sand is considered too coarse or rough for pleasant and safe play. Hazard cottonwood trees in beach area.	- Upgrade the volleyball court and develop a plan for ongoing maintenance, or - Remove or move the volleyball court to another location to open up the beach area.
	The current wooden concession building has major structural issues and has become unsafe to use. This facility was used as a kitchen, for food vendors during festivals, and the annual Pancake Breakfast. The building currently has modern connections for electricity, water and a grey water system.	- Replacement of the building. - Combine the uses from this building with a potential new washroom building / concession / office to serve the campground, with enough capacity for food vendors at special events.

INVENTORY + ANALYSIS

Location	Analysis Notes	Recommendations / Opportunities
	The fire pit shelter was previously a merry-go-round. At present, the shelter is used by locals for children's birthday parties. This shelter and the gazebo can be rented from the Village for private use or commercial purposes.	Retain and improve the shelter or explore opportunities for an open air shelter with or without firepit.
	The current playground is well-used and has recently installed play structures. There are some older pieces of equipment that are nearing the end of their lifecycle and no longer meet Provincial play standards. The log play house is in good condition and provides high play value, however, it presents challenges for public health and safety, maintenance, and CPED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design).	- Explore strategic improvements to playground facilities. - Consider opportunities to open up the walls of the playhouse and consider it's inclusion as a part of a natural playground area.
	A percentage of the 31 northern campsites currently have power and water, and the Village has explored the potential of providing all northern sites with power and water. This area is considered more family friendly and quiet due to the vegetation, size of sites, proximity to washrooms/showers, and proximity of the campground attendant on site. There is adequate parking available for the park and north campground users. Some landscape maintenance and stump removal could be considered. There is currently a proposal from two residents to replace up to 20 sites with tiny homes.	- Develop design options to improve and optimize the campgrounds to create a desirable camping area that is viewed positively by locals and visitors. - Explore opportunities to provide power and water to more sites in the northern campground area. - Village of New Denver to advise regarding how to incorporate tiny home development proposal into Park Master Plan.
	The northern entrance to the park and campground off 3 rd Ave has a concrete washroom with showers, and accessible washroom, and sanitary dump station. The sanitary station is well used with a \$5 fee paid to the campground attendant. The village has expressed interest in investment in an automatic sani dump system to generate revenue.	Explore opportunities to automate the sanitary dump station and consider a mandatory fee and/or season pass system for locals and visitors.
	Current signage at North park/campground entry displays the park layout and some basic information, campsite rates. This signage creates some sense of arrival at the park/campground but is dated in appearance, graphics are peeling off, and is only legible when you are very close to the signage. There is currently no signage at the South entry.	- Improve entry signage at North and South access. - Explore opportunities to create excitement and a sense of arrival at park and campground. - Improve map and wayfinding information, guidelines, and seasonal information on signage.



RIVER + MARINA AREA



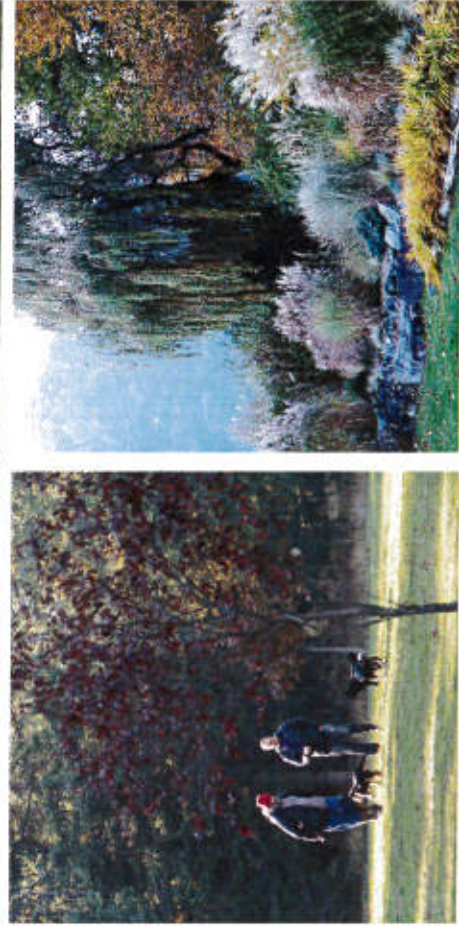
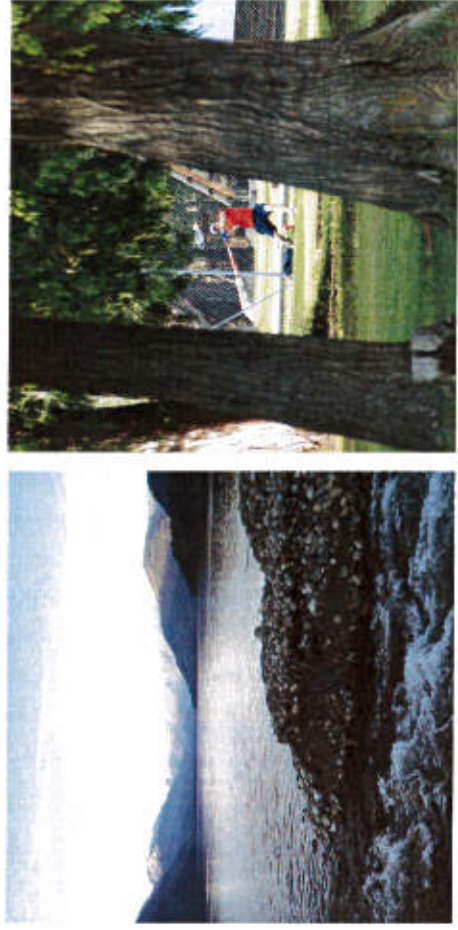
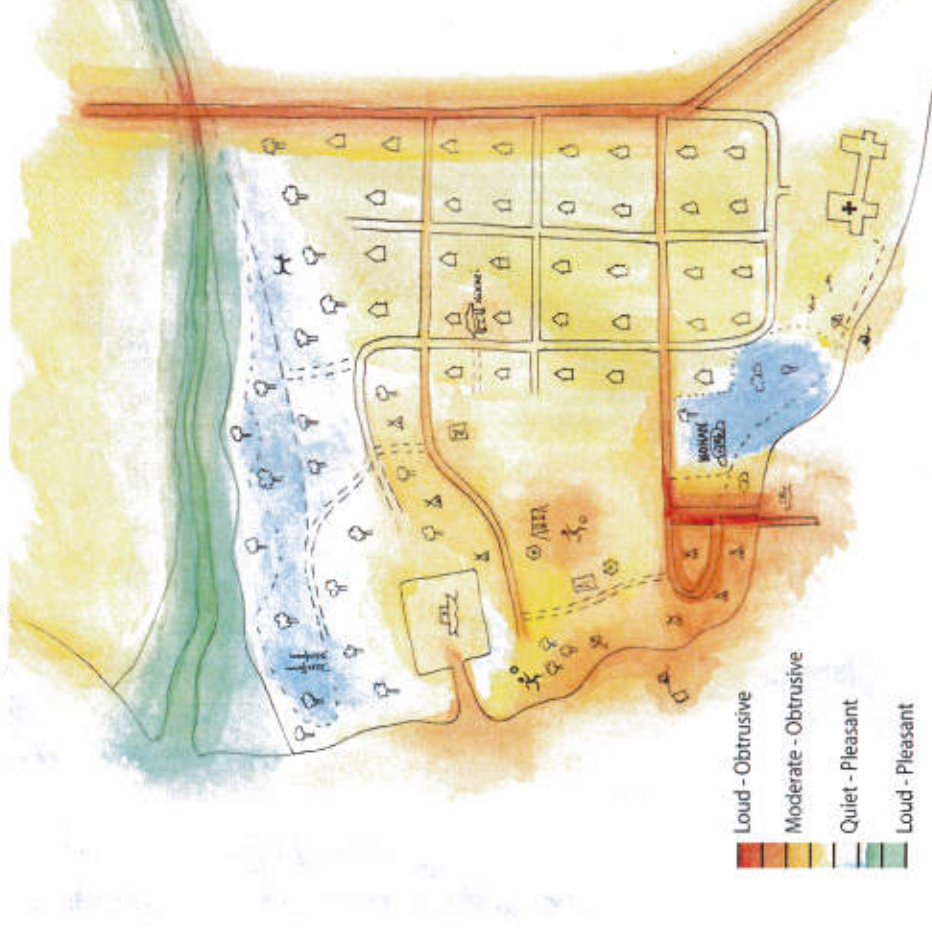
INVENTORY + ANALYSIS

Location	Analysis Notes	Recommendations / Opportunities
P	A deactivated alley connects the park with the Mikkei Centre Entrance. The Village has expressed interest in improving the pedestrian connection to the Mikkei Centre.	- Consider formalization of a public pathway providing access to the Mikkei Centre. - Opportunities for improved and appropriate wayfinding and interpretive information.
O	The open space in Centennial Park is considered an asset able to accommodate larger events such as the annual Garlic Festival which hosts up to 7,000 visitors! The East side of this open space borders the residential area (The Orchard). Residents from The Orchard have expressed interest in a vegetated buffer from the park.	- Secure a respectful vegetated buffer between the adjacent residents and the East edge of the park. - Preserve enough flexible open space to host large events and small sporting events.
R	Marina and Cell Tower	No changes anticipated.
S	Potential area for additional campsites if North campground is to be expanded. This is Provincial Crown land so further consultation is required prior to application for approvals to utilize this area of the park.	Requires consultation with Province, Marina, and Cell tower access.
T	The beach between the Marina and the creek mouth is popular amongst locals. On occasion informal camping occurs here.	Explore changes that promote respectful use of the beach without informal camping and fires that may negatively impact the area's environment and experience.
U	The flood zone North of the dyke currently has a walking trail and is a popular route for dog owners to take. This area is Provincial Crown land.	- Explore accessibility improvements to this area. - Improve knowledge of seasonal flood zone with fluctuating water levels - Use at Own Risk
V	The open field in the off-leash dog zone is a well-used area by dog owners. During the Garlic Fest this field is used as overflow parking. This area is currently being considered by the Village for the development of a hard-surfaced pumptrack and bike skills park. The Village will install a new waterline (winter 2021) at the edge of the field East to West.	- Incorporate design for pumptrack and skills park. - Create and sign a formal trail through this area. - Explore options for a formalized off-leash dog area while considering noise implications on surrounding residents.
W	The Village is currently consulting an engineer about the development of a pedestrian bridge at this location.	Incorporate pedestrian multi-use connectivity to this location when the bridge location is approved.
X	The park access from the highway is currently a concrete staircase and a steep informal dirt trail. The staircase gets slippery in wet and cold weather. This entrance is not accessible for those with mobility issues or strollers. The potential pedestrian bridge creates an important accessible community connection across Carpenter Creek.	Consider public safety and accessibility improvements.



SOUND MAP CENTENNIAL PARK

Park Sound Quality Map - Summer Season



The level of sound in a zone is impacted by its activities and location



05 PROJECT VISION + GUIDING PRINCIPLES



CENTENNIAL PARK VISION

Developing a common vision for the Centennial Park Master Plan Development Project is a critical initial step in the planning and design process. The agreed upon vision shapes the framework for decision making as the community develops over time. The vision statement projects long term, it does not necessarily describe what is found today.

CENTENNIAL PARK VISION

Centennial Park in New Denver is a welcoming, inspiring, and inclusive destination for residents, visitors, groups, and individuals of all ages and backgrounds. The park attracts and supports local and regional events that showcase the community of New Denver and Kootenay Mountain Culture. Centennial Park strikes an appropriate balance between active and passive recreation, history, art and culture, and a well-maintained municipal campground. The park represents a healthy and natural environment where people can come to enjoy outdoor activities, access to Slocan Lake, fresh air and tranquility.

CENTENNIAL PARK MASTER PLAN GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Guiding Principles represent touchstones for success over the life of the project. The established Guiding Principles for the Centennial Park Master Plan for New Denver include:

- Accessible
- Family friendly
- Distinctive placemaking elements
- Create a sense of identity and arrival
- Appeal to people of all ages and abilities
- Attract and retain new residents
- Capture and frame significant views
- Bear aware
- Embrace active lifestyles
- Environmentally responsible
- Connected locally and regionally
- Incorporate public art
- Wellness and sustainability
- Remove low use - high maintenance amenities
- Use by community year round

- Appeal to both residents and visitors
- Provide activities for local and visiting children and youth (young people)
- Attract locals to the park in all seasons by managing the layout of day-use and overnight facilities
- Promote the mental and physical health of local residents
- Update and improve campground facilities and layout
- Optimize expand campground revenue
- Secure sufficient open space and facilities for (Gaijin) Festivals and life performances
- Connect the Centennial Park with New Denver's Downtown area and the local trail network
- Improve accessibility of the park (elderly, wheelchairs, bikes, strollers)
- Provide an off-leash location for dog owners within or outside of the park
- Expand/improve the boat launch ramp and parking area
- Secure a quiet and peaceful atmosphere within the Kohan Garden
- Manage the impact of activities and noise in bordering residential areas



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06 PUBLIC + STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

Throughout the course of the Centennial Park Master Plan Project the Project Team undertook an extensive and inclusive approach to stakeholder and community engagement. Despite COVID-19 having a global impact in 2020-2021, the Project Team utilized a combination of interactive public and stakeholder engagement methods and approaches to inform the park design concepts. The public engagement process for the Centennial Park Master Plan Project included the following:



COUNCIL + STAKEHOLDER WALKING TOUR

- October - November 2020**
- Walking tour with Council and Stakeholders
 - Interviews with Public Works Staff



INVENTORY + ANALYSIS REVIEW

- November - December 2020**
- At desk site analysis and existing infrastructure review and evaluation
 - Inventory and analysis review with Steering Committee
 - Development of DRAFT Project Vision and Guiding Principles



YOUTH DESIGN CHARRETTE

- January - February 2021**
- Grades 2 - 7 Lucerne Elementary Secondary School
 - Interactive interview questions and sketching exercises



COMMUNITY SURVEY 1

- January - February 2021**
- 247 responses
 - 10 additional task related submissions
 - Online and hardcopy survey
 - Community input to inform the development of 2 design concepts



STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- March - April 2021**
- Review results of community survey
 - Review two distinct park concepts
 - Review materials for Community Outreach Sessions



COMMUNITY OUTREACH SESSIONS

- April 2021**
- 2 community outreach presentations
 - Presentation of 2 distinct Centennial Park Concepts
 - Recording of presentation available - 165 views



COMMUNITY SURVEY 2

- April - May 2021**
- 230 responses
 - Online and hardcopy survey
 - Feedback recording of presentation with 165 views
 - Community input to inform the Preferred Concept



STEERING COMMITTEE SITE WALK

- June - July 2021**
- Presentation of "What we Heard Report" on previous community surveys and outreach activities
 - Revelation of DRAFT Preferred Centennial Park Concept
 - Ground touring and further refinement



07 CENTENNIAL PARK COMMUNITY SURVEY 1

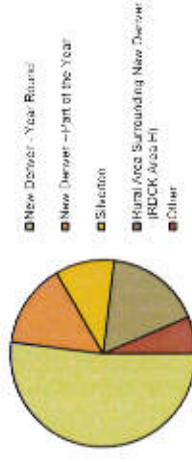
WHAT WE HEARD SUMMARY

The Village of New Denver, supported by a collaborative multidisciplinary consulting team, is undertaking a comprehensive process to develop a new Master Plan for Centennial Park.

In the fall of 2020 the Project team undertook an extensive site analysis of the park with Village Staff and the Steering Committee. Public input was then gathered through an online community survey in early 2021 and we received 242 responses! In addition to the Community Survey, we also received 10 park related submissions from residents and stakeholder groups providing input. As the future of Centennial Park truly relates to the youth in the Community, we also connected with the Lucerne Public School (Grades 2-7) for a design charrette. Thanks to everyone who provided input! The information collected has contributed directly to the development of two distinct Centennial Park Concepts. Note: Verbatim responses for the surveys are available upon request to the Village Office.

WHO TOOK THE SURVEY?

Responses: Out of the 242 survey responses, more than 50% were year-round residents of New Denver. Most other participants live in New Denver for a part of the year or reside in the area. 6% of survey respondents do not live within RDCK Area H.



Demographics: The age groups that provided input are primarily between 35-45 years old and 65+, each making up for 25% of the total. About 20% were younger than 24. Through the Community Survey, Youth Design Charrette, and collected letters, we have received excellent input from a broad range of user groups and all age demographics.

Park Usage: Over 50% of survey respondents visit the park daily or several times per week in the summer. During winter people visit less frequently. There is an opportunity to extend off season (Fall/Winter/Early Spring) use in Centennial Park.



WHICH POTENTIAL PARK AMENITIES RECEIVED THE MOST SUPPORT?

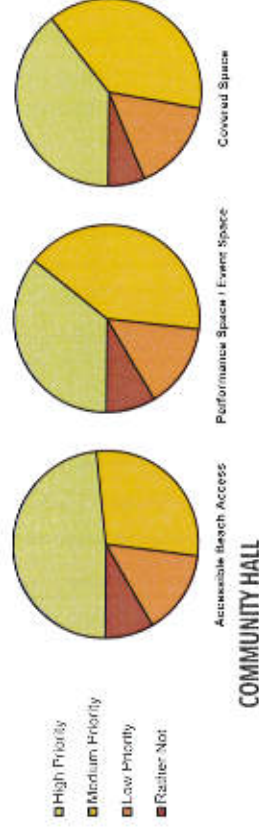
Accessibility in Park: 77% of respondents rated accessible beach access as a high or medium priority. Improved accessibility for pedestrian pathways, play features, and seating also received a high level of positive response.

Public Washrooms + Showers: The public washrooms and showers were considered a high or medium priority by most people (76% total). Input also indicated a desire for year-round access to public washrooms.

Performance Space / Event Space: There was strong support for the development of a performance space (74%) rated it a high priority. 9% of respondents indicated non-support.

Covered Space: 75% of respondents value a covered space within the park, rating the development of a covered structure as a medium to high priority.

Concession: There is moderate support for the development of a new concession building. 53% of respondents rated it a medium or high priority and 15% would rather not have concession building in the park.



COMMUNITY HALL

Would you be supportive of a new community hall being located in Centennial Park?

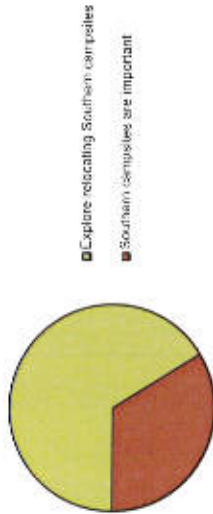


CENTENNIAL PARK - WHAT WE HEARD

CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

The New Denver Centennial Campground is a key consideration within the development of the overall Master Plan and Conceptual Design Development. We gathered feedback to inform decision making relating to the campground layout, size of sites, and campground amenities. The consulting team worked closely with the Village to strike the right balance between optimizing the campground for revenue generation while creating a park setting that meets the needs of both residents and visitors. The following represents key feedback gathered:

Southern Campsites (Sites 32 - 49): The southern campsites are in important consideration within the Master Plan. They tend to be the most popular campsites due to the proximity to the lake and views, however, the campsites are tightly spaced, they are located far from the campground operator, and many respondents felt that they take over much of the usable waterfront park space. Two thirds (67%) of respondents noted an interest in exploring relocating the southern campsites to another area of the park.



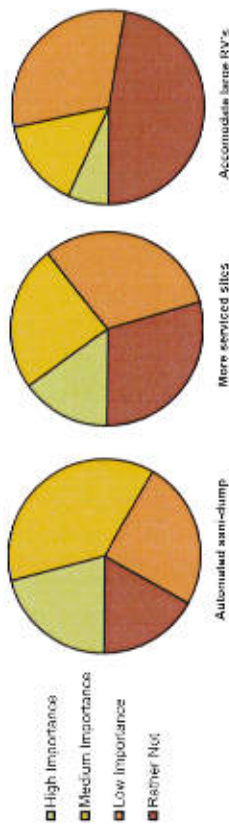
More Serviced Sites: Many of the survey respondents noted a disapproval of generators noting they are noisy and take away from the natural setting and peacefulness of the park. Keeping the park quiet, peaceful, and natural were re-occurring themes in what people desire for the park.



Automated Paid Sani-Station: More than half of the respondents gave an improved or automated sani-dump facility a high to medium priority as it is recognized as both a community asset and revenue generating amenity.



Accommodate large RV's: The majority of respondents are not supportive of accommodating large RV's. 47% would rather not accommodate them, and another 31% give it low importance.



IDENTIFIED TRENDS

Locals Boat Washing
Natural Pedestrian Bridge
 Sustainable Nature Play
 Outdoor Stage
 Community Trees Simple Events Disc Golf
 Walkways Quiet
Too busy Skills Park
 Open Green Zone Shrubs
Accessible Beach
 Families Green
 Accessible Bathrooms
 Shade



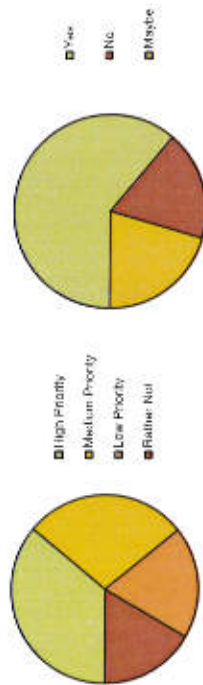
CENTENNIAL PARK - WHAT WE HEARD

ACTIVE RECREATION AND PLAY

There is a strong interest in providing a variety of park amenities for youth within the community and visitors. By providing a diversity of amenities that encourage active play, creative play, nature play, Centennial Park can be both a community asset and a tourism draw for families.

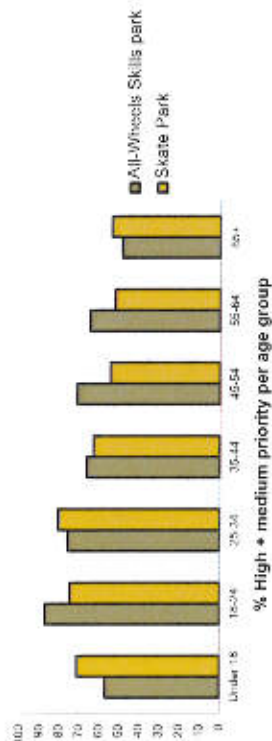
ALL-WHEELS SKILLS PARK

The all-wheels skills park (Bikes, Skateboards, Scooters, Adaptive Mountain Bikes, etc.) received a high level of support. On average 64% respondents rated the all-wheels skills park a high to medium priority. 17% would rather not have these elements in the park. The majority of respondents support the proposed location to be South of Carpenter Creek.



1. Support Bike + Skate

2. Location South of Carpenter Creek



% High + medium priority per age group

WHICH SPORT AND PLAY ELEMENTS RECEIVED SUPPORT?



Nature Play and Shade: Approximately 80% of respondents gave nature play and shaded play a high or medium priority, of which more than half give it a high priority.



Floating Dock: 70% of respondents were in favour of a second floating dock.



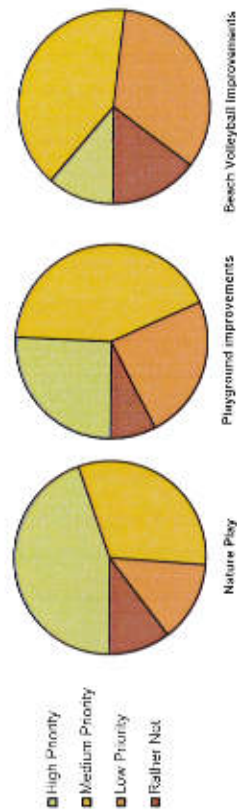
Disc Golf: Although not offered as an option in the survey, strong interest was expressed for the development of a type of disc golf course or practice basket(s) within survey feedback.



Playground improvements: The swings, slide and climbing structure received most support and there is some desire to provide separate play features for younger and older children. The Youth Design Charrette at the Lucerne School by 2-7 graders indicates a desire for a zipline in the park and a slide into the water from a floating dock were popular items.



Active recreation within the Park: Active recreation was a topic within the survey. The most feedback received regarding active recreation included beach volleyball improvements with just over half giving it a medium or high priority.



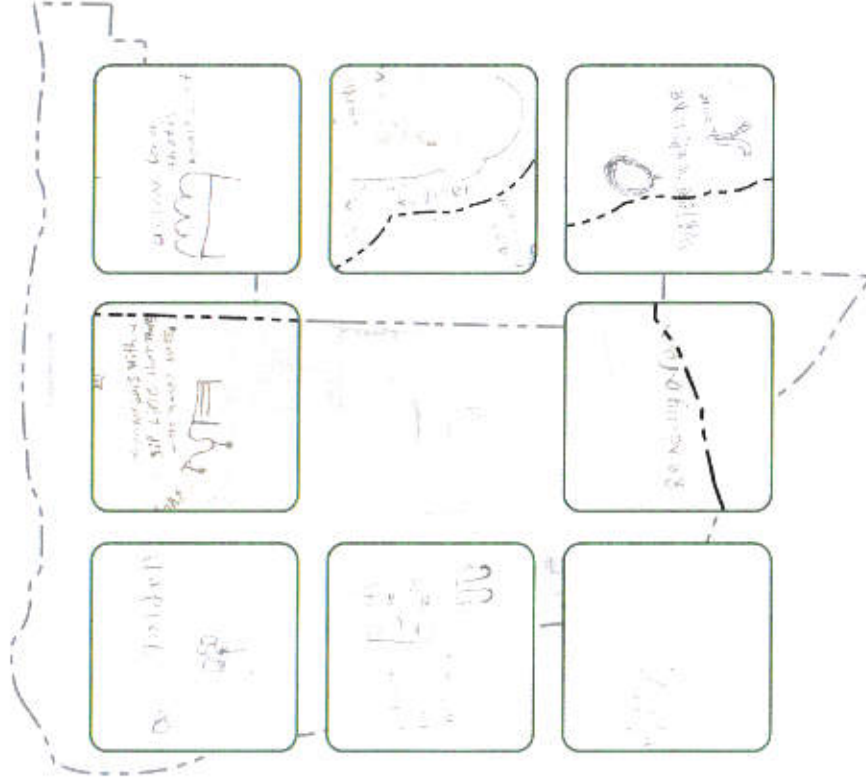
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CENTENNIAL PARK YOUTH DESIGN CHARRETTE

LUCERNE SCHOOL CHARRETTE GRADES 2-3



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08 CENTENNIAL PARK PRELIMINARY CONCEPT 1: ACTIVE CONCEPT

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SESSIONS

The Project Team developed two distinct park concept designs that were presented at multiple Community Outreach Sessions in April, 2021. Following the Community Outreach Sessions a second Community Survey was made available online and in hardcopy format to gather further feedback and data regarding the two park concept designs.

DESIGN OBJECTIVES + PRECEDENT IMAGES

- Keep existing ball diamond
- Create an active recreation hub (basketball, volleyball, bocce, horseshoe pits)
- Create a cohesive campground with lakefront campsites - explore relocating south campsites
- Incorporate a Community Hall
- Expand swimming area
- 9 Hole Disc Golf (short or putting course)
- Nature playground
- Preserve existing mature trees (remove hazard)
- Improved pedestrian trails and connections
- Create a designated fenced off-leash dog area



All-Wheels Skills Park



Community Hall Example with Indoor/Outdoor Space (Radium Hot Springs)



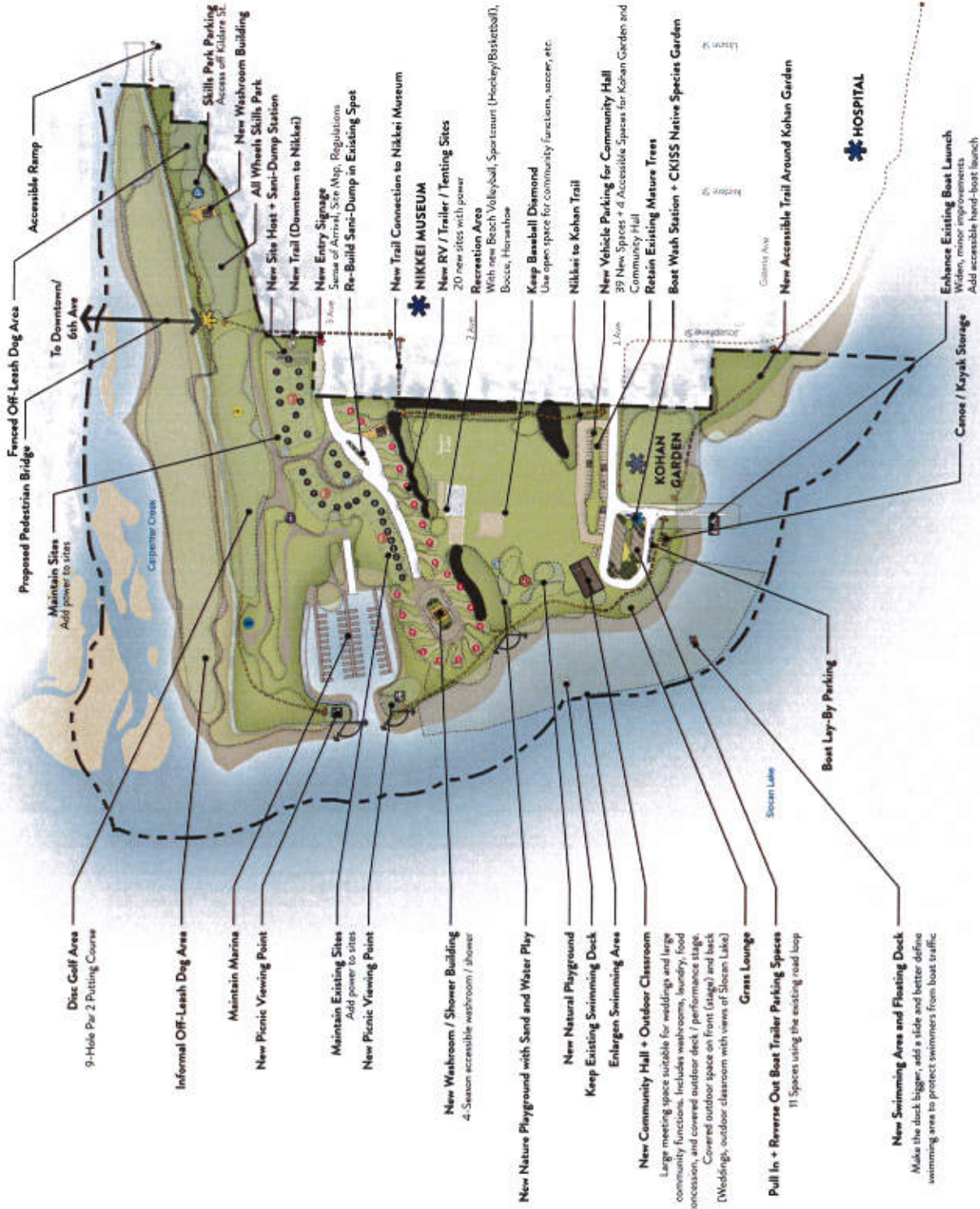
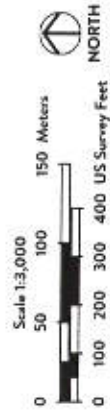
Zipline Adventure Playground Adjacent to All-Wheels Skills Park



Fenced Off-Leash Dog Area



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09 CENTENNIAL PARK PRELIMINARY CONCEPT 2: PASSIVE CONCEPT

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SESSIONS

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DESIGN OBJECTIVES + PRECEDENT IMAGES

- Provide covered stage and performance area
- Create a community firepit area
- Create a accessible beach platform
- Accommodate large and intimate events (Garlic Fest, May Days, Small Performances)
- Incorporate opportunities for public art
- Remove the existing baseball diamond
- Expand swimming area
- Create an adventure playground
- Preserve existing mature trees (remove hazard)
- Improved pedestrian trails and connections
- Provide walk-in campsites



Natural / Adventure Play



Covered Stage Concept - Centennial Park (Concept by LARCH, Selkirk, Hekkenburg)



Public Art Example - Village of Slocan Koot Sculpture



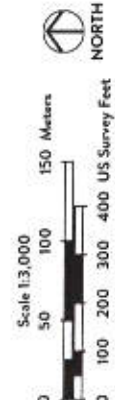
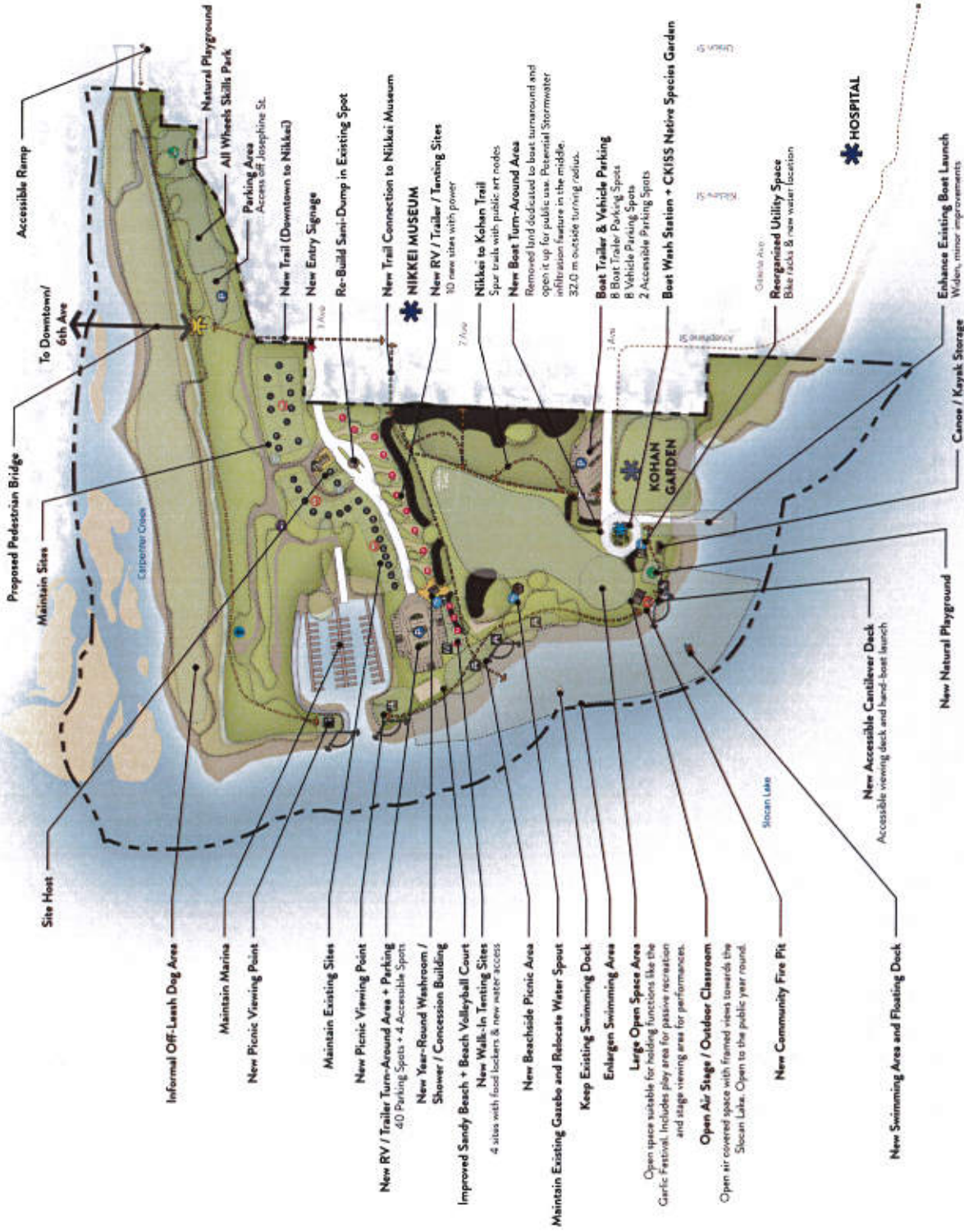
Accessible Beach Access Ramp



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10 CENTENNIAL PARK COMMUNITY SURVEY 2

WHAT WE HEARD SUMMARY

The following represents a summary of findings for the round 2 of community engagement for the Centennial Park Master Plan. The second round of community engagement included a presentation of two distinct park concepts through two well attended online community outreach presentations.

April 15th and 18th, 2021 and an online survey running from April 20th - May 4th, 2021 which received 230 responses! A recording of the April 15th community engagement session was also made available online through the Village website and currently has 165 views.



CAMPGROUND LAYOUT AND CONFIGURATION

Southern Campsites: Significant community support was shown in response to the proposition to relocate the southern campsites and consolidate the campground while improving the community park and beach frontage areas.

Concept 1 vs Concept 2: Both campground concepts received high levels of community and stakeholder support, with the majority of respondents giving a high or medium priority.

Lakefront Camping: 55% of respondents would rather not see lakeside camping developed although it is recognized as a revenue generator for the Village. There is high support for walk-in tent campsites.

Themes from input collected:



Support for

- Relocating southern campsites and facilities
- Consolidating and optimizing campground
- Walk in / Bike-in campsites
- Year-round washrooms
- More powered sites to reduce generator use
- Host moved to campground entry
- Lakefront camping for revenue generation



Non support for

- San dump adjacent to residential border
- Removing Cottonwood grove
- Parking on Southern tip
- Parking in front of tent sites
- PV's on lake front



CAMPGROUND CONCEPT 1 CAMPGROUND CONCEPT 2 LAKE FRONT CAMPSITES CONCEPT 1 WALK-IN TENT SITES CONCEPT 2

ALL WHEELS SKILLS PARK (AWSP)

Primary takeaway: The majority of the community is in support of an all wheels skills park in town and recognizes the need to provide more amenities for New Denver's youth.



Location: In Survey 1 - 60% of the respondents were supportive of the AWSP location at the proposed area South of Carpenter Creek. Another 20% answered with maybe. After the two design concepts were published, there was much discussion regarding the location. The community has questioned if there could be another location available to maintain the dog off-leash green zone along the dyke of Carpenter Creek.

Parking and washrooms at AWSP: In the open answers, respondents were less supportive of washrooms and parking on the green zone next to the proposed AWSP.

Themes from input collected:



- Listen to the voice of New Denver's youth
- Provide more activities for the youth
- Good location close to town and park
- Provide activities outside of the school zone
- Physical development for mind and body
- Provides a reason for people to stay and
- Come to New Denver (economic benefit)
- Don't fear change
- Provides a good shoulder season activity
- Rails, grinds, jumps, gaps, bowls and a pump track



- Parking on green area next to AWSP
- Washrooms on green area next to AWSP
- Loosing public open space along Carpenter Creek
- Loosing open off-leash dog area zone
- Concerns about noise for residents
- Concerns about increased traffic
- Pavement in the park



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CENTENNIAL PARK - WHAT WE HEARD SURVEY 2



OFF LEASH DOG AREA

Fenced off-leash dog park: Respondents were evenly spread between "rather not" and "high priority" in regards to the fenced off-leash dog area as proposed in Concept 1. Concerns were raised in the open answers about the small size, the location, and a dislike for fencing or added structures in green zones.

AWSP & off-leash dog area: Having an all-wheels skills park next to a formal off-leash dog (fenced) area raised safety concerns.

Themes from input collected:

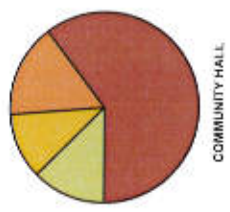
- A new informal off-leash North of the Camp-ground.
- Find another off-leash dog area in town.
- Having the AWSP replace the peaceful off-leash dog area + dog training zone.
- Having an all-wheels skills park next to a formal off-leash dog (fenced) area.
- Dog facilities while there is so much green space around town.

COMMUNITY HALL



The majority of respondents did not support a community hall built within Centennial Park. In the second survey, responses indicated 61% rather not, 16% gave it a low priority, 11% a medium priority and 12% a high priority. Responses indicated wanting to keep formal buildings to a minimum within the park. A summary of themes from the input collected in the open answers include:

- Less structures in the park
- Keep the park green
- Too much parking space required and too much traffic
- Invest in the Bosun hall (existing downtown location).
- Downtown is a better location for a Community Hall



PLAYGROUNDS

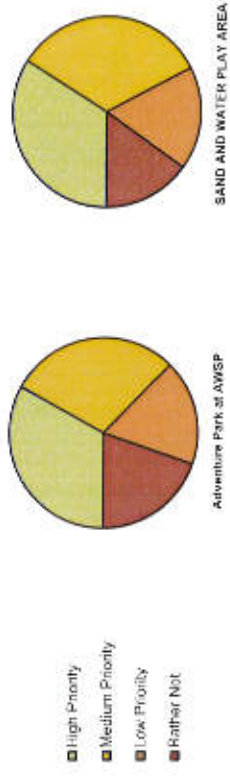
Adventure park at All Wheels Skills Park: 62% of the survey respondents gave an adventure park next to the AWSP a high or medium priority. Additionally, in the open answers importance is being expressed for keeping a playground in the park center. Feedback received also suggests a desire for a zipline.

Splash park: Consistent with what we heard in the first survey, a minority of 34% supports this feature. The most common reasons for not supporting a splash pad are the lake already offers natural water play, a splash pad is in conflict with the town's water restrictions and sustainability goals, the investment and maintenance costs. People in support of the splash park mention it is a great family / child activity.

Youth sand and water play area: 67% of the respondents give sand and water play a medium or high priority.

- More slides (voice of the youth)
- Zipline (voice of the youth)
- Water park / play (voice of the youth)
- More play facilities for different ages
- Improved swings
- Play structures, not only nature play
- Log cabin play house is well-used
- Turn the park into a playground
- Zipline is unnecessary / unsuitable
- Plastic play equipment

Design Implications: Expand Centennial Park's play facilities and gear towards different age groups. Create an adventure park next to the AWSP, a sand and water play area on the lake front and keep a playground in the center of the park.



CENTENNIAL PARK - WHAT WE HEARD SURVEY 2

SPORTS

Between the two design concepts the design team integrated a minimum of 6 different sports/activities.

Beach Volleyball: 66% support when high and medium priority are combined, this is the best supported sport with the smallest percentage of people that would rather not have it (5%).

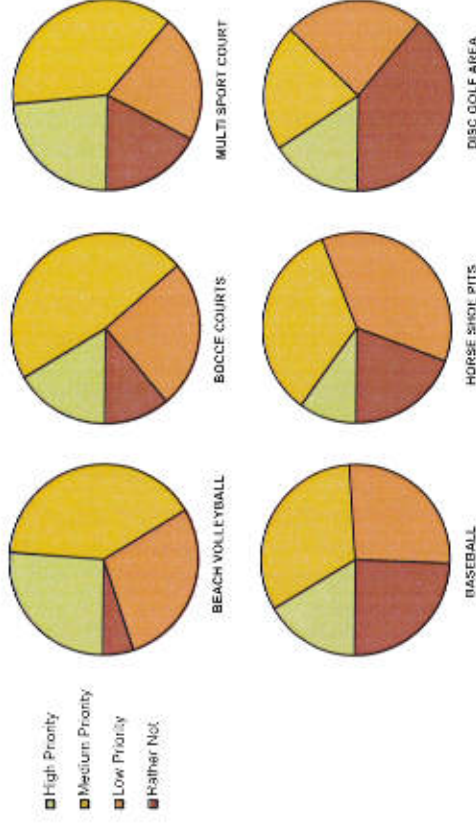
Baseball diamond: Baseball sees a fairly equal response in all degrees of support. Compared to the other sports in the survey, a high percentage (24%) would rather not have a baseball diamond.

Horse shoe pits: 44% supports horse shoe pits, giving it a medium or high importance.

Disc Golf area: A dedicated disc golf area as in the design concept sees little support in comparison to the other sports. 39% of the people would rather not have it here and another 24% gives disc golf a low priority. There was high support in the first survey.

A summary of themes from the input collected in the open answers include:

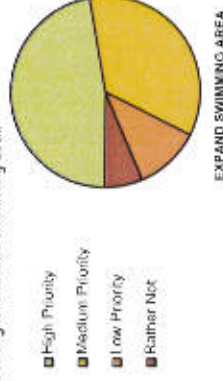
- Baseball: once it's gone it's gone
- Baseball: team sports/leagues historically important
- Disc Golf: affordable, inclusive, family
- Disc Golf: a tourist destination
- Bocce: preserve tradition
- Volleyball: youth plays + sand play kids
- Multi sport court: good for community
- Baseball: not used anymore
- Baseball: there are other diamonds close
- Baseball: use space differently
- Disc Golf: already is a park, improve it
- Disc Golf: conflict with other activities
- Soccer: keep big enough, school only?
- All: too crowded with all sports



SWIMMING AREA

There is strong support for expanding the swimming area, with 82% of the respondents giving it high or medium priority. Comments include keeping it separate from the boat launch and a need for enough space for kayak / canoe access to shore.

In Survey 1 support was strong for a second swimming dock.



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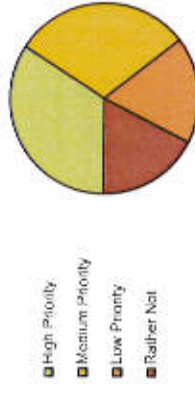
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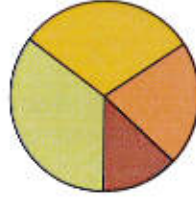
BOAT WASH, BOAT LAUNCH & TRAILER PARKING



Two distinct design concepts were presented for the boat wash and boat trailer parking area which were both well received. Concept 2 received a slightly higher approval rating and a smaller percentage answered with rather not (13% versus 18%). In the open answers, proponents of Concept 2 express that they wish to keep vehicles away from the lake front. The Stocan Lake Garden Society supports extra boat launch parking across from 1st ave to reduce parking elsewhere. People recognize that enough parking needs to be provided within the park to avoid parking in the Orchard neighbourhood. Other opinions included wanting to avoid creating more facilities for boat users in the hope to reduce and not increase boat traffic.



BOAT WASH & TRAILER PARKING CONCEPT 1



BOAT WASH & TRAILER PARKING CONCEPT 2

The Boat launch ramp received multiple comments relating to the need for upgrades. Respondents noted their experience with the existing boat launch being too narrow and short for safe boat launch practices. Other respondents would like to see it relocated due to noise levels during boat launching and proximity to the Kohan Reflection Garden.

COVERED KAYAK / CANOE STORAGE



Mixed responses in the open answers were collected in regards to the covered kayak / canoe storage. People mention maintenance costs and who it is intended for. 39% of respondents support covered hand boat storage and recognize the need to minimize boats scattered across the beach taking up valuable real estate.

STAGE & LAKE FRONT COMMUNITY AREA



Community Stage / Shelter: Strong support for the community stage design as presented in Concept 2. 43% of respondents give it a high priority and another 30% gives it a medium priority. 13% would rather not have it.

A summary of themes from the input collected in the open answers include:

- Great community hub
- Hearing music in the park
- Make versatile and also for theatre
- Yes, but look at snow load compatibility
- Yes, but locate away from lake front
- Use gazebo instead, no investment
- Traveling sound could be an issue
- No need for this size of stage



Accessible Beach Platform / Ramp: With 65% support, the majority of respondents support the proposed accessible platform and beach access shown in Concept 2. In the open answers questions were raised about the investment and maintenance costs, high waters, and safety. Not everyone is supportive of structures on the natural shore line.

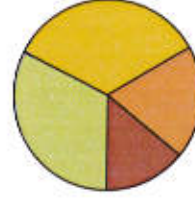
People also express how an accessible ramp into the water will benefit the community.



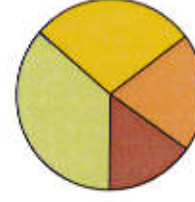
Community Firepit: 66% of respondents give the community firepit as presented in front of the stage a high or medium priority. In the open answers people do show concern for it to turn into a party location, the windy nature of the location and the risk of wildfires which will reduce the amount of use.



COMMUNITY STAGE / SHELTER



COMMUNITY STAGE / SHELTER



ACCESSIBLE BEACH PLATFORM



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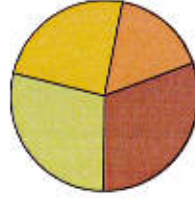


OUTDOOR CLASSROOM / SHELTER

Although 50% of the respondents supported the outdoor classroom / shelter as presented in Concept 2, a fairly large percentage (31%) would rather not have this structure in the park. Overall we can conclude that there is more support for the stage which has overlapping functionality.

A summary of themes from the input collected in the open answers include:

- Stage Can be a great picnic shelter
- Stage Can be used for weddings / stage
- Benefits all ages any time of the day and year
- Only if classes / workshops are offered
- School already has an outdoor classroom
- No more structures in the park
- Use existing gazebo, no investment



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM / SHELTER



NATIVE DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

49% of respondents are supportive of a native demonstration garden.

A summary of themes from the input collected in the open answers include:

- Great to raise awareness of native plants
- Siscowit Lake Garden Society would like to see more (native) trees and shrubs planted throughout the park
- Not enough volunteers for maintenance or high maintenance cost
- We already have the Kohan Garden

CONCESSION BUILDING



56% of respondents support a concession building in the park. There is also interest shown for food truck facilities in the park. Comments during the Community Outreach Sessions included throwbacks to when there was a hot sidewalk side for the concession.

A summary of themes from the input collected in the open answers include:

- Important for May Days / Events
- Similar to Hot & Cold Booth
- Good for community take-out Summer
- Takes away from businesses in town
- Use present gazebo
- Use food stands / trucks

OVERSIZED STONE SEATING



55% of respondents support the design for oversized stone seating being used as artistic benches that relate to the unique stone beaches in New Denver.



ELECTRICAL VEHICLE PARKING STATION

35% of respondents support one or more electrical vehicle charging stations being located within the park.



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11 CENTENNIAL PARK: PREFERRED CONCEPT

PREFERRED CONCEPT

The Project Team presented multiple iterations of the DRAFT Preferred Concepts through June and July. A site meeting was held with Steering Committee members to walk the site, ground truth the park design, and discuss final refinements.

DESIGN OBJECTIVES + PRECEDENT IMAGES

- Synthesize information collected through the stakeholder and community driven process into a comprehensive design strategy
- Consolidate and optimize campground
- Provide lakefront campsites and a group site to attract campers and provide an exceptional experience
- Provide covered stage and performance area
- Create a community firepit area that converts to a table
- Create an accessible beach platform and accessible beach access
- Accommodate large and intimate events
(Garlic Fest, May Days, Small Performances)
- Expand swimming area
- Preserve existing mature trees (remove hazard)
- Improve pedestrian trails and connectivity



All-Wheels Skills Park - Bikes, Skateboards, Scooters, Adaptive Mountain Bikes, etc.



Accessible Beach Platform



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Interactive Water Play



CENTENNIAL PARK PREFERRED CONCEPT - AXONOMETRIC VIEW



LEGEND

- Project Boundary
- 01** Future pedestrian bridge (location may be refined during Engineering)
- 02** Proposed All Wheels Skills Park + Playground
- 03** Future All Wheels Skills Park expansion
- 04** Existing private marina - no changes
- 05** Existing Municipal Campground sites to remain with improvements (Refer to cost estimate)
- 06** Proposed new campground signage kiosk at 3rd Ave entry
- 07** Proposed campground reconfiguration 51 Sites + Group Camp
- 08** Proposed concession + natural playground - gazebo to remain
- 09** Proposed multi-sport court + optimized boat/vehicle parking area
- 10** Proposed stage, accessible deck, water play area, community firepit, expanded swimming area + new floating swimming dock
- 11** Reconfigured turn around loop, proposed boat wash station, expanded boat launch ramp
- 12** Existing Kohan Reflection Garden - no changes



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CENTENNIAL PARK PREFERRED CONCEPT OVERALL PLAN VIEW

SLOUGH LAKE

CENTENNIAL PARK PREFERRED CONCEPT ALL WHEELS SKILLS PARK



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CENTENNIAL PARK PREFERRED CONCEPT NORTH PLAN VIEW

LEGEND

- 01 Future pedestrian bridge
- 02 Proposed All Wheels Skills Park (AWSPP):
Paved pump track
- 03 Proposed new garebo at AWSPP
- 04 Proposed dirt jump area(s)
- 05 Proposed Adventure Playground +
Zipline
- 06 Proposed All Wheels Skills Park future
expansion area
- 07 Existing open green space
- 08 Proposed 2 stall washroom
- 09 Proposed All Wheels Skills parking
14 stalls



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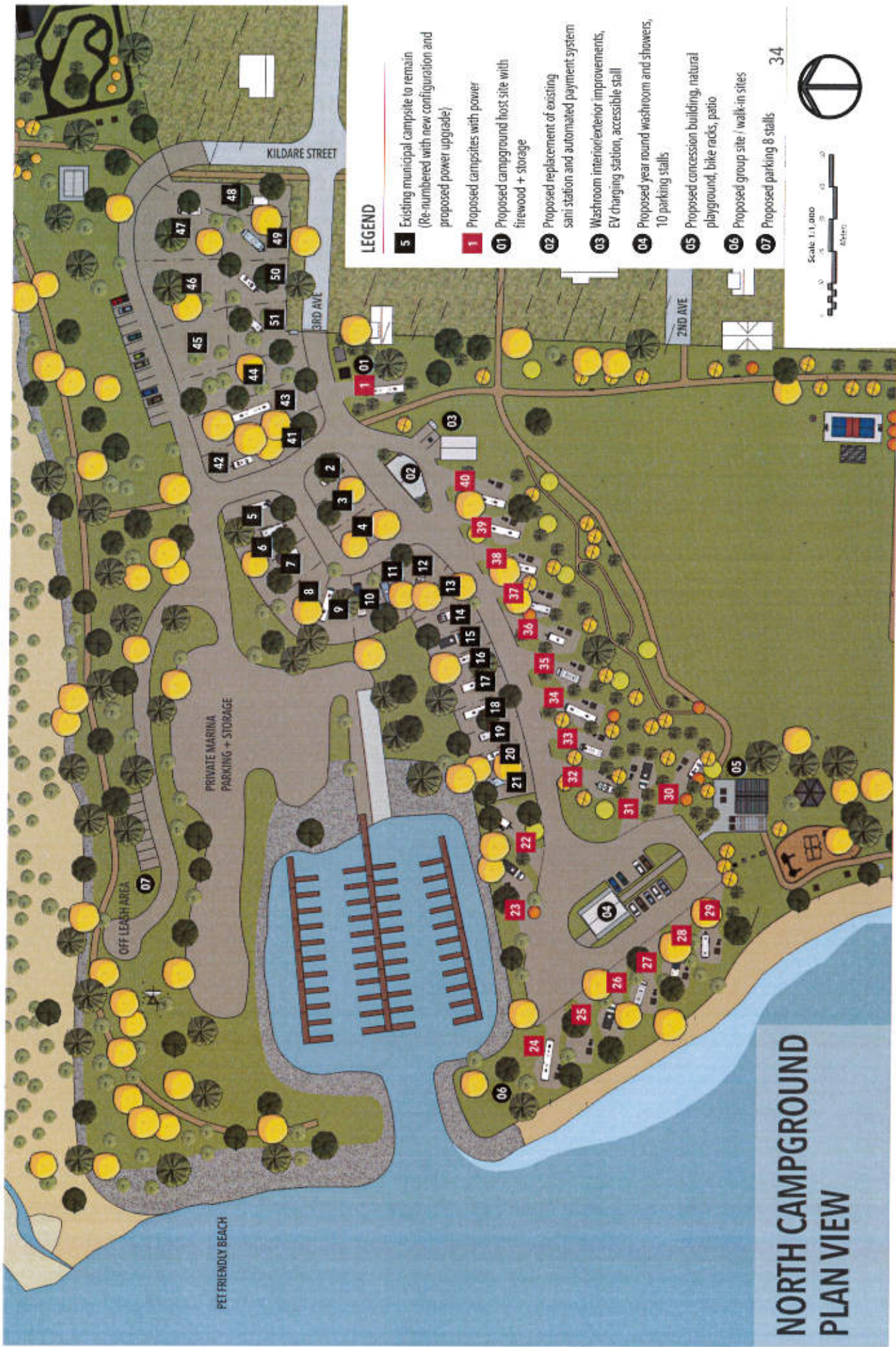


CENTENNIAL PARK PREFERRED CONCEPT CAMPGROUND RECONFIGURATION



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NORTH CAMPGROUND PLAN VIEW



CENTENNIAL PARK PREFERRED CONCEPT SOUTH PLAN VIEW

LEGEND

- 01 Proposed pedestrian trail upgrades and circulation improvements (winter XC ski loop), new park benches
- 02 Proposed progression trail with features
- 03 Proposed sport court + disc golf practice basket - relocate existing bleachers
- 04 Proposed formalized community park parking area with permeable surface paving, 8 boat trailer stalls, 30 vehicle stalls, 2 accessible stalls, food truck area
- 05 Proposed stage structure, accessible beach platform/access ramps, community firepit table top when firepit not in use
- 06 Proposed day use picnic sites (4), oversized stone seats (3)
- 07 Proposed water play area
- 08 Proposed day use park with 5 chaise lounge seats, picnic tables (3), proposed pedestrian trail with shoreline reinforcement and steps to beach, riparian enhancements
- 09 Proposed new community park 2 stall washroom adjacent to boat launch, proposed new signage kiosk, hand boat storage rack, new bike racks, lighting
- 10 Widening of existing boat launch ramp
- 11 Boat launch turn around loop shortened to optimize community park and stage, vehicle parking (6 stalls - 2 electric), new boat trailer parking (4 stalls)
- 12 New swim dock and slide



CENTENNIAL PARK ENTRY - 3RD AVE





CONCESSION + NATURAL PLAYGROUND
CONCEPT

CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT CONCEPT





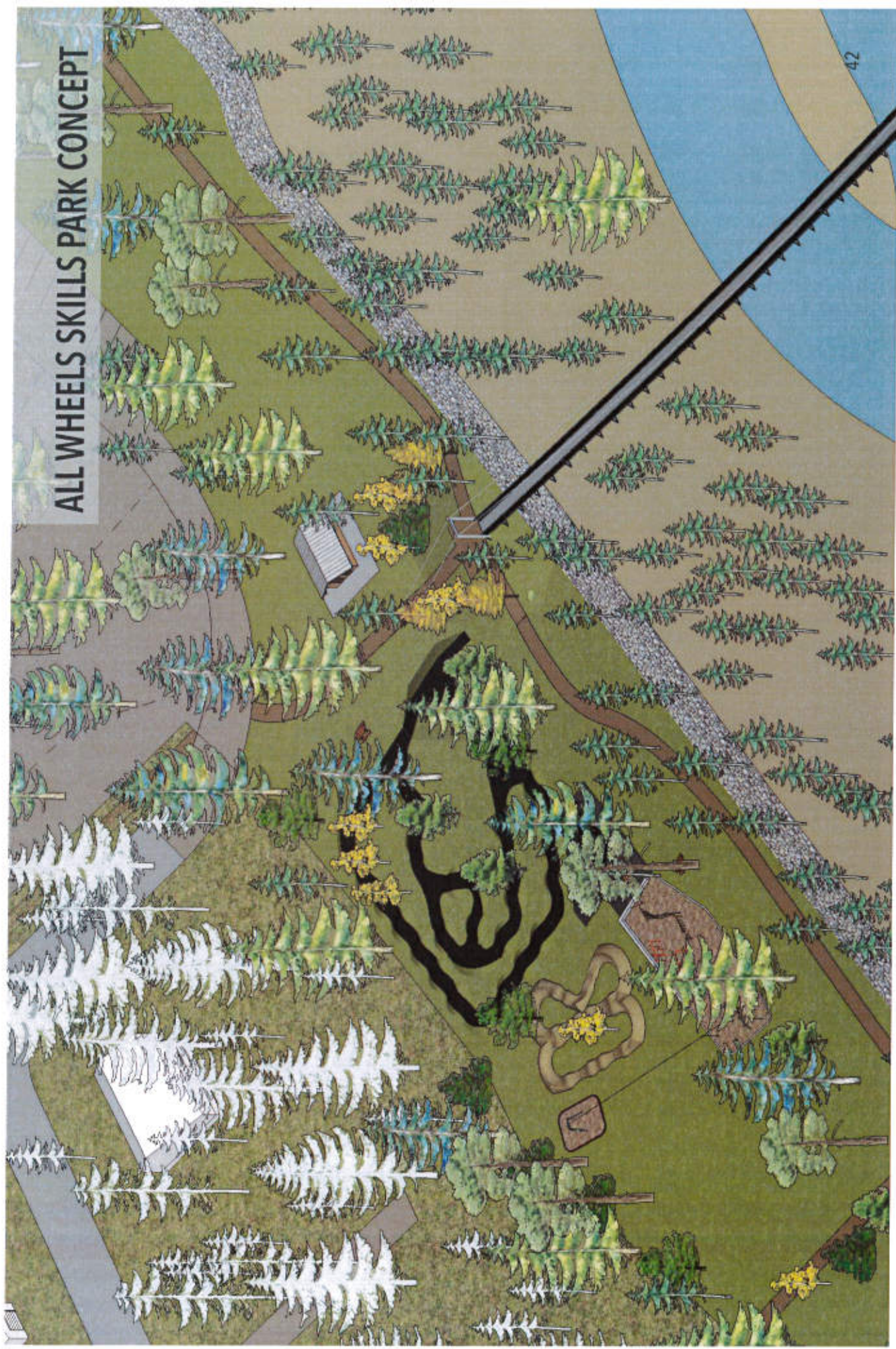
SOUTH COMMUNITY PARK CONCEPT



CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT CONCEPT 2



ALL WHEELS SKILLS PARK CONCEPT

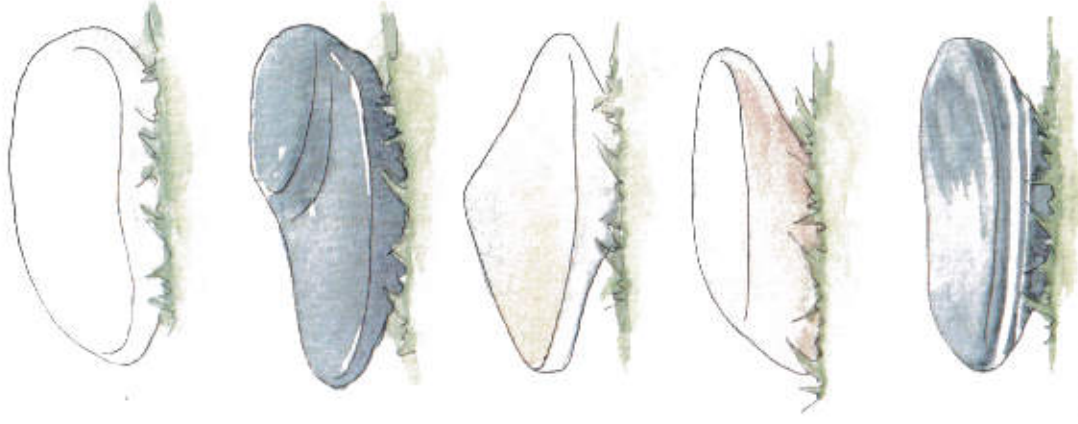


COMMUNITY WATERFRONT PARK CONCEPT





OVERSIZE STONE SEATING CONCEPT



12 PHASING + IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

PHASING + IMPLEMENTATION

The following table represents the proposed sequence and prioritization for the primary improvements within the New Denver Centennial Park Improvements Plan

NEW DENVER CENTENNIAL CAMPGROUND - PHASING + IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

NO.	SHORT TERM PRIORITIES - 1-3 YEARS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
1	Replace RV Sani-Station	High	Grant funding available for construction in fall 2021 or spring 2022
2	EV Charging Station	Med	Grant funding sought for construction in fall 2021 or spring 2022
3	All Wheels Skills Park and Washroom	High	Grant funding available for construction in fall 2021 or spring 2022
4	Beach Accessibility Improvements	High	Grant funding opportunities to be pursued in 2021 and 2022 for accessible ramps and decking
5	Expand Swimming Area and Install Second Swimming Dock with Slide	High / Med	Expand existing swimming boundary and construct new floating swimming dock with slide
6	Construct New Shower and Washroom Building - North	High	To occur prior to decommissioning existing shower building
7	Removal of Existing Baseball Diamond and Existing Bocce Courts	High	
8	Pedestrian Trail Improvements and Installation of Benches	High	Pedestrian trail improvements and installation of new benches in conjunction with other site improvements for connectivity. Opportunities for dedication benches.

NO.	MEDIUM TERM PRIORITIES - 3-5 YEARS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
9	Construct New Playground Building at All Wheels Skills Park	High / Med	Grant funding application during or after construction of All Wheels Skills Park
10	Decommission Existing Shower Building and Convert to Concession Building with Exterior Improvements and Pergola	Med	
11	New Bike Racks and Hand Boat Storage Racks	Med	Bike racks at All Wheels Skills Park and Concession



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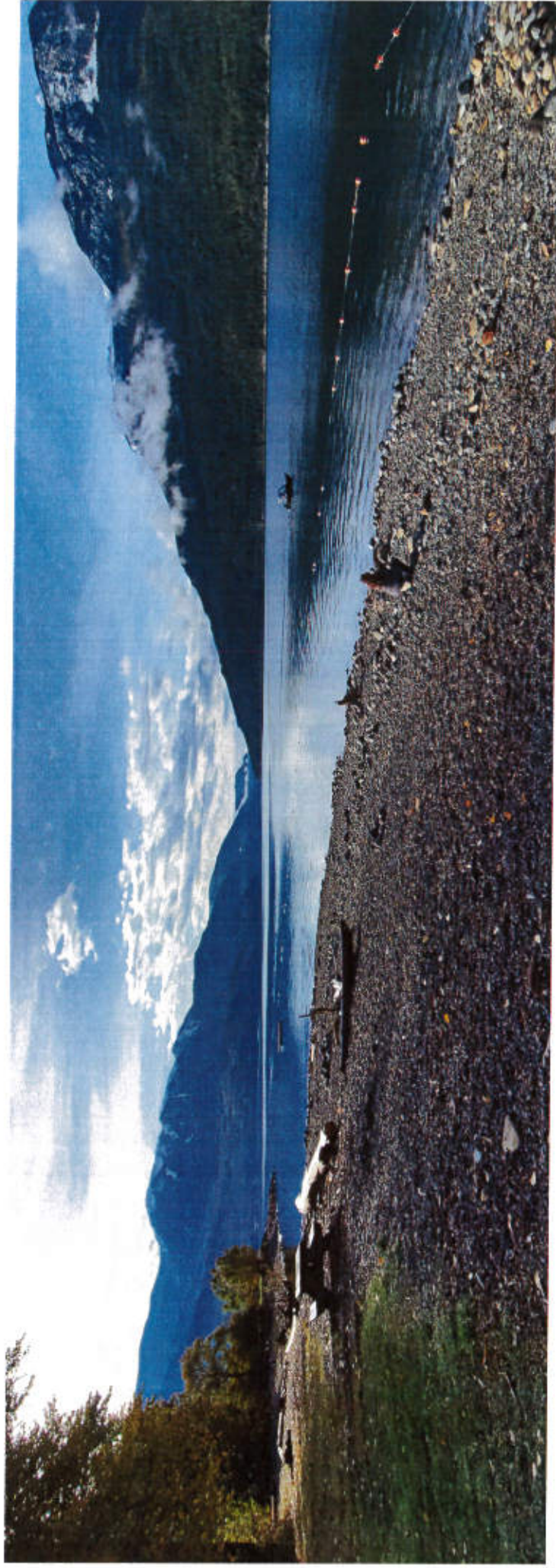
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PHASING + IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

NEW DENVER CENTENNIAL CAMPGROUND - PHASING + IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

NO.	MEDIUM TERM PRIORITIES - 3-5 YEARS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
12	Construct New Campsites in North and Provide Power Services to Existing Sites, Construct Group Camp	Med	The Village may wish to keep south campsites open during north campground improvements construction to maintain revenue until completion of the north campground consolidation
13	Decommission and Relocate Existing CSA Playground.	Med	Decommission existing playground and relocate existing playground features that meet current CSA standards
14	Signage Improvements	Med	Signage improvements to Municipal Campground signage
15	Exterior and Interior Improvements to Existing Concrete Washroom	Med	To match newly constructed washroom building style and materials
16	Boat Launch Improvements, Revised Turn Around Loop, Shoreline Reinforcement	Med	Widen boat launch ramp, shoreline reinforcement and construction of pedestrian trail, formalize vehicle and boat trailer parking, EV charging station
17	Construct South Washroom and Bike Racks	Med	Construct new south washroom and bike racks
18	Install Chaise Lounge Seating and Oversize Stone Seating	Med	In conjunction with the removal of the South Campsites
19	Construction of Sport Court(s)	Med	Construction of multi-sport court(s), fencing, and landscape improvements
20	Pedestrian Trail Improvements and Installation of Benches	Med	Pedestrian trail improvements and installation of new benches in conjunction with other site improvements for connectivity. Opportunities for dedication benches.
NO.	LONG TERM PRIORITIES - 5-10+ YEARS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
21	Construct Outdoor Stage, Accessible Deck, and Community Space	Med	Funding and construction to be sourced and completed once south campsites are removed





14 NEXT STEPS

 COUNCIL APPROVAL

 FUNDING

 SITE SURVEY(S)

 DETAILED DESIGN

 CONSTRUCTION BY STRATEGIC PHASES