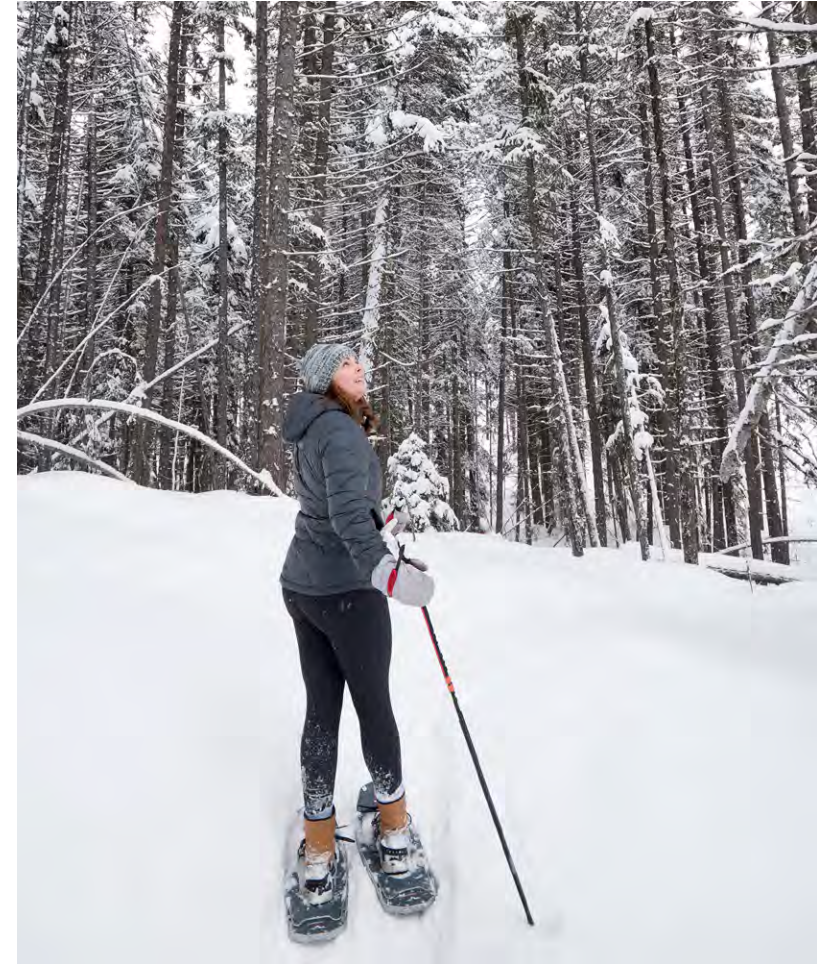




WEST KELOWNA  
REC TRAILS MASTER PLAN



# COUNCIL UPDATE

## November 21, 2023



# SESSION OUTLINE

- ▶ Process Update
- ▶ Round 1 Engagement Highlights
- ▶ Discussions: Emerging Directions
  - » Parks Master Plan
  - » Rec Trails Master Plan
- ▶ Next Steps



# PROCESSES

PHASE 1: EXPLORING  
SPRING-SUMMER 2023

PHASE 2: DRAFTING  
SUMMER-FALL 2023

PHASE 3: FINALIZING  
WINTER 2024







**ROUND 1**

**ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

**MAY - JUNE 2023**



# HOW WE ENGAGED

## PARTICIPATION

~300 in-person connections

~750 online inputs



### COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRES

431

parks questionnaires submitted

68

recreational trails questionnaires submitted



### STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

6

meetings held between May 29 - June 5, 2023

~50

participants total



### COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

1

open house on May 29, 2023 at the West Kelowna Yacht Club

65

community members dropped into the open house



### ONLINE MAPPING

32

pins dropped on the parks map

49

pins dropped on the recreational trails map



### COMMUNITY POP-UPS

4

pop-ups at Save on Foods, Krafted Market, Music in the Park, and Family Fire Smart Day

~75

community member engaged at the pop-ups



### YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

6

classrooms visited

92

parks student questionnaires submitted

68

recreational trails student questionnaires submitted



# PARKS HIGHLIGHTS

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PARKS MASTER PLAN



## ELEMENTS OF THE PARKS NETWORK

that participants are more satisfied with

- ▶ Natural park spaces
- ▶ Picnic areas
- ▶ Recreational trails
- ▶ Playgrounds
- ▶ Furnishings



## ELEMENTS OF THE PARKS NETWORK

that participants are less satisfied with

- ▶ Fields - including baseball, softball, rectangular / multi-use, and lighting
- ▶ Park washrooms
- ▶ Public docks
- ▶ Aquatic play features



# PARKS HIGHLIGHTS

## TOP PRIORITIES

that remain relevant from the 2016 Parks Master Plan

- 1 New grass sports fields
- 2 Upgrades to existing sports fields
- 3 Continued protection of Mount Boucherie
- 4 Updates to waterfront accesses
- 5 Extension of waterfront trail connections



Outdoor skating was identified as a new potential priority not identified in the 2016 plan



# PARKS HIGHLIGHTS



## IDEA THEMES

about what people would like to see in the future for parks



Existing Park Improvements



Parks Acquisition



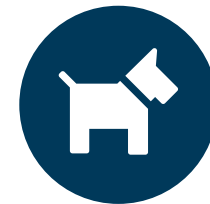
Sports Facility Improvements



New Activities



Playgrounds



Pets in Parks



Lakefront



Leisure and Gathering



Safety



Operations and Maintenance /  
Asset Management

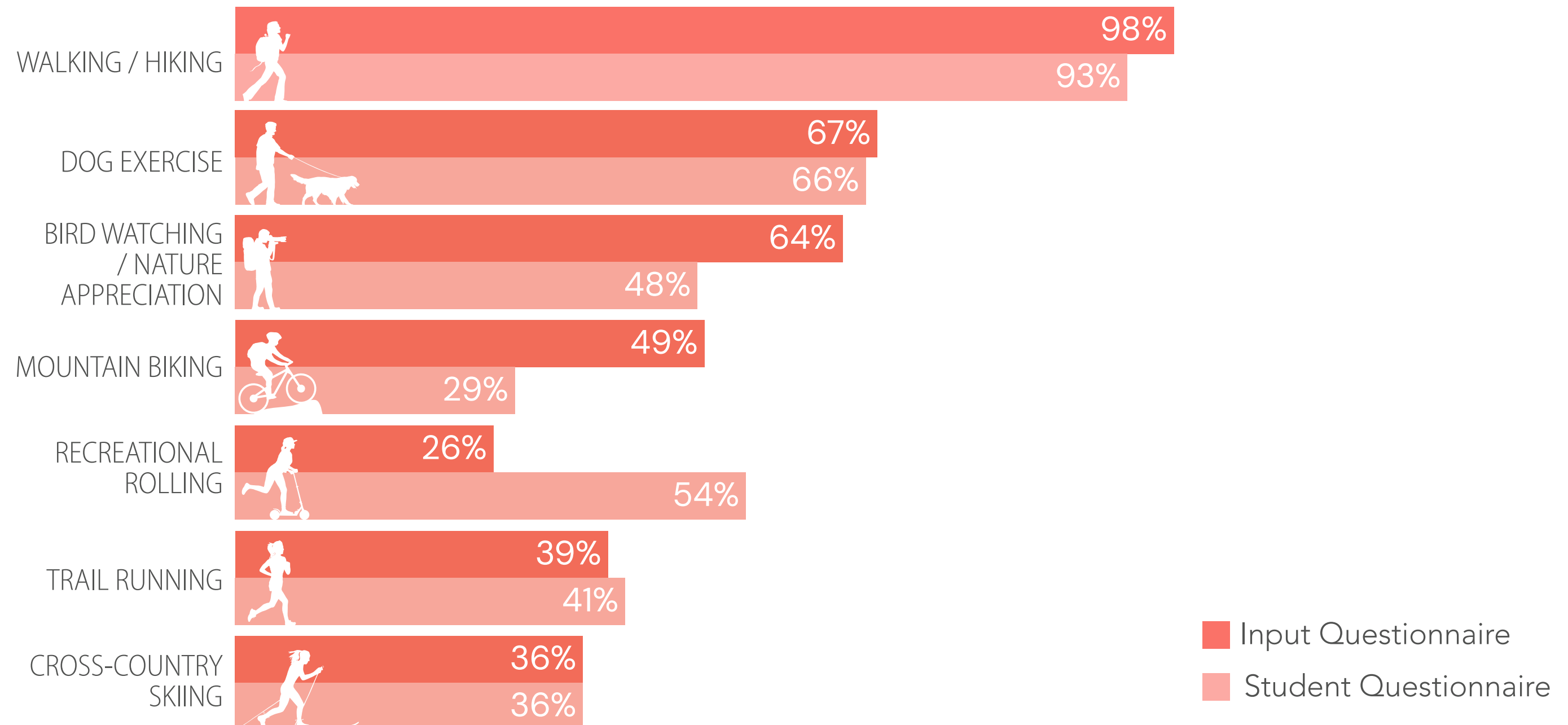


# RECREATIONAL TRAILS HIGHLIGHTS



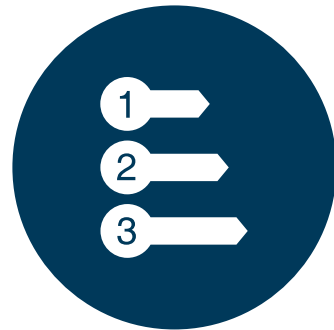
## RECREATIONAL TRAILS ACTIVITIES

participants reported doing each of the following activities at least a few times / year





# RECREATIONAL TRAILS HIGHLIGHTS



## KEY FUTURE PRIORITIES

for managing and growing the recreational trails network

- ▶ Expand / add new trails in urban areas
- ▶ Expand / authorize trails in backcountry areas
- ▶ Enhance maintenance of existing trails
- ▶ Establish / improve codes of conduct and trail use guidelines

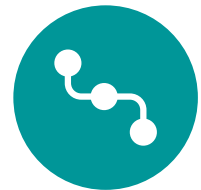


# RECREATIONAL TRAILS HIGHLIGHTS



## IDEA THEMES

about what people would like to see in the future for recreational trails



Existing Network Improvements



Quality and Safety



Mapping and Wayfinding



Trail Use Management /  
Asset Management



Natural Environment Protection



Amenities



# EMERGING DRAFT DIRECTIONS

## HOW DRAFT DIRECTIONS ARE IDENTIFIED:

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- ▶ Analysis of existing parks and trails
- ▶ Background and demographics
- ▶ City's current planning context
- ▶ Benchmarking
- ▶ Emerging best practices
- ▶ Engagement input
- ▶ Input from City staff and Council

## GOALS FOR TODAY:

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- ▶ Review emerging directions
  - » Identify potential gaps
  - » Confirm emerging directions for Round 2 community engagement
- ▶ Recommendations will be developed from emerging directions based on further input





# PARKS MASTER PLAN EMERGING DIRECTIONS

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# 5 Park Land Quantity & Quality Management Recommendations

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Planning directions on where and how the parks network could grow and actions for maintaining the quality of the network as it grows



# 5 Park Land Quantity & Quality Management Recommendations



## **Q1: Parks Operations Resourcing**

Q2: Park Land Targets

## **Q3: Major Park Acquisition Planning**

Q4: Neighbourhood Park Dedication

Q5: Parks Asset Management Plan

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# Q1 PARKS RESOURCING

Align parks operations capacity and funding with current and future demands of the parks network.

RESOURCING



STAFF INCREASE

## WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED? ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Good maintenance protects investments and supports safety and community pride
- ▶ Parks staff takes care of all municipal open space, including street landscapes
- ▶ Benchmarking shows West Kelowna's parks budget is comparatively modest
- ▶ Increase annual operations budgets
- ▶ Review and update staffing numbers and composition
- ▶ Assess each new major capital project and increase staff accordingly
- ▶ Inventory all maintenance obligations (park + non-park)
- ▶ Establish a 2-year operational costs review / update process
- ▶ Develop parks maintenance standards
- ▶ Identify and complete maintenance efficiency projects



Park maintenance worker



Seek opportunities to add two new large park areas to prepare for future community needs.

RESOURCING  
\$\$\$\$\$\$\$  
\$1M+

### WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ Since 2016, the City has acquired a new large park space adjacent to Mar Fee Sports Complex
- ▶ West Kelowna is expected to continue growing. Growth can impact future opportunities to acquire large, contiguous land areas
- ▶ Adding larger destination parks for the future remains a community priority

### ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Complete an analysis of City lands to identify future candidate sites of interest that suit the criteria for major parks acquisitions
- ▶ Monitor opportunities, including acquisition of areas adjacent to existing park land
- ▶ Develop a funding approach
- ▶ Seek to acquire land for:
  - » **1** Waterfront Community Park
  - » **1** Community / Athletic Park



City view from Mount Boucherie



# 12

## Park Improvement Recommendations

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Projects for improving or developing existing parks to continue to meet the needs and interests of residents



# 12 Park Improvement Recommendations

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## **I1: Athletic Fields**

I2: Playgrounds

## **I3: Courts**

## **I4: Outdoor Ice Skating Venue**

## **I5: Waterfront Access & Amenities**

I6: Rolling Activities

I7: Pets in Parks

I8: Productive Landscapes

## **I9: Disc Golf**

I10: Park Comfort Amenities

I11: Long-Term Park Amenities

I12: Key Connections

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# 11 ATHLETIC FIELDS

Increase / enhance the supply of high-quality fields so residents of all ages can enjoy field sports.

RESOURCING  
 \$\$\$\$\$\$ \$1M+  
 STAFF INCREASE



## WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ Field bookings have increased since 2016
- ▶ City field provision is below benchmark communities
- ▶ Identified field gaps:
  - » No tournament space for softball (3 fields together)
  - » Pressure on single full-size baseball diamond

## ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Continue updating existing fields
- ▶ 10-year addition targets:
  - » Rectangular Fields +2/3
  - » Softball Diamonds +1 (3 together)
  - » Baseball Diamonds +1
- ▶ Plan, design, and develop new fields at Mar Fee Sports Complex
- ▶ Update Kinsmen Park
- ▶ Plan a new field at Wild Horse Community Park
- ▶ Consider SD23 partnerships



Mount Boucherie Sports Fields



# 13 COURTS

Continue to provide high-quality spaces for residents to engage in a variety of court activities.

RESOURCING  
\$\$\$\$\$\$  
\$500K - \$1M

## WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ City remains low in the provision of basketball courts (some on school sites) and multi-use sports boxes
- ▶ Input suggests a desire for more distributed pickleball courts

## ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Target the following:
  - » **2** new basketball courts in municipal parks (focus in areas underserved by school courts)
  - » **1** new boarded multi-use sports box
  - » **4** new pickleball courts (in other locations than current courts)



Pickleball courts at Mount Boucherie Fields



# 14 OUTDOOR ICE SKATING VENUE

Consider an outdoor ice skating venue to increase all-season recreation opportunities for the community.

RESOURCING  
\$\$\$\$\$\$\$  
\$1M+  
STAFF  
INCREASE

## WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ Currently no options for outdoor ice skating
- ▶ More winter recreation opportunities are desired
- ▶ Community input indicates support
- ▶ Two options to consider:
  - » Weather-dependent facility (higher elevation, lower capital cost, potential to integrate with multi-use sports box)
  - » Refrigerated facility (any location, higher capital cost, increased opportunity for events)

## ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Undertake a feasibility study to confirm a preferred approach, location, concept design, capital cost, and operational cost for an outdoor ice skating venue
- ▶ Develop the facility



Outdoor ice skating



Continue to improve existing waterfront parks and beach access points to promote waterfront recreation.

RESOURCING

\$\$\$\$

\$250K - \$500K

WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Waterfront is important to West Kelowna’s appeal
- ▶ While there have been many improvements, input indicates ongoing interest for more and improved:
  - » Aquatic play features
  - » Public docks
  - » Non-motorized boat launches
  - » Motorized boat launches
  - » Beach space opportunities
- ▶ Undeveloped waterfront accesses remain opportunities

- ▶ Complete key improvements to Pebble Beach and Dupuis Boat Launch
- ▶ Seek to develop **1-2** more waterfront accesses
- ▶ Secure a site for **1** additional motorized boat launch for the long-term
- ▶ Refer to **Location-Specific Recommendations** for details on specific park improvements



CNR Wharf Aquatic Park



# 19 DISC GOLF

Work with interested organizations and individuals to establish a disc golf course in West Kelowna.

RESOURCING

\$

<\$50K

## WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ Disc golf is increasing in popularity across BC
- ▶ Currently no courses within the City
- ▶ Low budget and accessible sport often with a strong volunteer base
- ▶ Requests for a course have been put forward by residents
- ▶ Courses can be adapted to a variety of terrain and site conditions, including hillsides

## ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Work with interested partners to identify a suitable course location
- ▶ If a suitable location is identified, support design and development of a course



Disc golf in wooded area



# 10

## Location-Specific Recommendations



Upgrades and expansions to the City's most in-demand parks and recreational areas so they continue to meet the current and future needs of residents



# 10 Location-Specific Recommendations

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**L1: Gellatly Bay Recreation Area**

L2: Pritchard Park

**L3: Mar Fee Sports Complex**

**L4: Kinsmen Park**

L5: Mount Boucherie Sports Fields /  
Darroch Park

L6: Wild Horse Park

**L7: Memorial Park / Annette  
Beaudreau Amphitheatre**

L8: Mount Boucherie

L9: Glen Canyon

L10: Landfill Site

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Continue to develop Gellatly Bay Waterfront as the City’s primary waterfront destination.

RESOURCING

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\$1M+

STAFF INCREASE

## WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

## ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Gellatly Bay improvements are a high community priority

▶ Since the last plan, a number of enhancements have been completed

▶ Ideas have been put forward by the community regarding:

» Additional lakeside activities

» Sand area improvements

» Opportunities for cafes and commercial spaces

» Integration of park spaces

▶ Complete Phase 2 of the CNR Wharf Park Plan

▶ Develop and implement a Gellatly Bay Park Plan

▶ Explore locations and develop a concept and cost estimate for a new paddling centre

▶ Encourage integrated waterfront design for new developments



Willow Beach



# L3 MAR FEE SPORTS COMPLEX

Develop and implement a Mar Fee Sports Complex Park Plan for the expanded park area.

RESOURCING  
\$\$\$\$\$\$ \$1M+  
STAFF INCREASE

## WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ The City has acquired a large park area next to the Multi-Sport Centre for future Athletic Park
- ▶ Significant opportunity to expand sports field inventory
- ▶ Multiple configurations could fit, such as:
  - » 3 rectangular fields
  - » 2 rectangular fields + additional uses
  - » 3 diamond fields
- ▶ Planning needed to confirm best arrangement / amenities

## ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Develop a Park Plan with considerations for:
  - » Field arrangement options
  - » Desirable site amenities
  - » Pedestrian and active transportation circulation
  - » Vehicle circulation and parking
- ▶ Implement Park Plan actions



Current Mar Fee Sports Complex expansion area



# L4 KINSMEN PARK

Review and update the draft Kinsmen Park Plan (following planning for the Mar Fee Sports Complex).

RESOURCING  
\$\$\$  
\$100K - \$250K

## WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ In 2016 a draft Kinsmen Park Plan was developed, but did not advance
- ▶ Field bookings at the park have increased
- ▶ Development of the Mar Fee Sports Complex will likely shift demand for certain field types

## ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Explore potential benefits for fill addition at the park (interim)
- ▶ Review and update the draft Park Plan based on the outcomes of Mar Fee Sports Complex planning
- ▶ Consider minor improvements in the shorter term such as accessibility improvements, trails, amenities, and tree planting



Kinsmen Park Fields



# Enhance Memorial Park and Annette Beaudreau Amphitheatre to further promote community gatherings.

RESOURCING

\$\$\$

\$100K - \$250K

## WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ Important space for events and community celebration
- ▶ Central field is no longer used as part of the athletic field inventory
- ▶ Most 2013 Memorial Park Plan recommendations are complete or have shifted with new City Hall development
- ▶ Several new ideas for Memorial Park improvements identified

## ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Explore possibility for an Outdoor Ice Skating Venue (if pursued)
- ▶ Update the 2013 Memorial Park Plan to incorporate changes and new ideas



Annette Beaudreau Amphitheatre





# 11

## Service Delivery Recommendations

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Ideas for policy development, planning initiatives, management strategies, and information distribution to support West Kelowna's parks network



# 11 Service Delivery Recommendations

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**S1: Parks & Recreational Trails  
Design Guidelines**

**S2: Climate Change Adaptation &  
Resilience**

S3: Environmental & Water Stewardship

S4: Park Safety

**S5: Universal Accessibility**

S6: Community Gathering & Events

S7: Parks Volunteer Programs

S8: Private Recreation

S9: Partnerships

S10: Information & Communications

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Develop West Kelowna Parks & Recreational Trails Design Guidelines to provide clear guidance for parks and trails.

RESOURCING

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\$50K - \$100K

## WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

## ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Design guidelines are a tool that communities use to create a more consistent and coherent parks network
- ▶ Guidelines should include a “maintenance lens”
- ▶ Guidelines could cover aspects such as access, sustainability, facilities, surfaces, barriers, trails, furnishings, signage, playgrounds, washrooms, irrigation, planting, and more
- ▶ Develop West Kelowna Parks & Recreational Trails Design Guidelines
- ▶ Provide the Design Guidelines to all parties involved in projects that will be maintained by the parks department



Powers Park sign with landscaping



Incorporate climate change considerations within parks planning to support mitigation & adaptation efforts.

RESOURCING



STAFF INCREASE

## WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

## ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ West Kelowna has been impacted by climate change
- ▶ Mitigation opportunities:
  - » Zero-emissions equipment
  - » Electric charging infrastructure
  - » Increased park walkability
  - » Green park facilities
  - » Enhanced ecosystem services
- ▶ Adaptation needs:
  - » Increased wildfire risk
  - » Urban forest losses
  - » Increasing water demands
  - » Flooding and erosion

- ▶ Incorporate climate mitigation and adaptation considerations in alignment with the Climate Action Plan into:
  - » Parks & Recreational Trail Design Guidelines
  - » Park Maintenance Standards
  - » Operational equipment plans
- ▶ Include parks in the Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan
- ▶ Include a recovery allowance in the parks budget for escalation of climate change impacts like tree losses and erosion



Electric vehicle charging area



# S5 UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY

Continue to integrate accessibility for all ages and abilities in the planning, design, and operation of parks

RESOURCING

\$\$

\$50K - \$100K

## WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ Access to park space is essential for a high quality of life
- ▶ Priority within 2022-2026 Strategic Plan
- ▶ Opportunities for accessibility improvements within the parks network

## ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Include universal accessibility considerations in the Design Guidelines
- ▶ Consider accessibility audits for select parks
- ▶ Establish an annual capital budget for universal accessibility projects
- ▶ Increase public information about park accessibility



Accessible picnic area



# REC TRAILS MASTER PLAN EMERGING DIRECTIONS



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# 8 Trail Planning & Development Recommendations

Actions for planning and development of the recreational trails network to make it safe, comfortable, and enjoyable



# 8 Trail Planning & Development Recommendations

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**P1: Recreational Trails Scope**

**P2: Asset Management**

P3: Trails on Private Lands

P4: Parks & Recreational Trails Design Guidelines

**P5: Trailheads**

P6: Wayfinding & Signage

**P7: Trail Rating & Accessibility**

P8: Trail Safety & Security

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# P1 RECREATIONAL TRAILS SCOPE



Continue to focus and define the role of recreational trails within the City's overall trails network.

RESOURCING



STAFF TIME

## WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ In the 2013 Rec Trails Master Plan, there was little distinction between recreational trails and active transportation routes
- ▶ The updated **Transportation Master Plan** prioritizes active transportation through cycling and pedestrian networks
- ▶ This allows recreational trails to focus on recreational off-street connections
- ▶ Clear roles supports efficient planning and funding

## ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Update City policy to continue to clarify the active transportation the and recreational trails purview
- ▶ Conduct annual meetings of City staff responsible for implementing the **Transportation Master Plan** and **Rec Trails Master Plan** to identify synergies, gaps, and/or overlaps



Gellatly Bay Recreation Corridor



## WORKING DEFINITION OF RECREATIONAL TRAILS VS. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ROUTES

	RECREATIONAL TRAIL	ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
PRIMARY PURPOSE	Providing fun outdoor recreation opportunities	Providing safe, reliable transportation routes between City destinations and neighbourhoods
TYPICAL LOCATION	Off-street locations, primarily in parks and open spaces	Within road rights-of-way, typically parallel to the street network or between properties
TYPICAL FACILITIES	Longer routes, typically soft surface materials, primarily nature trails or narrow multi-use trail types	Varied lengths, from long routes to pedestrian access points in neighbourhoods, typically hard surface materials, primarily sidewalks, bike lanes, and major multi-use trails
TYPICAL ACTIVITIES	Trails for walking, hiking, mountain biking, jogging, dog-walking, nature viewing, relaxing, and other recreational pursuits	Cycling and pedestrian routes that help people choose active transportation for day-to-day travel
PLANNING & MANAGEMENT	Planned as part of the recreation network and guided by the parks department through the <b>Rec Trails Master Plan</b>	Planned as part of the transportation network and guided by engineering through the <b>Transportation Master Plan</b>
<div><div>These networks are complementary.</div><div>Some Active Transportation routes, like the Gellatly Bay Recreational Corridor and the Boucherie Wine Trail offer both active transportation and recreational benefits.</div></div>		



# Develop a Recreational Trails Asset Management Plan in support of the Corporate Asset Management Plan.

RESOURCING  
 \$\$  
 \$50K - \$100K

  
 STAFF INCREASE

## WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ Accurate up-to-date data supports informed decision making about management and renewal of trails assets
- ▶ A robust Asset Management Plan informs decisions about ongoing upgrades and management
- ▶ An Asset Management Plan is a key objective for the City as outlined in the OCP

## ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Establish a trails budget line, as there is currently no operational line item for these amenities
- ▶ Undertake a comprehensive baseline inventory and initial Recreational Trails Asset Management Plan
- ▶ Based on outcomes, review and adjust annual trails budgets and staffing
- ▶ Undertake regular reviews of the Trails Asset Management Plan (e.g., every 2-5 years)



Gellatly Bay Recreational Corridor



# P5 TRAILHEADS

Continue to add new and improve existing trailheads throughout the network.

RESOURCING  
\$\$\$  
\$100K - \$250K  
STAFF  
INCREASE

## WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ Key asset to helping users connect into the network
- ▶ Community input priority
- ▶ Two types:
  - » Major Trailheads: Primary points of access with parking and amenities
  - » Minor Trailheads: Smaller points for wayfinding throughout the network

## ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Develop and maintain a working list of trailhead additions or upgrades
- ▶ Seek to add / update trailheads, with associated operational increases



Signage and bike station at Rose Valley Trailhead



Increase information about level of difficulty within the network and seek opportunities to increase accessibility.

RESOURCING

\$\$

\$50K - \$100K

STAFF INCREASE

## WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ The **2013 Rec Trails Master Plan** provided a foundation for trail difficulty ratings
- ▶ The network should include a range of trail ratings and types
- ▶ Universal design is warranted in high activity areas, recognizing a fully accessible recreational trails network is not feasible nor desirable

## ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Include universal accessibility considerations within the Design Guidelines
- ▶ Include / add trail ratings to the digital navigation tool and print-ready maps
- ▶ Budget for upgrades and staff resources to support improved accessibility



Signage communicating universally accessible nature trail





# 5 Trail Management Recommendations

Directions for caring for the recreational trails network so it continues to provide long-term community benefit



# 5 Trail Management Recommendations

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M1: Environmental Management

**M2: Maintenance**

**M3: Trail Use Guidelines & Codes of Conduct**

M4: Pets on Trails

M5: Volunteers & Organizations

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# M2 MAINTENANCE

Develop and implement a systematic approach to maintaining recreational trails.

RESOURCING



STAFF INCREASE

## WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ Recreational trails must be maintained to prevent deterioration and support public safety
- ▶ A maintenance program assigns regular maintenance activities to each trail component based on trail type and use

## ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Develop a Trails Maintenance Program
- ▶ Assign funding and staffing to support ongoing maintenance



Maintenance is needed to maintain assets



Formalize and communicate trail use guidelines and codes of conduct for West Kelowna’s recreational trails.

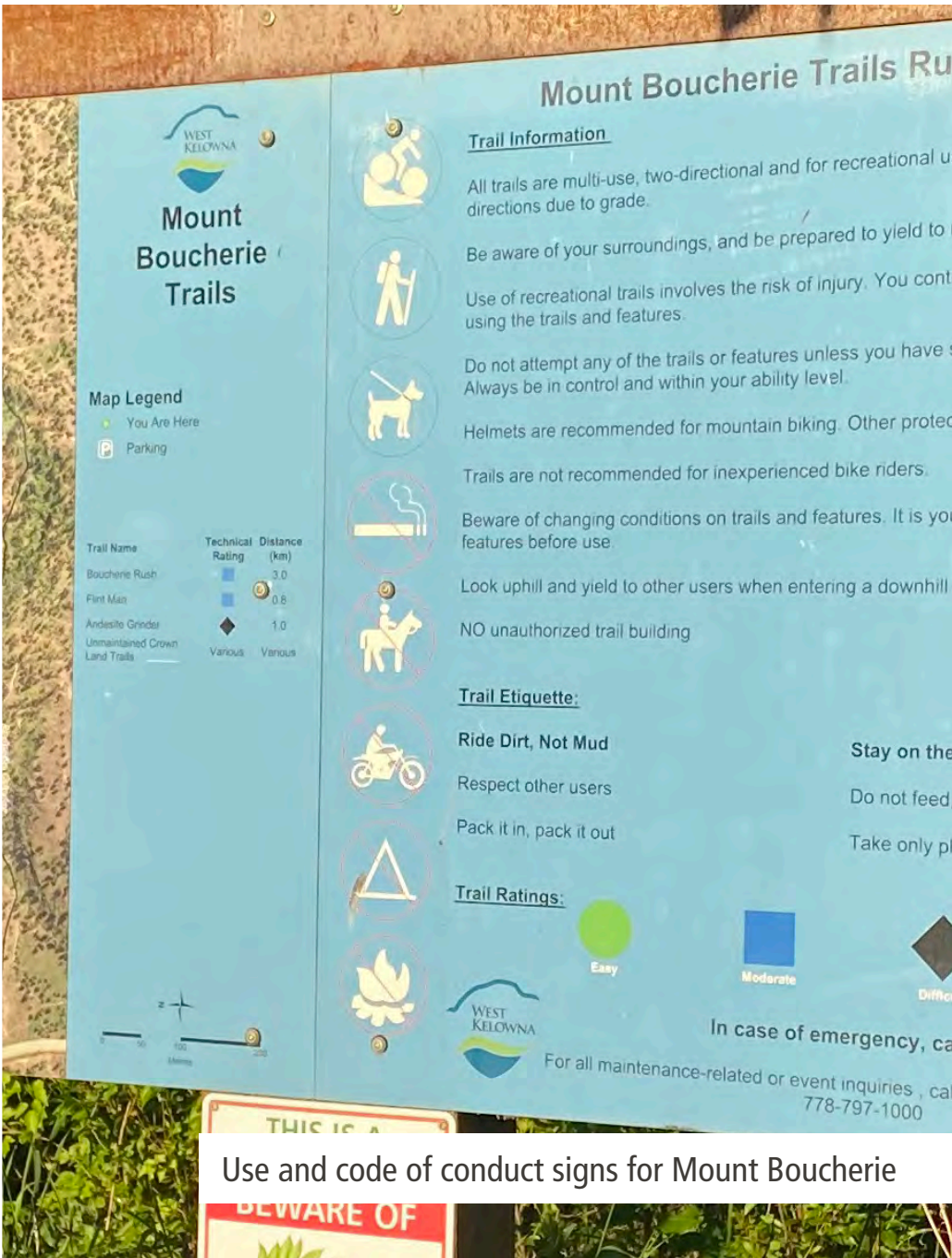
RESOURCING  
STAFF INCREASE

## WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

## ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ All City recreational trails have shared uses which means conflicts can arise
- ▶ Code of conduct information can include:
  - » Permitted and restricted uses
  - » Environmental protection
  - » User interaction practices
  - » Safety considerations
  - » Behavioural best practices

- ▶ Establish and publish use guidelines and a code of conduct for the different trail types within the network
- ▶ Add information to the wayfinding network



Use and code of conduct signs for Mount Boucherie





# 6 Major Capital Project Recommendations

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Larger projects addressing key connections that have a recreation focus



# 6 Major Capital Project Recommendations

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**C1: Goats Peak Trail Network**

**C2: Waterfront Trail**

**C3: The Flume Trail**

C4: Mount Boucherie Trails

C5: Support for Crown Land Trail Initiatives

C6: Support for Partner Trail Initiatives

The presentation will focus on key recommendations or significant shifts in direction since the 2013 Recreational Trails Master Plan, as indicated in **Bold Text**. Refer to "Additional Information Sheets" to view details about other recommendations.





# TRAIL TYPES



Major  
Multi-Use



Narrow  
Multi-Use



Nature  
Trail

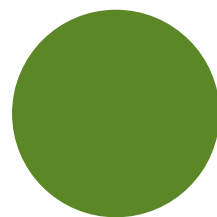


Boardwalk



Crown  
Land

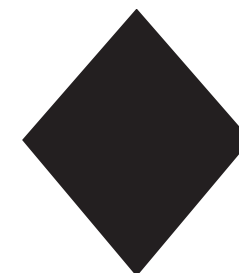
# TRAIL RATINGS



Green



Blue



Black



# C1 GOATS PEAK TRAIL NETWORK

As development occurs, secure a linked trails network that connects to trails in adjacent Regional Parks and neighbourhoods.

## RESOURCING



STAFF INCREASE  
UPON DEVELOPMENT

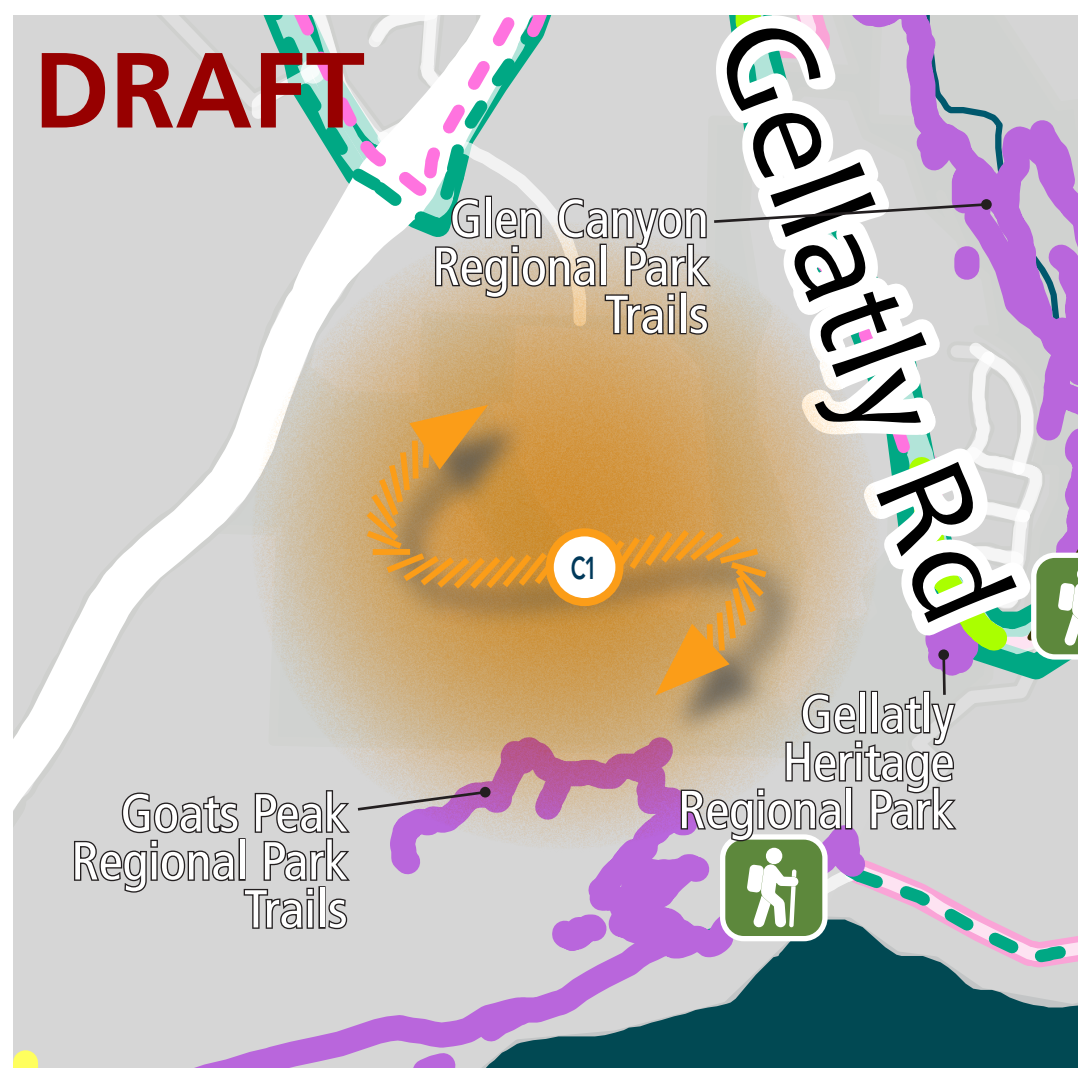
## WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ Goats Peak area is popular for hiking and offers scenic viewpoints to the lake
- ▶ The approved Comprehensive Development Plan lays out a trails network, and a covenant has been secured
- ▶ The future network will connect into existing Regional Parks and an upgraded multi-use trail along Gellatly Road

## ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Require trail development as Goats Peak neighbourhood development progresses

## PROPOSED TRAIL TYPE & RATING





# C2 WATERFRONT TRAIL

Collaborate with active transportation to support realization of a linked waterfront trail from Bennett Bridge to Peachland.

RESOURCING



STAFF TIME

## WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ Trail 2000 is a long-term community vision to establish a waterfront trail from Bennett Bridge to Peachland
- ▶ The existing Gellatly Bay Recreational Corridor is a portion of the envisioned waterfront trail
- ▶ While most of this route will be an active transportation route, recreational trail components and connections may be required

## ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Continue to collaborate on opportunities for trail development
- ▶ Allocate staff time to support this initiative

## PROPOSED TRAIL TYPE & RATING





# C3 THE FLUME TRAIL

As development continues in Smith Creek, formalize the Flume Trail.

## RESOURCING



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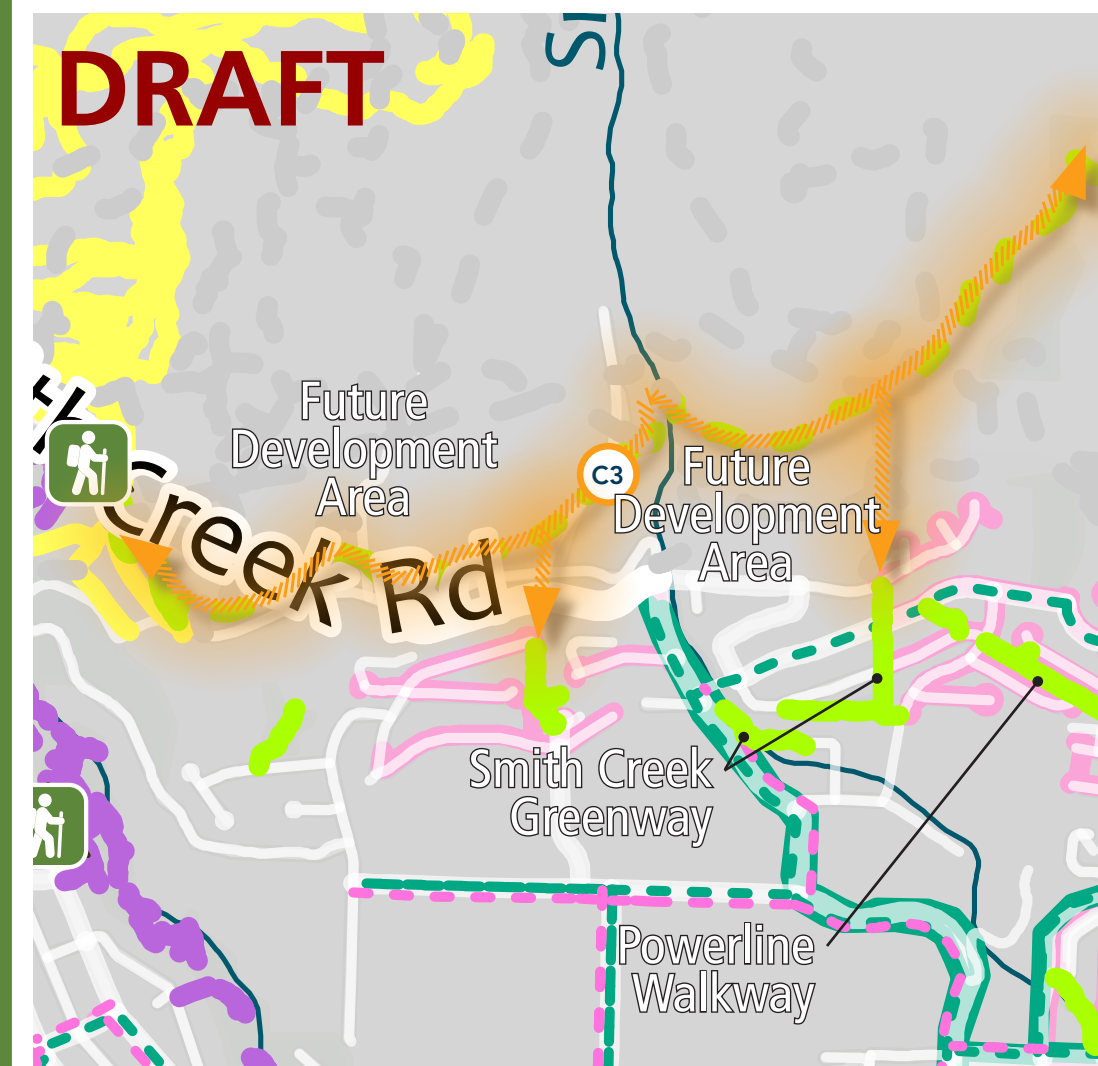
## WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ Long-time community interest in a formalized off-road route along the existing informal Flume Trail
- ▶ The Comprehensive Development Plan for Smith Creek includes a recreational trail route along the Flume Trail
- ▶ The route will need to be connected into surrounding trails linkages

## ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Prioritize formalization of the trail and associated linkages and trailheads as development proceeds
- ▶ Ensure future development plans include multiple access points to the network

## PROPOSED TRAIL TYPE & RATING





# NEXT STEPS

- ▶ **Winter 2023:** Refinements to Emerging Directions & Draft Plan Development
- ▶ **Winter 2024:** Community Review of Draft Plans
- ▶ **Spring 2024:** Council Review of Final Plans