



COUNCIL UPDATE

July 9, 2024

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- ▶ Process Update
- ▶ Round 2 Engagement Summary + Recommended Plan Updates
- ▶ Next Steps & Questions

PROCESS UPDATE

PHASE 1: EXPLORING
SPRING/SUMMER 2023

PHASE 2: DRAFTING
FALL 2023/WINTER 2024

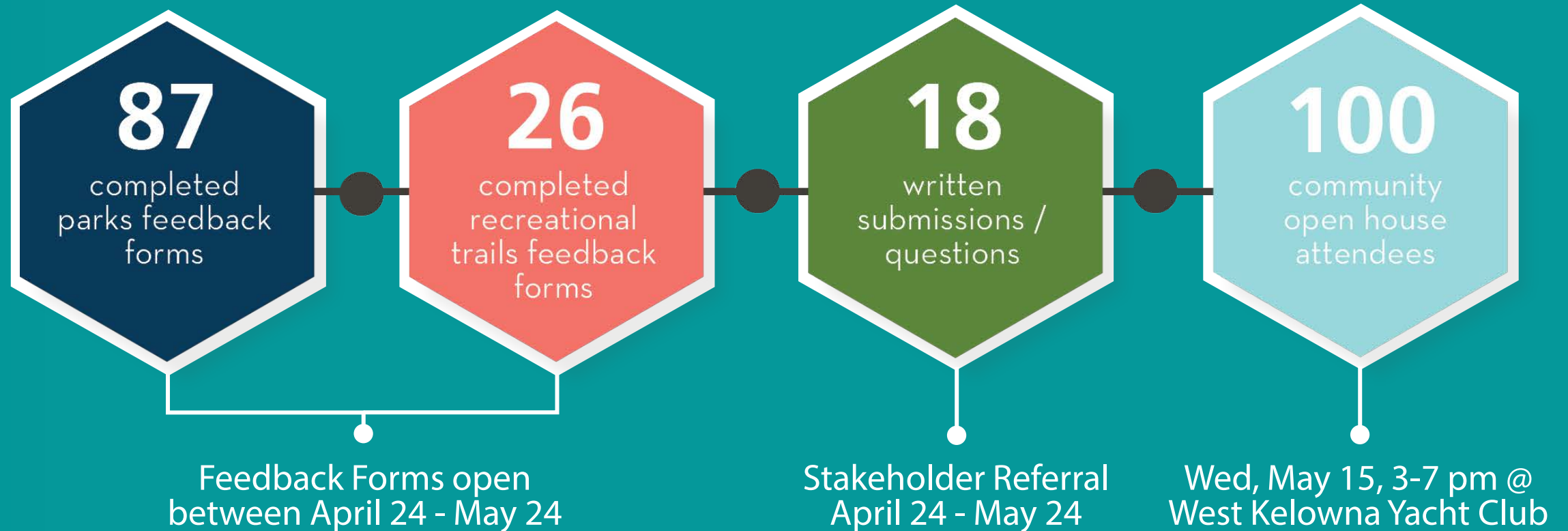
PHASE 3: FINALIZING
SPRING/SUMMER 2024



ROUND 2 ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

DRAFT PLAN REVIEW

How input was received in Spring 2024



ROUND 2 ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

WHAT WE ASKED



Key Questions



1. Support for Draft Goals
2. Support for Draft Recommendations
3. Top Priorities



ROUND 2 ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

PARKS FEEDBACK



DRAFT GOALS



Goal 1: Celebrate Our Water



Goal 2: Protect Our Environment & Showcase Our Natural Playground



Goal 3: Connect Our Community



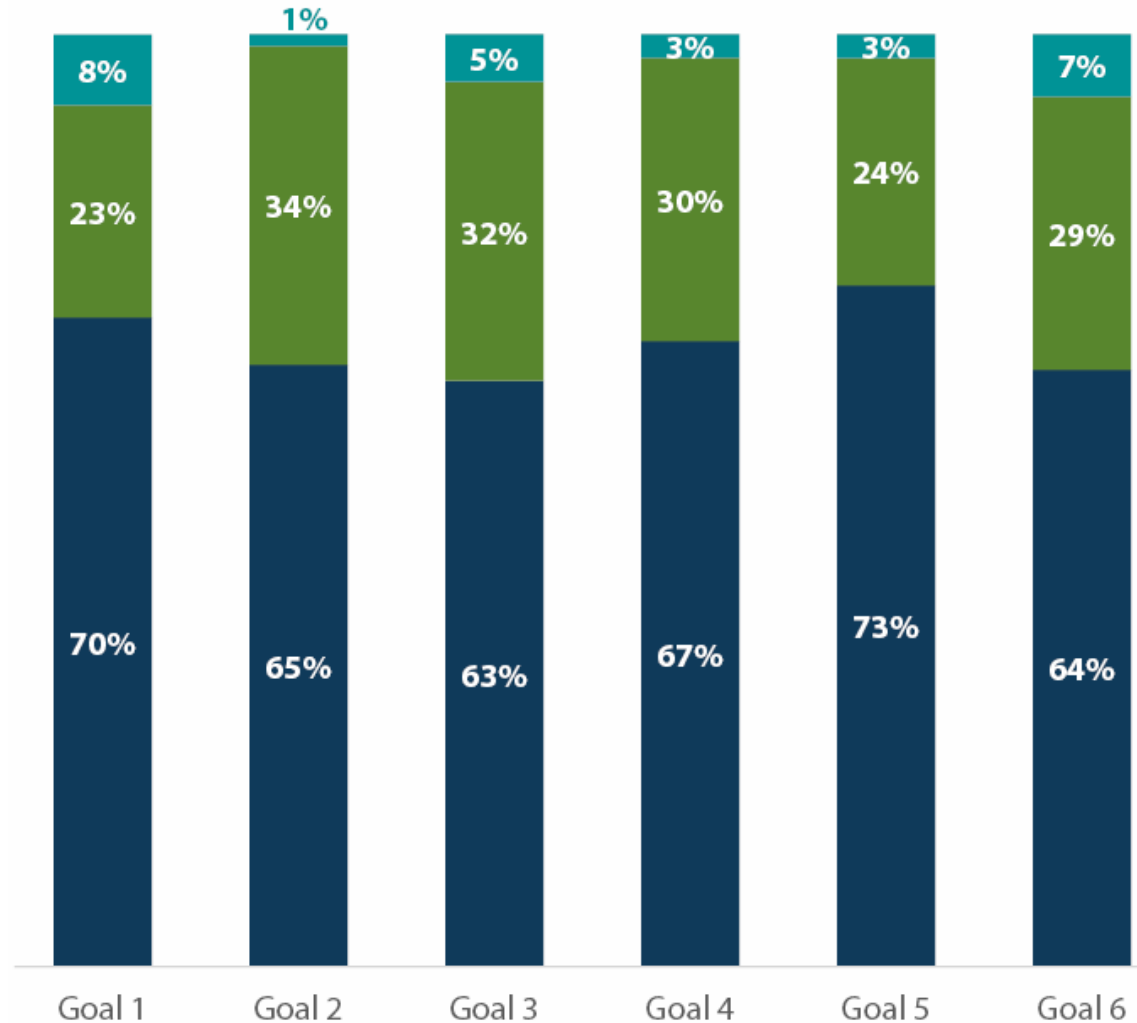
Goal 4: Leave a Legacy for the Future



Goal 5: Support a Healthy, Vibrant, and Active Community



Goal 6: Support a Thriving West Kelowna



LEGEND

- NOT WELL.** I do not see this goal being right for our future parks system.
- MOSTLY.** This goal is looking good with some minor refinements.
- YES!** This goal will support a successful parks system.

ROUND 2 ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

PARKS FEEDBACK



DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Top 6 draft recommendations participants rated with the highest level of support (%)

- 1 Q3 - Major Park Acquisition Planning **73%**
- 2 15 - Waterfront Access and Amenities **69%**
- 3 L1 - Gellatly Bay Recreation Area **66%**
- 4 Q2 - Parkland Targets **65%**
- 5 Q1 - Park Operations Resourcing **62%**
- 6 I1 - Athletic Fields **57%**



TOP PRIORITIES

Directions that participants identified as wanting to see happen first

- 1 I3 - Courts
- 2 L3 - Mar Fee Sports Complex
- 3 I5 - Waterfront Access and Amenities
- 4 I1 - Athletic Fields
- 5 I10 - Comfort Amenities (Shelters & Washrooms)

ROUND 2 ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

PARKS FEEDBACK



DISCUSSION THEMES



Parkland Quantity & Quality Recommendations

- ▶ Parkland acquisition to parallel growing community
- ▶ More resources for park maintenance
- ▶ Neighbourhood parks in all neighbourhoods



Location-Specific Recommendations

- ▶ More waterfront access and amenities focusing on Gellatly Bay Recreation Area
- ▶ Mar Fee Sports Complex development
- ▶ Consideration of the former landfill for park



Service Delivery Recommendations

- ▶ Sustainable park development and operations
- ▶ More monitoring to discourage negative activities
- ▶ Public communication for education and use
- ▶ Accessible parks for all ages and abilities
- ▶ More partnerships and volunteer support



Park Improvement Recommendations

- ▶ High quality athletic fields
- ▶ Natural, creative, and inclusive playgrounds
- ▶ More pickleball courts to meet demand
- ▶ More off-leash dog areas in balance with non-dog owner considerations
- ▶ More comfort amenities especially in busy areas
- ▶ Improved connectivity to access parks

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PARKS
MASTER
PLAN
UPDATES**



**City of West Kelowna
Parks Master Plan**

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ANALYSIS UPDATES

- ▶ Current analysis based on 2021 data
- ▶ Growth is exceeding past projections
- ▶ Update **Park Analysis** to reflect current BC Stats estimates (*2023 pop: 40,715*)
 - Parkland Supply Analysis
 - Provision Benchmarking
 - Neighbourhood Analysis (distribution)



MAPPING UPDATES

- ▶ Updates to **Active Parks Map** based on feedback about what is considered “active”
- ▶ **Active Parks** will:
 - ▶ **INCLUDE** developed/partially developed Community Parks, Neighbourhood Parks, Athletic Parks, Waterfront Parks, and Regional Parks
 - ▶ **EXCLUDE** Natural Areas, Linear Parks, and other parkland that is not developed with active amenities

Q2 Parkland Targets (p.69)

What we heard

- ▶ Analysis and targets should reflect current state of rapid growth
- ▶ Active Parks analysis should reflect refined definition of “active”

Recommended Plan Updates

- ▶ **Update Target 1: All Municipal Parkland** to reflect refined population data
- ▶ **Update Target 2: Active Municipal Parkland** and **Target 4: Active Park Access** to reflect updated “active” park definition

I2 Playgrounds (p.89)

What we heard

- ▶ More emphasis on providing a variety of play experiences including inclusive play, nature play, and sensory play throughout the City

Recommended Plan Updates

- ▶ **Amend Action I2.2** Add one new neighbourhood playground every 3-4 years in underserved areas *with consideration for increasing varied play experiences.*

13 Courts (p.93)

What we heard

- ▶ Strong advocacy for increasing pickleball provision in the City

Recommended Plan Updates

- ▶ **Add Action 13.4** *Seek opportunities to incorporate pickleball facilities within future park plans, including the Mar Fee Sports Complex Park Plan (see L3), Kinsmen Park plan (see L4) and/or Wild Horse Park Plan (see L6).*

I4 Outdoor Ice Skating Venue (p.93)

What we heard

- ▶ Lower prioritization of an ice skating venue compared with other community priorities

Recommended Plan Updates

- ▶ **Shift Action I4.1 from Short- to Medium-Term** *Undertake a feasibility study to confirm a preferred approach, location, concept design, capital cost, and operational cost for an outdoor ice skating venue.*
- ▶ **Shift Action I4.2 from Medium- to Long-Term** *Develop the preferred outdoor ice skating venue.*

16 Rolling Activities (p.104)

What we heard

- ▶ Interest in increasing hours of use for the existing skateboard park (especially in shoulder seasons)

Recommended Plan Updates

- ▶ **Add Action 16.4** *Consider lighting at the existing Memorial Park skateboard facility to extend hours of use, with careful consideration of safety, CPTED, and desired hours of use.*

ROUND 2 ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

TRAILS FEEDBACK



DRAFT GOALS

Goal 1: Create a well-connected and accessible network

Goal 2: Support varied, year-round recreation

Goal 3: Create opportunities for all ages, abilities, and lifestyles

Goal 4: Increase quality and management

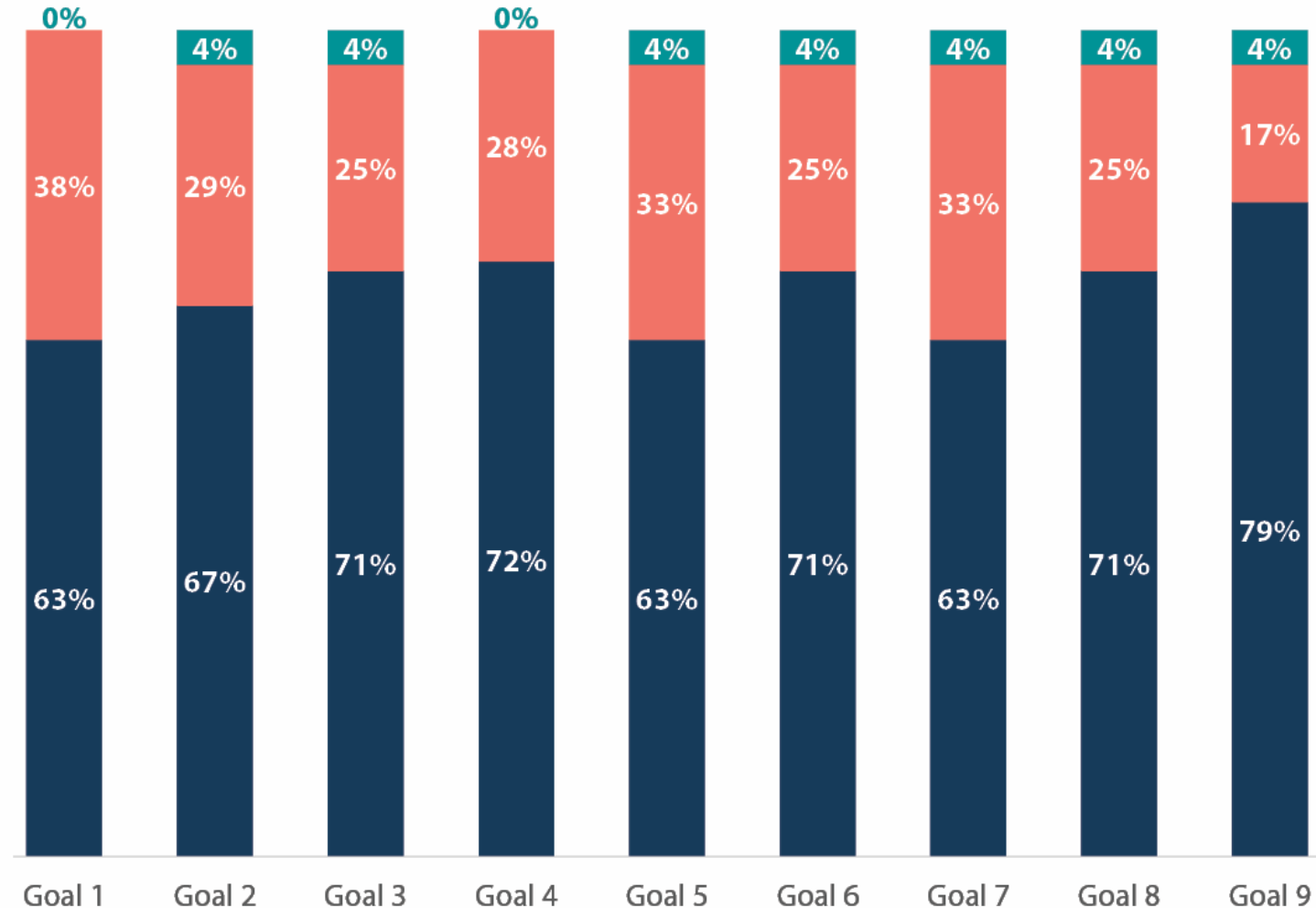
Goal 5: Enhance wayfinding and code of conduct information

Goal 6: Balance protection with public access

Goal 7: Increase responsible trails use

Goal 8: Encourage trail stewardship

Goal 9: Pursue partnerships



LEGEND

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ROUND 2 ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

TRAILS FEEDBACK



DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Top 6 draft recommendations participants rated with the highest level of support (%)

- 1 C2 - Waterfront Trail **86%**
- 2 C7 - Support for Crown Land Initiatives **80%**
- 3 M1 - Environmental Management **80%**
- 4 C8 - Support for Partner Trail Initiatives **76%**
- 5 M2 - Trail Maintenance **74%**
- 6 C4 - Mount Boucherie Trails **64%**



TOP PRIORITIES

Directions that participants identified as wanting to see happen first

- 1 C7 - Support for Other Crown Land Initiatives
- 2 M4 - Pets on Trails
- 3 C4 - Mount Boucherie Trails
- 4 C2 - Waterfront Trail
- 5 M1 - Environmental Management
- 6 P2 - Asset Management & Resourcing

ROUND 2 ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

TRAILS FEEDBACK



DISCUSSION THEMES

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Trail Planning & Development Recommendations

- ▶ Enhance and protect the recreational trail network
- ▶ Distribute recreational trails throughout West Kelowna
- ▶ Improve trail amenities
- ▶ Improve access and connectivity
- ▶ Provide more wayfinding and signage including digital options
- ▶ Provide a range of trail ratings including fully accessible trails and more challenging trails
- ▶ Improve safety on recreational trails
- ▶ Consider how to allow continued access by motorized uses into the backcountry

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Trail Management Recommendations

- ▶ Protect and enhance trail environments
- ▶ Improve overall trail maintenance
- ▶ Manage conflicts on trails with trail use guidelines, public education, and enforcement
- ▶ Accommodate both dog-owners and non-dog-owners' enjoyment
- ▶ Work with partners and volunteers

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Capital Project Recommendations

- ▶ Prioritize Waterfront Trail extension
- ▶ Prioritize Flume Trail development
- ▶ Support others working to enhance the broader recreational trail network

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RECREATIONAL
TRAILS MASTER
PLAN UPDATES**

**City of West Kelowna
Recreational Trails Master Plan**

DRAFT - April 2024



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MAPPING UPDATES



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- ▶ Update mapping to improve legibility of sidewalk reference linework
- ▶ Add note to clarify that sidewalks and active transportation routes in the *Recreational Trails Master Plan* mapping are for context only. The *Transportation Master Plan* is the primary reference for these routes





M3 Trail Use Guidelines & Codes of Conduct (p.54)

What we heard

- ▶ The growing use of electric-powered devices (e.g., e-bikes, e-scooters, etc.) will increasingly affect recreational trails

Recommended Plan Updates

- ▶ **Add background context** on evolving technologies and potential impacts such as speed/interface with other user groups, impacts to infrastructure, enforcement, etc.
- ▶ **Add Action M3.3** *Continue to monitor emerging trends in trail user technologies (e.g., e-assist, e-bikes, etc.) and research and consider policy updates accordingly.*

NEXT STEPS

- **July 2024**
Finalization of Plans
- **August 2024**
Final Master Plans to Council



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