



Parks Master Plan Recreational Trails Master Plan

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY SUMMER 2024

**ROUND 2:
DRAFT PLAN REVIEW**



SNAPSHOT: PARKS MASTER PLAN



The following is a snapshot of input collected through the second round of engagement on the Parks Master Plan. It includes community feedback on the draft goals, recommendations, and priorities articulated in the Draft Parks Master Plan. Read on for details!

87
completed parks feedback forms

18
written submissions / questions for parks & trails

100
community open house attendees

DRAFT GOALS



The majority of participants felt that all SIX Draft Goals will support a successful parks system.

Top Goals participants rated as "Yes! This goal will support a successful parks system"

73% Support a Healthy, Vibrant, & Active Community (Goal 5)

70% Celebrate our Water (Goal 1)

COMMON THEMES ON RECOMMENDATIONS



Parkland Quantity & Quality Recommendations

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



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



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%**



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



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

SNAPSHOT: RECREATIONAL TRAILS MASTER PLAN



The following is a snapshot of input collected through the second round of engagement on the Recreational Trails Master Plan. It includes community feedback on the draft goals, recommendations, and priorities articulated in the Draft Recreational Trails Master Plan. Read on for details!



DRAFT GOALS



The majority of participants felt all NINE Draft Goals will support a successful recreational trails system.

Top Goals participants rated as "Yes! This goal will support a successful parks system"

- 79%** Establish positive relationships and pursue partnerships (Goal 9)
- 72%** Improve the quality and consistency of trail management & maintenance (Goal 4)

COMMON THEMES ON RECOMMENDATIONS



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



DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Top 6 draft recommendations rated 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%**



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



Capital Project Recommendations

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



Boucherie Multi-use Path

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Boucherie Pickleball Courts

1 | OVERVIEW

ROUND 2: DRAFT PLAN REVIEW

1.1 ABOUT THE PROJECTS

The City of West Kelowna is updating two key community-wide strategic plans: the **Parks Master Plan** and the **Recreational Trails Master Plan**. The final plans will provide guidance on where and how the City will plan, invest in, and maintain these critical networks over time.

Since the plans were last updated:

- ▶ West Kelowna has grown and there is increasing demand on these networks;
- ▶ there have been global shifts, trends, and technological advancements;
- ▶ the difference between recreational trails and active transportation routes has become more distinct; and
- ▶ the community shared new ideas.

Updated plans will reflect West Kelowna today and provide guidance for over the next decade and beyond.

The City is committed to maintaining high-quality parks and recreational trails networks that serve community members of all ages and abilities, while respecting the natural beauty that surrounds West Kelowna.

Community input is integral to understanding current needs, priorities, and ideas. The plan development process included engagement that ran parallel to the technical analysis. Input heard during engagement has been used as input to the plan development. This summary focuses on Round 2 engagement: Draft Plan Review.

ROUND 2 ENGAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Generate community interest through broad outreach to share feedback on the Draft Parks Master Plan and Draft Recreational Trails Master Plan.
- ▶ Engage with diverse audiences including parks and trails users, residents, City staff, stakeholders, neighbouring communities, interest groups, and elected officials.
- ▶ Facilitate an open and transparent engagement process that:
 - » Informs the community about what we heard during Round 1 of the process.
 - » Shares draft goals that reflect community values and will guide each of the Draft Plans.
 - » Share draft recommendations specific to each plan that will guide parks and recreational trails projects and priorities for the next 10 years.
- ▶ Outline next steps in the process including Council review later in 2024.

ABOUT THE PARKS MASTER PLAN



Created: 2010 (District of West Kelowna)

Last Updated: 2016 (City of West Kelowna)

Focus: Outdoor parks, open spaces, and waterfront areas managed by the City of West Kelowna. It does not include parks managed by the School District, Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO), Westbank First Nation (WFN), or others, though these great spaces are considered in the planning.

Purpose: Overall direction and guidance for managing parks resources, infrastructure, and investment over a long-term (10-year) horizon.

Current Parks System: 215 ha

ABOUT THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS MASTER PLAN



Created: 2013 (District of West Kelowna)

Focus: Recreational trails that provide fun outdoor recreation experiences and are managed by the City's Parks Department. They are distinct from Active Transportation Routes which provide safe, reliable transportation between City neighbourhoods and destinations and are managed by the City's Engineering Department through the Transportation Master Plan. Trails managed by others like the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO), Westbank First Nation (WFN), non-profit organizations, or others are also outside the scope of this plan, though they are considered in planning as part of the broader network.

Purpose: Overall direction and guidance for planning, developing, operating, and investing in West Kelowna's recreational trails network over a long-term (10-year) horizon.

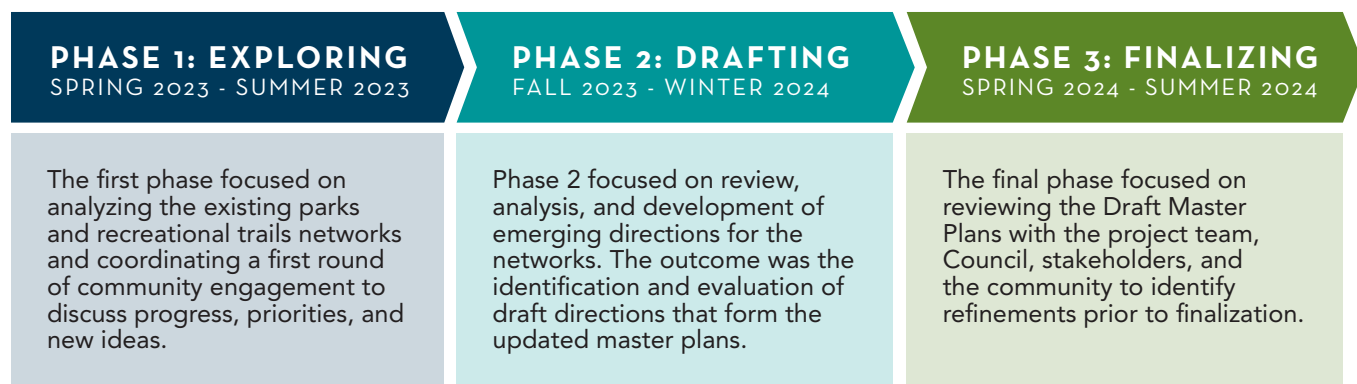
Current Recreational Trails Network: 32.7 km



2 | ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

2.1 PROCESS OVERVIEW

The planning process focused on the update of two key master plans: the **Parks Master Plan** and the **Recreational Trails Master Plan**. The diagram below summarizes the three phases that guided the development of each master plan and the activities within each phase.



KEY ACTIVITIES



ENGAGEMENT FOCUS

Round 1: Exchanging Info & Ideas

Spring 2023

Key areas of focus:

- ▶ Raise awareness and provide information about the existing networks.
- ▶ Gather information about concerns, values, gaps, and ideas.

Outcomes: Confirm aspirations and directions from the previous plans and identify new potential directions for the networks.

Round 2: Draft Plan Review

Spring 2024

Key areas of focus:

- ▶ Share what we heard from Round 1 engagement.
- ▶ Refer the draft master plans out for public and stakeholder review and comment.

Outcomes: Feedback to be considered during refinement of the updated master plans.



2.2 ROUND 2 OUTREACH

Round 2 community engagement was conducted between **April 24, 2024** and **May 31, 2024**. The following outreach tools were used to inform community members about engagement opportunities:

- ▶ **Project webpages** for each project created and updated on West Kelowna's engagement site (ourwk.ca) to post information and encourage involvement
- ▶ **Presentation to Council** on April 23, 2024, to mark the start of Round 2 community engagement
- ▶ **Direct outreach via email and phone** to neighbouring jurisdictions, community groups, and stakeholders to invite their participation in the process
- ▶ **Media release** during the engagement period to share information about the process and opportunities to participate
- ▶ **Social media posts** on the City's Facebook, X, and Instagram accounts
- ▶ **Email blasts** distributed via the City's subscriber list
- ▶ Half page ad in the **West Kelowna News** to advertise the community open house
- ▶ **Requests to stakeholders to share information** with their membership
- ▶ **Posters and signs** at municipal facilities such as City Hall, Royal LePage Place, Jim Lind Arena, and JBMAC
- ▶ **Banners** at the West Kelowna Yacht Club and **sandwich boards** along the Gellatly Bay Recreation Corridor during the open house

Examples of Outreach Materials



WEBSITE CONTENT UPDATE
Parks Master Plan page at ourwk.ca/parks and Recreational Trails Master Plan at ourwk.ca/rectrails



SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS
On the City's Facebook, X, and Instagram pages



COMMUNITY POSTERS
In visible locations across the community

2.3 ROUND 2 ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES



During the Round 2 Engagement period, community input was received through a number of activities.



COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

A community open house welcomed all community members to learn about the projects and share feedback on the Draft Parks Master Plan and Draft Recreational Trails Master Plan. The drop-in open house was on May 15, 2024 between 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm at the West Kelowna Yacht Club.

100

community members dropped into the open house.



FEEDBACK FORMS

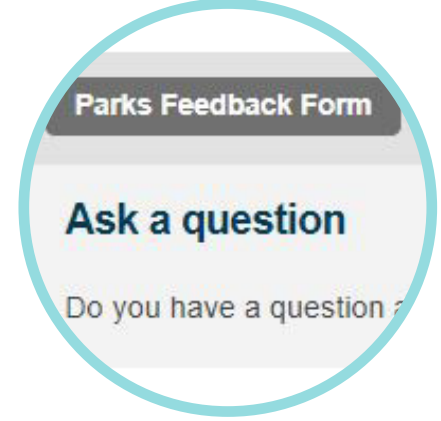
Two Feedback Forms – one focused on parks and one focused on recreational trails – were open to all community members from April 24 through to May 31, 2024 online and in paper format to collect feedback on the draft plan directions.

87

parks feedback forms were submitted

26

recreational trails feedback forms were submitted



QUESTIONS & WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

Participants could 'Ask a Question' through the City's online engagement platform, ourwk.ca/parks or ourwk.ca/rec/trails. The City compiled and responded to questions to inform community members and to be considered during draft plan refinement. Participants could also email comments to the City.

18

online questions/written submissions were received for parks and recreational trails

PARKS MASTER PLAN



My concern is lack of fields for kids in this quickly growing city. I think that with a growing city comes better sport programs that will retain more athletes which will require more fields especially at a high level. I'd like West Kelowna to be a leader in promoting kids outdoor activities. We have a great group of talented young athletes.



3 | WHAT WE HEARD

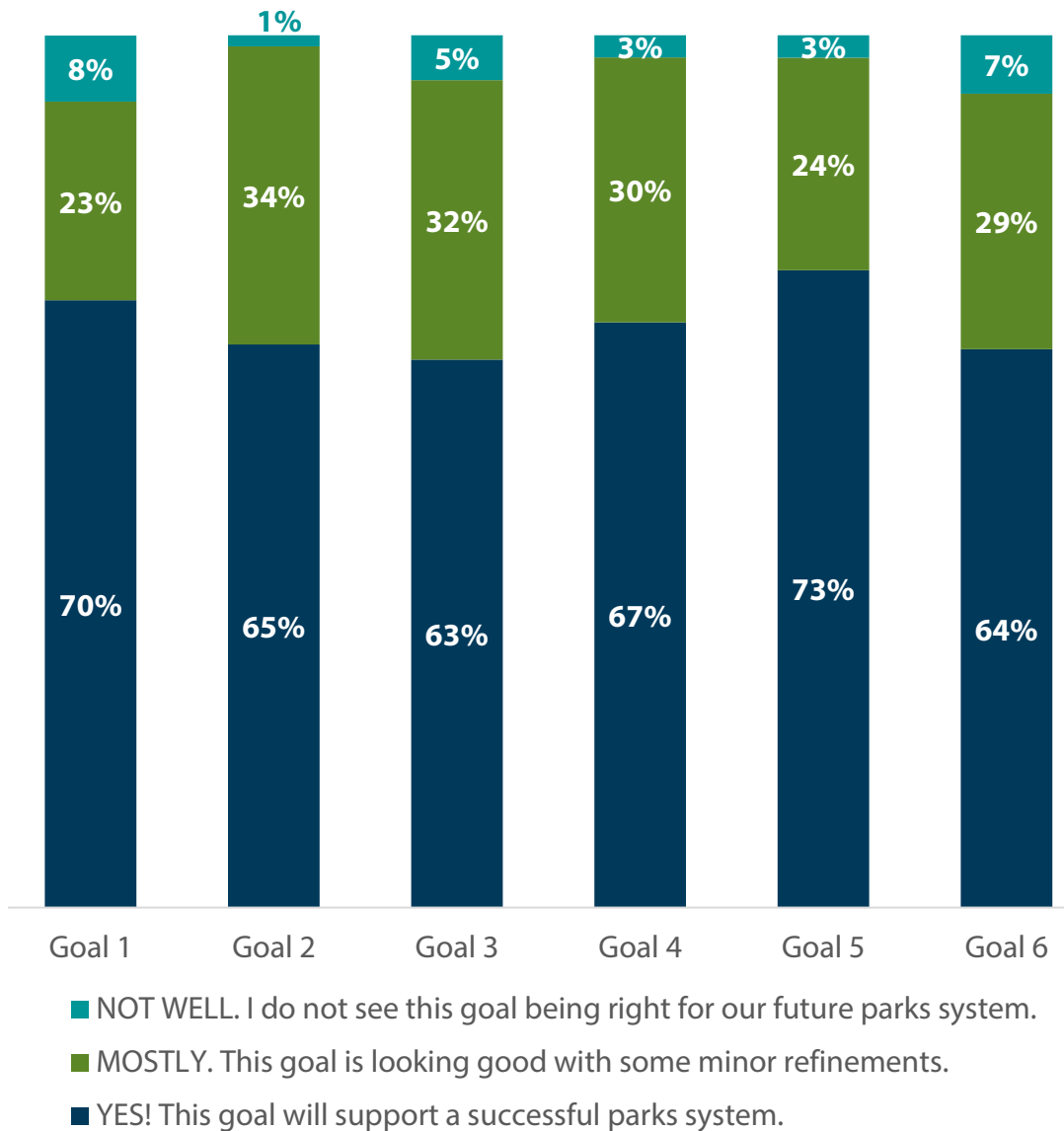
PARKS MASTER PLAN



This section summarizes what we heard during the second round of engagement related to the **Parks Master Plan**, including input from the feedback form, the community open house, and written submissions. Through these engagement activities, participants were asked to share their feedback on the Draft Parks Master Plan, including draft goals, draft recommendations, and priorities for the future. Input will be considered as the Draft Parks Master Plan is refined for Council review later in 2024.

3.1 DRAFT GOAL REVIEW (PARKS)

Participants in the Parks Feedback Form were asked how strongly they feel each of the six (6) Draft Goals (outlined on the following page 8) will successfully guide West Kelowna's future parks system.





WEST KELOWNA

PARKS MASTER PLAN

DRAFT GOALS FOR PARKS MASTER PLAN



GOAL 1: CELEBRATE OUR WATER

Recognize, protect, and enhance Okanagan Lake, along with community waterfronts and waterways, as key components of West Kelowna's character. Expand and connect public waterfront access, while balancing care and protection of natural systems.



GOAL 2: PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT & SHOWCASE OUR NATURAL PLAYGROUND

Support the preservation of important ecosystems, wildlife habitats, and wilderness areas so they continue to be part of the West Kelowna community for generations to come. At the same time, encourage low-impact recreational opportunities that allow people to connect with the spectacular nature around them.



GOAL 3: CONNECT OUR COMMUNITY

Create an interconnected system of parks, trails, and greenways that encourages people to get out of their vehicles and into their community. Encourage parks to be places where people come together to experience the joy of social connection and community belonging.



GOAL 4: LEAVE A LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE

Develop a sustainable, safe, and resilient parks system that is capable of adapting to the changing world around us, evolving so it continues to provide access to thriving parks and greenspaces for future generations. Align operational resources and community expectations so that service delivery is proactive, efficient, and sustainable.



GOAL 5: SUPPORT A HEALTHY, VIBRANT, AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY

Engage our community and neighbourhoods by bringing people together to live and play, through the seasons and the years. Create spaces that support activity, inclusion, spirit, and community pride, welcoming people of all ages, abilities, and interests to live well.



GOAL 6: SUPPORT A THRIVING WEST KELOWNA

Encourage opportunities for parks to contribute to West Kelowna's economic development through events, experiences, and tourism, balanced with ongoing access and enjoyment for local residents.

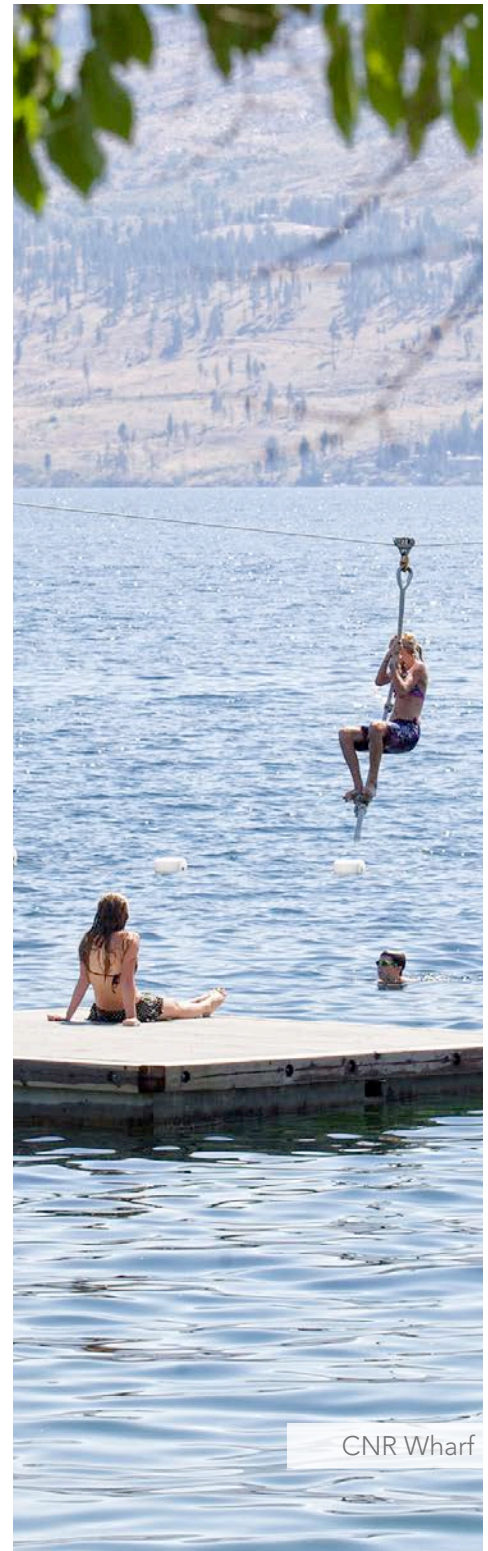
DRAFT GOAL REVIEW (CONTINUED)

KEY OBSERVATIONS FOR PARK GOALS:

- ▶ Strong support for all goals with each achieving at least 63% or more responses of: *YES! This goal will support a successful parks system.*
- ▶ The two highest rated goals were:
 - » **Goal 5:** Support a Healthy, Vibrant, and Active Community (73%)
 - » **Goal 1:** Celebrate our Water (70%).
- ▶ Goals that saw slightly less support for *YES! This goal will support a successful parks system* were:
 - » **Goal 3:** Connect our Community (63%)
 - » **Goal 6:** Support a Thriving West Kelowna (64%).



Goals look good on paper, but follow through is weak. Biggest issue is not being able to look after we have, never mind adding more, without complimenting with enough staff to look after everything proactively instead of reactively. These goals mentioned are all good, but with current staffing levels, unobtainable.



CNR Wharf



3.2 DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS REVIEW (PARKS)

Participants in the **Parks Feedback Form** were asked to provide feedback on the draft recommendations outlined in the Draft Parks Master Plan in categories as outlined below. Feedback is summarized in the following table and provides insights on potential refinements.

PARKLAND QUANTITY & QUALITY MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

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



See pages 65-79 of the Draft Parks Master Plan.

IPARK IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

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



Read more on pages 80-118 of the Draft Parks Master Plan.

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.



See pages 120-134 of the Draft Parks Master Plan.

SERVICE DELIVERY RECOMMENDATIONS

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



See pages 135-150 of the Draft Parks Master Plan.



DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS REVIEW (PARKS)

GENERAL SUMMARY

Draft Recommendations with higher levels of "high support" in the Parks Feedback Form responses (% high support):

- ▶ Q3 - Major Park Acquisition Planning (73%)
- ▶ 15 - Waterfront Access and Amenities (69%)
- ▶ L1 Gellatly Bay Recreation Area (66%)
- ▶ Q2 - Parkland Targets (65%)
- ▶ Q1 - Park Operations Resourcing (62%)

Draft Recommendations with higher levels of "low support" in the Parks Feedback Form responses (% low support):

- ▶ I9 - Disc Golf (53%)
- ▶ I4 - Outdoor Ice Skating Venue (43%)
- ▶ I7 - Pets in Parks (29%)

COMMENT THEMES SUMMARY

The following table summarizes key recurring themes received through the Parks Feedback Form, community open house, and written submissions on the Draft Recommendations.

Recommendations	Comment
Parkland Quantity and Quality Management Recommendations	
Q1: Park Operations Resourcing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase resources to maintain existing parks before adding new parkland so that park quality remains high.
Q2: Parkland Targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim for 20% of City land to be in the form of natural area / publicly accessible open space through a variety of strategies as outlined in the Official Community Plan.
Q3: Major Park Acquisition Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize acquiring parkland/reserve lands to support active community health today and for the future. • Parallel parkland acquisition to projected population growth. • Focus planning in areas with high population and/or increasing density. • Obtain developer funding to help support park expansion to accommodate increasing population. • Consider alternative locations for facilities that can be placed anywhere instead of on existing parkland (e.g., firehall in Lakeview Heights). • Consider leasing land to address key issues (e.g., parking issues).
Q4: Neighbourhood Park Dedication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide both equitable park access and facilities in all neighbourhoods (instead of focused on one area). • Provide both indoor and outdoor park facilities in neighbourhoods. • Provide opportunities for active health in neighbourhoods. • Acquire active parkland in specific neighbourhoods (e.g., Lakeview Heights).
Q5: Parks & Recreational Trails Asset Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better maintain parks to keep them functional, aesthetically-pleasing to showcase West Kelowna's assets, and cost-effective to operate long-term. • Maintain parks proactively instead of reactively.

Recommendations	Comment
Park Improvement Recommendations	
11: Athletic Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide high-quality sports fields to meet demand. • Build West Kelowna as a sports tournament destination and leader for youth and adult sports. • Provide sports fields as a means for organizations to develop more and better sports programs that will retain more athletes (especially youth sports and high level sports). • Improve maintenance for existing sports fields.
12: Playgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide more natural play spaces for children (e.g., logs, rocks, stumps, etc.). • Provide more creative areas (e.g., loose parts playground to encourage creativity and building). • Provide safer and more accessible spaces for children and youth. • Provide more inclusive parks (e.g., similar to Julia's Junction) for kids that are neurodivergent. • Ensure playgrounds have rain/sun shaded areas. • Provide benches that face the playground so caregivers can watch kids play.
13: Courts - General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize building additional pickleball courts to meet increasing demand and popularity of this sport. • Prioritize access to pickleball facilities for West Kelowna and Westbank First Nations residents. • Maintain pickleball courts in one location/facility for both club and recreational play; however, also provide courts around the City to serve neighbourhoods. • Consider opportunities for fully covered pickleball facilities (e.g., Marshall Fields Pickleball Courts in Vernon) or removable structures for weather protection and year-round use (e.g., Kamloops Tennis Bubble). • Build West Kelowna as a destination to host both indoor and outdoor tournaments that support economic development. • Consider adapting existing tennis courts to pickleball courts (e.g., Anders) such as including multi-use line painting. • Consider outdoor basketball courts.
14: Outdoor Ice Skating Venue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate public interest in an outdoor ice skating venue.
15: Waterfront Access & Amenities (General)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain public beach access including boat launches/tie-ups along the lake. • Acquire additional parkland to improve waterfront access. • Extend the Waterfront Trail to Peachland and Kelowna. • Consider private enterprise in waterfront parks such as food trucks.
16: Rolling Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider adding park lighting to the existing skatepark.
17: Pets in Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide more off-leash dog areas especially grass areas. • Maintain and improve existing dog parks before adding more dog parks. • Add amenities (e.g., safety enhancements such as bearproofing, signage, benches, areas for big dogs vs. little dogs, shade structures/all-season use, dog waste solutions to alleviate park attendee efforts, bulk mulch, etc.). • Provide more public education and communication about pets in parks to provide a safe and comfortable experience for both owners and non-owners. • Improve specific off-leash areas (e.g., Shannon Woods, Westbank Centre). • Consider using the landfill site to develop a large off-leash dog park.
18: Productive Landscapes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate community gardens within parks.
19: Disc Golf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor public interest.


Recommendations	Comment
I10: Comfort Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide public washrooms especially at busy parks, pickleball facilities, sports fields, near covered picnic areas, etc. • Monitor washrooms and public shelters to maintain public safety and enjoyment.
I11: Other Ideas for Future Consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider outdoor games in parks (e.g., giant checkers, lawn bowling, shuffleboard, etc.). • Consider exercise equipment or an outdoor gym (e.g., Town Center Park in Coquitlam). • Consider an outdoor wading pool. • Consider a walking loop.
I12: Key Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize development of safe trails for both recreation and active transportation to key destinations. • Promote social connection in parks through park activities (either as participants or spectators).
Location-Specific Recommendations	
L1: Gellatly Bay Recreation Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest in improvements to Gellatly Bay including expansion of non-motorized water sports, swimming, improved public access, and additional amenities. • Support Gellatly Bay expansion for tourism and economic development. • Consider acquiring land for the boat and paddle club boat storage (e.g., across from Willow Beach). • Consider partnerships between local organizations and the City to develop and manage the boat and paddle club facility (e.g., rentals). • Provide dedicated docks for non-motorized boats so they can expand their program offerings, enhance safety, improve access, etc. • Consider private enterprise in Gellatly Bay. • Upgrade the boat launch area including pad and ramp improvements, proper dredging, expanded parking, and improved access. • Consider boat launch fees for both locals and visitors.
L3: Mar Fee Sports Complex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize development of Mar Fee Sports Complex as a significant community asset that includes amenities for both youth and adult sports. • Consider adding other amenities to the complex such as a running track, multi-use pickleball courts, and covered box arenas for lacrosse, basketball. • Develop the facility to host tournaments / promote sports tourism.
L5: Mount Boucherie Sports Fields/ Darroch Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve pedestrian access to Mount Boucherie sports fields. • Remove the upper ball diamond and replace with a pickleball facility.
L8: Mount Boucherie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain opportunities to access challenging trails / natural trails.
L10: Landfill Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remediate and repurpose the landfill as parkland.



Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in North America. Courts are crowded and people are getting frustrated having to wait to play. We need more courts sooner than later.



Recommendations	Comment
Service Delivery Recommendations	
S1: Park & Recreational Trail Design Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate natural landscaping in parks. • Consider multipurpose designs and functionality for parks so they appeal to a range of user groups and generations. • Integrate gathering spaces in parks. • Provide more opportunities for young families including facilities for organized sports. • Provide more opportunities for active seniors (both indoor and outdoor). • Continually adapt existing parks based on current park trends and activities.
S2: Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support parks and urban forest areas to balance development impacts, enhance the environment, and help mitigate climate change impacts. • Use sustainable vehicles for parks and trails maintenance. • Improve fire mitigation in wildfire interface areas.
S3: Environmental & Water Stewardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve parks and trails maintenance to protect environmental values. • Provide more public education about parks and trails use, environmental impacts, and environmental protection and conservation.
S4: Park Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance safety in parks including discouraging negative activities (e.g., drug use in public spaces). • Increase monitoring of parks (including picnic shelters and washrooms) to limit negative social behaviour.
S5: Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve access to parks and trails for all ages and abilities. • Recognize accessibility can be limited (i.e., for challenging trails).
S7: Parks Volunteer Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilize senior volunteers for park programs and to encourage active seniors.
S9: Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase mountain bike trails in West Kelowna. • Work with community organizations to enhance sports tourism.
S10: Information & Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve public communication for parks and trails use particularly for environmental enhancement, dog management, fire hazard, and accessibility.
Implementation (applicable to all)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare research and plans for each concept so Council can weigh the merits of each project should funding become available.

 *A Gellatly Bay Paddle Centre addresses all the "YES's". The CN Wharf was a good start but a dedicated human powered paddle center would really showcase West Kelowna's Gem (Gellatly Bay).*





3.3 PRIORITIES

TOP PRIORITIES FOR PARKS

Participants in the **Parks Feedback Form** were asked to identify their top five priorities. Information is based on a count of top responses in order of the highest count.

- ▶ 13 - Courts
- ▶ L3 - Mar Fee Sports Complex
- ▶ 15 - Waterfront Access and Amenities
- ▶ 11 - Athletic Fields
- ▶ 110 - Comfort Amenities (Shelters & Washrooms)

The sixth highest count of responses all received an equal count:

- ▶ L1 - Gellatly Bay Recreation Area
- ▶ L5 - Mount Boucherie Sports Fields / Darroch Park

Input will inform Implementation Planning and further refinement of the Draft Parks Master Plan.



Very excited to read about the concept of a Paddle Centre and importance of prioritizing non-motorized water craft and sports like swimming in Gellatly Bay. Is there a possibility of acquiring the land where the current boat rental business is located on Gellatly Road to create a wide-open park space that could be the location of a Paddle Centre and other park amenities, such as parking and space for picnic shelters and vendor sites?





3.4 PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS (PARKS)

To understand who participated in the Round engagement 2 process by completing a **Parks Feedback Form**, we asked participants key questions about themselves. The following charts summarize responses.

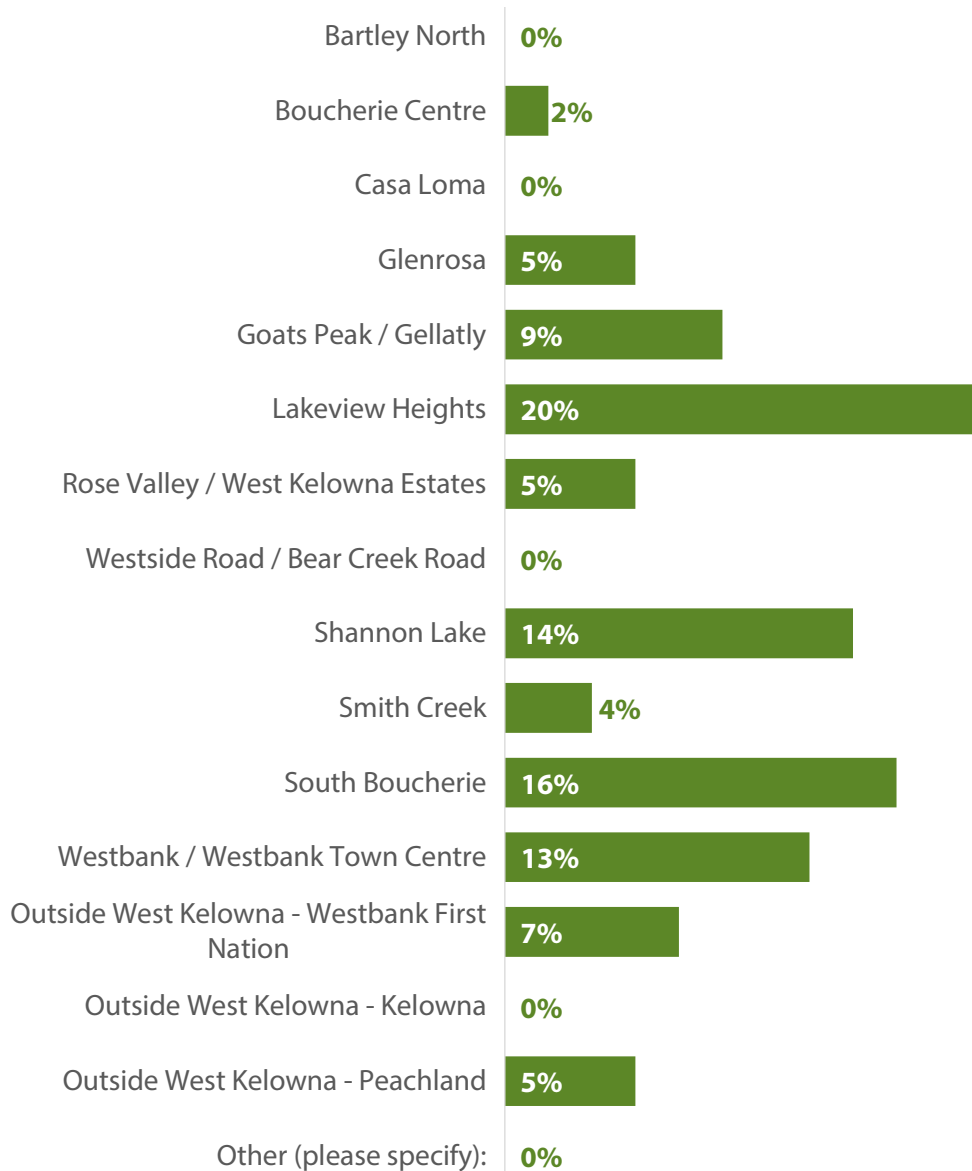
NOTES:

- ▶ Demographic information was collected through the **Parks Feedback Form** only. Other sources of input, including the community open house and written submissions, did not collect demographic information; therefore, are not represented here.
- ▶ Not all percentages will add up to 100% due to rounding or the nature of the question.



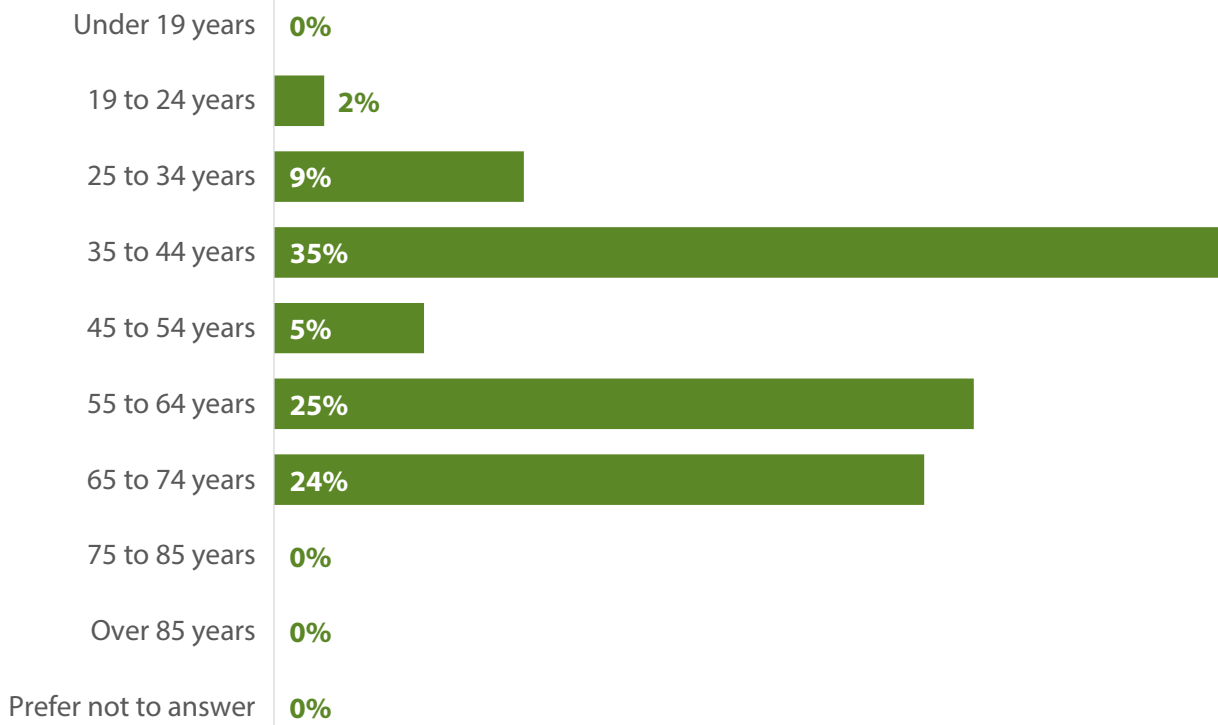
WHERE PARTICIPANTS LIVE

Participants were asked to identify their neighbourhood based on a neighbourhood map.

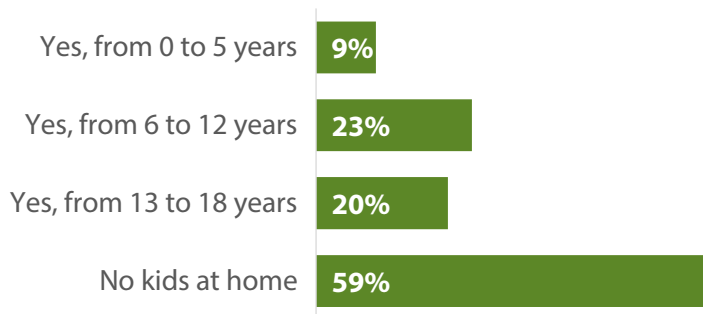




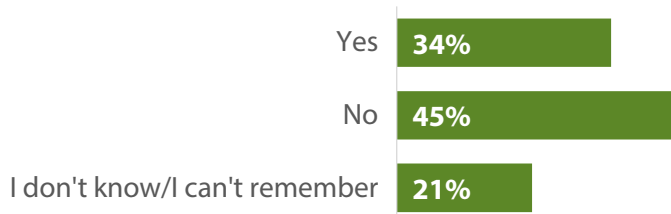
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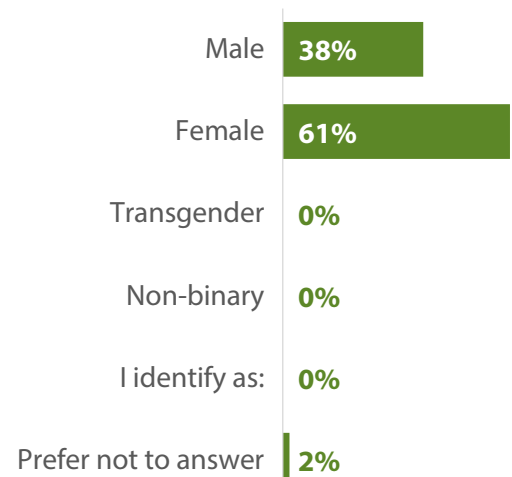
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RECREATIONAL TRAILS MASTER PLAN



Really work on the 'connected' part of this plan. Access to a 'connected' trail system should be within a 10 minute walk of every residence in West Kelowna (not streets, not sidewalks - trails/parks all connected (or very close to it).



Views over West Kelowna from Mount Boucherie

4 | WHAT WE HEARD

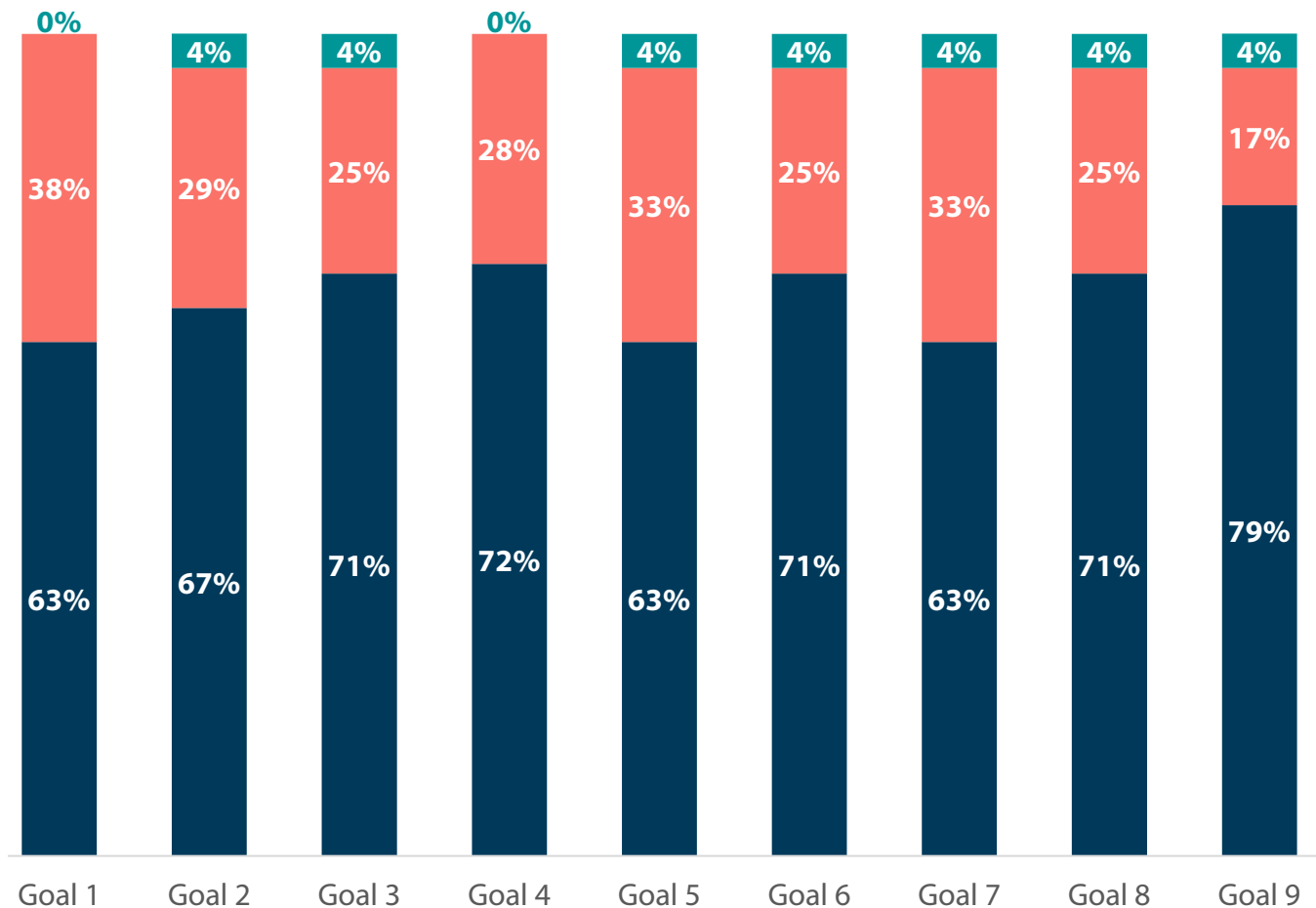
RECREATIONAL TRAILS MASTER PLAN



This section summarizes what we heard during the second round of engagement related to the **Recreational Trails Master Plan**, including input from the Recreational Trails Feedback Form, the community open house, and written submissions. Through these activities, participants were asked to share their feedback on the Draft Recreational Trails Master Plan, including draft goals, draft recommendations, and priorities for the future. Input will be considered as the Draft Recreational Trails Master Plan is refined for Council review later in 2024.

4.1 DRAFT GOAL REVIEW (RECREATIONAL TRAILS)

Participants in the Recreational Trails Feedback Form were asked how strongly they feel each of the nine (9) Draft Goals (outlined on the following page 20) will successfully guide West Kelowna's future recreational trails network.



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



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DRAFT GOALS FOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS MASTER PLAN



GOAL 1: Provide a publicly-accessible, connected recreational trails system with links to all parts of the community.



GOAL 2: Establish the trails system as a destination for residents and visitors, with natural attractions and varied, year-round recreation opportunities.



GOAL 3: Provide opportunities for people of all ages, abilities, and lifestyles to experience trails in West Kelowna safely, securely, and comfortably.



GOAL 4: Improve the quality and consistency of trail management and maintenance, with sufficient resources to effectively maintain trails assets.



GOAL 5: Provide clear and accessible information about the trails to support wayfinding and code of conduct.



GOAL 6: Balance protection of natural areas and building climate resiliency with public access and connectivity.



GOAL 7: Take steps to improve responsible trails use and reduce conflicts among trail users.



GOAL 8: Encourage and support the engagement and involvement of user groups and partners in trail stewardship.

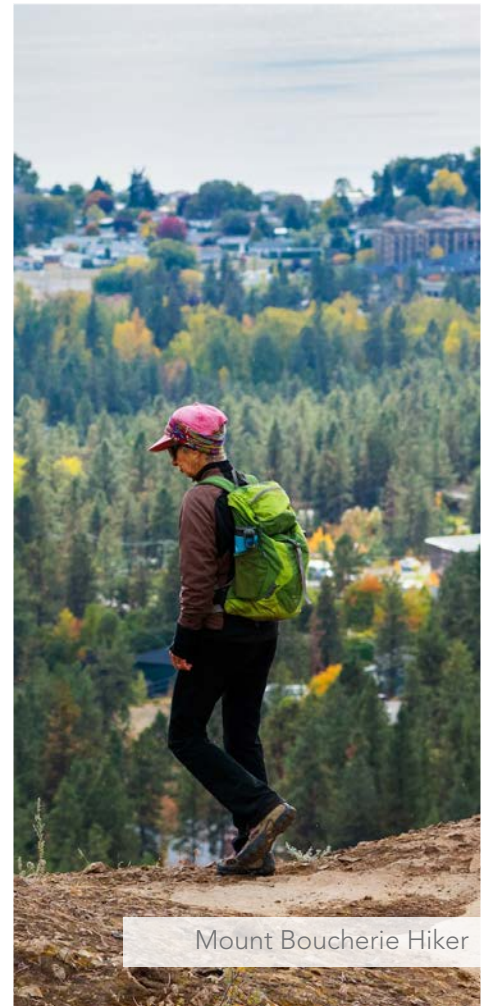


GOAL 9: Establish positive relationships and pursue partnerships with trail users, volunteers, neighbouring municipalities, RDCO, WFN, the Province, and the development community.

DRAFT GOAL REVIEW (RECREATIONAL TRAILS)

KEY OBSERVATIONS FOR TRAILS GOALS:

- ▶ Strong support for all goals with each achieving at least 63% or more responses of: *YES! This goal will support a successful recreational trails system.*
- ▶ The two highest rated goals were:
 - » **Goal 9:** Establish positive relationships and pursue partnerships (79%)
 - » **Goal 4:** Improve the quality and consistency of trail management and maintenance (72%).
- ▶ Goals that saw slightly less support for *YES! This goal will support a successful parks system* were:
 - » **Goal 1:** Provide a publicly-accessible, connected recreational trails system (63%)
 - » **Goal 5:** Provide clear and accessible information about the trails (63%).
 - » **Goal 7:** Take steps to improve responsible trails use and reduce conflicts among trail users (63%)



Improved access to trails for all users would require more city resources to keep up with the maintenance of the trails.



Establishing a Flume Trail through the Smith Creek development will be very important.



4.2 DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS REVIEW (TRAILS)



Participants in the **Recreational Trails Feedback Form** were asked to provide feedback on the recommendations outlined in the Draft Recreational Trails Master Plan in categories as outlined below. Feedback is summarized in the following table and provides insights on potential refinements.

P TRAIL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

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



See pages 35-47 of the Draft Recreational Trails Master Plan.

M TRAIL MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

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



See pages 49-57 of the Draft Recreational Trails Master Plan.

C CAPITAL PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

Larger projects addressing key connections that have a recreation focus.



Read more on pages 59-68 of the Draft Recreational Trails Master Plan.



Please work closely with the regional district to improve the waterfront trail connecting Peachland to the bridge. Need to improve safe trail access to have this as a cycling transportation corridor.





GENERAL SUMMARY

Draft Recommendations with higher levels of "high support" in the Recreational Trails Feedback Form responses (% high support):

- ▶ C2 - Waterfront Trail (86%)
- ▶ C7 - Support for Crown Land Initiatives (80%)
- ▶ M1 - Environmental Management (80%)
- ▶ C8 - Support for Partner Trail Initiatives (76%)
- ▶ M2 - Trail Maintenance (74%)
- ▶ C4 - Mount Boucherie Trails (64%)

Draft Recommendations with higher levels of "low support" in the Recreational Trails Feedback Form responses (% low support):

- ▶ P5 - Trailheads (19%)
- ▶ M4 - Pets on Trails (15%)
- ▶ C6 - Other Recreational Trails Projects (15%)

COMMENT THEMES SUMMARY

Recommendations	Comment
Trail Planning and Development Recommendations	
P1: Recreational Trails Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with developers to balance new development with protection and enhancement of the recreational trails network. • Prioritize development of safe, linear trails for recreation and active transportation purposes. • Improve routes for active transportation (<i>note: active transportation routes addressed in the Transportation Master Plan</i>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Shannon Lake Road to Bartley and downtown potentially by a separated shoulder » Gellatly to Quail's Gate
P2: Asset Management & Resourcing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide trails throughout all areas of West Kelowna instead of focusing on one area and/or neighbourhood. • Prioritize trail access and trails amenities for West Kelowna and Westbank First Nations residents. • Improve trail amenities (e.g., trash receptacles, public washrooms).
P4: Parks & Recreational Trails Design Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a range of trail types for a range of trail users.
P5: Trailheads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve trail connectivity so residents have access to trails within a 10 minute walk of their home.
P6: Wayfinding & Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install more signage for navigation on recreational trails. • Consider an app or modify an existing app that provides clear codes of conduct (as well as traditional signage). • Consider partnerships with All Trails or Garmin to improve City's online information for recreational trails.

Recommendations	Comment
P7: Trail Rating & Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide clear, consistent information about trail standards, aligned with standard conventions. • Provide safe recreational trails appropriate for all ages and abilities and natural, challenging trails for active users, recognizing that select trails will never be fully accessible for all users. • Provide more information about trail ratings to help manage user expectations and reduce conflict with other users. • Recognize that it is not up to the City to manage abilities and responsibilities on trails (some "use at your own risk" is inevitable). • Improve trail access with modifications on select trails (e.g., stairs, handrails).
P8: Trail Safety & Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide safer recreational trails for cyclists. • Consider trail users such as dirt bikers, ATV riders, and equestrians who use mountain bike trailheads to access backcountry area trails in the plan. • Use volunteers to help support safety objectives on recreational trails.
Trail Management Recommendations	
M1: Environmental Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave some trails as natural, unmaintained trails for nature appreciation / low impact use with less City oversight, regulation, signage etc. that take away from user experience. • Consult with local First Nations to incorporate knowledge regarding environmental protection. • Enhance wildfire mitigation in wildfire interface areas.
M2: Trail Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve overall trail maintenance for existing trails to an adequate level before expanding network. • Provide more support to trail maintenance crews and volunteer organizations. • Better maintain trails to keep them functional, aesthetically-pleasing to showcase West Kelowna's assets, and cost-effective to operate long-term. • Improve seasonal trail maintenance (e.g., ice clearing). • Provide more resources for trail maintenance.
M3: Trail Use Guidelines & Code of Conduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider external support / partnerships to manage / enforce recreational trail use (i.e., illegal use of motor vehicles on the trails). • Limit trail use on specific trails to manage user conflicts (i.e., make some trails pedestrian only). • Enhance public education for trail use and environmental protection. • Provide better signage and enforcement for trail use so users adhere to bylaws (e.g., code of conduct, dog management, environmental protection, and access). • Consider increasing enforcement on recreational trails.
M4: Pets on Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support enjoyment by both dog-owners and non-dog-owners' on trails. • Provide more off-leash dog routes. • Consider partnerships / volunteers to support dog management on off-leash trails including stewardship (e.g., Shannon Woods Dog Park Adventure Team).
M5: Volunteers & Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider partnerships with volunteer groups to maintain trails, provide enforcement, and enhance public safety.

Recommendations	Comment
Capital Project Recommendations	
C2: Waterfront Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize Waterfront Trail extension to Peachland and Kelowna. • Prioritize improved connectivity to waterfront and/or waterways and better waterfront access points.
C3: Flume Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize the establishment of Flume Trail through Smith Creek neighbourhood as an important community asset. • Limit motorized uses on Flume Trail for safety purposes (but permit access to backcountry trails through corridor).
C4: Mount Boucherie Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and enhance current trails. • Increase bylaw enforcement on recreational trail use.
C6: Other Recreational Trails Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support partnerships and cooperation across all levels of government, businesses, and private property owners to ensure community members have better trail access and amenities. • Continue to consult with local First Nations on recreational trails. • Work closely with the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) to further expand and improve trail opportunities for West Kelowna residents. • Work with the RDCO to expand / reopen Rose Valley.
C7: Support for Crown Land Trail Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider a designated corridor for dirt bikes users who access backcountry trails from neighbourhoods (e.g., those who do not have access to a truck and trailer) to access backcountry trails (built and maintained by motorized users) to help address conflicts. • Consider expansion in the Rose Valley Reservoir area (and potential for management by West Kelowna). • Emphasize the importance of cooperation with jurisdictions/controlling parties for improved access.
C8: Support for Partner Trail Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to work with volunteer groups such as supporting the West Kelowna Trail Crew Society to build more bike trails.

TOP PRIORITIES FOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS

Participants in the **Recreational Trails Feedback Form** were asked to identify their top five priorities. Information is based on a count of top responses. Input will inform Implementation Planning and further refinement of the Draft Recreational Trails Master Plan.



Highest rated counts of responses:

- ▶ C7 - Support for Other Crown Land Initiatives
- ▶ M4 - Pets on Trails

The third highest count of responses all received an equal count:

- ▶ C4 - Mount Boucherie Trails
- ▶ C2 - Waterfront Trail
- ▶ M1 - Environmental Management
- ▶ P2 - Asset Management & Resourcing

4.3 PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS (TRAILS)



To understand who participated in the Round 2 process by completing a **Recreational Trails Feedback Form**, we asked participants key questions about themselves. The following charts summarize responses.

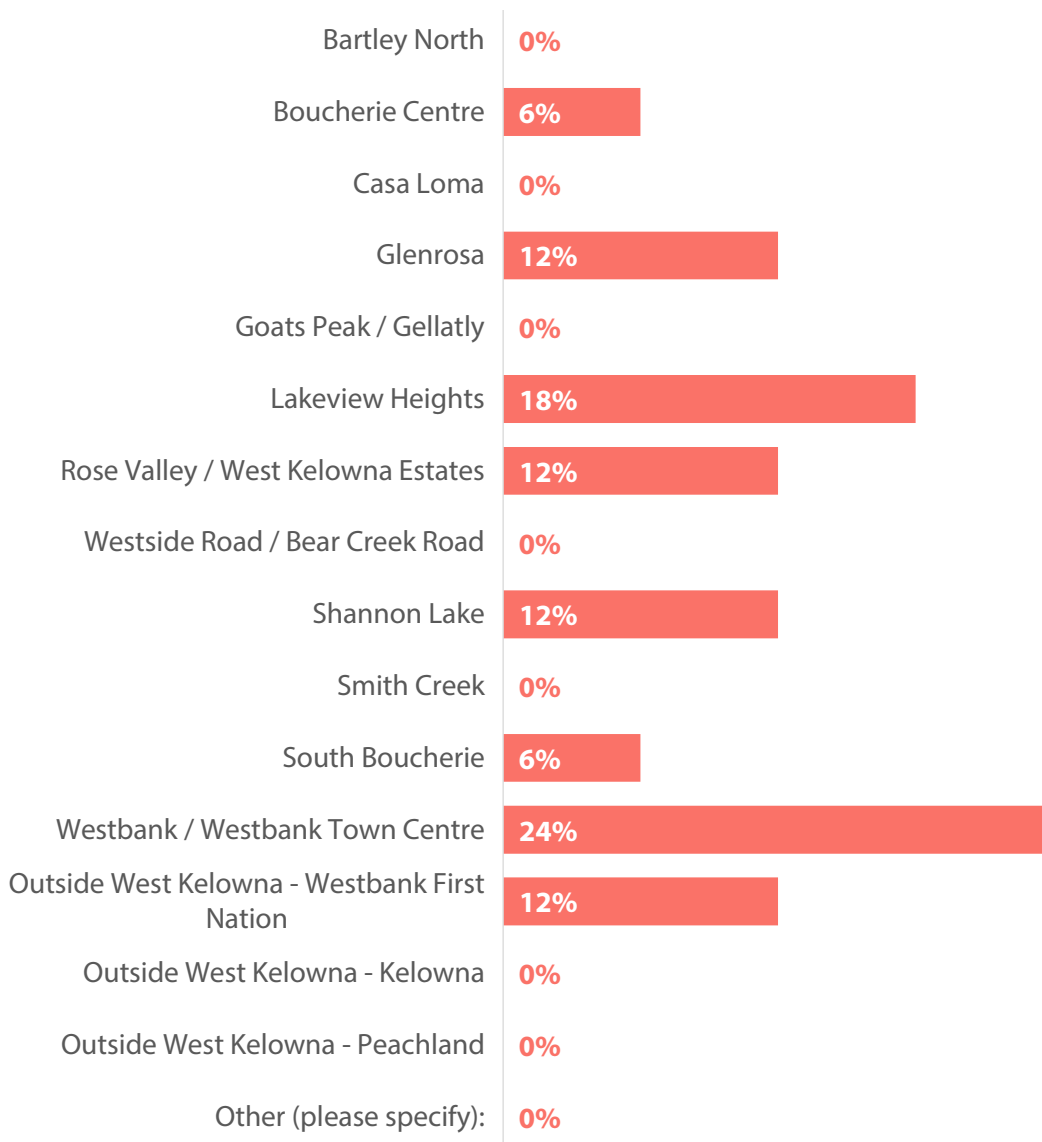
NOTES:

- ▶ Demographic information was collected through the **Recreational Trails Feedback Form** only. Other sources of input including the community open house and written submissions did not collect demographic information; therefore, are not represented here.
- ▶ Not all percentages will add up to 100% due to rounding or the nature of the question.



WHERE PARTICIPANTS LIVE

Participants were asked to identify their neighbourhood based on a neighbourhood map.

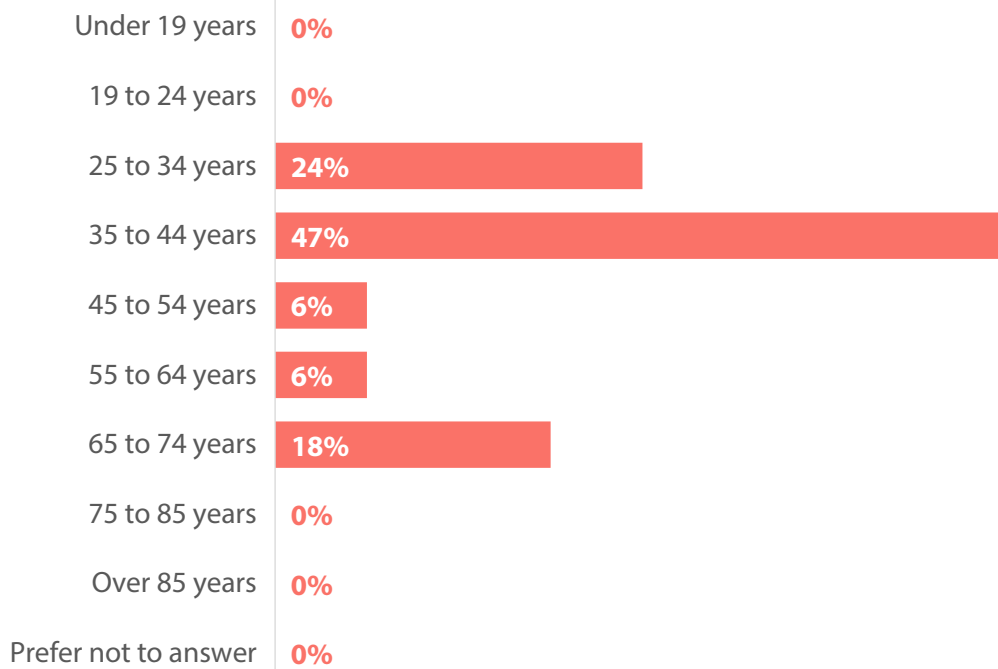




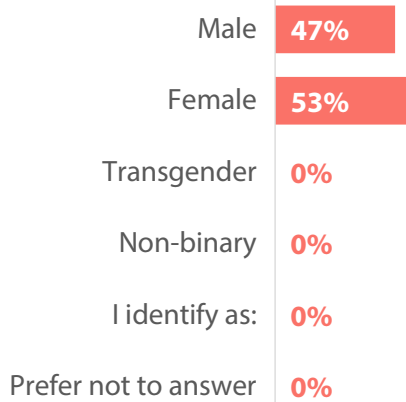
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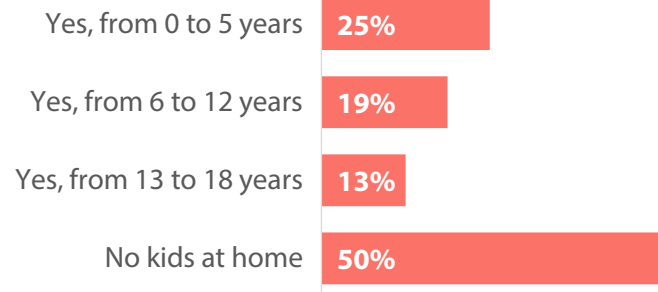
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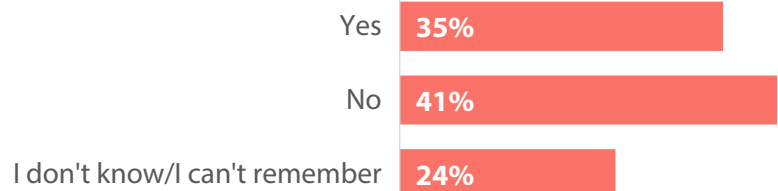
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5 | NEXT STEPS

With Round 2 of the **Parks Master Plan** and **Recreational Trails Master Plan** engagement process now complete, the focus shifts to refining the Draft Master Plans for Council review based on feedback.

Key steps will include:

- ▶ Refinements to each Draft Master Plan;
- ▶ Submission of the Final Master Plans to Council for consideration; and
- ▶ Project completion and start of project implementation using the final plans as guidance.



Thank you for all your input to date!

Your participation in this process has helped to shape goals, recommendations, and priorities for West Kelowna's future parks and recreational trails systems. These networks will continue to provide valuable assets for community members over the next decade and beyond.



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