

Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan 2022 – 2032

June 28, 2023 Regional Parks Committee

Presentation Outline



1 Strategic Plan Update Process

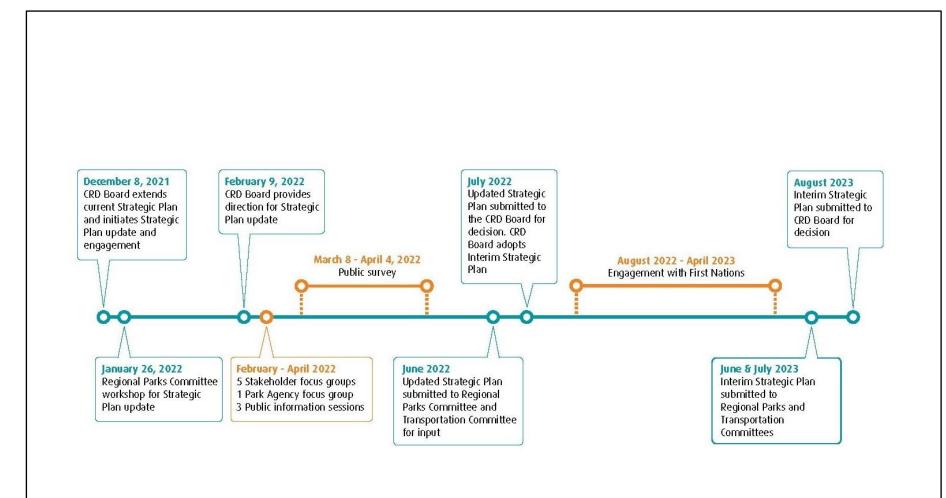
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Strategic Plan Update Process





Engagement





2,400Visits to project webpage



44Stakeholder groups attended 5 focus groups



1,228
Completed surveys



26
Attended 3 public information sessions



19,000 Reached on Social Media



19

First Nations invited to engage long-term

Engagement



The CRD acknowledges the following First Nations who participated in the development of this plan:

- Sc'ianew First Nation
- BOKEĆEN (Pauquachin)
 First Nation
- MÁLEXEŁ (Malahat)
 Nation
- P'a:chi:da?aht
 (Pacheedaht) First

 Nation
- Spune'luxutth (Penelakut) Tribe
- Songhees Nation
- SŢÁUTW (Tsawout) First
 Nation

- T'Sou-ke Nation
- WJOŁEŁP (Tsartlip) First Nation (represented by WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council)
- WSÍKEM (Tseycum) First Nation (represented by WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council)
- x^wsepsəm (Esquimalt)
 Nation
- xeláltxw (Halalt) First Nation

- Lyackson First Nation
- Stz'uminus (Chemainus)
 First Nation
- Semiahmoo First Nation
- Snuneymuxw First
 Nation
- Sčawaθan masteyax^w (Tsawwassen) First Nation
- Ts'uubaa-asatx (Lake Cowichan) First Nation
- Cowichan Tribes

What we heard



 Relationship Building – government-to-government dialogue, revenue sharing opportunities, decision-making roles, co-management arrangements

Edits to: Mission, Cultural Setting, Conservancy Area, Goal 1: Reconciliation

• **ReconciliACTION** – proactive steps to include First Nations, implement Plan with First Nations involvement, set work plans for priority initiatives

Edits to: Introduction, Values, Goal 1: Reconciliation, Monitoring & Reporting

 Land Back – obtain land through treaty or other means, right past alienation from traditional territories from formation of parks, meaningful partnerships in future land acquisitions

Edits to: Vision, Land Acquisition, Priority 4-5

What we heard



 Cultural Use & Activities – recognize Indigenous rights, improve cultural safety in parks, conflicts between recreation and conservation interests, opportunities for inventories and restoration projects

Edits to: Vision, Priority 1-1a, 1-1b, 2-2b, Goal 3: Visitor Experience

• **Public Education** – increase awareness, utilize Indigenous interpreters and guardians, co-develop material, 'nothing about us without us'

Edits to: Visitor experience, Conservancy Areas, Goal 1: Reconciliation, throughout

What we heard



 Stewardship & Conservation – knowledge sharing, integrate traditional concepts for taking care of the land, conflicts between public access and conservation efforts

Edits to: Physical setting, Goal 2: Conservation, Priority 2-1b, 2-3

 Meaningful Consultation – address capacity and resource needs, ongoing need and interest

Edits to: Territorial Acknowledgement, Engagement process, Monitoring & Reporting

Other Proposed Edits



- Compatible outdoor recreation terminology.
- Brooks Point Regional Park classified as a Conservation Area in alignment with the management plan approved in 2014.
- Priority action 4-2e: Bike parking and e-bike charging stations added.
- Minor edits and corrections to:
 - Section 2.3 Physical Setting and Appendix B calculations;
 - Map 6 Regional Trail Classifications and Priority Projects to show Phase 5 of the E&N Rail Trail as proposed (not yet planned or designed);
 - Correct regional park names;
 - Adjust timing of select priority actions.

^{*} No edits are proposed to include a 25% by 2032 target as the document already confirms the CRD's role in contributing to the national and international target of protecting 30% of land and water by 2030.