

## EAST SOOKE AND ROCHE COVE/MATHESON LAKE REGIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLANS

### PROJECT SCOPE

June 2020

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Multi-disciplinary internal project teams will assist in the development of the management plans for East Sooke Regional Park and for Roche Cove and Matheson Lake regional parks to ensure issues related to planning, public engagement, conservation, recreation, visitor services, park operations and park development are adequately considered. The planning processes will include opportunities for broad engagement before a management plan is drafted and again once a draft management plan is available. All comments received will be considered as the management plans are developed and public participation reports will be provided to the Regional Parks Committee for information following each round of engagement.

The Sc'ianew First Nation and the T'Sou-ke Nation will be invited to participate in the planning processes. Key federal, provincial, regional and local governments will be invited to participate directly, based on location of the parks and properties owned/managed by the various jurisdictions.

Opportunities will be provided for input from key stakeholders, such as park users, interest groups, neighbours, former landowners, and the public.

In the immediate term (2020), given the COVID-19 situation, the majority of the promotion and engagement will be done through non-personal methods, including in-park signage, phone calls, email, and various digital and online opportunities. If it becomes feasible and is appropriate, in-person engagement strategies may be incorporated into the overall engagement process.

A project webpage will be established on the CRD website to provide information about these management planning processes and to provide an opportunity for the public to offer information and input. Other digital tools will also be used based on project needs.

The project aims for the following general timeline breakdown:

Board initiates project	summer 2020
Initial public engagement process	fall 2020
Initial public engagement report	winter 2021
Draft plan developed	spring 2021
Public engagement on draft plan	summer - fall 2021
Finalize plan for Board approval	winter 2021 - spring 2022

#### **PLANNING PROCESS – GENERAL TASKS**

1. Gather background information and conduct site visits.
2. Develop public awareness information (e.g., webpage, on-site signs, input surveys).
3. Liaise with First Nations.

4. Liaise with key stakeholders and governments and provide opportunities for initial public input via the email, website, and/or other digital means.
5. Assess initial input received.
6. Develop draft plan.
7. Prepare for and hold public engagement on draft plan.
8. Analyze comments received.
9. Finalize management plan.
10. Provide recommended plan for Regional Park Committee endorsement and CRD Board approval.

### **PLAN OUTLINE**

At a minimum, the management plans will include strategic direction (park vision, goals, and management statements relating to environmental conservation, cultural heritage protection, visitor opportunities, and park development), park zoning consistent with the park's classification, key management actions, and a general implementation strategy.