

Cedar Hill Park Visioning and Planning Project

Synopsis of Stakeholder Workshop (October 10-17)

26 participants from the following organizations:

- Camosun Community Association
- CRD – Bowker Creek Urban Watershed Renewal Initiative
- District of Saanich Youth Program
- District of Saanich Racquet Sports Program
- District of Saanich Cedar Hill Golf Course
- District of Saanich Cedar Hill Recreation Centre
- Ecole Cedar Hill School PAC
- Friends of Bowker Creek Society
- Friends of Cedar Hill Park
- Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition
- Inter-Cultural Association of Victoria
- Parks Trails and Recreation Committee
- Pulling Together Program
- Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association
- Saanich Volunteer Services
- South Island Tennis League
- Special Olympics
- Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society
- Victoria Natural History Society
- Victoria Pickleball Association
- Youth Representative

Invited but unable to send a representative:

- Cedar Hill Golf Club
 - Volksport
 - Mt. Tolmie Community Association
 - Cedar Hill Squash Club
 - Cedar Hill New Horizons
 - Cordova Bay Badminton Club
 - Greater Victoria Mixed Softball
 - Lower Vancouver Middle School Sports Association (permit holder for races and events)
 - Lower Vancouver Secondary School Sports Association (permit holder for races and events)
 - Recreation Integration Victoria
 - Songhees Nation
 - South Island Mountain Bike Society
 - Victoria All Fun Mixed Slo-Pitch League (permit holder for baseball – Weds. and Thurs.)
 - Victoria Sport and Social Club (permit holder for baseball - Sundays)
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The most popular concepts (starred) proposed for:

Round #1 Natural Areas

- More trees
- Natural areas in Golf course – shared access
- Bowker Creek meandering & wetland
- Restoration of Kings Pond
- Add Jenkins Pond to the Park
- Nature Playground
- Improve rain gardens in the Recreation Centre Parking Lots
- Ensure Habitat areas (in and out of the Golf course) are connected to each other – not isolated patches as they are currently
- Daylight the creek where it is in pipes passing through the Golf Course
- Move the chip trail to the edge of the natural areas reducing fragmentation
- Add boardwalk across creek to enhance accessibility and mobility access
- Include children in natural areas restoration
- Assistance with invasive species removal and park maintenance
- Add nesting island to Kings Pond

Round #2 Connectivity & Mobility

- Multi-use trails outside of the Golf course
- Divide the central trail (at Derby)
- Extend trail down on East side of the field below McRae House
- Create a N/S bicycle route
- Make a grand/welcoming entrance to the park off of Finlayson
- Create a bicycle connection from Queensbury to Cranbrook Place so cyclists can connect to Derby Road

- Kids adventure equipment in woods North of Derby East of Golf course
- Exercise Equipment around the trail
- Larger Bike Rack at the Golf Clubhouse

Round #3 South End

- Protect the Garry Oaks to the North of the Ball fields and Restore the southern slope
- Climbing Wall
- One regular sized baseball diamond (versus two small ones)
- Pickleball Court
- Social Area/Circle for all ages
- Re-graded field (below McRae House) for potential sports area
- Bike Skills Park
- Basketball Court
- Keep diamonds but fix the drainage

- Add connecting trail from Recreation Centre parking lot into the park
- Improve trail conditions around the Recreation Centre

- Add left hand turn lane off Finlayson
- More Bicycle parking
- Playground
- Bowker Creek Restoration
- Accessible loop for those with mobility issues
- Outdoor theatre
- Recreation Centre expansion up versus out
- Recreation Centre expansion in parking lot area