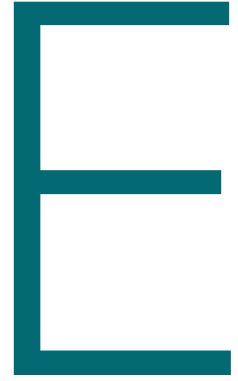


Appendix

Public Consultation Report



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Richmond Parks + Open Space Strategy Summary Report



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

Phase One of Public Consultation for the Richmond Parks + Open Space Strategy consisted of a series of neighborhood meetings, organized through the Community Centre Associations by Parks and Recreation staff. A total of seven meetings were held during June and July 2011.

Intent of Neighborhood Meetings

The intent was inform and to obtain input on the Strategy from a cross-section of the people within the neighborhoods, from young to old with varying interests and ethnicities.

Meeting Agenda

Guided by a facilitator the meetings provided information on the process and the work completed to date. Participants were led through a series of exercises to gain insight into the seven focus areas of the Strategy. Participants were also provided an opportunity for further written feedback.

Meeting Attendees

All total seventy-one (71) people attended the seven meetings. A facilitator from CitySpaces Consulting, supported by a member of the team from Dillon Consulting, led the meetings. Richmond Parks staff attended all of the meetings.

FEEDBACK SUMMARY

Overall Feedback

Most people were happy with the parks and open space system in its current form. Residents' favorite places in Richmond were overwhelmingly Steveston, the dykes and Minoru Park. Some of the insights, themes, and highlights from the meetings include the following. Provide opportunities for connection with nature and the natural environment;

- Increase opportunities for seniors to remain active;
- Consider a culturally themed, Chinese oriented, park;
- Increase communication, education and information (i.e. signage) to residents on current assets;
- Continue maintenance;
- Enhance existing parks with other features; washrooms, lighting, etc.; Increase bike routes and trail systems;
- Include places of solitude and sanctuary into the overall parks and open space system;
- Increase education related to ecosystems, resiliency and ecological networks.



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Feedback on the Focus Areas

The seven Focus Areas are Connectivity; Green Network; Great Spaces and Experiences; Blue Network; Health and Wellness; Resource Management and; Multifunctional and Diverse. Five of the Seven Focus Areas and their outcomes were reviewed at the meetings. The two not reviewed were Resource Management and Multifunctional and Diverse that focus on delivery of services and internal operations.

The participants provided comment on the outcomes most important to each participant. From the comments provided, actions were developed for utilization in the framework for the 10-year implementation plan.

Recommendations for Revisions to the Focus Areas and their Outcomes

In general, participants were comfortable with the seven Focus Areas and outcomes presented. Refinements have been identified but no substantive changes are required. Through the meetings it became clear, the Focus Areas and their Outcomes need to be reviewed to remove the use of jargon and simplify the language.

Additional Information provided from the Feedback Forms

Feedback Forms were handed out at all meetings with the exception the Youth Session, where it was felt the engagement in the session provided the necessary feedback. The intent with the Feedback Forms was to gain greater detail and insight on four topic areas including major parks; neighbourhood parks; trails, walkways and bikeways; and sustainability. Fifty one feedback (51) forms were returned and tabulated. The input gathered from the Feedback Forms was consistent with Discussions from the meetings.



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PUBLIC CONSULTATION SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

Phase One of Public Consultation for the Richmond Parks + Open Space Strategy consisted of a series of neighbourhood meetings, organized through the Community Centre Associations and Park staff. Key representatives from each neighbourhood were invited to participate in the interactive sessions held at the community centres. Participants included Board members, area residents, representatives from other community organizations and youth. Invitees were chosen, in order to achieve a variety of local and community opinions and ideas for the future of Parks and Open Spaces in Richmond. The intent was to obtain input from a cross-section of the people within the neighbourhoods, from young to old with varying interests and ethnicities.

The following outlines the meetings undertaken and their locations and dates.

- Youth Meeting, Olympic Oval Legacy Lounge, June 2, 2011 (11 participants)
- City Centre Community Centre, June 7, 2011 (10 participants)
- West Richmond Community Centre, June 14, 2011 (7 participants)
- Thompson Community Centre, June 9, 2011 (12 participants including Sea Island residents)
- South Arm Community Centre, June 23, 2011 (9 participants)
- Steveston Group of Eight, Harbour Offices, July 4, 2011 (approximately 10 participants)
- Multi-Cultural Group, Minoru Cultural Centre, July 27, 2011 (12 participants, all Chinese)

Due to an unprecedented number of events in June and July including Ship to Shore and OCP community events, the meetings at the Steveston Community Centre and Hamilton/East Richmond were cancelled, due to lack of attendance. Several attempts were made at re-scheduling. Feedback Forms were provided to each of these Community Centre Associations and input and feedback was gathered via the feedback forms.

Intent of Neighbourhood Meetings

The intent of the neighbourhood meetings was to:

- Provide an opportunity to understand the Parks + Open Space Strategy and why it is being done
- Inform the community on the process
- To gain input into preliminary policies called Focus Areas. The seven Focus Areas include Health and Wellness, Blue Network, Connectivity, Green Network, Great Spaces and Experiences, Multi-Functional and Diverse and Resource Management.



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Meeting Agenda

Guided by a facilitator from CitySpaces Consulting Ltd., the meeting followed the format below:

- Introduction and overview of the meeting;
- Roundtable exercise to identify people's favorite outdoor places in Richmond overall, their favorite outdoor places in their neighbourhood, why they enjoyed these places and how they got there;
- Overview of the Strategy to date, including why it is being done, what the process is and an overview of the Focus Areas;
- Based on the responses from people's favorite places, 2-3 Focus Areas were chosen by the facilitator. A second exercise was undertaken by participants. This entailed reading through the Focus Area Outcomes, choosing the most significant outcome from each person's perspective, identifying why it is important and how it could be implemented in the next 10 years.
- Feedback forms were provided with further detailed questions.

For a detailed summary of each meeting and a synopsis of the Feedback Forms please see the *Meeting Minutes & Feedback Form Summation Report*.

Meeting Attendees

According to the sign-in registration sheets, seventy-one people attended the 7 meetings held over June and July.

On hand, to inform on the project, to answer project process and municipal questions, was Jamie Esko, Park Planner. Jamie also coordinated all the meetings through the Community Centres. Other staff who attended the various meetings included:

- Mike Redpath, Manager of Parks and Recreation - attended the South Arm and Steveston meetings
- Clarence Sihoe, Park Planner - attended the City Centre and South Arm meetings
- Doug Shearer, Park Planner - attended the Youth and Thompson meetings
- Yvonne Stich, Park Planner - attended the West Richmond meeting
- Managers from each of the Community Centre's where a meeting was held



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Project Team Attendees

Consultation Staff included:

- Colette Parsons, CitySpaces Consulting - facilitator for all meetings
- Alex Taylor, Dillon Consulting - attended the West Richmond, South Arm and Multi-Cultural meetings

FEEDBACK SUMMARY

Overall Feedback

In general, most people were happy with the Parks + Open Space system in its current form. Some of the insights, themes and highlights from the meetings include the following. Residents favorite places in Richmond were overwhelmingly Steveston, in general, waterfront and dyke trails, and Minoru Park.

- There was a strong desire from the youth group to have a connection with nature and the natural environment. There was an overwhelming desire to go to quiet, natural, contemplative spaces. There was also a desire for places to have outdoor fires and covered outdoor spaces for year-round social gathering.
- The Seniors group from City Centre were highly active and are looking for opportunities to remain active. There was a desire for more washrooms, bike racks and adequately lit, wider and safe (i.e. separated) bike and community paths. Public transit to all parks was also a desire.
- The multi-cultural, Chinese group sees safety as an important factor in utilizing parks. They expressed interested in a culturally themed, Chinese oriented, park. Feedback regarding sustainability and “green themes” was provided yet it was evident that further work needed to be done to fully understand their definition of “green”.
- Greater communication, education and information (i.e. signage) to residents on the current assets. An on-line map tool was suggested so members of the public could click on a park name and all the services at that park would be indicated.
- Ensure, in the future, that park and open space assets are maintained to meet or exceed the current standards.
- Enhance existing assets, like parks and the dykes with additional amenities - washrooms, some commercial nodes along waterfront, seating areas, walking routes around existing parks
- Overwhelmingly, residents wanted to increase bike routes and trail systems making a cohesive cycling network to service centres and through the farm areas of Richmond. With the flat land of Richmond people saw an extensive network of trails, greenways and separated on street cycling routes (separate cyclists from vehicles) as a way to remain active, increase ridership, diminish the need for the automobile and reduce the size of the streets.



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- Include places of solitude and sanctuary into the overall parks and open space system
- The outcomes related to ecosystems, resiliency and ecological networks did not resonate with respondents.

It should be noted that the input gathered from the Feedback Forms was consistent with discussions from the meetings.

Favourite Places in Richmond

From the exercise to identify people's favourite outdoor places in Richmond or in their neighbourhood the overwhelming majority of people chose Steveston and the dyke system as their favourite places. In identifying Steveston, people felt there was a combination of elements from the Village and Boardwalk, to Gary Point Park and access to the dyke that made it a special place. The dyke system also ranked very high. As well, Minoru Park was highlighted as a favorite place in Richmond due to the variety of activities and facilities.

In people's neighbourhoods the dykes and Steveston continued to rank high. There was more diversity in the neighbourhood favorite places and usually it was the local park that people identified.

Below is a tabulation of the responses.

No. of Responses	FAVOURITE PLACE: Richmond
25	Steveston (dykes and Parks including Britannia Heritage Shipyard Park)
12	Minoru Park
8	Garry Point Park
8	Dyke System
6	South Arm Community Park
2	Terra Nova Park
2	Garden City Community Park
1	River Road
1	Finn Slough
1	McDonald Beach
1	Shell Road Trail
2	King George Community Park
1	Iona Island
1	Thompson Community Centre



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No. of Responses	FAVOURITE PLACE: Neighbourhood
8	Steveston - Boardwalk, Village and Garry Point
7	The Dykes
7	Minoru Park
4	South Arm Community Park
4	Garden City Community Park
4	Hugh Boyd Community Park
3	South Arm Community Park
2	Shell Road Trail
2	Blundell Neighbourhood Park
2	Thompson Community Park
1	The Steveston Docks
1	Parklane Neighbourhood Park
1	McKinney Neighbourhood Park & Playground
1	River Road
1	Kingswood Neighbourhood School Park
1	Terra Nova
1	Wowk Neighbourhood Park
1	Kidd Neighbourhood School
1	McKinney Neighbourhood Park



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Feedback on the Focus Areas

The seven Focus Areas are Connectivity; Green Network; Great Spaces and Experiences; Blue Network; Health and Wellness; Resource Management and; Multifunctional and Diverse. Five of the Seven Focus Areas and their outcomes were reviewed at the meetings. The two not reviewed were Resource Management and Multifunctional and Diverse that focus on delivery of services and internal operations.

The participants provided input on the outcomes most important to each participant. Participant comments are indicated in the comment column. From the comments provided, the consultant team developed a series of relevant actions.

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Connectivity - City Centre, Thompson, Multi-Cultural Group and Steveston

Three groups, City Centre, Thompson, and the Multi-Cultural reviewed the outcomes for the Connectivity Focus Area. The following is a synopsis of comments and potential actions.

No.	Outcome	Total No. of Responses	Comments	Actions
1	Connects every element of the city (neighbourhoods, schools, civic spaces, neighbourhood service centres, parks, natural areas, streets, commercial areas and industrial parks) in a legible manner	15	<p>Many participants found this outcome a significant one for the community and a future desired outcome. Specific comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As Richmond is flat more walking and cycling paths will lead to greater use Ensure integration of Chinese values into trails, parks and open spaces. Need to connect to the vast number of people exercising in the malls. Communicate how people can move around The word legible needed to be explained to some participants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand walking and cycling network to connect Richmond together Start with City Centre and work outwards Separate walking and cycling paths from traffic and provide adequate lighting, signage Determine needs of the multi-cultural communities and integrate their needs into trails, parks and open spaces e.g. consider an asian-themed park Set up an on line interactive map of parks, open spaces and trails e.g. BCSLA web atlas. This could be available at key destinations, like, shopping centres



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No.	Outcome	Total No. of Responses	Comments	Actions
2	Is accessible, inclusive, and safe, enabling residents and visitors to feel comfortable and connected to the community and the environment.	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By providing qualities expressed in this outcome will connect people together. People felt a park system that is accessible, inclusive and safe is a reflection of the social health of the community Safety is important to a harmonious society Park facility and environmental safety seen as important too 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure isolated dyke trails are connected into the overall system Consider age needs, physical needs, culture and language in the development of parks Emphasize comfort, accessibility, nature and convenience Consider balancing Outcomes 2 & 3 between human needs and environmental needs
3	Provides strong linkages between important ecological features to enhance citywide ecological function.	3	This outcome did not resonate as much with respondents. People wanted to better understand the impacts to Richmond's ecological systems on their day to day life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage and communicate with citizens to raise awareness and build shared values regarding ecological features and functions within Richmond. Consider age, culture and language in communicating on ecological features and functions.
4	Promotes a culture of walking and cycling and supports a range of active transportation modes.	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider foot and bike traffic only in congested areas, and shuttle services Punch streets and greenway through super-blocks Provide a safe bike route on every street Improve current walking and biking trails as not everyone owns a car 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand the walking and cycling network to connect Richmond utilizing existing roadway width to introduce bike lanes, slow traffic down, increase physical activity and reduce air pollution. Separate walking and cycling paths from traffic and provide adequate lighting, signage. Copenhagen was cited as an example. Consider defining bike vs. walk areas on busy parts of the dyke

Health and Wellness - City Centre, West Richmond

Two neighbourhood groups, City Centre and West Richmond, reviewed the outcomes for the Health and Wellness Focus Area. The following is a synopsis of comments and potential actions.

No.	Outcome	Total No. of Responses	Comments	Actions
1	Is inviting and welcoming to residents and visitors of all ages and backgrounds.	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be well maintained to encourage use • Need to think of who will be future residents and gear parks needs to those users i.e. Chinese, Japanese, East Indian • Shelter, trees, plazas and places to sit, increase walk/bike trails, bike racks, water fountains and recycling desired 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define the appropriate level of service for each park and communicate maintenance information with the Community • Work with ethnic communities to determine their needs in parks • Review existing parks to determine what additional features would make it inviting
2	Ensures that residents of every neighbourhood have equal access to safe, appealing places to walk, exercise, play, socialize and engage in a healthy, active lifestyle.	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New communities should have the same access to safe and appealing parks as the older neighbourhoods. May not be possible to deliver this to all areas of Richmond • More pocket green spaces to rest along the way • More options for exercise for young and old. i.e. basketball hoops for youth and walking/playing games for seniors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine distance measures to neighbourhood parks and facilities • Increase neighbourhood parks as the population increases • Review existing parks to determine what additional features would add value to them
3	Provides a full range of spaces for gatherings, sports, events and quiet sanctuaries within the city.	8	The term sanctuary and providing it in parks seemed important to many respondents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review existing parks to determine how to incorporate the concept of sanctuary



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Great Spaces & Experiences - Thompson and Steveston

One neighbourhood group, Thompson, reviewed the outcomes for the Great Spaces & Experiences Focus Area. The following is a synopsis of comments and potential actions.

No.	Outcome	Total No. of Responses	Comments	Actions
1	Significantly contribute to the city's vibrancy and identity through a rich variety of special places, features and activities.	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebrate the diversity of Richmond Increased cultural, heritage, and other events and activities Offer specialized facilities at major parks Add art to parks Utilize school spaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with community organizations to diversify events Incorporate meeting places and spaces, such as, covered seating areas, into existing parks Incorporate art into more parks Work with the School District to increase utilization of school space
2	Enhances Richmond's status as an exceptional regional and international destination.	0	This did not resonate with respondents. Our sense is that people would prefer to have spaces and experiences for Richmond residents first. If that attracts others it would be a bonus.	Ensure experiences are developed first for the local community with an added benefit of drawing regional, national and potentially international attention.
3	Showcases the city's unique landscape, food, arts and culture and supports the city's signature festivals, sports, tournaments and events.	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desire for greater communications to highlight what facilities are available and what is happening Option to host tournaments and highlight what is unique about Richmond e.g. dragon boating on the Middle Arm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As discussed in Connectivity Actions, set up an on line interactive map of parks, open spaces and trails Ensure appropriate parking and street closures for events
4	Brings life to Richmond's natural and cultural heritage through active engagement, education and interpretation.	5	Desire for greater interactive education and communications to highlight what is available and happening.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider planning and investing in a communications tool to inform, educate and communicate Increase access to and content of heritage assets e.g. Britannia



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Blue Network - City Centre and Steveston

One neighbourhood group, City Centre, reviewed the outcomes for the Blue Network Focus Area. The following is a synopsis of comments and potential actions.

No.	Outcome	Total No. of Responses	Comments	Actions
1	Celebrates and protects the recreational and ecological values of our waterfront, sloughs, wetlands and canals	1	Ecology needs to be incorporated into all aspects of the City from the Centre out to the dykes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that ecology figures prominently in all aspects of Richmond's Parks and Open Spaces, not just the waterfront. Engage and communicate with citizens to raise awareness and build shared values regarding ecological features and functions within Richmond. Use interpretive signage as a communication tool.
2	Showcases a world-class waterfront that provides a variety of activities and multiple destinations	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People love the access to the dykes and the waterfront and are looking for ways to enhance it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider incorporating washrooms, art, lighting where appropriate, seating, access to touch the water, and other features.
3	Provides experiences of the waterfront and waterways that reflect the cultural and ecological uniqueness of our island city heritage	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep an aspect of the waterfront true to its natural, industrial and water related activities. Each neighbourhood should develop its waterfront so there are a series of experiences 	Establish waterfront guidelines, by area, to create a variety of experiences along its length
4	Integrates water into the urban fabric in creative and innovative way	3	There is a desire for access to the water through boardwalks or enlarge canals. Although others felt it was important to maintain and respect the industrial businesses along the water.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide locations where people can interface with the water Improve the access to the water along the waterfront



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Green Network - West Richmond, South Arm and Steveston

Two neighbourhood groups, West Richmond and South Arm, reviewed the outcomes for the Green Network Focus Area. The following is a synopsis of comments and potential actions.

No.	Outcome	Total No. of Responses	Comments	Actions
1	Is an integrated green network of parks, plazas, streets, greenways, trails, urban forests, natural areas, playing fields, and gardens that form a fundamental building block of a livable, and healthy city.	5	Desire to have this done well, keeping standards up, maintaining what exists and improving to an even greater inter-connectedness between parks, plazas, streets, greenways, trails, urban forest, and gardens.	Ensure the appropriate level of service and maintenance information for each park is communicated to the local community
2	Protects and creates a range of green spaces from the built to the natural that supports recreation, social interaction, and psychological and spiritual renewal.	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green spaces create inner tranquility which is needed in a city setting People value green spaces, farmland and natural areas and want natural settings Concern for both protecting and maintaining existing green spaces and for acquiring for the future 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to balance the range of parks, greenway and open space opportunities to ensure natural and agricultural settings are incorporated into the overall system Develop an appropriate interface with agricultural lands so that farming is integrated into the green network
3	Contributes significantly to the conservation and enhancement of the ecological network of resilient and healthy eco-systems.	0	This outcome did not resonate with participants	Consider a strong education program with the community to build awareness and understanding of the concepts of ecological networks, resiliency and healthy eco-systems.



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No.	Outcome	Total No. of Responses	Comments	Actions
4	Incorporate innovative ecosystem services, that ensure biodiversity, clean water and air and that are integrated with many other parks and open space uses.	1	Biodiversity protects habitats and environments. Improves water/air that we all drink and breath. Can innovative bylaws address the management of ecologically sensitive areas?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop clear guidelines for incorporating ecosystem services into park and open spaces. • Consider a recycling pilot project for Steveston



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Recommendations for Revisions to the Focus Areas

Overall the use of jargon in the outcome statements should be reviewed. Words like legible do not have clear meaning to all people. Consider the use of a glossary to explain the intent of words or terms if they need to remain in the outcome statements.

Connectivity - Outcome 1 & 2: Consider removing the reference to the environment in Outcome 2 and strengthening it in Outcome 1 as follows.

- **Outcome 1:** “Connects every element of the city (neighbourhoods, schools, civic spaces, neighbourhood service centres, parks, environmental and natural areas, streets, commercial areas and industrial parks) in an organized and easily discoverable manner.”
- **Outcome 2:** Is accessible, inclusive, and safe, enabling residents and visitors to feel comfortable and connected to the community.”

Health and Wellness - Outcome 1 is very similar to Outcome 2 in Connectivity. Consider removing Outcome 1 from Health and Wellness and strengthening Outcome 2 in the Connectivity Outcomes, building on previous changes above.

- **Connectivity Outcome 2:** “Is inviting, welcoming, accessible, inclusive, and safe, enabling residents and visitors of all ages and backgrounds to feel comfortable and connected to the community.”
- **Health & Wellness Outcome 2:** As cycling was so strongly supported in the discussions consider adding it to this outcome as follows. “Ensures that residents of every neighbourhood have equal access to safe, appealing places to walk, cycle, exercise, play, socialize and engage in a healthy, active lifestyle.”

Great Spaces & Experiences - Outcome 2: While becoming an international destination may be a City desire, the respondents felt it was more important to focus on the locals and regional residents. It was felt that If international exposure comes out of it there is a benefit to the City but it should not necessarily be a focus. Consider revising as follows.

- **Outcome 2:** “Enhances Richmond’s status as an exceptional local, regional and international destination.

Blue Network - No further revisions recommended.

Green Network - Consider the following refinement.

Outcome 1: “Is an integrated green network of parks, plazas, streets, greenways, trails, urban forests, natural areas, (agricultural lands) that form a fundamental building block of a livable, and healthy city.”



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Conclusion

In closing, the meetings were well attended and were a success.

At the end of each feedback form the following question was posed. “Have you found this session informative? Engaging? Any suggestions for improvements?” The feedback from those that answered the question (approximately half the respondents) indicated overwhelmingly that they found the session engaging and informative. Specific comments included

- Small groups are good especially with all ages and ethnicities
- Better than anticipated
- Very engaging!

One responder indicated that they would have like more time for further discussion.

The multi-cultural group, predominantly asian, appreciated their own session and hoped, in the future, there would be opportunities for similar sessions to provide input.

The community input sessions were a success due to

- included of variety of people from all ages, ethnicities, social-economic backgrounds
- drew people in through through an icebreaker exercise to start the meeting
- provided succinct and defined information on a specific topic
- incorporated interactive exercises
- provided time for hearing varying viewpoints and allowing discussion

Also working through the Community Centres provided access to a group of individual community members representing the interests of each neighbourhood.

Future parks and recreation engagement sessions should work through the community centres to find the appropriate members of the public for participation, should incorporate a series information and engagements tactics to gain input and provide opportunities for small group discussion as well as general input through open houses or on-line surveys.



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Additional Information provided from the Feedback Forms

Feedback Forms were handed out to the various Community Centre and Stakeholder Groups with the exception the Youth Session, where it was felt the engagement in the session provided the necessary feedback. The intent with the Feedback Forms was to gain greater detail and insight on four topic areas including major parks; neighbourhood parks; trails, walkways and bikeways; and sustainability. Fifty one (51) feedback forms were returned and tabulated. The following is a synopsis of the findings. A detailed summary can be found in the Richmond Parks and Open Space Strategy: Meeting Minutes & Feedback Forms Summation Report.

Question 1: Major Parks	
Are you familiar with Richmond’s major parks?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45 Yes • 4 Marginally/So-so • 3 Most of them
Please name a few you know.	The majority of respondents named Minoru (43 responses) and Gary Point Park (35) as the parks they were most familiar with. King George, South Arm and Garden City and Terra Nova Parks also received high responses.
Are there any barriers to using the major parks versus your neighbourhood park?	The majority of respondents (24) indicated that there were no barriers to using major parks in Richmond. Some respondents indicated distance (14), transportation (4) and parking (1) as barriers.
What kinds of events would you like to see in Richmond’s major parks?	The majority of respondents choose on events (33) including music, food, entertainment, multi-cultural events, sports (9) and family oriented activities (5) as some of the feature events they would like to see in the major parks.



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Question 2: Neighbourhood Parks	
Name the closest neighbourhood park to where you live?	South Arm (10), Minoru (6) and Thompson (6) were the parks most identified. A variety of twenty other parks were identified.
Are there any barriers to using your neighbourhood park?	The majority of respondents (41) indicated that there were no barriers to using neighbourhood parks in Richmond. No other strong themes emerged out of this question.
What kinds of features or activities would you like to see in your neighbourhood park?	There was a variety of responses from people liking their neighbourhood parks as they are now (9) to events (music/ concerts/food/entertainment/multicultural) (13) to games and sports (8). People friendly places were cited (6) as well as better signage/lighting/maintenance (5) and new and upgrades to play equipment (4).

Question 3: Trails, Walkways and Bikeways	
Do you walk or cycle in your neighbourhood and which do you do?	The majority of respondents identified both walking and cycling (42).
Do you have convenient access to a trail?	While the majority of respondents (27) identified that they lived close to a trail, a significant number (17) indicated that they did not have convenient access to a trail or the trail system.
What improvements would you like to see in your local trail system?	Some respondents (8) identified better integration/connectivity/accessibility as improvements. Others identified fountains/washrooms/seating areas (6) and better signage and lighting (5). One comment that came up in the feedback forms and was discussed at the meetings was the concept of a continuous walk along the waterfront without interruptions or dead ends.

The numbers related to questions on sustainability speak for themselves.

Question 4: Sustainability	Support	Non-support	Neutral
Are you supportive of the following sustainability measures in parks, open spaces and trails:			
+ Using park and other public open spaces for green infrastructure like stormwater management or alternative energy generation	38	3	7
+ Using parks and other open spaces (i.e. streets) for farmers markets	32	9	7
+ Utilizing parks and other city owned land for community gardens or urban agriculture	34	7	7
+ Increasing the number of walkways, trails and bikeways through neighbourhoods connecting to neighbourhood commercial centres, Canada Line stations and community centres	42	3	3



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A long form survey was provided to those Community Centres where meetings were not held due to scheduling and lack of participation. The long form surveys were given to the East Richmond/Hamilton and Steveston Community Centres. Several members from Steveston “Group of 8” also filled out the long form survey. Three additional questions were asked in the long form survey. They included:

- *Please write down your favourite outdoor space in Richmond:* Steveston and Minoru were identified.
- *Indicate why it is your favourite place:* Similar to the meetings it was natural beauty, socializing, access to water. Several people indicated Historical sites as why it was their favourite place.
- *Name your favourite neighbourhood park and why it is your favourite:* Gary Point and Hamilton Parks were identified.
- *What do you think could be done to improve parks and open spaces in your neighbourhood?* Either nothing or more trees, benches and maintenance were identified.



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