



CITY OF REVELSTOKE

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

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Territorial Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that Revelstoke is located in the beautiful Columbia Mountains alongside the Columbia River, which is the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the Sinixt, Ktunaxa, Secwepems, and Syilx peoples. There are recommendations in this plan that can be undertaken by the City as part of the process of Indigenous Reconciliation. This plan is by no means the answer to meaningful reconciliation, but it is intended to promote and support the continued dialogue to learn from and engage with our Indigenous partners.

Community Acknowledgement

We appreciate the input provided by many members of the Revelstoke community. The project team was inspired by your passion and commitment to the city.

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Executive Summary

Context and Purpose

The City of Revelstoke’s previous Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) was completed in 2011. Since that time, the City has experienced significant growth, changing leisure patterns, and a growing tourism industry. This project is a 10-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) that will strategically guide decisions related to municipal parks and recreation facilities and services through to 2031. This master plan provides the City direction for managing parks, trails, facility improvements, programs, and events in a cost-effective manner consistent with leading industry practices. It will also help the City achieve the vision set out in the draft Official Community Plan (OCP) of being “a supportive, vibrant community for those that live, work, and visit here today and in the future”.

Community Engagement

A diverse engagement process was used to gather input on the community’s interests, desires, and priorities for the future of parks, recreation, and facilities as illustrated below.



Vision and Goals

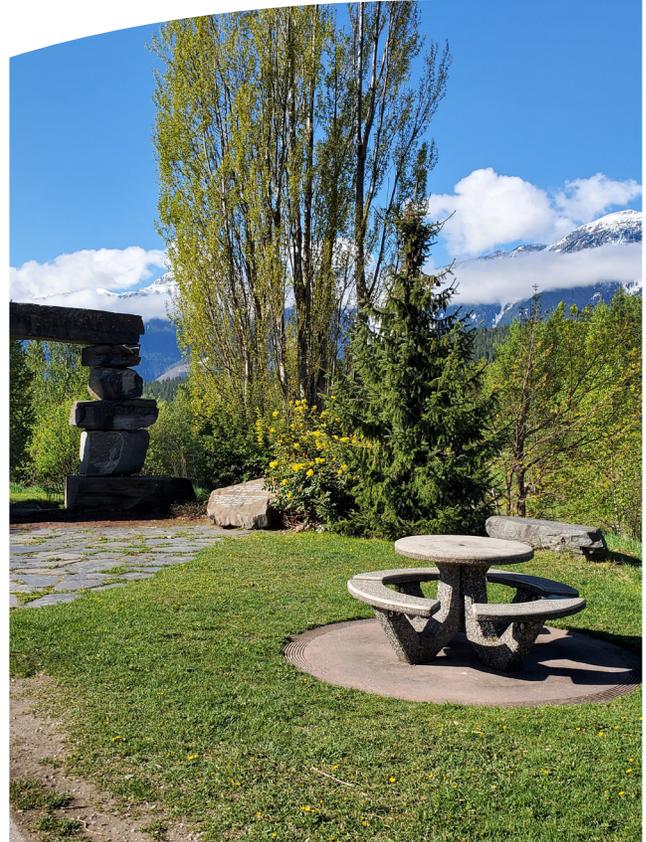
The following vision, goals, and objectives are a synthesis of the City's existing strategies and PRMP community input:

Vision

Revelstoke provides inclusive, affordable, and resilient parks, trails, recreation facilities, and programs that promote community connections and inspire a healthy and active lifestyle for all in a beautiful mountain environment.

Goals

- Provide access to parks and recreation for all
- Improve connectivity
- Protect and enhance the environment
- Provide well-designed facilities and amenities
- Nurture a sense of community and belonging
- Reflect financial considerations



Key Recommendations

The following is a summary of the key recommendations:



Parks

- Acquire parkland in new developments
- Establish and develop the Powerhouse Road site as a park
- Encourage and support Jordan River site as a natural protected area
- Park Master Plans – Powerhouse Road, Grizzly Plaza
- Community park improvements – Centennial, Kovach, Queen Elizabeth, Williamson Lake Parks
- Other park upgrades – Moose Park, Woodenhead Park, Grizzly Plaza
- Encourage the City to prepare an Urban Forest Management Strategy

Trails

- Acquire land with undesignated trails
- Build new trails
- Add to and improve infrastructure and signage along trails

Outdoor Amenities

- Upgrade park amenities – playgrounds, ball diamonds, sports fields, track, courts, skate park, washrooms
- Additional key amenities – community gardens, pickleball courts, picnic areas, skate features, water fountains, shade structures, more trees
- New amenities – fenced dog park, beach volleyball courts, multi-sport courts, disc golf course, pump track/bike park, paddlesport amenities

Aquatic Centre

- Upgrade the sauna, locker, staff/operations areas, and climbing feature

Arena

- Plan for a new multi-sport facility with arena, and other potential uses including, but not limited to, fitness centre, gymnasium, climbing wall, curling rink

Revelstoke Community Centre

- Renovate Community Centre for more usable space

Programs and Inclusivity

- Pursue new programs in fitness, youth, and general interest as more space becomes available
- Continue the cooperative model of service delivery with many community non-profit organizations
- Support other organizations in their efforts to build a youth drop-in centre
- Continue to pursue initiatives to increase inclusivity

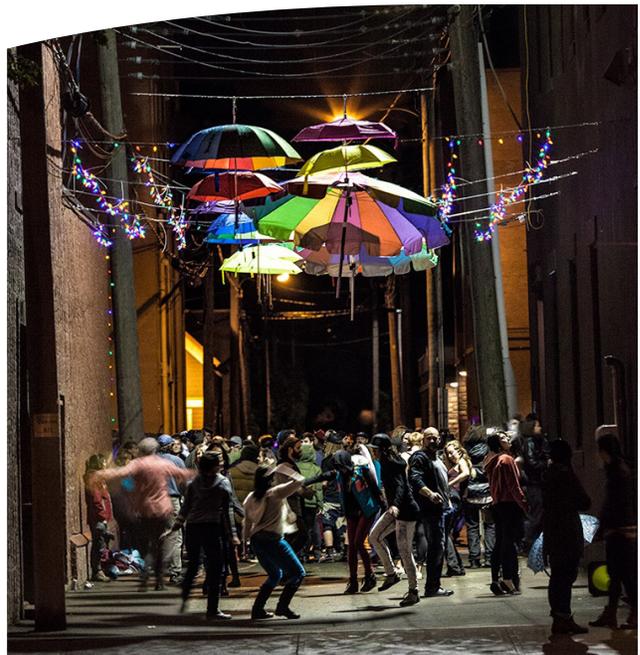


Tourism

- Collaborate with others on capturing, allocating, and leveraging financial resources from tourism for the City's recreation facilities

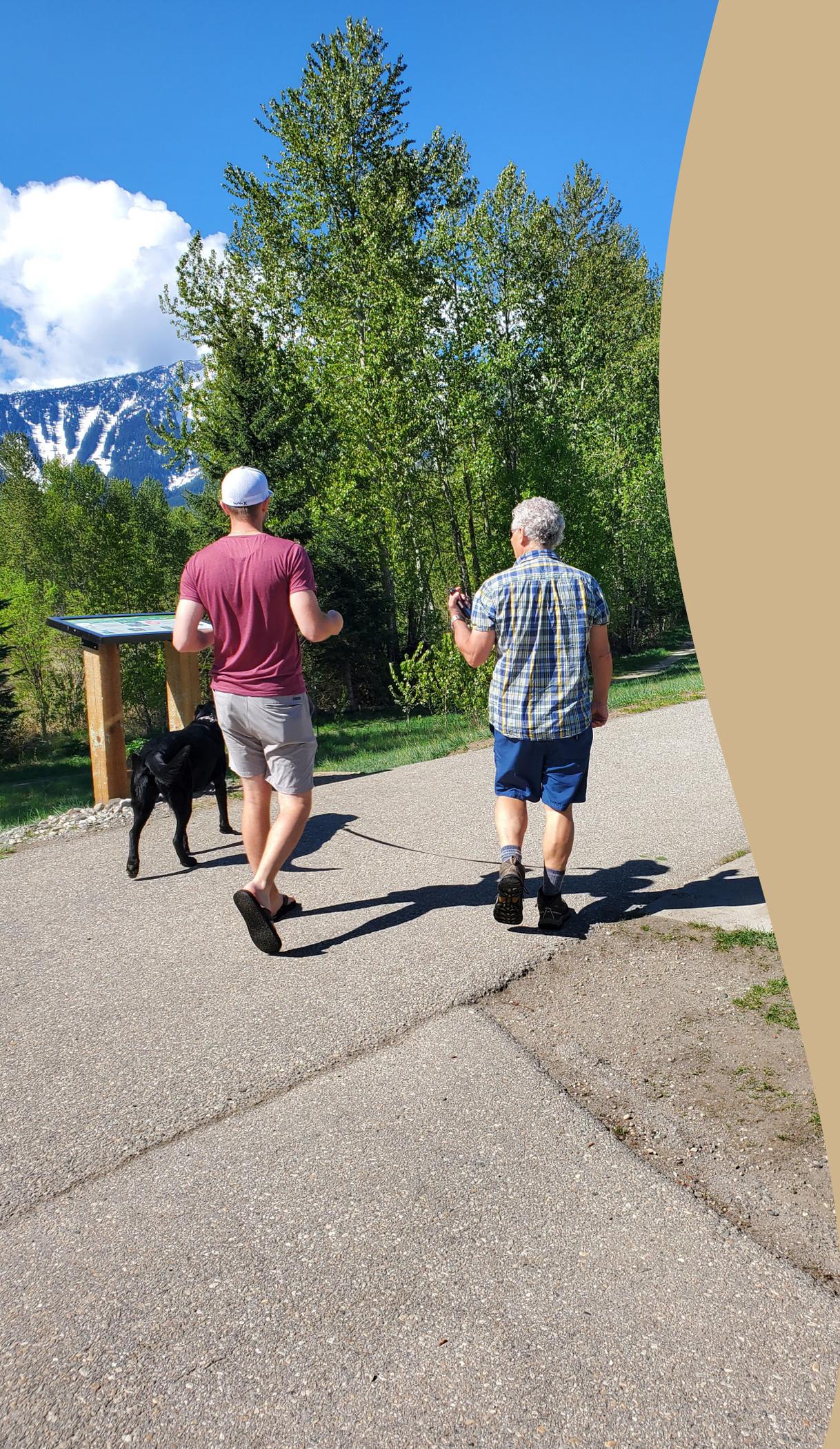
Special Events

- Encourage and support more events
- Update the Special Events Policy and procedures



Implementation Plan and Next Steps

The implementation plan identifies the priority, phasing, and relative costs associated with the recommendations. Next steps address the collaboration, budgeting, and processes that will help to implement the PRMP.



OVERVIEW



1.1 Context and Purpose

The City of Revelstoke’s previous Parks and Recreation Master Plan was completed in 2011. Since that time, the City has experienced significant growth, changing leisure patterns, and a growing tourism industry. Parks and recreation are of great interest to residents and visitors and can have significant contributions to quality of life.

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1.2 History

The land comprising the City of Revelstoke and the surrounding area has a long history of use by several First Nations, whose connection to the land included harvesting, fisheries, trade, and community gathering, with travel along the Columbia by canoe the main form of transportation. The Sinixt First Nations have lived on the Columbia River and its tributaries since time immemorial. Their territory is located in the area now known as the interior plateau of British Columbia and it crosses the border into Washington State. The Ktunaxa, Secwepemc, and Sylix First Nations also have traditional territory in Revelstoke and the surrounding areas.

By the time settlers first came to the area, smallpox and other diseases had already wiped out a large portion of the First Nations populations; therefore, they did not recognize the rights of the Nations that inhabited the land nor the importance of the area as an essential trading hub and fishery. The settlers devastated the existing land use patterns with the fur trade and other settlement activities. Efforts to embrace Truth and Reconciliation today are enabling this history to be acknowledged and these stories to be shared, through collaboration with First Nations partners on arts and culture initiatives, economic development opportunities, and a shared approach to resource management.

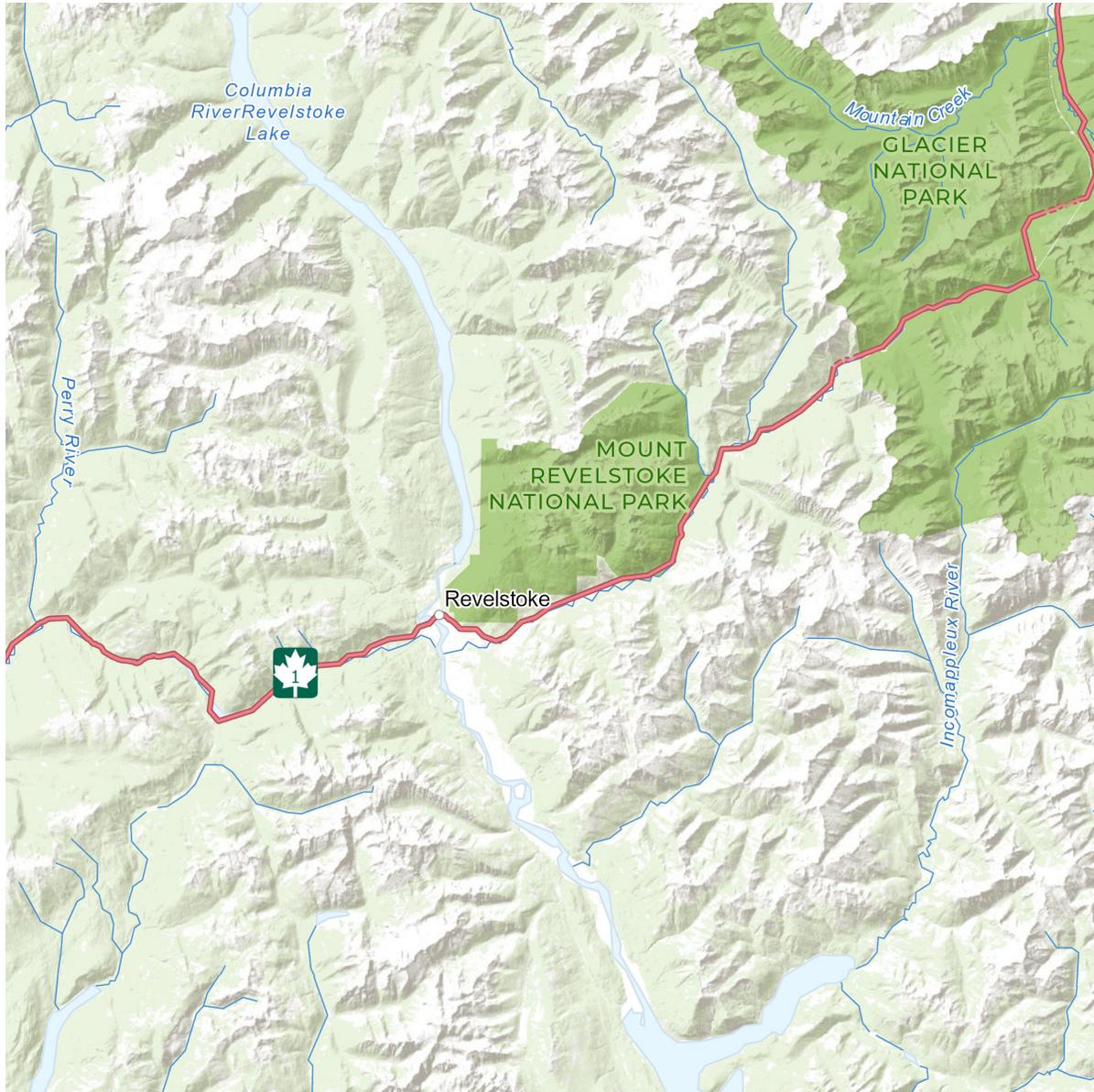
The colonial settlement of Revelstoke began in the 1880s with mining and the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway as drivers of early growth. By the turn of the 20th century, Revelstoke was a regional transportation hub and one of the largest and most prominent communities in the interior of British Columbia. The construction of the Trans-Canada Highway in 1962 increased access to the area.

Following the economic recession of the 1980s, the community reinvented itself. Community leaders introduced ideas to revitalize the community and refresh the town's character. In 1987, the City embarked on the Downtown Revitalization Project, which resulted in the creation of Grizzly Plaza as the focal point of the downtown core. The project generated short-term economic activity for a community that was in need of jobs and it restored community pride and confidence.

In the 1990s, the Revelstoke Forest Corporation and Revelstoke District Energy Corporation were created. The first ski season in 2007-2008 brought increased tourism, economic development, and a new wave of growth to the community. In recent years, the community has seen an influx of young families and residents that place a high value on outdoor recreation and adventure activities.

1.3 Natural and Recreation Setting

The City of Revelstoke is located in the centre of the world's only inland temperate rainforest comprised of complex and diverse forest ecosystems.¹ The Monashee and Selkirk Mountain ranges provide a spectacular setting with steep mountain peaks bordering the valley, forming alpine meadow ecosystems at higher elevations. Revelstoke's mountainous environment experiences early, heavy, and consistent snowfall.



¹ <https://seerevelstoke.com/worlds-only-inland-temperate-rainforest/>

The Columbia River is a defining feature of the region. As the sixth largest river basin in North America, it contributes to ecosystems that support hundreds of wildlife species. The Revelstoke wetlands located around the confluence of the Columbia and Illecillewaet Rivers are of particular ecological significance, providing habitat for many bird, mammal, fish and plant species. The banks of the Columbia River provide one of the best bird-watching locations in the Kootenays. The wilderness areas in the region are home to multiple *Species at Risk*, as listed by the BC Conservation Data Centre, including grizzly bear, caribou, and white sturgeon.

The natural assets, in combination with built infrastructure, contribute to outstanding outdoor recreation opportunities in and around the City of Revelstoke. These include Revelstoke Mountain Resort (RMR), Mt. Revelstoke National Park, and many trails on Frisby Ridge, Boulder Mountain, MacPherson, Mt. Begbie, and Mt. Cartier. The City of Revelstoke is not directly involved in their development, management, marketing, or operations; however, these assets draw residents and tourist to the community and region. Natural assets located outside but close to municipal boundaries are managed by multiple organizations including Crown (Provincial Parks, tenured recreation areas, and other lands under the jurisdiction of the Province of BC), Parks Canada, and BC Hydro.

“Parks offer a variety of accessible play structures.”

– Survey Respondent



1.4 Related Plans and Documents

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan takes direction from the City’s important and relevant plans and strategies. These include the Official Community Plan (update happening concurrent with this master plan), Trails Strategy, Transportation Master Plan, and other documents related to parks and recreation.

The City of Revelstoke, through its designation as a Resort Municipality, collaborates with tourism and recreation partners on the development, management, marketing and operations of a variety of recreational amenities. These assets draw residents and tourists to the community and region, helping to drive economic growth, improve quality of life, and support sustainability objectives. Various plans identify the vision and strategies for tourism in the City.

Official Community Plan (2022 in Progress)

The City’s Official Community Plan (OCP) acts as the primary guiding vision for the future of the community. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is aligned with the overall vision of the emerging OCP and will work to accomplish key policy directives identified throughout the OCP. The vision stated in the OCP is as follows:

“Revelstoke will pursue a sustainable mountain community by balancing environmental, social, economic and cultural values within a local, regional and global context. Our rich heritage and stunning natural environment inspire us to be forward thinking, inclusive, resilient, and welcoming. We will create a supportive, vibrant community for those that live, work, and visit here today and in the future.”

The OCP identifies eight community priorities to achieve the envisioned future for Revelstoke. The priorities are as follows:

1. A range of housing options and affordability
2. **Environmental protection and stewardship**
3. **Climate change action**
4. Personal and community economic growth and stability
5. **A responsive and caring social support system**
6. **Opportunities for lifelong learning**
7. **Fostering of diverse cultural and spiritual values**
8. **A range of recreation and activities for residents and visitors**

The PRMP will help to achieve those priorities, particularly the ones in bold text.

Revelstoke's new OCP focuses on centralized growth and missing middle infill housing, and there are greenfield development opportunities within the City's urban area including Arrow Heights, Johnson Heights, and Big Eddy (though infrastructure limitations for the latter may result in light industrial rather than residential development). Johnson Heights is slated to absorb community growth with a focus on affordable multi-family developments for the local resident population. The RMR also has significant densities planned. Residents of new developments will require access to parks and recreation facilities.

Trails Strategy (2017)

In 2017, the City of Revelstoke prepared a sustainable trails strategy to serve as a critical decision-making document for the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department and to inform other municipal plans. The vision is as follows:

“The City of Revelstoke will have a comprehensive multi-use trail and pathway network with appropriate and accessible connections to destinations and neighbourhoods throughout the City. The Revelstoke Trails Strategy will serve as a valuable decision-making tool for City staff, Council, community members, and developers for all future trail development. The Revelstoke trail network will be considered a high-quality system and a valuable asset to the community that serves as a social, economic, and environmental asset.”

The Trails Strategy identifies five guiding principles to guide the planning and design of trails:

- Improve connectivity
- Trails that are diverse, inclusive, safe, and accessible
- Ensure appropriate signage and wayfinding
- High quality trail infrastructure and amenities
- Ensure all trails adhere to the highest environmental standards

While the PRMP updates existing and proposed trails, and trail classifications, the design guidelines in the Trails Strategy are still relevant.

Transportation Master Plan (2022 in progress)

The City of Revelstoke is updating the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) concurrently with the PRMP. The TMP will incorporate feedback received through the OCP engagement process and expand upon the existing TMP created in 2012. The key goals of the TMP are to:

- Establish a general road hierarchy to guide the future update of the City's Subdivision, Development, and Servicing Bylaw
- Identify implementable projects that will improve the quality of life, safety, and mobility for residents and visitors
- Prioritize transportation improvements based on mobility needs and improve connectivity

The TMP focuses on trails and paths within road corridors, and the PRMP focuses on off-road trails. The project teams worked together to integrate on-road and off-road trails to increase connectivity within the City.

Resort Development Strategy – City of Revelstoke (2022-2025)

The Resort Development Strategy is an on-going three-year program that allocates Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI) funding from the Ministry of Tourism to resort communities to fund core infrastructure needs along with events, services and programming that support the community vision for the development of tourism. The objectives of the RMI are to:

- support small tourism-based resort communities build and diversify their tourism infrastructure
- deliver exceptional visitor experiences
- incorporate sustainable tourism practices and products

For more information see [Resort Municipality Funding - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www.gov.bc.ca/resort-municipality-funding/).

Destination Tourism Strategy (2018–2022)

This strategy, which is being updated (for 2023-2027), guides Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) funding administered by Tourism Revelstoke. Taxes on tourism accommodations are used to support destination marketing and destination management initiatives. The purpose of the strategy, prepared by Tourism Revelstoke and Community Economic Development, is to inspire value-aligned visitors to experience Revelstoke and to grow sustainable tourism opportunities that benefit the community. This strategy outlines the current strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. It also outlines five key priority areas including year-round destination, multi-day stay, holistic destination stewardship, remarkable visitor experiences, and organizational excellence.



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Destination Management Plan Framework (2021)

The objective of this plan is to provide a common vision and framework for a holistic approach to destination management. The plan guides the individual administrative bodies to achieve alignment with the common goals, objectives, and timelines of the Destination Management Plan, while maintaining their mandates, roles, and accountabilities to their respective organizations.

Destination Management Plan (in development)

The Destination Management Plan, which is like an OCP for tourism, is intended to be a guiding document that supports the community's tourism vision, identifies destination management roles, supports broader community values for quality of life, and considers destination stewardship and economic prosperity.

Backcountry Recreation and Land Use Planning

The City has collaborated with the Rural Development Institute of Selkirk College on a research project to compile information on the state of the backcountry with the purpose of producing mapping resources that capture publicly available information on various land uses in the region. This will serve as the basis for an initiative in collaboration with Indigenous partners, the regional government, and key stakeholders to develop a values-based approach to assessing commercial and recreational land uses, forming a trail alliance with recreation groups, and undertaking engagement with the community that will lead to the development of a plan to guide recreation land use in the backcountry.

Building Condition Assessment (2019)

A Building Condition Assessment was completed by McIntosh Perry in 2018/2019 of all of the City's recreation buildings. These are referenced in the PRMP where relevant.

Backcountry Recreation Access Plan

A plan on this topic is being prepared in collaboration with regional partners.

1.5 Community Engagement

Engagement Process

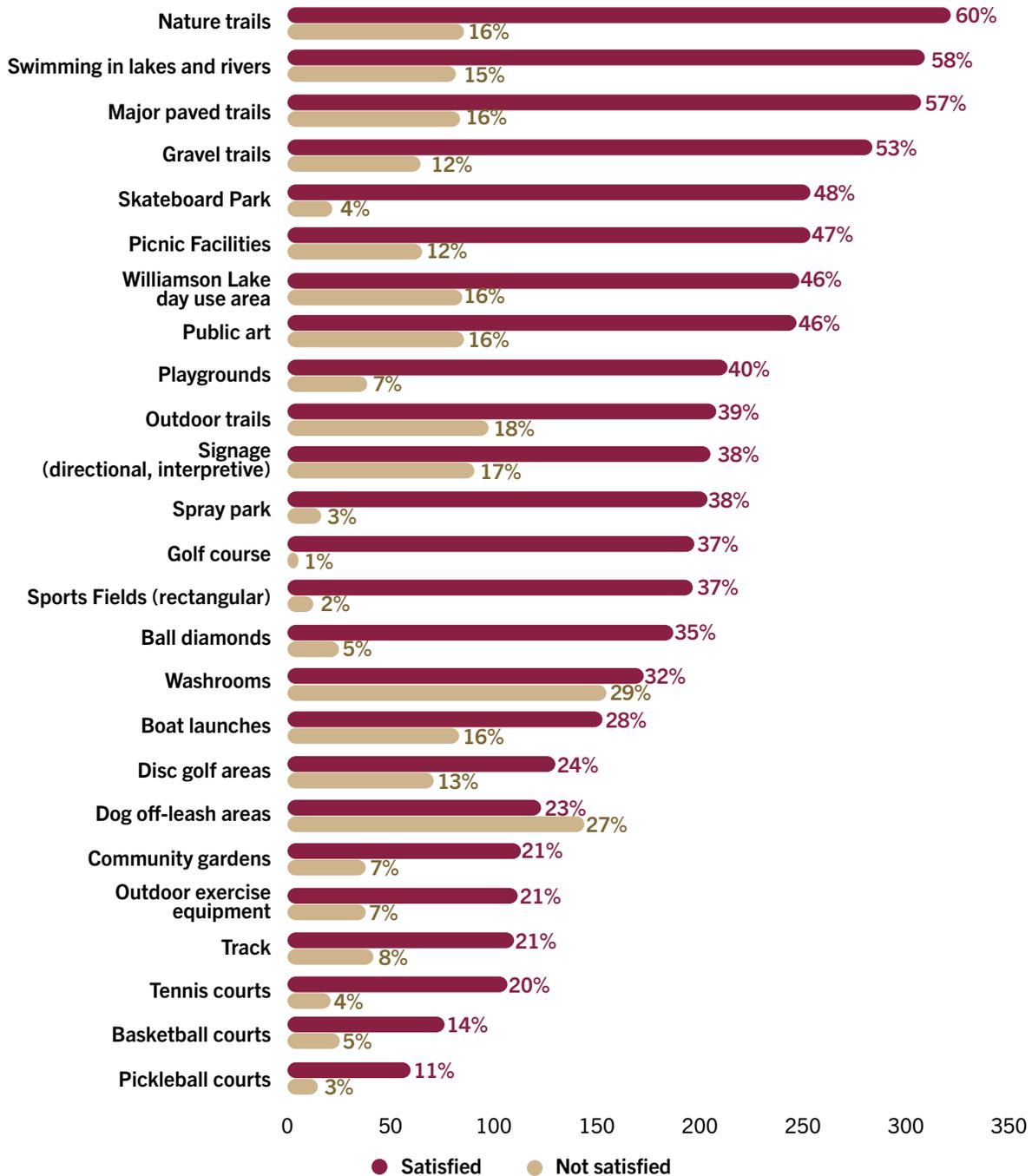
Community engagement is very important for Parks and Recreation Master Plans to ensure that the plan reflects community perspectives. A diverse engagement process was used to gather input on the community's interests, desires, and priorities for the future of parks, recreation, and facilities as illustrated below.



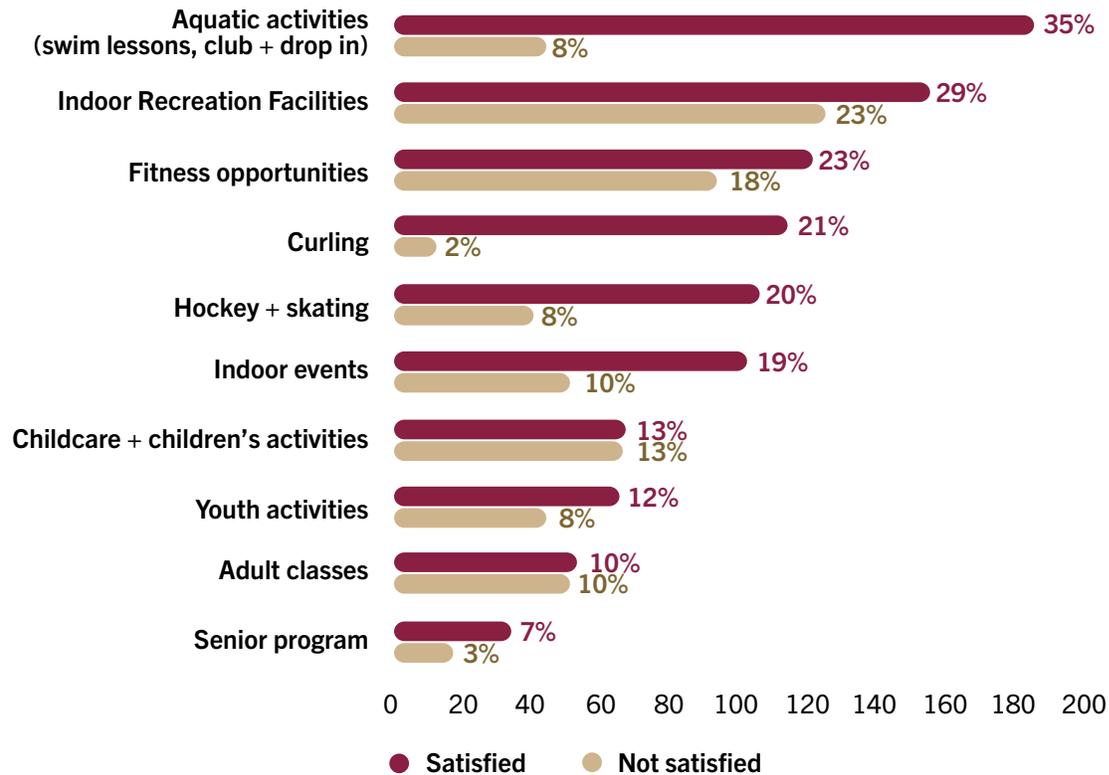
Key Findings from Phase 1 Engagement

Revelstoke residents have high participation in outdoor recreation activities and many indoor activities (see Appendix A). Satisfaction is generally high, as illustrated below.

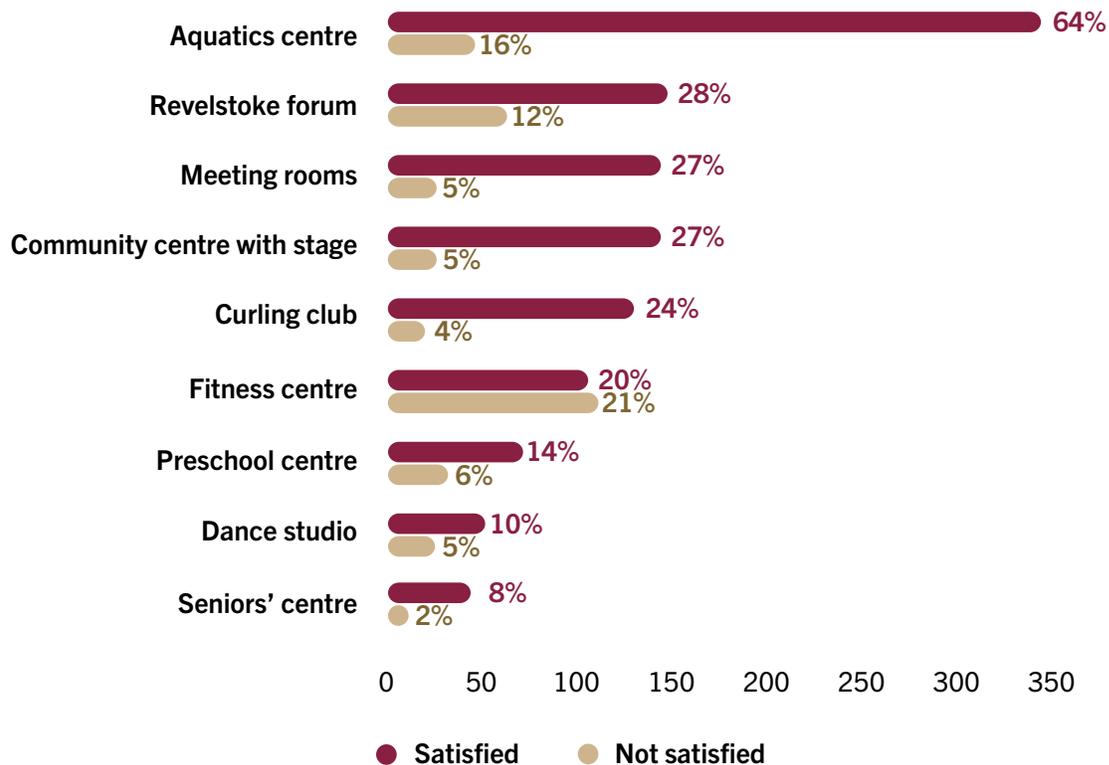
Level of Satisfaction with Outdoor Amenities



Satisfaction with Programs and Activities



Satisfaction with Indoor Facilities



The following are the key interests in additions and improvements from comments provided within the community survey, virtual visioning workshops, and the pop-up engagement at the Revelstoke Farm and Craft Market.

Parks / Outdoor Amenities

- The most requested outdoor recreation amenities were off-leash dog park, bike skills park/pump track, disc-golf, volleyball, and pickleball
- More biking infrastructure
- Improved access to water activities including updates to the boat launch and more support for paddlesports
- Need for more shaded areas in parks, either with shade sails or more trees
- Playground updates
- Better access to washroom facilities

Trails

- Expansion of the trail network to increase connectivity, especially to Revelstoke Mountain Resort, Arrow Heights, and MacPherson
- More bike trails
- Protect existing trail network from increased development
- Improved wayfinding signage

Recreation

- Improvements to the Revelstoke Forum
- Indoor climbing gym
- Improved fitness area and more group fitness programs
- More childcare and programming for teens and children



Key Findings from Phase 2 Engagement

During the second phase of engagement, there was a high level of support for the draft vision and goals. The following were the top three priorities (in order based on first choices of each respondent) for the draft recommendations in each topic area. Additional input on priorities is in Appendix C.

Parks

- Support the Jordan River site as a protected area
- Powerhouse Road site park development
- Improve Kovach Park

Existing Amenities and Trails

- Expand skate park
- Add to and improve infrastructure and signage along trails
- Improve playgrounds

New Amenities and Trails

- Pump track / bike park
- More trails
- Fenced dog park

Recreation Facilities

- New multi-sport facility
- Aquatic Centre upgrades
- Renovate Community Centre

Programs and Services

- More financial resources from tourism for recreation facilities
- More youth programs
- More events





1.6 Parks and Recreation Trends

Parks and recreation activities, infrastructure, and participation are constantly changing in response to broader societal trends. Parks and recreation trends in 2020 and 2021 were also affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and in some ways the pandemic accelerated trends that were already occurring. Public health requirements forced people to make changes in how they visit parks and pursue recreation activities. Trends show a reduction in structured activities such as organized sports, and an increase in unstructured activities like use of trails, parks, and playgrounds. With the pandemic, municipalities have been seeking ways to animate recreation spaces to encourage independent and spontaneous recreation activity.²

The following are high-level trends in parks and recreation. Trends related to specific activities and facilities are outlined in subsequent sections.

Participation

- Focus on independent activities and wellness
- Flexibility such as drop-in and lots of access to facilities vs scheduled programs

Service Delivery

- Partnerships with community groups
- Focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Flexibility and creativity in programming

² https://www.outdoorplaycanada.ca/portfolio_page/canadas-recovery-from-the-impact-of-covid-19-role-of-the-parks-and-recreation-sector/

Infrastructure

- Aging infrastructure is a concern
- Access to maintenance and replacement costs
- Link to asset management programs
- Multi-purpose facilities that serve as community hubs
- New facilities and renovations incorporating the learnings from COVID, including no-touch doors, faucets, and toilets, and more emphasis on ventilation and air handling

Parks and Outdoor Recreation

- Trail-oriented uses are most popular
- Outdoor recreation increased even more with COVID
- Diverse activities for all ages and abilities
- Dog parks
- Urban agriculture
- Incorporating nature in the city
- Creative, nature-oriented play environments
- Paddlesports increasingly popular



1.7 Benefits of Parks and Recreation

Numerous organizations have conducted research regarding the benefits of parks and recreation, and many resources can be found in a national Benefits Hub.³ Parks and recreation contribute enormous values to communities and have significant effects on quality of life, reducing social and health problems that can be associated with high costs. The following are some examples of the benefits that parks and recreation provide:

Environmental Benefits of Parks and Recreation

- Protection of important species and habitats
- Demonstrate the importance of the environment to the public
- Rainwater, air quality, water quality, and temperature management

Social Benefits of Parks and Recreation

- Promotion of an active lifestyle
- Social connections and community involvement
- Aesthetically pleasing spaces promote community pride

Economic Benefits of Parks and Recreation

- Increased property values
- Attraction of new residents
- Support for the tourism economy

Personal Benefits of Parks and Recreation

- Improvements to mental and physical health
- Increase quality of life
- Reduce the risk of diseases

³ Canada Parks and Recreation Benefits Hub: <http://benefitshub.ca/overview>



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COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

2.1 Demographics

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Population

In 2021, the City of Revelstoke had a population of 8,275. This was a 9.4% increase from the 7,562 residents in 2016. The population projections conducted for the OCP update anticipate a 20% increase from 2019 to 2031 to an expected population of 9,924, with a further increase to 10,968 in 2041. This is a high-growth scenario based on the most recent five-year period of higher growth. The population increase has likely occurred because of the growing tourism and recreation-based economy and the continued diversification of Revelstoke's economy.⁴ The OCP provides additional information on this topic.

Age Distribution

In 2021, residents aged 30 to 34 years made up the largest age group of total residents (Figure 2.1). Revelstoke has a younger population overall than the Province of BC, especially in the age ranges from 25 to 39 years, with lower populations in older age groups compared to the province (Figure 2.2). These numbers reflect the relatively large contingent of young families in the community.

⁴ rennie Consulting Services. (2021). Population and Housing Projections – Revelstoke.

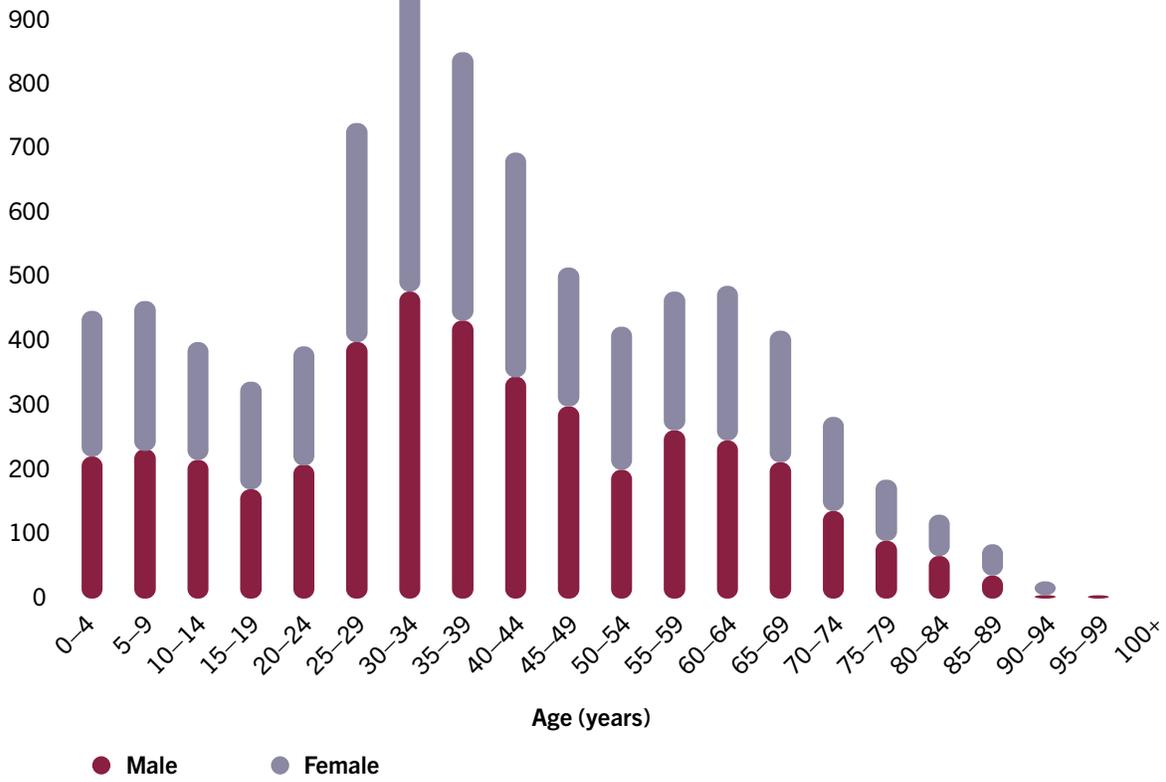


Figure 2.1 Revelstoke's Age Distribution (2021)

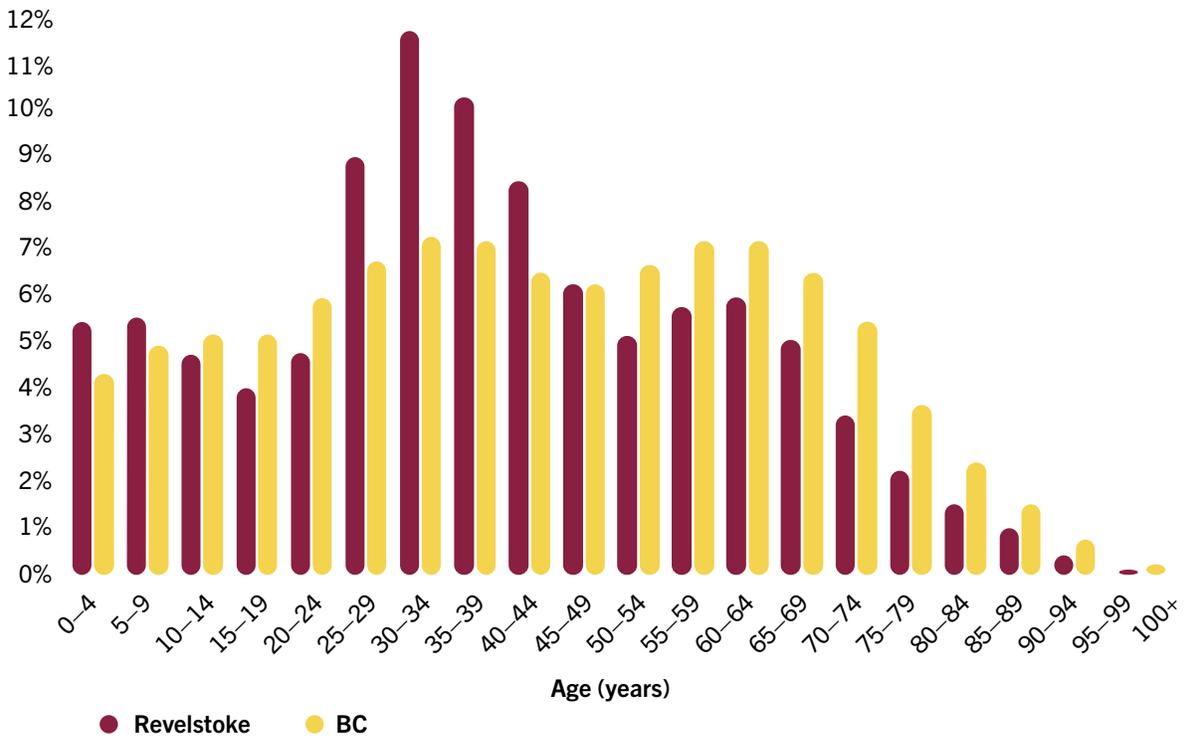


Figure 2.2 Revelstoke's Age Distribution Compared to Provincial Average (2021)

Income

In the 2016 census, the 2015 median household income in Revelstoke was \$73,275, slightly higher than the provincial average of \$69,9995.

Newcomers

In the 2016 census, 10% of the population identified as immigrants. A large portion (4.2%) immigrated to the area before 1981; 2.6% immigrated between 2011 and 2016.

Visible Minority and Indigenous Identity

Excluding those with Indigenous identity, 4% of residents identify as a visible minority. The largest group is South Asian at 23% of visible minorities.

Among Revelstoke residents, 7.5% of the population identify as North American Aboriginal, 5.4% First Nations, 0.1% Inuit, and 2.5% Metis. This total of 7.5% is more than the provincial average of 6.6%.

Lifestyle

Revelstoke's location within the Columbia Mountains attracts adventure seekers and outdoor enthusiasts to the community. Revelstoke's younger population, in particular between the ages of 30 to 34, is likely composed of people seeking this lifestyle. The outdoor recreation opportunities, Revelstoke's excellent public education system, and tight-knit community make Revelstoke an attractive place for this demographic.



Shadow Population

The growing tourism industry and expansion of the Revelstoke Mountain Resort draw a “shadow” population of workers who live seasonally or temporarily in the community. Revelstoke Mountain Resort employs approximately 200 people in peak season with many working seasonally or part time. A large, mobile, population of second-home owners and seasonal workers increases the City’s population to 15,000 in December and over 13,000 in summer months. These are not simply visitors; they are people for whom Revelstoke is home for at least two months out of the year. Because this population consists largely of seasonal workers, they are missed by the census because they are not resident for at least six consecutive months. A study by rennie consulting services (2021) indicated that the shadow population will likely grow along with the increase in the usual resident population.



In 2016, accommodation and food services were the largest employment industry in Revelstoke at 16%. A significant amount of the population (45%) worked part of the year and/or part time while 30% of the population worked the full year and/or full time.⁵

Tourists

Recent tourism studies estimate 1.1 million visitors to the community during the summer season in addition to the very high winter use. Highway traffic counts indicate a potential 2.75 million visitors travel the Trans Canada highway near Revelstoke. Many of these visitors make use of the parks, trails, and year-round recreation facilities the City and surrounding area offer.

Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSRD)

The Columbia Shuswap Regional District Area B surrounds the City of Revelstoke. In the CSRD Official Community Plan, the City of Revelstoke is noted as a ‘service hub’. Increased growth and additional pressure on housing and vacation rentals in the CSRD will bring more rural residents and visitors into the City to access recreation amenities; these visitors do not contribute to the tax base.

Implications for Parks and Recreation

The following are some of the key demographic and land use trends and their implications for parks and recreation in the City of Revelstoke

- Revelstoke is home to a relatively young population with preferences towards outdoor adventure recreation and associated outdoor activities and sports. This may increase pressure on amenities such as the trail system, bike infrastructure, and water access points.
- As the large age cohort shifts from the current 30 to 34 age group to the 50 to 54 age group by 2040, parks and recreation will need to adapt to the needs of that population.
- As a result of population growth, Revelstoke is experiencing increasing development pressures, and adequate parks and recreation opportunities are needed for the City to remain a draw.
- Continued growth of tourism is increasing demand for and pressure on parks and recreation facilities. This may increase crowding and contribute to deterioration of amenities and facilities. On the other hand, increased visitation will continue to drive economic growth, with benefits from direct revenue generation and taxation.
- Increasing seasonal populations may cause fluctuations in recreation program attendance and facility use.
- As a service hub for the CSRD, the City must be ready for regional growth and access alternative revenue sources to support infrastructure needs.



3

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

3.1 Vision

The following vision, goals, and objectives are a synthesis of the City's existing strategies and PRMP community input:

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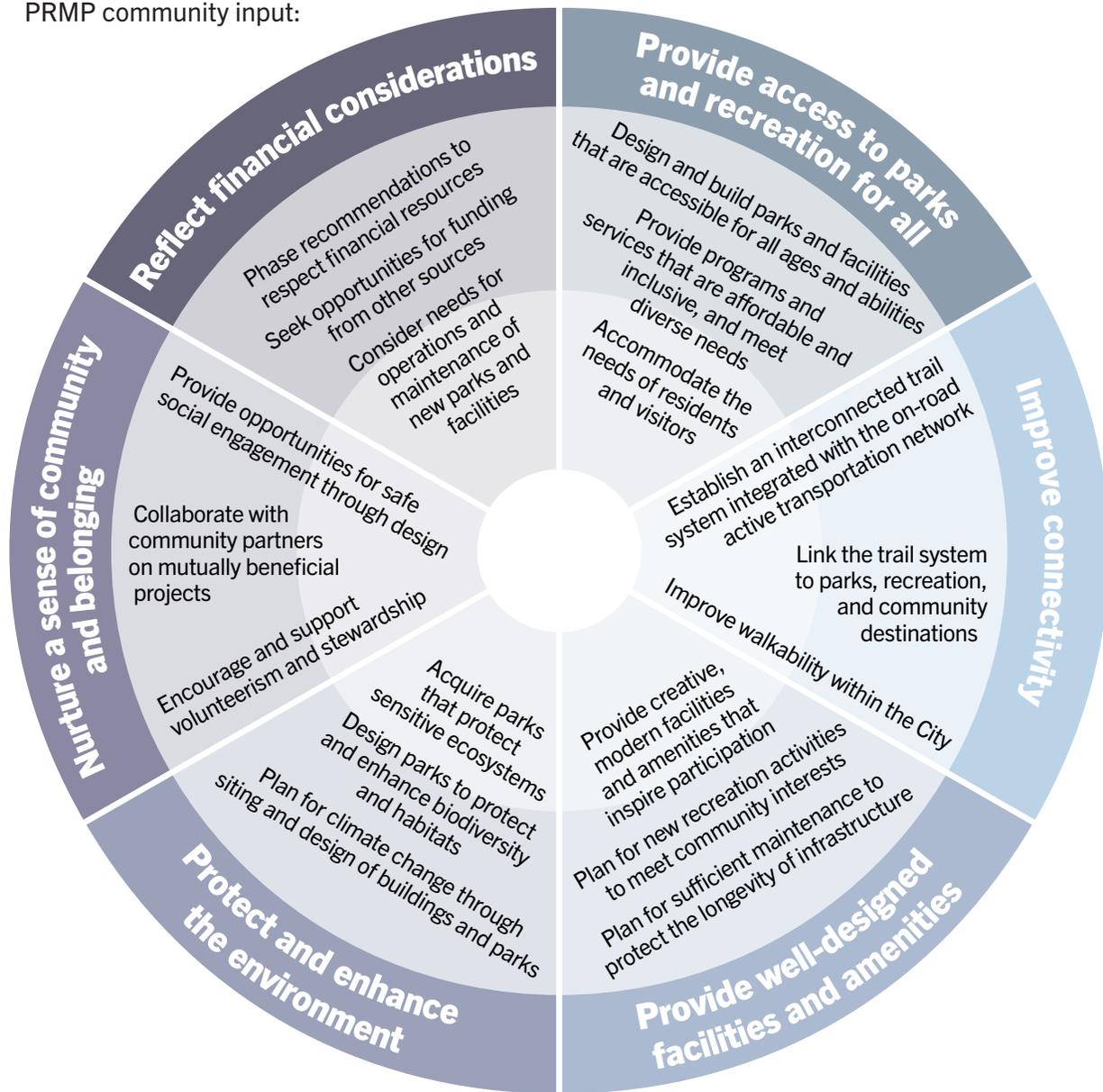
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3.2 Goals and Objectives

The following goals in the outer circle, with the objectives within each wedge, are based primarily on PRMP community input:



Arts and culture are not included in this report because the City did not have the capacity in this study to address that topic appropriately and felt that those interests would be better represented in a separate strategy.





4

OUTDOOR RECREATION

4.1 Parks



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Summary of Findings

Overall, Revelstoke has a good supply of parkland, but some neighbourhoods lack nearby parkland

Key Strategy

Works towards good access to parkland developed to meet the needs of all existing and future residents

Parkland Classification

The classification of parks and open spaces can help to provide an understanding of the various roles of parkland, which can be a useful planning and management tool (Map 1). The following is the proposed classification system for parkland in Revelstoke. Some parks are difficult to classify because they fit into more than one definition. In those cases, the most appropriate category is selected based on park use.

“Parks offer a variety of accessible play structures.”

– Survey Respondent

Classification	Size	Description	Examples
Community Park	Ideally a minimum of 1.0 ha, current range is 0.41 to 10.27 ha	<p>Popular parks that serve residents beyond the immediate neighbourhood</p> <p>Help to form the visual, physical, and social focus of the community</p> <p>Typically include recreation amenities such as sports fields, playgrounds, courts, and washrooms</p> <p>Support significant levels of use, potentially including community events</p> <p>Usually include parking lots</p>	<p>Centennial Park</p> <p>Farwell Park</p> <p>Kovach Park</p> <p>Queen Elizabeth Park</p> <p>Williamson Lake Park and Campground</p>
Neighbourhood Park	Ideally a minimum of 0.2 hectares, current range is 0.16 to 14.07 ha	<p>Serve the recreation needs of residential neighbourhoods</p> <p>Help to form the visual, physical, and social focus of a neighbourhood</p> <p>Typically include play equipment, pathways, open grass, and seating</p> <p>May also include other recreation amenities</p> <p>Usually do not include parking lots or washrooms</p>	<p>Beruschi Park</p> <p>Big Eddy Park</p> <p>Columbia Park Tennis Courts</p> <p>Columbia View Park</p> <p>Moose Park</p> <p>Woodenhead Park</p>
Natural Park	Typically large, but can vary, current range is 0.09 to 3.82	<p>Dominated by natural features such as forests and watercourses</p> <p>Typically provide for low-impact outdoor recreation opportunities such as nature trail uses</p> <p>Amenities that support public access and use may include parking lots, trails, benches, and washrooms</p>	<p>Nichol Road Park</p> <p>Williamson Lake Forest</p> <p>Thunderbird Embankment</p>
Special Feature Park	Variable sizes, current range is 0.02 to 0.09	<p>Includes spaces with high cultural values due to their location and/or built features of cultural or historical significance where use is focused on interpretation, social activities, or events rather than recreation</p> <p>May also include parks designed for one use such as urban agriculture or dog off-leash areas</p>	<p>Veteran's Memorial</p> <p>Grizzly Plaza</p> <p>Heritage Garden</p> <p>Rotary Park</p>

Additional Urban Land with Park Values

Classification	Size	Description	Examples
School Sites		<p>Green space portion of public school sites including fields and playgrounds (school buildings and parking lots are excluded)</p> <p>Included because the land usually has park values; however, schools are not available for public use during school hours</p> <p>Land size is tabulated separately from the parks because school sites are subject to change by School District 19</p>	<p>Revelstoke Secondary</p> <p>Arrow Heights Elementary</p> <p>Begbie View Elementary</p> <p>Columbia Park Elementary</p> <p>Farwell School site</p> <p>Mt. View School site</p>
Golf Course and Cemetery		<p>Lands owned by the City for these specific purposes</p> <p>Both contribute green space</p> <p>Golf Course is open to the public for limited walking, and skiing in winter</p>	<p>Revelstoke Golf Club</p> <p>Revelstoke Cemetery</p>

In addition to the parks and open spaces listed above, Revelstoke has many other types of green space available within the near the city:

- There is extensive Crown land within and around the City that is informally used for recreation.
- Land along the Columbia River is owned by BC Hydro for water management and is important green space for the Greenbelt Trail, flooding at times.
- Revelstoke National Park and Revelstoke Mountain Resort are adjacent to the City's eastern boundary, and both offer extensive outdoor recreation opportunities.



Parkland Supply

The City of Revelstoke has 21 park sites covering 44.7 hectares of land. With the additional lands, there are over 100 hectares of green spaces within the City.

Park Type	Number	Hectares
Community Parks	5	16.7
Neighbourhood Parks	6	20.1
Natural Park	5	6.8
Special Feature Park	4	0.2
Undeveloped Park	1	0.9
Total Parks	22	44.7
School Sites	6	3.6
Golf Course	1	44.1
Cemetery	1	7.8
Total Protected Green Space	28	100.2

Parkland supply was analyzed by spatial distribution, or the distance people can walk to reach a park with recreation amenities (**Map 2**). This analysis is based on the following target walking distances, which is a typical approach:

- Ten-minute walk (800 metres) to community parks
- Five-minute walk (400 metres) to a neighbourhood park, unless the park is less than 0.2 ha, in which case it is assumed to serve immediate neighbours within 100 metres only
- School sites were included in the analysis assuming a target walking distance of 400-metres as most of them are similar to neighbourhood parks in Revelstoke

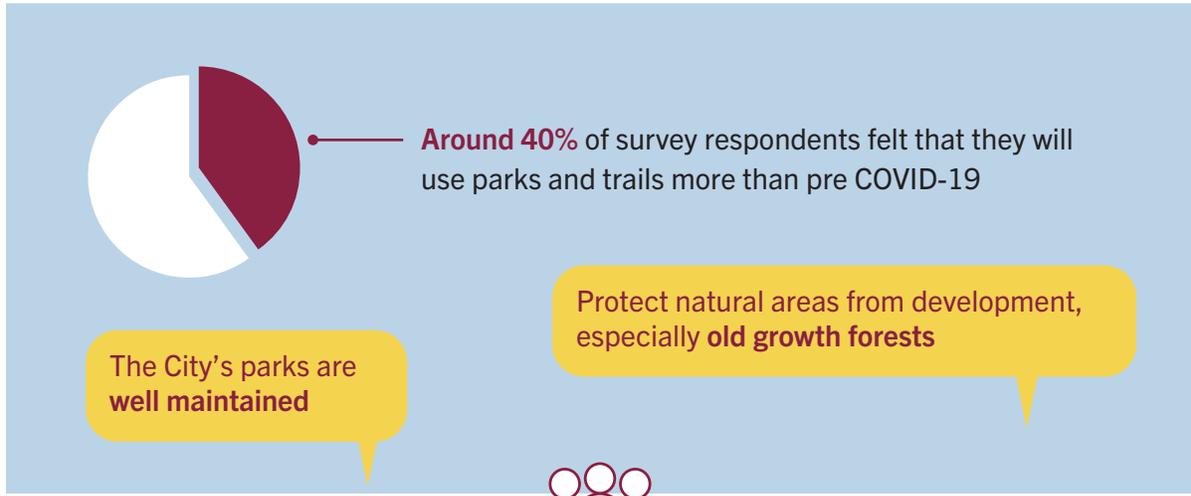
Most of Revelstoke’s residential areas are within a ten-minute walk from a community park; walking distance to a park is not expected in industrial or rural areas. There are portions of Columbia Park, Arrow Heights, and Big Eddy that are not within a ten-minute walk of a community park, nor are they within a five-minute walk of a neighbourhood park or school.

“ I am very impressed with the new signage at parks”

– Survey Respondent

Key Themes from Community Input

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Park Opportunities

Revelstoke's parks are generally beautiful with scenic views, mature trees, and a variety of amenities. A number of suggestions for improvements relate to parks in general:

- Plant more trees and add shade structures, especially near sports fields
- Formalize a replacement cycle for playgrounds to include in capital planning



The following is an evaluation of Revelstoke’s parks based on community and staff input, and professional analysis.

Park	Description / Strengths	Challenges / Needs
Community Parks		
Centennial Park 10.27 ha	<p>6 ball fields, bleachers, soccer fields, track, benches, picnic area, washrooms, two dugouts, concession stand</p> <p>Park is very popular especially for soccer and slo-pitch</p> <p>Provides access to greenbelt trails, very popular with dog walkers, cyclists and people accessing the water</p> <p>Used year-round</p> <p>Great views</p>	<p>Only one ball field has lights</p> <p>The shale on the running track needs replacement and there are drainage issues</p> <p>Park is located over a landfill and some of the fields have sinkholes</p> <p>Boat launch needs upgrades, not promoted due to major changes in water levels</p> <p>Most of the ball diamonds are not regulation size for slo-pitch</p> <p>Centennial soccer field has to share grandstand outfield which can cause scheduling issues</p> <p>No shaded area near the soccer fields</p>
Farwell Park 0.41 ha	<p>Picnic areas, playground, washrooms, splash pad, tables, maintenance building, small shed</p> <p>Very popular park, full on weekends</p>	<p>Remove old shed</p>
Kovach Park 1.15 ha	<p>Bike trail, outdoor fitness equipment, half basketball court, picnic areas, playground, washroom, skate park, water fountain</p> <p>Very busy park, skateboard lessons are offered and always full</p> <p>Provides access to greenbelt trails, pedestrian bridge, and flats</p> <p>Used year-round</p>	<p>Full court basketball or multi-sport court</p> <p>Inadequate parking</p> <p>Lack of connectivity</p> <p>Need more shade near skate park</p>
Queen Elizabeth Park 2.56 ha	<p>3 tennis courts, sports fields, picnic areas, playground, pickleball court, washroom</p> <p>Park has beautiful mature trees</p> <p>Well used park</p> <p>Field is used for soccer</p>	<p>Upgrade playground edging and improve accessibility</p> <p>Consider adding more pickleball courts</p> <p>Washrooms need upgrading</p> <p>Potential for outdoor stage</p> <p>Playground lacks shade</p>

Park	Description / Strengths	Challenges / Needs
Williamson Lake Park and Campground	<p>Mini putt, picnic areas, playground, washrooms, campground</p> <p>Very popular and crowded during summer months</p>	<p>Shower/washroom building needs to be replaced</p> <p>No universally accessible path to beach area</p> <p>Fluctuating water levels affect beach area</p> <p>Day use building needs to be upgraded or replaced</p> <p>Increased development in adjacent neighbourhoods</p> <p>Crowded at peak times</p>
Neighbourhood Parks		
Beruschi Park 0.16 ha	<p>Picnic areas, playground, storage for maintenance equipment and supplies, benches</p> <p>High use by children in the afternoons</p>	<p>Requests for a public washroom</p>
Big Eddy Park 14.06 ha	<p>Playground, half basketball court, picnic areas, washroom, softball diamond</p> <p>Large forested area with trails</p> <p>Gymkhana grounds</p> <p>High use by children during the day</p> <p>Provides access to greenbelt trail</p> <p>Year-round use for dog walking, snowshoeing, cycling, and other activities</p>	
Columbia Park Tennis Courts 0.45 ha	<p>1 tennis court and 2 pickleball courts</p> <p>Kids play ball hockey in parking lot</p> <p>Beautiful river view and trees</p>	<p>No playground but school playgrounds are nearby</p> <p>Needs a picnic table</p> <p>Court surface needs replacement and solution for tree root impacts</p>

Park	Description / Strengths	Challenges / Needs
Columbia View Park 4.13 ha	Picnic areas at Forestry Museum Walking trails Indigenous history programming Used as event space for public	
Moose Park 0.81 ha	Small playground Many large trees Used by people in the neighbourhood	Playground needs to be updated Potential for a nature themed play area, small bike track
Woodenhead Park 0.45 ha	Picnic areas, playground, tables, walking trail, open space Used mainly by tourists – near fast food restaurants	Needs washroom facility Lacks a shade structure Opportunity for interpretive signs
Natural Parks		
Moberly Park 0.09 ha	Small green space with trees	
Nichol Road Park 0.27 ha	Forested Fire Smart Demonstration Area	Lack of play amenities Opportunity for nature play features
Birch Drive Park (not an official name) 0.44 ha	Forested	
Thunderbird Embankment 2.18 ha	Green space along a bank Includes a forested Fire Smart Demonstration Area	Green space
Williamson Lake Forest 3.83 ha	Natural forested area across lake from the campground with trails	Opportunity to connect to west side of lake - would require access through private land
Special Feature Park		
Veteran's Memorial 0.05 ha	Cenotaph, electrical kiosk	Only used for Remembrance Day Fence needs to be replaced, explore opportunity for funding from Veterans
Rotary Park 0.05 ha	Sculpture, flags, interpretive signs, bollards, trail head Trail head for trail up to Mount Revelstoke National Park	

Park	Description / Strengths	Challenges / Needs
Grizzly Plaza 0.09 ha	<p>Downtown space used for farmers markets and other events</p> <p>Landscaped garden beds and heritage fixtures</p> <p>Grizzly sculptures at entrance</p> <p>Public washrooms and parking</p> <p>City has received funding to improve the plaza</p>	<p>Not enough seating to accommodate the demand, especially in the summer</p> <p>Washroom needs updating</p> <p>Gazebo would be more accessible if all one level</p> <p>Acoustics for performances are not great, and sound can disturb nearby residents</p>
Heritage Garden 0.02 ha	<p>Garden maintained by museum volunteers</p> <p>Small picnic area</p> <p>Used mainly by tourists</p>	
Potential Park		
Powerhouse Road Site 0.95 ha	City-owned property with community park potential	<p>Unserviced land</p> <p>Land is within floodplain</p> <p>Potential uses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food production gardens • Disc golf • Boxing Club (currently located on the property and not operating due to COVID) • Off-leash dog park • Staging and viewing area for paddlesport activities and events • Possible water access point (depending on land ownership)
Hay Road Site	Proposed park in future residential development	
Jordan River Site	<p>Property within the City that the community is interested in protecting for its environmental and outdoor recreation values</p> <p>Currently Crown land</p>	Protection of this land could potentially be accomplished through collaboration with stakeholder groups

Park Management

City staff involved in parks operations and maintenance address park aesthetics and safety. They are also conscious of needs to be environmentally responsible. Staff use native species in garden renovations and new landscape design. Parks staff also provide residents with a list of native species for use in residential landscaping and attend the Farmer’s Market to educate on proper water use practices and identifying and removal of invasive species on residential properties.

Revelstoke has a staff member on the board of the Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society (CSISS). Staff attend workshops hosted by the CSISS on a regular basis and circulate information received to all parks staff. A contractor is hired on an annual basis to spray for invasive species and staff also perform manual hand pulls.

Staff continue to improve soil conditions by supplementing organics in garden beds and turfed areas. This practice allows for maximum rainwater, irrigation retention and plant growth. Irrigation systems are controlled by rain sensors, and all new landscape construction considers drought tolerant species.

The Parks Department is responsible for maintaining trees in parks, other public properties, and along road corridors. These trees provide environmental, social, and economic values and benefits as part of the City’s urban forest. As development occurs, it is common for municipalities to experience a decline in the extent of the urban forest. Some of the City’s documents and policies recognize the importance of the urban forest, but there is no Urban Forest Management Strategy.

“Parks are great and well taken care of.”

– Survey Respondent



Strengths and Challenges



STRENGTHS

- Parks are well-maintained and clean
- The City's parks provide beautiful settings for residents and visitors
- There is a good diversity in types and sizes of parks
- There is adequate access to green space within City limits
- The parks attract a range of diverse user groups



CHALLENGES / NEEDS

- Providing parks for developed neighbourhoods that lack access to community and neighbourhood parks
- Acquiring sufficient parkland and amenities in new developments
- Securing funding to improve parks
- Ensuring that all parks are zoned appropriately

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Recommendations for Parks

Land Acquisition

- P.1** Seek to acquire community and neighbourhood parks in the approximate locations shown on **Map 4** and as noted below to address current gaps in supply and to support population growth.
- For large new projects in the downtown area, negotiate for public green space as part of the development process
 - Ensure that new parkland is zoned appropriately
- P.2** Establish the Powerhouse Road site as a community park.
- P.3** Encourage and support the establishment of the Jordan River site as a protected natural area.
- P.4** Use the following guidelines for acquiring community and neighbourhood parks:
- Select sites for community and neighbourhood parks that are at least 75% developable for recreation amenities, i.e., under 10% slope, not environmentally sensitive

- Rainwater management facilities, steep slopes, other hazard lands, riparian areas, other environmentally sensitive areas, and active transportation corridors are not suitable as part of the contribution for community and neighbourhood parks – acquire these lands as part of the development process in addition to community and neighbourhood parks
- Through development, all new strata lots that border a water body shall provide a minimum of 7 metres width of linear park for public access along the water body for public access, in accordance with the Bare Land Strata Regulations under the authority of the Strata Property Act – this is to be in addition to land for community and neighbourhood parks
- In new subdivisions that border a water body, acquire beach access points as sanctioned under the *Land Titles Act*; these dedications should be accessible to a broad range of users, be at environmentally appropriate locations, and have terrain conditions that do not require construction that would be detrimental to the environment, slope stability, or other park uses
- Site community and neighbourhood parks so that one type or the other will be within 400 metres of most residents, with community parks ideally located within 800 metres of most residents



- Locate community and neighbourhood parks next to natural areas where synergies will benefit users
- Locate community and neighbourhood parks with pedestrian access from all four sides if possible
- Locate community and neighbourhood parks with significant street frontage to a local or collector road on at least one side
- Locate community parks with access from a trail system, and neighbourhood parks as well if possible
- Include and protect existing trees within parks where possible and plant trees in parks for shade and as a contribution to the urban forest
- Consider inclusion of these guidelines as OCP policies

Planning and Design

P.5 Prepare park master plans, with full community engagement, for the following parks.

- **Powerhouse Road property** – potential new park
- **Grizzly Plaza** – requires updating to meet current needs

P.6 Prepare park plans, with engagement, for the parks with opportunities for significant changes.

- **Centennial Park** – work with sports groups and School District to identify potential upgrades
- **Moose Park** – to support play and bike opportunities for children

P.7 Use the following design principles in park planning, design, and construction:

Park Features

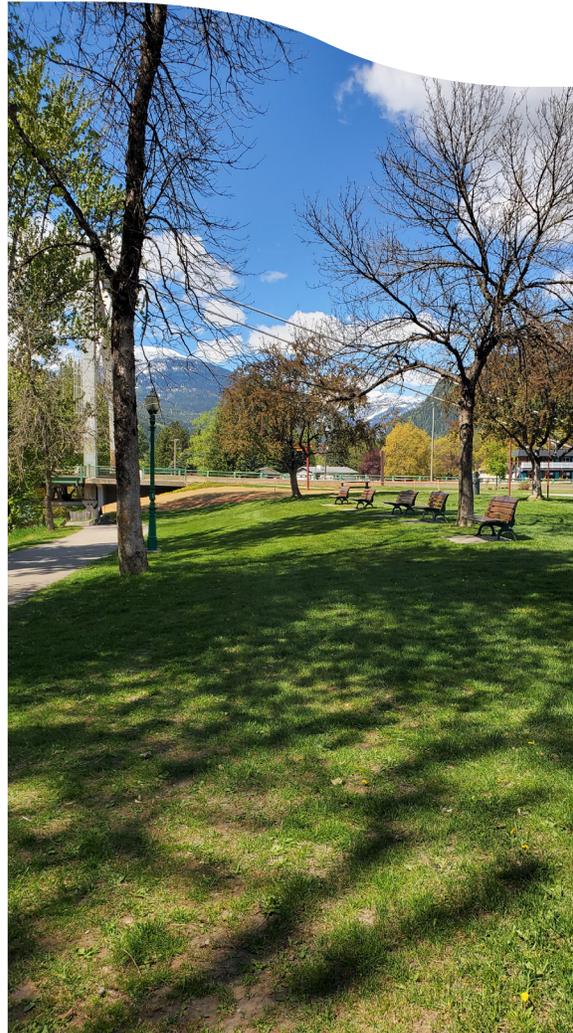
Encourage parks to include gathering places, with seating and spaces appropriate for picnics and group activities according to the type and size of the park.

Integrate urban agriculture within parks, potentially including community gardens, collaborative/shared gardening, fruit and nut trees, pollinator gardens, demonstration gardens, and collaboration spaces.

Provide seating in all parks and along multi-use trails.

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Capital Projects

P.8 Upgrade community parks with the following improvements and potential amenities:

- Centennial Park (see **section 4.3**)
 - Repair sink holes in sports field
 - Boat launch improvements
 - Replace running track with rubber surface, potentially with School District
 - Install shade structure and drinking fountain near sports fields
 - Lighting of an additional field
 - Reconfiguration of fields

- Kovach Park – new full size court and shade near skate park
- Queen Elizabeth Park – playground edging and shade, resurface tennis courts, pickleball courts, washroom upgrading, outdoor stage
- Williamson Lake Park and Campground –improve per 2017 Site Plan – replace buildings, landscaping, accessible path, fishing dock, etc.

P.9 Develop a new park at the Powerhouse Road site with the potential amenities listed below:

- Food production gardens
- Disc golf course
- Boxing Club
- Fenced dog park
- Possible water access point (depending on land ownership)

P.10 Upgrade other parks as follows:

- Moose Park – natural play area, potential small bike track
- Woodenhead Park– add public washroom, shade structure, interpretive signs
- Grizzly Plaza –renovate gazebo, upgrade pedestrian spaces
- Nichol Road Park – nature play features

Service Delivery

P.11 Obtain additional funds for operations and maintenance as new amenities and parks are developed.

P.12 Continue collaborating with organizations on management of natural areas, including control of invasive species.

P.13 Encourage the City to prepare an Urban Forest Management Strategy.

4.2 Trails



Summary of Findings

Revelstoke's trail system is well used and provides access to nature, but the trail system lacks connectivity

Key Strategy

Expand the trail system to provide continuous corridors and loops throughout the community

Trail Classification

This sections includes trails that are not along road corridors. Those along road corridors are addressed in the Transportation Plan.

The classification of trails can help to provide an understanding of the various uses and management needs related to trails (**Map 1**). The types proposed for this plan are for trails within the City, rather than the more extensive types in the Trails Strategy that include mountain-biking trails. The following is the proposed classification system for trails in Revelstoke.

“ Lots of trails near downtown, making lunch break access easy”

– Workshop Participant

MULTI-USE TRAIL

Trail Surface:

Paved or compacted gravel

Trail Width:

2 - 3 m

Description:

Major routes with relatively high use

Flat or gently rolling grades – maximum 8% slope

Meet universal design standards

Suitable for adaptive sports

Trail type may also be along road corridors per Transportation Master Plan



NEIGHBOURHOOD TRAIL

Trail Surface:

Paved or gravel

Trail Width:

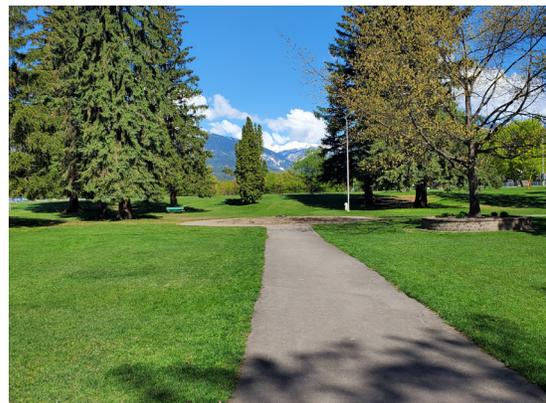
1.5 - 2.5 m

Description:

Primarily flat or gently rolling grades

Meets universal design standards

Relatively short trails that provide connections within and between neighbourhoods



NATURE TRAIL

Trail Surface:

Natural surface

Trail Width:

Less than 1 m

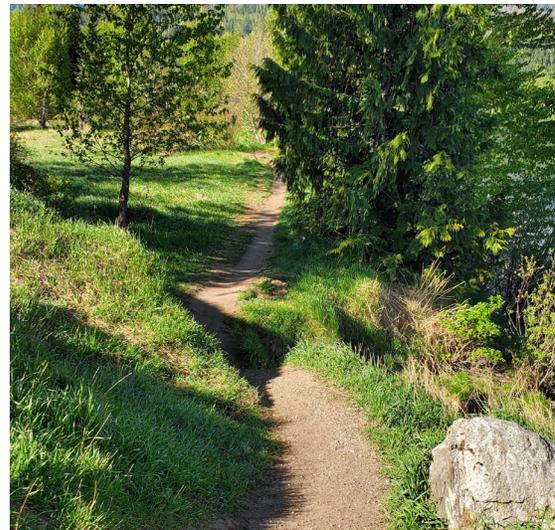
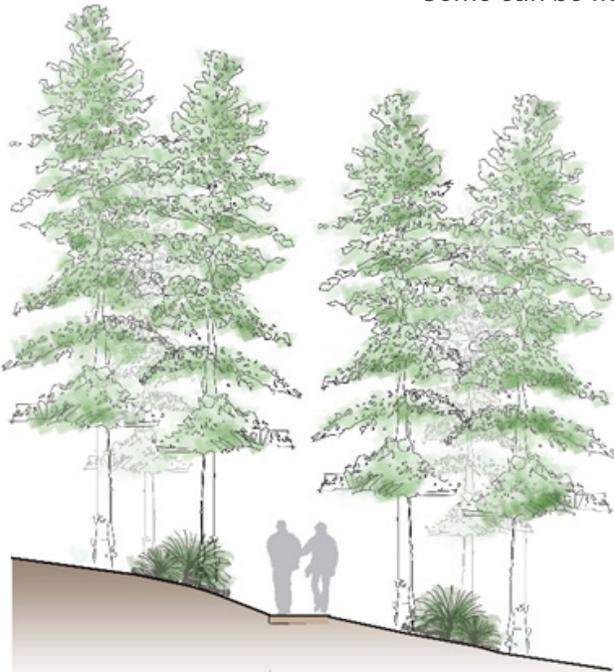
Description:

Trails through natural areas

Slope varies, not accessible to all

Some support specific uses such as mountain-biking or motorbiking

Some can be flooded at times



Existing Conditions

The City has over 118 kilometres (km) of trails (**Map 1**). One of the City's most popular trails is the Greenbelt along the Illecillewaet and Columbia Rivers. This 7.1 km multi-use pathway provides residents and visitors with beautiful views of the river, valley, mountains, and wildlife. The tables below show the lengths of existing and proposed trails.

Trail Type	Existing (km)	Proposed (km)
Multi-Use	11.1	1.4
Nature	106.3	15.7
Neighbourhood	1.2	1.3
Total	118.6	18.4

The City owns and maintains only a small portion of the trails (“designated trails” on **Map 3**). Trails on Crown Land and BC Hydro Lands (including the Greenbelt along the river) are available for public use; some of these are maintained and managed through partnership agreements with a range of public and private sector organizations.

Many of the trails in the city are nature trails on private land (“undesigned” on **Map 3**), and they are not formally designated or maintained. There are few trails within the core urban area.



Ownership	Existing (km)	Proposed (km)
City	13.4	1.7
Crown Agency	23.5	1.9
Crown Provincial	3.3+11.0*+42.8**	0.2+2.6**
Private	23.9	10.8
Federal	0.7	-
Unclassified	-	1.2
Total	118.6	18.4

* No surveyed parcel – assumed to be Crown Provincial

** Untitled Provincial

The City completed a Wayfinding Strategy in 2020. Some park signage has been replaced in Kovach Park, Farwell Park, Williamson Lake Park, and Centennial Park.

Universal Design

Universal design ensures that the built environment is accessible to people of all ages and abilities, regardless of any type of physical or cognitive impairment. Universal design is a fundamental design principle that should be applied in all public settings; it is especially important for designing pedestrian facilities and accommodating people walking.



What is Universal Design?

Universal design refers to the design of products, environments, programs, and services to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design. Universal design does not exclude assistive devices for particular groups of persons with disabilities where this is needed.

Universal design covers people of all ages and abilities, with a focus on individuals facing accessibility challenges in public spaces. Universal design is not simply about mobility (such as wheelchair access) – there are other physical, sensory, and cognitive challenges that should be considered. The capabilities and traits of a facility’s expected users should be understood to determine how to best to meet their needs. The disabilities that should be considered in designing accessible infrastructure are broadly categorized as follows:

- Mobility
- Vision
- Hearing
- Strength and Dexterity
- Comprehension



There are seven guiding principles for universal design that apply to indoor and outdoor environments as well as product design and communications. These principles are to guide pedestrian infrastructure design on public infrastructure and on private land within the city:

1. Equitable Use

The design is useful and marketable to people with diverse abilities

2. Flexibility in Use

The design accommodates a wide range of individual preferences and abilities

3. Simple + Intuitive Use

Use of the design is easy to understand, regardless of the user's experience, knowledge, language skills, or current concentration level

4. Perceptible Information

The design communicates necessary information effectively to the user, regardless of ambient conditions or the user's sensory abilities

5. Tolerance for Error

The design minimizes hazards and the adverse consequences of accidental or unintended actions

6. Low Physical Effort

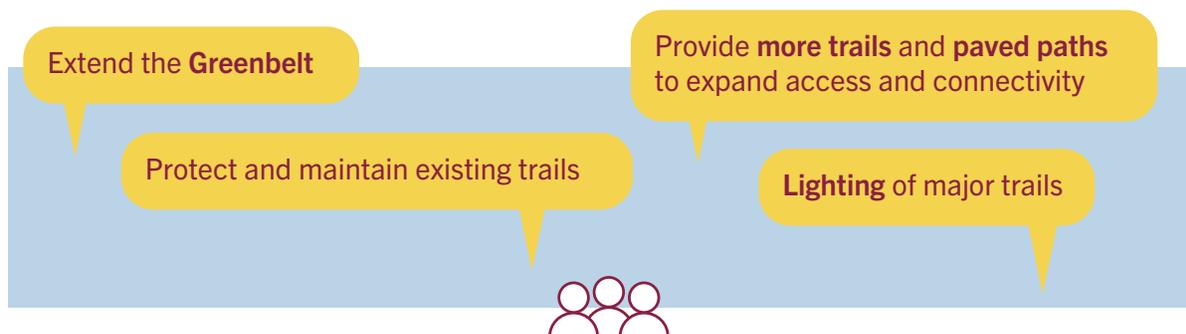
The design can be used efficiently and comfortably and with a minimum of fatigue

7. Size + Space for Approach + Use

Appropriate size and space is provided for approach, reach, manipulation, and use regardless of user's body size, posture, or mobility



Key Themes from Community Input



Trail Opportunities

There are two main opportunities related to establishing a connected trail system. One is to formalize important existing trails. The other is to establish new trails in priority locations (Map 3).

The following are trail requests from the community engagement.

- Improve and enhance trails purposely built for commuting
- Provide more non-biking trails designated just for walking
- Increase paved trails for people with limited mobility
- Formalize trails connecting Arrow Heights to Downtown
- Add a trail connecting Revelstoke Mountain Resort to Downtown Revelstoke
- *Improve the Big Eddy Trail connection to the Greenbelt*
- *Provide trail connectivity to MacPherson (outside the City)*

Items in green italics are beyond the City's ability to provide. The rationale for their exclusion is in Section 8.

Strengths and Challenges



STRENGTHS

The Greenbelt is a safe, accessible, and enjoyable route for non-vehicular travel modes

Trails are well used

Groomed trails along the river in the winter are appreciated

There are many nature trails within the city



CHALLENGES / NEEDS

Providing trails with connectivity to each other and serving all neighbourhoods equitably

Designating trails on private property

Providing connections between trail system and active transportation infrastructure

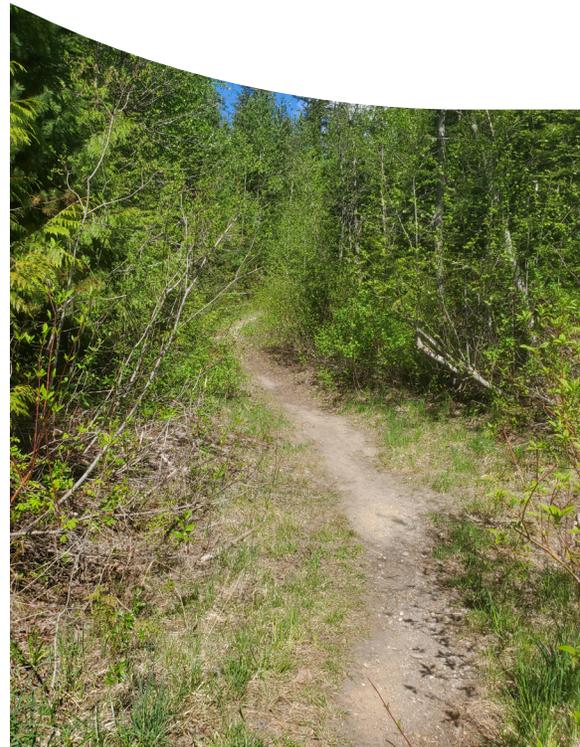
Maintaining trails, other than the Greenbelt, in the winter

Finding space to provide parking at trailheads

Providing adequate signage and wayfinding

Addressing trails that become flooded at certain times of the year

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Recommendations for Trails

Land Acquisition

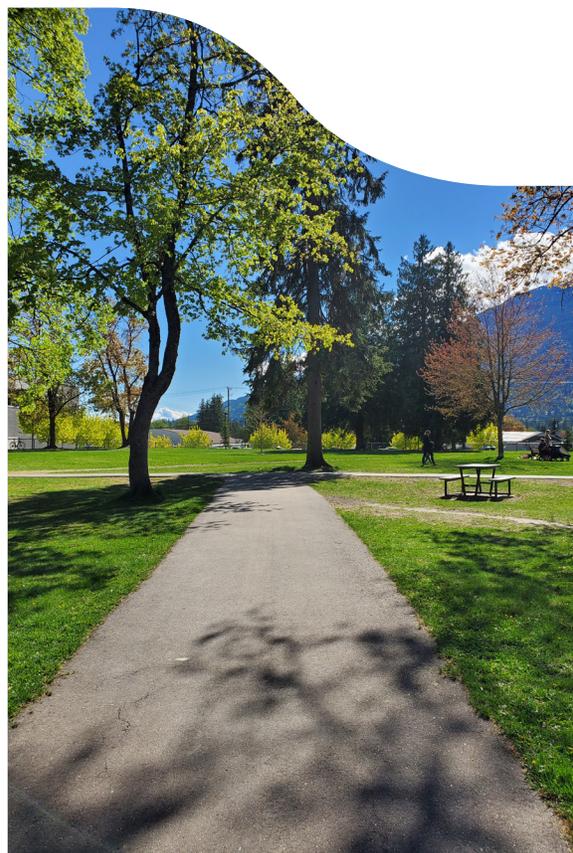
- T.1** Explore opportunities to acquire land with undesignated trails to ensure neighbourhood connectivity.
- Acquire trail routes through rezoning, park dedication, registration of right-of-way, lease, or land preservation agreement, and encourage the RMR to do the same.
 - Require desired recreational trails to be dedicated as a public right-of-way or otherwise be provided to the City in accordance with and to the extent permitted by provincial legislation.

Planning and Design

- T.2** Where it is not possible to acquire the land occupied by trails that are important to retain, try to establish agreements with the landowner that address maintenance responsibilities and liability.
- T.3** Coordinate among City departments (Parks, Planning, Engineering) to plan for the connectivity of trails as opportunities arise on City projects and new developments.
- T.4** Secure trails identified on **Map 4** through major new development projects.
- Where an existing or proposed trail passes through a new development, work with the developer to identify a route for the trail, ideally through parkland separate from the road system; second choice would be a roadside multi-use trail.
- T.5** Use the following guiding principles in trail planning, design, and construction.

“Some trails have great accessibility such as the paved greenbelt.”

– Workshop Participant



Connectivity

Improve the connectivity of trails and pathways to broader trail networks and recreation areas, neighborhoods, and other community and tourism destinations. A connected trail system includes the following:

- Multi-use recreation trails
- Hiking trails
- Cycling trails
- Access trails
- On-Street cycling, walking and commuting routes (*to be included in Master Transportation Plan*)
- Links to existing transit systems
- Looped trail networks
- *Connections with trails leading to destinations outside the City*

The guidelines above are adapted from the Trails Strategy. *Items in italics are additions.*

Refer to Trails Strategy for more detail on design, specifically section 06.03 Trail Alignment Finalization and Field Placement, and locations for staging areas and infrastructure.



All Inclusive

Ensure, where feasible, that trails are diverse, inclusive, safe, and accessible to appeal to the broadest range of ages, abilities, and user groups through all seasons. An all-inclusive trail system includes the following:

- Shorter trail loops for youth and seniors
- Provide trail grades that meet accessible and adaptive recreation standards
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles incorporated into this trail strategy



Signage + Wayfinding

Locate appropriate signage and wayfinding at key decision points for users to properly orient and navigate the trail system and connect to key destinations. Appropriate signage and wayfinding includes the following:

- Signage located at key trail nodes
- A consistent design and symbology
- Messaging on proper trail etiquette and wildlife education
- Use of local and natural elements allowing users the opportunity to connect with nature



High Quality Trail Infrastructure + Amenities

Provide appropriate trail design standards based on safety, levels of use, and demographics. High quality trail infrastructure and amenities includes the following:

- Trail standards that address surface type, width, and grades
- Consideration of cost effectiveness and ease of maintenance for all seasons
- Safety features such as handrails, stairs, etc.
- Supportive amenities such as benches, garbages, etc.
- Strategic rest areas that take advantage of key nodes or views
- *Consideration of lighting on major trails with high winter use in keeping with dark skies principles*

Environmental Stewardship

Ensure that all trails adhere to the highest environmental standards. Environmental stewardship for trails includes:

- Recommendations for further environmental impact study
- Trail standards that minimize impacts on environmentally sensitive areas such as steep slopes, riparian areas, and wildlife corridors

Adapted from Trails Strategy (*Items in italics are additions*)

Refer to Trails Strategy for more detail on design, including section 06.03 Trail Alignment Finalization and Field Placement and locations for staging areas and infrastructure.

Capital Projects

T.6 Build trails based on the priorities shown on **Map 4**.

Plan for annual trail development as needed for the 23.1 kilometres of trail, many of which are existing undesignated trails.

T.7 Add to or improve infrastructure along trails with reference to the Trails Strategy.

T.8 Provide additional signage based on the City's Wayfinding Strategy.

4.3 Outdoor Amenities



Summary of Findings

Revelstoke provides excellent and well-maintained outdoor amenities, but there are a few gaps in supply

Key Strategy

Upgrade aging amenities and provide new amenities based on the community’s interests, priorities, and financial feasibility

Existing Conditions

The City provides a wide range of outdoor recreation amenities in existing parks (Figures 4.1 and 4.2). The following is a summary of the amenities and their condition:

Amenity	Number	Locations	Year Built	Condition Summary
Ball Diamonds	8	Big Eddy Park - 1	1986	Satisfactory, needs new shale in infield
			1970	Satisfactory, dug outs
		Centennial Park - 6	2010	Excellent, concession building
			1970	Satisfactory, storage building

Amenity	Number	Locations	Year Built	Condition Summary
Ball Diamonds	8	Centennial Park - 6	1970-1980	Satisfactory, backstops
			1970-1980	Satisfactory, one outfield has a sink hole that needs filling
			1970	Satisfactory
		Queen Elizabeth Park		Shared with soccer, rarely used
Basketball Courts	3	Kovach Park	2002	Satisfactory, new backboard and net installed in 2021
		Big Eddy Park	1987	Satisfactory
Boat Launch	1	Centennial Park		
Community Gardens	2	United Church	2008	Good
		Revelstoke Visual Arts Centre	2015	
Dog Off-Leash 'Areas'	6	Flats on south side of Columbia River, Big Eddy Park, north and south side of Illecillewaet River, old snowmobile track		Satisfactory
Outdoor Fitness Equipment	1	Kovach Park	2012	Good
Pickleball Courts	2	Columbia Park	2019	Poor
	1	Queen Elizabeth Park	2021	Good
Picnic/Seating Areas	27	Most City Parks		Varied
Playgrounds	7	Farwell Park	2004	Good
		Woodenhead Park	2000	Satisfactory
		Big Eddy Park	2014	Excellent
		Queen Elizabeth Park	2008-2013	Excellent
		Kovach Park	2015	Excellent
		Moose Park	1978, 2004	Poor
		Beruschi Park	2011	Excellent

Amenity	Number	Locations	Year Built	Condition Summary
Running Track	1	Centennial Park	1975	Poor condition, shale on track needs replacement, some drainage issues
Skate Parks	1	Kovach Park	2018	Excellent
Sports Fields	3	Queen Elizabeth Park	1979	Good
		Centennial Park	1970-1980	Satisfactory, sink hole in one ball field
Spray Park	1	Farwell Park	2019	Excellent
Tennis Courts	4	Columbia Park	1967	Satisfactory
		Queen Elizabeth Park	2015	Resurfaced in 2015 with sport court Good
Washrooms	6	Downtown		Good
		Queen Elizabeth Park	1967	Satisfactory
		Kovach Park	2015	Excellent
		Centennial Park	2010	Excellent
		Farwell Park	1970	Upgraded in 2019 Excellent
		Big Eddy Park	1999	Satisfactory

Figure 4.1

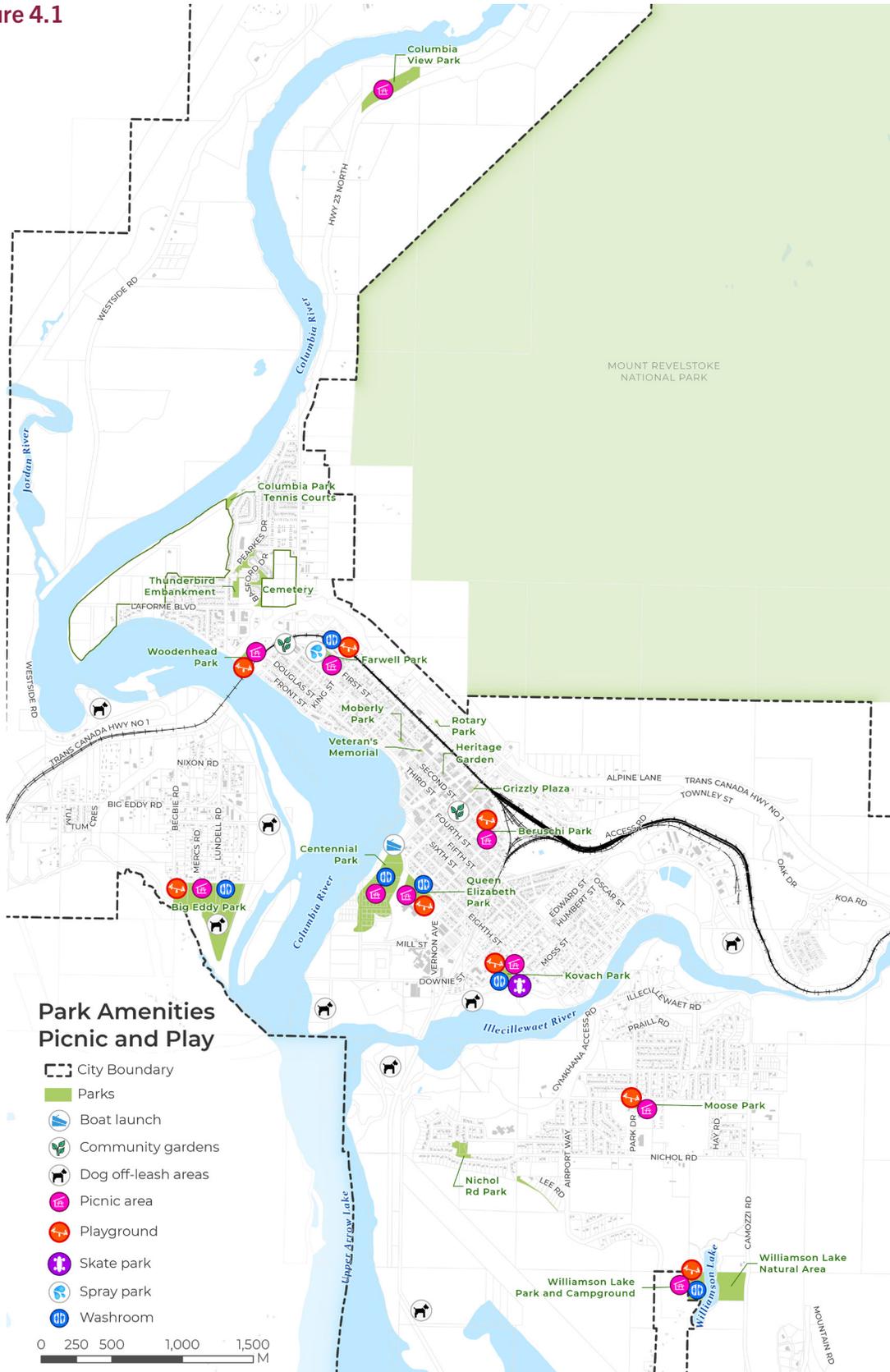
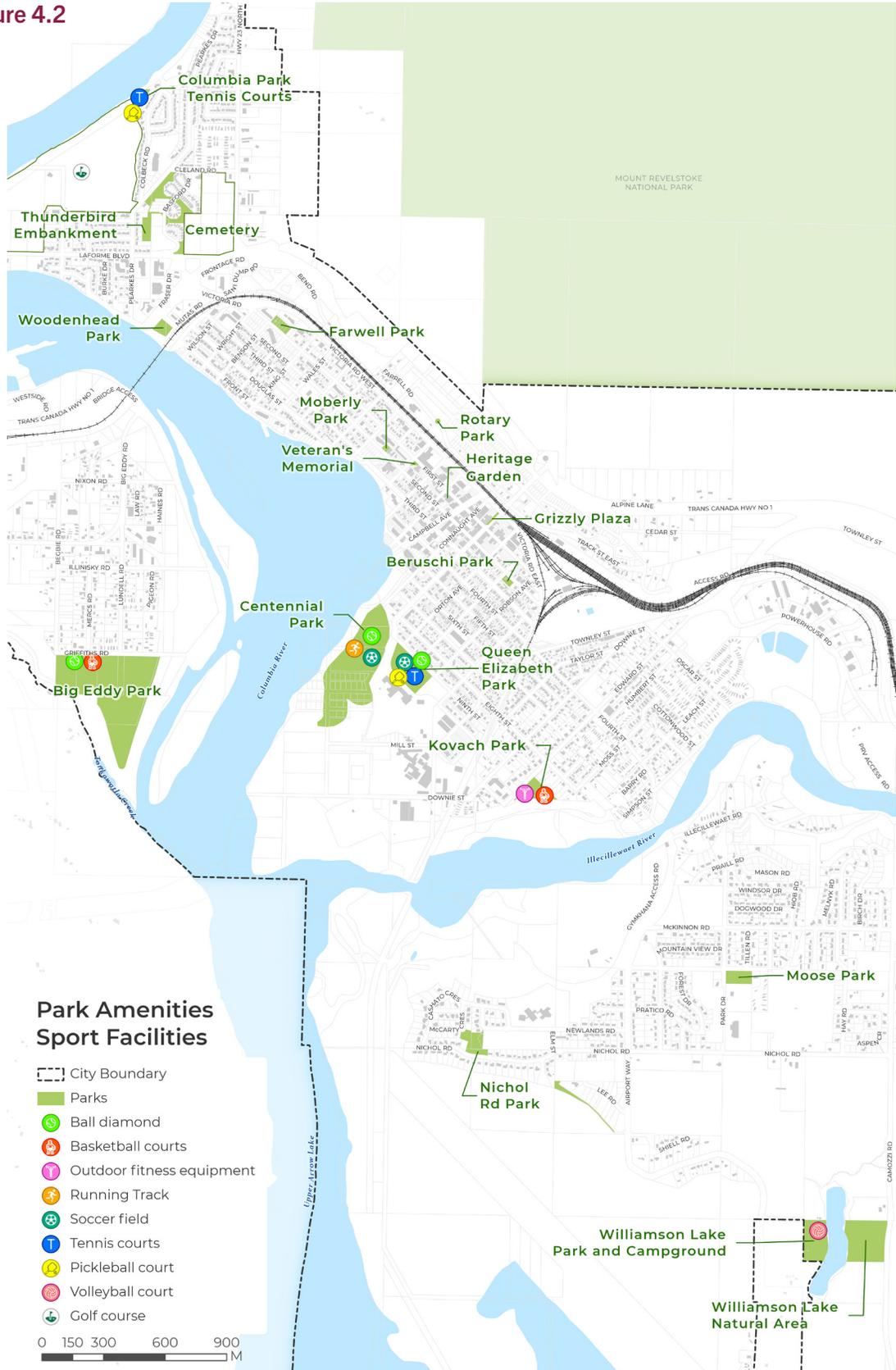


Figure 4.2



Ball Diamonds

There are eight ball diamonds in Revelstoke. The ball diamonds and associated infrastructure are generally in satisfactory condition. The ball diamonds are used for slo-pitch (Rec League) and softball (Minor Ball) with occasional public use. The diamonds are not all the same size nor do they meet slo-pitch regulations. A couple of the diamonds are shared between minor ball and the adult slo-pitch league. The grandstand ball diamond is regulation size for Minor Ball; however, because it lacks perimeter fencing, it is not a regulation field. There is interest in expanding the slo-pitch league, but the current supply of ball diamonds does not allow the opportunity to do that.

User groups have reported maintenance and quality concerns and the City has embarked on a rigorous maintenance program to improve the quality of the diamonds.

The following are some recommended improvements:

- Big Eddy Park needs additional shale for the infield
- Centennial Park wood outside the dugout needs to be replaced, sinkholes in the outfields need filling

Comparable Communities

Revelstoke has a good supply of ball diamonds in relation to the comparable communities.

	Whistler	Fernie	Trail	Merritt	Summerland	Smithers	Average	Revelstoke
Population (2016)	13,982	6,320	7,920	7,051	12,042	5,378	8,782	8,275
Ball Diamonds	6	4	6	4	9	5	6	8

Key Themes from Community Input

Overall satisfaction with the ball diamonds

Requests for some updates and improved maintenance

Requests for water filling stations at all ball diamonds



Basketball Courts

Revelstoke has two basketball courts, one at Kovach, and the other at Big Eddy Park. The court at Kovach Park is only a half court and it is heavily used. There has been discussion of potentially expanding it to a full-size court.

Community Gardens

There are two community gardens in Revelstoke, one of which is on City land. Members of the garden at the Visual Arts Centre have access to garden beds and a mini fruit orchard, and excess food from the garden is donated to the Revelstoke Food Bank. The gardens at the United Church are run by the Revelstoke Local Food Initiative. Community gardens offer healthy, social and physical intergenerational opportunities at a relatively low cost. They are also a factor in food security and equity. Community gardens require access to water, electricity, and storage space; these can be challenging in some locations.

Key Themes from Community Input

Requests for additional community gardens and urban agriculture opportunities



Dog Off Leash Parks and Areas

Revelstoke has six large, designated dog off-leash “areas” along the river. There is no fenced dog off-leash park. Fenced off-leash parks provide safe and social spaces that bring activity to parks during all hours throughout the year. Some features include double gates, separate area for small dogs, sign kiosk, seating, shade structure or trees, paths, and dog play features (natural or agility).

“A dog park would be a wonderful addition. I have two dogs and wish there was a safe place to take them to socialize”

– Survey Respondent

Comparable Communities

Most of the comparable communities have one or two dog off-leash parks, which are typically fenced.

	Whistler	Fernie	Trail	Merritt	Summerland	Smithers	Average	Revelstoke
Population (2016)	13,982	6,320	7,920	7,051	12,042	5,378	8,782	8,275
Off-leash dog parks	3	2	1	1	1	1	1.5	0

Key Themes from Community Input

51% of survey respondents own at least one dog

Requests for additional dog bags and bins and more signage regarding dog-walking etiquette

The Macpherson Dog Park Society has proposed a fenced dog park with several alternate locations

Many requests for a formalized fenced dog off-leash area

Better bylaw enforcement of dog waste and dogs on leash



Golf Course

The Revelstoke Golf Course is owned by the City of Revelstoke and leased to the Revelstoke Golf Club. The site has an 18-hole public golf course, driving range, and a summer restaurant. During the winter, a track is set along the course for cross-country skiing.

Outdoor Fitness Equipment

The City's one set of outdoor exercise equipment was designed to be appropriate for seniors. Outdoor fitness equipment offers a healthy outdoor opportunity and is usually most successful in parks or along trails with high use levels. Fitness equipment near playgrounds can provide opportunities for the whole family.

Key Themes from Community Input

Some requests for additional exercise equipment for all ages, especially close to playgrounds



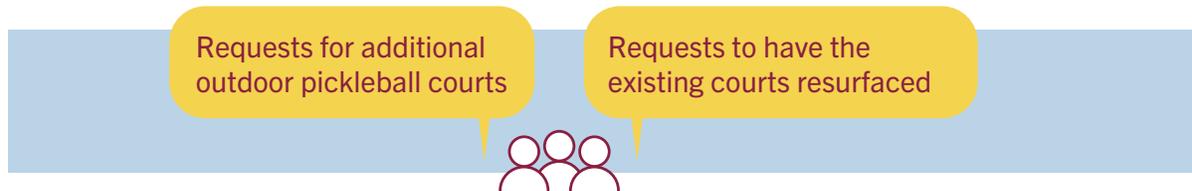
Pickleball Courts

The Revelstoke Pickleball Association was formed in 2021, and there are approximately 75 members. The Club remains active year-round by securing gym space in one of the local church halls in the fall and winter. In 2019, the City converted one of the tennis courts in Columbia Park into two pickleball courts, and the City is lining the other tennis court for two pickleball courts in 2022. In 2021, the basketball court adjacent to the tennis courts in Queen Elizabeth Park was also converted into a pickleball court, for a total of three existing pickleball courts. Revelstoke's provision of pickleball courts is low in relation to comparable communities, but it will improve soon. A major concern is the quality of the surface of the Columbia Park courts due to the impacts of tree roots.

Comparable Communities

	Whistler	Fernie	Trail	Merritt	Summerland	Smithers	Average	Revelstoke
Population (2016)	13,982	6,320	7,920	7,051	12,042	5,378	8,782	8,275
Outdoor Pickleball Courts	9	2	5	2	6	0	4	3

Key Themes from Community Input



Picnic Facilities and Seating Areas

There are 27 picnic and seating areas throughout the parks in Revelstoke. The City has a memorial bench program, and the benches, made of recycled rubber, have a lifespan of about 20 years. Picnic areas provide a wonderful way to draw people to parks. The City does not have any covered picnic shelters.

Key Themes from Community Input



Playgrounds

The City provides seven playgrounds throughout Revelstoke with additional playgrounds at school sites. All playgrounds have a pea gravel surface and wood borders. None of the City owned playgrounds are fully accessible; however, there is an accessible playground at Arrow Heights School and Columbia Park School. Trends in playgrounds include design of creative play environments integrating nature and accessibility, with options for all ages of children.

Key Themes from Community Input



Running Track

Centennial Park has a running track that surrounds the fields. The shale on the running track needs replacement and there are drainage issues. The running track is primarily used by the nearby schools.

Key Themes from Community Input

Requests to improve the running track



Skate park

Revelstoke has one skate park at Kovach Park that is well used by the community. Some users have noted a lack of shade near the skate park. The skateboard association is very active and helps to keep the park and the surrounding area clean and free of vandalism.

Skate parks offer excellent opportunities for youth and adults, and they are particularly popular in communities with skiing and snowboarding enthusiasts. Small skate features distributed in community and neighbourhood parks are a growing trend.

Comparable Communities

Revelstoke’s supply of skate parks is the same as comparable communities.

	Whistler	Fernie	Trail	Merritt	Summerland	Smithers	Average	Revelstoke
Population (2016)	13,982	6,320	7,920	7,051	12,042	5,378	8,782	8,275
Skate park	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Key Themes from Community Input

Appreciation that the skate park is connected to the Greenbelt

Skate park is always busy, crowded at times, and it can be difficult for children

Requests for another skate park or an expansion of the existing one



Sports Fields

The City offers three sports fields, primarily used for soccer. The sports fields at Centennial Park are well used by the Revelstoke Youth Soccer Association however, the current supply does not meet the needs of this group. Here are some challenges with the sport fields, including one field overlaps with the outfield of one of the baseball diamonds, which can cause scheduling issues. The field at Queen Elizabeth Park is used for adult league soccer and is shared with the school. There are not enough fields to enable any to rest and repair, which is needed especially in the goal areas. Practice fields and playing fields are one in the same.

Comparable Communities

Revelstoke’s supply of sports fields is the same as the average of the comparable communities.

	Whistler	Fernie	Trail	Merritt	Summerland	Smithers	Average	Revelstoke
Population (2016)	13,982	6,320	7,920	7,051	12,042	5,378	8,782	8,275
Sports Fields	3	1	7	1	3	2	3	3

Key Themes from Community Input

Fields, especially at Centennial Park, need additional maintenance

Requests for water fountains or bottle filling stations at the soccer fields

Spray Park

The City has one spray park located at Farwell Park. The spray park is in excellent condition and is well used by the community throughout the summer. The Park is open from May to September.

Key Themes from Community Input

The community is very satisfied with the spray park

Tennis Courts

There is no tennis association in Revelstoke but tennis is popular. The three tennis courts at Queen Elizabeth Park are mainly used by the public in the early mornings and evenings and by the nearby schools during school hours. There is one tennis court in Columbia Park.

Key Themes from Community Input

Survey respondents noted that the tennis courts at Queen Elizabeth Park are in substandard condition

Several survey respondents noted the need for additional tennis courts



Washrooms

The outdoor washrooms in Revelstoke are well distributed in the community parks and most are accessible. Outdoor washrooms increase comfort and enable some people to stay outdoors longer. There are challenges with maintenance and security as is the case in many communities. Revelstoke has more outdoor washrooms than the average of the comparable communities. All of the community parks have washrooms, which are open dawn to dusk in the warmer months. Most of the park washrooms are closed in winter as they were not designed for freezing temperatures. Providing winter access to washrooms would require upgrading the infrastructure, which is a possible consideration for the future.

Comparable Communities

	Whistler	Fernie	Trail	Merritt	Summerland	Smithers	Average	Revelstoke
Population (2016)	13,982	6,320	7,920	7,051	12,042	5,378	8,782	8,275
Public Washrooms	13	2	7	3	8	0	5.5	7

Key Themes from Community Input

Requests for additional washrooms, particularly along trails and in busy parks, with extended hours and open year round

Requests for more and better maintenance of washrooms

Requests for more washrooms that are accessible



Water Access

The rivers and lakes are defining features of Revelstoke with a growing number of people accessing and wanting more access to the water. This includes visiting beaches and recreation areas on Lake Revelstoke and the flats, and using the river for paddlesports, including paddleboard, kayak, canoe, raft, tube, and other paddled watercraft activities. Use of the water requires staging areas with safe access and signage related to risks.

There is one boat launch within the City boundaries located at Centennial Park. It is used by recreational boaters, both motorized and non-motorized, paddlesport enthusiasts, and recreational swimmers. There is no staging area specifically for paddling but some kayakers also use the undesignated Powerhouse Road site for access to the water. Most stand-up paddleboarders access water bodies just outside City limits north or south of Revelstoke.

Key Themes from Community Input



Potential Additional Amenities

Disc Golf

Revelstoke does not have any formalized City disc golf courses. There are three informal courses – an 18-hole disc golf course at Bridge Creek that is maintained by volunteers, a 9-hole disc golf course at Revelstoke Mountain Resort, and an 18-hole course on the Revelstoke Flats, which is unusable when the water levels from the river are high. Disc golf is relatively inexpensive to offer if space is available and it provides an excellent outdoor opportunity.

The disc golf course near Bridge Creek at the end of Powerhouse Road is gaining momentum. It is run by the newly formed Revelstoke Disc Golf Association, which has 75 members. The land is owned by the City and zoned for industrial use. Local schools, community groups, adaptive sport groups, residents, and visitors have been using the course. The group is working towards installing proper baskets and tee pads, and maintaining the vegetation.

Comparable Communities

Most of the comparable communities have a designated disc golf course.

	Whistler	Fernie	Trail	Merritt	Summerland	Smithers	Average	Revelstoke
Population (2016)	13,982	6,320	7,920	7,051	12,042	5,378	8,782	8,275
Disc golf course (9 holes or more)	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	0

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Key Themes from Community Input

Requests for a formalized, 18-hole disc golf course with baskets, tee pads, and waste receptacles



Outdoor Volleyball

There are no courts in Revelstoke for outdoor volleyball. Outdoor volleyball can be played on grass, but sand is more popular. Sand volleyball courts are relatively inexpensive to provide and they offer an excellent outdoor opportunity where there are interested participants.

Comparable Communities

Three of the comparable communities have outdoor volleyball courts.

	Whistler	Fernie	Trail	Merritt	Summerland	Smithers	Average	Revelstoke
Population (2016)	13,982	6,320	7,920	7,051	12,042	5,378	8,782	8,275
Outdoor (beach) volleyball courts	3	0	0	1	1	0	0.8	0

Key Themes from Community Input

Requests for beach volleyball courts





Pump Track / Bike Park

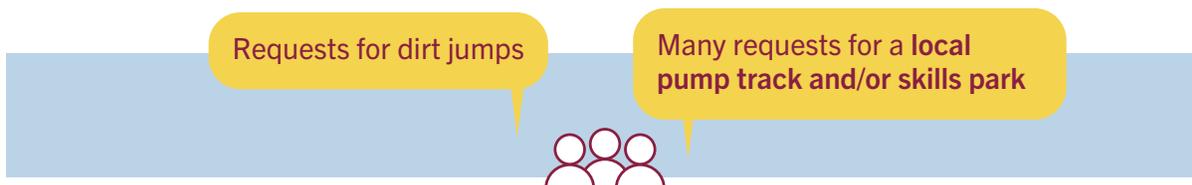
While there is a large biking community in Revelstoke, there is currently no bike park or pump track. Bike parks and pump tracks are popular amenities, especially in mountain-biking communities.

Comparable Communities

Comparable communities typically have one bike skills park and/or pump track, especially those with a mountain-biking culture such as Revelstoke's (e.g., Whistler, Fernie and Trail).

	Whistler	Fernie	Trail	Merritt	Summerland	Smithers	Average	Revelstoke
Population (2016)	13,982	6,320	7,920	7,051	12,042	5,378	8,782	8,275
Bike park or pump track	1	1	1	1	0	1	0.8	0

Key Themes from Community Input



Outdoor Stage

Outdoor concerts and performances are sometimes held in Grizzly Plaza, but it is a congested space and close to residents so events can be disturbing for them. Queen Elizabeth Park could be a good location for a stage designed to accommodate concerts and performances.

Whitewater Park

In 2014, a conceptual design study for a whitewater park in Revelstoke was prepared (S2O Design and Engineering for Community Wave Park Society). Two potential sites on the Illecillewaet River were identified - one just downstream from the Powerhouse Road site, and another upstream and downstream from the Fourth Street East bridge. Whitewater parks that have been built in other communities bring enthusiasts and spectators, and can have significant economic benefits. They can host instructional programs, competitions, festivals, and other events. They also help to market the community as an outdoor town and whitewater destination.



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Strengths and Challenges



STRENGTHS

- Outdoor recreation amenities are well used
- Facilities are generally clean and well-maintained
- Ball diamonds are well used by the community
- Supply of basketball courts is good
- Community gardens are popular
- Extensive areas where dogs are permitted off leash
- Relatively high use of outdoor exercise equipment
- Outdoor pickleball courts are popular
- There are many picnic areas that are well used
- Playgrounds are available in most neighbourhoods and mostly in good condition
- Running track supports school activities
- Skate park is very popular
- Sports fields are available for adult and youth play
- Spray park is very popular
- Relatively high use of tennis courts
- Most parks are well supplied with amenities
- High supply of outdoor washrooms
- Community has access to disc golf courses



CHALLENGES / NEEDS

- Providing outdoor recreation opportunities for those with limited mobility
- Providing utility servicing for community gardens
- Designating and installing a fenced dog off leash area
- Providing and funding outdoor exercise equipment near playgrounds
- Providing additional benches, sheltered picnic areas, and barbeques
- Supplying and funding for diverse and accessible playgrounds, and a playground in Arrow Heights
- Maintaining Centennial Park fields due to location on top of a landfill
- Regulation ball diamonds and sanctioned slo-pitch fields
- Grandstand Field requires fencing to meet regulations for a sanctioned minor ball field.
- Keeping up with demand for skate park facilities
- Determining need for additional tennis and pickleball courts
- Finding space for additional tennis and pickleball courts
- Meeting public demands for washroom access
- Meeting public demands for a City disc golf course, beach volleyball, and pump track / bike park amenities
- Safe access to water and staging areas for different uses
- Signage directing visitors to explore community

Recommendations for Outdoor Amenities

The following are the proposed capital improvements related to outdoor amenities. The planning and design of these is covered by the recommendations for parks, assuming that these amenities will be integrated within park development and improvement projects.

Capital Projects

0.1 Upgrade park amenities:

- Replace playgrounds according to an asset management cycle
- Big Eddy Park and Centennial Park ball diamonds
- Address tree root issues and resurface pickleball courts in Columbia Park
- Improve sports fields at Centennial Park, potentially as a partnership with the School District
- Improve running track at Centennial Park, potentially as a partnership with the School District
- Expand skate park with an area for small children
- Upgrade the basketball court at Kovach Park to full size

0.2 Provide additional park amenities:

- Community gardens in locations with water and electrical service where there is neighbourhood interest
- Outdoor pickleball courts
- Benches, sheltered picnic areas, and barbeques in parks with high picnic demand
- Water fountains at sports fields where water service is available, associated with washrooms

- Storage areas for field user groups – consider providing space within buildings as part of park upgrades
- Plant more trees – wherever possible to provide shade and enhance the urban forest
- Add structures such as shade sails near play and sports facilities where it is impractical to plant trees
- Picnic shelters in community parks

0.3 Provide new park amenities:

- Fenced dog park
- Beach volleyball courts
- Multi-sport courts
- Support 18-hole disc golf course with amenities including tee boxes and baskets
- Pump track / bike park

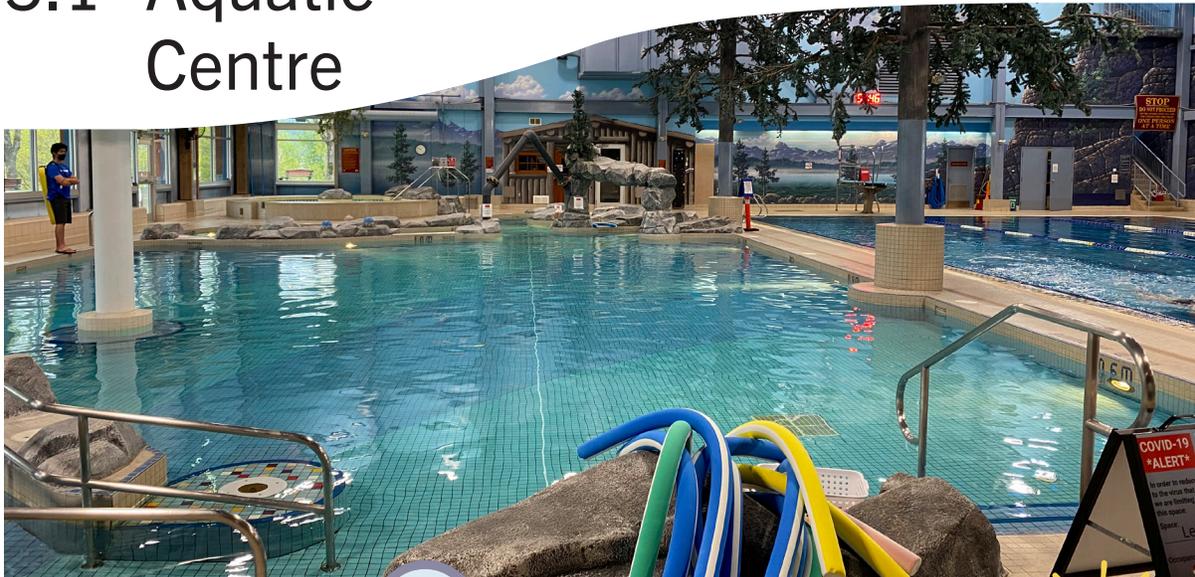




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RECREATION FACILITIES

5.1 Aquatic Centre



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Summary of Findings

The Aquatic Centre is a very popular facility that is used by community members of all ages including seasonal residents and tourists

Key Strategy

Continue to renovate and maintain the building and features as required

Description

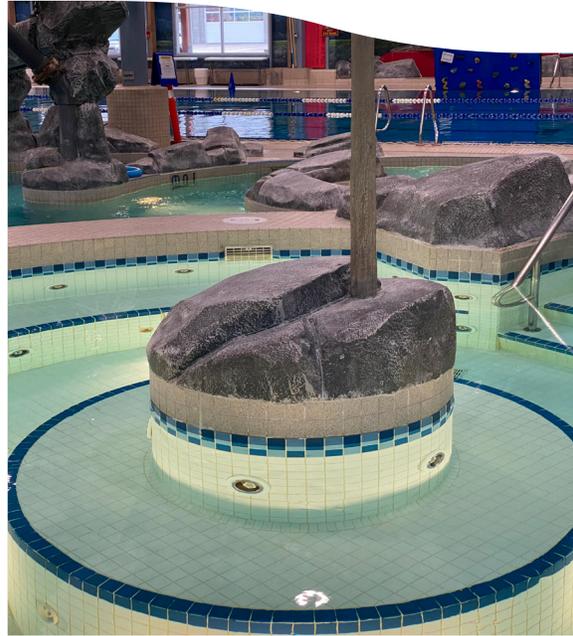
The Aquatic Centre was added to the Community Centre in 2005, and it was switched from a saltwater pool to a chlorine pool in 2013. It is a large, multi featured aquatic facility including the following features:

- A 25 metre, six-lane lap pool
- A leisure pool with a “mushroom” combined with a lazy river
- A tot’s pool
- Hot tub/swirl pool

“Revelstoke is fortunate to have an Aquatic / Community Centre.”

– Survey Respondent

- Steam room
- Sauna
- A large spiral waterslide
- Diving board
- Aquatic basketball net
- Climbing feature suspended from ceiling
- Accessible ramp into the leisure pool
- Male and female changerooms
- Family changeroom, with universal accessibility
- Staff control area and staff lockers



The pool capacity is 250 bathers in the leisure pool, 262 bathers in the lap pool, and 18 people in the hot tub . There are always two lifeguards on deck, and three lifeguards are needed for attendance between 40 and 80 patrons in the pool. Between 80 and 120, a fourth lifeguard is added, and a fifth guard is needed if there are more than 120 people in the pool area. These guards also monitor the slide users.

The pool water and the building are heated through a district energy system, using heat pumps. The air is dehumidified, and heat is extracted from the air, which is used to heat the pool water. It is a very efficient system, resulting in reduced energy costs. The facility has direct digital control that provides monitoring of the systems throughout the building.

The pool and pool area are very well maintained and clean. The pool water is maintained at proper chemical levels using liquid chlorine and regular testing.

The aquatic centre is in need of some upgrades to the sauna, locker area, and the staff/ operations areas. The latter includes the front office, control desk, staff offices, staff room, and the control room in the pool area. The walls and benches of the sauna need replacement.

Comparable Communities

Most of the comparable communities have one aquatic centre.

	Whistler	Fernie	Trail	Merritt	Summerland	Smithers	Average	Revelstoke
Population (2021)	13,982	6,320	7,920	7,051	12,042	5,378	8,782	8,275
Indoor Pool	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Key Themes from Community Input

Not enough deck space in the facility

Would like more accessibility in a lap pool



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Strengths and Challenges



STRENGTHS

The pool is in good condition due to a successful maintenance program

The aquatic centre is very popular with residents and visitors



CHALLENGES / NEEDS

Acquiring finances for upgrading pool facility locker and staff/operations areas, sauna, and climbing feature



Recommendations

Planning and Design

- AQ.1** Continue to assess the physical plant and pool amenities, with annual reviews of capital priorities.
- AQ.2** Conduct a design review of the locker and staff/operations areas and plan for a future renovation.

Capital Projects

- AQ.3** Upgrade the sauna, locker, staff/operations areas, and climbing feature.

“ School programs benefit from arena, curling rink and pool – they are part of the regular programming – certain grades access certain facilities

– Interview Participant



5.2 Arena



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Summary of Findings

The Revelstoke Forum is almost 60 years old and it does not meet current design standards

Key Strategy

Ensure the Revelstoke Forum is safe and begin the process for development of a new multi-sport facility, including site selection and funding options

Description

The Revelstoke Forum Arena opened in 1963 with a single pad spectator arena and just under 800 seats. While some aspects of the facility have been upgraded over the years, the building is showing its age, particularly in the current spaces provided for players and officials. The change rooms are small and spartan, and there is no female change room or space for a female official. There are two double change rooms with shared washrooms and showers.

There are many community groups that use the rink. It is used for drop-in skating, figure skating, and hockey (casual and competitive). With the exception of drop-in programs, these activities are primarily run by local organizations that rent the ice from the City. The City has been offering reduced rates during weekday mornings (non-prime time) to increase bookings. The ice arena is used at full capacity during prime time. During the summer, the dry floor hosts various community events and private rentals. The arena had about a 50% cost recovery rate prior to COVID-19.

The ice maintenance and cleanliness of the building is good. The ice plant has been upgraded with a new chiller that is “plate and frame”, which is more efficient and much smaller than the original chiller. The mechanical and electrical equipment appears to be well maintained and is monitored by direct digital control.

The locker room for the Revelstoke Grizzlies, a Junior B franchise, is outdated and small. The Revelstoke Skating Club has a small office space. The skate rental area and the concession are small but adequate. The spectator seating area is in reasonable shape, as are public areas, although they are small. There is no place for the sale of liquor, and it is currently sold from a makeshift set-up in the upper spectator area.

The roof was not examined as part of this master plan, but records show that it is in need of replacement. Since the late 1980s numerous studies and assessments have been done by professional engineers to determine the structural condition of the Forum and Curling Rink. In 2020, Watson Engineering completed a comprehensive roof structure assessment report that recommended the following measures, which the City is implementing:

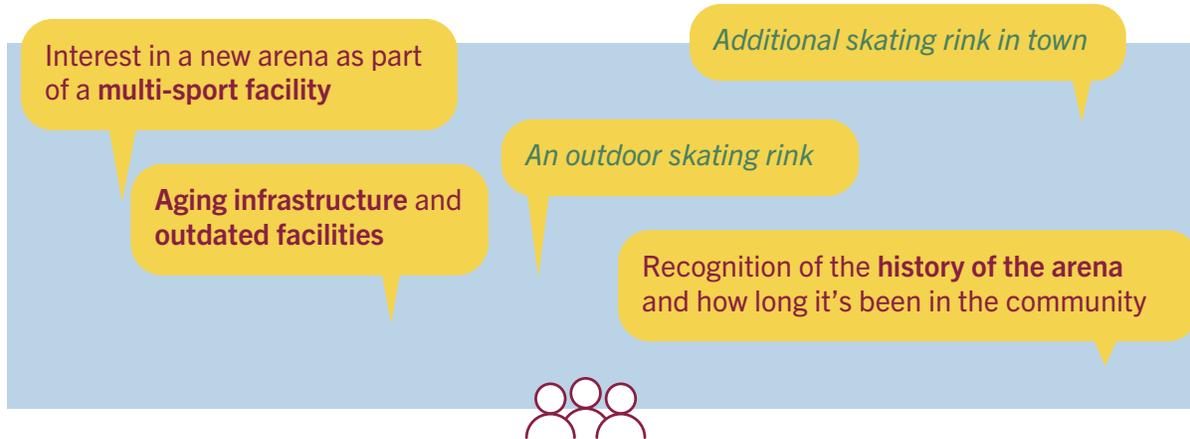
- Continue monitoring and removal of the roof snow load in the short term with the concurrence of the City’s Building Department as the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) at least until such time that the roof structure is strengthened or replaced.
- Inspect the roof structure annually, with close inspection of cracks reported in the roof trusses, until the snow load and roof capacity issue can be addressed more directly.

Comparable Communities

Most of the comparable communities have one arena, and some also have outdoor rinks (not counted). An outdoor skating rink is an appealing amenity in a resort town with a winter season, and a rink could potentially share the ice plant with a new multi-sport facility.

	Whistler	Fernie	Trail	Merritt	Summerland	Smithers	Average	Revelstoke
Population (2021)	13,982	6,320	7,920	7,051	12,042	5,378	8,782	8,275
Arena	1	1	1	2	1	1	1.3	1

Key Themes from Community Input



Items in green italics are beyond the City’s ability to provide. The rationale for their exclusion is included in Section 8.

Strengths and Challenges



STRENGTHS

Facility is well used by existing ice user groups.

Opportunities for drop-in programming.



CHALLENGES / NEEDS

Acquiring finances and a confirmed location to replace the aging and outdated arena.

City has been unable to justify major spending on a new roof structure for such an outdated facility.

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Recommendations

Land Acquisition

AR.1 Secure a site for a new multi-sport complex.

Planning and Design

AR.2 Confirm what must be done to keep the Forum functioning until a new multi-sport facility, including an ice arena, can be designed and built.

AR.3 Conduct a planning and design study for a new multi-sport facility including the following:

- Review program of spaces and uses for a new arena with an ice rink, as part of a larger multi-sport complex, that could also include a fitness centre, gymnasium, climbing wall, curling rink, and areas for social connections; consider an outdoor ice surface that shares the ice plant
- Undertake a community engagement process
- Review facilities in comparable municipalities



- Examine options for private partners for the fitness and climbing components of the facility
- Develop a program, preliminary design, and budget
- Secure funding including exploration of opportunities to access Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI) funding
- Hold a referendum (if needed)
- Finalize design

Capital Projects

AR.4 Build a new multi-sport facility based on the outcomes of the planning and design process.

AR.5 Demolish the existing facility, making the land available for another use.

Service Delivery

AR.6 Budget for operating the new multi-sport facility.



5.3 Curling Facility



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Summary of Findings

The curling facility is close to 60 years old and will require significant upgrades or replacement in the near future

Key Strategy

Determine whether curling will continue to be a viable sport in Revelstoke and if so, include a curling facility in the new multi-sport facility

Description

The curling facility is connected to the Revelstoke Forum and Arena, sharing the refrigeration plant; a club room (lounge) was added in 1968. The curling rink contains four ice sheets (with a sand base) maintained from October to March. It is operated by the Revelstoke Curling Club, a group that existed for many years prior to the opening of the current facility in 1963. The viewing area, lounge, bar, and concession are all in reasonable shape (although outdated) and have had some upgrades over the years. The roof needs upgrading.

Membership in the Revelstoke Curling Club has been consistent with 111 members. Prior to COVID-19, use was on the rise with over 2,000 non-league individuals attending the rink either through the drop-in program or rental program. The club also worked with the School District to deliver a curling program to school children.

The curling club operates the curling program, bar, and concession, and maintains the ice. The City pays for the facility operations, including utilities, and repairs and upgrades to the mechanical systems.

Comparable Communities

Most of the comparable communities have one curling facility.

	Whistler	Fernie	Trail	Merritt	Summerland	Smithers	Average	Revelstoke
Population (2021)	13,982	6,320	7,920	7,051	12,042	5,378	8,782	8,275
Curling Club	0	1	1	1	1	1	0.83	1

Key Themes from Community Input



Strengths and Challenges



STRENGTHS

The Curling Club is continuing the tradition of curling in Revelstoke



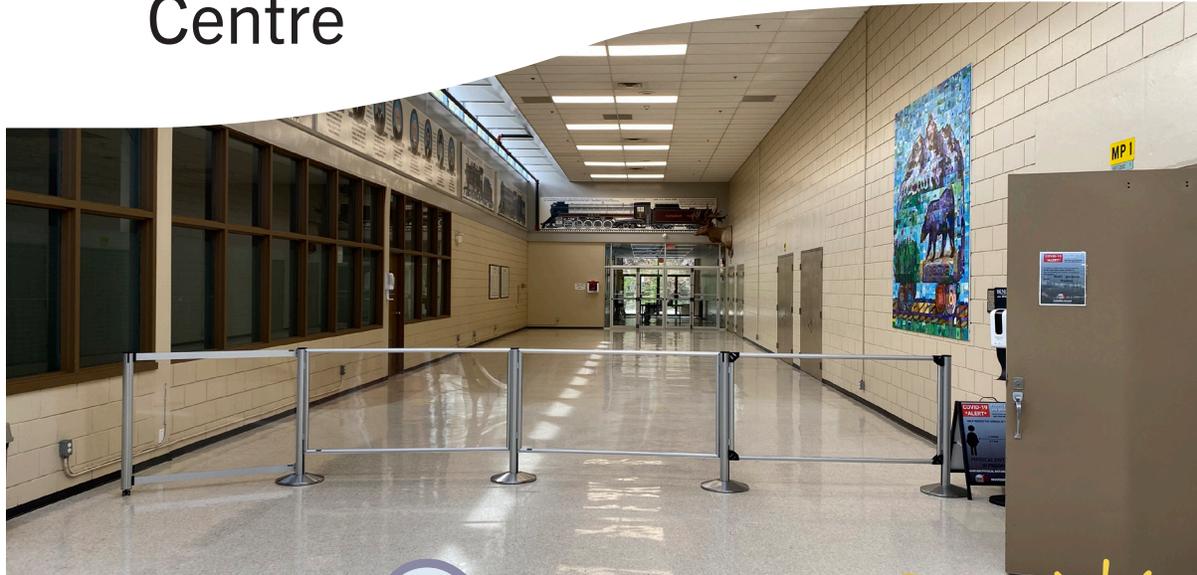
Determining how to support the investment in a curling facility

Recommendations

Planning and Design

- C.1** Explore alternatives for incorporating curling in the new multi-sport facility.
 - Consider surfaces that will accommodate multiple sports throughout the year

5.4 Revelstoke Community Centre



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Summary of Findings

The Revelstoke Community Centre is well used by the community

Key Strategy

Review options to renovate the facility to increase its offerings and efficiency

Description

The Revelstoke Community Centre was built in 1978 and it includes the following spaces:

- Main entrance area, consisting of a large open foyer (with furniture in non-COVID times) and a wide hall leading to the community centre meeting and multipurpose rooms
- An administrative area with a control counter and a few offices/workspaces for staff
- Public washrooms
- A large multipurpose room that can be divided into three sections – storage areas, large commercial style kitchen, washrooms, and a permanent stage
- A mid-sized meeting room (900 sq. ft.), connected to a smaller boardroom space
- A small fitness room with treadmills, stepper, stationary bike, and a universal weight machine
- An exercise room with a large, mirrored wall with railing

- A preschool space, with fenced outdoor area
- Storage rooms
- Seniors Centre (operated by the Seniors Association)
- Public Library (operated by Okanagan Regional Library)

The community centre is connected to the Aquatic Centre, with a common entrance. This makes it convenient for families or groups who may be using both facilities concurrently. The main hallway is very wide and high and could be used more effectively. The entire community centre is kept very clean and is well maintained.

The Seniors Centre is a large space with offices, large multipurpose room with fireplace, library space, games room (with billiard and shuffleboard tables), woodworking area, computer lab, kitchen/concession, and a large storage area. The Seniors Association has around 500 members.

Programs for youth are held in the facility, but there is no designated space for a youth drop-in centre. Community Connections, a non-profit organization, is developing a drop-in/program space in a building downtown for the City's youth.

The fitness centre is a converted meeting room and is very small. There are no change rooms associated with the community centre; patrons must share the aquatic change rooms. There is no gymnasium in the facility, or a room with a gym floor, where fitness classes and other activities can take place.

As noted below, there are significant demands in the community for more space for programs. Renovation of the community centre to increase efficiency could help to address those needs.



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Comparable Communities

All of the comparable communities have one community centre.

	Whistler	Fernie	Trail	Merritt	Summerland	Smithers	Average	Revelstoke
Population (2021)	13,982	6,320	7,920	7,051	12,042	5,378	8,782	8,782
Community Centre	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Key Themes from Community Input

Respondents were generally **appreciative of the community spaces**

Provide more spaces for additional indoor programs and activities

High interest in a **climbing wall or gym**

Update community centre, entrance hall and offices could be used more productively

Need for a larger fitness area

New floors in community centre for dance classes

Strengths and Challenges



STRENGTHS

A variety of spaces are available for different uses and age groups

Spaces are used for programs, meetings, fitness, preschool activities, and the seniors' centre



CHALLENGES / NEEDS

Acquiring finances for a renovation of the community centre to improve efficiency

Finding space to accommodate needs for additional storage space, a larger fitness centre, indoor climbing wall or gym, and a gymnasium

Recommendations

Planning and Design

CC.1 Conduct planning and design work to meet more needs within the community centre:

Capital Projects

CC.2 Renovate the community centre to acquire more storage and usable spaces.

- Recognize that the uses to be accommodated within the community centre will be dependent on facilities to be included within a new multi-sport facility

5.5 Other Municipal Recreation, Arts and Culture Buildings



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Description

The City owns four other recreation, arts and culture buildings including the following:

- Revelstoke Museum and Archives
- Revelstoke Visual Arts Centre
- Revelstoke Golf Course Clubhouse
- The Forestry Museum (in Columbia View Park)

Each of these facilities has a different operating model. These facilities were not addressed specifically in the community engagement process.

Revelstoke Museum and Archives

The museum is operated by the Revelstoke Museum and Archives Association; the building is owned and maintained by the City of Revelstoke. The Revelstoke Museum and Archives building is a former post office. It is a two-storey building plus a basement. The building appears to be well maintained and has benefitted from “heritage-sensitive” upgrades.

The City looks after major capital improvements and provides an annual operating grant. They added a high-efficiency boiler in 2020 and are currently in the planning stages for a lift to provide universal access to the second floor and basement.

The society accesses funding through various heritage and museum grants from other levels of government. They also have a membership base, which helps to support operating expenses.

Revelstoke Visual Arts Centre

The Revelstoke Visual Arts Centre was formerly a RCMP building. For the past 10 years, it has been operated by the visual arts society; it remains in the City's ownership. It is a single storey building with former garage and jail space that has been renovated and upgraded over the past 10 years. Recent and current renovations include upgrading the mechanical systems, a new boiler with zone controls, and a replacement garage door that will meet the fire code. The group is working on getting new windows through grants for capital improvements, including support from the Columbia Basin Trust.

The centre serves a large community of visual artists, providing a pottery studio with kiln, woodworking shop, jewellery studio, individual spaces for artists, and a large display area for various forms of art.

Revelstoke Golf Club

The Revelstoke Golf Club is operated by its members. The City is responsible for the majority of maintenance of the clubhouse building. The clubhouse, originally built in 1910 as an agricultural hall, was converted into a golf clubhouse and significantly renovated around 1982. Currently in fair condition, it is a two-storey building with a partial basement, and includes a dining room, kitchen, men's and women's locker rooms, meeting room, games room, golf shop, and office.

The City has provided an operating grant to the club over the last few years. The City is responsible for capital repairs to the clubhouse.

Key Themes from Community Input



Forestry Museum

The Forestry Museum site and building are owned by the City of Revelstoke, and the City looks after major maintenance. It is operated by the BC Interior Forestry Museum Society operating on a five-year, renewable lease.

The building is in good shape. The staff have done interior renovations to make the building more visitor friendly. In 2020, they had 4,500 visitors.

Recommendations

Planning and Design

M.1 Continue to support the groups operating these buildings in planning upgrades and seeking funding.

Capital Projects

M.2 Continue to support groups in facility upgrading where it is the City's responsibility.

Service Delivery

M.3 Continue to renew agreements for the operation of these facilities.



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SERVICE DELIVERY

6.1 Programs



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Summary of Findings

The most comprehensive program area is in aquatics, but there are challenges with staffing; other programs opportunities are limited by the space available.

Key Strategy

Continue to pursue incentives to find and keep aquatic staff, and evaluate opportunities to deliver more programs

Description

The City of Revelstoke offers recreation opportunities for residents and visitors through direct programming and through community associations that use the City’s facilities. Facilities are rented for birthday parties and other gatherings in the pool, arena, and multipurpose rooms.

Financial assistance to facilitate participation in sports and recreation activities is available from the City and not-for-profit organizations.

“ I would just love to say thanks to ALL the staff at the aquatic centre. I have had exceptional service. ”

– Survey Respondent

Aquatic Centre

The City offers a variety of aquatic programs including swimming lessons, advanced aquatic training, and recreational swimming. A full Red Cross Swim program starts with Parent & Tot (4-36 months) and extends up to Swim Kids Level 10. Private swim lessons are also available. Advanced aquatic training is available for ages eight to adult including Lifeguard and Instructor Training and First Aid. The City has an arrangement with the School District to offer Red Cross swim lessons for the students during school hours. The Revelstoke Aquaducks Swim Club is a not-for-profit organization that runs programs in the pool.

The aquatic programs and drop-in swimming are very popular with community residents of all ages. The pool is also used by tourists and visitors, and many hotels and motels participate in a program in which they purchase an annual membership that allows their guests to swim for free.

The participation fees are in line with similar municipalities. Revelstoke offers single admissions, punch cards, and one-, three-, six- and 12-month passes for every age group. Children under three and adults over 80 are free.

The City has had challenges recruiting, training, and retaining aquatic staff. Lack of staff can limit opportunities for pool use.

Most Frequent Themes from Community Comments

- More lane swimming/drop in pool time
- More frequent swimming lessons with varying hours
- Kayak pool sessions



Arena Programs

The City offers Public Skating, Parent & Tot, Puck Shooters, and Seniors Skate. The Revelstoke Minor Hockey Association offers a hockey program for boys and girls at all levels. The Revelstoke Figure Skating Club offers CanSkate and StarSkate for skaters of all ages and ability.

During the off season, the arena floor is used regularly by the Roller Derby Girls and to host occasional events.

Fitness Centre

The Fitness Centre operates on a drop-in basis using a pass or punch card. It is available for use seven days a week, offering treadmills, ellipticals, stationary bikes, a universal gym, and free weights.

Fitness classes offered include Aquafit, HIIT, Yoga Fit, Après Ski Stretch, and others. These classes are offered in program/meeting rooms or the pool, not in the fitness centre.

Fitness for Seniors is offered through the TIME program (Together in Movement and Exercise). This provides an exercise program for people with balance and mobility challenges, and it is offered by the City in partnership with Interior Health, the Revelstoke District Health Foundation, and the Revelstoke Women's Hospital Auxiliary Society. The City also provides access to an indoor walking club to allow seniors to keep mobile in a dry and safe environment. Walking poles are available for use and the program is free.

Key Themes from Community Input



General Programs

The City offers a good mix of programs, mainly for children. The fees are reasonable, and subsidies are available for those who cannot pay.

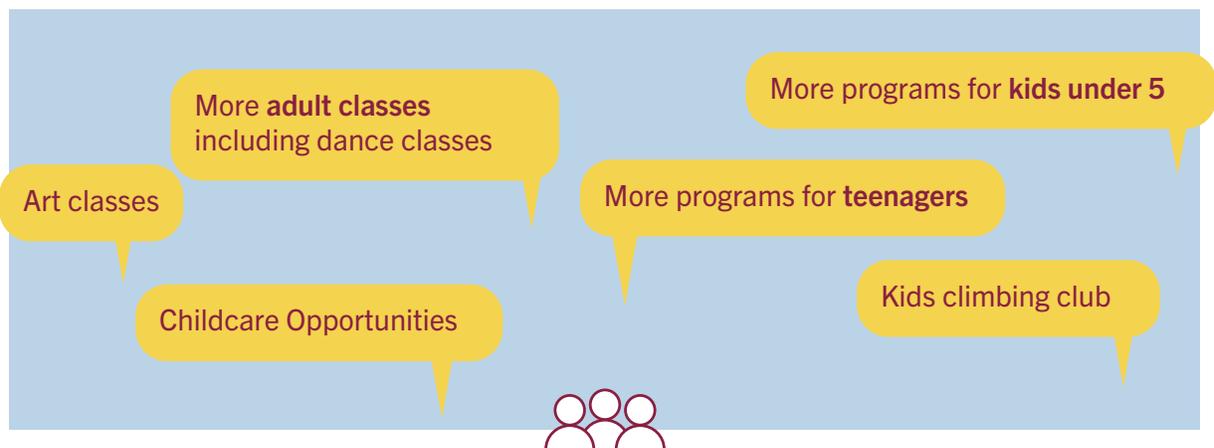
Cool Kids Preschool – The City operates a licensed preschool. Programs combine structured activities along with child-directed free play. For the early years, there are programs for 3 to 4 year-olds and 4 to 5 year-olds.

Kids Programs – Many children’s programs are offered by the City and community partners. Children’s programs include Kids’ Yoga, Kids’ Baking, Babysitter Training, Home Alone, March Break Camps, Pro-D Day activities, and a variety of summer camps including soccer, outdoor nature and scooter and skate camps.

Adult Programs – A few adult programs are offered, including cooking classes and programs related to the pool or fitness.

Seniors’ Centre Programs – The Revelstoke Senior Citizens’ Association offers programming, activities, and a welcoming community for those 65 plus.

Key Themes from Community Input



Curling

The curling club operates a league for its 111 members and a Friday Night Drop-In program when community members can learn to curl with support from the club members. In pre-COVID days, they would typically have around 2,000 annual participants in the drop-in program and facility rentals.

The facility, including the ice and lounge, is available as a rental for private gatherings and events. It is typically booked on weekends throughout the winter season. Other contributions of the curling club to the community include hosting events and an annual Bonspiel, providing affordable and inclusive recreation, supporting the Special Olympics, providing instruction to school groups, and serving tourists and the shadow population.

Key Themes from Community Input



Recreation Clubs

Many sports, recreation, and arts clubs in Revelstoke offer sports and recreation opportunities (e.g., cycling, boxing, skiing, paddling, pickleball, badminton, judo, soccer, baseball, roller derby) and cultural activities (e.g., community band, quilters guild, theatre, winemakers). These are publicized in the City's Leisure Guide.

Key Themes from Community Input



Strengths and Challenges



STRENGTHS

The aquatic programs are very popular and well attended

Half day child care programs are appreciated

Community partners help the City offer a variety of opportunities



CHALLENGES / NEEDS

Acquiring space to provide more program opportunities and classes, such as spin class as well as hiring qualified staff to run these programs

Hiring a sufficient number of qualified aquatics staff

The fitness centre does not lend itself to classes

Recommendations

Service Delivery

Pr.1 Pursue new programs in fitness, youth, and general interest as more space becomes available.

Pr.2 Continue the cooperative model of service delivery with many community non-profit organizations.

Pr.3 Support other organizations in their efforts to build a youth drop-in centre.

6.2 Inclusivity



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Summary of Findings

The City of Revelstoke has worked to provide accessible recreation opportunities for all residents.

Key Strategy

Continue to work with local community and provincial organizations to provide all residents opportunities to participate in recreation activities.

Description

The Parks, Recreation, and Culture Department believes that every resident should have the opportunity to enjoy multiple activities, including sports, recreation, fitness, arts, and culture. The City collaborates with community, provincial, and national organizations to facilitate and support participation.

“Arts Council, Forestry Museum, Environmental Society are working to integrate Indigenous interpretive information/art.”

– Interview Respondent

The COR Recreation Pass Subsidy

The City of Revelstoke through Council support offers free annual recreation passes and 50% subsidies on some recreation programs to residents with financial barriers. The City works with Community Connections regarding eligibility.

Revelstoke' Youth Access Fund (YA)

This fund ensures all youth have equal opportunity to participate in sports, recreation, arts, and culture programs, events, and activities. The YA fund helps remove financial barriers for youth. Applicants must be referred by one of the following organizations - Community Connections, Ministry of Children and Family Development, or one of the local schools.

KidSport BC and JumpStart

Operated by Sport BC, KidSport's mission is to remove financial barriers that prevent children from playing sports. JumpStart helps kids "get into the game" by providing the fees to participate in sports. This subsidy program is offered by Canadian Tire, and it pays the registration fees directly to the organization running the sport. Information on where to apply for these programs is in the Parks and Recreation Leisure Guide.

Community Connections

This organization provides services that support individuals and families by providing and advocating for accessible and responsive social services. In the area of recreation services, they work closely with the City on the administration of free pool passes, tickets for events, assisting sports organizations in making adaptations, helping to make youth programming accessible to all, and speaking to the City on behalf of their clientele.

School District 19

The School District recognizes the changing demographics of the community. They believe more access to recreation is required for young children. The Joint-Use Agreement between the City and SD19 benefits school programs through access to the arena, curling rink, and swimming lessons. The School District offers "barrier free access" – financial support for school programs is available without any questions asked.

Indigenous Friendship Society (IFS)

There are many Indigenous youth who cannot afford to participate in sports. The IFS encourages outdoor, free activities such as using the trails at the Forestry Museum. The youth and their families are not all aware of the subsidies that are available to them.

Seniors Centre

The Seniors Centre has a special membership fee and charges for individual events available to seniors with financial barriers.

Revelstoke Adaptive Sports Program

This program aims to increase accessibility and learning opportunities for those with physical and cognitive disabilities.

Strengths and Challenges



STRENGTHS

There are many organizations, along with the City, that support participation through subsidies to those facing economic barriers



CHALLENGES / NEEDS

Despite the City's coordination with multiple service organizations, some community members are not familiar with programs that could help them.
Improve communications with the public, include outreach to vulnerable residents

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Recommendations

Service Delivery

In.1 Continue to pursue initiatives to increase inclusivity.

6.3 Partnerships and Agreements



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The City of Revelstoke Parks, Recreation and Culture Department delivers many of their services through partnership arrangements. These apply to buildings and facilities owned by the City where programs and services are operated by organizations, often serving a particular interest or age group. Revelstoke has a large number of these relationships for a community of its size. These formal and informal partnerships allow Revelstoke to provide a much broader range of services and opportunities than they could on their own. The City supports the community organizations through the provision of facilities, staff support, advice, promotion, and in some cases funding.

School District 19

The City of Revelstoke has a formal agreement with School District 19 (SD19) that has recently been renewed. The Joint Use Agreement covers SD19's use of the

“ School programs benefit from arena, curling rink and pool – they are part of the regular programming – certain grades access certain facilities”

– Interview Respondent

Aquatic Centre. There is no charge for recreational swim; however, the school must pay for any swim lessons for their students. The City also provides the use of the arena, sports fields, parks, and the museum at no charge to SD19.

There is no mention of the theatre in the Joint Use Agreement as the City is not involved in its operations. The City provides an annual grant to the Revelstoke Arts Council (RAC) Arts to support the programming. The school has an arrangement with the RAC to operate the theatre.

SD19 allows the City to use the gymnasium and sports fields at schools free of charge, provided these facilities are not being used by SD19. The school fields are not maintained to community standards. If a city group is hosting a tournament, the City will line the fields as needed. Access by community groups to the schools' indoor facilities is very limited due to high use of these spaces by the schools.

Youth Liaison Contract

The City has a contract position for a Youth Liaison worker that is fully funded by Columbia Basin Trust. This worker is based in the high school. The Youth Liaison assists in delivering programming for youth in the community. The Youth Advisory Committee prepares an annual work plan for the Youth Liaison. The work plan reflects community goals, objectives, priorities, and mandates. The work plan is reviewed and approved by Council on an annual basis.

Arts Revelstoke

Arts Revelstoke is the lead organization for arts and culture in Revelstoke, coordinating cultural events and connecting artists with resources and grant funding. The City has an agreement with the Arts Revelstoke for Street Fest and programming of the Performing Arts Centre. The City and the Revelstoke Accommodation Association cost-share in funding this program. The group provides Council with a year-end report.

Revelstoke Museum

The City provides an annual operating grant to the museum. The museum's general revenue is from admission fees, memberships, revenue from the gift shop, and donations. The City owns the building and, in addition to the operating grant, provides building maintenance, repairs, and janitorial services.

Revelstoke Visual Arts Centre

The City owns the building and leases it to the Visual Arts Society at a substantial discount. The society is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the building. Their revenue is from memberships, sub-leasing space to artists, a gift shop, grants, and donations.

Forestry Museum

The City owns the building and leases it to the Forestry Association. The Association operates the building, with the City responsible for any capital repairs.

Revelstoke Golf Club

The City owns the land and the golf club runs the operation. The City is responsible for capital repairs of the club house.

Revelstoke Curling Club

The City owns the building and the club operates the curling rink. The City is responsible for major capital repairs and the utilities.

Williamson Lake Park & Campground

The City owns the land and buildings. There is a three-year contract in place with a caretaker to manage the site and campground. The City receives 10% of the gross revenue from the campground operations.

Other Organizations

The City also works informally with the following organizations:

- Bear Aware
- Bee City Team
- Chamber of Commerce
- Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society
- Community Connections
- Illecillewaet Green Belt Society
- Local Food Initiative
- Greenbelt Winter Trail Groomer
- Local Food Initiative
- Okanagan Regional Library
- North Columbia Environmental Society (Wildsight Revelstoke)
- Parks Canada
- Revelstoke Accommodation Association
- Revelstoke Arts Council
- Revelstoke Childcare Society
- Revelstoke Cycling Association
- Revelstoke District Health Foundation
- Revelstoke Hospital Auxiliary Society (sponsored TIME)
- Rotary Club
- Selkirk Saddle Club

Sporting Organizations

- COED Hockey
- Figure Skating
- Junior B Hockey Team
- Kodiak's Women's Hockey
- Men's Rec Hockey League
- Minor Ball
- Minor Hockey
- Minor Soccer
- Old Timer's Hockey League
- Aqua Ducks Swim Club
- Master Swim Club

Youth Programming Partnerships

The Youth Liaison partners with many different organizations. Each year the partnerships change depending on the City's goals. The most common partnerships for youth are with the following organizations:

- School District No. 19
- Community Connections
- Okanagan Library
- Okanagan College
- The Idea Factory (through Economic Development)
- Revelstoke Community Foundation
- Open Mountains Project
- NCES (now Wildsight Revelstoke)
- Avalanche Canada
- Revelstoke Mountain Resort
- Revelstoke Snowboard Club
- Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club
- Arts Revelstoke (Luna Festival)
- Revelstoke Cycling Association
- Revelstoke Women's Shelter
- Wandering Wheels
- Flexpeditons

Strengths and Challenges



STRENGTHS

The City has formal and informal partnerships with many sport and recreation organizations



CHALLENGES / NEEDS

The City's resources, both staff time and budget, are limited, which affects the level of support they can provide

Recommendations

Service Delivery

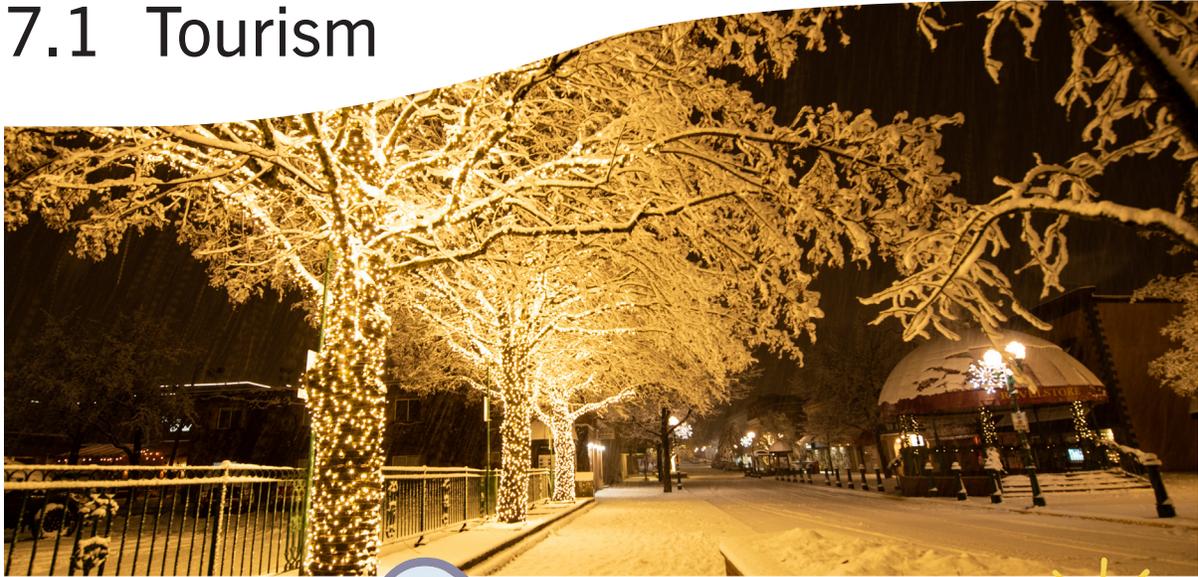
SD.1 Enhance the level of staffing and financial support to the many partners as the City grows.



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TOURISM & SPECIAL EVENTS

7.1 Tourism



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Summary of Findings

The tourism industry is growing, bringing significant revenue to the local economy and increasing visitor use of the City’s parks and recreation amenities

Key Strategy

Support an integrated destination management model unique for Revelstoke per the Destination Management Plan Framework

Existing Conditions

Revelstoke has quickly enhanced its tourism industry to attract visitors year-round; Telus Insights data show higher volumes of visitors in summer than winter. Visitors come from around the world to experience the outdoor adventure Revelstoke has to offer. With two national parks within close proximity, visitors have outstanding opportunities for outdoor recreation opportunities. Winter sports include skiing, snowboarding, and snowmobiling, and summer sports include mountain-biking, hiking, kayaking, and rock climbing, to name a few.

“ I still think we need to capture more tourism dollars.”

– Survey Respondent

Revelstoke’s vibrant downtown core complements the activities with local breweries and restaurants that add to the destination experience.

The tourism industry in Revelstoke was boosted in 2007 with the opening of Revelstoke Mountain Resort. The Resort is only minutes from the downtown core and offers year-round activities. Revelstoke is a reasonable drive from major urban centres like Calgary (4.5 hours) and Vancouver (6 hours), making it a popular destination for adventure seekers.

As one of only 14 Resort Municipality communities in the Province, Revelstoke is in a unique position to leverage external funding to help fund the capital costs of City-owned amenities through the Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI) Funding Program. The program is intended to support small, tourism-based municipalities to build and diversify their tourism infrastructure, deliver exceptional visitor experiences, and incorporate sustainable tourism practices and products. A list of projects funded by RMI is in Appendix B. RMI funding covers capital but not operating costs.

Key Themes from Community Input



Strengths and Challenges



STRENGTHS

- Revelstoke has the resources to support excellent outdoor recreation opportunities
- Tourism brings significant revenue to Revelstoke
- Tourism has helped support the growth of the outdoor adventure sector
- RMI Funds can be used to fund the capital cost of City-owned recreation infrastructure



CHALLENGES / NEEDS

- Determining how to obtain tourism industry contributions for parks and recreation operations
- Managing crowding of amenities as tourism increases
- Financing and operational costs of new tourist amenities

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Recommendations

Service Delivery

- To.1** Collaborate with others on a model for capturing financial resources from tourism as contributions to the City's recreation facilities.

7.2 Special Events



Summary of Findings

Many diverse events offered by the community provide fun opportunities for the entire family

Key Strategy

Continue to support events throughout the entire year, targeting winter months

Events

The City supports numerous events through the provision of space and staff support. Events are often organized by one community group using multiple venues including the Performing Arts Centre (in the High School), Visual Arts Centre, Museum, Grizzly Plaza, park spaces, and the Community Centre.

“ I would love to see the summer music come back and persist over the coming years!”

– Survey Respondent

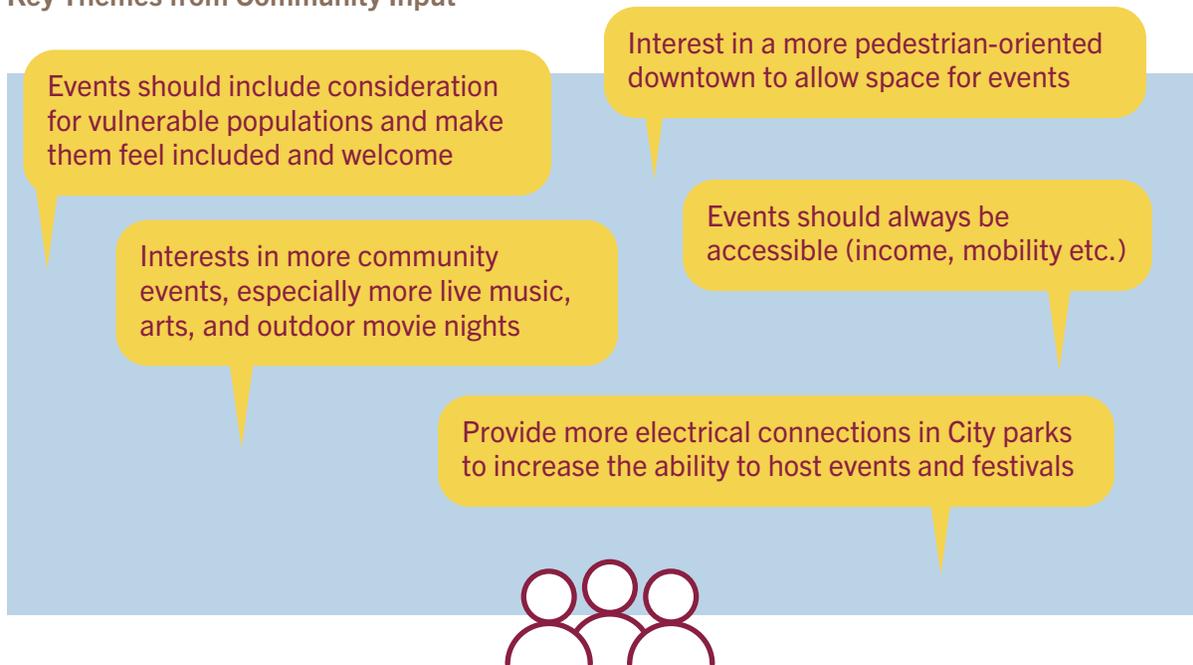
The following are typical annual events:

Event	Organizer	Time of Year	Description	Location
Annual Family Day Skate	City of Revelstoke	Feb	Free Family Skate Complimentary snacks	Revelstoke Fourm
Farmers Market	Revelstoke Farm & Craft Market Local Food Initiative (LFI) Market	May to Oct	Every Saturday between 8am and 1pm, local vendors	Grizzly Plaza / Downtown
Community Golf Day	Revelstoke Golf Course	May	Free green fee for all locals after 11am with a non-perishable food item donation to the food bank or minimum \$5 cash donation	Revelstoke Golf Club
Family Fun Run	Revelstoke Credit Union	May	Annual road race event with 10k, 5k and 2k runs for all age groups	Queen Elizabeth Park
International Museum Day	Revelstoke Museum & Archives	May	Admission at the museum is free from 11am to 5pm with activities for people of all ages	Revelstoke Museum and Archives
Timber Days	Forest Worker's Society	May	Revelstoke hosts to the world class Timber Days competition to celebrate the community's logging heritage	
Bike to Work Week	City of Revelstoke	May	The community is encouraged to bike to work/school and participate in fun activities throughout town	
Mountain Paradise Show & Shine	Vintage Car Club of Canada	Jun	A variety of vintage, modified hot rod cars and muscle cars for everyone to enjoy	Downtown Revelstoke
National Indigenous People's Day	Various community organizations	Jun	A series of events sponsored by City of Revelstoke, Arts Revelstoke, Resort Municipality Initiative Program, and Tourism Revelstoke	Various locations
REVV.Live Outside	Arts Revelstoke and City of Revelstoke	Jul & Aug	Every evening, all summer long, enjoy free live entertainment, live bands and theatre, magic acts and more in the heart of Revelstoke's historic downtown	Grizzly Plaza
Canada Day Celebrations	City of Revelstoke	Jul 1	The City celebrates Canada Day with a parade through downtown ending in Queen Elizabeth Park; there is music, games, and food for the whole family	Queen Elizabeth Park

Event	Organizer	Time of Year	Description	Location
Heritage Cemetery Tours	Revelstoke Museum & Archives	July	This guided tour explores the history of the cemetery and stories of Revelstoke pioneers	Mountain View Cemetery
Family Fun Day	Revelstoke Museum & Archives	Jul	Games, crafts, and puzzles for the whole family at the Revelstoke Museum and Archives	Revelstoke Museum and Archives
Wildflower Festival	Parks Canada and various community organizations	Aug	A week of planned activities designed to celebrate the alpine meadows	Various locations around town including Mt. Revelstoke National Park
Labour Day Open	Revelstoke Golf Course	Sep	Three-day golf tournament	Revelstoke Golf Course
REVV. Live	Arts Revelstoke	Oct / Dec	A series of live performances including music, comedy and shows	Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre
Remembrance Day Ceremony	Revelstoke Legion	Nov	Annual Remembrance Day Ceremony	Cenotaph
Moonlight Madness	Chamber of Commerce	Nov	A longstanding Revelstoke tradition that showcases downtown businesses with great deals and offers	Downtown Revelstoke
Movies in the Mountains	Arts Revelstoke	Oct / Nov	Live screenings of some of the best Indie films	Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre
Winter Market	Revelstoke Winter Market	Nov to Apr	The Winter Market offers 30-40 farm and craft vendors; it is held every second Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Revelstoke Community & Aquatic Centre	Revelstoke Community and Aquatic Centre
Luna Arts Festival	Arts Revelstoke	Sep	A weekend long nighttime festival that brings art and energy to the streets of Revelstoke	Downtown Revelstoke

The City has an *Outdoor Special Events Policy* (1996), last amended in 2012, that outlines requirements for public safety and protection of public property for outdoor events held on municipal streets, parking lots, and City-owned parks and land. Many communities have more detailed policies, applications, and review processes that are tailored to the relative size and risk of events. Some communities that want to encourage special events also provide specified contributions, financial and/or services-in-kind, that are offered to event organizers.

Key Themes from Community Input



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Strengths and Challenges



STRENGTHS

Revelstoke offers a diverse range of community events

Events take place in different locations throughout the City



CHALLENGES / NEEDS

Weather limits year-round events

Keeping up with demand for more events

Inability to host certain events due to infrastructure limitations, e.g., paddlesports, winter markets

Recommendations

Capital Development

Ev.1 Provide electrical connections in upgrades to community parks and the downtown that support events.

Service Delivery

Ev.2 Encourage and support more winter events.

Ev.3 Update the Special Events Policy, develop application forms, and define review processes and potential City contribution.



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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

8.1 Implementation Table



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The PRMP will be implemented in phases based on community needs, the pace of development, funding opportunities, and Council’s priorities as all of these evolve over time. The PRMP is a guiding document for the provision of facilities and services; it does not commit the City to any project nor limit future opportunities. Recommendations will need to be confirmed and implemented through capital funding, grants, development contributions, and effective partnerships on an ongoing basis. The most important guidance is provided by the vision, goals, and objectives, which should be used to guide future decisions.

The implementation table on the following pages identifies the priority, phasing, and relative costs associated with the recommendations. The phasing strategy is based on a balance of the following criteria, in no particular order, and these criteria may be used or adjusted in annual capital planning:

- Alignment with the vision, goals, and objectives of the PRMP
- Existing condition and needs for upgrading or replacement to improve safety or reduce risk of failure, e.g., asset is at or near end of lifecycle
- Addresses a gap, i.e., the facility or amenity does not exist
- Level of community support per master plan process and ongoing input
- Number and diversity of people served, especially in terms of inclusivity
- Ability to support population and tourism growth

- Cost to build
- Resources for maintenance
- Opportunity to implement as part of an associated project
- Opportunity for funding or partnership

The PRMP focuses on high-level recommendations and relative costs, recognizing that detailed budgets are compiled by City staff during budgeting processes.

Many recommendations could potentially be accomplished through partnerships with community groups. The City encourages community groups to express interest in these opportunities. For community groups that can provide funding or contributions in kind, the City will involve these groups in initiating projects where possible.

The phases are as follows:

	Ongoing	Tasks that are implemented over time as needed based on community interests, planning and development activities, grant opportunities, Council priorities, and other factors
	Short-Term Improvements 0 – 5 years	Investments that can reasonably be made within the first five years of the PRMP, which generally include projects that are of highest priority as well as those that are lower cost and relatively easy to implement
	Medium-Term Improvements 5 – 10 years	Investments intended for the five- to ten-year timeframe, which generally include significant projects that may not reasonably be achieved within the first five years as well as those that are lower cost and relatively easy to implement but of a lower priority than those identified for the first five years
	Long-Term Improvements Over 10 years	Investments that are intended for the long term and are likely beyond the life of the PRMP; they are identified for future and proactive planning and budgeting

The budget ranges on the implementation table are defined as follows:

\$	Less than \$50,000
\$\$	\$50,000 – 250,000
\$\$\$	\$250,000K - \$1million
\$\$\$\$	\$1 million - \$10 million
\$\$\$\$\$	Over \$10 million

Implementation Table

4.0 Outdoor Recreation

4.1 Parks		Phase			Relative Cost	
		↻	①	②		③
Land Acquisition						
P.1	Seek to acquire community and neighbourhood parks in the approximate locations shown on Map 4 and as noted below to address current gaps in supply and to support population growth	●				N/A
P.2	Establish the Powerhouse Road as a community park		●			N/A
P.3	Encourage and support the establishment of the Jordan River site as a protected natural area		●			N/A
P.4	Use the following guidelines for acquiring community and neighbourhood parks	●				N/A
Planning and Design						
P.5	Prepare park master plans, with full community engagement, for the following parks.					
	Powerhouse Road property – potential new park (park plan)		●			\$\$
	Grizzly Plaza – requires updating to meet current needs (park plan)		●			\$\$
P.6	Prepare park plans, with engagement, for the parks with opportunities for significant changes					
	Centennial Park – work with sports groups and School District to identify potential upgrades (park plan)			●		\$\$
	Moose Park – to support play and bike opportunities for children (park plan)			●		\$
P.7	Use the following design principles in park planning, design, and construction	●				N/A
Capital Projects						
P.8	Upgrade community parks with the following improvements and potential					
	Centennial Park (see section 4.3) Repair sink holes in sports field Install shade structure and drinking fountain near sports fields		●			\$\$
	Centennial Park (see section 4.3) Boat launch improvements Lighting of an additional field			●		\$\$\$

4.0 Outdoor Recreation

4.1 Parks		Phase			Relative Cost	
		↻	①	②		③
	Centennial Park (see section 4.3) Reconfiguration of fields Replace running track with rubber surface (potentially with School District)				●	\$\$\$
	Kovach Park New full size court and shade near skate park		●			\$\$
	Queen Elizabeth Park playground edging and shade, resurface tennis courts, pickleball courts, washroom upgrading, outdoor stage				●	\$\$\$\$
	Williamson Lake Park and Campground Improve per 2017 Site Plan – replace buildings, landscaping, accessible path, fishing dock, etc.			●		\$\$\$\$
P.9	Develop a new park at the Powerhouse Road site with the potential amenities listed below:					\$\$\$\$
	Food production gardens		●			\$
	Disc golf course		●			\$\$
	Boxing Club		●			N/A
	Off-leash dog park		●			\$
	Possible water access point (depending on land ownership)		●			\$\$
P.10	Upgrade other parks as follows:					
	Moose Park – natural play area, potential small bike track				●	\$\$
	Woodenhead Park – add public washroom, shade structure, interpretive signs				●	\$\$\$
	Grizzly Plaza – renovate gazebo, upgrade pedestrian spaces			●		\$\$\$
	Nichol Road Park – nature play features		●			\$\$
Service Delivery						
P.11	Obtain additional funds for operations and maintenance as new amenities and parks are developed.	●				N/A
P.12	Continue collaborating with organizations on management of natural areas, including control of invasive species.	●				N/A
P.13	Encourage the City to prepare an Urban Forest Management Strategy		●			N/A

4.0 Outdoor Recreation

4.2 Trails		Phase			Relative Cost	
			①	②		③
Land Acquisition						
T.1	Explore opportunities to acquire land with undesignated trails to ensure neighbourhood connectivity	●				N/A
Planning and Design						
T.2	Where it is not possible to acquire the land occupied by trails that are important to retain, try to establish agreements with the landowner that address maintenance responsibilities and liability	●				N/A
T.3	Coordinate among City departments (Parks, Planning, Engineering) to plan for the connectivity of trails as opportunities arise on City projects and new developments	●				N/A
T.4	Secure trails identified on Map 4 through major new development projects	●				N/A
T.5	Use the following guiding principles in trail planning, design, and construction	●				N/A
Capital Projects						
T.6	Build trails based on the priorities shown on Map 4		●	●	●	\$\$/yr
T.7	Add to or improve infrastructure along trails with reference to the Trails Strategy		●	●	●	\$/yr
T.8	Provide additional signage based on the City's Wayfinding Strategy		●			\$\$

4.3 Outdoor Amenities		Phase			Relative Cost	
			①	②		③
O.1	Upgrade park amenities:					
	Replace playgrounds according to an asset management cycle		●	●	●	\$\$/3 yrs
	Big Eddy Park ball diamonds (Centennial see P.8)				●	\$\$
	Address tree root issues and resurface pickleball courts in Columbia Park		●			\$\$
	Improve sports fields at Centennial Park, potentially as a partnership with the School District (see P.8)					
	Improve running track at Centennial Park, potentially as a partnership with the School District (see P.8)					
	Expand skate park with an area for small children				●	\$\$
	Upgrade the basketball court at Kovach Park to full size (see P.8)					

4.0 Outdoor Recreation

4.3 Outdoor Amenities		Phase			Relative Cost
			①	②	
0.2	Provide additional park amenities:				
	Community gardens in locations with water and electrical service where there is neighbourhood interest			●	\$
	Outdoor pickleball courts in a central location with suitable soil conditions (see P.8 and O.1)				
	Benches, sheltered picnic areas, and barbeques in parks with high picnic demand		●	●	\$\$/ phase
	Water fountains at sports fields where water service is available, associated with washrooms	●			\$
	Storage areas for field user groups – consider providing space within buildings as part of park upgrades	●			\$
	Plant more trees – wherever possible to provide shade and enhance the urban forest	●			\$
	Add structures such as shade sails near play and sports facilities where it is impractical to plant trees (see P.8)				
0.3	Provide new park amenities:				
	Fenced dog park (see P.9)				
	Beach volleyball courts		●		\$
	Multi-sport courts			●	\$\$
	Support 18-hole disc golf course with amenities including tee boxes and baskets (see P.9)				
	Pump track / bike park		●		\$\$\$

5.0 Recreation Facilities

5.1 Aquatic Centre		Phase			Relative Cost	
			①	②	③	
Planning and Design						
Aq. 1	Continue to assess the physical plant and pool amenities, with annual reviews of capital priorities	●				N/A
Aq. 2	Conduct a design review of the locker and staff/operations areas and plan for a future renovation		●			\$
Capital Projects						
Aq. 3	Upgrade the sauna, locker, staff/operations areas and climbing feature			●		\$\$\$

5.2 Arena		Phase			Relative Cost	
			①	②	③	
Land Acquisition						
Ar. 1	Secure a site for a new multi-sport complex		●			N/A
Planning and Design						
Ar. 2	Confirm what must be done to keep the Forum functioning until a new multi-sport facility, including an ice arena, can be designed and built		●			\$
Ar. 3	Conduct a planning and design study for a new multi-sport facility		●			\$\$
Capital Projects						
Ar.4	Build a new multi-sport facility based on the outcomes of the planning and design process			●		\$\$\$\$\$
Ar. 5	Demolish the existing facility, making the land available for another use			●		\$\$\$
Service Delivery						
Ar. 6	Budget for operating the new multi-sport facility	●				N/A

5.3 Curling Facility		Phase			Relative Cost	
			①	②	③	
Planning and Design						
C.1	Explore alternatives for incorporating curling in the new multi-sport facility		●			N/A

5.0 Recreation Facilities

5.4 Revelstoke Community Centre		Phase			Relative Cost	
			①	②	③	
Planning and Design						
CC.1	Conduct planning and design work to meet more needs within the community centre				●	\$
Capital Projects						
CC.2	Renovate the community centre to acquire more storage and usable spaces				●	\$\$\$

5.5 Other Municipal Recreation, Arts and Culture Buildings		Phase			Relative Cost	
			①	②	③	
Planning and Design						
M.1	Continue to support the groups operating these buildings in planning upgrades and seeking funding.	●				N/A
Capital Projects						
M.2	Continue to support groups in facility upgrading where it is the City's responsibility	●				N/A
Service Delivery						
M.3	Continue to renew agreements for the operation of these facilities	●				N/A

6.0 Service Delivery

6.1 Programs		Phase				Relative Cost
			①	②	③	
Planning and Design						
Pr. 1	Pursue new programs in fitness, youth, and general interest as more space becomes available		●			N/A
Pr. 2	Continue the cooperative model of service delivery with many community non-profit organizations	●				N/A
Pr. 3	Support other organizations in their efforts to build a youth drop-in centre	●				N/A

6.2 Inclusivity		Phase				Relative Cost
			①	②	③	
Service Delivery						
In. 1	Continue to pursue initiatives to increase inclusivity	●				N/A

6.3 Partnerships and Agreements		Phase				Relative Cost
			①	②	③	
Service Delivery						
SD. 1	Enhance the level of staffing and financial support to the many partners as the City grows	●				N/A

6.4 Tourism		Phase				Relative Cost
			①	②	③	
Service Delivery						
To. 1	Collaborate with others on a model for capturing financial resources from tourism as contributions to the City's recreation facilities	●				N/A

6.5 Special Events		Phase				Relative Cost
			①	②	③	
Capital Development						
Ev.1	Provide electrical connections in upgrades to community parks that support events	●				\$
Service Delivery						
Ev.2	Encourage and support more winter events	●				N/A
Ev.3	Update the Special Events Policy, develop application forms, and define review processes and potential City contribution		●			N/A

8.2 Considered Initiatives not Recommended

The following were suggestions from the community that were considered but not recommended for the reasons shown.

Suggestion		Rationale for Exclusion
Beruschi Park – add public washroom	➔	Washrooms are not typically provided in neighbourhood parks
Rebuild trails so they do not flood	➔	This is beyond the City’s control
Address trails when they flood	➔	The trails that flood are not on City land
Greenbelt extension along Columbia River from Centennial Park to Woodenhead Park	➔	Major challenges based on terrain, ownership, and cost
Additional / outdoor skating rink	➔	The City does not have the capacity to support an additional rink at this time An outdoor skating rink could be incorporated adjacent to a new arena
Provide a youth centre	➔	Community Connections is filling this need as the City does not have enough space
New floors in community centre for dance classes	➔	New private dance facility is addressing this need
Provide trail connectivity to MacPherson	➔	Outside the City, City will support but not lead
Construct a boardwalk trail from the Greenbelt over the airport ponds to Williamson Lake	➔	BC Hydro land, City will support but not lead
Build an outdoor pool	➔	Outdoor pools are very high energy consumers, cost to operate is extremely high in relation to use for a limited season, they require significant staffing, and they expose users to sun damage

8.3 Measuring Accomplishments

It is important to track the implementation of the PRMP so staff and Council can monitor progress, to support ongoing planning, and to ensure that the City is responding to community interests. Measures need to be extensive enough to reflect progress but not so numerous or complicated that significant effort is required. The most efficient way to measure progress is through the use of tools the City already uses. The following are the measurement tools proposed for tracking implementation:

- **Asset management database** that documents facilities (e.g., buildings), amenities (e.g., playgrounds, courts), and other infrastructure (e.g., benches, picnic tables)
- **Community surveys** – when surveys are conducted to gauge satisfaction or to collect input on a related topic, include questions similar to those in the community survey for the PRMP where possible
- **Tracking of community input** – City staff regularly receive input from residents on parks and recreation facilities and services; this should be tracked to identify common themes and community interests



8.4 Next Steps

Implementation of the PRMP will require work at multiple levels by City staff and partners. The following are key strategies for implementation:

- Coordinate work among City departments
- Integrate recommendations into capital plans
- Maintain relationships with and support efforts by community groups
- Maintain partnerships with other jurisdictions, including school districts, colleges, Indigenous community, and the CSRD
- Integrate the PRMP with other City documents such as the Official Community Plan
- Encourage and support land donations and bequests
- Track opportunities and submit applications for grants
- Include community engagement with each significant capital improvement, with the scale relative to the scope of the project, e.g., community parks and major trail projects should involve all residents, and neighbourhood parks and trail connections should be targeted to those affected
- Update the PRMP in five to ten years

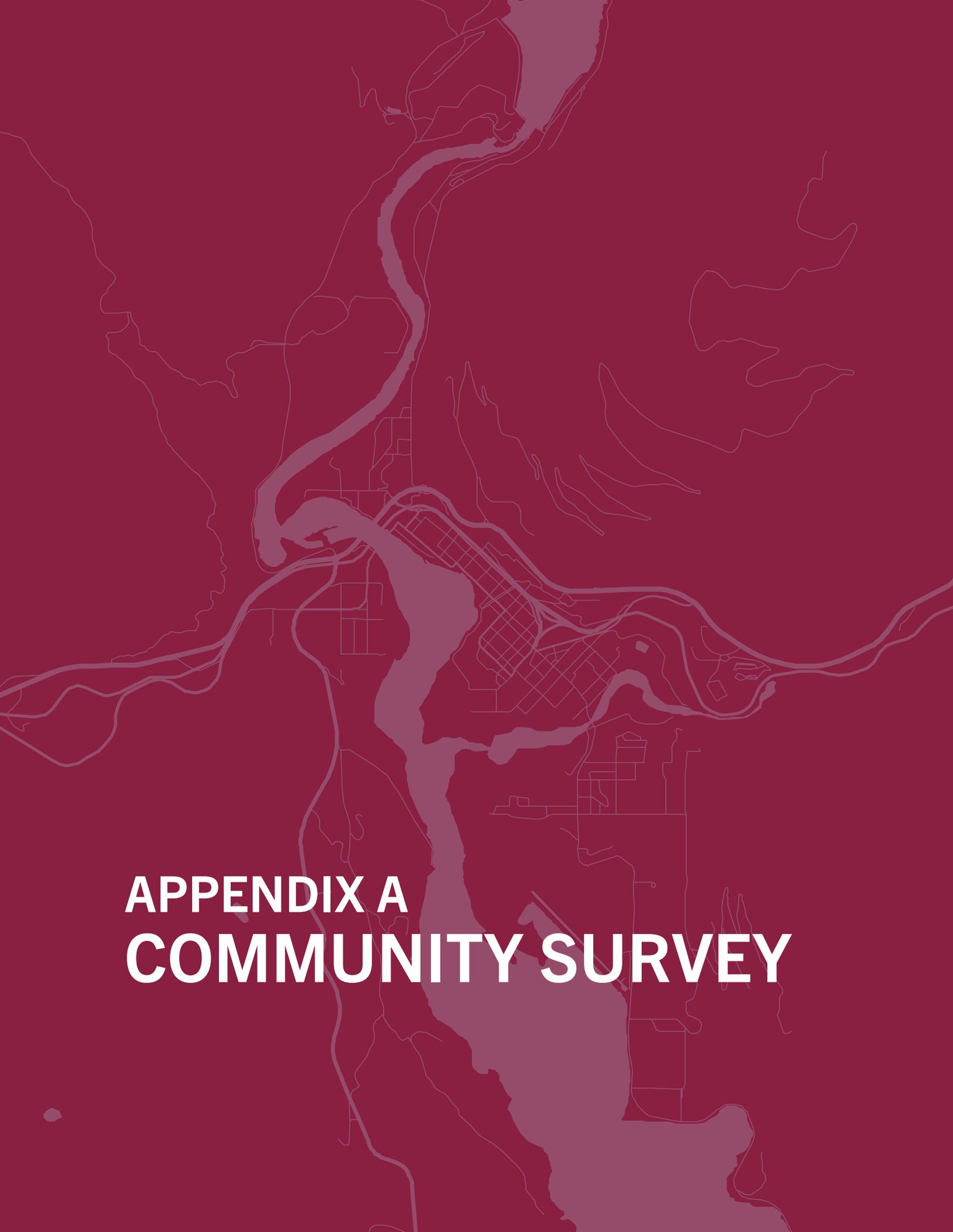
Acquisition and development of parkland through development required special consideration. The City has been requesting a minimum park dedication or cash in lieu as part of the development approval process. The City currently does not have a Parks Development Cost Charge (DCC).

The following are proposed steps in implementing the PRMP through the development process:

- Establish a Parks DCC to accumulate funds for acquiring and developing community and neighbourhood parks
- Acquire the 5% parkland dedication at time of subdivision only for parks that meet the guidelines in this document in terms of size and ability to support recreation amenities
- For other projects, acquire cash in lieu of the parkland dedication to establish reserve funds to acquire parks in the desired locations

Revelstoke has much to celebrate in its parks and recreation services and facilities. The communication and engagement established through the preparation of this PRMP will enable the City to continue improving, parks and recreation opportunities with intention and purpose.

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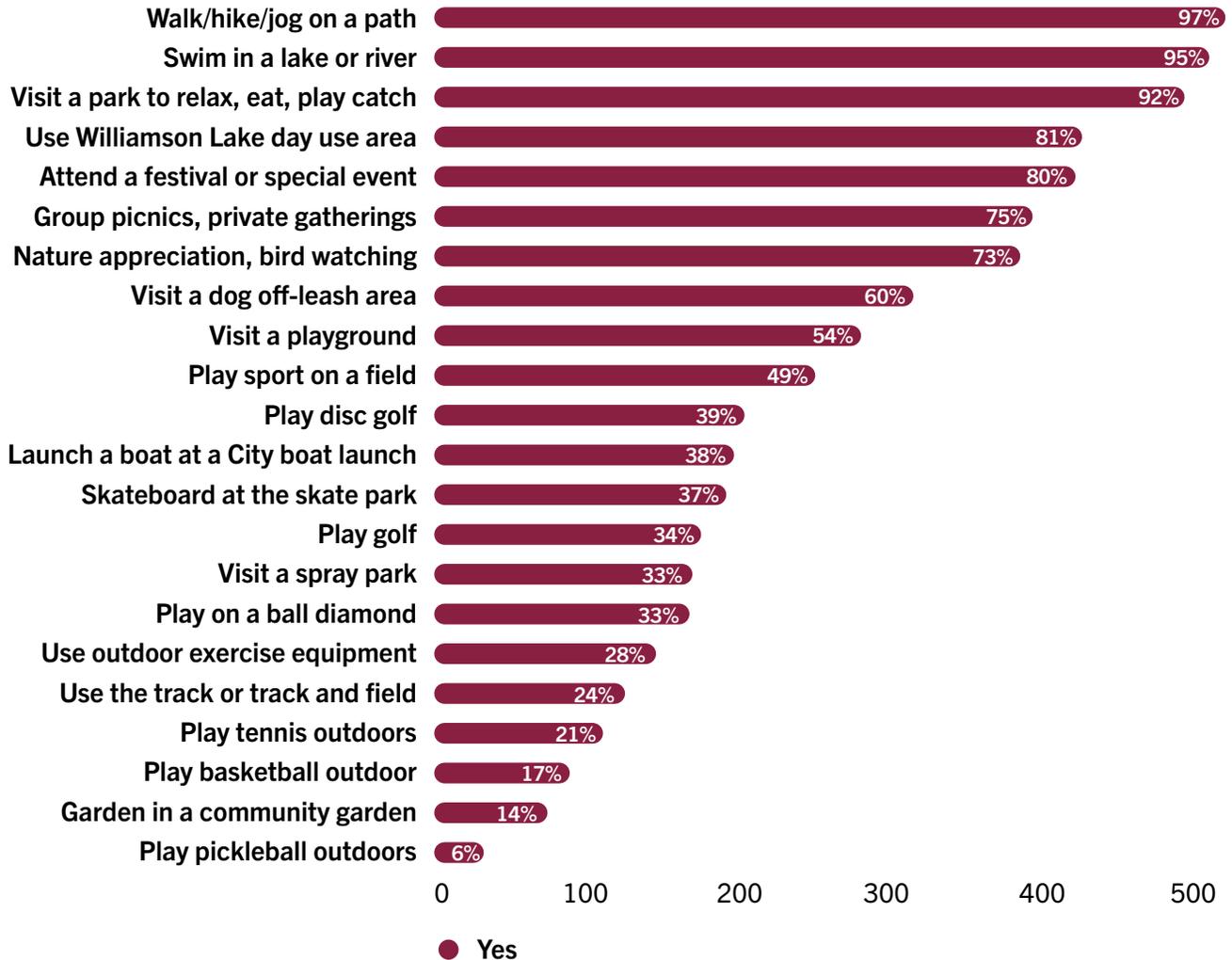


**APPENDIX A
COMMUNITY SURVEY**

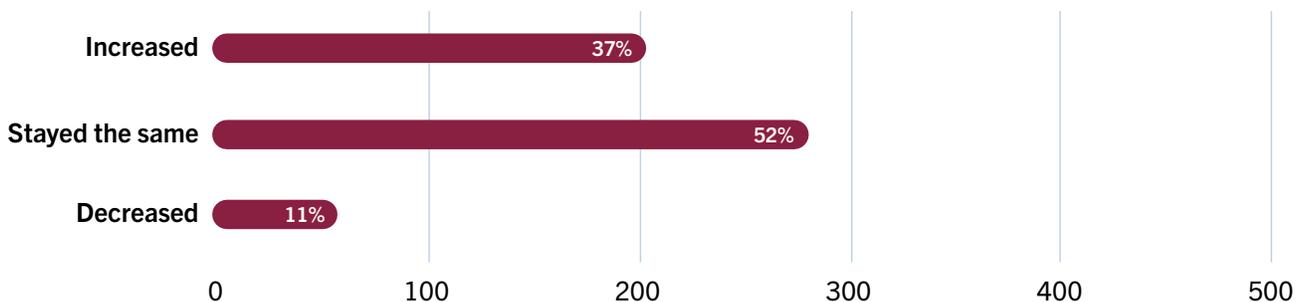
COMMUNITY SURVEY

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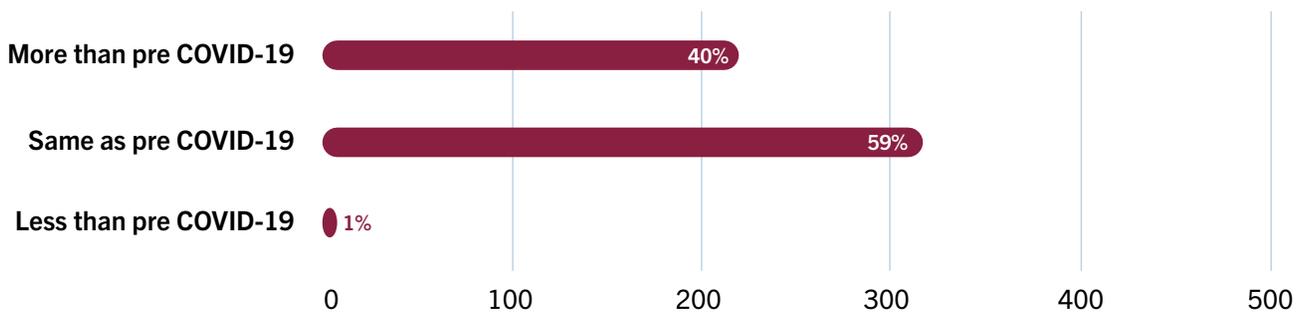
PARTICIPATION IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO COVID-19 (N=544)



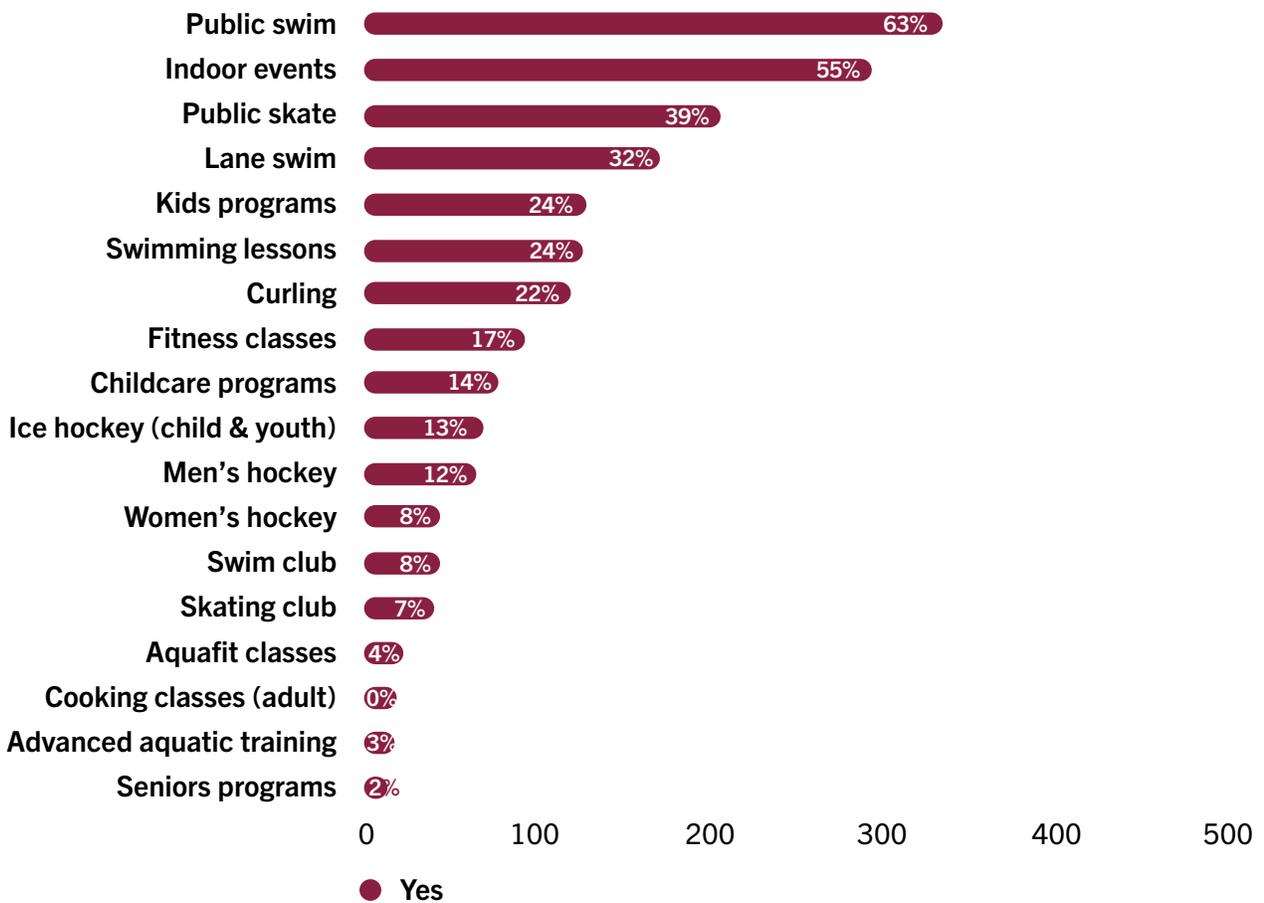
CHANGE IN USE OF PARKS AND TRAILS DURING COVID (N=542)



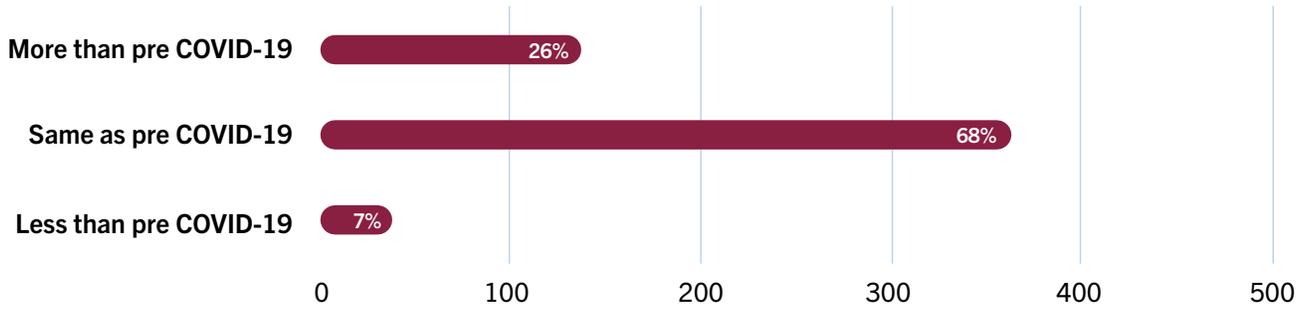
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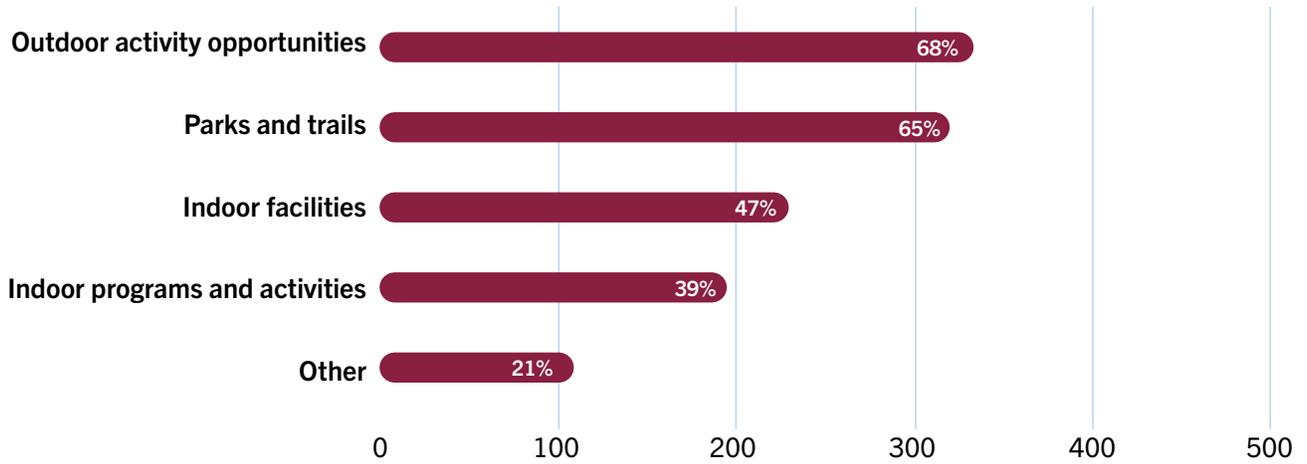
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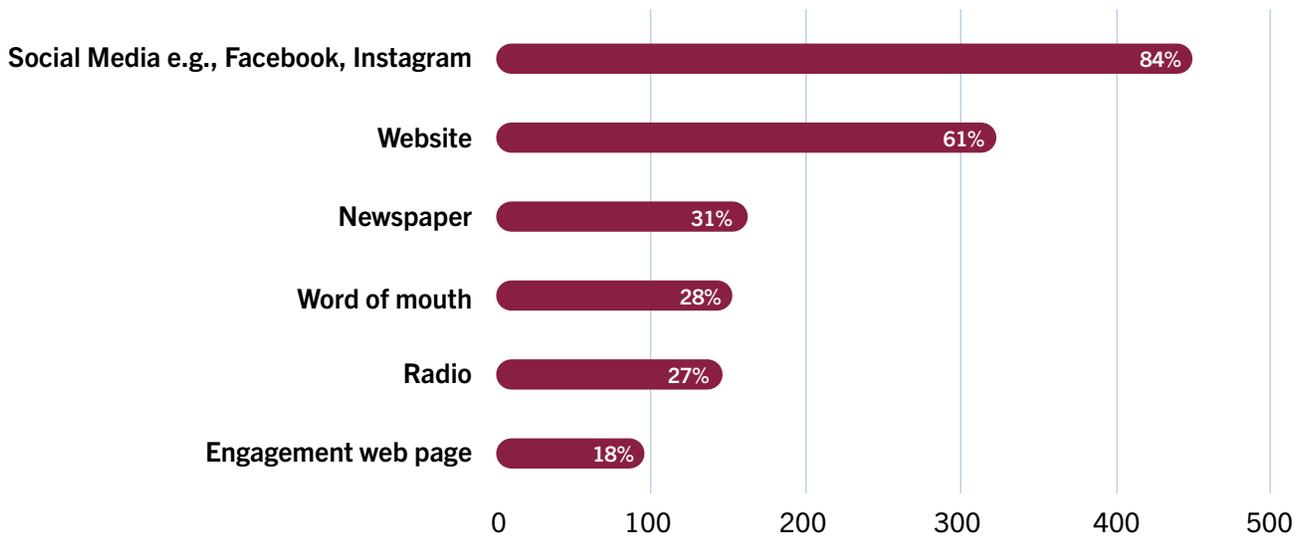
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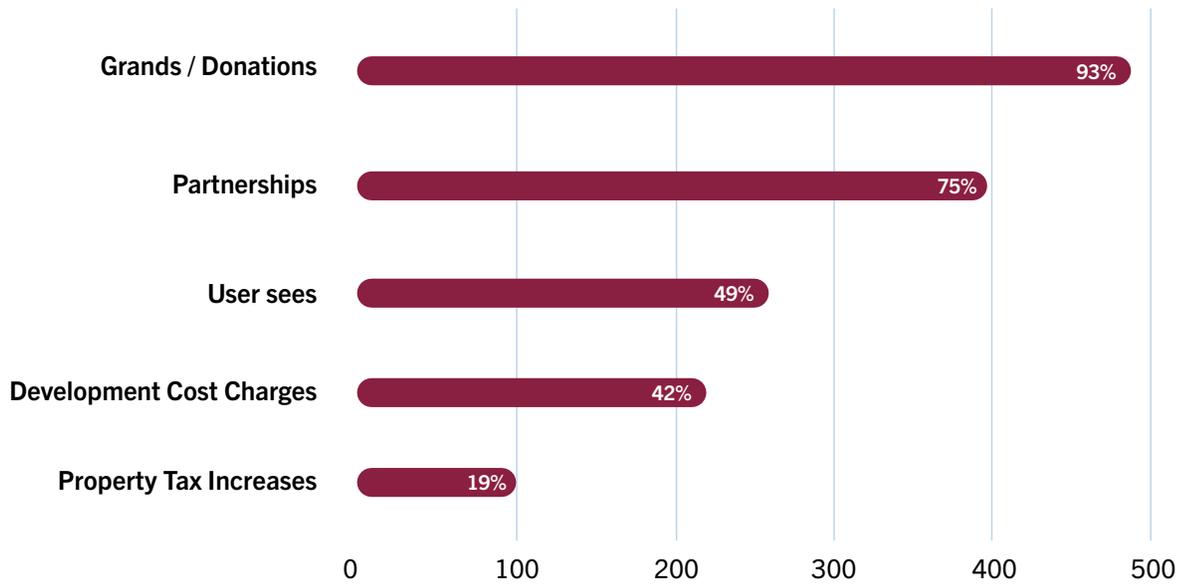
CITY IMPROVEMENTS RESPONDENTS WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN NEXT 10 YEARS (N=489)



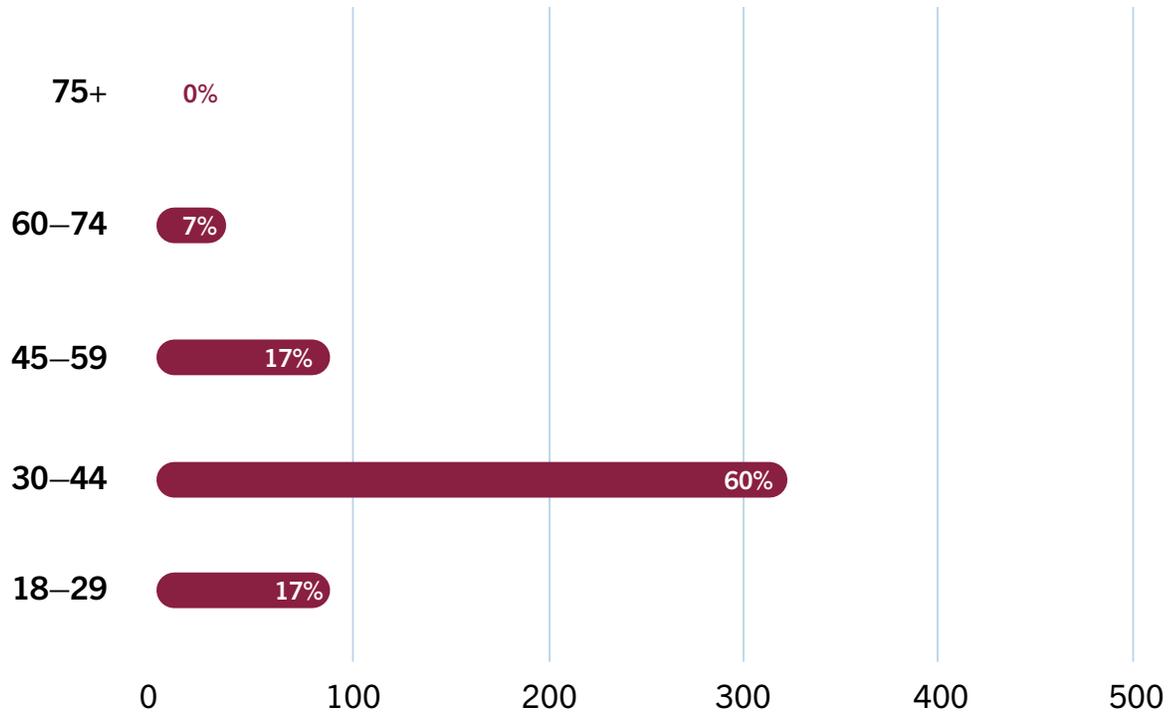
BEST WAYS TO RECEIVE CITY INFORMATION (N=531)



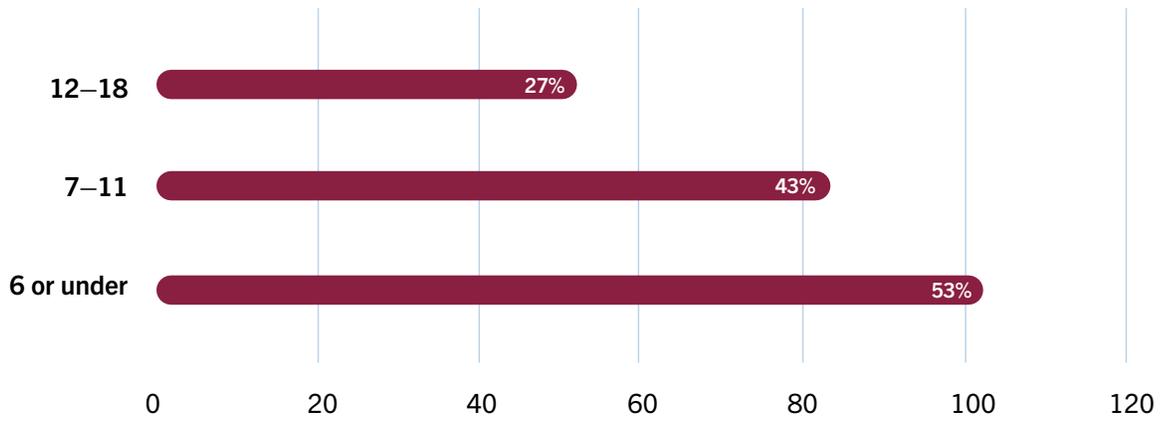
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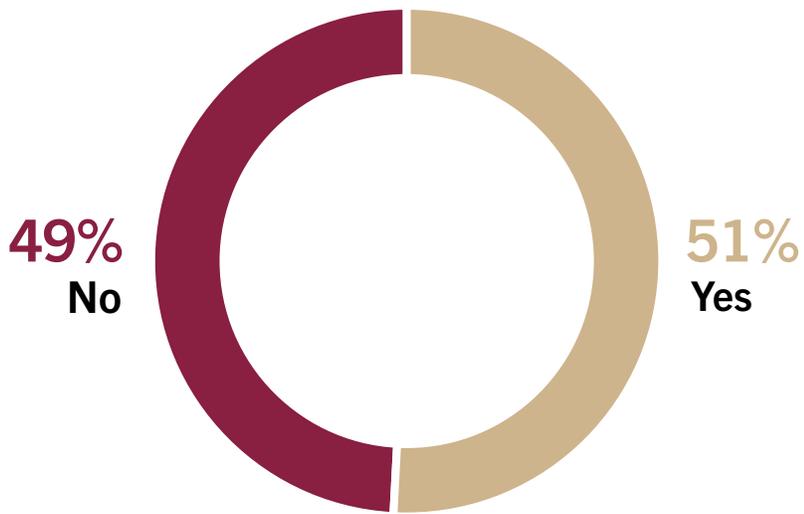
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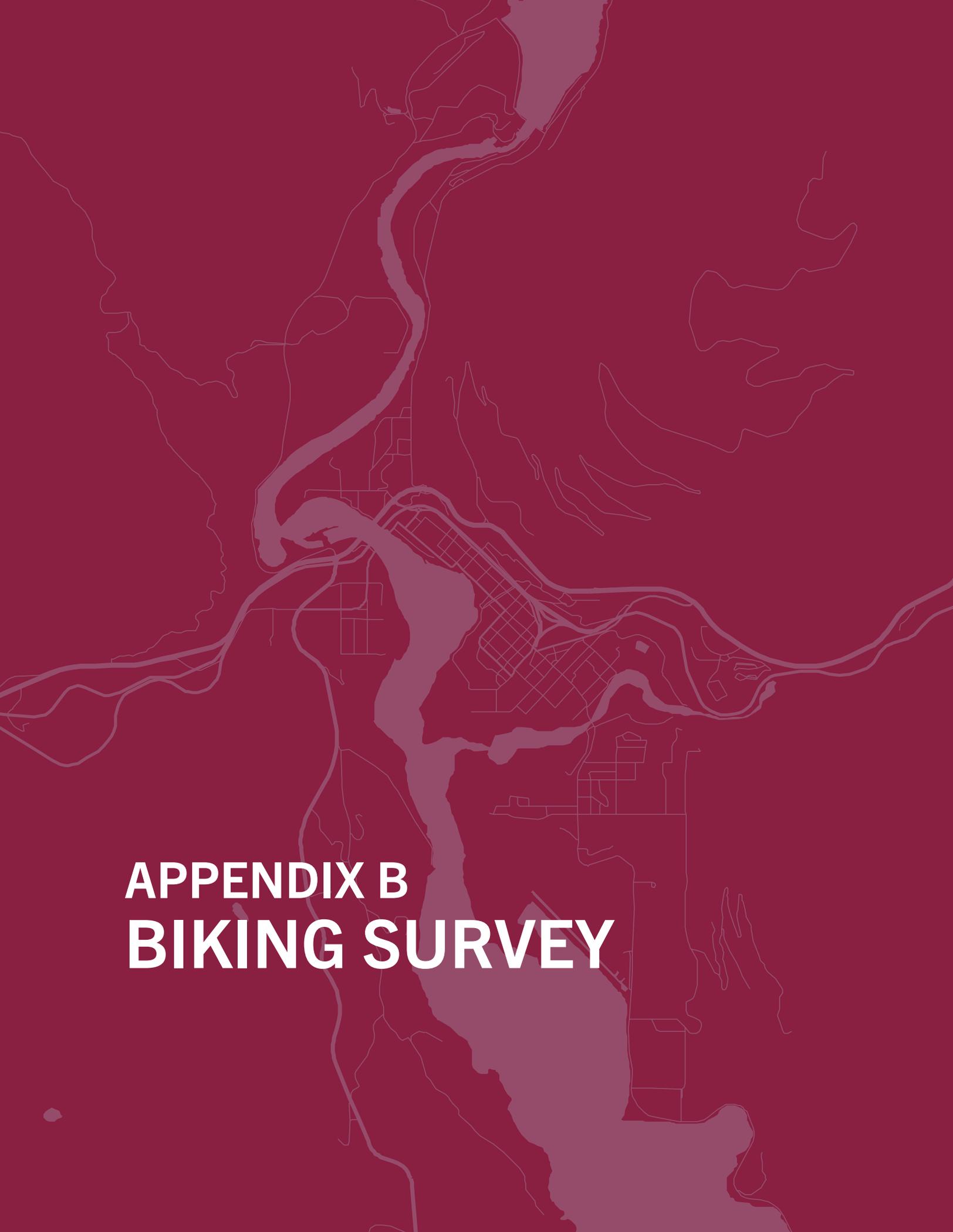


AGES OF CHILDREN IN RESPONDENT'S HOUSEHOLD



DOG OWNERSHIP OF RESPONDENTS

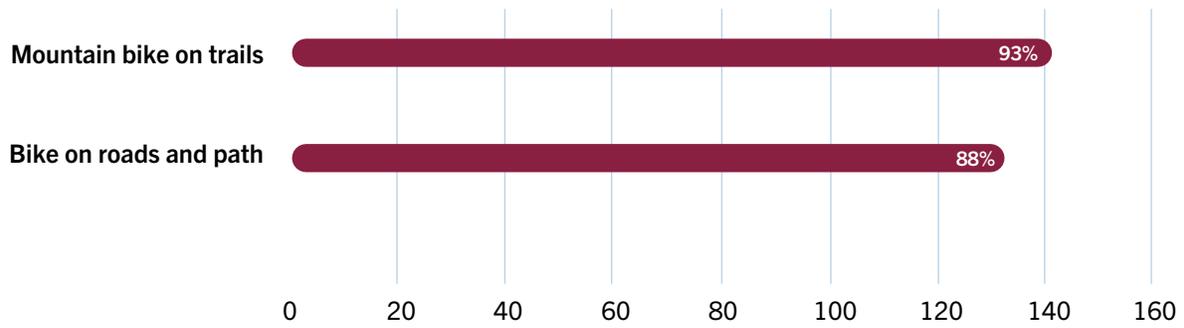




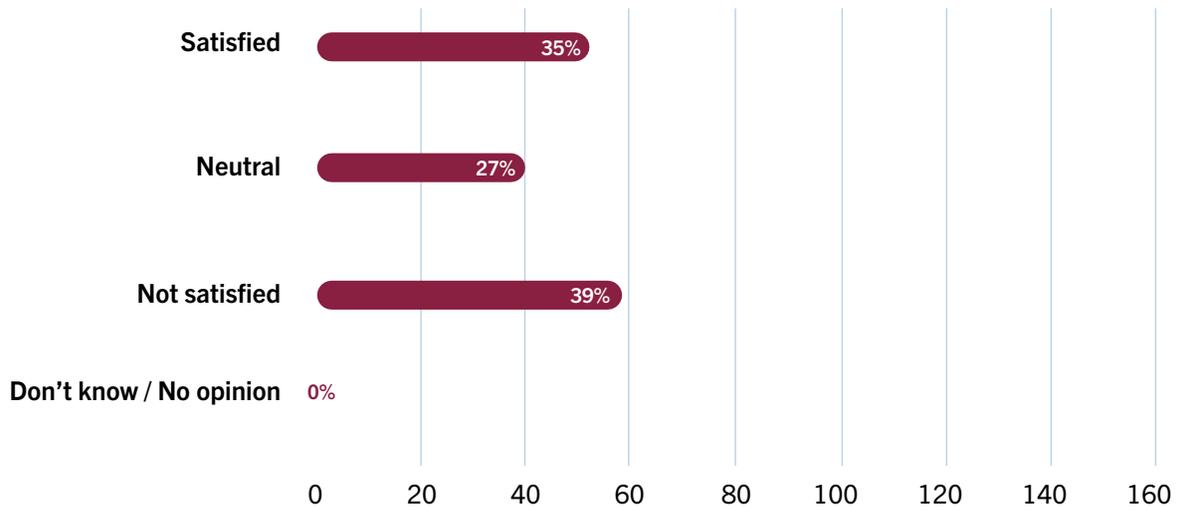
**APPENDIX B
BIKING SURVEY**

Biking Survey

BIKING PARTICIPATION (N=151)



SATISFACTION WITH BIKING OPPORTUNITIES (N=150)





**APPENDIX C
RMI PROJECTS**

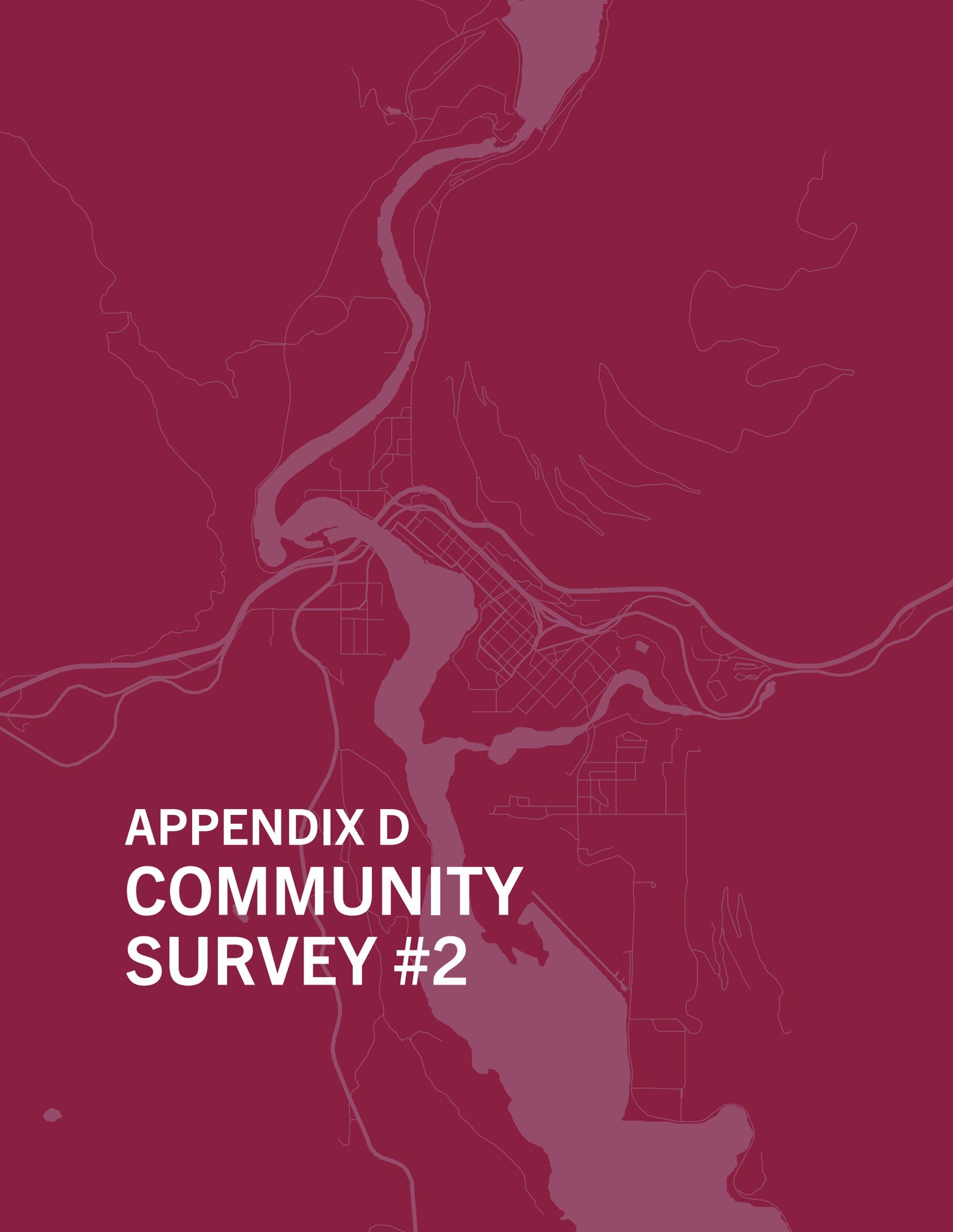
RMI PROJECTS

The following projects receive financial assistance from RMI funding.

Water Access	5 Mile boat launch improvements
Williamson Lake	Campground shower building
Public Art / Art Galleries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sternwheeler Pavilion, Tournament of Champions • Various art pieces in alleys / new art exhibits
Centennial Park	Special Event Hosting facility
Gateway Park	Landscaping
Golf Course	Course upgrades/equipment
Landscaping	TransCanada Highway
Tourism Kiosks	Updating & maintaining tourist info kiosks placed around downtown core
Downtown Beautification	Holiday lights, upgraded garbage bins, plaza washroom facilities renovation
Portable Stage & Trailer	
Airport Upgrades	Upgrade facilities, runway and navigation system
Museums & Galleries	
Museum & Archives	New exhibits; Film production
Railway Museum	Extension of walkway, elevator installation, virtual exhibits
Forestry Museum	Riverside Forest Walk / Events
Visual Arts Centre	Landscaping, roof
Performing Arts Centre	Signage
Alpine Ski Club	Race equipment
Nordic Ski Club	Nordic Clubhouse & Lighting
	ATV groomer
Snowmobile Club	Infrastructure
	Welcome Centre
	Max Galaxy Software
Adaptive Sports	Equipment and storage
Balsam Lake Cabin	Improvements to cabin
Rev Climbers Co-op	Waterworld parking completion and trail improvements
Illecillewaet Greenbelt	Trails and signage
Multi-use Trails	Mt Revelstoke Park connectors
Urban bike trails	Greenbelt trails and Mt. Revelstoke Park connector
Mountain Biking	New trail construction & upgrades to existing trails
Revy Riders Dirt Bike Club	Equipment Purchase to maintain trails

Selkirk Saddle Club	Equipment Purchase, update to indoor riding facility
Shooting Range	Development of a new shooting range location
Skate park	
Splash Park	
Wayfinding Signage	
Festivals and Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Festival • Grizzly Plaza/Streetfest • Performing Arts Centre • LUNA Art Festival • Timber Days • Woodstoke

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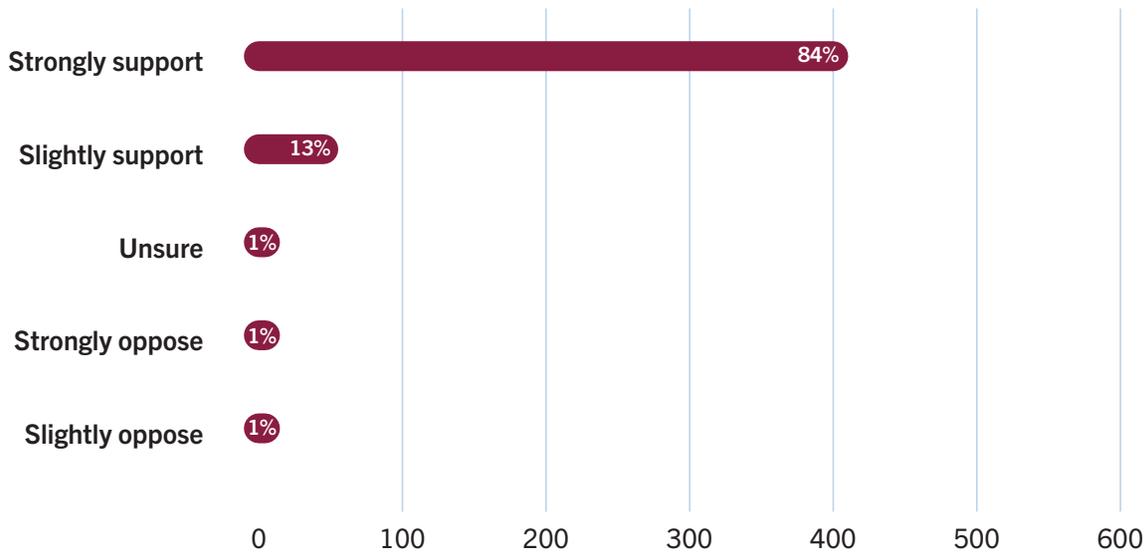


**APPENDIX D
COMMUNITY
SURVEY #2**

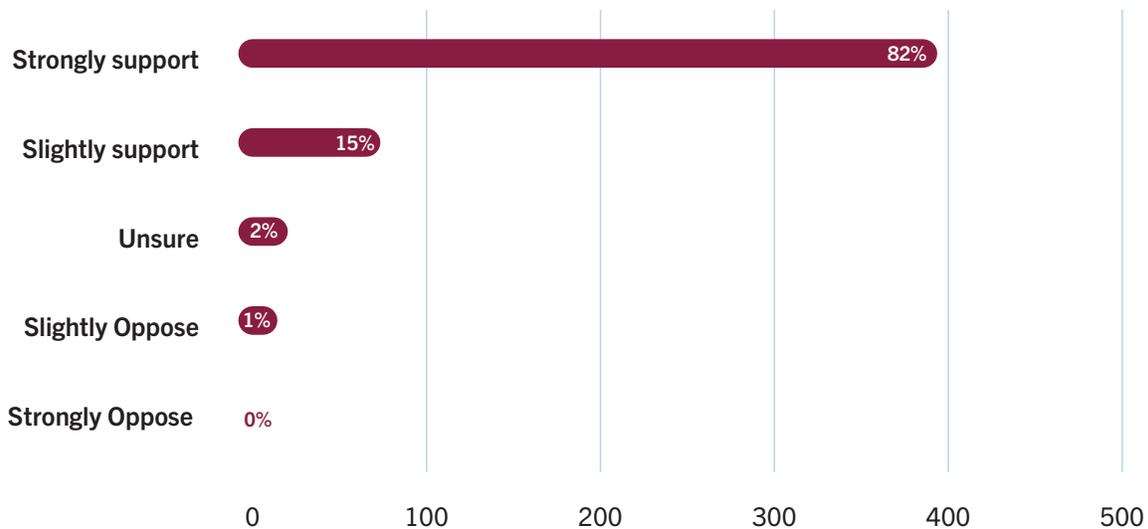
COMMUNITY SURVEY #2

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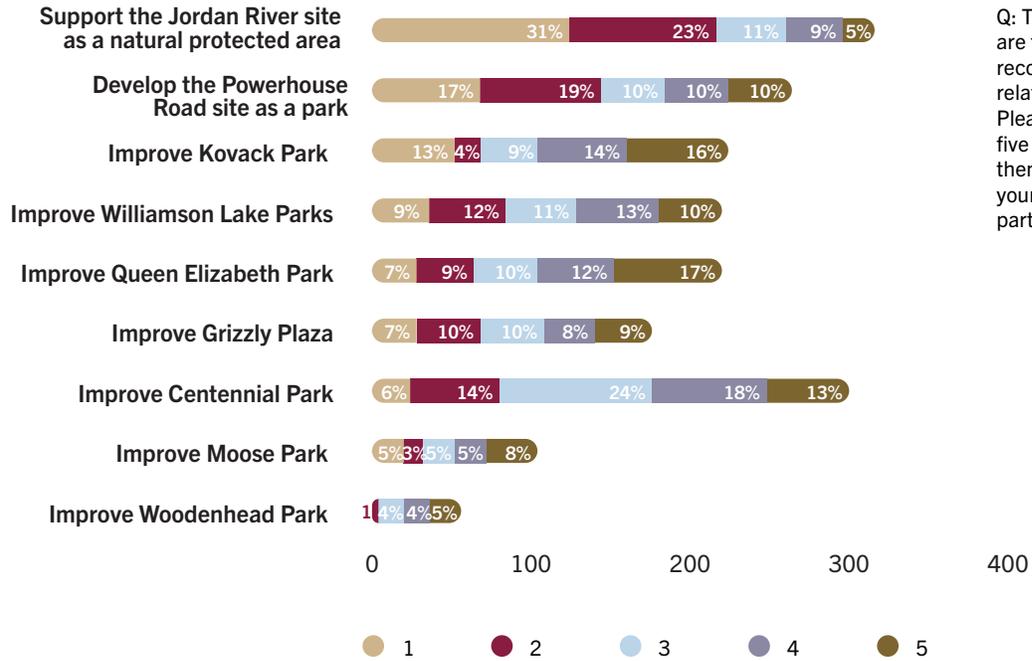
SUPPORT FOR THE VISION



SUPPORT FOR THE GOALS

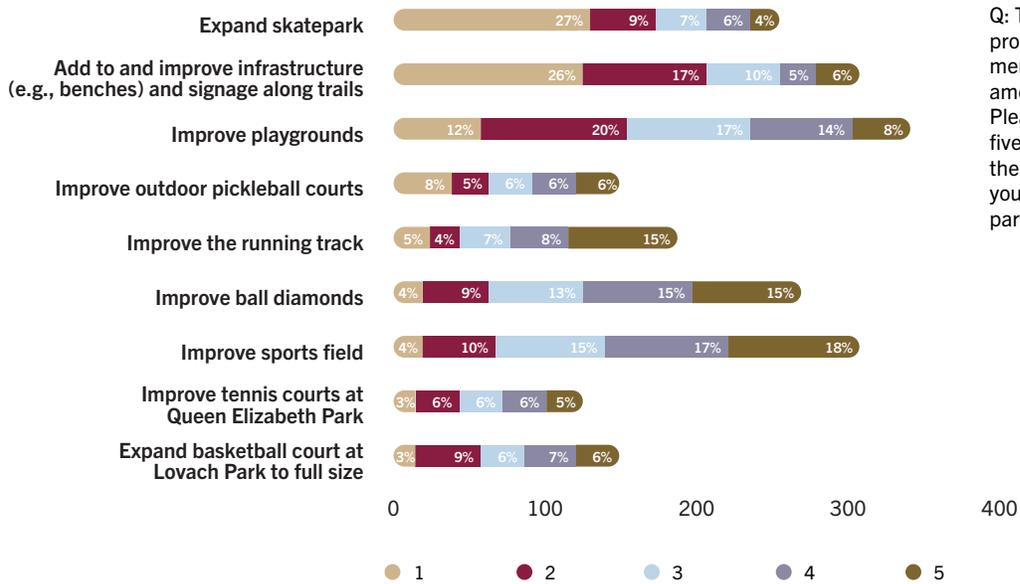


SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO PARKS



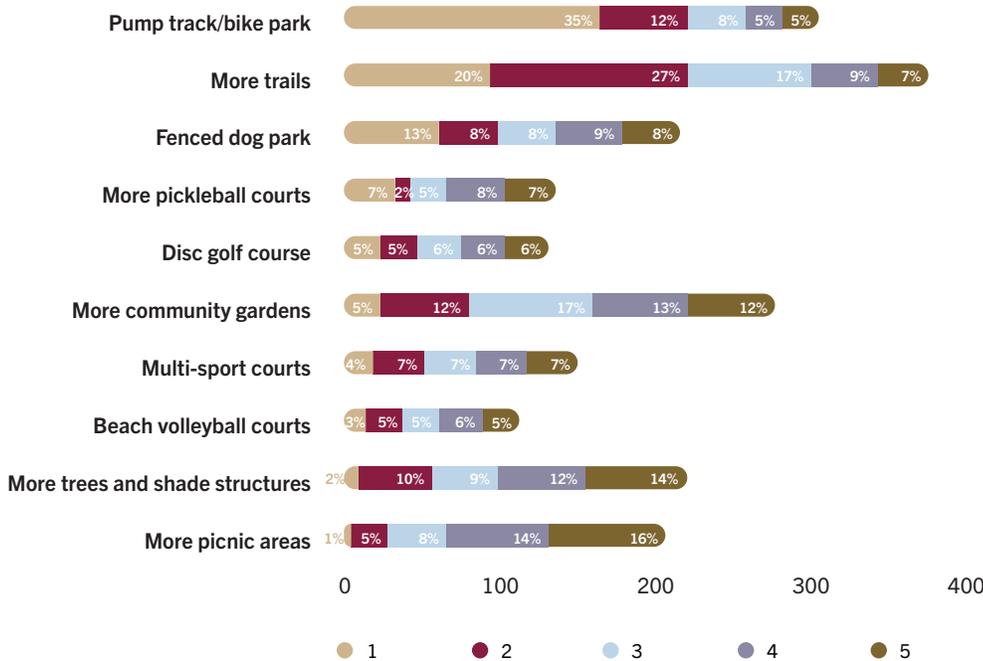
Q: The following are the key recommendations related to parks. Please rank your top five priorities (number them 1 to 5 where 1 is your top priority). Total participants: 466

SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXISTING AMENITIES AND TRAILS



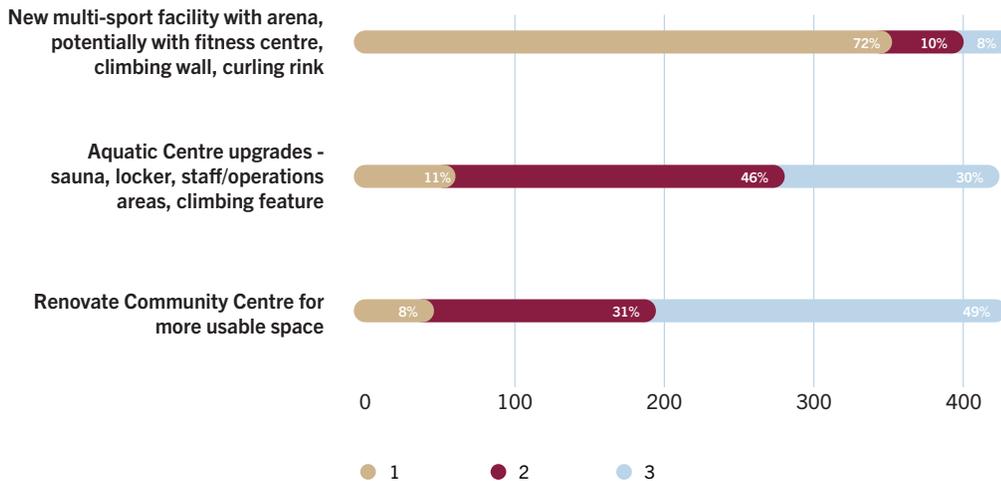
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SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW AMENITIES AND TRAILS



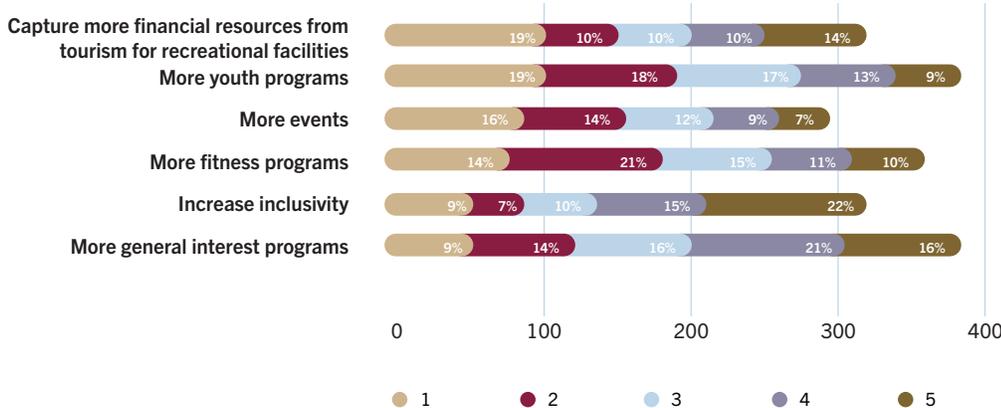
Q: The following are proposed additional or new amenities and trails. Please rank your top five priorities (number them 1 to 5 where 1 is your top priority). Total participants: 464

SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

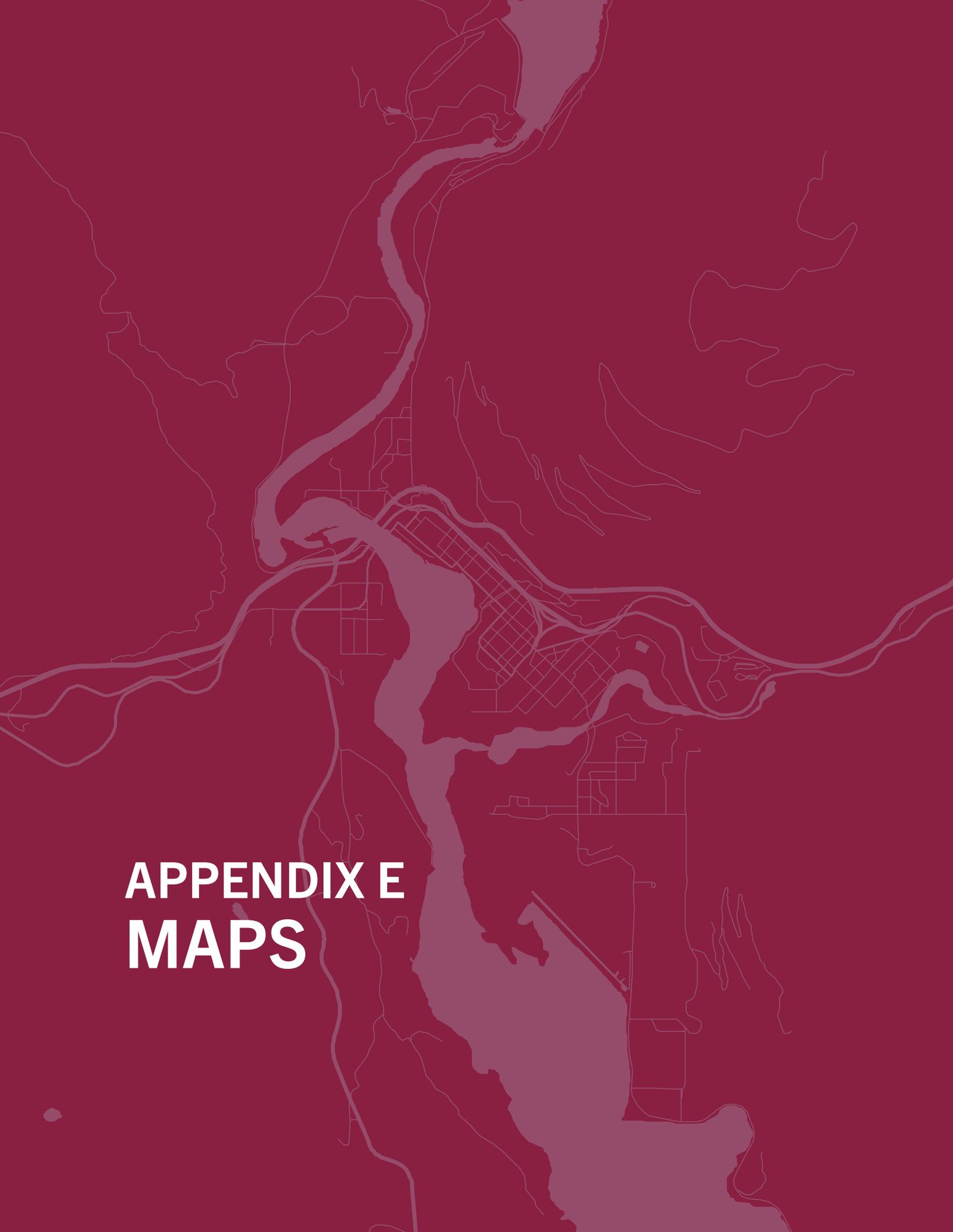


Q: The following are proposed improvements and additions to facilities. Please rank from 1 to 3 where 1 is your top priority. Total participants: 449

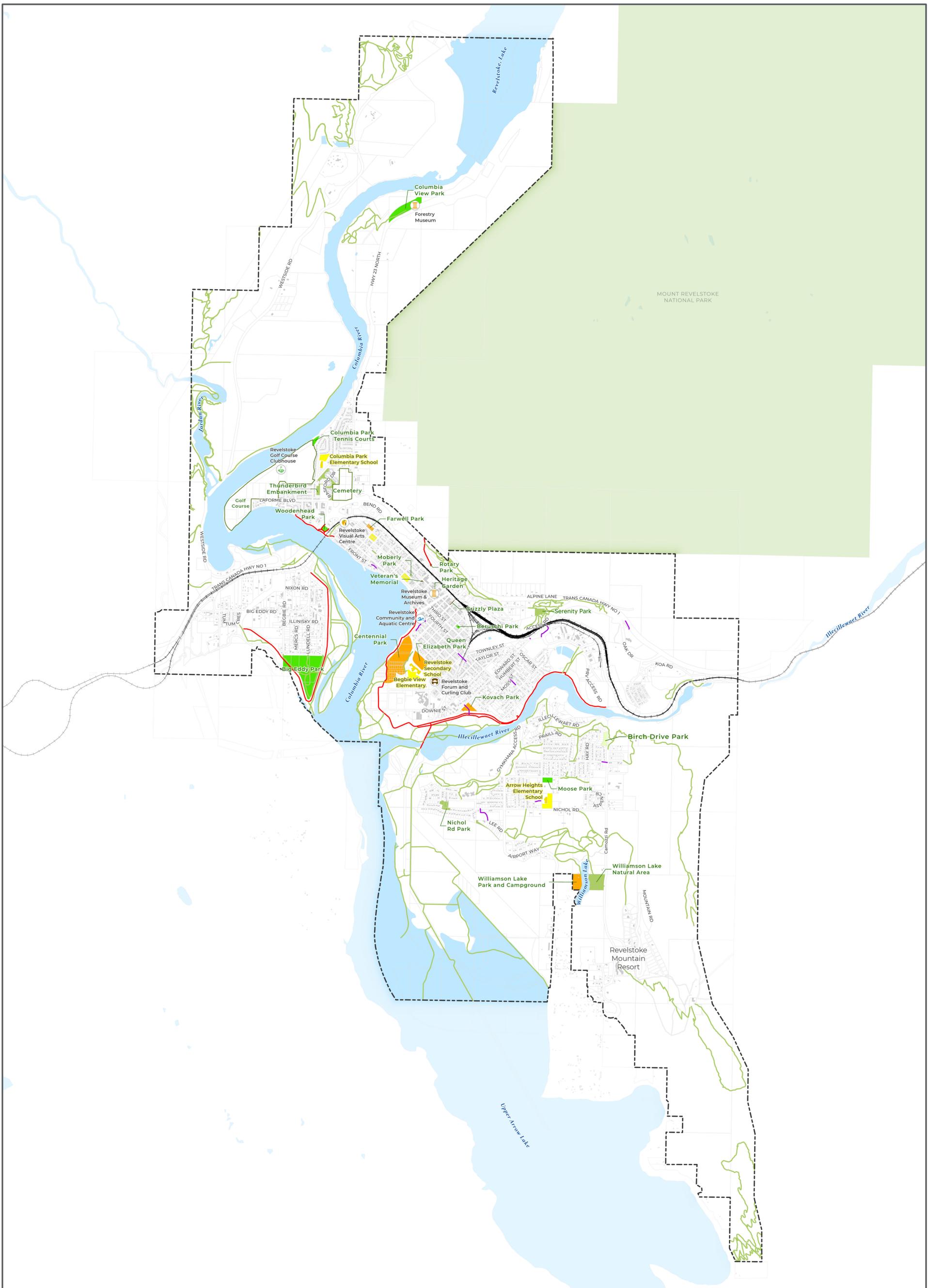
SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



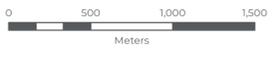
Q: The following are proposed improvements to programs and services. Please rank your top priorities (number them 1 to 5 where 1 is your top priority). Total participants: 449

A stylized map of a coastal region, likely a bay or estuary, rendered in shades of purple and blue. The map shows a central river or waterway flowing from the top left towards the bottom right. On the right side, there is a large, rectangular urban area with a grid pattern of streets. To the left of this urban area, there are several smaller, irregularly shaped land parcels. The background is a solid dark purple color. The text 'APPENDIX E MAPS' is overlaid on the lower-left portion of the map.

APPENDIX E MAPS



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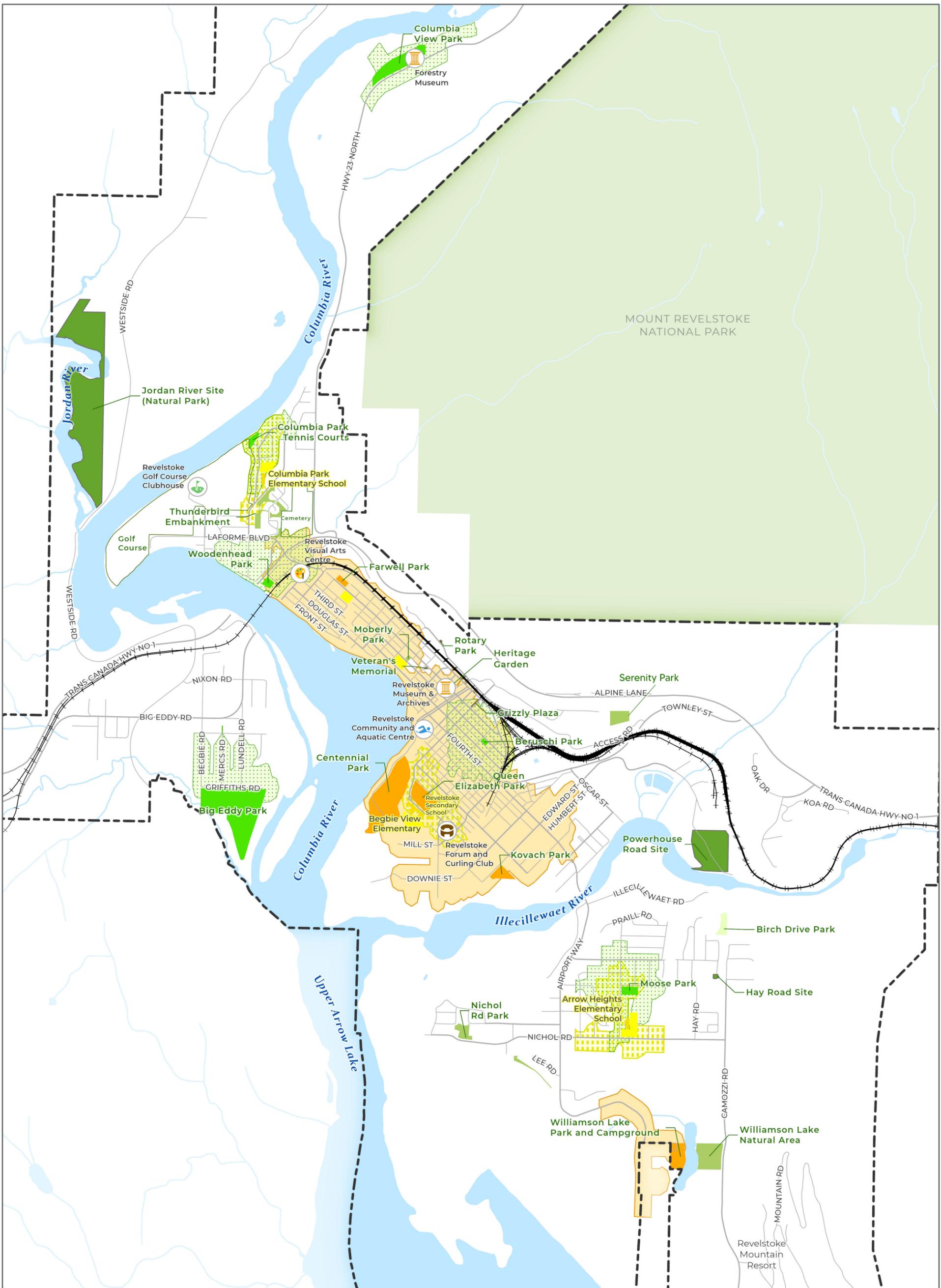
- City Boundary
- School
- School Green Space
- Parks
- Neighbourhood Park
- Special Feature
- Natural Park
- Undeveloped Park
- Railway
- Trail
- Multi-Use
- Neighbourhood
- Natural
- Trails that appear to be in rivers are used when water levels are low



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Map 1 Existing Parks and Trails

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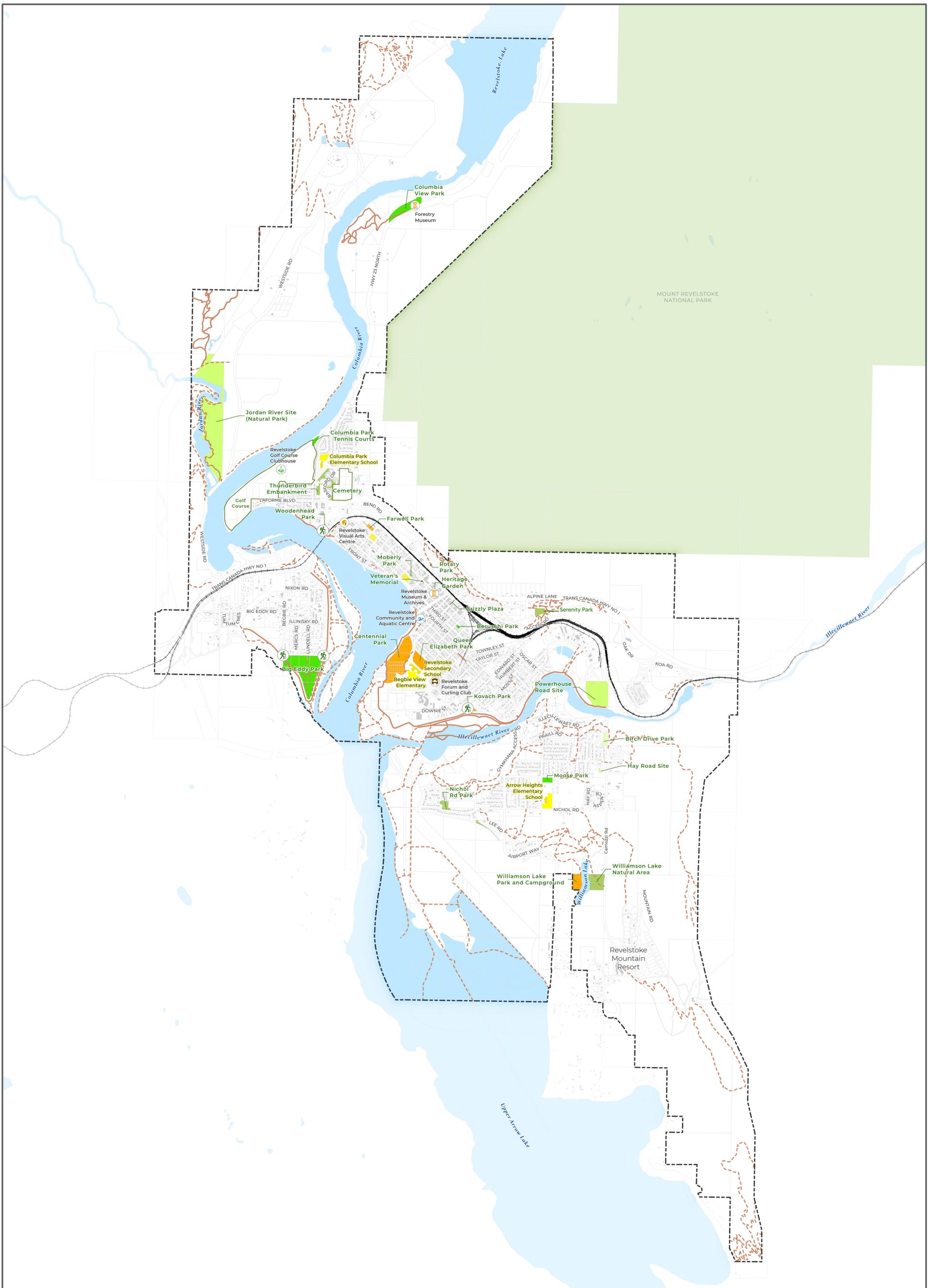
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- City Boundary
- Railway
- Parks
- Community Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- Special Feature
- Natural Park
- Undeveloped Park
- Potential Park
- School
- School Green Space
- 10 min walk from Community Park
- 5 min walk from Neighbourhood Park
- 5 min walk from School Ground

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Parks, Recreation and Facilities Master Plan
Map 2
Parkland Spatial Analysis

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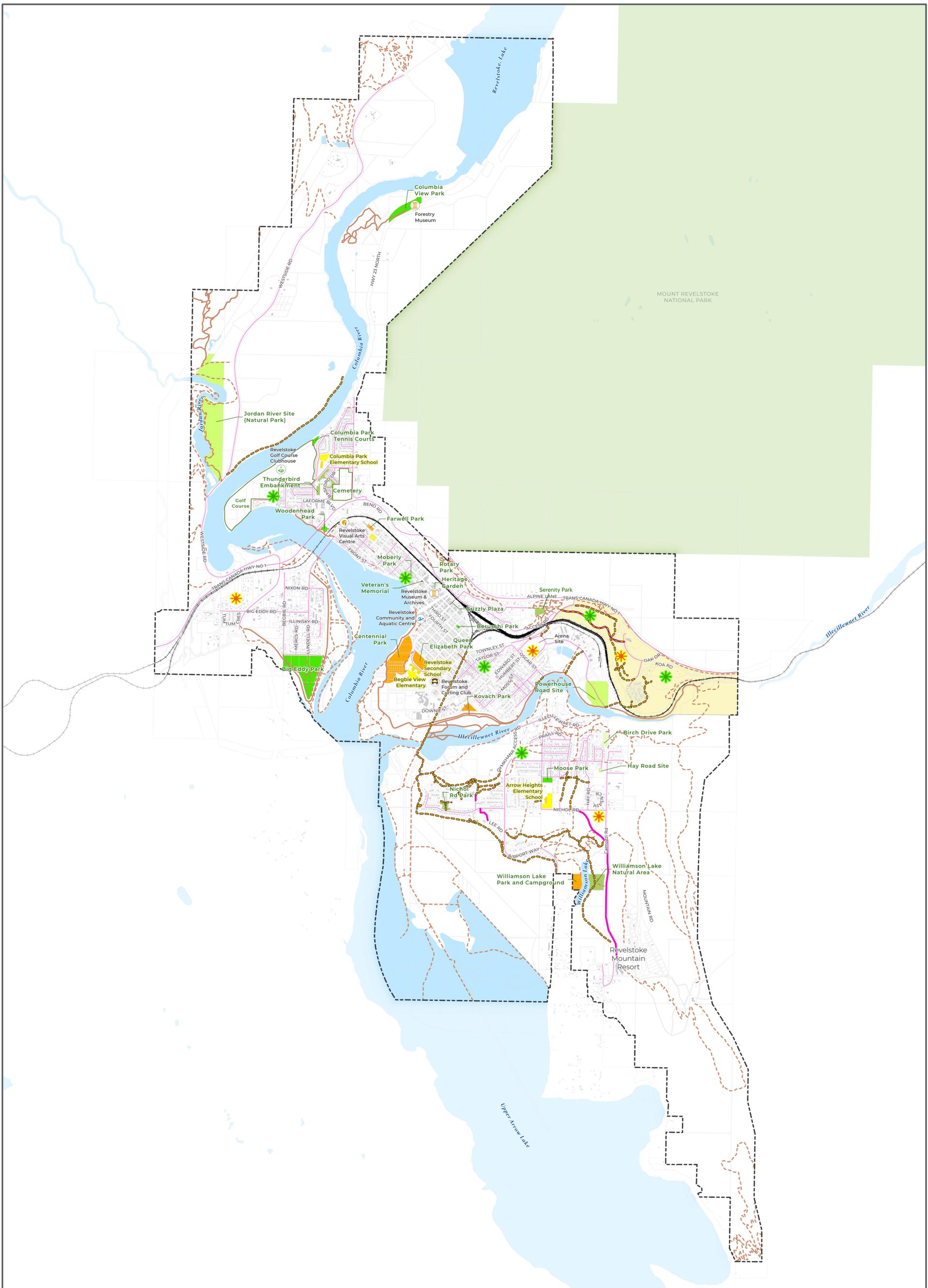
City Boundary	Parks
Railway	Community Park
Trailhead	Neighbourhood Park
Trail	Special Feature
Designated	Natural Park
Undesignated	Undeveloped Park
School	Potential Park
Buildings	
School Green Space	

Trails that appear to be in rivers are used when water levels are low

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Map 3
Designated Trails



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- City Boundary
- JHNP Boundary
- Railway
- Trail
 - Designated
 - Undesignated
 - Proposed
 - Transportation Plan
 - Proposed Multi-Use Path (draft)
 - Transportation Plan
 - Proposed Sidewalks (draft)
- Trails that appear to be in rivers are used when water levels are low

Parks

- Community Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- Special Feature
- Undeveloped Park
- Potential Park

Proposed Park

- Community
- Neighbourhood

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**Map 4
Proposed Parks and Trails**