

RDN TO HOST MOORECROFT OPEN HOUSE

Local residents can get involved in the next phase of the Moorecroft Regional Park Management Plan at an Open House on Saturday, February 11. Participants will have the opportunity to comment on three different strategies for managing the park, as well as a draft park vision, management principles, and goals. The event is scheduled for 12 noon to 4pm at Kennedy Lodge in Moorecroft Park, located at the end of Stewart Road in Nanoose Bay.

“Moorecroft Regional Park is a beautiful place to explore the local waterfront surrounded by mature forests and wetlands, and we’re committed to keeping it that way,” said RDN Chair Joe Stanhope. “I encourage residents throughout the region to share their ideas and comments as we develop the Moorecroft Management Plan.”

The Plan will guide operations, development, and stewardship of Moorecroft, based on a comprehensive analysis of property values and public and stakeholder consultation. RDN staff is working with O2 Planning and Design, the Nature Trust of BC, and the Nature Conservancy of Canada to facilitate and oversee the Plan, which is scheduled to be complete in November 2012. The Plan process was initiated in fall 2011.

Following the open house, residents will also be invited to participate in an online survey and provide feedback using an interactive mapping tool at www.rdn.bc.ca.

The Regional District of Nanaimo and The Nature Trust of British Columbia acquired the park, formerly known as Camp Moorecroft, from BC Conference of the United Church of Canada on March 2, 2011 at a cost of \$4.8 million. It is currently open for day use from 7am to 9pm daily.

For more information about the Feb. 11 Open House and other opportunities for public engagement, visit rdn.bc.ca, email moorecroft@rdn.bc.ca or contact Kelsey Cramer, RDN Regional Parks Planner, at 250 248-3252 or 1-888-828-2069.

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