

Residents Invited to Help Shape Future of City Parks and Trails

The City of Parksville, in partnership with Vancouver Island University, Master of Community Planning Program and Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute has begun a consultation strategy which will lead to the development of a new comprehensive Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Master Plan. One of the key elements in the strategy is engaging residents about their vision and priorities for parks and open spaces within the City as public engagement is an integral part of a new Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Master Plan.

On July 17, a survey will be available from the home page of the City's website (www.parksville.ca) with a series of questions to assist the City and the VIU team to identify goals and priorities for the future of parks, trails and open spaces and also guide the development of the Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Master Plan. We hope to learn what it is about these spaces our residents enjoy, what might be missing and also what changes our residents wish to see in the future.

The survey should take about ten minutes to complete and will be open from July 17 until August 10. Survey responses are anonymous and just one response per person please.

Student led open houses will be held in the Atrium, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre as follows:

Thursday, July 19	2-4 pm
Wednesday, July 25	3-6 pm
Tuesday, July 31	2-4 pm

The purpose of the open houses is to assist residents with the survey and answer questions about this project. A large scale map of City parks, trails and open spaces will be available to help anyone wishing to complete a paper copy of the survey.

At the **Wednesday, July 25** open house, VIU students will present the consultation data completed to date and engage with residents to refine recommendations for the parks, trails and open spaces network. The open house will include dotmocracy posters, interactive maps and also an opportunity to speak with the students about ideas.

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