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Time is Running Out for Input on Parks Plan

There is only one more week to give your input on the draft Regional Parks Plan of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.

“Last fall, we invited the public and interested stakeholder groups to share their thoughts about our regional parks. We asked people to identify what they liked, what they wanted to see improved, and where they felt our priorities should be for regional parks for the next ten years,” says Petra Wildauer, General Manager of Environmental Services with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.

That feedback has been compiled into a draft report and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is turning to the public once more. “We want to be sure that we have captured the feedback and that the plan is a true reflection of what residents in the region want to see from their regional parks,” says Wildauer. The draft report and a copy of an online survey can be found on the Regional District’s website at www.rdffg.bc.ca

“We want to encourage people to take a look through the report, then take a moment to fill out survey and let us know if the report captures what they want to see as the priority areas for parks in our region for the next ten years,” says Wildauer, who notes the survey is open until June 18.

The plan identifies two main goals - to provide residents and visitors with a range of outdoor opportunities within developed park areas that are designed primarily for day use, and which are representative of the region’s natural environment, recreation and heritage resources; and to create or complete trail-based linkages among regional, provincial and municipal parks.

Priority areas for existing parks for the next ten years include road signs and facility improvements at all sites, restore steep bank at Cedarside Park, complete renovations at Koeneman Park, develop the north portion of McMillan Creek and mitigate lakeshore erosion at Ness Lake Park. Future potential parks have been identified in Tabor Lake area, Hixon area, Horseshoe Lake near McBride and McKirdy Road near Valemount.

The cost to implement recommendations from the draft plan has been estimated at \$1.33 million over 10 years, not including staff time.

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