ATTACHMENT B

Westwood Lake Amenity Improvements (at First Beach and Westwood Rd parking entrance)

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

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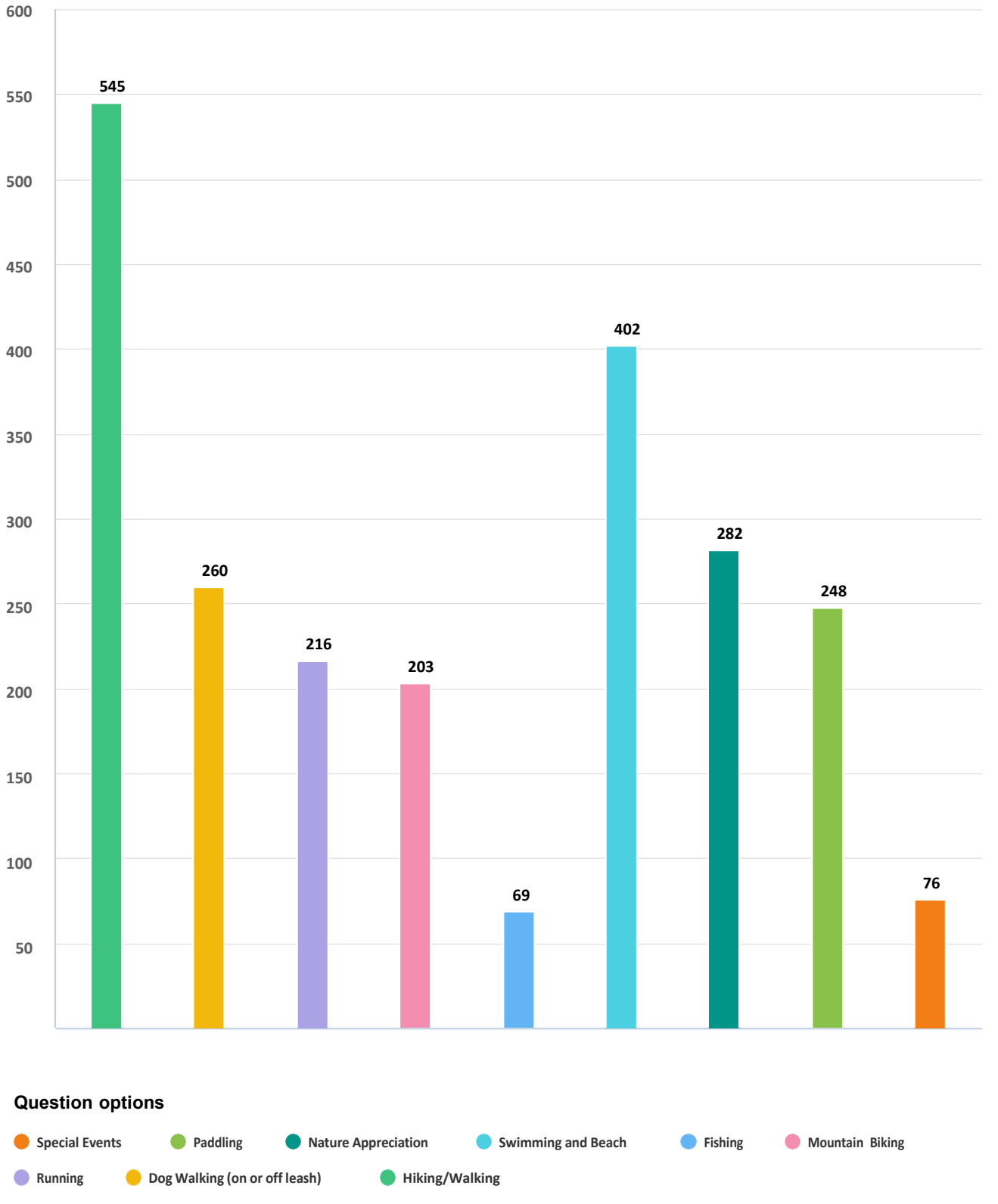
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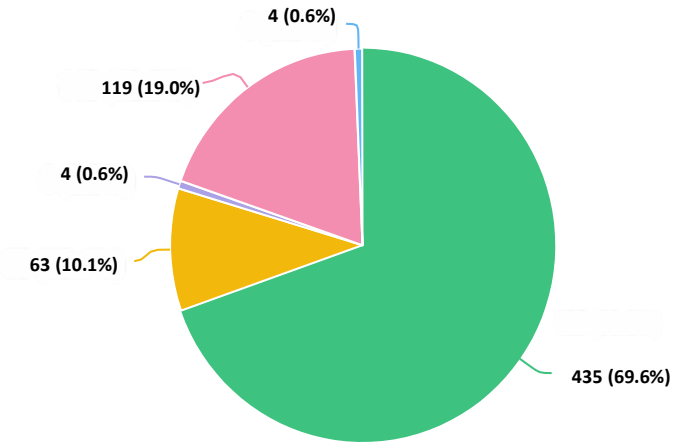
SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 What do you typically use the park for? Please mark all that apply.



Optional question (625 response(s), 11 skipped)Question type: Checkbox Question

Q2 How do you typically travel to the park? Please choose the most common for you.



Question options

- Taking the bus and walking
- Walking/running/biking to a trailhead
- By car to parking at College Heights Road
- By car to parking at the end of Arbot Road
- By car to parking lots at the end of Westwood Road

Optional question (625 response(s), 11 skipped)Question type: Radio Button Question

Q3 In general, do you support the idea of improvements and new amenities at Westwood Lake Park? Why or why not?

Beach

- Yes. Need more beach space
- Yes, long overdue. Expand beach deeper. Second beach has enough picnic and shade trees.
- Keep the renovations to the beach area at a minimum. It's good the way it is, there is plenty of space for people to swim
- Second Beach at present the ground is very dirty
- I fully support more beach
- Bigger beach
- lifeguard stand only if it will be used
- I also note that sometimes the accessibility carpets on beaches don't work for motorized wheelchairs. Make sure they are tested and fully functional and also avoid having a "road to nowhere" effect where the wheelchair ramp just cuts off before reaching the water without chairs/umbrellas; it needs to have a destination for users to find helpful.
- given the popularity, the two beach areas don't quite provide enough room for all those who want to go
- Expansion of beach
- I support any improvements to the beach and beach access area including the parking lot. Making beaches accessible and safe and clean for everyone should be the goal. Westwood is so busy now that it's hard to enjoy safely. Please keep lifeguard stations.
- Westwood Lake is already overcrowded almost all the time. Adding more parking will add to that. So unless other areas are expanded in conjunction with more parking, it will just lead to more overcrowding. This is dangerously ludicrous and irresponsible as we're still knee deep in global pandemic and not an end in sight.
- Nanaimo is rapidly growing and soon we won't be able to accommodate all that wish to enjoy the park. We need to triple the sandy beach area and expand parking capacity.
- The beach is currently very small.
- Yes, we need a larger beach and safer parking.
- Yes. Option one, but with expanded beach and new picnic area
- the beach is overcrowded
- Leave one beach playground free so you can have a younger and older oriented beach
- Yes. In general. I really think we need more parking and more beach space. Those two should be the focus.
- If additional beach space along the water, third guard chair that can move so busy days have better guard coverage (able to better guard where the people are)
- Yes love the idea of improving the space. If going to increase parking and draw more people there make sure there is enough beach available on 1st beach with potential shade spots.
- Absolutely we definitely need a larger beach area
- Absolutely, expanded beach/picnic area creates more opportunity for the public to enjoy the park
- Yes, this park sees a lot of use and would benefit from more beach space
- It is a highly used amenity in Nanaimo and a very popular beach. It has needed freshening up and a repairs for a very long time. It would be great to attract even more usage by making it more usable to the public and larger beach space and with a new playground.
- Absolutely, it is a great beach and it would be nice to have extra room and space instead of always being crowded.
- I like the increased beach size better than adding trees and grass at the back of the beach because we have a LOT of places to sit on grass, we need more sandy spaces!

Geese

- The geese are a terrible problem and should be culled. That makes the beach and water gross.

- Absolutely love the ideas. Have some way of cleaning goose droppings, and help prevent geese from going to the lake especially in the spring/summer time. Use hawks, eagles, or some way to keep them away from the beach.

Washrooms

- Yes I am a regular user and this popular site needs new washrooms!
- I like your ideas, but as a parent of three children ages 5-9 who swim at the lake you are missing the crucial issue! Currently getting changed at the lake is gross (you get changed literally right next to a toilet) - would love to see a proper (separate) change area plus more bathrooms. One gigantic accessible toilet is going to mean a huge wait for bathrooms (we already have to wait quite a bit as is)
- Westwood Lake is such a beautiful and popular place to go for all ages. But there are no changing rooms.
- I understand the gender designated toilets are controversial but as a parent I would not like my daughter (or myself, or my mother) to use a toilet where I might encounter an unknown male. The facilities at Westwood currently have clothes change space as well which is used often by the public.
- Handicapped access for washroom and beach is important to the public.
- Yes. The washrooms definitely need an upgrade.
- Expanded washroom facilities would help.
- Upgrading bathrooms for accessibility is important.
- Yes, currently the site is crowded and the bathrooms are old and need updating.
- Yes I Do. I like the idea of moving the existing washrooms with lifeguards in the second proposed idea. I did not see that question in the survey
- Need more bathrooms – not enough
- There is such a need for enhanced washroom facilities.
- The washrooms are long overdue for replacing
- nicer washrooms
- Yes. Just renovate the existing washroom if the cost is lower than the cost to totally replace the facility.
- Having a new, closer washroom for accessibility/family is a great idea,
- Clean, maintained, and safe public washrooms are, in my opinion, one of the most salient features of a community that holds the well-being of its members as a core principle. Just as the state of a kitchen does for a restaurant, the state of public amenities does for the city and area.
- clearly new washrooms and changing facilities are desperately needed
- Yes please!! Especially parking and washrooms (where even an able bodied person wearing wet flip flops struggles up that hill from the path)
- The current location of the washroom building (with the expansion in parking and beach space) is awkward. Is there any way to relocate or push further from the beach/green space the water? Universal washrooms (that lock) are problematic with our current illegal drug use issues. The washroom facilities at Florencia Beach in Tofino are attractive and accessible, but they don’t invite long stays (if you know what I mean). It also has a very nice exterior shower. Possible to have the shower water run off used to water some of the green space or trees??
- The current washrooms/change rooms are outdated and not close enough to the beach or parking (especially for disabled people).
- The washrooms could use some improvement. They are not real pleasant to use, are not accessible to all and have no family or gender neutral area
- Updating the bathrooms and making them accessible would be something reasonable and logical to do.
- The current bathrooms are pretty nasty!
- Yes, I support it. The washrooms are the same ones from 40 years ago I think
- An improved washroom/change room would also be great.
- I think the bathrooms are fine
- New bathrooms/change areas for families to use together, instead of the outdated female and male style.
- And I definitely think the washroom/changing room situation needs to be improved.
- Yes, but I think there should be a washroom half way round the lake, and may be some benches here and there to sit and admire the view.

- Upgraded bathrooms will be good.
- The washrooms could be updated.
- Updated washroom facilities are needed.
- Yes, I support improvement. The washroom and change area is in deplorable condition. Change rooms locked causing kids to change in the toilet stall!!! If there is security issues or Covid issues, figure out how to deal with the issues but don't just lock the doors! The number of toilet rooms is inadequate for the number of park users. If parking stalls are provided the City must consider the people arriving in cars and parking will use the washrooms. Events are staged at the Lake, this should also be considered when assessing the washrooms. Renovating the existing washrooms would need to be a major renovation adding many stalls.
- Better change/toilet/wash rooms
- A new universal washroom would be more welcoming to all members of the public.
- would like to see a new washroom
- The washrooms are not nice at all so I avoid them!
- The current washrooms are adequate but improvements would be welcome.
- Yes. At a minimum upgrade the bathrooms urgently. City should be embarrassed on how bad it is currently! Totally disgusting.
- I agree with all options put forward. I would like if in addition to the all-inclusive washrooms there were still men's and women's separated washroom/change rooms, IF the inclusive washroom is not for single person use.
- I do not support "universal washroom". It's really going to be a mess and get awfully smelly. Please improve by ensuring the cleanliness and hygienic of the existing washrooms. Maybe employ a daily cleaner, this will even create a job (even only during Spring to Fall)
- Yes however the items you have mentioned are all 'nice to have' things, but what is really needed is additional toilet or outhouse facilities on the power line side of the lake!
- The only improvement I support is new washrooms.
- Bathrooms were well maintained but are small and old.
- Yes. Improvements are needed as use has increased. Wonderful to see so many families using the park and Lake. Current washroom amenities are underused as they are not functional and are dark and dreary.
- Yes. It is dated and in summer cannot really handle the amount of traffic. But it does not need to be a huge project. New washrooms yes.

Bike Amenities

- A covered safe place to lock your bike
- Bike tire pump station. More water fountains
- bike wash
- Better bike amenities and trail etiquette information.
- Yes! And I love the idea of a bike wash station!
- Bike wash a great idea.
- a bike wash station
- Really like the idea of bike wash station Same as Cumberland & Duncan
- I like the bike wash suggestion and more mountain biking signage and amenities would be good, especially up towards the other entrance at the Arbot Road entry.
- bike locking/fix/wash station is a good idea
- Provisions for bike racks and having the ability to lock your bike up when visiting the lake should be incorporated.
- Having the boat launch and bike wash station so close will create congestion. I think the bike wash station could be pushed into the park further. Behind the parking area, so it’s not so front and centre in the park. This will be accommodate the people parking at Westwood Lake and Arbot road.
- The bike wash station is also a great idea

- More bike racks could be added.
- Don't think a bike wash is needed unless it does not take up a parking spot
- I really don't like the idea of a bike wash station, I feel that there are too many bikes on the narrow path as it is.
- Not in favor of the bike wash at any location around the lake, will just cause more congestion any place it exists.

Outdoor Gym/Sports

- I also think a space for slack lines would be really nice, as beach sand is some of the best surface to slack on and it's a fantastic sport for people of all ages. Many public beaches in California have slack poles installed on the beach. A volleyball court would also be amazing here.

Dogs

- More sets of steps into the water along the concrete retaining wall to allow people with dogs to swim with their dogs. Now there are only two sets of steps and they are always full on a hot day.
- I wish you guys would add in a dog beach. Really annoying how dogs can't swim off leash there

Swimming

- Returning of life jackets is a big issue
- I support it fully. Would like to see the lake water cleaned more often.

Trails

- I do like the natural trail very much and I sincerely hope that the mention of a 3 m wide trail does Not refer to the trail that goes around the lake
- I had a horrific fall and injury a month ago on the trail because it has not been maintained with the increased usage. Major routes causing hazards. Please fix this. We are healthcare workers and many people arrive in Emergency with terrible injuries As a result of poor maintenance of the trails.
- Make the trail from Westwood parking lot to Arbot road access wider to eliminate conflict between pedestrians and bikes.
- Make pedestrian only trails, the mountain bikes are EVERYWHERE
- Would love to see a bike trail added (separate from pedestrians for ebike use)
- Priority of maintenance and widening of trails to keep access available for all. Currently there is not enough room to walk, run, bike etc. on the narrow trail areas that are heavily used.
- Not sure what multi use trail would mean. Bikes on trails are a problem if treated like a mountain bike trail.
- I don't want the improvements to make the trails in the park too "civilized". I love Westwood for the nature
- I especially support all features that improve accessibility so all people living in Nanaimo can have great outdoor experiences. Some improvements to the trail would be wonderful to increase wheelchair accessibility. An example of a very accessible trail is the Lighthouse Country Trail in Qualicum. Westwood is currently 'doable' but there are a lot of rocks & roots on the way to the accessible fishing dock.
- I do like the idea of improvements the walking trail and I was always under the impression the single track trail was specifically for bikes.
- More benches would be very nice
- Expanding the beach is ridiculous, it's not even a nice place to swim. Trail improvements are more important.
- Yes new improvements are needed. And improvement Widen and improve multi use trail for biking. Along the lake to arbot Road.
- Paths need to be clearly just pedestrian in places or at least bikes must dismount when pedestrians particularly seniors are walking there. Biologists need to check out the churning effect the bikes have on paths which then grind over the roots of trees and in turn will impact the life of trees.

Greenery/Nature

- I like trees at the beach for sunburn reduction
- I do agree we need to add more trees to replace ones taken or lost to age, etc.
- I fully support more shade trees
- It will be nice to have a green space with trees in front of the first beach.
- Yes. Its way past due. Just make sure to not just pave paradise. More green space would be ideal.
- As much as possible, we should preserve the natural aspects of the park
- Yes definitely, as long as the new trees are actually watered. I'm so distressed to see so many newly planted trees in Nanaimo parks dying because they are not watered. Parks needs more funding to be able to do this well.
- love the proposed green space around the beach
- Native plants should be used in ALL applications.
- I sure do, especially if trees and green space is preserved to every extent possible.
- green/shade space is important
- I would like Westwood Lake to remain in its natural state. Upgrade what is there eg, washrooms which should be functional not designer.

Transit/Access

- Bus service
- Space on the street for emergency response vehicles would be good to think about.
- Yes, it is a wonderful park but needs better access
- Yes. However, consideration should be given to enhancing the road (bike lane?) and sidewalk access to this park.
- Yes, it is so important for everyone living in Nanaimo to have access to the outdoors, and such initiatives are opening the door for inclusivity for those more advanced in age, as well as those with mobility issues.
- I support the improvements but am concerned about increased traffic on the roads and the possibility of crowding on the single main trail.
- I would like to see it more accessible to families, children and seniors.
- Yes, except for more parking. Why not instead of parking, install bike lockers and better more frequent public transit to get there.
- Improving bus access would limit the desire for more parking.
- I would like to see more creativity and options to reduce vehicle traffic and parking. For example the plans don't seem to show any bike parking. What about a summer/weekend shuttle or bus from core areas to the lake. Why should we pave half the park and remove mature trees just so more people can drive to the lake. The street route to the lake could be improved to make it safer for cyclists including kids. Improved connectivity and signage on trails from Morell to Westwood would facilitate people riding/walking from Harewood side.
- In general, yes. However, living in the area and having to contend with the ever increasing traffic, I would like to see better and safer access via Westwood Rd. This would include: more frequent buses (perhaps even one that goes to the lake); full sidewalks on both sides of Westwood rd.; better traffic control/access at the juncture of Westwood Rd. and Arbot Rd. as this is a scary and dangerous intersection that will only get worse as visitors increase, which will happen with increased population and increased amenities at the park.
- I'm in favor of additional accessible parking, but not a large increase in parking spaces. Improved transit (shuttle bus, etc.) should be a greater priority. A shuttle bus from VIU on holidays and weekends, especially in the summer, would be great to expand access without increases in traffic, pollution, congestion at the lake. Also I'd like to see the City ensure there are consistent sidewalks and curb cuts along Westwood from Jinglepot, for pedestrians walking to the lake.

Parking Lot

- More than 6 spots of accessible parking. Think whole front row should be accessible parking
- Parking congestion keeps me from using it in July and august.
- Definitely need more parking as it's often difficult to find a spot at peak times. More parking at Arbot road would be great for bikers as well. Redirect them from main parking.
- Love the idea of more parking and safer ingress / egress top Westwood.
- Yes, it could be upgraded. The idea of adding vegetation, more parking, and better traffic flow away from pedestrians is necessary.
- Yes. Condition of far parking lots and narrow passage to get there is really bad currently.
- Absolutely agree Westwood needs updates. More parking and one direction of traffic flow (one entrance, one exit) would be ideal.
- Yes please make improvements to what is a very popular spot. Parking/access and pedestrian safety needs attention badly.
- Yes I am a regular user and this popular site needs more parking
- expanded parking
- parking is terrible
- More parking is needed for sure
- I like permeable parking areas.
- Yes. The parking lot definitely needs an upgrade.
- Better flow of traffic into second beach would help.
- More parking, definitely.
- Parking needs to be solved
- Yes, currently beyond capacity in summer, poor pedestrian flow and traffic flow
- A small increase in size of parking area and better traffic flow would be good. But not too large.
- Keep the parking away from the beach area as planned is huge with children and people moving in this area is always hazardous at present.
- Possibly between 1st & 2nd beach or in the lot off Westwood Re: enhanced parking lot flow… will it mean more downed mature trees? In that case, no. I do not support vendors & food trucks... not necessary
- I fully support a better parking lot
- More parking.
- High usage Parking lot sometimes full
- It's overdue for an overhaul, especially the danger the parking lot poses to pedestrians, cyclists and dogs, as there's no marked crosswalk and cars are backing out frequently. And time for the pathetic gravel overflow parking lot to go.
- More parking is crucial to keeping pedestrians safe.
- Yes. Improve away. I'm there year round and the parking lot is busy in the winter too so definitely more parking is needed.
- I really support the proposed changes. Especially the new parking ideas, the existing road is dangerous for pedestrians.
- Yes but only option one. We need more green space. I'd rather not see cars and such while trying to enjoy the beach. We don't really need more parking because it's already so busy, we don't need it busier!
- More parking is definitely needed, it can be very difficult to find parking on hot days.
- Yes, with the exception of using all that lovely parkland to increase parking. Make bike lanes to and from park better instead and increase transit to the area in the summer.
- More parking.
- Support- top priority should be more parking
- Need even more accessible parking. And more regular parking (more than 75).

- Expanding the parking lot is a very good idea and taking the parking away from the first beach, except for accessible spots, is also a good idea. I like that the access is moved further away from the beach too, good for safety.
- Better/added signage throughout the park, having a new entrance to the park/ parking lot is a great idea and the more parking the better as the neighborhood is too tight.
- Very much so. The parking at Westwood Lake is lacking MAJORLY. The park is probably one of the most used in Nanaimo, but the community is beginning to outgrow it in its current state. Expansion and improvements would be excellent!
- Yes because I do open water swimming daily at Westwood and it can clearly use new parking spots
- Absolutely support improvements, especially parking
- Yes, parking is often crowded and is big motivating factor in choosing alternative outdoor recreation.
- Definitely support more parking and less congestion with cars and people. Other than that, the City should generally be aiming for ways to do make upgrades cheaply or at a reasonable price.
- Yes but more us of the second parking lot should be in plan and less use of the planned parking lot, in other words make better use of what parking is already there. Make two smaller parking lots instead of a big one. Spread it out along the lakeshore makes it safer and does less damage to the park and trees.
- Yes, I support them. We need more parking spots and to modernize amenities/make them accessible.
- 6 accessible parking stalls out of over 100 is reprehensible
- Yes support it and like the first plan with that maximum number of parking stalls that is the biggest issue is the lacking of proper parking area. Better signage as well.
- Support idea of improvement. REALLY like Plan 1 for additional parking. It offers a better flow of traffic with less cross points of pedestrians.
- Yes. The parking lot often fills quickly on the weekend and traffic flow could be improved. Additional amenities and added features such as improved storm water management would be great to see.
- Yes. More parking and accessibility is very much needed.
- I do, Westwood to lake is a great location and Nanaimo staple. We see continuously that the parking can be very congested in the summer.
- I definitely do support improvements. This is one of the most used parks that I frequent. Parking is often challenging and safety concerns entering and exiting are always on my mind. So many multi users … boats, bikes, kids, aging. It's awesome. The location is easy to get to for so much of the city. A wonderful gathering and meeting spot
- Yes. Highly used green space in Nanaimo. Increasing parking would be my number 1 priority.
- I do support the idea of improvements as the park will only continue to become more popular over the years and parking will get more difficult if nothing changes.
- Yes, my family and I use this beach and trails a lot. We struggle to find parking at time, and the first lot is hazardous for our young children.
- The parking needs addressing
- Yes. Parking is difficult
- As for more parking, that just leads to more people, who then require more washrooms and more beaches, etc. Perhaps better not to expand total stalls and use it to manage capacity in the park instead
- Yes. It is crowded and often parking is an issue
- Yes. Current parking is not enough, there is no protection of the lake from parking lot runoff
- Security cameras in parking lots would be a theft deterrent. Add as much additional parking as possible.
- Yes. The parking flow really needs improved.
- Paved parking lot.
- Long overdue, increased vehicle volume creates hazards with pedestrians, cyclists and users of the boat launch at/near the entrance gate. Separate vehicles from pedestrians and boat launch.
- Yes, it is a fantastic amenity but the vehicle/pedestrian conflicts need to be addressed, as well as the lack of parking.
- I do support this idea. Westwood is such a hugely popular park in Nanaimo, it needs some love and some more parking spaces!
- Yes- more parking and better traffic flow to decrease risk of pedestrians getting struck by cars

- I support the first option proposal, as it focuses on addressing major concerns like parking and traffic.
- Yes. The park is in such high demand and the parking lot is very dangerous how it is currently designed. Foot traffic has to cross the boat launch then navigate the parking lot that doesn't have clear flow.
- Yes, it is a widely used park and it is not uncommon to be unable to find a parking spot during higher use summer months when families flock to the beach.
- yes parking is greatly needed accessibility and playground also
- I love the updates. I prefer the first option to the second, but expanded (and updated) parking is necessary as too many people walk in that parking lot. It's dangerous for families and children.
- Yes. It is well used park that constantly has a full parking area.
- Yes. the park is a disaster in the warmer times and people park all over the place blocking the flow of traffic
- Improvements definitely need to be done. Improve parking.
- Yes! Love that more people will be able to park in the parking lot
- Yes parking lot is always busy so we avoid going there
- Yes. Much needed improvements, the parking lot is a mess as it is. More parking and expanded beach go together.
- Yes. More parking is needed. Accessibility to the park is hampered by the lack of parking as you cannot park in areas outside of the park. It is frustrating having to circle for some time to try and find a space. Lack of parking is starting to interfere with the ability to use the park.
- Increased parking. Increased spaces for pedestrians and cyclists to traverse across the parking lot area without worrying so much about vehicle accidents. Plus with dogs cant cross on the beach which is a current safety issue
- I do support it because the park is so popular and parking can be tricky.
- Yes simply because of the increase of usage there. More parking would be most helpful.
- Absolutely, it's a busy parks that needs an upgrade. Just don't get rid of the parking a second beach facilities.
- More parking is needed, and some thoughtful design and finished parking lot and landscaping would be so lovely.
- The parking is woefully inadequate although I dislike the idea of a larger parking lot.
- More parking indeed.
- Yes, more parking and space for people is needed. Westwood Lake is probably the most used park in Nanaimo.
- Yes but a bigger picture needs to be designed, it's too small!! Westwood is a gold mine we all know that plan it right from the start and it will pay off. It still lacks beach area and parking. Look at the Tofino Pacific Rim surf parking lot. It's huge with trees for shade. Still fills up and super functional. perhaps get help from Parks Canada for their functional designs
- We definitely need more parking as it's always a problem in the summer
- Yes! Nanaimo is my hometown and when deciding on whether or not to move back to it last year my visits to Westwood Park hugely contributed to that. This is a beautiful piece of space that unfortunately isn't very accessible especially in the summer months. So adding those extra parking spots I feel would be greatly beneficial.
- think we need more parking
- Lots of people have large family vehicles and trucks, and bike racks, the parking at Westwood is great! Newer parking lots in the city are really hard to park in.
- The improvements and new amenities are very welcome. It is a very busy park and the parking situation feels unsafe. Specifically set out parking stalls and adequate driving space between first and second beach would be very helpful for drivers and pedestrians.
- Yes, the current parking lot is overflowing
- I really like moving the entrance away from the beach area and I really like the idea of moving the traffic away from where people are accessing the trails. I think more parking spots in the first lot makes sense for people who are heading for the trails.

- As a nearby homeowner, my wife and I use Westwood Lake Park frequently and are in favor of the improvement ideas, especially increasing the ability of the park area to accommodate the large numbers of people it often receives. It is often very congested.
- Parking & traffic flow need improvement; access to 1st & 2nd beaches & parking need to be re-routed and more parking stalls to accommodate the increased popularity of the beaches/trails, etc. is very important
- Just don't make the spots too small. Difficult enough to use
- Yes, parking is impossible in summer. Increased parking space should be the top priority
- Yes. There is currently not enough parking and the lot is hard to navigate.
- I very much support increasing the amount of parking and beach, and adding accessibility features. In doing this work, I would expect a high standard of universal accessibility and environmental and social sustainability. I'm indifferent to other improvements (but if lots of people really wanted something that I'm not interested in, then I would support that). I support more parking and beach because it often feels really crowded there in the summer. I support accessibility features because I believe in equitable access to public spaces. I support environmental sustainability in making improvements because to me they are ethically necessary, and also because they are arguably financially conservative - while they sometimes cost more to implement, they are sustainable, so often last longer or can be repaired instead of replaced, or evolve. They are particularly financially responsible when many factors are taken into account (i.e. a water-permeable surface for the parking lot, like gravel, would allow water to enter the ground, taxing sewer systems less and creating damper earth, decreasing fire risks. While sewer system use and fire risk are usually not taken into consideration when evaluating the price and cost of parking surface, when they are taken into account, environmentally sustainable choices are clearly also financially conservative, long-term. And we're here for the long-term. Even when I'm so ancient or grumpy that I don't want to visit the lake, I'll want my caretakers to be emotionally and physically healthy - i.e. to have access to delightful and usable public spaces.)
- Absolutely, improvements are much needed! Park is incredibly popular year-round, not just in the summer months. Love Site Plan 2 with two entrances, closing off the current main entrance. Traffic flow would make so much more sense, be safer for vehicle and pedestrians entering/exiting park and allow improved emergency access.
- Yes, more parking is VERY much needed and should be the main priority. The rest is good but not needed. I never see the handicapped spaces used that are currently there so I don't think the option with the most is that important.
- Yes! Westwood Lake is one of the jewels in Nanaimo, and it is in need of an update. It's very popular, so more parking and amenities to enjoy the outdoors are important.
- Yes. There is limited parking
- Absolutely. Primarily parking expansion
- Yes. As a neighbor that backs on to the park property I feel additional parking may reduce the congestion on Westwood Rd and the adjacent neighborhood side streets. I highly support a one way in/out structure though, NOT the single entrance exit.
- Staff parking area to ensure from open to close of season staff can adequately park and open the beach on time.
- Yes. It is popular and parking is a nightmare.
- Yes I believe it needs up grading. But parking spaces for vehicles with boat trailers need to right at the boat launch or as close to as possible.
- Yes, it is very busy and the overflow parking often comes out onto Westwood Road. Also, the current parking lot if challenging to maneuver when full
- Yes, it is very popular and a nice lake. To have enhanced features and more parking would allow even more happy users
- Yes. Better and safer parking.
- Absolutely we definitely need way more parking
- Absolutely, improved parking creates more opportunities for the public to enjoy the park
- Yes support. Need more parking!
- Yes, this park sees a lot of use and would benefit from additional parking

- Yes I do. It is a very popular beach and trail system. We need more space for vehicles and people to enjoy the lake. I really like plan 1.
- Yes, it would be nice to have better parking, traffic flow, and beach area.
- Yes it is long overdue for a refresh. The parking is at capacity most summer weekends, and safety is an issue as the bottle neck won't allow emergency vehicles to end of lot.
- Yes, improvement needed. I like Site plan 1 except the parking and boat launch should be a loop. In one end and out the other. The access to only the boat launch seems like a waste when it could improve access and egress to the lot.
- Long overdue, separation of pedestrians from car traffic.
- we need more parking to keep lake traffic from flooding into neighborhood (we dislike the speeding parkers)
- Yes, I support the improvements. Need as many parking spaces as possible so all can enjoy. Don't think the accessible parking spots have to be that large. A drop of spot for wheel chairs then park in a regular spot.
- Yes. It is a widely used park that is not able to support the amount of people using it. More parking spaces would reduce the parking in surrounding neighbourhoods
- Yes, I like the idea of more parking and a little bit bigger beach
- I'm a nearby resident (Benson View Blvd) who accesses the lake trails 4-5 times per week and would love to see improvements to facilitate more use of this recreational gem. Makes my heart happy to see people outside walking, biking, swimming, SUPing, kayaking, fishing. Improvements are definitely needed to support an increase in volume though, particularly around vehicle/pedestrian conflicts. Don't let the Westwood NIMBY folks get you down! This gem is for the whole city!
- Yes, particularly the parking lot.
- Yes it has so much potential!! We already love it here but the parking is brutal
- I support some improvements, however the preservations of all natural areas should be top priority - not additional parking and additional paving for human use.
- I absolutely support as adding more parking and reconfiguring the layout should make it safer for pedestrians and more relaxing for the beach users. The users exceeded the space at Westwood years ago so it'll be great to see the changes.
- Yes I agree with improvements. There are enough parking spots when the gravel parking area which is not shown on the map is included but the entrance area is not well designed and on busy days is congested and needs a specific walk area for pedestrians. Of the two systems shown I prefer the second as it provides two access points.
- Yes. The park desperately needs more parking space, people are parking down Westwood Road and other roads and having to walk to the park. Leaving nearby residents a lack of parking around their own homes.
- I absolutely do the park is already a hub of activity in the summer already we should add more activities to the park and add more space and parking!
- I really like the separation between pedestrians and the parking lot.
- Yes. It is quite crowded already, and improvements are needed re parking, accessibility.
- Yes please, it's a great spot that doesn't have enough parking. In the summer's I avoid going because of the parking situation.
- Yes! The current parking lot is rather congested and leads cars to be very close to pedestrians.
- Yes, entry gate is in bad spot and gets very congested.
- Yes, I think having a greater focus on pedestrians and moving the entry away from the beach is a great option.
- I support the improvements as it is a great park but the parking lot can get very full in the summer.
- Improvements and management are necessary to increase water quality in the lake and reduce traffic overflow parking down Westwood road and add to tourism destinations in Nanaimo
- Provided that all the amenities do not take out lots of trees. We will soon become a park of parking spaces not green spaces. People come here for the green spaces and nature. Not in favor of a bus at the lake, too big of a vehicle and needs to have a turnaround which then would force more green space lost to vehicular needs, not pedestrian needs. We have to accept that there will never be enough parking so cap it and then let overflow go where it will.

- Expanded parking yes.
- I don’t think more parking spaces should be added, cars can park in the neighborhood or bike to the park.

Boat Launch

- relocating the boat ramp to a less congested location
- We need a boat launch for our kayaks and small watercraft. Ideally with space to turn around a vehicle.
- No electric boat launch
- Please explain the benefits and issues of relocating or maintaining existing boat launch. A non-user of boat launch, it is hard to know. However, it is something I may use in the future.
- Do not move that boat launch to the second beach. It’s just kicking the problem to another site and it belongs by the entrance. Don’t make big trailers drive and do a 23 point turn to get their boats in at that beach. You have the launch so close to the road right now. Keep it there and adjust it.
- Yes, the park needs an overhaul. Moving the boat launch so it isn't adjacent to the main beach is a great idea, however is really nice and easy access where it currently sits.
- Boat Launch needs to remain and allow for truck/vehicle to back in.
- It needs a boathouse on site for boat storage and/or rentals.
- Site plan 1 has no accommodation for boat trailer access or parking. To alleviate boat ramp congestion, a second beach location would be ideal.
- The boat launch adjacent to the main beach creates a hazard between kids and vehicles.
- Will there be designated parking available for boaters with trailers? Has the Freshwater Fishery Society been consulted with their site preference for re-stocking the lake?
- like the boat launch where it is now
- The flow getting in and out of the boat launch is sketchy when it is busy. If the number 1 idea was used for the boat launch there would be no traffic interfering with getting in and out of the boat launch.
- I use the park at least weekly for running/swimming/kayaking. Moving the boat launch to the second beach would cause people to have to drive through the parking lots and pedestrians with trailers to launch, park, turn around, and is a very very bad idea.
- YES, I walk the lake every week all year. This summer by 10am both parking lots were full. People using the boat launch struggled to find parking for a huge truck and trailer. It’s fun to watch them try and launch their boats, but might be better for them to move boat launch to 2nd parking lot.

Covered Spaces/Picnic Areas

- Covered picnic areas separated beach court area for smash ball or vball games. (separate from the public beach space)
- Pavilion, rental space for events
- very limited picnic areas
- Would like to see shelters for events. Ask Runners of Compassion, Frontrunners and people with accessibility for input. These are the people that really understand what makes a park good.
- Yes. You can't go wrong with installing lots of picnic tables.
- Need picnic areas for families and gathering in partially shaded area
- I hope some picnic tables will be wheelchair accessible.
- Updated picnic area near the beach would be wonderful!
- There is currently limited picnic benches and seating.
- Definitely, especially increasing parking and grassy picnic areas or possibly play areas for set up your badminton net etc.
- Don’t need shade trees on the beach. But picnic tables and shade trees.
- I haven’t had difficulty finding a parking space, so I would prefer to see a picnic and play area instead of a lot more parking.

Playground

- the playground is so old and boring
- The playground equipment could be improved.
- I don't think adding a playground is necessary or a good idea.
- No need for a big playground, people come to Westwood to swim, bike and walk, there are many other playgrounds in the city.
- site plan 2 is bad, please make a fun playground the accessible ones suck so bad it's a waste of money
- I support a new playground
- I fully support an improved playground
- The playground is long overdue for replacing
- Yes, as mentioned this is a well-loved park in Nanaimo and could really use a new playground
- Yes, I do support the improvements. I think I would be more partial to a new playground if I had children, but at this point in my life I am neutral on the topic.
- Yes. I think it needs an updated playground and picnic area very badly. It will encourage more families to visit.
- Yes, I believe a new larger playground is the top of my list to see updated there. There aren't many playgrounds in the Westwood / South jingle pot area and this would be a huge addition!
- Yes! It's always overcrowded and the playground is a sad sight
- Support new amenities, absolutely. My kids are older now but a new playground is desperately needed as are new washrooms.
- Amenities like new washroom and playground a must
- Bigger park and slide into lake
- Yes! More parking and a shaded playground
- I think it's fantastic! A new playground that caters to both younger kids and older kids would be fantastic! Something natural or even you could take some ideas from the fantastic Parksville playground!
- the playground needs updating
- Yes, it very much needs new playground, more parking, updated bathrooms, and more picnic tables
- The lake area is for swimming and water related activities if people want to go to a playground then go a playground not a lake.
- I don't believe we need extra playground, as nature is a wonderful program for children.
- Absolutely we definitely need another playground
- Yes I absolutely support improvements to Westwood Lake. This park is a multi-use park that looks tired and is in dire need of change. The playground is so tiny and doesn't excite children to play there.
- Absolutely. It's time for more parking, and especially a new playground.
- People don't go here for the playground don't make that a focus, keep it simple
- Yes please! We live in the neighborhood and the kids need a new playground!!
- I like the idea of a new playground at second beach
- My kids have never played at the park because it is not nice but they are older now. A nice park will be good for people with young kids.
- Yes we absolutely do, me and my family just moved a block from the lake and really enjoyed our first summer at Westwood. My kids were sad that the tire swing was taken down. We're happy to see a new playground is included in both samples. I think a new park should be an important part of the improvements, both for tourists and the neighborhood kids as the closest park is far away.

Entertainment/Food Vendors

- I would also love to see a space that could house a small local market, SUP rental shack, ice cream truck etc.
- I think its nice having the option for small food vendors (popsicles, hot dogs) on carts but large food trucks take up a lot of space in the lot and on the beach.
- Space on the street for food trucks to set up would be good to think about.

- Special events are nice but there should be respect as to noise level and time of day.
- food options are a must
- Yes, I think there could be some better opportunities with fixed establishments rather than food trucks. Think Cumberland, brew pub small restaurant, patio. This would help with the promotion of Westwood as a cycling destination. Don't just focus on the lake as the draw for this area.
- Encouraging food trucks is also a great idea.
- Why are you wasting money on a bike wash? Why not add more area for local vendors?
- The food vendor area is good they don't get a lot of business

Park Maintenance

- Lack of garbage cans and general cleanup is a big issue
- As well, I hope the city intends to employ extra staff for continual maintenance, for the extra garbage and vandalism that will most likely occur due to all the extra parking/people.
- MUCH MORE ATTENTION TO GARBAGE AND ITS REMOVAL! It's just terrible at Westwood now. Garbage is overflowing most of the time! More garbage bins AND definitely more emptying of them!
- One area that could use some practical attention is the area on the bluffs (College Drive shore side). This area is often littered glass, cans, cigarettes and fishing tackle. If there is a maintenance crew, perhaps they could add this space to their route? There is no garbage can so a bit challenging for the regular public to clean up after the messy visitors.

Yes

- Really anything will be a great improvement!
- Yes, it's heavily used by beachgoers and walkers/runners/bikers/kayakers/fishermen
- I support them because I frequent Westwood Lake a fair bit. I take my family there for swimming and I also use it as a recreation space for myself when running or mountain biking. I think the improvements and new amenities mentioned are all really great ideas.
- Yes! It's an increasingly popular place.
- Yes improvements are long overdue. I use this park a lot. Needs some TLC
- Yes I support! Much needed
- Yes I support the idea of improvements and new amenities at Westwood. Much needed for the safety, preservation, and enjoyment of the lake as one of Nanaimo's top places to visit.
- Yes. It is a great park and anything to enhance it would be great.
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes - it is a popular.
- Yes
- This is a well-used park, and easy to get to. Accessibility is great for everyone
- Yes. Park is well used and could serve even more people with improvements
- Yes! Westwood Lake is such a beautiful and popular place to go for all ages. I am so excited if there will be big upgrades.
- I support the improvements as this is a very busy park. I would like to see the improvements done so that there is minimal impact or improvement to the environment. The bios wales, permeable paving and natural features are important. Everything should be natural and fit with nature and help people enjoy nature.
- I am always for improvements, but often they are in the eye of the beholder.
- I do support. Improvements are long overdue. Westwood is a gem.
- I think that is a great idea, this area gets used a lot and this will make going to the area a lot more enjoyable
- I do support improvements. Nanaimo is growing and its parks need to grow with it.

- Westwood is highly used, but lacks modern facilities and is unable to accommodate everyone at peak times.
- Yes. This is long overdue but I don't trust the city parks planners' competence to manage the project, an external consultant should be used to determine priorities and manage upgrade project.
- Yes, getting very busy in peak summer days.
- Yes! It is a jewel in the city accessed by many more people that originally designed for and parking, trash and area degradation are issues that need addressing
- I support improvements to the WL Park. It is perhaps the most used lake in the city and needs improvements to improve safety, durability, overall enjoyment for individuals and families.
- Yes. Improvements are needed as the park has become increasingly popular over the past few years. We need to plan ahead for the future.
- Yes to make better use of the space.
- Yes - it's one of Nanaimo's most popular parks, demands are heavy from a variety of different user types.
- The city is growing and needs expanded sources of free recreation for all.
- Yes, I support improvements. It's a great spot but rundown and busy for the current size.
- Yes!
- Absolutely in support. This is a well-loved and utilized park in Nanaimo and a high light of the city. Please make it beautiful, accessible and maintain it better.
- Yes, Westwood has been getting busier and this planning will help keep it safe and protect the natural beauty
- I support some improvements, but don't want it to become busy and crowded that it's no longer enjoyable.
- Support but I live right on Leighton and back the park so I have concerns about losing my peaceful backyard. I think the best option is plan #2 - BUT! Do not move that boat launch to the second beach.
- Yes. Westwood is a huge part of the community so providing more accessible areas will be hugely beneficial
- Yes
- Yes. The park is overcrowded and parking is difficult.
- Yes, if thinking of the environment first and impact and being accessible for all
- Yes. Long overdue- great idea!!
- Westwood is used by many different groups and needs improvements geared to all of the groups from mountain bikes, runners, walkers.
- Yes it's the most popular lake in Nanaimo and not only does it accommodate beach goers but also mountain bikers and trail runners/walkers.
- I do. It is a very busy lake
- Yes, I go to this lake multiple times a week to run, swim, and bike. It's a great spot for families and an important community asset
- Very much support. Westwood is a recreational hub and the amenities and access need to keep up with the community demand
- Yes! This is a popular park and Nanaimo is growing. Making Westwood more accessible (parking, washrooms, other features) is very important as public spaces should be available/accessible for anyone to use.
- Yes, there is lots of room for improvement for the users of all ages.
- In general yes, however, please keep in mind it's a residential area; highly populated with seniors.
- It's a busy spot
- Yes. It is a great park but the popularity has it busting at the seams. The area should be protected with natural vibe that will flow with the integrity of the environment.
- Yes. Westwood Lake is the jewel of Nanaimo. It increases the City's livability, it is a hub of the recreational activity for Nanaimo's downtown area. Jump of to hiking, MTB, swimming, paddle boarding. I use Westwood 12 months a year.
- Yes, highly used area and such a jewel for the city.

- I fully support a better parking lot, more beach, more shade trees, improved playground and more environmentally conscious planning.
- Westwood Lake has wonderful walking/running trails. The park needs improvement
- Yes, it needs an upgrade.
- Yes 100%!
- Yes
- Westwood is a gem and the improvements make sense for future generations
- Yes upgrades are always necessary
- It is such a jewel in Nanaimo and enhancements would give it a much needed facelift.
- Yes. Long overdue, one of Nanaimo’s finest gems needs refreshing! More and more folks are using this special place and we need these improvements.
- Definitely. It’s probably the most used park in Nanaimo from what I can see, and I go there pretty much every day.
- Approve but would like to see a comprehensive environmental revegetation plan
- Something has to be done. Getting too crowded!
- Yes. With our population increasing, I feel the improvements are long overdue. The proposed plans look great
- Yes, it's in my neighbourhood and I'm there often these improvements would just make it better for everyone.
- I am happy any improvements are being made to Westwood Lake. It has needed it for years.
- Yes it is too small lack of parking and an amazing place to go. Make it better for all
- Yes
- Yes we use Westwood all the time. With a few updates and improvements it would make it a lot nicer space to enjoy.
- Yes, improving accessibility and inclusivity in public spaces is essential.
- As a resident of the neighbourhood who frequents the park at least 2 - 3 times a week year-round, I really support the idea of improvements to accommodate increased usage!
- Absolutely would like to see improvements. Wonderful place to recreate (beach time, swim, kayak and bike). We go to that area at least once a week year round.
- I support the improvements. Westwood Lake Park has gotten very busy with our growing city and it is quite outdated.
- Improvements to public places are always a plus
- I think it looks great, I love the accessibility
- I Do. There is not enough parking and not enough seating areas. It is not accessible to people in wheel chairs. It is grungy looking.
- Improvements are necessary
- It is always great to improve city parks!
- Yes, it is a wonderful park
- These improvements are long overdue. Very much looking forward to them!
- Yes on a very small scale to ensure the integrity of the wildness of the park is maintained. That includes providing a significant buffer to those who have chosen to live near the park from the insults of exhaust and the extra noise involved with relocating a parking lot closer to residential areas.
- Yes. It’s not very appealing now
- Yes, improvements to the Westwood lake park are needed.
- Within reason. Remember things get beyond abused so I would suggest not going overboard and limit funds
- Yes, due to the increase of Nanaimo's population, features and attractions in Nanaimo, need to be expanded to meet the population and parking required.
- Yes in support of improvements to alleviate congestion and improve safety of pedestrians in the park.
- Yes, it gets very busy at times and needs to be updated to better accommodate increased use
- Support improvements and new amenities. it's much needed

- Generally, yes. It's a well-used park
- Small improvements would be good for people.
- It is a great park and needs updating.
- 100%
- Yes, absolutely. It’s a great spot and could be utilized better.
- I live close to Westwood Lake and use it every week (often several times a week) during the summer and frequently throughout the year. I use it for kayaking, paddle boarding, swimming and walking with my dogs. It is overcrowded as is and underserviced. I support any and all new amenities the improve traffic flow, improve non-motorized boat facilities and expand recreation for everyone.
- Yes
- Yes! It is needed as it is a very busy place for all kinds of activities and the only real beach in Nanaimo.
- Yes I support the idea, this is one of the best features of our city for residents to enjoy access to fresh water.
- Yes, it is overused at present and is in need of an update or expansion
- Yes I support the improvements.
- We've been seeing an increase of people using the park every year, so it's time to improve the amenities to accommodate everyone
- I do, I feel it would make it safer and more enjoyable for many
- Yes, I support improvements. The park is very busy and cannot support the current user load.
- Yes
- Yes!
- Yes
- Yes, it will be nice to have it more accessible with improved amenities.
- Yes, it's a highlight of Nanaimo
- Yes they are all good.
- Yes it’s a beautiful asset to Nanaimo which needs to be maximized for all
- Yes
- Yes, Nanaimo needs more public space and amenities.
- Yes- it is used by many
- Yes, the population keeps growing and the facilities need an uplift.
- Yes, and I like the Site #2 ideas
- It is very well used and needs to be improved for safety and usefulness
- Yes, because of the location…distance and elevation require a lot of parking. In some cases I feel some amenities would be better located at Long Lake
- Yes, it really needs improving.
- Yes. With the increase in use over the years it's time to bring the standards up to accommodate all manner of user.
- Yeah, beaches need
- Yes
- Yes as Westwood Lake has become very busy with more people coming to enjoy the park.
- Yes needs expansion
- Absolutely support these improvements
- Yes, most of the improvements are great.
- Yes
- Westwood Park is a jewel. The secret is out so we need to make sure that this park keeps up without growing city.
- Love the accessible features so that everyone can enjoy this wonderful park.
- Yes, it’s always busy and full now
- Absolutely support improvements and new amenities at Westwood Lake Park
- Yes. My family uses the park a lot and the population of Nanaimo has outpaced the amenities
- Yes it's a great idea! Were a growing community and it's time for an upgrade. I'm loving the plans.

- Yes! It is a gorgeous park. Very busy. New improvements would help.
- Yes the park keeps getting busier
- Looks like a great improvement to a beautiful space in our city that we utilize often.
- Yes! Much needed for safety and functionality
- Yes, I like the proposed improvements.
- Yes so much. Please polish this up. It would be nice to feel like a proper park, not just an ad hoc setup
- Yes it's a great place to go if there is parking in the surrounding areas.
- I definitely approve of improvements For the Westwood Lake Park.
- Yes. Lots of ratepayers use this park
- Yes, I feel like the park is being used at its maximum capacity and more would like to use it.
- This is a great beach for kids and families. Having options for shade, grass areas, more parking, food vendors, picnic benches, and a playground suit the area nicely. I think this needs to be expanded even further than what is being proposed for not only the current population, but also the growth that is occurring in our city.
- Yes
- I support the idea. I feel it will get more people out
- I support the improvements
- Completely support the improvements...it is needed
- I support some of the improvements presented because it looks like it might alleviate congestion by having two accesses.
- Yes. It's a busy spot and is due for an upgrade!
- Yes this is a community hub used by many all season long. Improvements could increase accessibility and use of this resource
- Yes
- Yes, it's such a beautiful spot and well used by many different ages. More useful eco-friendly amenities would be great
- Yes, Westwood seems very outdated for the amount of use it gets.
- Yes I support the improvements, Westwood Lake Park has the possibility of being a fully accessible year round Nanaimo gem.
- Yes
- Absolutely. I use the park every week and would love to see it improved!
- Yes, they are much needed.
- Yes, I support the improvements
- Yes I support. The use of the park has increased significantly and I believe will continue to grow. The changes increase safety for all users and make more usable space for people to enjoy
- Yes, we use the park a lot. Upgrades are important to meet community needs. And to continue providing excellent outdoor family recreation areas.
- Yes. Looks nicer
- Yes. It's overdue.
- Yes
- Absolutely, it's one of my family's favorite places year round.
- Yes, it will make it more enjoyable.
- Basic improvements to accommodate use but maintain modest design and style that fits the natural landscape.
- Yes absolutely. As an increasingly popular location for many Nanaimo residents it could use the upgrades.
- Yes, is a great place with so much potential for locals and tourist.
- Yes, it's very busy thus well used and liked needs an update
- Yes
- yes it needs improving, should of been done years ago
- I support limited tasteful improvements to cope with the high volumes of people and traffic at the beaches with the idea of maintaining the rustic, relaxed atmosphere. But, not widening and paving the trails.

- although I probably would not use many of these new facilities I fully support them and making the area more attractive and appealing to our citizens and visitors
- Yes it is a popular place many people visit and upgrades are needed
- Yes needs to be updated
- It's beautiful and needs to be updated to meet the demands of tax paying citizens...
- I support the ideas. Always good to have nice places for families to enjoy the outdoors. There would have to be some sort of security to keep the homeless from taking it over and spoiling it for everyone!
- I absolutely support it. Attention to recreation spaces is necessary, and it is what makes Nanaimo stand apart from other municipalities.
- Heavily used; due for an update
- Absolutely support. Long overdue improvements to very popular site.
- Yes
- Yes, they seem good
- Accessibility improvements are good. I think it's important not to over build. Renovate facilities in place.
- Yes the lake is a well-used recreation area that is enjoyed by many
- Yes
- Yes
- Yea, but there are many other accessible parks in Nanaimo. It's okay for one not to be ideal. The changes suggested will take away from the nature and untouched beauty of Westwood lake
- Sure
- Yes my family enjoys Westwood lake all year round
- Yes, I think the park is used heavily enough to warrant these improvements
- YES
- Yes, to support existing uses
- I like the idea of improvements. But keep it simple, I have walked and swam at this park for 64 years. Don't wreck it! It is a main weekly lifeline… to walk this park. I don't like the idea of more bikes there as the trail is too busy with walkers now.
- Yes, population growth in Nanaimo.
- Yes as it is much needed
- Yes
- Yes - more park the merrier
- Yes. Great for the community.
- Yes. It is a well-used area for many families.
- Yes I do. This is a busy park and is sorely needing upgrading to accommodate usage.
- I think they look great!
- Definitely, it is a beautiful spot and important to everyone in Nanaimo.
- Yes
- Yes, Westwood Lake is very popular and was not designed for Nanaimo's current and future population growth. I support the expanded parking, the relocation of the main driveway away from the beach, the expansion of First Beach, the separation of the boat launch from general traffic, accessibility improvements, better picnic area and a general upgrade and refresh. As an able-bodied person I never considered the importance of accessibility features until reading the experiences of wheelchair users who are unable to enjoy most beaches due to lack of accessibility.
- I think it's a fantastic location. You have identified a lot of the biggest issues like parking, washrooms and a play space. Very happy to see the city is giving such a gem of a location attention.
- Yes, support the improvements
- Yes, it is long overdue.
- Yes. This popular park needs improvements.
- Absolutely agree.
- It is good to see the improvements as the city and surrounding populations increase, with large user base increases.

- Yes
- Yes I really like the 2nd plan
- Yes, it is desperately needed.
- Yes! As a resident of the area I have seen it get busier and this is a great idea
- I agree. Upgrades are needed.
- Yes. It is a popular spot and as the population of Nanaimo and surrounding area grow it is important to anticipate and design for this.
- Yes. Westwood Lake needs some love. New washrooms, parking and playgrounds would be awesome.
- Yes, much needed. People consistently park illegally, too busy in summer months or when events happen
- Yes, I support the improvements as it is very well used park.
- Absolutely like improvements
- I think that the improvements look great and they should be available to everyone particularly if they have impaired mobility
- Yes I do it is a great place to swim, kayak paddle board, hike etc… Keep it safe and clean
- Usage will continue to increase and planning to maintain accessibility and recreational options will keep Westwood Lake vital.
- Absolutely! Nanaimo is growing, the park is becoming a much busier place than it was and it's time to bring some new life into the park and make it much more accessible and usable to everyone.
- Yes. Crown jewel of the city. Show it off.
- Yes because there are more people using this park
- Yes
- Yes. I believe that because Westwood Lake Park is one of the most popular parks in the city, it should be enhanced and upgraded to meet the needs of all those who attend; whether once a year or on a regular basis.
- This summer I began a series of Nature Chats at the lake so was able to see firsthand that there has to be some type of improvement with parking and pedestrian management. Previous to this I had no idea the lake and beach area are so heavily used
- Yes. It has gotten very busy and improvement is a good idea
- Yes
- Yes, Westwood is a major amenity and asset and in need of upgrades.
- Yes it needs it
- I support modest improvements generally but more detail is needed and more directed conversations with specific user groups. For example: Is there a demand for universal beach access? If there is then I "really like" it. If there isn't then I "really don't like" it.
- Absolutely. Given the amount of use this area receives, it needs updates and upgrades.
- Completely support
- Yes. It needs an upgrade to accommodate increase in population and revive the park/beach
- Yes but keep it natural
- Yes, I walk in the park regularly and prefer option #2 because it looks less evasive.
- Very much supported. We are park neighbours and enjoy the high use by others as well as ourselves.
- absolutely is highly used and in the current state I feel it is unsafe for the families trying to access the beach due to cars pulling right past the beach
- Yes it's our only good lake
- Yes. It's been a long time coming
- Yes, park is gemstone of Nanaimo. Past due for upgrades to support its volume of usage.
- Yes thank yup for this beautiful outdoor space & kept clean!
- Finally the city is getting something right! This project will be very useful for our community!
- I support having improvements but I don't want the park to be overused
- Definitely long overdue and well used park
- Yes I do, Westwood is a very busy location that needs improvements.

- Yes because Nanaimo is a growing city and this park showcases that we are a modern fun city that is inclusive, family-friendly and loves the outdoors. This park is particularly busy and many more people would be able to enjoy it with these enhancements. I particularly appreciate the care taken to include disabled people by adding accessibility improvements.
- Support
- Yes.
- Yes. Use it every week and it is very busy now.
- I definitely support improvements at Westwood - in the summer it is very hard to access.
- I support improvements but on a small scale & in keeping with what a NATURE PARK (special status given to Westwood Park) would look like i.e. different to other city parks that have been designed to cater for larger crowds, a variety of buildings/other structures & paved paths & parking areas. As the numbers of users grow, so do the conflicts & demands - just a few of examples: 1. Walkers & cyclists on the trails 2. Walkers & electric bikes 3. Walkers & electric skateboards 4. Increased time & expense for trail maintenance which has deteriorated over recent years. Trails wear down much quicker given the increase in number of users & mode of traffic. Paddle boarding is no longer a passive activity in that many have their boom boxes along for the ride!

No

- I think the city council has been very spending happy with everyone else's money on beauty projects that can wait for a further time when we aren't two years into a pandemic and there's bigger things to deal with asides from stuff like this.
- I'm not in favor of destruction of natural features (trees) and green areas to make way for increased parking and infrastructure.
- More events I do not agree with, there are enough events going on there already, traffic in and out of Westwood Lake road is super busy as it is.
- Don't support expanding the parking lot, people need to learn to park and if it's full go somewhere else. Can only have so many people before we destroy the environment. To move the handicap parking away from the current water ramp is ridiculous.
- No
- I do not support. Please spend the money this would cost on creating more affordable housing. The cheapest 1 bedroom apartment I can find that accepts pets is 1375 a month. I make $22/hour, I do not qualify for rental assistance and yet I cannot find an apartment and that is affordable.
- No... waste of money and heritage charm the park has as it is
- In general, no. Westwood is a place that can justifiably limit access to limited number of vehicles on a first come first serve basis. If you begin to build more parking lots, at what point does Cathedral Grove become another sterile piece of asphalt?
- Leave the park alone. The City is notorious for making a mess of everything and costing the taxpayers too much money rather than improving anything. If you insist on making another huge mess, then at least get someone who will listen to the taxpayers, not run with their own personal ideas. Hire someone who actually knows what they are doing, someone who actually lives in Nanaimo, someone who actually uses the park, not someone whose projects are never successful and are always in huge cost overruns.

Neutral

- Neutral
- Neutral
- Don't mess up the ruggedness of Westwood
- What … no bike lanes?
- I see zero mention of Indigenous consultation or participation on their traditional territories which is offensive and violates UNDRIP. Indigenous people's should be forefront for any changes of their territory.
- I guess it depends on if you're interested in locals using the facilities or tourists. No overnight camping or transients

Q4 Are there other amenities or improvements you would like to see completed at the Westwood Road parking and entrance/First Beach area?

Splash Park

- Splash park
- Splash park
- Kiddie pool or water park
- water park area

Amphitheater

- Amphitheater

Toys/Rentals

- More loanable sun protection equipment. Toy loan programs for kids.
- some retail space to rent kayaks or mountain bikes
- More space for vendors. Paddleboard rental space.
- A paddleboard/kayak rental would be sweet and would bring in tourists.
- Game features, like chess tables, beach ball area…

Outdoor Gym/Sports

- Maybe outside gym?
- Archery
- A beach volleyball court would be awesome!
- Volley ball court would be great
- Beach volleyball net
- Beach volleyball court

Playground

- how about a natural play space instead of a pre-fab playground?
- fun playground- not accessible with actual fun things to play on
- Updated playground but not on a grandiose scale… emphasis should be kept to swimming, hiking, running, biking, fishing, kayaking, paddling… enjoying the outdoors. There are a lot of playgrounds in the city already
- shaded playground
- Playground at second beach.
- I believe the existing playground at the Second Beach has been upgraded in recent times so a new one is NOT necessary. IF in the new plans, a new one is built, perhaps you would consider making it a "Nature" play area using wood for all climbing, walking, & swinging play & activities rather than metal & plastic. There will be an abundance of wood (from the trees that will be taken down for parking) and I'm sure there are lots of chainsaw artists that would like to make a fun & more novel playground area for the kids.

Bike Amenities

- Bike wash
- Bike wash station.
- Bike wash
- Bike stands and places to secure bikes
- One of those bike repair things.
- A bike wash station is a must. And it should be close to the washroom and bike repair station
- Bike wash station
- Bike wash station
- Bike lockup area

- Bike racks so people are encouraged to bike to Westwood and decrease car traffic. With a bike lane from NAC to Westwood Lake.
- Bike wash would be great!
- From what I've read so far these plans are very automobile centric. I strongly encourage the installation of well lit, covered, multi-stall bicycle parking for maybe up to 20 bicycles. One might argue that few will ride up the long hill to get to the lake by bike. Not so, particularly with the growth in use of ebikes. Public transit??
- Bike racks would be good as well.
- Bike wash
- Love the bike wash station!! Don't forget to add the tool extension components!
- Please add a bike wash station
- Bike tool area alongside bike wash.
- A couple bike lock/ fix stations
- Perhaps some provision within the parking facility to also accommodate electric bike parking and charging.
- Bicycle repair station Bicycle locking stations
- Bike racks or storage lockers?? We bike to beach because it's easier for parking.
- I would like to see the beachfront cleaned up including less grainy sand (finer particles)
- Could bike paths from the E&N trail connect directly with Westwood to reduce traffic/parking with covered bike stalls for locking?
- Bike wash station
- Bike washing station
- I do not personally bike to this park, as it's farther than I normally like to bike (I live near Costco). But I constantly wish that there was good bike lock ups at places like Blueback Beach and Lost Lake Trail (well, also a safe route to Lost Lake, hah). So I would really like to see an extensive (and fun, like that fish bike rack that used to be at Maffeo Sutton) bike rack at Westwood Lake, even though I would be extremely unlikely to use it. Like, maybe once every 2 years (or more once the kids are bigger and not riding on the back of my own bike).
- Install cycling infrastructure to get there and secure bike lockers once there.
- Yes - could you please add some secure bike parking adequate to accommodate electric bikes as well as regular bikes? This would make it SO much more appealing as a bike destination.
- Bike wash station and tool rack
- Bike lockups

Park Maintenance

- Better maintenance of amenities and aesthetics.
- One area that could use some practical attention is the area on the bluffs (College Drive shore side). This area is often littered glass, cans, cigarettes and fishing tackle. If there is a maintenance crew, perhaps they could add this space to their route? There is no garbage can so a bit challenging for the regular public to clean up after the messy visitors.
- enough garbage cans and make sure picnic tables and benches and garbage cans are accessible right up to the feature. ie: not plunked down in the middle of a grassy area so that wheelchairs can't get to them.
- city needs to start maintaining its trails better, they are becoming hazardous
- enough garbage cans throughout park
- Regular landscaping and maintenance
- More regular cleanup of the beach and parking areas ... unfortunately a lot of people don't clean up after themselves.
- more garbage cans
- Having swam in westwood lake a fair share, it saddens me to see some of the trash (particularly beer cans) that find their way into the lake. Perhaps a recycle area may reduce this, and provide funds for the park and its regular maintenance and upkeep.
- Increasing park use will further reduce water quality and likely increase algal bloom, water toxicity and prolong swimming closure during summer months. Research should be undertaken to mitigate this through

water cleansing plants in the lake and buffer zones on all land surrounding the lake. Lake water oxygenation should be explored. Storm water runoff from car parks and Westwood Road should be to sewer systems only. Toilet facilities must drain to the sewer system only and need to be more than adequate, open and inviting with a publicity campaign to promote their use and minimize swimmers peeing in the lake. Any septic or storm water systems draining to the lake should be mitigated.

Boats/Boat Launch

- Parking for people launching watercraft near the water
- At least a few boat trailer parking spaces for those who wish to launch a small non-motorized boat.
- A small dock/floating walkway alongside the boat launch would be a great addition and make it easier to load and unload boats and kayaks. Please consider the realities of vehicles with trailers accessing the boat launch needing to turn around to back down. The layouts shown don't seem to allow this. Also consider there may be a wait/lineup to launch/recover and a place to wait without impeding traffic in or out of the parking lots, launch, or houses across the street area would be ideal.
- Plan #2, with boat launch from #1.
- A wash station for boats
- Your site 1 and site 2 lay outs for the first beach/ boat launch area….it looks awkward to back up into the boat launch the way the drawings look. Am I missing something? if you drive along the parking spots along the lane to the boat launch then how do you turn around in that lane?
- The proposed boat launch improvement does not appear to have enough space for a vehicle with trailer to be able to turn around and back in.
- Find ways to get new road access into other areas surrounding the lake for a boat ramp / mountain bike launch and parking of its own.
- A wharf alongside the boat ramp to make small boat launching easier
- Move the boat launch so the lifeguarded area where the most young children play is not combined with cars coming in and out.
- Maintain accessibility for non motorized vessels and paddleboarding-again this is a lake not a playground. It should be more water sports oriented as there aren't that many easily accessible lakes in the area but there are lots of playgrounds.
- Site plan 1 with boat launch entrance is unrealistic and unsafe. There isn't enough room for vehicles to pull in and turn around to back up and drop off. This would continue to create issues at the entrance and neighbouring houses. Also, boat launch at first beach where the two paths converge isn't safe as this is really busy, high traffic pedestrian area where people converge. Having vehicles constantly pulling in and trying to back up at trail entrance/exit location is unsafe. Boat launch should be placed at an area where foot traffic is more dispersed.
- Parking area for boat launch for small trailers and trucks
- Please add a small but sturdy canoe and kayak dock for boat launching with dry feet in cooler months ! . This could be fit along the existing left side stone wall I think.
- By leaving boat launch at first beach in plan one, there is only one entrance/exit for traffic to/from park. This is no different than current situation and it's beyond too congested. Also, the plan to leave boat launch doesn't even allow room for vehicles to pull in and back up to beach. Second plan to move boat launch, with two entrance/exit points makes way more sense. Shame to do upgrades and not allow for better traffic flow in and out of park. Also, Emergency vehicle access is difficult with one entrance/exit.
- Keep the boat launch where it is to minimize boats in driving through parking lot.
- 2. The boat ramp/launching from Option 1 does need to be in place and designed for both motorized and non motorized boats and Emergency vehicle access
- You need some truck and trailer parking. When people use the boat launch, they need to be able to park afterwards. It's very silly not to have had that.

Paths/Trails

- Path to walk from the end of trail to the start of trail without walking behind the first set of vehicles.
- Trail enhancements to widen trail to accommodate more users as the park is so popular.

- A softer transition from beach to parking area, maybe a trail and split rail cedar fence to buffer vehicle parking from beach area. Remove the steel barrier. Move the road in further away from beach area.
- Improved walking trails around some of the degraded sections around the lake
- I just want to underscore the importance of two improvements which would alleviate one major problem. 1) Improve the walkway so pedestrians have a dedicated walkway. Current bylaws state that dogs are not allowed on the beach from May 1 to Sept 30 which means anyone during this timeframe with a dog walking from the parking lot entrance to the washrooms needs to walk through the parking lot. 2) The current state of the parking lot allows people to park next to the last stall, making the footprint of cars wider and gives less overall space for cars coming in/out. Add those pedestrians who are forced to walk through the parking lot (as per point 1) and you have times where it is difficult to walk or drive. That said, I would hope to see parking improvements where it prevents people from creating new spaces when it's busy thus making it harder for pedestrians and cars to go in/out. Having bylaw enforce parking would be nice too.
- multi use path separate from roadway.
- You need to widen the trail from parking lot to Arbot road to accommodate mountain bikes and pedestrians. Existing path is to narrow and creates conflict for bikers trying to access the mountain bike trails
- More official mountain bike trails. We have the access to nature like Squamish but Nanaimo doesn’t offer the same amenities
- bike only path and pedestrian only path through main parking lot area
- Separate pathway to connect the existing trails on either end so cyclists, runners and pedestrians do not have to travel through the busy parking and traffic area.
- Separate cycling and pedestrian infrastructure
- Make more access for mountain bikers.
- More gravel added to the trail around the lake
- Improve the trail. Not sure how that would be accomplished, but the roots are troublesome when you're running the path.
- See above- increasing wheelchair accessibility on the trail, especially from 2nd beach.
- The trail is the best part and needs to be maintained but not changed. Not sure why their is a sign that says it is not wide enough for strollers as i see them almost every day.
- It would be great to have a mountain bike trail from the second parking lot so they aren't on the boardwalk paths. An alternative to parking at Arbot.
- Pedestrian trails, playground and beach use separate from car traffic.
- Trail resurfaced.
- It would be great if the bikers could have a different way of accessing the bike trails as the busier the park gets, it’s just going to start to become more dangerous to have both bikes, walkers and dogs on the same trail.
- safe crossing and walking area/pathway for pedestrians that goes all the way to the Westwood Road.
- A path between the parked cars and the beach so that people completing a loop of the lake don't have to walk through the parking lot

Benches

- I have trouble walking so I would like more seating. (seats with arms - easier for handicapped people)
- more built in seating
- More sitting benches to accommodate seniors.
- Benches!

Entertainment

- Would love see maybe area where bands could perform music at westwood lake
- A location for local craft fairs. More areas for food vendors.
- Space for more food trucks
- Allowing more space for food trucks

- Place for food / ice cream / burgers etc. would be a possible suggestion during the summer.
- A permanent coffee/snack cafe operating all year.
- Personally I would like to see a couple more vendors, maybe at the second beach.
- Vendor space for food trucks.
- Would love a small permanent kiosk to be used for nature presentations (wildlife at the lake and on the island, being 'Bear Aware', local plants and shrubs, songbirds, birds of prey, history of the area etc.
- Cafe or restaurant, permanent structure would be nice.

Parking Lot

- Separate entrance and exit for the parking lot to improve flow and increase safety.
- I think a tiered parking system similar to how some ski resorts operate could be a helpful way to recoup costs ($5 for a few “premium” spots, free options always).
- 2 entrances for parking
- More green space, better parking layout (not necessary more spots but just easier to park etc…
- Improving the parking is a very important and it’s flow for safely
- For those of us backing onto the parking lot on Leighton Road the establishment of a noise swale to reduce the amount of noise in the parking lot as 11 PM really is too late for that kind of noise that happens at the parking lot. Also an increase in low heigth hedging, trees and shubbery to inclease privacy, reduce noise and filter out harmful exhaust. As far as parking option is concerned there shoutd be only a one way route in with the second one way route out in the centre of the parking lot changed on the option 2 parking lot to be acceptable for first few house on Leighton Rd. Also silent hours should be 9 pm as most parks around residential areas. With respect to other improvements perhaps some electrical charge stations to encourage people from Nanaimo to not bring their internal combustion engine vehicles thereby increasing the quality of life of everyone who attends the park avoiding toxic fumes.
- While Site Plan 1 does appeal to me based on sheer parking stall numbers alone, I think that Site Plan 2 has more desirable features.
- As many parking spaces as you can
- Idea 2, but with paved parking instead of gravel.
- Like plan 1 expansion of parking
- School bus parking for May and June.
- Separate entrance and exit.
- More parking and a better layout for the parking is much needed
- Increase parking, improve traffic flow so that it's reduced walking from vehicle to beach.
- The entrance is crowded, dangerous for pedestrians and there are often blockages with cars coming and going. Traffic flow must be improved and I think the entrance should be away from the proximity to the beach.
- The larger parking lot plan is the better plan. Our city is growing and it's an incredibly busy park.
- Good size stalls, many people bring kids, floaties, big vehicle and tiny little stalls won’t be useful
- Space should be allotted for emergency response vehicles in this area. (boat ramp former location)
- Really like the idea to I’ve parking and driving back and away from the beach area.
- Consideration for angle or drive thru parking could make parking easier and safer.
- Clear parking lot directions, not confusing. Get the pedestrians to stop chatting on the middle of the road
- More parking
- the parking lot does not appear to support parking for a vehicle and trailer. Would be quite tight.
- More parking
- Lots of parking!
- I would like to see it expand even further toward second beach, both in parking stalls and beach surface area. As a parent, it is disappointing to come here when there is no parking or space to sit and see your kids playing.

- Expand the parking lot with two straight columns plus to park; beach 1 to beach 2 . (as in Tofino park for surfers) Many ifs - Is it possible to get parking parking along the power lines for mountain bikers. or other Area of the lake for another entrance.
- More parking spots!
- That what ever surface used on parking and pathway be baby stroller to walker friendly.
- As above - change access/exit points to improve 'flow', increase number of parking stalls
- Bigger gate area
- improved traffic flow
- Permeable parking surfaces.
- More parking
- More parking.
- No more parking for motor vehicles.
- More parking is first priority
- Having designated parking stalls at the second beach would be very helpful as right now it's a free for all with people parking everywhere and not evenly spaced.
- No more than doubling the current parking.
- Only one entrance / exit to parking lot to reduce cars in multiple directions.
- Parking needs to be refigured for sure and pedestrian friendly
- Increased parking
- Better parking for second beach
- Nicer speedbumps.
- Maintain a gated access to prevent overnight camping. Only one entrance /exit is required, this will allow for more parking spaces. There should be a cul de sac for turning around at the very end of Westwood Rd, for when the gates are locked so people dont have to use residents driveways.
- The most additional parking spots available.
- The area needs more parking availability as the front entrance as it is always congested with paddlers or boaters.
- I would like to see an entrance and an exit in two different spots to keep the flow of traffic going
- I like the first site plan with better flow and more parking spaces.
- Longer parking spaces are needed by boat launch for vehicles with small trailers; and for larger vacation vehicles.
- Just good parking spots and access
- More parking and sandy beach will be great.
- Good flow of traffic to ease congestion and have mor3 parking would be great
- Moving the entrance is a great idea and should make foot and vehicle traffic safer.
- Generous parking stalls, not too narrow, but deep. Lots of unpacking at vehicles, need space.
- Make sure there is lots of turning abilities at entrance and exit
- Absolutely. Larger parking spots and a larger travel area for cars. People are generally bringing “stuff” to the beach and even the trails. Folks are always preparing for their activity by their vehicle (grabbing water toys, lawn chairs etc. Putting on backpacks, stretching etc)
- I think there should be a parking lot cam. One could check if it's too busy or not before deciding to go up. It could reduce the driving in just to turn around traffic!! Reduce congestion!
- There should be more accessible parking stalls for families with babies and small children.
- Entrance needs to be relocated
- Expand present parking and pave the parking lot at the second beach.
- Option 2 works well in that even with less vehicle parking at First Beach, there are also 90 additional spaces at the Second Beach which I understand will stay in place. TOTAL 204 parking spaces
- fix the current parking lot, it wouldn't take much, then leave the rest of the park alone

EV Charging Stations

- EV charge stations

- I would lean in to electric car chargers destination chargers are great.
- Electric vehicle level 3 chargers

Transit/Access

- A bus that frequents it
- Improved public transit access
- A bus stop.
- A cross walk with flashing lights at belwood and west wood lake road. People come flying up west wood lake road and often don't slow down or stop for the young kids trying to cross the street. The speed bumps do help but not until the last hundred meters before the lake I see a lot of people crossing at belwood road.
- Perhaps a bus stop so people could easily bus in instead of driving. I live by VIU and would gladly bus in rather then drive on busy days.
- Better more frequent public transit to get there.
- More support for people arriving by means other than driving
- transit bus to the beach pls
- Encouragement for people to walk to bike or bus to park- don't turn the park into a parking lot.
- Better public transit access and bike locking/storage areas to decrease the need for more cars. More parking is not the answer.
- Yes. The completion of sidewalks and/or pedestrian pathways on both sides of Westwood Rd.
- Additional sidewalk extension along Westwood Road will prevent pedestrians from walking in the roadway or through the parking area.
- Better bus service to limit vehicle traffic.
- Shuttle bus loop, and linkage to transit system.
- A public bus stop maybe…
- Redirect #5 bus up Westwood Road, create a Bus stop at the Westwood entrance, adjust parking plan to accommodate bus "turn-a-round" so transit bus can loop up to the lake and back out.
- Access for public transit.
- Safe pedestrian and cycling access is needed the whole way from East Wellington turn off onto Westwood.

Maps/Signs

- Interpretive signage and a map would be nice
- A map of the mtn bike trail network would be nice, or at least those on the north side of the access road behind Westwood.
- better signage
- Improved Hiking and bike trail map showing all trails.
- More signs, regarding dogs off beach, no drinking on the beach etc.
- Educational signage about the history of the lake, plant species, etc
- Interpretive signs about the history of the lake.
- I'd like to see larger no smoking signage and more of them.

Beach

- Expanded beach area.
- It may be the best option to relocate the launch to beach 2 and have beach one for swimmers/little persons, playground, non boaters, etc
- I think that expanding the beach area, and moving the lifeguard station closer to the beach is very desirable. As a former lifeguard at Westwood, this would allow for easier rotations and better response times from backup guards, and easier transport for first aids (ie. to running water for cleaning wounds, or to shade for heat-related illness).
- Is it possible to connect the two beaches for more swimming area/beach
- Just a large enough out door space to have classes at. For example, yoga, dance, meditation, groups of that nature.

- Increase beach front for families.
- Expanded guarded swim area. Put the raft out further.
- please put annual dump of clean sand or find a way to maintain the beach better.
- Separate hours for families and designated hours for adults only.
- How about more waterfront, like expanded lengthwise along the lake
- I would love more beach space.
- Would be nice to have more fine sand added for better sand castles for kids
- All of the above is too crowded and not very functional(period) My vision, first and most important would be to connect the two beaches and make them bigger for future public growth and personal space. (its not old growth trees) import quality sand as they do to build sand castles in Parkville).
- Improve water quality at beaches during high season (more circulation and flow). Annual sand placement at beaches.
- I would remove the bushes that sit between beach one and two to make lake access along the whole side of the lake... one giant beach. The beaches were extremely busy this year and they definitely need to be expanded more than he city plans that you are proposing....
- Extend the beach all the way to second beach (people can walk)
- Make beach separated from cars / parking with a tree area or something other than the metal fence.
- would be nice to have areas for beach goers and other areas for trail users.

Water Fountain/Bottle Fill Station

- Filters water bottle filler on fountain
- Water fountain
- Taps for drinking water.
- Proper water station
- Water station
- water bottle fill station,
- Drinking fountains
- Water fountains to fill our reusable water bottles.
- water stations
- A place to refill water bottles
- Drinking Water fountain
- More public water stations,
- A bottle filling station
- Water fountain
- Please add a water fountain that accommodates refilling of water bottles and has functionality to incorporate a dog water fountain - this would help keep dogs out of the water in the summers.

Geese

- Need to control the geese.
- Should think about dealing with geese
- Removal of Canada Geese
- removal of the Canada Geese so that water does not become contaminated when the water heats up.
- Something to deter the geese.
- More effective control (elimination?) of the Canada Geese and their excrement.
- Reduce geese population.
- Canada geese population control and culling. Beaches are diseased thanks to their waste. Make less desirable for geese.
- If we go to all this trouble we should DEFINITELY continue to remove the geese in order to maintain safety, keep the sand clean and less bacteria in the water.
- It would be nice if more attention could be paid to cleanliness year round, including a robust anti-goose program.

Outdoor Shower

- Outdoor shower
- Taps for cleaning feet/pets etc.
- A separate low-height shower at your feet between beach and parking lot (like the Australian beaches)
- Outside water showers to rinse off and minimize the swimmers itch
- outdoor shower
- Update washrooms/showers are much needed
- Showers?
- rinse/wash areas for after swimming
- swimmers shower off spot using recycled water
- showers to get rid of sand
- An outdoor shower (like Parksville beach has) to rinse off in.
- Rinse off shower station (for people) + tap for feet rinse. A lot of people are afraid of getting swimmer's itch. Also helps getting sand off before getting into cars. Water can flow into lake (no use of soaps obviously).
- Outdoor Shower off locations improved/added due to the frequency of swimmers itch.
- shower to rinse off after playing in lake.... goose poop
- A shower like at Piper's Lagoon

Fishing

- Fishing line disposal thing.
- Your plans look great. Would like to see more fishing docks.
- A larger or secondary fishing pier. The main one now is too small, especially with CoVid considerations.
- more docks to fish from

Lifeguards

- Funding for summer lifeguards at both beaches.
- As a lifeguard in another island community, I want to stress that emergency access, location and condition of lifeguard facilities are important. Staff should be consulted specifically for their thoughts.

Dogs

- Designated dog beach such as Barking Bay or Canine Cove
- It would be nice if the off leash area was (comment must have cut off)
- I would like to see a dedicated area for dogs to swim.
- I would like to see more dog friendly areas. We used to be able to take our horses swimming there now the only animals we have our geese.
- I think there should be a designated off leash beach area for dogs to have a swim.
- More effective controlling of dogs (off-leash dogs and dog excrement are continual problems in this area).
- How about a dog friendly park?

Picnic/Covered Area

- NO covered picnic areas that’s asking for homeless encampments up here.
- Other then more picnic areas to encourage family outings in a clean environment is important
- Updated picnic areas would be welcomed
- More picnic tables with shade
- designated picnic areas instead of parking
- Gazebos? Shade for elderly and children. Maybe picnic tables below
- Nature hut?
- Additional greenspace and picnic areas would be great
- I would also like to BBQ pits added around the picnic areas

- More shaded picnic areas
- picnic area would be great
- More picnic tables
- Covered shelter with fire pit at either end (BC Parks style).
- More picnic/hang out areas
- Picnic tables and shade trees away from beach.
- Add a covered picnic shelter to accommodate events.
- One sheltered picnic area

Public Art

- Public art would also be nice (banners or an art display) VIU art programs could help with this

Washrooms

- More washrooms, or a second building
- Bathroom located at the half way mark around the lake trail
- Better bathrooms
- In the men's washroom, 2 toilets and 2 urinals are a must, with increased use and special events this is important.
- For the amount of people who use the park, improvements to the washroom facilities are definitely needed. The existing two stalls for women for the whole park is ridiculous.
- Changing rooms would be a nice add onto the washrooms.
- Wash/change rooms to accomodate expected growth would be prudent. More families are coming and to have these in place would better serve users of the park.
- very confusing survey. Do the washroom have plenty of stalls.
- If possible, have the washroom located more evenly between the two beaches so it's easy for all to access (especially with small children if you are at second beach). This could also leave a better space for food trucks to set up and have space to sit and eat.
- Love all your ideas and hope to see them implemented!! To cut costs you don’t need to reform bathrooms but they do need some improvements and upgrades!
- Need new and larger washrooms, not just a reno of the existing washrooms.
- Please improve existing washrooms by ensuring the cleanliness and hygienic of the existing washrooms. Maybe employ a daily cleaner, this will even create a job (even only during Spring to Fall)
- Updated bathrooms.
- A little worried about the idea of universal washrooms where children are often going in unaccompanied.

Safety

- possible emergency alert (similar to VIU), AED Life preserver
- Security camera
- safety features for pedestrians
- More lights for safety at dusk
- We would love to see a cross walk with blinkers at Belwood and Westwood or Leighton rd and Westwood!!
- Lighting in the parking lot. It can feel unsafe being very dark once evening comes.
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Greenery/Nature

- Maintaining as many of the existing trees as possible
- I like the greenery which is nice to see, and maybe some native flowers too that can withstand heat or little to no water. Maybe find a nice area for shade. Also it would be nice to have some grasses. Example: sea grass near the beginning of the parking lot and beach, maybe some nice logs for sitting on, make it as natural as possible.
- Trees for shade on the beach

- More trees for shade (which is why my family prefers the 2nd beach)
- Keep it as natural as possible and make sure enough green spaces, trees are kept in place to provide shade
- Ensure trees between the beach and the adjacent neighbourhoods remain.
- More shade trees adjacent to the beach.
- Protective measures like a buffer to ensure continued privacy/noise limiting for the current home owners backing in to the park.
- Over 100 parking stalls, expanding the beach, adding a commercial area, new boat launch and a new playground would take away too much green space. We need to preserve Wildlands and wetlands for ecosystem health. Birds and insects are declining at an alarming rate. Keeping some dead logs would add to ecosystem health and maintain the west coast feel.
- Dont use grasses and greenery in the parking area, unless you plan to have a full time gardener. With our hot summers and great growing season, it would look messy and unkept without a full time gardener. Not necessary and a waste of money.
- I really like the idea of a little green space between the first beach and parking lot. It will improve the ascetics on and off the lake.
- More native plants added. Environmental protections in place. Indigenous peoples consulted and actively participating. Indigenous learning opportunities in place such as markers of native plants, how the area was traditionally used, perhaps a longhouse instead of paving more areas.
- I like your plans. Please keep and make more green space area for shade and beauty. Westwood is such a beautiful well used park
- Recent new house building at Marlene Place negatively impacted the “nature” ambiance of the lake and seemingly allowed without competent planning. The houses should be screened from the lake and beach areas with shrubbery and trees.
- Add more greenery.
- Let's try to keep our Greenspace - there's not enough of it anymore.
- Native shoreline plant area and waterfowl features

Wifi

- I would like to see the Shaw hotspot moved to the middle of the park. Currently cars stop in the e trance way to upload to their phones.

Other Topics

- I do not support the increase in parking. The park is currently over run with people. And dogs and definitely by bikes. The park is really looking over used. Also if you are increasing the beach space more lifeguards would be appreciated. Lots more shade!
- No, some of these I wouldn't have even thought of. I don't have any further ideas at this time.
- Playground parking picnic
- A separate clean change area (with hooks and benches to hold clothes as you change) - ** a few more bathrooms - ** more shade areas! Maybe those triangular shaped sails/tents? Airdrie, AB has put up several shade specific areas in their children's waterpark. Love your PFDs that are available to all...please keep this awesome idea.
- No
- Keep it natural!! Please do not expand the park any more.
- No these are all good ideas
- Love increase in beach size.
- Families like safe parking, expanded beach, playground and those look to be in the plans already.
- NA
- Both new designs are vast improvements.
- It's one of the Best areas of Nanaimo so make it good.
- No, the proposals are pretty impressive.
- Don't know
- No

- Improvements are a good idea
- I'd like to see if stay the same, if it aint broke don't fix it. I will be livid if my taxes go up even more due to the frivolous spending that has been done by the city council
- Neutral
- Love all the new ideas
- I really like the #1 ideas
- No
- No
- No. I'm happy with it the way it is. As mentioned, the lake is already overcrowded. I am not eager to see even more people crowding in.
- No comment
- No
- No
- No
- No
- No
- Current ideas are great
- Affordable. Housing. Please.
- Nah
- No
- No, I think these plans address the major problems.
- No, I like the first idea with the most parking. Your vision is great.
- No
- the entire area, first and second beach, changerooms, picnic, playground, and all the parking areas should be improved at the same time. Nanaimo always does things with half measures that are not thought out for the long term. if there is not enough money to do the whole job properly now, set the cash aside until there is enough to do the job properly and avoid the need to do the work twice to complete the job.
- No
- No
- No
- N/A
- Please include climate action in the park improvement plan. We need to protect this area and consider climate adaptation strategies.
- Those are good
- No.

Q5 Are there any other amenities and ideas you would like to see?

Greenery/Nature

- I think all of the proposed upgrades are great ideas! More shade trees are an absolute must
- Would hate to see the beautiful trails paved. That just takes away from the beautiful space and the natural beauty we all enjoy
- Incorporate Native plants
- More shade trees. All improvements made in a style to highlight the natural beauty of the area, instead of detracting. No gaudy bright plastic infrastructure please, except for the playground.
- Replanting of native flora and fauna, not non native ornamental species. Maybe a native medicinal herb garden?
- I believe I see trees by the beach in the photos....yes, more trees for shade would be great.

Washrooms

- better washrooms
- better washroom facilities
- I do not want "universal" washrooms. Sorry, but men are terrible at hitting their targets.
- Pit toilet at the half way mark of the trail.
- I'd like to see a changeroom and perhaps a shower as part of the washroom upgrade.
- Change areas please.
- There needs to be a washroom halfway through the 6 km loop
- Lockers on or near the beach to store valuables when swimming.
- Bathrooms at both beaches would be nice
- More and larger change rooms for individuals and families
- Change rooms and update those sad, nasty washrooms. If there was to only one project, this is the one. Every time I'm there I think surely we can afford to fix this.
- Toilets (outhouse style) at 2km intervals around the lake would reduce human waste and tp in the forest on that long remote stretch.
- A small washroom half way around the lake trail is a necessity
- I would also like to see a washroom facility on the trail halfway around the lake. Families, seniors, and cyclists would definitely appreciate it.
- Maybe an accessible washroom half way around?
- I think there should be a washroom half way round the lake
- Washrooms to include soap and sanitizer possibly heated water for better washing.
- Change room along with washrooms.
- We need toilets on the back side of the lake. So many people use the trees as a toilet because they have no choice. With the road on the backside of the lake, there is easy access for maintenance
- I would like to make sure the existing washroom location is kept as it is central to both beaches
- Pit toilet(s) at the 3 km point on the trail; I know several people that won't use the trail because the distance around the lake is too much for them.
- Please add a couple of toilet bowl in the washrooms. Update sinkvand faucet. Separate male from female. Employ a daily cleaner from Spring to Fall.
- Additional bathroom some where along the trail. Out house Possibly by off lease area
- What is really needed is additional toilet or outhouse facilities on the poweline side of the lake! Everyone is currently peeing in the bushes. There should at least be a porta potty or outhouses half way around the lake walk.
- Bathroom of some type on the opposite side of the lake. People are using the forested areas in-between the paths, and leaving toilet paper.....

Parking Lot

- improved parking
- Parking at the second beach
- Expanded parking at Arbot would be something I'd like to see.
- More parking at other park access points. This would take pressure off beach lots for walkers runners and MTB
- Arbot Rd parking lot expanded
- Speed bumps to prevent late night people from doing what they do there when the parking lot is empty.
- Separate the vehicle areas from the pedestrian areas as much as possible. Consider that vehicles may have bike racks and be longer than usual so don't make the parking area/spots too cramped.
- A totally seperate large parking area on or next to the hydro right away behind the substation for all the runners, mountain bikers and other back country users to use so they don't fill up the beach area parking and arbot rd street parking.
- A token fee for parking, not free as it is now.
- make two smaller parking lots instead of a big one
- I like permeable surface to dissipate rain water
- Low fee pay parking with option for low fee one year pass.
- Away from the main area additional parking might encourage trail users to cause less congestion at beach area.
- more parking
- More accessible parking. Farther away is ok too- but more spots with a clear area beside, full car width, to load/unload a wheelchair from a side loading van would be great.
- Decrease the heat that is absorbed by the ashphalt. Paint the ashphalt, gravel, recycled ashphalt?
- Modest increase to parking
- I like the idea of more people space near the beaches and parking further away. Green space around the parking will quickly become unkempt and a gathering place for trash. Keep the parking simple, this are does not need to be pretty. Spend money where it counts.
- More off road parking at the Arbot rd entrance, with the increase on bike use in the park, Arbot rd becomes very busy and crowded on some days.
- Make sure you can see up and down Westwood road from the new entrance and exit.(on hill poor visibility.)
- I also think the second parking lot should be improved at the same time!
- Can there be a secondary “emergency” exit? If anything blocks Westwood road or the parking lot everyone is trapped.
- How about a second exit. Egress is a notion not even bloody addessed in any friggin parking lot in Nanaimo.
- improved parking area at 2nd beach. Pave the area.
- I would like to see more parking at second beach. I would also like someone to look at the atrocious matter of overflow of vehicles/ people/dogs at the end of Arbot Road. I can't imagine that the people who bought houses there EVER thought that their road would be constantly over-run with this kind of traffic.
- fix the current parking lot, it wouldn't take much, then leave the rest of the park alone

EV Charging Station

- Perhaps some electrical charge stations to encourage people from Nanaimo to not bring their internal combustion engine vehicles thereby increasing the quality of life of everyone who attends the park and avoid toxic fumes. Perhaps some provision within the parking facility to accommodate electric bikes.
- Electric car Chargers

Boats/Boat Ramp

- The reason I don’t like a relocation of the boat ramp is: to move it means that you will have numerous vehicles Towing boats through more of the park and will be difficult for both them and other vehicles to

navigate that area the more you have to drive through it. Get them in and quickly by keeping where it is! Thanks!
- easier access for people launching watercraft
- Consider designated parking exclusively for vehicles with trailers, perhaps in a separate parking lot or along the side of the connecting road between the beaches. They will also need to have an area to turn around or have a drive thru parking lot layout.
- Definitely truck and trailer parking!
- For the boat launch you need the ability to be able to drop boat and supplies and be able to then go directly to parking close by, so kayak, boat, fishing rods, etc. are not taken by the time you go drive out and find a parking spot so not just a in and out road to lake.
- Separate are for kayaks to launch
- Parking for vehicles with boat trailers.
- Specified boat trailer parking stalls directly across from boat ramp will speed up launches and retrievals.
- The boat launch should have some space for a que of sorts. Kinda like Branen lake.
- Maybe even a dedicated place for vehicles with trailers to park?
- Boat launching should be stopped, any road going trailer and vehicles entering the lake can easily add grease, oil, or road dirt or exhaust pollution to the lake. Canoes, kayaks, paddle boards and even small dinghies can be carried or moved on small trolleys.

Bike Amenities
- bike wash
- I'm just really excited at the mention on a bike wash station! The one in Cumberland is great, for example.
- Bike wash ASAP
- Where's the bike wash? This is a multi use component that I don't think people understand what they look like - it's literally a bike rack with a water hose. You can wash a lot of stuff up there. Muddy shoes and dogs. Fruit that's fallen in the sand. Etc. Put that by the bike toolkit if possible or by the boat launch area (then you can also rinse off boats/boards if need be).
- Bike wash station
- I would love to see somewhere safe to lock up my bike. See this design from Ottawa. https://ottawa.ca/en/parking-roads-andtravel/ cycling/cycling-and-transit Something similar would be great here.
- Bike wash station like the one in Cumberland would be awesome. As a high density downtown residence bikes can't be washed at apartments and condos downtown. This is a major issue with more condos being built and more people riding Westwood..
- Bike wash station at arbot road
- Bike lockers and or bike racks
- Maybe some bicycle repair stations. Lots of people bike there. One of those stations with the tools attached and an air pump would get good use.
- secure bike lockers
- Lockers for bicycles and other items to encourage people to use alternate methods to travel to the park and have a secure place for items while they are enjoying the park.
- A place people could safely lock their bikes up! I would love to ride my bike to the park and then go and enjoy the park walking or enjoying the beach without having to worry about my bike possibly being stolen.
- a Bike repair station
- This should be a mountain bike hub with a bike wash

Dogs
- a dog beach during the warmer months not just winter
- Dog beach
- Dog rinse station
- fenced dog park area, dog swimming area

- It would be nice if the off leash area was better maintained. Right now it is just a gravel pit. In the Summer, it can get really hot. Maybe expand the off leash area towards some of the forested area or even have an access area for dogs all year round.
- Dedicated off leash beach for dogs. While there is a 'part' of the trail behind the lake there is technically no water access. And walking all the way to the back of the lake isn't possible for some
- Please keep this an ON-Leash park.
- During this summer I was surprised with a 'no dogs' sign on the second beach. As far as I know, they always allowed on-leash dogs in there during the summer. In my opinion, it's important to have a place where you can be with the dogs on the beach.
- Would like to see a area for dogs to swim at during the summer
- I would like to have a specific area for a dog beach, not 1 or 2. I am so tired of seeing dog feces line the shore and seeing the accessible ramp covered in the same. I would like to have beaches 1 & 2 dog free zones. I would like to have a bylaw officer in place for the summer to enforce non-smoking and dog free beaches.
- Also a designated beach area for dogs like the one in Langford would be awesome.
- off-leash dog beach
- The off leash dog area at Westwood is pathetic. Please create an area for dogs that has water access.
- An off-leash area with green surroundings, not just a rocky path.
- An area for dogs to enter the water... Not allowed to walk them across beach to swim, so an area to let the dogs in at the end of a run (especially in summer) would be nice.
- fenced off-leash dog park close to the parking area
- Dogs must be on leash and pick up after them.
- Dog beach!!!!
- It would be nice to have a dog beach area (might help with the geese) Lots of people run or walk with their dogs and it would be nice to have a place for people and their dogs to have a place to enjoy and cool off.
- Lake access for dogs away from the main swimming area. Perhaps an area on the backside associated with the off-leash walking area?
- A dog friendly beach area away from general public would be a great addition to Westwood Park.

Picnic/Covered Area

- Gazebo/permanent shelter
- picnic tables which accommodate small bbqs
- Love the kid friendly picnic tables!
- bbq option?
- Many more good picnic tables. They are always fully utilized. A "Kin Hut" covered picnic area with be awesome. Tons of family's groups and events would utilize a covers area regularly. Would be well worth the investment and make Nanaimo a better city to live.
- More picnic tables
- Band/theatre shelter
- Special Event area is a bonus.
- Provide charcoal barbeques that are fixed in place. I have seen this in Hawaii and it is well used by families for gatherings. They can be very robustly built to avoid maintenance and vandalism
- The images of the Concrete tables and walls will provide indestructible and easier to maintain seating areas.
- More picnic tables and off beach spaces. (Natural wood would be the best)
- picnic tables
- More panic tables
- Larger picnic areas
- Possibly a gazebo or some type of shelter with tables inside for children's birthday party's or small gatherings.
- To get covered picnic area completed

- It would be nice to have fire pits or camp stoves for BBQs.
- Shelter area that could be rented out for groups (company bbq, family reunion)
- More picnic tables
- Permanent shade structures (ie umbrella sculptures, etc) on the beach.
- Numerous picnic tables; a covered picnic area like they have in Bowen Park and Morrell.
- Shade and picnic tables
- a meeting room or covered area for groups to meet

Beach/Lake

- Water accessibility for those with mobility issues is a MUST.
- A fountain in the middle of the lake, it would look nice, and help to filter and keep oxygen levels up and prevent too much algae.
- Expanding the second beach A new dock or maybe a wibbit like they have at other lakes (Osoyoos) and at common wealth pool Basically more than a wooden dock where kids get slivers and is very slippery and dangerous when so many kids are trying to get up one ladder. Maybe more access points along the walking trails so it's not so congested at the main beaches??
- Larger beach
- life guard float ring , perhaps a float dock or a (safe) Tarzan rope swing for them.
- Is it possible to join 1st and 2nd beach into one long beach?
- wheelchair access with railings to the water on first beach

Trails

- Trail enhancements
- Can we also have an improved trail connection from Westwood lake through To Morell sanctuary and morden colliery. What about installing activities along the trail like at Beban park.
- The biggest priority is resurfacing the 6km trail around Westwood to a modern standard, improving drainage on the trail, managing forest fuel loading, managing invasive species, having an actual maintenance plan for the high use trail.
- more bike trails
- Expand bridges on trail to allow for social distancing. Had To stop walking or running the trails as its impossible to maintain the proper distancing.
- Potentially more stairs down the wall as well.
- Could the city maintain its trails better, to many exposed roots and bridges starting to rot. Creating hazards for walkers and runners.
- Mountain bike trail signs and improvements
- Official municipal hiking trails with bridges and trams to bring in tourists that tend to go elsewhere.
- Personally, I would like the return of bikers NOT being allowed on the walking trails, pose a Hazzard to walkers and runners
- Biking conflict with walkers along the shared path between the beach and arbot road entrance. An easy way to keep bikes off that stretch might be helpful.
- Bike trails suitable for ebikes
- interconnection and maintance of trails that connect with morrell sanctuary. Development of those trails and parks like morrell could provide alternatives to westwood lake
- Challenge walking trails and flatter trails for dog-walkers and those preferring to amble/gentler walks.
- Dedicated paths for runners/bikes would be epic.
- Financial support for Nanaimo Mtn bike club for more trail building and improving trail signage
- Improve and add new biking trails around Westwood
- i would like to see the footpath round the lake made a little more accessible. some areas are rather hard to negociate.
- Either wider trails or separate trails for runners. Too many of them run with friends and don't think to single file to pass walkers.

- More/better trails. Mountain bike trails are good for walking too.
- I would love to see the shared path widened in all areas between the beaches and the singletrack so that there is more room for bikes handlebars and people walking, running, elders walking with walkers etc. (Especially the wooden boardwalks, they are far too narrow for a 'shared' path).
- Yes. Bicycle riders should not be allowed along the first stretch of wooded trail going towards the right as you face the lake. Bike access should be limited to Arbot Road, which seems preferable to most of them. Or, at least they should be required to have and use bells and have a slow speed limit through that stretch. It can be difficult for us seniors to dodge racing bicycles, sometimes not even hearing them coming up behind us. Thank you.

Benches

- More benches near the wall/stairs.
- Benches are critical - not clustered together, but along the way. Many people are unable to walk for long distances (or even what may seem short ones), but they should be provided with the opportunity to sit down, to breathe in the fresh air, to admire the natural beauty- it does wonders for both their physical as well as their mental wellbeing!
- More benches / seating areas around the lake (even picnic spots)
- Benches
- Benches at the edge of the beach/trail.
- Picnic or rest stop areas long walking path around the lake
- may be some benches here and there to sit and admire the view
- More benches
- More benches, or small seats dotted along the right hand side.
- More bench seating around the lake
- More benches and places to sit.
- I would also love for there to be some benches deeper in the trail to sit and have a rest on. I'm a young adult with mobility problems and sometimes when I'm really sore walking, there is no place to rest. Perhaps if there were opportunities for people to have memorial benches like in other parks such as Neck Point, it'd be a great opportunity to honor someone and have those funds contributed to the park maintenance in the future.

Park Maintenance

- Clean water
- Larger capacity garbage cans would be nice too. Currently, when it's so busy there on weekends for example, the garbage overflows and people leave it next to the can.
- Garbage cans available around the lake to dispose of dog waste. Staff could use ATV's to maintain trails and collect garbage.
- move maintenance on the trail around the lake
- As a local resident and avid trail user I would like to see a few more garbage cans placed about the trails. One in particular would be great just inside the entrance at the end of College Heights Road. And perhaps bottle return and or recycling bins within the beach area beside existing garbage cans?
- More garbage cans are needed on the trail, and regular maintenance to empty them more often.
- Improvements aside, this park is really dumpy looking. Most major beaches within a city have daily sand grooming to keep clean and less compacted , nice lawns that are upkept, trees trimmed, pathways clean and kept swept and safe. Not saying it should be so pristine it loses the natural charm but the beach, parking, paths and washrooms are always grubby looking.
- Removal of stumps in lake!
- I'd like to see actual enforcement of the current bylaws at the lake. I continually see people drinking and smoking on the beaches. Having their dogs off lease and/or on the beach. This is only get worse if parking is expanded and more and more people come to this area. This site isn't being properly monitored or maintained as it is currently. I'd like to see a solid plan for this.
- Id rather there be a garbage can or two placed on the far side of the lake.

- Add garbage cans out near the bluffs for teen garbage
- Annual fund raising or a scuba club garbage dive.
- As a frequent trail Walker it would be nice to see more garbage cans. Lots of people get their morning coffee from Tim Hortons and then hit the trails so sometimes you often see garbage along the way. If they were designated garbage cans on the main trails this would reduce litter in the park.
- Garbage cans/collection at points along the trail so people stop/don't "accidentally" drop their dog poop bags because they are carrying the bags around the lake to get to a garbage
- More garbage cans on far side of lake may also encourage other people to pick up after their dogs.
- more trash cans
- More dog poop cans and garbage cans. More poop pag dispensers
- Maintenance needs to be increased. Garbage pick-up is insufficient now, and with increased amenities, this will get worse. And it needs to be expanded all around the lake.
- More garbage cans for dog owners to dispose their dog poo. Sick of seeing dog poo bags tossed into the bushes.
- More garbage cans provided.
- Recycling bins, rather than just garbage cans, as well as waste receptacles on the far side of the lake.
- Enforced non-smoking bylaw -- this is 100% the reason we don't go to this beach.
- It sure would be nice to have waste receptacles at the back side of the lake trail. I realize that can be difficult for city staff to empty but it would reduce the number of dog poop bags left along the trail.
- Additional garbage cans around the entire lake for pet waste disposal.

Geese

- beach free of geese
- Also, geese control at the beach. So much goose poop.
- A way to control the goose population

Entertainment/Vendors

- More food options
- More variety of food vendors
- A lake side patio, eatery serving local beer.
- allow more vendors in the summer
- In the 2000s years we've lived here the good concession has NEVER been open when we've been to the lake. Stopped going
- It would be nice to allow a few vendors more than two in the park if there is going to be a special event going on.
- I am the owner of Not Brothers ice cream co and we vend at the beach frequently through the warmer months. The whole food truck community would love to be a part of the conversation around expanding power and space for vendors. With this re design the city has the opportunity to create a premiere food truck destination and we would love to be a part of the process to make that happen.
- bigger food truck pavilion
- More food trucks, coffee snacks
- Movie nights in the summer. More Food Truck options.
- More food trucks
- 3 food trucks for variety and convenience
- A dedicated space for a concession (or coffee shop).
- More vendors might be nice.
- Concession stand with ice cream etc.
- More food trucks
- Special event outdoor space
- Food Truck Vendor Area
- A larger food truck area would be great for the number of people who use the park.

- More food trucks or regular concession stand with healthy food options on site
- A small restaurant with partially covered patio would be nice. Allow the Westwood tennis club to have a small shack right next to the trail to serve ice cream and cold drinks in summer and hot chocolate and coffee in winter.
- I really liked the improvements to the special events area in the second plan proposal.
- I also wouldn't mind a little more space and better access for vendors.
- Music performance free on a small stage…

Outdoor Shower

- Outside showers to rinse off after swimming
- An outdoor shower
- I would like to see an improved shower if this was not in the designs already.
- More showers
- Outdoor showers
- Showers
- Outdoor shower to wash off itch
- More shower facilities
- Open outside beachside showers/pet rinse away from sandy areas.
- outside showers
- Outdoor showers or other water station for sand removal
- An outdoor shower area
- I would like to see an outside shower or change rooms.
- Outside showers

Maps/Signage

- Information station with information about the park and it’s natural environment.
- Interpretive signage showcasing history of the lake, native plants, traditional use of the area.
- Increased signage for dogs. All ON leash!
- Nature interpretation
- Accurate Kilometre markers around the lake
- Better kilometre markings for running accuracy and a timer for clocking circuits would be fabulous.
- Better signage to prevent user conflict between cyclists and walkers. Basic trail etiquette. Maps and distances.
- Maybe some more signage for history of the area / info on the lakes
- Acknowledgement of Sneneymeux people and their lands.
- Non-smoking signs and bylaw enforcement. Have seen too many people smoking and using the beach as their ashtray.
- More signage about dogs and smoking rules would also be good. I’ll stop now.
- Information signs about the animals that live there and their habitats

Playground

- A natural playground design would be nice, but really the existing playground is completely fine (the kids love the rotating tire). Could you add a couple simple things like stumps in a circle (lower cost and kids love it) like the Ecole North Oyster school.
- The playground be accessible for all kids
- Definitely a good playground
- Accessible playground that accommodates toddlers and older children
- A more diverse park for children not just toddlers. I have a special needs child whom is developmentally 5 years old but is 12 and over 5 feet tall. He loves to play but everything new is too small.
- playground flooring and rubber tiles in the playground area.

- One thing Nanaimo (and surrounding areas) largely lack in their playgrounds, is turf other than wood and rocks. Rubber playground turf is another bonus for parents. Not only do wood and rocks hurt when they get in sandals and shoes, little ones eat them. Wood and rock parks are a nightmare to deal with and I personally will go out of my way just to go to rubber-turfed parks. And I know many moms (and dads) who also prefer the same.
- Larger playground
- Like option 1 with new playground
- Kids bike trail with some small bumps, gravel trail - similar to rathtrevor/miracle beach campground... instead of playground? Around it? Its easy, inexpensive and kids love it... especially with all the mountain biking
- a playground that is good for small children in mind also.
- Kids should have an amazing play area. How about safe and low zip lines connecting some of the larger trees near the existing play structure.
- A really great playground in either A or B plan is the most important to me.

Waterpark

- Would also be spectacular for the kids to set up the beach area with a large outdoor floating water park similar to what they do at Harrison Hot Springs
- lakewater-fed water park draining back into lake
- a water park or feature like at transfer beach

Outdoor Gym/Sports

- An outdoor workout area like Oliver woods.
- Volleyball or basketball court or small soccer field.
- Possibility for beach volleyball anywhere?
- A bocce ball court would be nice.
- Volleyball court/ beach soccer/ an area to play games with Friends
- As well as a beach volleyball court
- Trail log exercise stations they are fun and keep people fit ,ex. log lift .etc
- The fitness circuit at beban is in bad condition and I don't feel safe with my kids there, a treed area with a similar circuit could be neat. Westwood for me is a fitness destination.
- A workout equipment area for adults
- This is the perfect spot for a beach volleyball court this is an inexpensive easy to build amenity that compliments a beach area better than any other spot in town. Also another disc golf course on the perimeter of the park area would make it a true multi use facility that would draw users in the off season
- Volleyball courts

Public Art

- Public art
- Public art on beach and on trail.

Fishing

- Having a few additional fishing docks between the 2nd beach and Arbot road would be nice.
- More fishing docks.
- a permanent fishing dock off the existing dam and stairs for better access to the reeds and for use during special events and learn to fish programs
- PLEASE KEEP OR IMPROVE AT LEAST ONE FISHING DOCK!! So so so important to my family.

Safety

- Cameras on the exterior of the washroom area in particular as a deterrent for people to spray paint. I don't even care if the cameras work. Just having them would help deter vandalism.
- Additional traffic calming measures on Westwood Road to help speeds of vehicles.

- Lights and security cameras for security at dawn an dusk.
- Bike lanes up to Westwood
- Security in the summer
- More lighting at night for fall and winter. consider some safety lighting around the path.
- The traffic on Westwood Road between jinglepot and east Wellington is very busy and traffic is usually speeding. The improvements will likely increase traffic. Sidewalks should be installed to keep pedestrians safe on both sides of Westwood for the entire length of the road.

Rentals

- Paddle boat, peddle boats, etc. for rent.
- Rental of paddleboards and kayaks on site.
- Boat house storage and rental facility on site
- I would like to see a water sport rental option where people can rent for example paddleboard or kayaks and etc. from the city or vendors.
- A boat and paddle board rental.
- Peddle boat, paddle boards, kayak rentals.
- Kayak and sup rentals at second beach

Transit

- More frequent and wide ranging bus route
- Bus stops for alternative ways to get to Westwood
- I think there should be some kind of free shuttle service for the summer months, departing from various locations in Nanaimo.
- Updated hourly bus service to Westwood would cut down on parking lot congestion
- Bus stop.
- Promoting public transit as a way of getting to Westwood to reduce traffic and improving parking and access from Arbot road.
- A BUS STOP, preferably covered. Work with RDN Transit to provide public transportation to the entrance of Westwood Lake. Being in nature is important for good mental health, but not everyone has a vehicle. If buses are too big to turn around, smaller buses could be used.

Water Fountain/Bottle Filling Station

- more drinking water availability?
- A water bottle fill-up station (not a standard fountain but the style at the arenas).
- water fountain facilities that include one at dog level. like the kind they have on the Canada goose trail
- Water bottle fill station
- A drinkable water filling station
- Water bottle filling would be great!
- Drinking water stations would be more sensible than bike washing stations.
- flowing dog watering station
- A water bottle filling station for trail users.

Gun Range

- Start negotiations with the Federal government to remove the gun range from the area, recreational use has expanded to the point it should be removed from city limits.
- The city needs to negotiate with the federal government to get the DND gun range out of the city boundaries. Westwood is a nice recreational area when the automatic guns are not firing.
- I'd love to see the city work with the DND re: trail access behind the lake for future Westwood lake users.
- Work to relocate the DND firing range and secure safe public access to adjacent forest land and trails in the Westwood Ridge area.

Gondola

- I would like this to be the terminus for a future gondola to the top of Mt Benson.

Other

- Note: below you don't have an option for Wellington in the areas. So I chose Northfield but it's actually Wellington area. Also, I attend both the Westwood lots and arbot road so multiple choice would have been good for Q20
- No
- No
- No
- Neutral
- I think you have it covered
- No I think all and all the plan looks good.
- No
- No
- Just really great aesthetic design
- No
- new mayor and council [redacted] to deal with real issues this city has !
- No. Keep it as simple as possible so people can enjoy the beach and trails.
- This plan is really comprehensive. I got nothing to add.
- Nope
- Would like to see long lake improved as well
- No
- N\A
- Also how will we make this space more inviting and better serving to indigenous people? Land acknowledgments are great but hollow when not accompanied by action.
- Affordable. Housing. Please.
- Nah
- Cannot think of any.
- I would love to see not just 1 park be developed but have 2. Both beaches bring enough families that I feel 2 parks would be beneficial.
- No
- No
- N/A
- Less is best in order preserve the nature park feeling. If we urbanized this too much, we lose what we have and value. Also enjoyed the animal talks at the beach this summer would like to see more of that educating the public about the wildlife that we have here and how not to interfere with their (the animals) lives.
- No.
- None

Q8 Are there any ideas presented that you would not like to see happen?

Boats/Boat Launch

- No motorized boats
- pls be mindful of trailer requirements at the boat launch both in terms of parking and access (backing in to the water)
- Moving the boat launch seems silly because then people would have to drive through the whole lot with their boats and little trailers. It's nice to keep it separated from the main parking as much as possible.
- I am not sure about either option for the boat ramp. In idea #1 what happens if someone unloads their boat then can't find a spot after. In idea #2 having vehicle with boats travelling through the parking lot may just add to the congestion.
- Concept 2 seems poorly thought our. Perhaps with a one way loop it would work better. Boat lauch is probably best left where it is or congestion will build up further into parking lots.
- move the boat laund
- Dont move the boat ramp.
- The way the boat launch is presented in the plans leaves no where for vehicles to nose into before backing up. They will likely pull into private driveways in order to be able to back down to the water. Additionally, the majority of people using the boat launch are not launching boats; they are unloading floating toys, coolers, chairs etc. I would love be to see the boat launch moved and be used for boat launching only. In its current state is causes so much chaos at the lake.
- Boat ramp improvements
- Moving the boat launch would be a terrible idea as then they would have to drive through the entire parking lot making it a larger safety hazard. It's functional and fine just where it is.
- It will be nearly impossible to back a trailer into the boat ramp shown in Plan 1.
- I really think the boat launch needs to be deleted or moved. The current new proposal that has it depicted doesn't allow for turning around and backing up. This area is very busy with pedestrians, runners and bikes. It is never good practice to move people where vehicles are backing up.
- I think the boat launch could cause safety and conflicting use problems. They should be separated.
- Don't move the boat ramp. Waste of time and money!
- boat ramp should be move not redone.
- Nope. It's all good, but definitely keep the boat launch non motorized.
- I don't believe the boat launch should be moved to second beach, as even with parking lot flow improvements it would add traffic with potential kayak trailers or boat trailers. Site Plan #1 has the best idea in relation to the boat launch
- I think that a boat launch at 2nd beach would be more of a challenge...boats having to be towed further through a busy parking lot
- Do not move the boat launch
- Moving the boat ramp
- I would not like the boat launch to be right beside the beach and would like the traffic from the boat launch to be away from the main traffic. Also the boat launch should not be in the way of pedestrians using the trail so enough room to easily and safely get by.
- Keeping the boat launch at the parking entrance is inefficient, and causes traffic congestion
- I would not like to see the boat launch/paddleboard launch moved
- Boat launch area at first beach.
- in my observation i have seen so little use of the boat launching ramp, i think it does not warrant the allocation of space .
- I'm not too keen on the new parking lot lay out especially for boaters, that's a long way to drive to hopefully find a parking space while your boat is unattended.
- Moving the boat launchch

- Dont move the boat ramp. Stupid and waste of money.
- Do not move the boat ramp. I always go to 2nd beach and it is just as busy as first beach. I could not imagine the cluster of boats, trucks, people ect down at that beach. Just makes sense to have it's own space for people to launch.
- Relocating the boat launch to Second Beach - boats and trailers will have to drive through the two parking lots to launch instead of launching close to the road.
- do not move the boat launch to second beach, seriously who could possibly think that would be a good idea???
- I do not like the boat launch in proposal 1. I feel strongly that it needs to be away from the beach and parking for safety reasons. there is also no way to turn the boats/cars around without impacting the residents on that street
- Do not put the boat launch near the houses (like in plan 1). Its obvious that people will end up using those residents' driveways to assist in turning their vehicles and boats around. I fear that people will also use this as a drop off for kids and gear before going into the main parking lot as well, again increasing the likelihood of using residents' driveways to turn around.
- I think of boat launch is changed it needs to have another place for access. It can't just be removed totally.
- I would not like to see boat launch stay at first beach. First beach is mostly used by families and is major safety concern at high traffic area of trail entrance.

Accessibility

- None of the accessible improvements, not needed. There are other, more appropriate parks to enjoy
- Universal beach access is great, but where are they going to go once they get to the end of the pathway? Will it loop around or just end for a view? Having accessibility access to the shaded park area infront of the beach would be really nice I think and close enough to enjoy the water view or watch family/friends in the water.
- Accessibility options are good to an extent but should not impede the use of the majority (eg single wheel ramps on the side of stairs instead of the middle).
- Not sure what a universal beach is…..seems to be all beaches are universal use.
- Rubber mats on sand is not great. Just create concrete or wood structures for accessibility for those that use it.

Playground

- Playground
- limit the playgrounds- if they aren't fun make them smaller and have actual playground options also
- An inclusive playground for ALL children would be amazing. I wonder if wood is a good idea though..
- No playground at first beach. Second beach is currently the more "rowdy" of the two, so the addition of a playground at first beach would make it nearly impossible to find a peaceful beach spot. The improvements should put as much activity near second beach as possible, leaving first beach for those who would prefer peace and quiet.
- Some of the best designed parks which include children's play areas are those where the children area is well defined, and surrounded by trees / plants that ameliorate the inevitable loud noises (be it chatter, parents calling out, kids laughing loudly, screaming and shouting in play). For many people these days given all the stress and anxiety, it is so important to find places such as this one where they can find peace and quiet, so as to truly relax and benefit from having such a wonderful place available to them.
- Playground not required at this location. Update at 2nd Beach if
- Playgrounds should be removed from beach access areas to create better flow and reduce congestion.
- A giant playground would be a waste, a simple upgrade would be nice. The city has many playgrounds already.
- I don't think a huge playground is necessary
- I hope we don't build a huge kids playground as there is limited area at the park.
- Playground for kids is kind of unnecessary, it's a lake, go swimming, play in the water or go elsewhere.

- I would not like to see mulch or dirt and gravel in the playground.
- I would like to more water sports rather than a playground, Nanaimo has lots of playgrounds and very few accessible lakes for the growing population.
- Please spend money wisely. Find basic, long-lasting materials/items that offer good value for the dollar, as opposed to expensive, aesthetically-pleasing items. An improved playground is not necessary. The beach, lake and trails are already a wonderful "playground".
- I would not like to see an expanded playground. The park is busy enough with people who want to enjoy the natural amenities and there are several other built playgrounds to be enjoyed in other locations around the city.
- There is no need to spend huge sums on a playground.

Parking Lot

- Expand the parking at the Arbot rd entrance as well.
- too much parking!
- Adding more parking won't solve any street parking concerns. Adding more parking will make more people come here, the street parking will still exist (and is fine - it's for 2 months a year. Not a big deal). The biggest issue with the parking right now is that row that faces the first beach - definitely need to expand the pathway to link up and shift that row. (With a crosswalk spot for the boat launch)
- The first plan with higher parking volume. The second plan has way too much wasted and unnecessary pavement!
- Paved parking- doesn't fit with a natural ecological park setting kind of ironic with plans to expand parking, etc
- adding so many parking spots
- For those of us backing onto the parking lot on Leighton Road the establishment of a noise swale to reduce the amount of noise in the parking lot as 11 PM really is too late for that kind of noise that happens at the parking lot. Also an increase in low heigth hedging, trees and shubbery to inclease privacy, reduce noise and filter out harmful exhaust. As far as parking option is concerned there shouts be only a one way route in with the second one way route out in the centre of the parking lot. Also silent hours should be 9 pm as most parks around residential areas.
- Site plan 2 with fewer parking stalls and two entrances.
- don't make any changes that add significantly to the cost/value ratio. It appears that allowances for limiting impervious surfaces would seem to decrease space used for parking and increase costs. That money can be better used for other park amenities, unless the extra impervious surfaces lead to greater storm water costs then the limiting measures. The parking lot in question seems to be a tiny fraction of what is already paved across Nanaimo. The biggest problem on peak days is having enough parking, so I think that letting everyone get to the park is better value then the storm water savings.
- one big parking lot ,no thanks...spread it out along the lakeshore makes it safer and does less damage to park and trees..
- Too many parking stalls are being added. It should only be about 30 stalls.
- I hate the grass between stalls, it's wasteful and will be ran/trampled over. Function of asthetics is what is needed.
- Additional gravel parking areas versus paved would be preferred, in addition to stormwater management
- I live in Resort on The Lake with my lot backing up to the trail. No parking lot behind us.
- Gravel parking areas. Mixing gravel with hard vehicle travel surfaces will require additional maintenance and future costs.
- I am concerned that new landscaping and areas of vegetated stormwater control would be trampled down and destroyed by foot traffic. I would suggest some sort of barrier between parking lots/pedestrian walkways and these areas with vegetation.
- not sure I like either parking lot design, particularly how the boat launch is put outside of the regular parking area which looks unusable for many users.
- Not reclaiming too much land for additional parking.

- Do not expand parking and start enforcing those who park in clearly marked ‘no parking’ areas.
- More handicap spots
- Don't expand the parking Lot, don't move the current handicap parking farther from the lake, don't take down trees and housing for a pretty parking lot.
- No gravel in the parking lots ... simply creates potholes. Right now there is very little maintenance done to the existing gravel parking lot and the oil mixture on top is toxic to dogs.
- Parking and beach need to be expanded a lot more- its still too crowed. people need room to unload, blowup paddle boards, cars with trailers, etc, walk through your own designs they are not functional. Someone is thinking small again.
- Only one entrance into parking lot is a car congestion waiting to happen
- Don’t need the parking lot turned into a maze like the rest of newer parking lots in nanaimo..
- I do not support more parking for motor vehicles
- Please do not sacrifice extra parking. We dont need trees and grass in the parking lot if it reduces the number of spots. There are lots of trees everywhere else.
- Single entrance/exit
- I don’t think more parking spaces is a good idea.
- No more parking spaces
- Pay parking
- I prefer the parking in option 2. The option 1 has dead end parking which is horrible to get out of if there are no spots.
- Expanded parking lot
- Too much parking and pavement will make the park feel over developed. Gravel parking and effort to keep trees for shade and ecosystem buffer.
- NOT the parking in the second plan. It seems very unsafe especially for excited children getting out of cars
- Extra parking spots. It Westwood is already seeing 800 people on it's path daily, I think increasing access will ruin it. This typically happens with expansion and what makes a place special is ruined.
- Making parking lot look pretty but it just complicates the use. More parking is what is needed
- Pay parking
- Not sure the pervious surfaced parking will be overly successful. Concerned maintenance will not be kept up and it will deteriorate and/or look bad.
- Too much parking. Spend the $ elsewhere. There are streets all around and people can walk, wheel, crawl etc.
- Concerned about providing too much parking. Encourage families to find alternative ways of coming to park
- More parking in other access points (such as Arbot)
- Would it not make sense to complete any improvements that are planned to the second lot first so people don't have to drive thru a construction zone to park. Once it is completed then do the first lot, be easier for everyone and safer for the contractors. Even the off season is busy here.
- I think number 1 option for parking improvements would work the best
- Constant expansion of the parking lot.
- No gravel parking lot please
- Parking lot #2.
- Don’t increase accessibility parking if it won’t get used!
- Extra parking is good, and would just want to know the natural space was as preserved as possible in doing so.
- The lake is not as big as Buttle Lake to increase parking area and add a beach area. This idea will result to over population. I'd like to maintain it's serenity, it is a good place to destress and focus. If we don't add parking space and / or increse the shore it will discourage those who don't get a spot, and find another place to go.
- Minimize paving and parking, look for active transportation options and/or car parking outside the park
- No expanded parking only better flow.

- Limit parking spaces! Cars are the least important and green way to improve access to the lake. Instead invest more in bike paths, pedestrian access, and transit services.
- Not too many car park spaces
- Do not move the current parking lot and boat launch.
- fix the current parking lot, it wouldn't take much, then leave the rest of the park alone

Trail

- 3 m wide trail if the trail that goes around the lake
- The biggest focus should be trail improvements, it was never built well to begin with and has been neglected by parks staff. The trail needs to be rebuilt and resurfaced to accommodate the increase in use.
- Trails around the lake for mountain biking and one way trails and pedestrian restricted access
- Seperate trail for bikes and walkers
- Need to be very careful about routing\separating bike traffic. Mountain bikers travel way too fast with little regard for pedestrian traffic, especially mothers pushing carriages, older less mobile walkers and people walking dogs. Have seen a number of near misses that could have resulted in serious injury and have been abused by aggressive bikers. I can take care of myself but feel sorry for the elderly and mums with kids in carriages.
- The 3m wide path. It would take up to much space.
- not widening the trails (and certainly not paving them!!!
- Don’t mess with the existing trail other than discouraging bike users terrorizing walkers
- Widening of trails in narrow areas if possible
- Maybe. Where is this 3 metre wide multi-use trail supposed to go.Westwood is nice because it has some wilderness to it. Too much grooming and it’s just part of the city and less of a draw to go there.
- I do not believe that the pathway along the Arbot Road (near side path) should be open to multiple use. I am an older person (as are many who use this path) and I have had many scares and close calls with bicyclists of all kinds. If this path continues to be multiuse it must be widened to allow one form of user to avoid the other.

Park Maintenance

- Remove some of the submerged trees in key parts of the lake where kayaks etc tend to go.
- Removal of the dead trees sticking out of the lake.
- Cleaning up the weeds in the water of the lake would be much better for those swimming in it.

Geese

- Geese removal. There is no point in pouring all this money where the beach is littered with geese droppings.

Washrooms

- Shared gender toilets
- only renovating the bathroom to one huge accessible bathroom is going to mean a massive wait. Please add a separate change area and at least the same amount of toilets as currently. We already wait as it is.
- I don’t like the idea of a shared bathroom men and women.
- I would like to see not much money spent on facilities. Parking sure but washrooms and picnic area with get abused and vandalized
- No need to relocate washrooms, current location works well centered between two parking lots and beaches.
- For safety of children not to share bathrooms with opposite gender.
- Relocating the washroom building and playground - the existing locations are fine.

- Would prefer to keep separate men's and women's washrooms. Perhaps a third family/universal washroom added.
- Universal washroom is not safe and hygienic.
- Spend the money on the additional toilet facilities and adding some kind of toilet facilites on the back side of the lake
- A refurbished old toilet block is still an old outdated toilet block. A new attractive block with plenty of natural light is needed and using local materials to match the ambiance of the surroundings.

Beach

- Seems a shame to create such a block of green space between the parking and the sand.
- Enlarging sandy beach area too much.
- Added trees, and green space at the first beach. The area is too small and gets crowded. I feel that would be better at the second beach.
- combining first and second beaches
- Beach expansion.

Dogs

- Ensure no dog off leash areas near beach. Needs to stay family friendly and safe as main priority.
- More space for people with dogs
- Off-Leash area must be restricted to that portion where there is a parallel and separated pathway. I don't want to see a situation like at Collery Dam where the upper dam area has been made uncomfortable for swimmers and hikers due to the loose dogs.

Transit/Access

- Fix the bike lane from Westwood road intersection w Jingle Pot, make the lane go up right to the lake. The space is there.

Greenery/Nature

- Do not take trees down if possible. Keep it looking natural and west coast like
- seeing signs "Ecological Restoration Coming Soon" New trees, please keep as much of the old growth as possible Parksville has a beautiful city park located right on the ocean. Unfortunate this wasn't the vision for Maffeo-Sutton park or Neck Point or even Pipers Lagoon
- This is a natural space and I'd like to see it stay that way. It does not need to be more touristy but maybe more adaptable to locals….. think like the Morel Sanctuary
- Cutting of existing trees.
- Not to remove too many tree's as its nice to have the shade especially in the hot summers.
- Removal of trees
- I live in Resort on The Lake with my lot backing up to the trail. Would like to see a few of the trees come down as we already had a tree come down and take out our shed, gazebo and husbands truck.
- I don't want too much development (or forest getting cut down). I think that effective enhancements can be made without too much expansion.
- Unless The City is planning on maintaining the planted areas there shouldn't be any as it just looks scruffy and unkempt
- Minimal cutting of existing trees
- Anything requiring the removal of native vegetation and habitats, and anything requiring additional pavement which contributes to the climate change emergency, I would not like to see happen.
- No more structures (including Ping Pong Tables) or buildings are needed at this NATURE PARK than already exist. Again unnecessary extravagances and likely that more trees would need to be removed. Defeats the whole purpose of "protecting the natural character of this parkland"

Entertainment/Food Vendors

- To too keen on using up space for food trucks. We have better places in other parks for this.
- Food trucks and vendors-creates more garbage, unhealthy food choices, noise
- the food trucks are not a priority but nice to support local.
- Don't care for the entertainment stage.
- The special events area, just keep the park simple for those that live here and use it regularly.
- More vendors are not necessary;
- Not sure how I feel about the event area...
- Don’t think food trucks are necessary, but a concession with ice cream, cold drinks and maybe hotdogs would be welcome.
- No to food trucks
- I don't feel that the special event area is necessary. I think that space could be better utilized for the washroom and food truck space as shown in the first plan.
- Give the local community the heads up about events - can be done via Parks and Recreation Westwood events page.

Picnic/Covered Areas

- Be careful with covered picnic areas or shelters, these tend to get used as camping spots by those without housing, many people have pop up shelters they can bring or rent for events or picnics.
- We would love more picnic tables but not picnic shelters as we would not like to see people sheltering overnight in the park
- Treed picnic area on First Beach - there is more of a need for sandy swimming beaches in Nanaimo compared to treed picnic locations.
- I would not like to see to many picnic tables on first beach

Bike Amenities

- A bike wash - put a K9 dog water dispenser (such as at Maffeo Sutton) there instead.
- bike wash station.
- Bike wash. You don't go to a beach or park to wash your bike. There's a coin operated wand wash just down the street.
- BIKE WASH
- I really don't want a bike washing station situated at the beach area. Relocate it elsewhere.
- Bike wash is not needed!!
- I don't see the need for a bike wash.
- Bike washing station is frivolous waste of water
- The bike wash unless it is inexpensive - as far as I know, the city doesn't provide free facilities to wash my car/boat/dog so mountain bikers shouldn't get special treatment.
- No bike wash station
- Anything that disadvantages hikers for the benefit of the mountain bike cabal.
- A bike washing station is an extravagant indulgence. Have our increasing water restrictions been considered here? Next the fishers will want improvement to their amenities with a fish cleaning station !!!!

Safety

- Would like to see security cameras put in place
- No street lighting at the beach or parking areas.

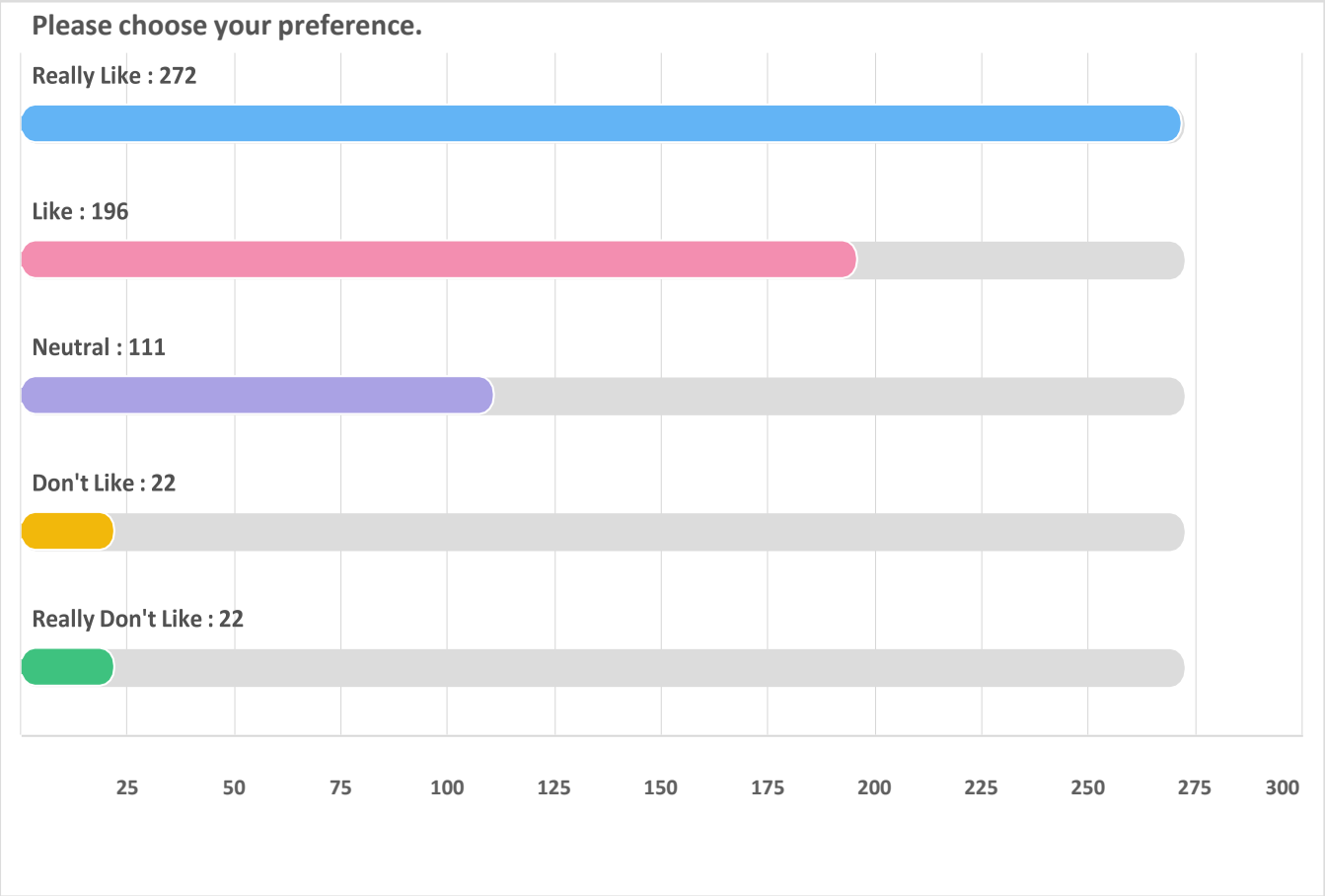
Other

- No.
- No.
- No I like all of the ideas
- No comment

- Limit expansion! Its good now, don't kill the place with bringing in even more people.
- It’s a small area - increasing parking is a good idea but the beach is small so you have to increase the recreational area accordingly. Also stormwater management features seem like a waste in this area as there is already so much permeable landscape. Stormwater feature and swales should focus on water quality as opposed to infiltration
- This is great so far...
- No
- No
- I think the proposals are great and well thought out.
- No
- No
- No
- I would be very happy with either. Leaning towards plan #2.
- No
- all of it
- Neutral
- Any improvements to Westwood are good improvements and worthwhile.
- No
- No
- No
- No
- No
- No
- No
- over the top renovations - lots of money spent on things that just make things look fancier - like park equipment, and bathrooms. Simple is better. Minimal but effective changes. I like the rustic sense to the place now.
- No
- Don't renovate, build new and modern, solar power, rain water collection for use etc.
- No, all good ideas.
- N/A
- I'm indifferent to adding a special events area and moving the washroom/lifeguard station; to moving the boat launch; to a bike wash facility; to a vendor area. I'm not offended by them, I just don't see a clear need for them (or the expense of them). But if you guys *do* see a clear need for those things, I would trust that you're more in touch with these things, and that is *is* worth the expense. They are just a lower priority to me.
- Keep the new infrastructure rustic and West coast style, nothing to urban and flashy.
- All ideas look great.
- Dont spend the cities money on a lake that is full of goose poop. Please build housing so I dont have to live in my mother's basement anymore.
- No
- Expensive superficial improvements
- No
- No
- No
- Renovation of current structures. They are much too old.
- I don’t like that 2 First Nations are listed separately from Nanaimo. Is it because those 2 reserves do not pay property tax and the chief of the Snuneymuxw earns $11,000 more than the the mayor and salary is tax exempt. Is this the future for all communities in BC?
- most of them
- None.

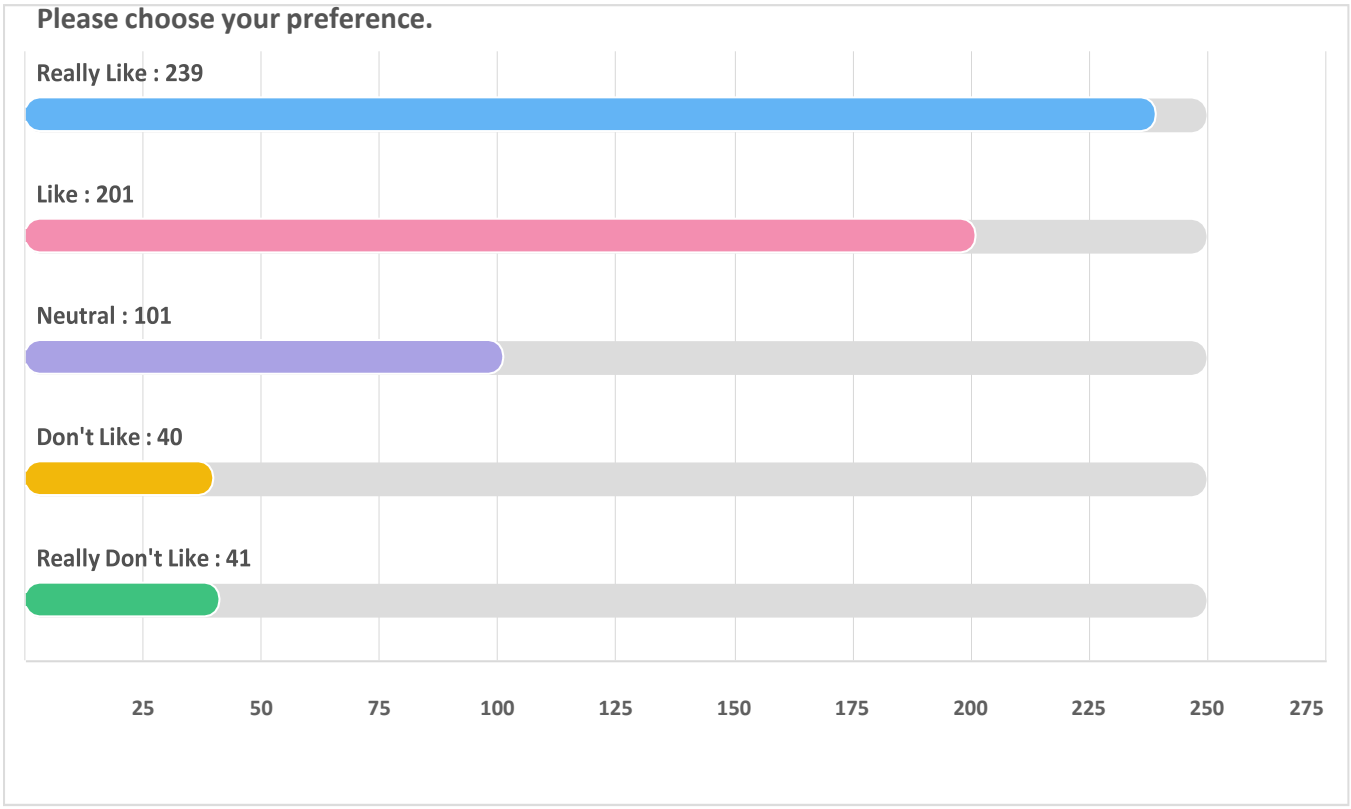
- The plan is quite comprehensive and well thought out so nothing I would not want to see added or modified.
- Not at this time
- No
- No
- No
- No. Looks amazing.
- No
- See 16

Q7	On a scale of 1 to 5, do you like the idea of UNIVERSAL BEACH ACCESS? (examples of universal beach accesses, including the o...





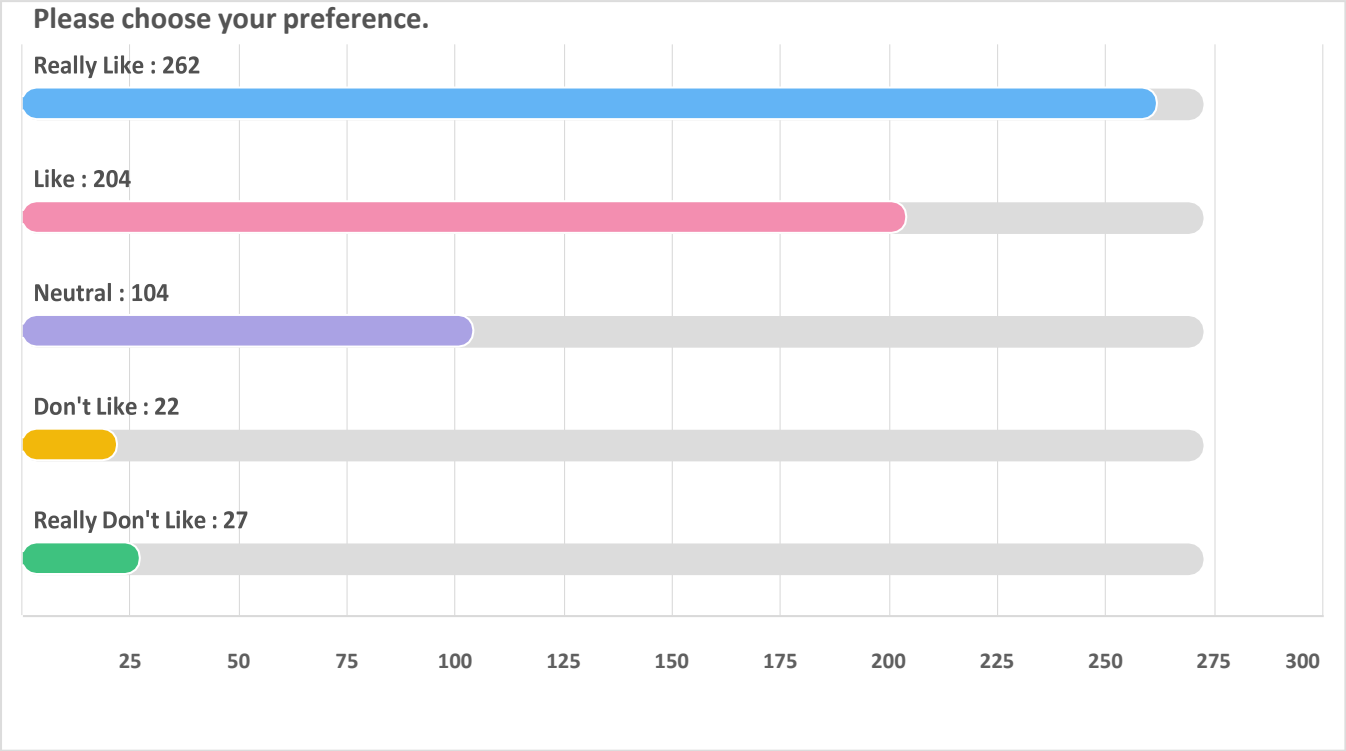
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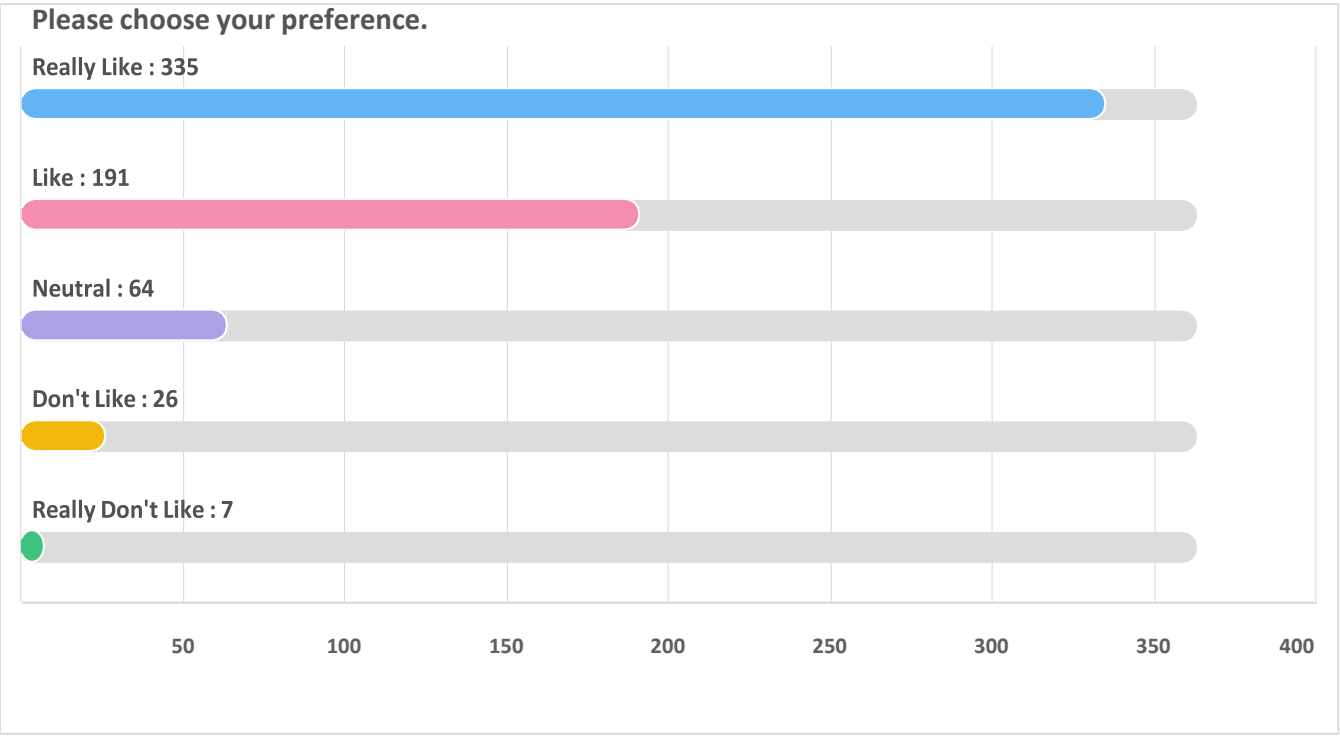


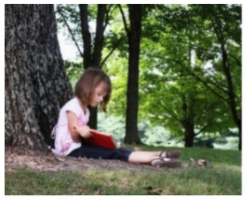
NEW WASHROOM WITH UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY



(examples of new universal washroom at other B.C. park locations)

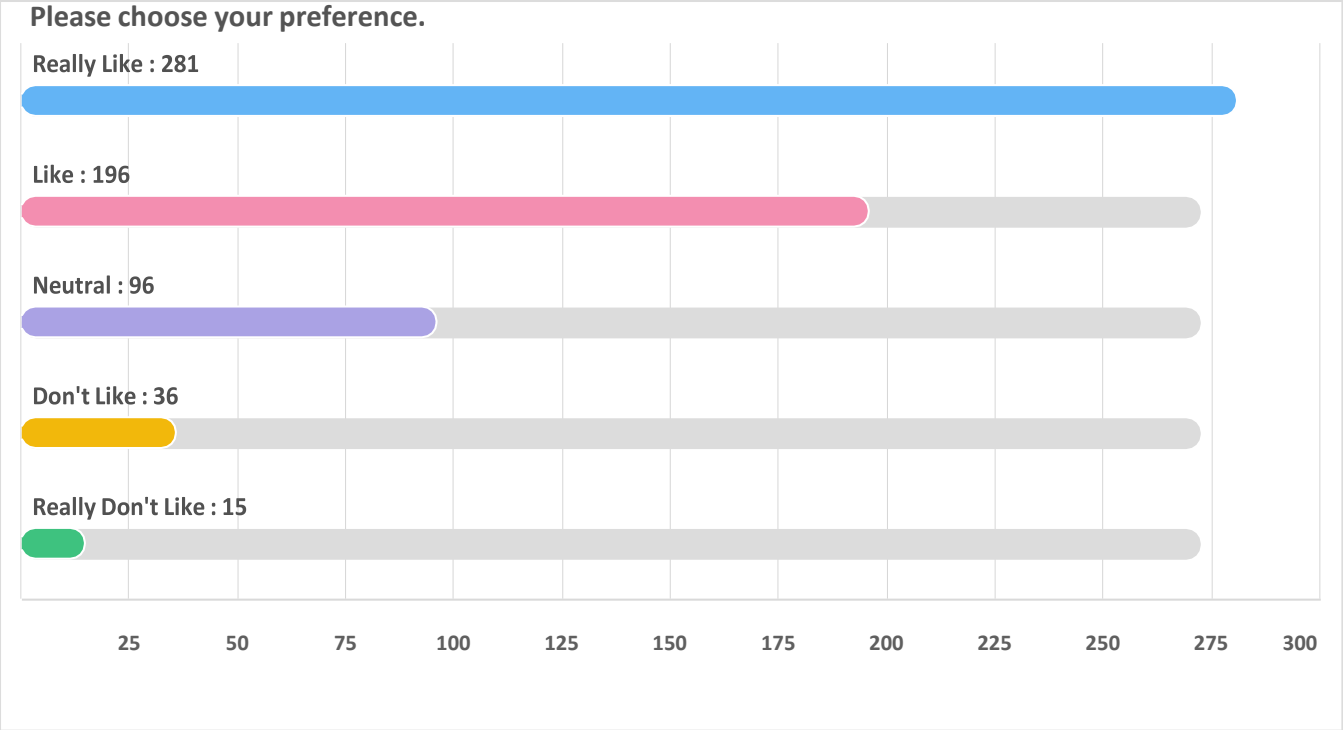
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(examples of shade trees planting and replanting in other parks)

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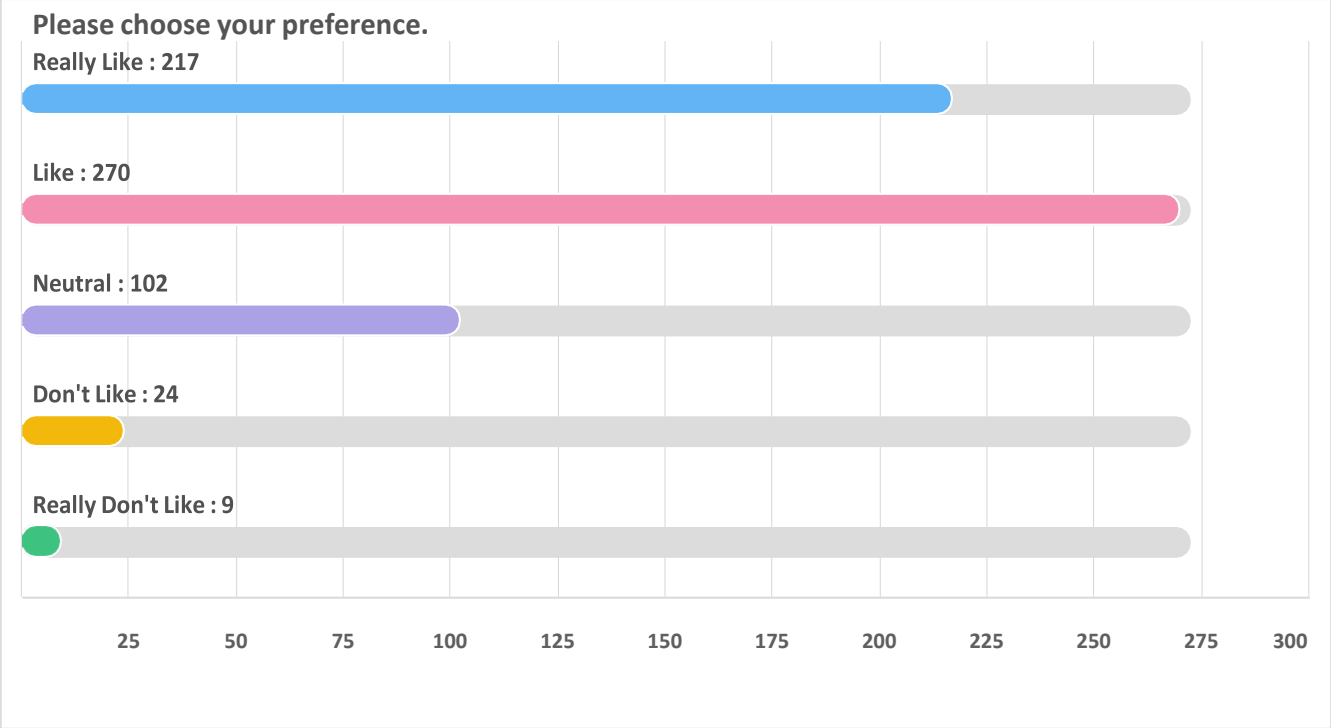


EXPANDED BEACH AREA



(image of the existing First Beach at Westwood Lake that could be expanded in the future)

Q12 On a scale of 1 to 5, of the site plans and images, which ideas do you likeand not like? NEW PICNIC AREA (examples of new pi...



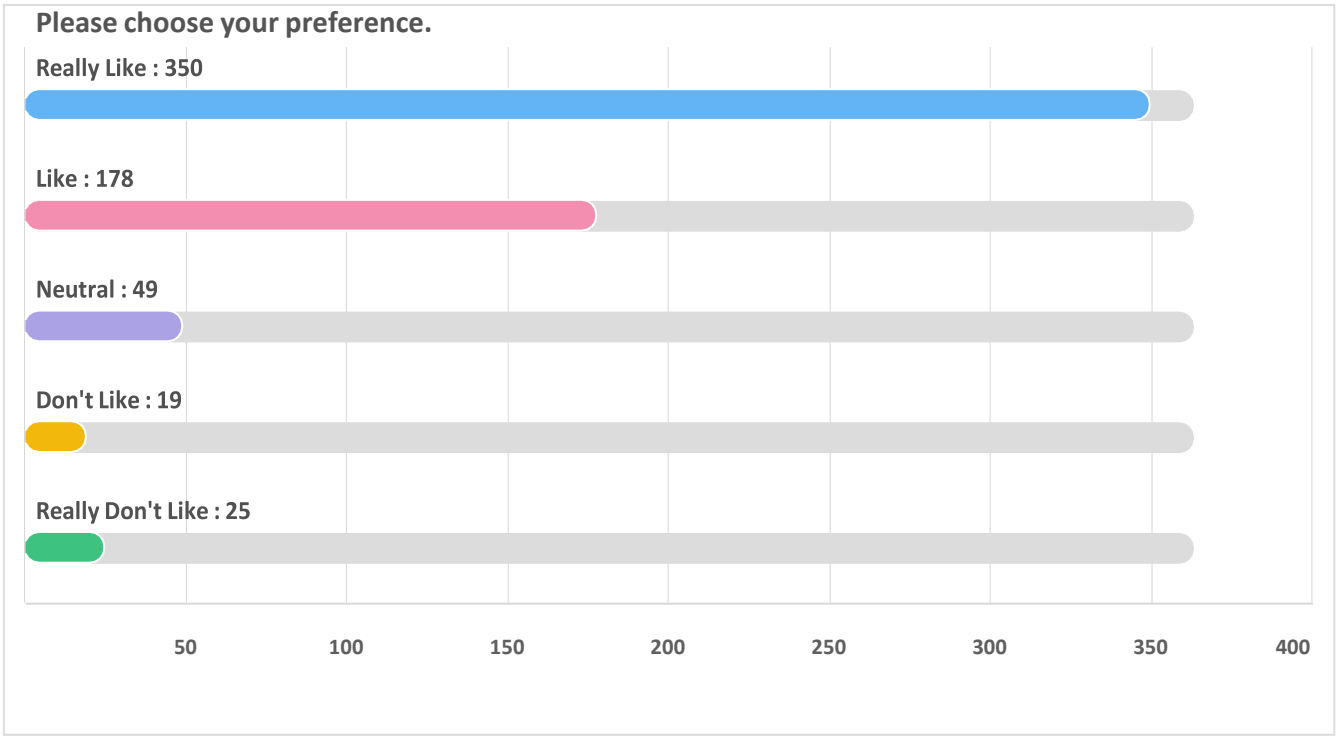
NEW PICNIC AREA



(examples of new picnic and seating amenity options from other park settings)

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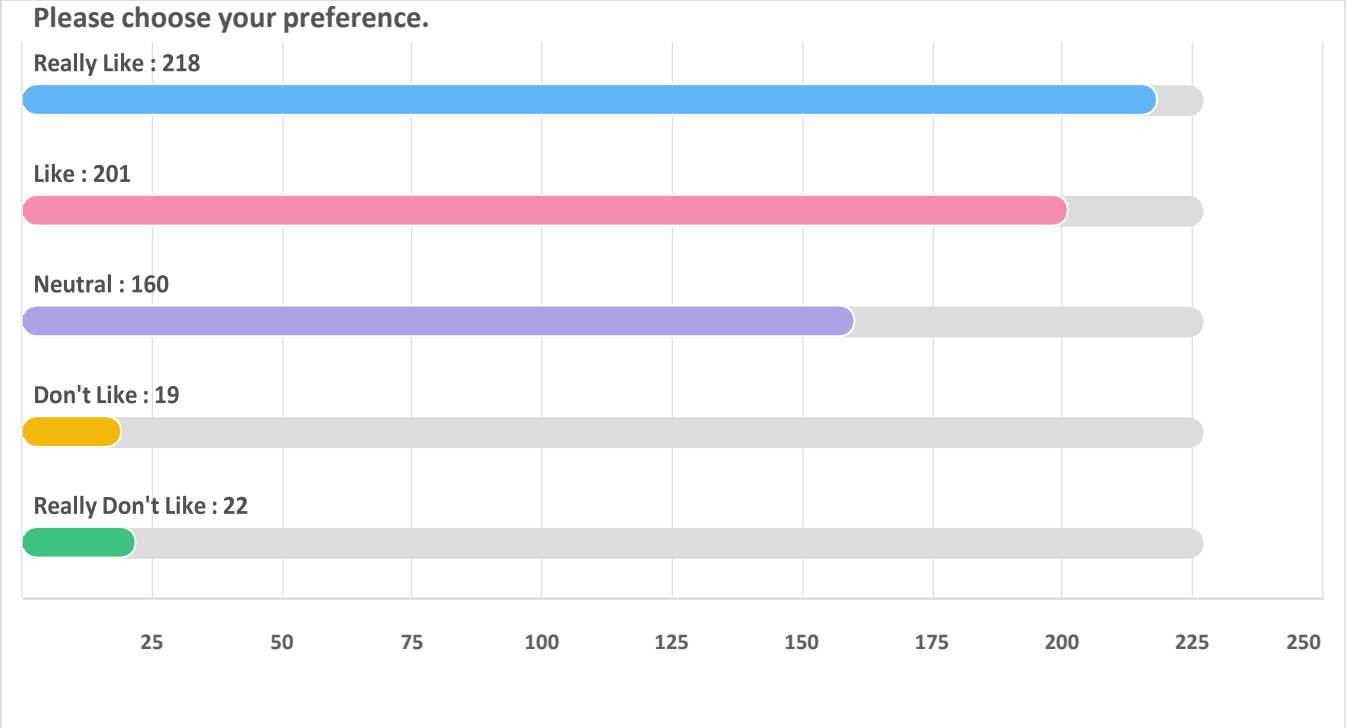


ADDITIONAL PARKING SPOTS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC



(example of additional parking spots)

Q14 On a scale of 1 to 5, of the site plans and images, which ideas do you like and not like? ADDITIONAL ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPOT...

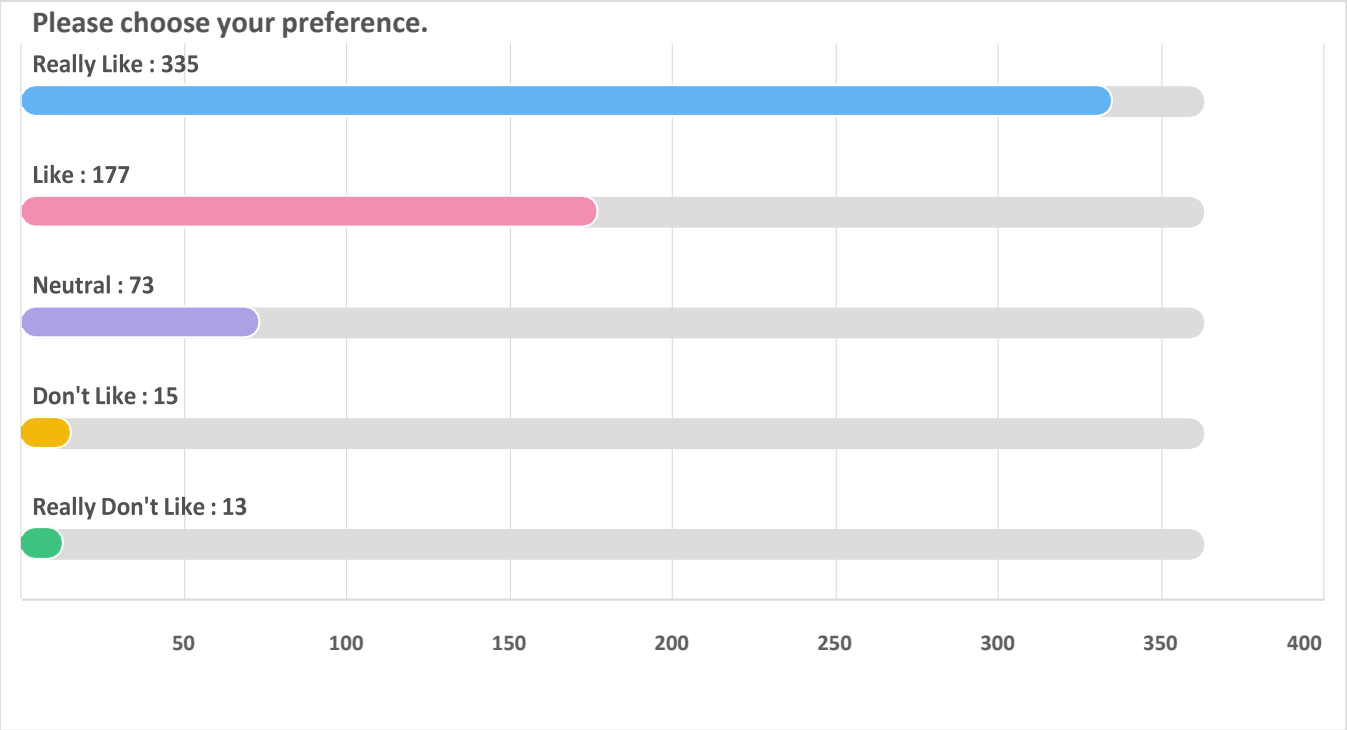


ADDITIONAL ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPOTS



(example of an accessible parking stall in a park setting)

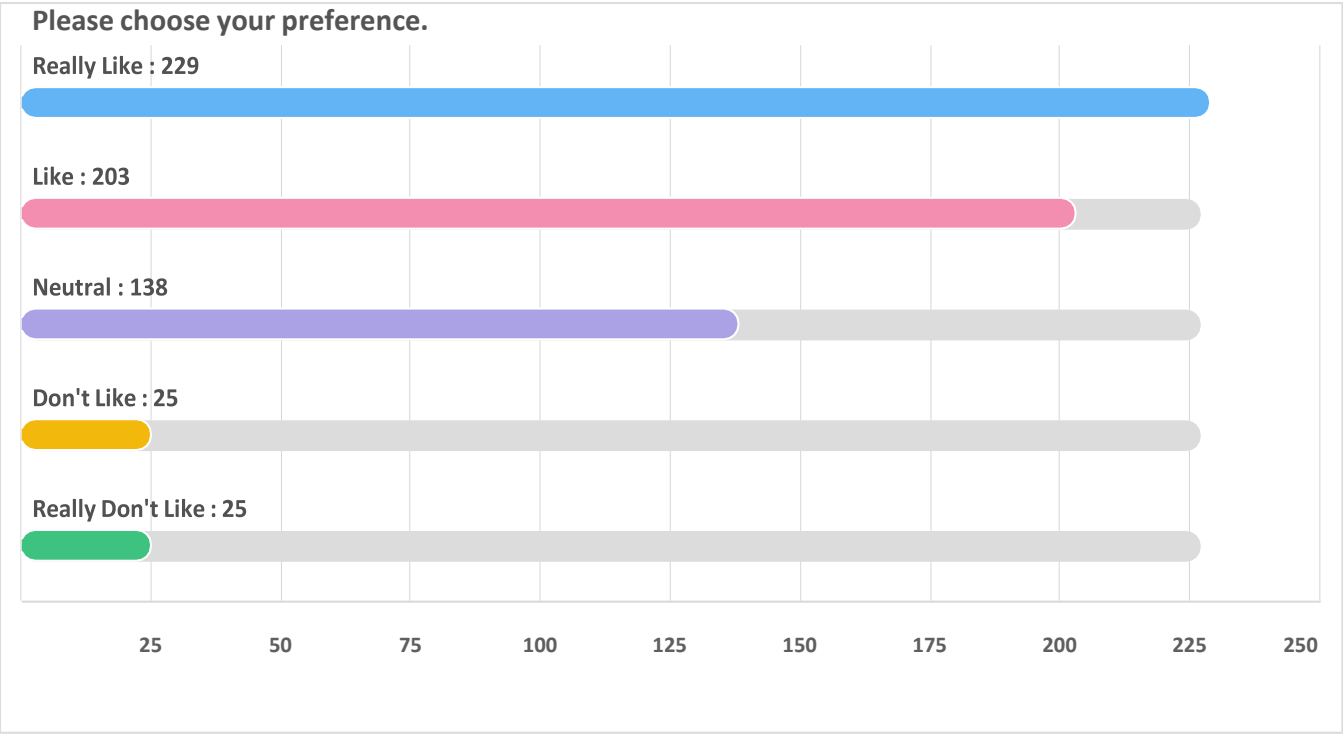
Q15 On a scale of 1 to 5, of the site plans and images, which ideas do you like and not like? ENHANCED PARKING LOT FLOW TO REDUC...







Q16 On a scale of 1 to 5, of the site plans and images, which ideas do you likeand not like? STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FEATURES TO...

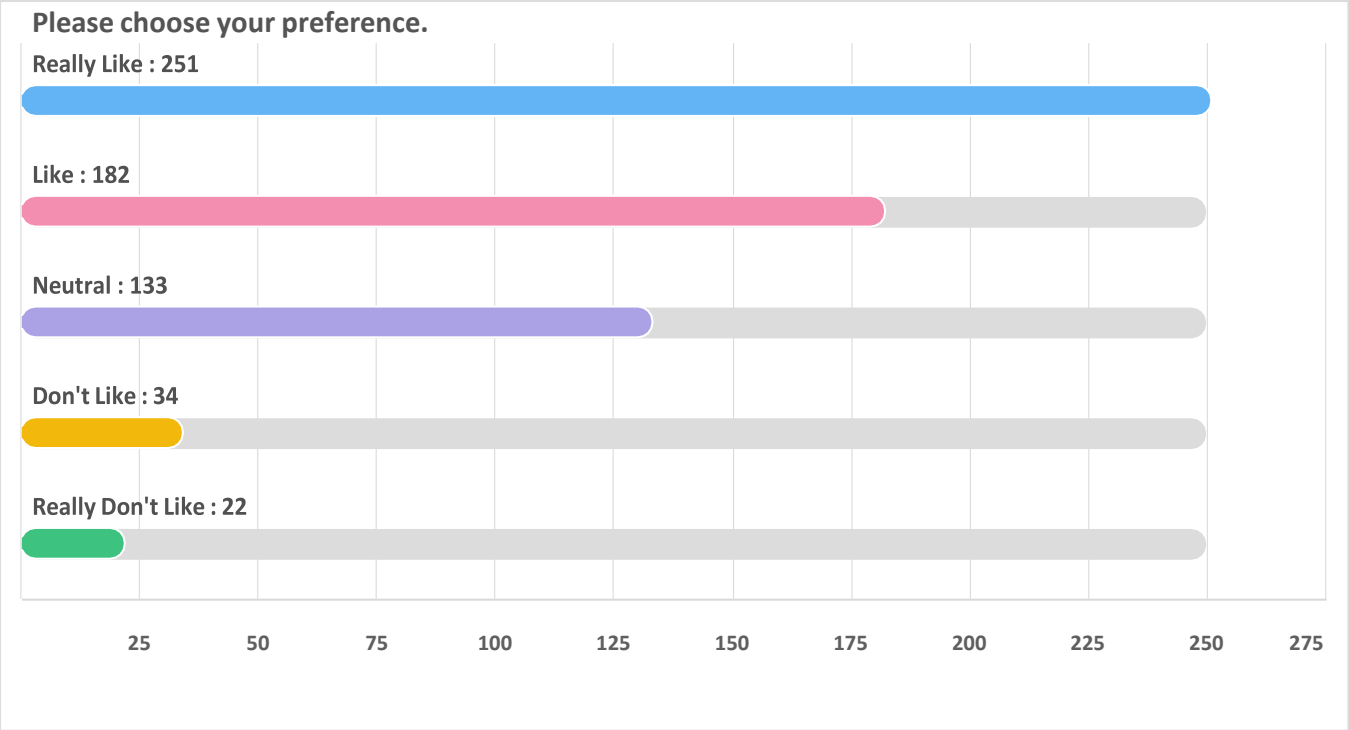


STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FEATURES TO HELP FILTER RUNOFF



(examples of features that help to filter water in parking lots)

Q17 On a scale of 1 to 5, of the site plans and images, which ideas do you likeand not like? NEW PLAYGROUND AT EITHER FIRST OR ...

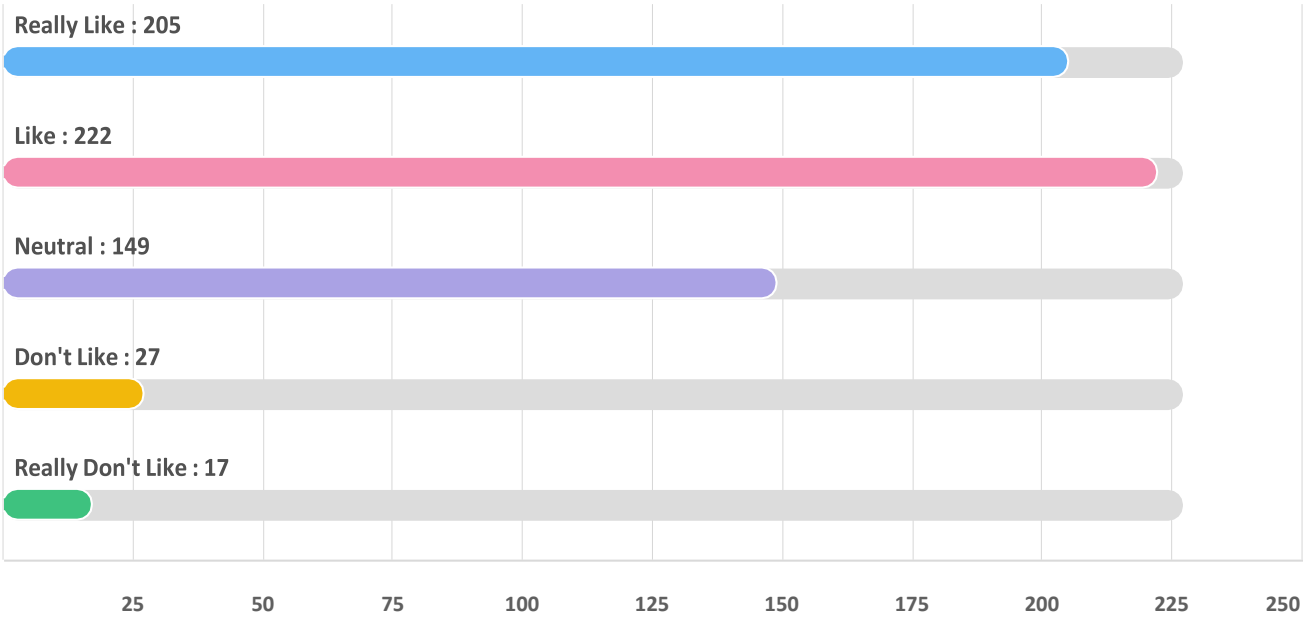


NEW PLAYGROUND AT EITHER FIRST OR SECOND BEACH



(examples of other naturalistic playground equipment at other waterfront parks in B.C.)

Q18 On a scale of 1 to 5, of the site plans and images, which ideas do you like and not like about MAINTAINING THE EXISTING VEND...

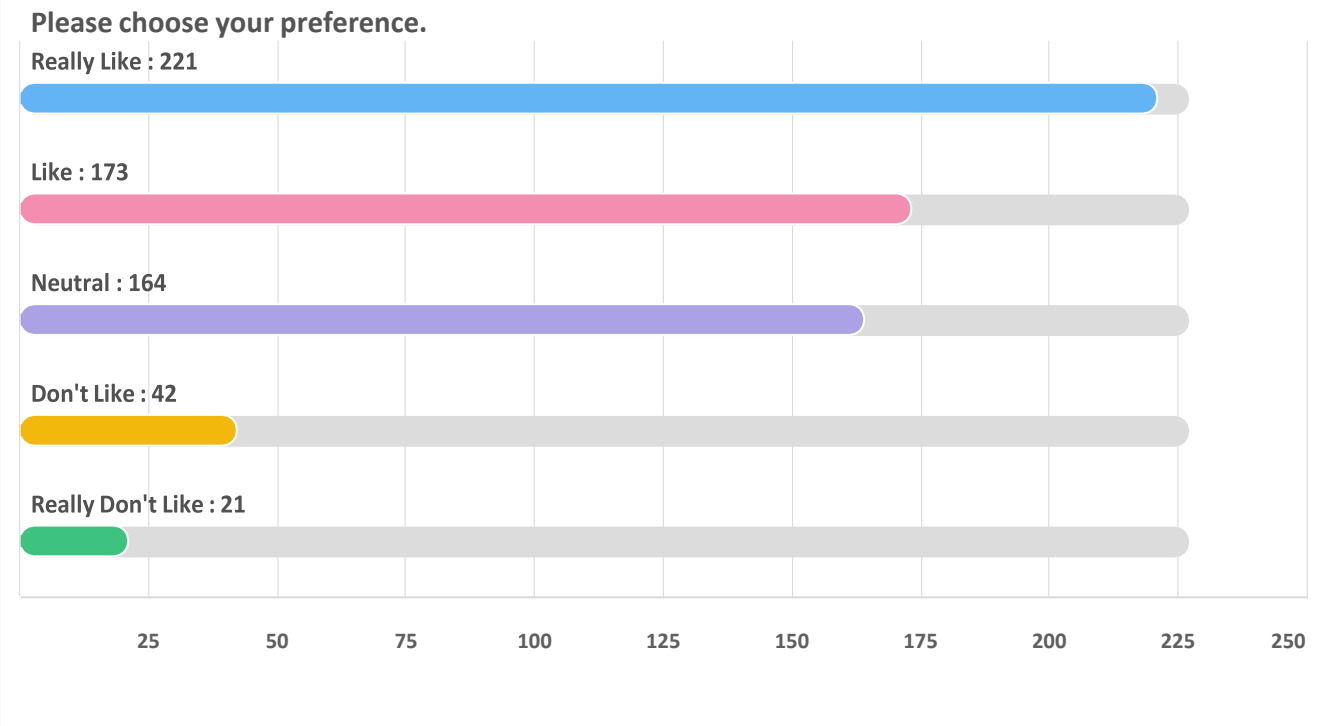


MAINTAINING THE EXISTING VENDOR AND EVENT POWER LOCATION



(event power and up to two food trucks are currently allowed at Westwood Lake Park adjacent to the existing washroom building)

Q19	On a scale of 1 to 5, do you like or not like the idea of THE MAINTAINING OF THE NON-MOTORIZED BOAT LAUNCH? (current image of...



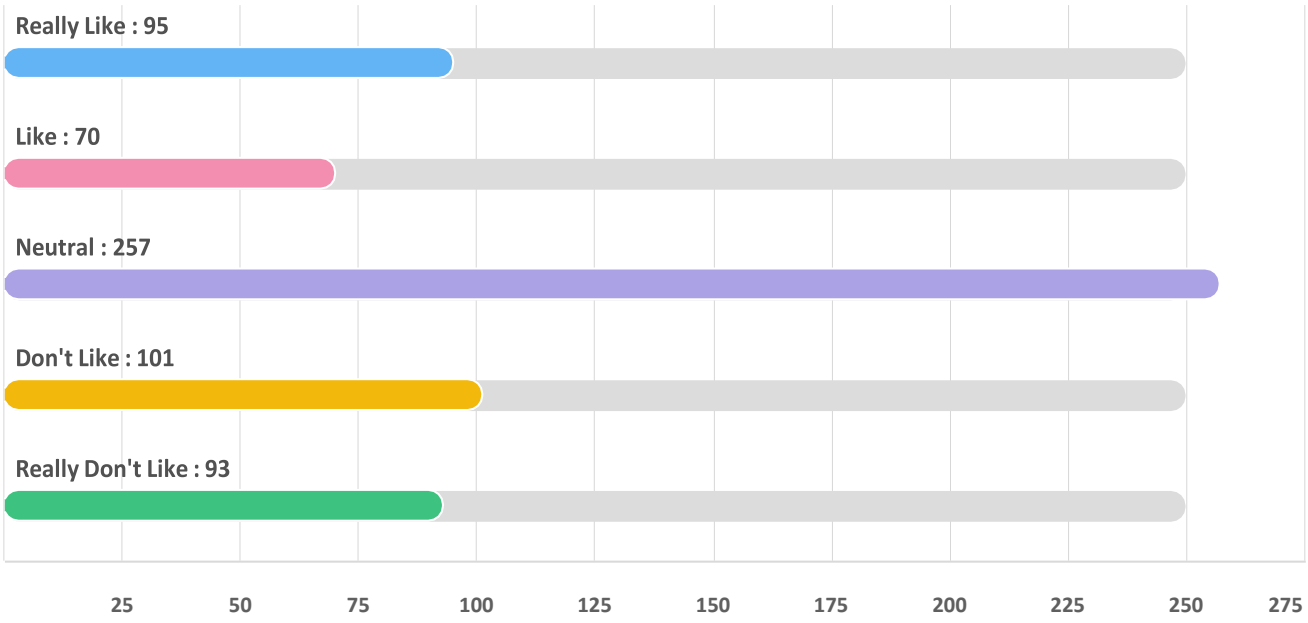
MAINTAINING NON-MOTORIZED BOAT LAUNCH



(current location of boat launch)

Q20 On a scale of 1 to 5, do you like or not like the idea of RELOCATING THE EXISTING BOAT LAUNCH TO AN ALTERNATIVE LOCATION?

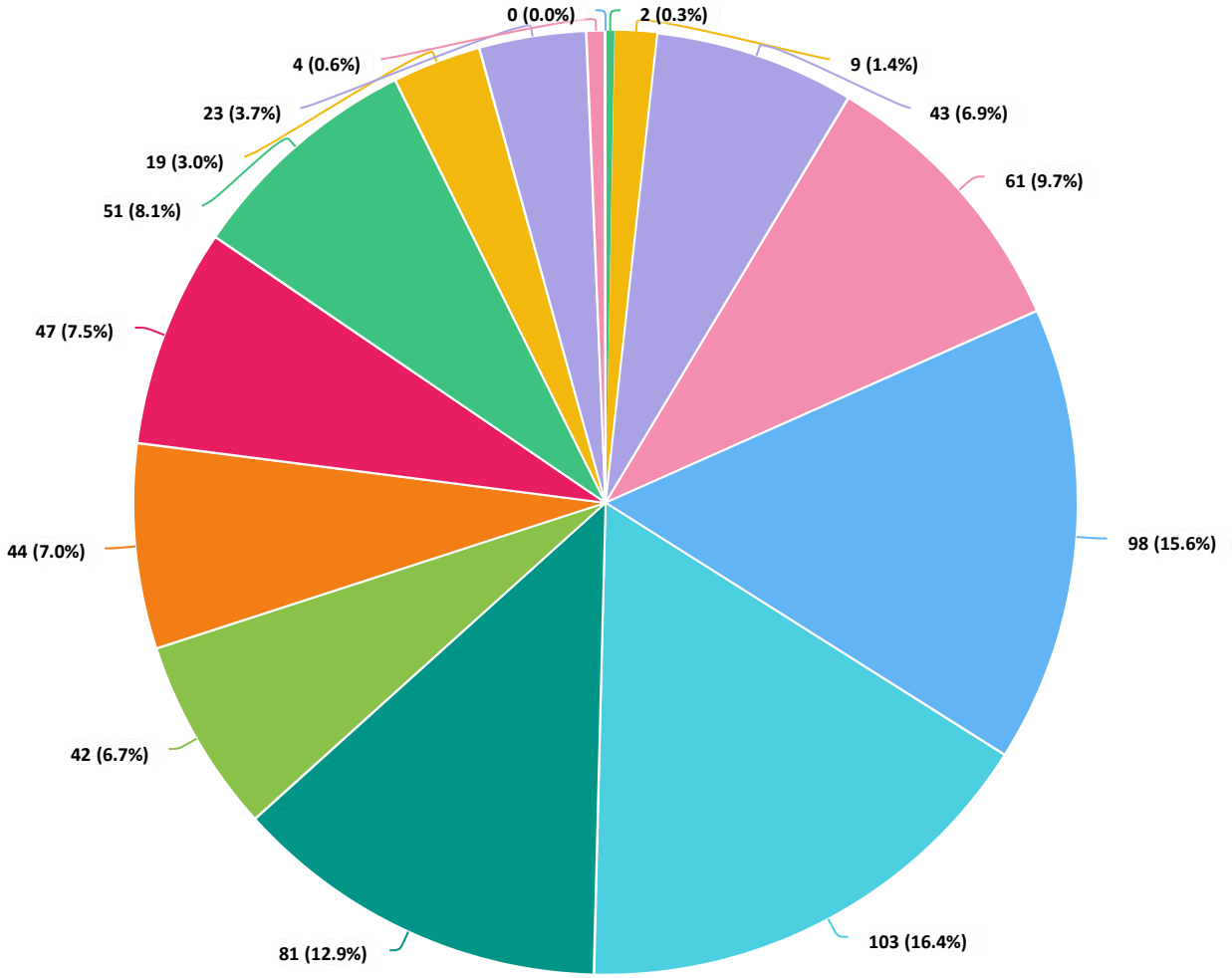
Please choose your preference.







Q21 What is your age range?

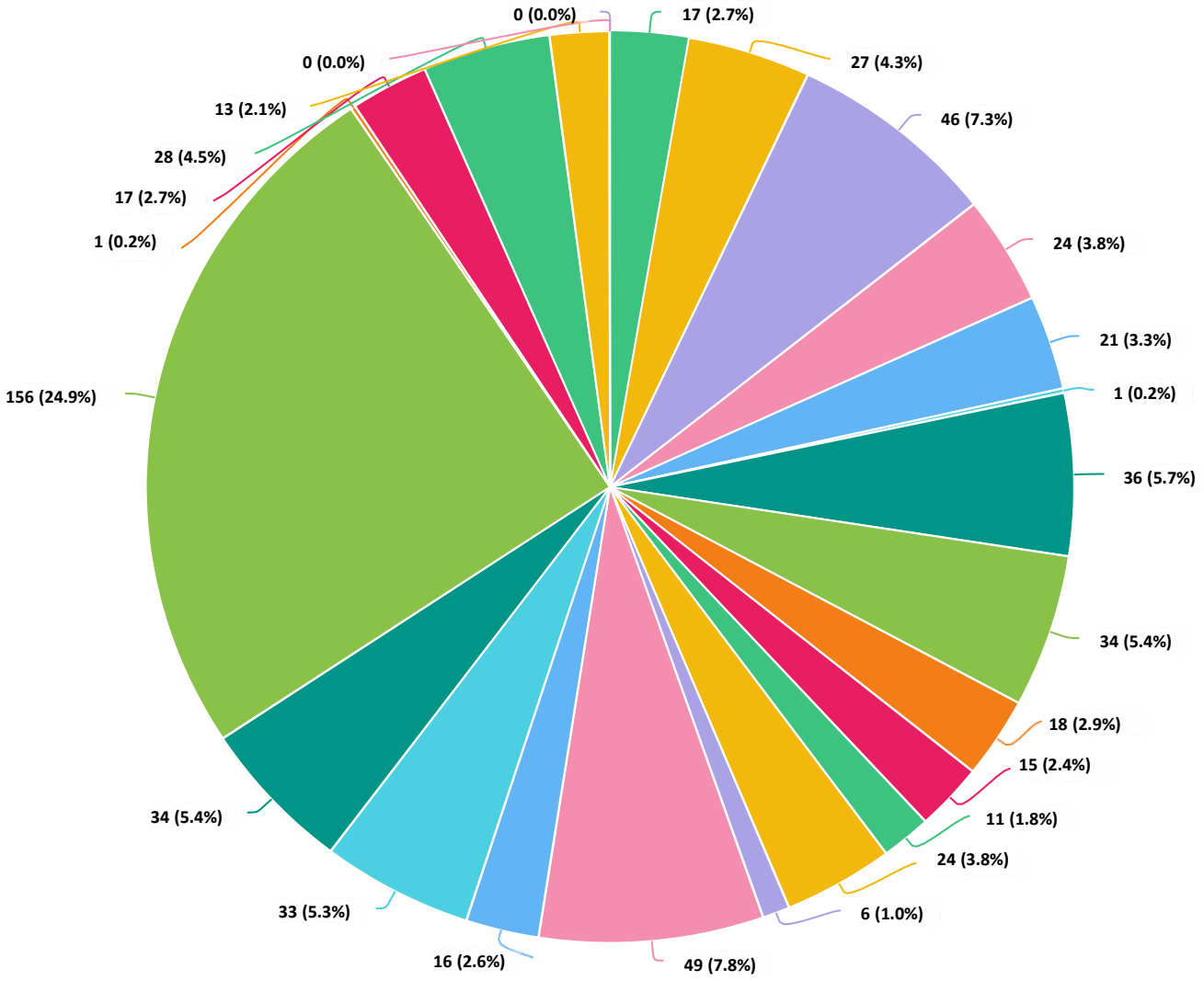


Question options

Under 14 | Prefer not to answer | 75 and over | 70 to 74 | 65 to 69 | 60 to 64 | 55 to 59 | 50 to 54 | 45 to 49 | 40 to 44 | 35 to 39 | 30 to 34 | 25 to 29 | 20 to 24 | 15 to 19

Optional question (627 response(s), 9 skipped)Question type: Radio Button Question

Q22 Which neighbourhood do you identify as living in?



Question options

Outside Nanaimo - Snaw-Naw-As FN
Protection Island
Other
Outside Nanaimo - Elsewhere in the RDN
Outside Nanaimo – Lantzville
Outside Nanaimo - Snuneymuxw FN
Westwood
Vancouver Island University
Townsite
South End
Rutherford/Pleasant Valley
North Slope
Northfield
Newcastle/Brechin Hill
Long Lake
Linley Valley
Harewood
Hammond Bay
Duke Point
Dover
Diver Lake
Departure Bay
City Centre (Downtown & Old City)
Chase River

Optional question (627 response(s), 9 skipped)
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