

Burnside Neighbourhood

Arbutus Park

1.) How is the park actually used?

- Dog area
- Great place for viewing ducks, herons, birds

a.) How could it be used better?

- Bridge connection to Cecelia Cove park
- Not used/ not accessible

2.) Is it shown as a “Most successful park?”

- Woodpeckers

a.) What makes it special?

3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?

- Install bridge to connect Galloping Goose with Gorge (i.e. pedestrian bike access through Arbutus/ Washington)

4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?

5.) Other information:

Burnside Elementary/ Community Centre

1.) How is the park actually used?

- Great for bats

a.) How could it be used better?

- Preserve this green space

2.) Is it shown as a “Most successful park?”

a.) What makes it special?

3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?

4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?

5.) Other information:

Cecelia Ravine Park

1.) How is the park actually used?

- BGCA (School Board Maintenance Plant)
- Biking, walking trails
- Dogs on/off leash
- Nature walk
- Naira's other favourite park
- Homeless campers x 2

a.) How could it be used better?

- Maintenance of murals is a high priority
- Art is a high priority
- Create walking route from Maddock Ave. to Cecelia park
- See * below!
- Connect playground to park
- Needs cleaning-up/overgrown
- More regular maintenance

2.) Is it shown as a “Most successful park?”

- Good walking

a.) What makes it special?

- Day-lighted creek is great
- Improved water quality for fish restoration

3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?

- * combine with School Board Maintenance Plant (acquire) as centre of greenways area connecting: Maddock to Cecelia Rd; use of Cecelia Rd; Jutland, Sumas to Garbally and Gorge Rd. from Cecelia Ravine Park to Dunedin
- Replace culvert with bridge
- Easements to connect residents to ravine
- Add adjacent space along Napier Lane (promised as green space by Council—add community gardens on this lot or nearby in Park.
- Continue to acquire easements for pathway along Maddock, Doric and Ceclia to connect residents to Cecelia Ravine.
- Connections between parks could be improved.
- Access to water along gorge

Note: How many times is the park accessed via:

Foot: 3; Cecelia Rd., Gorge Rd. (East and West), Trestle

4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?

5.) Other information:

Cecelia Cove Park

1.) How is the park actually used?

- Multi-use; fishing, walking, cycling, and rowing
- North side of Trestle used as bike chop shop

a.) How could it be used better?

- Improve regular maintenance

2.) Is it shown as a “Most successful park?”

a.) What makes it special?

3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?

4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?

5.) Other information:

Ellice Street Park

1.) How is the park actually used?

- Children are restricted to use of their own play area within private church property
- Used totally by drug addicts
- Used by prostitutes, homeless and dogs

a.) How could it be used better?

- Parkside motors has offered to install floodlights to prevent misuse of the park by addicts and prostitutes
- Better maintenance

2.) Is it shown as a “Most successful park?”

a.) What makes it special?

3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?

- Acquire property to increase park space

4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?

5.) Other information:

Selkirk Green

1.) How is the park actually used?

- Festivals
- Pocket park should with school and residents

a.) How could it be used better?

2.) Is it shown as a “Most successful park?”

a.) What makes it special?

3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?

4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?

5.) Other information:

Sumas Park

1.) How is the park actually used?

- “back alley”; used by kids – keep this alley
- Family friendly
- Playground

a.) How could it be used better?

- Needs “care and attention”

2.) Is it shown as a “Most successful park?”

a.) What makes it special?

3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?

4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?

5.) Other information:

Mayfair Mall

1.) How is the park actually used?

a.) How could it be used better?

- Needs trees in the parking lot
- Make roof green

2.) Is it shown as a “Most successful park?”

a.) What makes it special?

3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?

4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?

5.) Other information:

Gorge Road Hospital

1.) How is the park actually used?

- Great sunset watching

a.) How could it be used better?

- Make it publicly accessible for marine recreation
- Private, yet best open green space
- Create bridge from Banfield Park
- Marine recreation access and improve and preserve waterfront (opportunity)

2.) Is it shown as a “Most successful park?”

a.) What makes it special?

- Mature trees

3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?

- If area is redeveloped, it needs a connector walkway to Arbutus Park, with a possible walk-bridge to Cecelia Cove Park
- Acquire for future park
- Pedestrian access through property and across Chapman Point.
- Wonderful future park

4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?

5.) Other information:

Point Ellice House

1.) How is the park actually used?

- Big trees
- Ghosts
- Green is also history

a.) How could it be used better?

- Establish water taxi dock
- Needs to connect; by water? by trail?
- Noise, Oder problem

2.) Is it shown as a “Most successful park?”

- Yes

a.) What makes it special?

3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?

- Protect Douglas Fir and Garry Oak stands
- Pedestrian access all along waterfront
- Connect waterfront to Rock Bay and to the Public Works Yard

4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?

5.) Other information:

Selkirk Park Waterfront

1.) How is the park actually used?

- Nice stroll

a.) How could it be used better?

2.) Is it shown as a “Most successful park?”

a.) What makes it special?

- Beautiful walkway
- Industrial view
- Water ferry
- Rowing

- Outrigger canoe
- Picturesque
- Clean activity

3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?

4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?

5.) Other information:

General comments regarding what makes parks special

Current unmet park/open space needs in your community:

- Pathways away from thorough fares for walking
- Priority : address the existing Parks that are not considered safe / accessible (Ellice Street Park)
- Connect greenways and walkways
- Safe public space is needed to counter pressures from downtown. Safe: clean no physical threat, well used, beer drinking is ok but not drug use. We lose ownership when people end up living in the parks.
- We need more green space per capita than currently exists west of Blanshard.
- Need waterfront access to Rock Bay
- Need major parks as part of redevelopment in industrial area (Government / Bay Blanshard / Caledonia)
- Allotment gardens / edible landscaping / community composting/recycling in parks
- More off leash dog areas
- Shad
- Water park (Crystal)
- More green space – green roofs – utilize space
- Skate park
- Community art space
- Concerts
- Public washrooms that are not locked.
- Blue lights
- Composting toilets
- More enforcement – police presence for safety

Future needs:

- Linking hilltops with greenways (e.g. Summit Park , Peacock, Cedar Hill, Mt. Tolmie and designate for pedestrian friendly use
- Small useable space for photography/painting

- Bocci
- Chess
- Sitting
- More natural native ecosystems
- More plantings/landscaping and seating to encourage use
- More Garry Oak Meadows and quiet space
- Parks as outdoor living spaces, picnics, reading and socializing
- Need to use boulevards as green and garden space
- Closed off narrow streets in residential areas – better land use
- Significant risk of losing population resources / investment to municipalities outside of Victoria.
- Need a major commitment to parks, green space and public space, unique and accessible features
- All new residential development needs to integrate parks, especially along Gorge
- Cameras
- Green Roofs
- Need a safe route downtown for bicycles /walk
- Need to acquire vacant lots for green space
- Need green walkways (e.g. Community Plan Maddock to Cecelia and extend Maddock to Tillicum – potential route all the way from Saanich
- Solar / wind power
- More trees and shade – less fields for sports
- More off leash areas
- More quiet / spiritual space – enforce bylaws (illegal off leash)
- Natural habitat
- Less impervious surfaces
- More connectivity, decrease drive to park/ green space
- Bike lock ups
- More multi use and sharing
- Better public art – no corporate signs.

Obstacles to accessing parks:

- Need cross walk ant Rock Bay and Bay Streets
- Major busy smelly streets/arterials
- Harbour ferries should market to locals to encourage use.
- Crossing major arteries by bike or foot
- Need more walkways and greenways South of Bay Street.
- Need bike lanes on Gorge Road East

Ideas for acquiring new parks or enhancing existing ones:

- Parks acquisition fund (tax based)
- Bequest funds
- Negotiation through development
- No privatization of park facilities

- Make green space a priority
- Limited user fees (parks for all)
- Limited advertising
- Need park space for Rock Bay south of Bay Street
- Need a pocket park in the north end of Burnside (Carrel Street)
- Take over excess school board land for parks
- Combine Cecelia Ravine Parks with the School Board Maintenance Yard.
- Add community gardens
- Additional Parks needed in high-density areas (Manchester / Dunedin)
- Park plans for the s area have to be an integral part of the updated community plans.
- Continue to acquire easements for pathways along Maddock, Doric, and Cecilia to connect residents to Cecelia Ravine.
- Fundraising events – creative
- Create awareness and community connection
- Work with school board
- Encourage land donations (provide benefit)
- Community ownership and art in parks
- Joint ownership/management
- Education
- Bequests / subdivision
- Covenants on private property (encourage trees)
- Buy up lands like Quadra Height Park
- Increase taxes but save the money towards the original plan
- Doggie bags to be purchase by dog owners and recyclable! Biodegradable!
- Green roofs on all buildings
- Rich benefactors
- Green Roof on Mayfair Mall
- Green boulevards on Douglas /Finlayson /Mayfair
- University Canada West in to a Park – high density area needs BIG green space – require from UCW – work with City Council to rezone
- Longer hours off leash
- Educational sign in parks re vegetation, use, etc.
- Have joint management in centre courtyard of property at Fifth, Topaz and Quadra

Other:

- The nicer development gets the safer people feel. Developers have responsibility to nurture public green space (e.g. Selkirk/Ravine)
- More recycling for Victoria
- No graffiti on telephone poles