

**Ferwood Neighbourhood**  
**Alexander Park**

**1.) How is the park actually used?**

- Dogs
- Good Dog Park
- Good because there is not much in this area
- Playground

**a.) How could it be used better?**

- Volleyball used to be played here-is it still encouraged?

**2.) What makes it special?**

- Good pedestrian walkway
- Dog off leash area

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

- Needs more trees around edges

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

**5.) Other information:**

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**Fernwood**  
**Public Open Space: Central Junior Secondary**

**1.) How is the park actually used?**

- Sports fields

**a.) How could it be used better?**

**2.) What makes it special?**

- View
- Basketball

**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:**

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## Fernwood

### Community Compost Garden & Xera Scape Garden

**2.) What makes it so special?**

- grass roots
- community ownership

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

- These should be designated parks
  - Should be parks not just for the neighbourhood
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## Fernwood Neighborhood Fernwood Square

**1.) How is the park actually used?**

**a.) How could it be used better?**

- More green

**2.) What makes it special?**

- Public square
- Belfry
- Need places to gather

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

- More rose beds and flowers

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

**5.) Other information:**

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## Fernwood Neighborhood Gower Park

**1.) How is the park actually used?**

**a.) How could it be used better?**

- Spirit garden

**2.) What makes it special?**

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

- Pruning trees
- Return garbage can lid
- Cleaning
- Cutting grass
- Use it as a spirit park
- Open up Bowker Creek

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

**5.) Other information:**

- Parks could have more fruit and nut trees
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**Fernwood Neighborhood  
Haegert Park**

**1.) How is the park actually used?**

- Green space, not a park

**a.) How could it be used better?**

- Park is great, should be bigger

**2.) What makes it special?**

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

- Leave natural

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

**5.) Other information:**

- Nice walk from town
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**Fernwood Neighborhood  
Kings Park**

**1.) How is the park actually used?**

- Can be trouble
- No one uses

**a.) How could it be used better?**

**2.) What makes it special?**

- Really beautiful oaks
- Trees look great

**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:**

- “not much of a park”
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**Fernwood Neighborhood**  
**Queens Park**

**1.) How is the park actually used?**

- “lost and lonely little park”

**a.) How could it be used better?**

**2.) 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:**

- Good that at least a small piece of the school is park except it looks like it could be a road someday?
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## **Fernwood Neighborhood Stadacona Park**

### **1.) How is the park actually used?**

- Park is big, which really is good!
- Playground
- Tennis courts
- Homeless

#### **a.) How could it be used better?**

- Does anyone use the toilets?
- Lower portion along Begbie gets wet in the winter

### **2.) What makes it special?**

- Big trees
- Great trees and gardens
- Hidden garden is great
- Playground
- Multiuse
- Tennis courts very popular
- Flowers/ trees
- Playground and tennis are used non-stop

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

- Keep as a horticultural showcase. Hold public events in the park to remind people what a great park this is.

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

- No sidewalk along East side of Begbie

### **5.) Other information:**

- “scary”
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## **Fernwood Neighborhood Stevenson Park**

### **1.) How is the park actually used?**

- Community centre using space
- Great playground

#### **a.) How could it be used better?**

- Looks better with new work done
- Could be maintained better for more sports

**2.) What makes it special?**

- Bouncy rubber material
- Good for public events
- Good playground
- Excellent playground equipment

**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:**

- They are working on this, so looking better
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**Victor Elementary School**

**2.) Why is it so special?**

- Great for dogs and within walking distance for kids in area
- New playground equipment
- Important green space/ playground

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

- Secure as permanent green space. It is the only one in the area that can be accessed without crossing a major road.
  - Needs to be secured if School Board decides it is accessed.
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**Vic High**

**1.) How is the park actually used?**

- Poorly utilized track
  - Poor tennis
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**Fernwood Neighborhood  
Wesley Park**

**1.) How is the park actually used?**

- Good for pedestrians
- Poorly maintained
- Drug addicts

**a.) How could it be used better?**

**2.) What makes it special?**

- Private
- Good pedestrian walkway

**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:**

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**Fernwood, Oaklands, North & South Jubilee**

**General Comments regarding what makes parks special:**

- Connectivity
- People use them
- Park has a specific purpose. Why would you go there?
- They belong to someone who takes responsibility
- They are loved / cared for
- Public art / garden areas
- Chess
- Neighbours developing parks
- Diverse uses reflect diverse constituencies
- Proximity of the parks
- Visual respite for the eyes
- Auditory respite
- Rocks, natural feel of an area is important in a high density area

**Current unmet park/open space needs in your community:**

- Clean and maintain parks.
- design them so they don't become dumping grounds
- make sure they are properly designated so they are properly restored and cared for
- use community engagement and support to maintain parks
- trail system /greenway for recreation and commuting (walkable community)
- original villages/neighbourhoods need to be linked with adjacent greenspaces/parks
- provide local access and services so driving is reduced
- not enough resources dedicated to parks and open spaces (acquisition, maintenance, development, etc (staff))

- More green space!
- No legitimate places for skateboards and Mt bikes...how about SJ Willis field?
- South and North Jubilee are park-poor areas
- Need basketball courts / skate parks / areas for teens
- Plant long term food resources (perennial food plantings for human habitat)
- Off leash areas
- Connecting parks with greenways and habitat patches
- Signage to promote ecological literacy (native plants/brown lawn)
- North Jubilee: No parks space! No playing fields!
- North and South Jubilee have very little park space
- Dog friendly off-leash parks increased in specific parks – manage doggie bag dispensers
- Increase park benches in parks and greenspaces
- Upgrade play equipment
- More ponds / streams / water
- Make sure existing green space is kept and maintained including all small green spaces
- Community garden potential should be kept in mind
- Dog areas – for off-leash and free – range dogs
- Acquire pockets of green as available, like rear of Safeway on Bouchier

#### **Future needs:**

- Climate change - > reduce incentive to drive by providing close recreational opportunities
- Population growth – opportunities for park acquisition will be reduced
- Higher density living therefore smaller yards and increased use of public green space
- Losing schools should not equal loss of green space
- Selling school grounds seems short sighted – later how do we get these properties back if we need them?
- Developers should be required to contribute to green space dedication
- More traffic calming (added benefit of green street etc.
- With impending pesticide reduction bylaw – city must practice non –weedy (e.g. dandelions) so they don't contribute to the problem
- High density sometime leads to non-residents living short term therefore difficult to build community
- Children no longer able to come and go as they used to – unsafe. Therefore need safe, close places to play
- Free organic food produced in parks (trees)
- Cycling infrastructure
- Water conservation (native plantings, brown lawns) and run-off management (swales etc.)
- Pesticide-free park management practices

- Security (safe for all users) (lighting) (safety phones)
- Public art / functional art in parks (cob benches and graffiti walls)
- Density is increasing therefore there is a greater need for accessible green space within each small community
- Food security will be an issue therefore there will be a need for more /additional green space for community gardens
- Inventory of vacant lots
- City needs to purchase more parks /vacant lots (i.e. hydro fields – protect in natural state)
- Look at “big picture” when making decision about small green spaces
- Different municipalities – there are some redundancies between the parks departments
- As density increases and backyards decrease all green space needs to be maintained or expanded
- Community gardens
- More bikes and walking – less cars

#### **Obstacles to accessing parks:**

- Need better buses
- More frequent busses
- Services other than downtown
- Lack of bike connections
- Arterial routes are busy and dangerous – too few parks within areas bounded by arterials
- Sidewalks are narrow with obstacles such as power poles
- Poor crossings and crossings spaced too far apart.
- Small parks are not identified with signs (e.g. Fern Lot)
- Link and identify greenways

#### **Ideas for acquiring new parks or enhancing existing ones:**

- Need to locate parks away from major streets (residential more quiet and safe)
- Build greenspaces into new or re development
- Take over roads and make into greenspaces like Quadra School / Redfern Park
- Allow public access through/between private lots to link green spaces
- Promote roof gardens on public buildings
- Establish drought tolerant food bearing trees
- Utilize boulevards more for trees and native plants
- More parklands dedication with redevelopment
- Develop programs that encourage property donations
- Promote neighbourhood stewardship
- Divert attention away from intensive maintenance ornamental

- Develop rain catchment parks
- Plant edible plants in boulevards
- Prioritize native plant propagation on boulevards
- City should force VIHA to honour the greening bond it has held since the new D&T was built – VIHA needs to finish its obligations re green space.
- Partnerships with the City and businesses and property owners to expand greening.
- Encourage responsibility of home owners to maintain lots and encourage them to maintain their lots : neighbourhood pride
- Encourage the City to green boulevards
- The City needs to have a mandate with commercial/public/private developers about greening as development occurs
- Boulevards and traffic calming
- Acquire private lots along Pembroke and Richmond
- Add trees on borders
- Keep on making the existing parks pedestrian and bike friendly
- More green space – connect them for walkers/bikers
- With pressure on food production – community gardens are a big item.
- All/encourage planting of “memorial trees”
- Purchase some blocks to make pedestrian corridors between parks /greenspaces (i.e. Cold Harbour)
- Hillside Corridor – green and make more walking friendly.
- Increase dog walking times/parks
- Increase communication between municipalities and school districts about Bowker Creek, resources and park issues
- Protect Bowker Creek
- School property should have some green space designated as park
- School grounds not to be sold – if leased a portion should be maintained as park
- A percentage of new development should be green space
- Use the Habitat Acquisition Trust to preserve the private land as parkland through stewardship agreements
- Use easements on private land to create access for greenways and trails through homeowners property
- More trash cans, doggie bags and benches
- Preserve all greenspaces. Once they are lost they can never be found again.
- Any green space is good for the soul and doesn't have to be special of successful- it's just there.
- Tax incentives for long-term residents and people who look after their green space.
- Send flyers to neighbourhood near parks letting them know about parks near them (e.g. Fern Park)
- Promote allotment gardens, but not on existing park space.
- Enhance natural habitat
- Preserve natural foot trails

- Connect to greenways
- Less or narrower pavement – more greenway
- Friendly walkways and bikeways needed

**Other:**

- Penalize the people who rundown their rental properties
- Take down Save on Food sign and public art at Memorial Arena

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