

## **Rockland Neighbourhood**

### **Craigdarroch Castle**

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

- The grounds are a park but there is no sign indicating that.

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

**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?**

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

**5) Other information:**

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### **Government House**

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

- Tourists and locals
- Natural plant gardens
- Great volunteer spot
- Family walks, public events
- Weddings
- Photographs

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

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

- yes X 2

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

- Great tours
- Volunteers
- Great view
- Diversity of environment
- Places to explore
- Plants and wildlife
- Community hub
- Places to sit
- Garry Oak Ecosystem

- 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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### **Greater Victoria Art Gallery**

- 1.) How is the park actually used?
    - a.) How could it be used better?
  - 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?
  - 4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?
  - 5) Other information:
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### **Oakshade Lane: Empty lot**

- 1.) How is the space actually used?
  - Kids bike jumps
  - Garry Oak stand
  - Blackberries
  - 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 space?
  - Possible acquisition of remnant Garry Oak ecosystem
- 4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?

**5) Other information:**

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**Rockland Street and Moss Street (Hills)**

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

- Skateboarding down hills

**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:**

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**Terrace Park**

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

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

- Make part of Pemberton Trail

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

- No

**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:**

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**Truth Centre**

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

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

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

- Truth Centre - Silent Garden

**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:**

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

- Need benches on St. Charles and Rockland
- No parks
- Pocket parks should be developed
- Good sports fields
- Develop snippets (walking lane linkages)
- Safe passages from pedestrians (esp. kids) need to connect parks that we have. Dedicated bike trails without cars
- A network between parks/schools & tourist attractions (e.g.: connect with safe routes to schools & tourist attractions (e.g. connect with safe routes to school).
- Connectivity and integration is the key
- Young children should be able to ride to school thru the network of parks
- Connectivity may also allow protection of remnant Garry Oak ecosystem
- Consider acquiring Garry Oak areas for protection

**Future needs:**

- Different plantings for boulevard ground cover
- Links and walk ability
- Jogging trails
- Walking trails with boulevards & play parks/ benches
- Replace trees to reflect climate changes needs
- Need to think outside the park box
- Future needs are for places/spaces that evoke joy and work for kids and that are connected
- Support protection of native plants and ecosystems to help maintain resilience of biological options as a hedge or insurance against climate change.
- Bike routes will help reduce vehicle use and CO2 emissions

- Habitat acquisition and protection
- Infill pressure will reduce private green space...how will we counteract this?
- Fitness, recreation and sports. People need to be healthy.

**Ideas for acquiring new parks and public open spaces or enhancing the existing ones?**

- View Street...make a linear park to work out stations connecting to Rockland
- Truth Centre... develop an antiquarian book fair and weekly market. View Street linear park would connect with Truth Centre.
- Linear parks
- Repurposing Right of Ways
- Grant easements
- Every street is park like
- Connect parks & public open spaces to Pemberton trail
- Have nature trails and walk for all ages
- Implement Greenways Plan
- Road closures (e.g. Lotibiniere)
- Focus acquisitions on connectivity
- Acquire "next door" lots as available & add to existing parks
- Need acquisition fund like Saanich
- Make Greenways happen
- Make Pemberton Trail happen
- Move people priority roadways
- Use road closures to enhance green space
- Greater use of limited access agreements

**General Comments:**

- Value little pocket parks
- Problems with connectivity & non street access
- Have nature trails & walks for all ages
- Implement greenways plan
- Treed street scapes are valued (e.g. Moss, Despard, Gonzales, Hollywood)
- Streetscapes are valued ( rock walls & hitching posts)
- Protect rare remnants of Garry Oak Ecosystems.