



## City Hosting Three Events to Share Ideas about Topaz Park this Week

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VICTORIA, BC – Residents are invited to share ideas about how Topaz Park could be improved and this week there are many ways to do this – at an open house in Topaz Park, at a local coffee shop, a youth drop in program or through the online survey. Come to us, or we'll come to you!

The City wants to know what's working well at Topaz Park, what could be improved, and what new features or activities should be considered for this park in the future. All feedback collected will help inform a long term vision and improvement plan for Topaz Park.

Residents are invited to stop by an open house at Topaz Park this afternoon. New ideas and feedback will be rewarded with hot dogs- food for thoughts! A bouncy castle for kids will be available to get people thinking about what new activities or amenities would be most enjoyed at the park. A bike park, skate park, water park, disc golf course are some of the ideas that have been popular so far.

In order to reach busy residents, the City is also bringing their 'pop-up engagement station' to Caffe Fantastico on Kings Street and the Quadra Village Community Centre's Youth Drop In program on Thursday, June 1.

An online survey also allows residents to share their ideas from the comfort of their couch or sunny patio. The survey will be available until June 12 at [victoria.ca/haveyoursay](http://victoria.ca/haveyoursay).

### Residents are invited to share their ideas at:

- Community Open House
  - Topaz Park, by the playground on Glasgow Street, on Tuesday, May 30, 3 p.m.- 7 p.m.
- Pop-Up Engagement Stations
  - Caffe Fantastico on Kings Street, Thursday, June 1, 3 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
  - Quadra Village Community Centre, Youth Drop In, Thursday, June 1, 6 p.m.- 7 p.m.

Feedback will be used to develop options for future park improvements, which will be brought back to the community for a second round of consultation later this summer. A proposed Improvement Plan will be brought to Council this winter.

Topaz Park is Victoria's third largest park and is located in the Hillside Quadra neighbourhood (between Topaz Avenue and Finlayson Street). It is home to Victoria's only artificial field, Victoria's only outdoor lacrosse box, three grass sports fields, two dog off-leash areas, fitness equipment and a playground. The park also includes two public washrooms, a natural area and three surface parking lots.

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