



PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

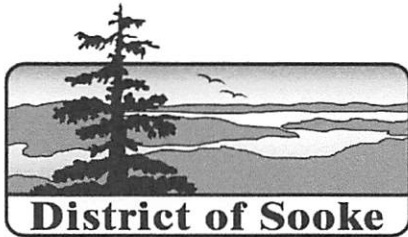
Meeting Date: March 1, 2016 at 1:00 pm

Location: Council Chambers

2205 Otter Point Road, Sooke

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File No. 0540-20

REQUEST FOR DIRECTION
Parks and Trails Advisory Committee
Meeting Date: March 1, 2016

To: Teresa Sullivan, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Development Services
Re: **Community Consultation Forum**
Public Input

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE identify priority projects to recommend to Council for funding in the 2016-2020 Five Year Financial Plan.

1. Background:

The Parks and Trails Advisory Committee has been tasked with identifying priority projects for improving John Phillips Memorial Park, which is the greenspace located along Otter Point Road next to the municipal hall. The Committee looked to the 2006 document which outlined improvements to John Philips Memorial Park and was created with extensive community consultation.

In late 2005, a committee was struck with a mandate to develop and implement a process resulting in a recommendation for John Phillips Memorial Park. This committee represented numerous groups within our community and Municipal Council. The 15 month process received submissions requesting a wide range of amenities including: buildings, recreation facilities, sports fields, special use areas, natural areas, and activity zones.

The 2005 committee developed a philosophy for the park based on the community's response:

- Maintains the green space and preserves the natural areas.
- Promotes an active, well used park that caters to the general public rather than individual or small group ownership.
- Serves a wide range of community needs for seniors, families, youth, children and tourists and has accessible features.
- Provides a central gathering area for family and neighbourhood groups, festivals, community markets.

- Acts as a hub with pathways connecting to community trails and the downtown core.
- Provides adequate parking with additional access to be by pathways.

The Parks and Trails Advisory Committee is revisiting the 2005-2006 plan for John Phillips Memorial Park and asking the public to prioritize the features that were recommended for the park in 2006. Feedback was received from the public via a Community Consultation Forum held at SEAPARC on February 10th and via online survey Feb 15 though Feb 26.

2. Analysis:

Feedback was received from the public via a Community Consultation Forum held at SEAPARC on February 10th and via online survey Feb 15 though Feb 26. A total of 269 responses were received, 80 via the SEAPARC event and 189 via the online survey. Written responses and call to staff were also received.

The results of both sources were combined and assigning a weighted priority for each response. The result of the analysis are attached and summarised below. Comments for each feature are also attached for context and rationale for ranking these features.

Feature	Total Points
Public Washroom	922
Loop Trail	859
Picnic Tables and Benches	741
Dog Run	558
Water Splash Park	549
All Season Access to Pond	549
Picnic Shelter	476
Community Use Area	376
Trim Trail Apparatus	366
Boardwalk and Wedding Bridge	356
Gazebo	191
Putting Green	182

Survey results indicate that a washroom, a loop trail, picnic tables and benches receive the most support from respondents. There is a nearly gap 200 point gap between the top three most popular items and then next three most popular items.

3. Strategic Relevance:

The addition of amenities into John Phillips Memorial Park is in accordance with the *2016 Strategic Plan* which prioritises enhancing community livability with the objective to have community gathering spaces within John Phillips Memorial Park as a priority.

4. Financial Impact:

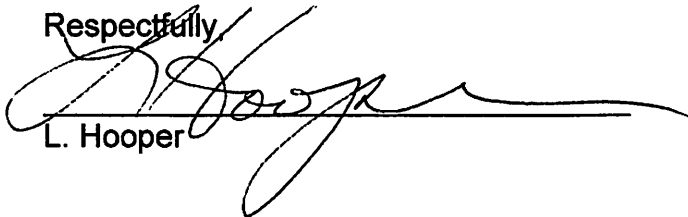
It is estimated that the top three prioritised features will cost \$90,000 to \$190,000 with the washroom having the greatest cost variability depending upon selected location, site improvements and features. While some capital funds are earmarked in the Public Space Enhancement Fund it may not be feasible to implement all three projects in 2016 unless additional funds are allocated. The implementation could be phased over two to three years.

Attachments:

Public Survey

Summary results and comments

Respectfully,



L. Hooper

John Phillips Memorial Park - Prioritization of Park Features Survey Results

February 2016

Listed below are 12 features illustrated above that are being considered for the park. Please indicate your top six (6) preferred features in order of priority with one (1) being the most important and six (6) being least important. The dollar symbol '\$' represents the estimated cost relative to the other features.

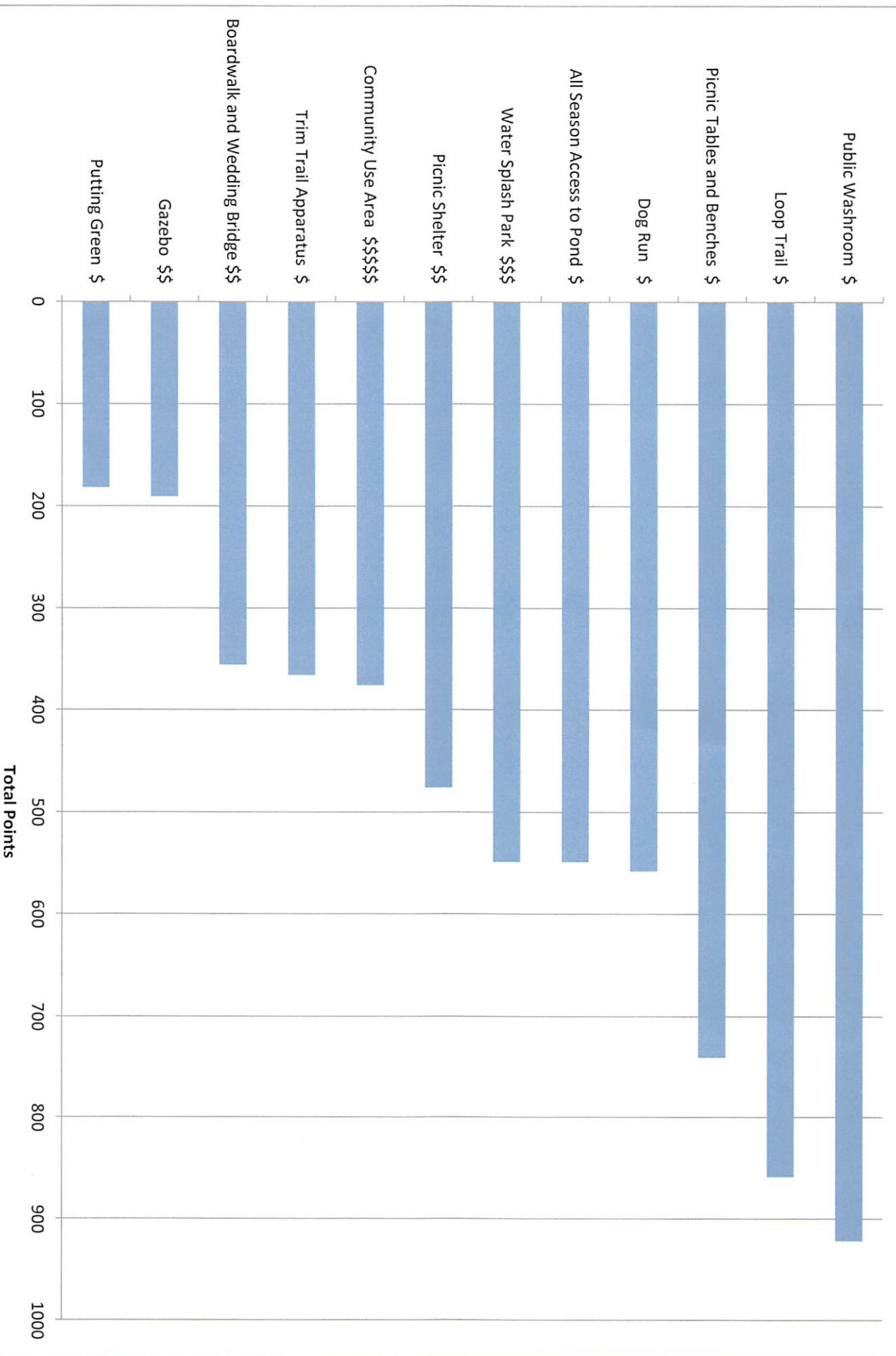
Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total Points
Public Washroom \$	45	41	37	24	16	14	4	922
Loop Trail \$	44	36	27	29	18	14	2	859
Picnic Tables and Benches \$	22	24	32	41	28	15	5	741
Dog Run \$	32	18	14	12	18	26	2	558
Water Splash Park \$\$\$	38	23	10	7	8	19	5	549
All Season Access to Pond \$	18	15	25	24	24	18	4	549
Picnic Shelter \$\$	5	18	24	21	25	24	6	476
Community Use Area \$\$\$\$	19	10	7	15	18	16	2	376
Trim Trail Apparatus \$	10	15	18	12	14	11	4	366
Boardwalk and Wedding Bridge \$\$	8	6	23	18	13	18	2	356
Gazebo \$\$	3	2	8	13	15	10	1	191
Putting Green \$	5	9	4	5	6	16	3	182
<i>online survey responses</i>								189
<i>SEAPARC Session</i>								~ 80

Survey Results Methodology:

- Each #1 response given 7 points
- Each #2 response given 6 points
- Each #3 response given 5 points
- Each #4 response given 4 points
- Each #5 response given 3 points
- Each #6 response given 2 points
- Each #7 response given 1 points

*SEAPARC Session only

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PUBLIC WASHROOM:

- Very necessary, otherwise visits to the park would be much shorter.
- This is the most usable by the most people, so it should be the priority.
- no we dont have the money
- This would be beneficial, but would require constant maintenance and supervision.
- useful but could be provide a shelter for homeless and drug users at any time of year
- Long overdue necessity
- Would be a lovely addition as long as it can be maintained and kept from becoming a drug use spot.
- essential if we want to encourage public use of the park
- a high priority
- No. 1 priority
- Essential first step to be paired with trim-trail circle route (because you need to get people outside the immediate neighbourhood into the park in the first place)
- I think that any outdoor location that is going to be used for the members of the community should have a public washroom.
- Maybe
- This is a must have need to be vandal proof industrial.
- Needed
- Great idea!
- needed if people spend a half day there or are walking an hour from home to spend time there.
- Who is going to maintain these and at what cost?
- This is the most important thing to do. If you don't do anything else, do this!
- Probably not really needed

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- Always gotta pee :)
- I rank this low, but if the park gets more amenities and sees more use, a washroom's importance cannot be underestimated.
- We need one on this end of town for those who walk the trails
- Ok if someone is going to keep it clean & stocked
- Good idea, but a target of vandalism
- Even an outhouse would be nice up there.
- Needed for any family out for more than an hour
- essential item, needs daily cleaning lock at night.
- We don't have enough public washrooms in Sooke, this would be a great asset to any park.
- I'd like rate this as a "4" but this survey only allows for three responses, not six.
- Everybody needs to go -- hopefully at home first
- Who would keep it clean?
- A necessity where groups of people gather, especially children.
- Essential if other features are there
- Highest priority, with water drinking station
- Always nice to have. I'd like to see composting toilets.
- It's a must for any of your features to work.
- Waste of money
- you need to have a washroom with a splash park
- There should be at least 3 units. One near Community use/picnic table areas, 1 near north boundary trail/residential subdivision and 1 near western trail boundary near the pond.
- This can only be a good thing for all the children using this beautiful green space.
- How will it be maintained? We cannot have another public washroom as poorly maintained as the Broomhill Park washroom, please.

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- Great necessity
- Great idea!
- Great idea as long as people respect the washroom
- Most of us need to use a facility
- This would be very convenient for all folks using the park.
- Unless something is going to be built there to keep people for an hour or more, a washroom is not needed. If a washroom is built, we need for it to be maintained and actually open during the day. The maintenance at Both public washrooms at Broomhill and Ed Macgregor park is a disappointment.
- Keeping public washrooms clean in Sooke seems to be an issue, but if the park is going to be developed for families to enjoy then kids will need washrooms nearby that they can use.
- Would be welcomed with all the trails etc.
- obvious need
- Might be necessary if I'm bring a lunch! :)
- Need a bathroom to go with the splash park lol
- Absolutely necessary
- Definatly important in a park
- as long as it is kept clean !!!
- Yes but monitored and locked at night.
- Public washroom costs will exceed the public area costs
- I believe washroom facilities should be the number 1 priority, simply for hygienic and sanitary reasons. Otherwise folks will be going in the bushes.
- No matter what else goes in the park, this should be first
- bike slalom trails
- Why are the dollar values under \$100,000? I find this misleading and impossible to compare. These costs are relatively easy to estimate more closely.
- This is a given I'd say

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- **Passive recreation zone**
- **Needs to be maintained and properly cleaned, not like Ed Macgregor which is awfully filthy**
- **Water and hydro to park and sewer. Washroom, cooking area, picnic tables, benches are essential.**
- **Yes if could be safe from vandalism and not too expensive to maintain.**

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LOOP TRAIL:

- Tell us what you think about this feature.
- Good plan, good for exercise and reaching those 10,000 steps.
- This is the most usable by the most people, so it should be the priority.
- This is the most economical feature that benefits all residents of sooke. Everyone already walks around the park, let's make it a proper trail that everyone can use.
- it already exists so the cost would be simply maintenance
- Economical and safe, perfect use of the outdoor space
- This needs a good upgrade and expansion, as there is far more space for trails but often the ground is too muddy to transverse.
- great to encourage active lifestyle without spending a lot
- Level existing pathways and add drainage where water overflows onto pathway. Make a new gravel walkway where worn into grass with better access up steep slope to Otter Point and Wadams Way corner. Due to the park's bog like features, you would have to throw a lot of money at it to be useful for anything for six months of the year. You need galoshes if you step off the pathway.
- good feature and low cost
- when a trail is built after park benches, water and hydro and sewer to the park
- Essential.
- No
- This is a must have to get around park
- I think this should loop around the entire park, in either chip or gravel, not paved. There should also be a path from the existing south path up to Wadam's Way. It is too muddy most of the year to walk, and is a great short cut into Sooke. Also, I like the lamps in Sidney, solar powered, would be a great safety feature.
- Will encourage people to walk and run.
- Yes please! And link it to other trails.
- Just what the park should be used for - quiet outdoor relaxation
- I think this park needs not only a loop trail--for running, walking, and dog-walking--but a network of trails wherever the 'desire lines' are currently etched into the soil, as this is where

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people will travel regardless.

- Good idea
- Great idea this should be a priority
- It would be nice to have a loop trail, although there are a lot of other trails around already.
- Great little walk
- Great to have a safe place to walk off the roads.
- I'd like to rate this as a "5" but the survey only allows for three responses, not six.
- Perfect for a nice walk or run
- A designated walking area would be awesome!
- Loop trail increases use by a broad spectrum of users, favouring community interaction and 'block watch' type of safety enhancement
- Great for dog walkers, joggers and family
- Great idea. Everyone can use this as long as it is nice and even. Never gets old.
- Healthy for families that want to loop and then sit and eat
- Best to spend the money on visual ethetics e.g. landscaping
- Place on contour with swales. You can have elevation changes between swales. This stores more water on site and allows for non erosional features. A labarinth might be added in on or more arms of the trails.
- Low impact and still enjoying the beauty of this park and surroundings
- Great idea!
- More and more people are walking and we need to encourage that as health initiative
- Isn't this already there? I do love the trail that is there currently so of course vote for it to stay or be improved upon (if that is the idea)
- bike trail
- Hopefully dogs won't be allowed on this trail?
- for bikes and joggers and strollers-multi use
- I'd love to use this to walk around the park and enjoy the scenery.
- Yes-for all users- joggers,wheelchairs,strollers etc... consider neighbors, crime, lighting at night
- This would be nice but more things for kids I think are better
- encouraging hiking closer to town, safer, especially if it has lights

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- Keep walking trails central for all community access.
- I think this would add to the park in terms of those who enjoy keeping fit.
- A chip trail that could be used for walking or jogging is preferred. Since there is already a bike park and bike trails, recommend limiting the use to pedestrians, joggers, wheelchairs, strollers
- bike slalom trails
- I like the existing trail. If we expand the trail, let's not get crazy with a 4 land trailaholla, ok?
- If CRD and other municipalities and DOS have not had a lawsuit, then liability is a red herring. Involve community groups, world youth exchange etc in trail building. Save money.
- A trail can add to existing network to connect people walking, cycling to other trails and to the town core.
- Get people using the park with an attractive trail and boardwalk 1st, then see what larger amenities might be appropriate.
- Not a priority now, existing trail adequate.
- There is a constant flow of walkers through the park. Better trails would allow more/easier access to all levels of mobility.
- Expand existing system to a loop. Also connector through to Wadams way.

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PICNIC TABLES AND BENCHES:

- Could always use more, how about letting the public sponsor some as they do at Whiffin Spit
- This is the most usable by the most people, so it should be the priority.
- The community needs somewhere to gather and build relationships. Picnic tables allow families and friends to meet, relax and slow down. This is also an economical choice - maybe sponsorship/table?
- I would think this would be part of the community use area?
- Perfect for this area, should be minimum maintenance
- Quick and easy upgrade that will draw people to the park and encourage them to linger. Garbages need to be added as well.
- Nice amenities and low cost
- This is a # 1 priority
- Low cost and necessary now ... tables strategically located around the park with a sheltered area for family picnics
- It would be nice if some of the benches had little roofs over them, to protect folks from the rain.
- It would be nice to have somewhere to go and have a picnic in the community.
- In conjunction with shelter
- great for relaxing and having lunch
- will encourage people from further away to spend time there. Great for seniors. Parents watching kids.
- I get tired sometimes, benches are nice.
- An assortment of picnic tables (jumbo-sized) would be great in areas that provide a modicum of shade. I prefer this idea to a large picnic shelter.
- Also needed!
- Good idea, but a target of vandalism
- Picnic tables and benches are always great features to add to parks areas, as long as they are maintained.
- Would be great

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- Picnic tables and benches are a great feature for a park. Have them located by the pond?
- Lots of families pass through this park, there appears to be a need.
- Excellent idea for one & all to enjoy
- Free and low cost community facilities and destinations are an asset
- Fine as long as garbage picked up.
- Always nice.
- Great for family events
- places for families to sit and eat
- in coboven area
- More enjoyable use of this great parkland
- Wonderful idea! Need to fix the drainage so the grass areas can be used.
- Awesome for people walking through the park
- Always nice to sit in groups and gather together
- Would be nice.
- picnic tables more important than benches
- Love to sit on the benches and enjoy the scenery or take a picnic lunch.
- Nice to have a picnic area if there was a splash park
- Yes-of course
- These should be high on the list. A place to sit, or sit and eat is always a nice attraction to a park.
- Important to include as these invite people to stay and linger in the area. It makes the trails accessible to people such as seniors or very young children who might need a rest.
- bike slalom trails
- High priority
- More seating and benches
- Yes
- I ran out of numbers. This is a given though, isn't it?
- Garbage cans. More than one.
- Sponsor them, and garbage cans.
- Can we sponsor one like they do at Whiffin Spit?

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- Individual donors would likely love to sponsor benches and tables.
- Leave the place as it is
- Yes, garbage cans too!
- Yes please. Every community needs a destination for family time, picnics etc. This could be done very economically.

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DOG RUN:

- It should be fenced and far removed from habitat areas such as the pond and marshy area.
How about the area that was once hole #1 or tee box 2
- This would remove an area from general use, but may be needed. May be okay if very well enclosed and access does not interfere with non-doggy users.
- no we dont have the money - leave the park alone we have no other open green spaces that are somewhat naturally, use our hard-earned tax money for the essentials such as policing and sidewalks/lighting - for crying out loud let's be pragmatic and stop wasting our time of things we want and get the things we need done first!!!!!!!!
- This would be a waste of resources and is not needed. Dogs run freely in the park on a daily basis - we don't need a fenced in area that would definitely detract from the beauty of the park.
- definitely needed in Sooke, the only place is Whiffen Spit, where the residents can be quite spiteful that people are walking their dogs
- No Way ! This is a " people park" not a dog crap park
- This is the main function of the park now, please keep it as so. It is one of the only safe areas to bring a dog and let them socialize.
- NOT at this park (please?)
- include if community supports
- nooooo not a priority at all
- Great idea - we need an off-leash area somewhere in town
- I would love to see a off leash dog area for dogs to be able to play with other dogs. It is great socialization for the dogs and a wonderful oppurtunity for the dog owners to meet new people.
- Not necessary park is fine as is
- Not needed as there are many places to take dogs in Sooke
- no one in Sooke would use this, everyone just lets their dogs run free everywhere. Dogs must be on leash.
- Don't need a dog park in Sooke. Lots of places for dogs to run
- Definitely needed for this area

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- Ridiculous for Sooke-
- I think a fenced dog run at the north end of the fairways would be great, with the walking loop on the outside of the fence. With solar powered lamps.
- Don't block off a large section from people who don't like dogs or seniors afraid of being pushed over.
- I think this feature would take away from this park and is inappropriate.
- I have dogs, it's a good idea!
- It's currently well used and enjoyed by dog walkers who comprise a large number of households in the district.
- I don't have a dog.
- We need an off leash area here!!
- This is a necessity! It will attract more people to live in Sooke.
- It would be lovely to have an enclosed dog run, and I think it would be heavily used.
- We need this in the community more than anything
- Only if it is maintained properly!
- Great idea this should be a priority
- I have dog and I walk it. Dont really get the need.
- Having a fenced area for dogs to run and play sounds like a very considerate amenity for those without dogs.
- There are no designated dog areas in Sooke. This would be a great addition!!!
- This park is already well-used by dog owners daily. The dog run would need to encompass a large area. If too small, it would negatively impact those who already enjoy the park.
- Please do not waste money on a dog run. I used to live in Vancouver where you had to take your dogs to a specified area. The result was disease such as fleas and ticks, dog fights and physical confrontations between dog owners. I think you will find the cost of policing this feature will be far in excess to any other feature you are proposing. Spoke is a rural community with lots of green space. We don't need to be restricting where dog owners can take their dogs.
- Totally absurd -- there are many places to take your dog for a run in Sooke -- absolute waste of money

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- Needed in Sooke
- I wouldn't use this but I think people would like this, great way to connect with others.
- We really need one, in fact, there is only one fenced in dog park in Victoria (Saanich)
- This has to be big enough and not the usual city park fenced-in little add on. There is not enough room in most park fenced in dog runs to exercise more than a couple of dogs at a time. Simply too crowded.
- The park is used mostly by dog owners 80%. Reducing this space to wet soggy ground would be a very bad idea. If anything lease only keeping all areas open.
- really needed as there are no off leash areas in sooke.
- Sooke needs a fenced, controlled area where responsible dog owners can let their dogs run.
- There should be a dog off leash area and dog onleash areas throughout the whole park. If my dog can't come there then I can't go either!
- NO dog run
- Please make an area for all the dog owners to exercise their dogs other than Whiffen Spit. I am so frustrated with dogs running up to me and jumping on me or my grandkids all the while having the owners yell out, "he's friendly!" This is not a dog run!
- Sooke needs a fenced dog area.
- Will this area be fenced?
- It would be fantastic to have a safe, enclosed social place for dogs (and their people) to socialize
- Limits the use of the park but it would be a good idea if it would keep off leash dogs out of the rest of the park. Currently people have no control over their dogs and don't clean up after them.
- Too many places for dogs to run in the wilds lets leave the dogs on a leash on trails
- A dog run would allow people with dogs to have an area where the dogs could play together.
- If it is a contained area then I am happy to support the dog owners of this town. I don't have a dog myself though so would appreciate if it is in a contained area.
- Much needed!
- no dogs
- A dog run would hopefully keep dogs off the beaches and other trails that families can't enjoy

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due to owners not picking up after their animals!

- No thanks! Prefer it to be on leash park so we are not stepping in dog crap everywhere. Supply pooh bags.
- There are sufficient places to safely walk your dog now and sadly, not all dog owners are responsible enough to keep their dogs leashed or pick up after them.
- Would love this esp.if there was some covered space to use for agility\dog play area -again
RAIN
- Fenced in with bags and sign saying that "if you don't pick up, you could be fined" and no littering another sign !!!!
- Keep this space free of dogs so all of us can enjoy it.
- No there is enough dog poop there now.
- Even as a dog owner, I feel this should be a user pay area, not a burden on the tax payer.
- This is very much needed in the community so please keep this on your list for future enhancements - if not here then elsewhere.
- bike slalom trails
- WE already have a dog friendly area on whiffin spit.
- Absolutely not.
- A safe, fenced in area for dogs is warranted. It keeps the dogs safe and keeps fear from people who are walking.
- I don't have a dog, but I feel we do need a space for dogs to exercise and socialize.
- Suggest it be located where #1 and #2 tee box were located.
- Please no fences, dozens of dogs play in harmony every day there – come early to watch.
- There is already a dog run/park in Sooke. Sadly it is on our beautiful Whiffin Spit.
- I like this one.
- We don't need to have uncontrolled dogs off leash.
- Many people have dogs. Ban dogs and we will elect a Council who is anti-dog. Man's best friend.

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WATER PARK:

- Would be fun for kids. Would the upkeep be expensive?
- upkeep and vandalism
- Waste of green space - put in neighbourhood parks, as is done everywhere else, as well as in Sooke
- no we dont have the money
- There was one at broomhill that hasn't been functional for years. This is an expensive choice that is prone to vandalism and requires extensive maintenance. Does Sooke have the budget for this?
- great for summer family use, could be an issue with maintenance and vandalism
- Too costly to maintain and supervise/police
- Too expensive, not necessary as we are in close proximity to the ocean and spoke pot holes.
- increase functionality of the current water feature at Broom Hill Park instead
- Yes please!
- not a priority at all
- Fix the one at Broom Hill
- I think that Sooke really needs to have more things for children and teenagers to do in the community. A water splash park would be a step in the right direction for families in this community to be able to do something free
- No
- Everyone likes a splash park but they are hard to maintain and has limited usage time. Go to sea park
- Bad idea - too expensive
- Wasteful
- Could fix/upgrade the one up at Broomhill instead
- It's nice to encourage children but keep the park as green as possible. Mostly nature, grass, trees, gardens.
- Unnecessary and expensive.
- No, kids can swim on the beaches and in the lakes
- Our kids would love this on hot days!

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- Update the water park that already exists.
- No already have the pool
- Waste of money, one in Broomhill never used.
- There are so many young families in Sooke and surrounding areas. This would be a well-used facility.
- Awesome
- With the water restrictions we face every summer, I wonder if this would be a viable option?
- sooke could defiantly benefit from a water park as we don't have a lot of kid friendly recreational parks to play at. Ed megregor park has the boardwalk for weddings and an amphitheater that is not used very often, we already have a skate park and whiffin spit is a great place for the dogs. Williams lake has a gazebo. You can already find all the other suggested amenities in sooke except for a working water splash park.
- We already have a broken water park that needs fixing. Why waste money on another?
- Waste of Money -- Go & Splash at Sooke Potholes or one of our lakes or the ocean
- Sooke's summers don't get warm enough for long and the park can be very windy. A Water Splash Park would not be frequently used.
- Maintenance?
- It would be so great to have this as an option to take our kids too!
- Great idea; currently no water parks in Sooke. Very limited places to take young children.
- Exceptional idea. I have always wondered why there is not one here. Families have to go to Langford for free outdoor fun.
- Nice, but not necessary
- Great for the kids if we have more hot summers
- We live near the beach and potholes. I hate this idea in natural Sooke. Bad environmental practice, poor display of water conservation. This belongs in cities where the kids don't have ready access to the most beautiful beaches and lakes in the world. Sooke couldn't even maintain the one at Broomhill park.
- A new fun place for kids in Sooke! This is awesome!
- Great addition to our growing population. Sooke has alot of children and it's only getting bigger.
- Bad idea

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- This is a great use of the space as there are many young families in Sooke. This is an easy, fun and safe way for kids to play in the water during the summer.
- sooke needs a place for kids to play when its hot
- kids would like this, I did 70 years ago, Sidney's Iroquois park has a feature, Duncan does also.
- This is so needed in Sooke
- Only in conjunction with "dry" playgrounds and/or with removable units for the space to be converted to a basketball/hockey, etc. space for year around use. Highly recommended including some natural play areas as well to provided less strictly seasonal activities.
- Wonderful idea for families to enjoy the summer in our wonderful town
- Sooke needs a water park! I don't want to drive to Langford every time my daughter needs to cool off on a hot day!
- Should not go here, should go in a smaller play park
- There is a good area in Broom Hill with a small water feature already
- We have access to so many areas that have access to the water but it would promote the use of the park by families
- This would be amazing so young families in sooke for something to do in the weather! The beaches are great but get cold!!
- I think this would be a great feature at Broomhill park where there is already space for it. Tear down and fix up the old one at Broomhill park or add it to the grassy area there. I would vote 100% for that location. I'm not as interested in having it in this location, but if Broomhill park really isn't a viable option for that then I suppose this is the next best alternative.
- kids need
- Sooke should have had one years ago! A local one would save us so many trips to Langford on hot summer days.
- Best area for this, lots of families with young kids in area plus people willing to drive to it. Twassessen has a great example of one
- Fun for the kids!
- This would be amazing! It would be so nice to have one locally rather than driving to Langford.
- makes more sense to revamp the existing one at broomhill
- I think a water park would be awesome - would make it 1 but washrooms are a must if there will be a park here

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- Amazing! Sooke needs a **WORKING** one for kids
- I think this would get more use and appeal more people over a putting green or dog run. There's a lot of young families in our area, and kids love water parks.
- Many people in the community are asking for this.
- **Bike Slalom Trails**
- This would be a great place for a regular playground, less expensive, less maintenance. Many families in the area and no playgrounds nearby.
- Don't need this, there's one at Broomhill Park that seems to be broken. Fix that one.
- Only can be used 2 months of the year.
- We do need this. The broomhill park one is beyond repair and unsafe. The number of young families in the area is increasing. This should be well-lit and safe.
- **Repair broomhill**
- **Repair broomhill**
- **It is high maintenance.**
- **Showers for transients!**
- This would be a great addition to the community and a low cost options for families.
- Compared to others, this is not low cost. No thanks.
- Too expensive. If this is desired, fix broomhill.

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ALL SEASON ACCESS TO POND:

- Tell us what you think about this feature.
- Good for education, must keep in mind that it is habitat and should be respected (no dogs, no harrassing wildlife)
- too much for upkeep, area floods in winter
- This is the most usable by the most people, so it should be the priority.
- no we dont have the money
- a maintenance issue with possibly anything and everything ending up in the pond
- A true enhancement to this area for max. enjoyment of the feature
- The ground is constantly muddy and it is hard to enjoy the space with these conditions.
- can we make this number 7?
- educational and low cost
- YES. Boardwalk around pond with easy access to the parking lot near Mulligans - perfect for families and less active park users. Stock the pond with small fish. Fishing platform(s) for family use.
- Include 15-30 hanging flower pots throughout the parks trails.
- What?
- Not sure what this means. The paths come close to the pond already. Would rather see a loop of the whole park.
- OK but wouldn't want to disturb the wildlife there
- No need, waste of money
- A lovely boardwalk like that in the above photo would be another great place to visit year-round.
- pond should be areiated for fish productivity. 12 and under fishing only.
- There's something special about being able to get close to the water.
- Have a sign that says -- Muddy -- Wear Gum Boots
- Would be a nice addition, people love the boardwalk down in the harbour
- Pond is fine as is
- The pond is a huge part of the park
- Seems accessible to all kinds of people. Kids, elderly, fit etc. Fun, beautiful, great idea. Might

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need to consider safety of little kids.

- Not my favourite option, but I prefer this over a dog run.
- Use chinampas excavated and placed at pond perimeters to create a sunburst pattern of edges to grow permaculture edible food forest plants, shrubs, trees. There would meander a 3m path from the shore path to the termination viewpoint at the pond edge. This feature would be self watering. as well as increasing the water storage capacity within the pond. There might be 1 larger viewpoint which could accommodate larger groups
- Great idea! Would definitely use it.
- Great idea
- great place to walk and watch the birds
- Sure. If the cost is minimal then that would be a nice feature.
- Another bit of scenery to enjoy year round.
- What does that mean\ look like?-don't want fish, frogs, wildlife too disturbed
- Great idea for community use.
- Yes leave it as green space
- Ponds are great places for kids and others to learn and enjoy.
- bike slalom trails
- We don't have public access to wetlands. Great opportunity to have the wetlands habitat.
- It is a very small pond, not necessary.
- Kids fishing dock. Stock pond with fish for kids to catch and release.
- This would bring "city people" to Sooke. Good for tourism.
- Pond too small. You can see pond without having to build a boardwalk.
- Boardwalk nice idea after washrooms, picnic tables and benches.
- NO need for this. Pond is pretty to look at and walk around.
- Love the idea. Please budget to control the weeds on and around the pond.
- Stocked pond.
- This is important habitat. Must have signs to respect wildlife.

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PICNIC SHELTER:

- Good plan, need someplace to eat. Either a picnic shelter or a gazebo (somewhat similar)
- I suspect that this would unfortunately turn into a high-maintenance area, and would likely be poorly maintained.
- no we dont have the money
- This is a great idea to provide a dry gathering place in the rain and a shady spot in the sun. There are so many community groups/schools that could use this feature. Please consider the possibilities.
- this would be part of the expense for the community use area
- Subject to vandalism and misuse, maintenance and repair costs would be a large issue
- Great idea! Nice to have a covered spot to eat and host community events.
- a great idea, simple, but must include potable water
- not necessary
- multi use, picnic and cooking bldgs
- Rainy Sooke
- A picnic shelter would be nice in case the weather turns bad or if it is really hot out to have a shaded area.
- Not many people go for a picnic when the wether is bad.
- I like the idea of a group site around the south end of the park, as well as having a few tables at the foot of the former fairways.
- too large and obstructive. Keep the park as green as possible.
- I like picnics.
- We get alot of rain..would be nice if having a picnic and it rains
- Good idea, but a target of vandalism
- There is already a picnic shelter available. No? Another larger one wouldn't hurt.
- Shelter is nice to have for family gathering/picnics.
- I'd like rate this as a "6" but this survey only allows for three responses, not six.
- Same as picnic tables in case it rains
- Given our meteorology, this could enhance year-round use significantly
- Love the one at Juan de fuca. Had my daughter's birthday party there

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- As long as garbage picked up.
- Put out a blanket and a sun umbrella for goodness sake.
- As long as the picnic shelter is respected, I would love to visit here with my young family on the weekends! This would also be a draw for visitors to Sooke. They could pick food up at one of our many local shops, and take it to eat under the shelter.
- covered area out of yhe sun
- Use permaculture design principles to include edible landscaping around all constructed and trail features within the park. All swales and trails should be located on contours to minimize erosion as well as demonstrate increased food security which are reproducible in home and commercial landscaping projects.
- Makes the most sense. If Ed Macgregor is used for a function, this would be a great place for people to come as an alternative
- Would rather have the money used for a playground. Would like a park were my children can play.
- Would be nice
- nice to have a place to eat out of our rain and still be outside
- I could see a lot of people using this feature including visitors to Sooke.
- I am indifferent to this.
- Some sort of shelter-not near residences!! maybe multi use covered areas for all the months of RAIN
- I don't believe we have such a feature and it would be great to have small, permanent bbqs
- Always nice to have a covered area in case of rain, or to get out of the sun for some?
- Consideration should be given to how much and what kind of use these facilities attract.
- bike slalom trails
- This structure style covers a wider range of uses than the gazebo style. Roof is cheaper as well. Family play area on rainy days. Country market.
- Gazebo and picnic shelter are similar to one another. WE could use either.
- Eating area and cooking area.
- Great area for family picnics, gatherings and community groups.
- Include cob oven

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MULTI-USE COMMUNITY AREA

- Very expensive. Organizations could use tents and the picnic shelter to get same result for events.
- Don't use up prime green space for a community facility that doesn't maximise the potential of green space and could be put elsewhere.
- good idea, as long as it is for general use and not held back for selective group events
- Way too expensive and not needed, already have a place in Sooke for this
- I think it would take too much away from the natural setting of the park, and be limiting to the open green space.
- only if this is THE primary plan for a community centre, then YES
- looks too expensive
- The community use area for cooking and picknicking is a no 3 priority
- Necessary, but not now ...
- No. Needs parking too
- Expensive but could be used for community functions
- Not needed
- Keep the park as green as possible. Mostly nature, grass, trees, gardens.
- I like markets and events and concerts and stuff.
- Yes needed in Sooke
- To much noise and disruption for neighbors, ROI low, money spent better elsewhere
- A community use area would be a wonderful, though the cost outweighs the need for it, I think.
- Not sure what this would look like
- Lack of parking would be an issue should large events be held in the park.
- Have a Speakers Corner or speakers Box
- What use? Private? Public? Fee or free? This is a good asset, but an expensive investment
- An amphitheater would be awesome for evening concerts. Ed macgregor park gets too cold
- Only if we are going to consider tearing down the community hall.
- Lot's of artists in Sooke! This would get use!
- Would attract wrong sort teenagers - bad idea

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- We are a strong community, and I think this would be a great outdoor meet-up area for all of Sooke's different groups!
- There should be some shelters for shade or rain protection in association with picnic tables and benches. Add a cob pizza oven and grill complex - see Duncan's Centennial Park unit.
- Is this for community events? If so, where is parking?
- Not worth the investment
- We need a community gathering area as we don't have annual Sooke events so much any more
- I could think of many ways the community could use this feature.
- I am not sure that this is a necessity since we already have that at Ed Macgregor park.
- Although this is the costliest, it might be a good gathering place for events.
- Which means what??? Ed Mc Park already is set up for big "community events"
- YES. Absolutely would enrich the town.
- Best use 1
- This would be a great way to help recoup cost for the park by renting out this facility?
- Not necessary at this time - perhaps could be considered as a future enhancement.
- bike slalom trails
- Community Food Garden
- This probably isn't a good location for a Community Centre. Can't walk to it, parking where? Way too expensive and would ruin this green space.
- Concerned about size, location and access.
- Yes, the farmers market could use a better venue
- Parking lot?
- This would take up too much real estate. This is a green space.
- Put the library and multi-use community centre in one building.
- Would be great for outdoor community family gathering space.
- Yes, community space for cooking and sitting and eating. Washrooms.
- Incorporate washrooms and amphitheater. Outdoor courtyard for community events.
- As long as dogs can be allowed.
- Hangout for homeless!

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TRIM TRAIL APPARATUS:

- Good idea for keeping fit.
- a fun feature, liability?
- This is more appropriate in neighbourhood parks.
- no we dont have the money
- These would be more apporiate near a school or sports complex, not in a beautiful green space.
- good use, encourages everyone to get out and exercise. Could be used by schools in the neighbourhood
- Nice addition for people that are using the trail for fitness, works well in other parks. Low risk of vandalism
- this would be nice if it is affordable
- <http://www.fittrail.com/10station.html> \$6k + installation cost.
- No
- Nice for kids but limited use with high vandalism
- I really like the one in Sidney. I would have given this a three, but my choices were full.
- It's nice to encourage children but keep the park as green as possible. Mostly nature, grass, trees, gardens.
- There is already apparatus in Broom Hill Park
- Limited usage, target of vandelimism
- I like the idea, but would probably not use it and wonder how many would?
- There are excellent fitness facilities already in Sooke
- Anything active to get families out would be very beneficial and it's so needed!
- Competes with private businesses
- Would work well with the gym nearby and for the people who use the trail to get fit
- Affordable access to functional fitness
- I remember this fad near Juan de Fuca when I was a kid. Seems like it would look dated and sad. People can do push ups on a bench. HOW ABOUT A DAMN SWING SET????
- Is this something that local Personal Trainers will have access to with their clients / fitness groups?

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- Sidney's parks seem to have little use on these apparatus. Ditto for Duncan's Centennial Park. Poor use of public funds.
- Keeping Sooke active is always a great idea! My grandsons love to use the few trim apparatus in Westshore!
- I don't think they get utilized. Waste of money.
- Not sure what this is
- Don't need it. In my opinion this is just something that will not be maintained and will eventually break and be an eyesore.
- biking
- Sounds interesting and fun
- Would give the kids choices
- I think this means outdoor exercise equipment that would go along the loop trail, if so these are great ways to connect people with parks. Consideration should be given to equipment that is good for a variety of ages (especially older people and seniors).
- bike slalom trails
- not a priority
- I ran out of numbers but I would love to see this one as well. It needs to go near the community space.
- I like this.
- This will enable one to become more fitness oriented. Make it part of their routine i.e. if one a 10k run can use this for a pre and post stretch.
- Waste of \$\$\$\$. They sound good but don't actually get used other than for kids to play on. Check out in Langford/westhills.
- No. We have lots of facilities to stay fit. They need repair and are vandalized.
- Good idea. Anything to keep fit. I ran out of numbers too.
- These are a fad. I see in other communities they are not used. Walking is the best exercise!
- Yes, Parksville's is well used.

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BOARDWALK AND WEDDING BRIDGE:

- Would provide too much disruption to the birds and wildlife at the pond
- Maximise natural environment, minimise built environment in the park - improves the experience and minimises the cost.
- are you serious? wow!
- This feature would provide years of memories for generations to come.
- pretty, but not too useful.
- Would be great feature for this area
- This would be lovely but possibly after trail expansion and access to the lake is improved, a future plan!
- if the park is pretty enough weddings will happen; we don't need something specific for this function
- not necessary
- not just a wedding bridge but a use for around the pond for catch and release fishing
- Around pond I assume.
- Not necessary
- expensive with limited use, bad bang for the buck.
- Not needed. Enough scenic spots at Ed MacGregor
- There are other nice places around Victoria / Sooke for wedding photos
- A lovely idea for economic development (hosting weddings)
- This would be over the top. Keep it simple and natural.
- Would be nice to see.
- Not sure how this differs from "all season access to the pond," but it would be nice to stroll around the water, as part of the overall trail network, without sinking into the muck (which a boardwalk would take care of), and a 'wedding bridge' could be a lovely spot for having photos taken (provided there is some pretty landscaping involved, as well)
- No need, waste of money
- If we have a boardwalk to the pond, that should be enough.
- Dumb idea -- who's paying for the maintenance on this
- Wedding & photography destination no creases flow to local businesses

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- I believe a boardwalk or wedding bridge would help with the Sooke beautification project!
- No bridge! Use excavations to create edges and perhaps a small causeway partly into the pond with a large circular area at the terminus for larger groups. Earth and boulders are natural and more permanent than wood and encourage live edible landscaping to enhance the earthworks.
- Revenue potential to sustain the space is critical.
- Would limit the use of the park and goes against the philosophy as it wouldn't cater to the general public
- Too limiting for the size of the community
- I love bridges and think they add charm when they are included in a park. Plus children love them.
- I would rather the money be spent on one of the other features (splash park, loop trail)
- maybe later
- people with handicaps and or wheelchairs could also use it
- This is a great idea and a potential money maker for Sooke. We had our Grad pictures taken here when it was the golf course.
- I would rather see the pond maintained in a more natural state.
- bike slalom trails
- Centre of Pond (large fountain) around pond, manicured area with concrete picnic tables
- What is the difference between this and the all-season pond access
- This would be nice, but what is this \$100,000 - \$200,000 estimate? In that case, no thanks. Maybe Rotary or other group could fundraise.
- Not a priority, but when washroom and benches and tables and cooking, maybe when money becomes available.
- It would provide perfect opportunities to showcase a beautiful green space. Imagine the photos on social media.
- Every town needs one of these

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GAZEBO:

- Similar to picnic shelter
- would be nice for weddings with the wedding bridge
- Maximise natural environment, minimise built environment in the park - improves the experience and minimises the cost.
- no we dont have the money
- This feature would be a beautiful addition to a wonderful green space. Think of this as the 'heart' of the park.
- I dont think it would be used, again it creates a shelter for undesireables
- Subject to vandalism and misuse, maintenance and repair costs would be a large issue
- Tied with the picnic shelter for usefulness.
- unless it is a large gazebo, will not functional enough for a public space
- not necessary
- make it a multi use building
- Yes, but again in due time
- nice place to hide from the rain
- A covered area for group picnics would receive more use.
- shelter from rain or sun. Good for occasional public concerts
- Would be great for photo ops to promote our region and for weddings/ events
- There is a bandstand already at Ed Mcgreggor so not really needed
- A large and stylish gazebo for social functions and community events would be a nice addition to the park.
- Will get vandalized
- Good idea, but a target of vandalism
- Looks good, but will it be used?
- Good if in concert with Picinic Shelter
- Community events at public venues build community spirit
- I hate dark, wet, cold gazebos. Too cold in our summers and who wants to be in one in the winter? Unless it has a fireplace in it they do not belong on the west coast. Really, when is the last time you spent time in one other than the one at the community garden? People always

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think they would go in one but they don't.

- What for?
- covered area out of the sun
- In chinampas area in the pond esplanade.
- Revenue potential to sustain the space is critical.
- Moot with picnic shelter
- Not sure how much use this would get
- We have several areas already like Ed McGregor park with lots of things and large covered space
- I am indifferent to this.
- Appears to serve the same purpose as the picnic shelter but more aesthetically pleasing?
- Lovely place to sit and ponder.
- maybe later
- Either a gazebo or picnic shelter
- Already one at ed McGregor park.
- A gazebo would be nice, but why both a picnic shelter and gazebo?
- These are very attractive but how much use do they actually get? Probably not worth the expense.
- bike slalom trails
- incorporate band stand for orchestra?
- Gazebo and picnic shelter are/can be interchanged.
- Gazebo + picnic area = community hub
- A building which houses a cooking area, washroom and eating area.

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PUTTING GREEN:

- After having both golf courses removed from Sooke, the golfers need something.
- another fun feature
- Way too specialised and passive for most people. Putting green should be provided by a private enterprise, not in the prime public green space.
- no we dont have the money
- This is an expensive feature that will eventually fall into disrepair without significant maintenance.
- there didnt seem to be a lot of interest in the golf course so why ??
- Not the right area
- Waste of time and money, not necessary. Risk of lost balls taking over/harming natural environment of pond, birds and other wildlife.
- needs to be pesticide free for child and family access; might be a well used feature
- no.
- Don't underestimate maintenance costs ... driving range + putting green is in Sooke's future elsewhere, one day.
- Could it have mini golf and a putting green? Again it would be a great little treat for families and members of the community to go and putt and mini golf rather than travelling all the way into Victoria or Langford to do this fun activity.
- There is a golf course here run it municipally
- Go golf at a course very limited usership
- Too much maintenance involved, too expensive
- Keep the park as green as possible. Mostly nature, grass, trees, gardens.
- I think a putting green would be fun to use
- Would be good for tourists that come in summer
- Limited usage, target of vandalism
- Just not interested in using space for golfing.
- Absolute waste of money -- if SeaParc buys the old golf course -- have one there
- NOT a priority, caters only to a limited population
- We visit the one in beacon hill park as often as we can.

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- Expensive, needs expertise to do it in an environmentally friendly way.
- Bad idea
- Terrible use of this space. I think that many people in the Sooke community would be disappointed to see a putting green in the park.
- Sidney's Iriquois park one doesn't seem to get used much.
- As an active golfer, I am going to miss our golf course. I'm sure visitors would also love this feature to our beautiful town.
- Don't think it would be used.
- This would be great if it was a big one like up island
- Not at all interested myself.
- It would be nice to have somewhere to use clubs in Sooke! Maybe consider a driving range as well?
- new park area by seaparc that may be purchased would be better spot
- This is for my husband
- Too specialized.
- Would cater to a very limited audience and might be pricey to maintain.
- bike slalom trails
- No
- Use the golf course that was just bought
- Golf is a rich man's sport, male dominated, so get something both genders can enjoy.
- No. Poor used space. Needs too much maintenance.
- No, too artificial and expensive to maintain.
- Too limited use of space. Park should accommodate broad use.
- No – expensive to maintain long term.
- Yes, there are still lots of golfers in Sooke.
- Check out the putting green at Beacon Hill. Used by people of all ages and both genders.

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OTHER COMMENTS:

- Swings for kids
- A bathroom
- picnic shelter with wood burning cooking features for emergencies so that when the power goes out there is a place for the community to gather and cook
- Truffle Plantation
- Petting Zoo for families
- Signage, don't chase the wildlife
- Children's play area and equipment
- Signage which flows through Sooke, wild by nature
- Community Gardens
- Swings, kids, teter-totters
- Pavillion, artful
- Stove burn areas like Shirley for cooking
- Adobe – cobb ovens

John Phillips Memorial Park

This park is a wonderful piece of open public land. It is home to many birds and other creatures and provides their necessary habitat.

There have been at least 77 bird species seen in this park:

Greater White-fronted Goose

Snow Goose

Cackling Goose

Canada Goose

Eurasian Wigeon

American Wigeon

Mallard

Northern Shoveler

Northern Pintail

Green-winged Teal

Ring-necked Duck

Lesser Scaup

Bufflehead

Hooded Merganser

Common Merganser

California Quail

Double-crested Cormorant

Great Blue Heron

Turkey Vulture

Cooper's Hawk

Bald Eagle

Red-tailed Hawk

Rough-legged Hawk

Virginia Rail

Killdeer

Wilson's Snipe

Mew Gull

Western Gull

California Gull

Glaucous-winged Gull

Common Tern

Rock Pigeon

Eurasian Collared-Dove

Anna's Hummingbird

Belted Kingfisher

Red-breasted Sapsucker

Downy Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Hutton's Vireo
Steller's Jay
Northwestern Crow
Common Raven
Tree Swallow
Violet-green Swallow
Barn Swallow
Chestnut-backed Chickadee
Bushtit
Red-breasted Nuthatch
Pacific Wren
Marsh Wren
Bewick's Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
American Robin
Varied Thrush
European Starling
Orange-crowned Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Chipping Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
White-crowned Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
Spotted Towhee
Red-winged Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird
House Finch
Purple Finch
Red Crossbill
Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch
Evening Grosbeak
House Sparrow

The pond and other marshy areas need to be protected so these species can thrive. There needs to be a buffer around the pond to stop dogs and humans from disturbing the wildlife.

The improvements to the park (pathways and benches) are a good start to making this a popular spot.

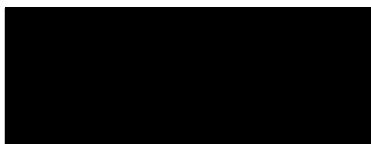
What is needed for the Park:

- **Signage** to indicate it is a park. I spoke with a newcomer to Sooke over the Christmas holidays; he was sitting on a bench by the pond watching the ducks. He asked me if I knew who owned this property and I told him it was a park. He said 'really', why aren't there signs. How many years has this been designated a park? I have been asking for many years for a sign, any sign to indicate this is a park. The main reason I was told for no signs was lack of budget funding. Last thing I was told about signs was that Sooke was waiting for someone or the funds to carve a big sign like McGregor Park. I went to Bill Simmons park and they have signs.....Even a small sign would work in the interim.
- **Parking**...Where should we park, by the old Mulligans, at City Hall? A good spot for parking would be where the old #8 tee box was; which is between the Lombardi Poplars and City Hall. It would have access from Otter Point Road and be useful as overflow parking for public meetings. There could be a sign indicating it is a park and include doggy do bags, garbage cans and maybe a small washroom (even a one-holer would work). Add a trail to meet up with the existing one; this would allow easy access for those with strollers.
- **Park Boundaries**...What area is included in the Park. Are we trespassing when we park at the old Mulligans and walk across their back yard?
- **More Benches** – At Whiffin Spit benches have been sponsored/donated for many years, how about this park
- **Washrooms** – Having washrooms might encourage others to spend more time in the park.
- **Picnic Tables or Gazebos** – Would be nice to stay for lunch. Is there free WI FI?
- **Doggy Do stations** – At Whiffin Spit there are rules for dog behaviour along with plastic bags and garbage cans to deposit doggy waste. There should be at least 2, one by the entrance (City Hall) and one by the Townsend Road entry.
- **Landscaping** – Understanding deer are an issue, how about a Native Garden with signs on the species. Maybe high school students could volunteer to maintain as part of their volunteer hours. Or maybe the Garden Club could assist.
- **Nature House or Kiosk** – to display exhibits relevant to the area and to use as a teaching guide.

I think the park has good potential. It should not be chopped up into exclusive special interest groups or used for sports (plenty of those areas in Sooke already). I would like to see it kept as natural as possible leaning toward family activities. With an aim to fitness, how about a play area for the kids. Kids come to play, parents watch the kids; they all have lunch...nice afternoon out.

I have lived in Sooke for 37 years and have witnessed the evolution of this property. I still miss the Golf Course and enjoy walking around it on a regular basis. Open space is so important and needs to be preserved.


Sandy Bowie



Rationale for locating new library in John Phillips Park Cost, location, community asset to share

- 1) It is centrally located, on a bus route, a short walk from the current location along Wadams Way. Over time the downtown core will expand and this is an ideal location looking toward the future.
- 2) The location is walking distance to seniors (Ayre Manor) and several established and new housing subdivisions
- 3) The district already owns the property so costs would be substantially reduced from purchasing expensive property on the water side of Sooke
- 4) Building could be built next to District Hall – it would excellent to share shared parking, possibly reducing the amount of parking required if located as a stand alone building.
- 5) Sloping grade on mid-west of property could accommodate a 2-floor library with lovely views out over the green space and pond. It could be built to an environmentally high standard taking advantage of earth insulation and south facing passive solar heat.
- 6) Libraries are fast becoming community hubs for many family, senior and children's activities. This location will facilitate many indoor and outdoor activities for families – spring and summer programs taking advantage of the park setting.
- 7) Close proximity to Sooke Child, Youth and Family Centre, and Ed West alternative school program (which does not have any access to a library facility at CASA) – joint activities and shared events.
- 8) The property is large – (10 acres?). A well-planned, 2-story library would be an extremely small footprint and not interfere with existing uses and not cause noise or late night activities to disrupt neighbours.
- 9) Community members may be more amendable to using the location for a library if a comprehensive and well-formulated plan was offered – rather than a suggestion without any logical rationale.

Glen Thelin / Sheila Wallace

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Sorry for the delay in forwarding this on but I understand the deadline is today for online survey and meeting on March 1. I went to the homes of the people whose yard backs on to the park on Tara, Winona Pl, to ask them their response to the initiatives that are being reviewed for park development. This was done before the online survey was advertised so u likely have more responses since I did not connect to each person..I was going to give u stats etc. but just thought I would follow the format you had at Seaparc and used the article in the Sooke Voice News "What to do about that park" Feb 2 2016 edition. Unanimous no one wanted a Water Park...safety issues and enforcement of access at 2 am was a concern. A few people knew

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A few people knew about the Broomhill water park and thought that should be repaired 2. Washrooms again were unanimous with a YES 3. Putting Green a BIG NO. 4. Jogging Trail was agreed upon with development along extreme perimeter. There was one NO 5. Boardwalk over Pond espec. with wedding bridge or Special Event bridge was Absolutely NO by all.. 6. Picnic Tables absolutely were a unanimous. 7. Dog Run was a strong NO even with all who I spoke with had one to 3 dogs. Opinion was that dogs needed to not be contained but needed to be supervised better by some people. 8.Public Access to Pond Edge was a NO given the varied wildlife that makes it there home throughout the year..Given that Poirier Lake is minutes away and the issue there last summer was popularity and resulting lack of stocked fish. NO agreement to stock the Pond. The flooding of the pond over the path fall/winter months was more of a priority interms of improving drainage. 9. Confusion reigned with the Trim Trail category. We assumed it meant that literally until I saw the Seaparc display. I explained it to some and they thought it may be a good idea. 10. Gazebo, Picnic Shelter and Multiuse area & washroom categories were very unclear as to how they were different from each other. The opinions were that a shelter/gazebo was an excellent idea for music events, etc or as a special events site instead of over the pond for photos et c. Various Ideas in no particular order were: solar lighting motion activated where it may be appropriate, Signage on Sooke rd, Otter Pt. Rd and at the Park especially since this is a memorial park to a groundskeeper who died there while performing his duties. Poop bag dispenser by garbage can (only one garbage at this

time)at both ends of trail thru park. Designated parking and marking where park boundary is and the fitness centre is. Water Fountain as set up on Galloping Goose trail. Ashtray by benches or where seating will be such as provided in Langford. They are small, simple and reduce fire hazards in summer and the mess left. Park closure after dark and enforced by security like Glen Lake if noise and vandalism occurs. No OVERDEVELOPING just because. And a walking mediation area with native plants or some elements of nature to delineate the area. Sorry forgot correct word. Thank u for your time Carmen Neumann [REDACTED] I dont back onto the park