

Community Survey

The Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) is responsible for the planning, acquisition and development of regional parks on Denman Island. In light of this responsibility, the regional district wishes, in consultation with residents and landowners, to establish a long-term vision and plan for a parks and greenways system on Denman Island.

The CVRD owns Bill Mee Park as well as two small pocket parks, Stanehill and MacFarlane parks. The latter are undeveloped. CVRD will take over management of a new park at the north end of Denman Island in late June of this year. To date the regional district does not own, nor manage, any greenways (trails or wildlife corridors) on Denman Island. In addition to the CVRD park sites, there are three provincial parks (BC Parks) on Denman – Boyle Point, Fillongley and Sandy Island Marine Park.

We would like your input on development of a parks and greenways plan for Denman Island. Please let us know what places are important to you, what areas you feel should be protected and where you see opportunities for parks, greenways and recreation activities to be provided.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this survey.

1. What parks and related facilities do you currently enjoy and visit on Denman Island?

2. What trails or paths do you currently use?

3. What kind of outdoor recreational opportunities would you like to see more of?

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| a. Walking, hiking | d. Picnicking |
| b. Cycling | e. Camping |
| c. Nature/bird-watching | f. Other (please specify) |

4. How satisfied are you with the number of parks on Denman Island?

(Please circle **one** number.)

Not satisfied 1 2 3 4 5 Very satisfied

4(a) Why are you satisfied/dissatisfied with the number of parks on Denman Island?

5. How satisfied are you with the number of trails on Denman Island?
(Please circle **one** number.)

Not satisfied 1 2 3 4 5 Very satisfied

5(a) Why are you satisfied/dissatisfied with the number of trails on Denman Island?

6. If additions to the park system are possible, which additions do you consider most important? (Please circle up to a maximum of **three**.)

- a. Oceanfront beach parks
- b. Lakefront beach parks
- c. Beach access trails
- d. View points / look-outs
- e. Streamside parks
- f. Historical sites
- g. Nature preserves (limited public access)
- h. Nature parks (with public access)
- i. Other (Please specify)

7. What type of greenways do you consider most important? (Please circle up to a maximum of **three**.)

- a. Connecting trails (i.e. between parks, to schools, community hall, stores, ferry, etc.)
- b. Beach access trails
- c. Waterfront trails
- d. Hiking trails
- e. Streamside riparian corridors/areas
- f. Wildlife/biodiversity corridors/areas
- g. Other (Please specify)

8. Are there additional amenities, such as washrooms, information kiosks, picnic areas, parking, etc. that you would like to see included as part of a parks and greenways system for Denman Island? (Please circle **one** answer.)

Yes

No

9. If you answered “Yes” to question 8, please tell us what should be included

10. Are there potential sites on Denman Island that you think should be acquired or protected by the CVRD as a park, or greenway? (Please circle **one** answer.)

Yes

No

11. If you answered “Yes” to question 10, please tell us which sites should be acquired or protected and why you feel that way.

12. What mechanism(s) would you support to increase opportunities to acquire parks and greenways on Denman Island? (Please circle the one(s) which best reflect your position.)

- a. an increase in property tax,
- b. development cost charges paid by developers,
- c. a combination of the above,
- d. other mechanism(s),
- e. I do not wish to see an increase in parks and greenways on Denman Island.

12(a) If you answered “an increase in property tax”, what level of increase would you support?

- a. \$10 per year for the average household,
- b. \$20 per year for the average household,
- c. \$30 per year for the average household,
- d. Other (Please specify amount)

12(b) If you answered “other mechanism(s)” to question 12, please provide details.

13. Which of the following do you feel should be the highest priorities for the regional district in the planning of parks and greenways on Denman Island? (Please circle up to a maximum of **three**.)

- a. Acquisition of land for new parks
- b. Acquisition of land (or securing formal agreements) for the protection of ecologically sensitive /conservation areas
- c. Acquisition of land (or securing formal agreements) to formalize and improve existing trail systems on the Island
- d. Acquisition of land (or securing formal agreements) to develop new trail systems and improve linkages to other features
- e. Other (Please specify)

14. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about parks and greenways on Denman Island?

Name and contact information (optional):

Please complete and bring this survey to the Parks & Greenways **Open House** scheduled for Wednesday, 23 June 2010, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Denman Island community centre in Denman Village.

Or return via mail or fax to:

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Or deposit in the box marked “Parks & Greenways Plan” at Abraxas Books in Denman Village by the end of June 2010.

Note: Effective 11 May 2010, an electronic version of the survey can be found on the CVRD’s web site – at www.comoxvalleyrd.ca – and click on “DI Parks Survey” on the main page notice board.