

Denman Island Parks & Greenways Master Plan

Compiled Community Survey Responses 39 Survey Forms Completed

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

Boyle Point Provincial Park	30
Fillongley Park	28
Central Park	20
Sandy Island Marine Park/Tree Island	16
Bill Mee	8
Inner Island (Pickles Road) Nature Reserve	3
Lindsay-Dickson Nature Reserve	5
Graham Lake and swim dock	4
Winter Wren Wood/Chickadee Lake	6
Crown lands	4
Morrison Marsh Nature Reserve	4
Settlement Lands	4
Beach accesses	2
Stanehill Park	3
Betty's Beach	1
Rope Trail park	1
Railway Marsh	2
McFarlane beach	3
Vacant Crown lands and the several encumbered parcels	1
Marine environment as a boater and scuba diver	1
Mallard Road beach	1
All	1

Additional Comments:

- I am an avid hiker and spend most of my time backpacking/snowshoeing in Strathcona Park.
- Love the swimming platform at Graham Lake.
- I enjoy being able to ride my horse in Central Park.
- There are currently no linear greenway trails for equines and people.
- “Parks” and “greenways” need definitions to be able answer questions, esp. #4, 5, 6 (there are “parks”, then there are “parks” – e.g., ecological reserves, etc.).
- Stroll aimlessly through Fillongley and Boyle when the mood strikes.
- All of them.
- I frequent Central Park because they allow equestrian riders on some trails. This park is also centrally located near the market and close to where I live.
- Central Park only – once a year a walk in Fillongley Park.
- I ride my horses in Central Park and the north end trails and roads.

2. What trails or paths do you currently use?

Boyle Point Park trails	19
Central Park trails	20

Fillongley Park trails	12
Trails through Crown land (to Pickles Road)	9
Lindsay Dickson trails	8
Rope Trail to beach at Komas Bluffs, Sandy Island and Long Beak Pt.	6
North Denman Lands roads and trails (include Rope Trail)	5
Railway Marsh trail	5
Komas Bluffs	1
Lands neighbouring Boyle Point Park (from Greenhill Road)	5
Trails on private property	4
Southern high bank to Boyle Point	1
Walking trail in Village area	1
None	1
Public access to McFarlane Beach	1
Whatever is available, including north end logging roads and trails	1
Morrison Marsh trails	4
Sandy Island trails	2
Tree Island trails	1
Dusty Road connector	1
Woodham to Triple Rock trail	2
Through DCA land (Settlement Lands) to Chickadee Lake	8
Chickadee Lake trail	2
Lake Road to end of Chickadee	1
Trail at top of Wren Road and around Chickadee Lake	2
Trail from Lake Road to Chickadee Road	1
Winter Wren Wood trails	3
Stanehill Park trails	1
Trails to Graham Lake	8
Trail at top of Owl Crescent to Graham Lake swimming	2
End of Owl Crescent round Graham Lake	1
Mallard Road swim area	2
Beach access from Chrisman Road	2
Beach access from Gladstone Way	2
Beach access from Hinton Road at Repulse Point	2
Beach accesses from East Road	2
Beach access at Northwest Road	1
Various beach and coastline access trails and paths	1
Reginald Road	1
Denman Road from Old School to Village	1
Along beaches	1
Highway easements (along side of road) for horseback riding	1
Settlement Lands trails	2
The odd deer path	1
Big Tree to Betty's Beach (Betty's Beach trail)	2
Swan Road mailbox to mouth of Beadnell Creek	1
Henry Bay to Tree Island	1
Greenhill east of marsh	1
All trails on Denman (all we can find and are aware of)	2
Chrome Island park and trail	1

Gravel reserve trails	1
All	1

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

Walking, hiking	25	Picnicking	8
Cycling	15	Camping	7
Nature/bird-watching	16	Other (please specify)	

- Cycling paths, boat ramp.
- N/A – already have enough facilities.
- Connected trails – east/west and north/south trails, not on roads with ferry traffic.
- These activities exist and need little assistance!
- Don't we make our own opportunities?
- Educational content, interpretative information on ecology – self-guided tours in parks with educational support material.
- Accesses to shoreline for ocean view and walking.
- Horse-back trail riding. 5
- Scuba-diving access. 2
- We need better cycling/horseback cross-island opportunities. We also need freshwater swimming / recreation parks. We need better access to Long Beak Point.
- High-bank paths with a view; ridge walk.
- Protection of the marine environment for diving, marine research. Expansion of the rockfish protection area south of Hornby.
- Equines allowed on trails; camping.
- Community equestrian park at trailhead (Settlement Lands).
- Lawn bowling.
- Equestrian use – more multi-use trails that allow horses. I think there are already plenty of 'nature' trails that only allow walking.
- Equestrian trails/cycling trails – all non-motorized trails.
- Horseback riding trails combined with walking/hiking/cycling.
- Beach accesses opened up and clearly marked.
- More areas to ride horses which connect north and south of island – so you can ride/walk without using roads.
- I would like to see a system of multi-use trails for non-motorized transportation along road rights-of-way (both developed with roads and undeveloped rights-of-way), partly for pure recreation (particularly for visitors) and partly for safe passage from place to place in a pleasant, greenway environment.

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

Not satisfied	6
Somewhat dissatisfied	9
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	12
Somewhat satisfied	5
Very satisfied	11

Additional Comments:

- Can't have too many.

- Very satisfied, assuming plans for expanded provincial parks proceeds with NDL zoning. 2
- People and horses are part of the environment and should be allowed access.
- Even more [satisfied] once Crown lands and north end is added in.

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

- Existing parks are very small. The trails in them are quite short. We need long trails on Denman linking different areas of the island.
- As resident of south end, good access to Boyle Point and boat ramp at Bill Mee. But better access to lakes would be good.
- None on the north end of Denman Island. We also could have smaller wild areas in local neighbourhoods.
- I do not use the current park system a lot, as I usually cycle for recreation. If a park for walking was available at Chickadee Lake, that would be great.
- Rarely use them.
- It feels like there are disproportionately few forested places the public can explore – also, few “easy access” spots for picnics. I keep taking all off-island visitors to Fillongley for the toilets, tables and short paths.
- Like to see more varied and longer walks.
- If north end of Denman is designated park area, then is enough.
- Should be a park on north end of Denman.
- Park trail systems should be long enough to provide 2~3 hours without linking by car. Existing parks and nature reserves need to connect. Need park space on North Island. More stream and wetland habitat should be protected.
- The more protected areas, the better.
- Because!
- I'm glad we have what we do, but we could always use more.
- Until now some of the best places for biodiversity in species and habitats could not be visited without trespassing, nor were they protected.
- Would like more in North Denman, Rope Trail Park.
- We currently have some conservation lands, but need more multi-use recreation.
- There is no ferry-to-ferry multi-use path. No contiguous trail network north to south.
- Although there are many conservation trails on Denman Island, there are very few recreation opportunities for freshwater swimming, cross-island cycling or hiking or horseback riding. Totally unsafe conditions along roadways.
- There's really nothing on the north side of the island – except Tree Island. Another park at Komas Bluffs with paths would be nice.
- Area is more important than number. Considering actual and planned ‘parks’ plus other conservation lands, there will be ample recreation area.
- Lots for everyone with the new park to come; however, undeveloped land is important for protection of biodiversity, not just recreational use.
- Would like to see more trails on the north end, easier public access to Sandy Island, one public beach access besides Fillongley enhanced for tourists, more protection of animal habitat towards the south end, public access to trails above Graham Lake on the ridge.
- Satisfied with nature parks – enough of them; dissatisfied with number of parks that allow people and horses. There is only one short trail for horses.
- Provincial parks – worry about D.I.'s capacity to bear burden of additional parks for the benefit of all the people of B.C. – D.I. = too small, too fragile.
- Peculiar question. As I live on Denman, I am rarely satisfied with anything.
- The more parks the better, but trails are more important.

- I'm not satisfied because too many organizations keep locking up large tracts of land on this island in ways that prevent the public or residents from using them. We need parks and trails that support a multitude of recreational use on our island. No exclusivity of use.
- I am very dissatisfied with the parks/trails on Denman as the majority do not allow horses or off-leash dogs.
- On Denman 'parks' means limited access.
- My only concern is the privatization of public beach access, rights-of-way for highway and hydro that become swallowed up on private land, that could be beach access.
- I am very pleased with the parks/conservation areas so far preserved, but there is always room for more. The more land protected the better.
- We think what we have are good, but there have been choice areas destroyed by thoughtless greed such as "The Madigan". There are still special areas that need to be saved.
- A very small percentage of the island is public land.
- There is limited public access to many areas of the island. It is especially difficult to get to Tree Island and the beaches on the northwest end of the island.
- I think the proposed large park that is part of the North Denman Lands proposal would be an outstandingly desirable addition, and I think that it's unfortunate that the so-called "gravel reserve" Crown land just north of Boyle Point Park does not have park status.

5. How satisfied are you with the number of trails on Denman Island?

Not satisfied	14
Somewhat dissatisfied	11
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	10
Somewhat satisfied	1
Very satisfied	2

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

- There are very few trails, and most are short. We need a trail system where one can go hiking for a whole day.
- Good in Boyle Point Park, lacking elsewhere – in particular, off-road bike trail along roadways as on Hornby.
- Need good biking, walking trails off the major roadways.
- See above re trails if possible around Chickadee Lake.
- A dedicated hard-surfaced (not dangerous gravel) bicycling path around the island would be a dream ideal. Remember the cyclists in Quebec who were killed on the paved road because they could not ride on the gravel shoulder.
- Rarely use them.
- I feel unsafe walking with my toddler and pushing a stroller on the road, veering onto a narrow shoulder when traffic roars by. I'd love to see a bicycle/horse/pedestrian trail parallel to the road. Also, the horses here have nowhere safe to ride.
- Need cardiac walks, and roads don't have paths, so dangerous.
- Logging wiped out many good trails on the north end.
- See above (longer, connected trail system). We need a ferry-to-ferry trail.
- Because!
- We need a safe route for walkers and cyclists to go from ferry to ferry.
- While there are trails, we do not have a network to connect them. Inter-connection would be a significant improvement.
- There may be adequate trails on Denman, but with no public knowledge, there seem very few trails. A ferry-to-ferry trail would be wonderful.

- More public trails are not public knowledge. Would like to see these highlighted on maps. Signboards.
- As private lands become developed, many old trails are no longer accessible.
- Trails are not well mapped, information not readily available, beach access points are not clearly available to the public.
- Many trails OK, but need some infrastructure and opportunities for some recreation also including cycling, horseback, swimming.
- The trail system seems haphazard with the exception of Central Park. Clearly-marked paths that link up with others would be an improvement.
- The most important need is for a safe cycle and walking route across the island, paralleling Denman Road. Also need a trail to Sandy Island.
- Believe more connecting trails would help others.
- Very few trails outside of Boyle Point Park are still open to the public – most cross private land or are on it.
- There needs to be a complete trail system on Denman Road allowance and 5% linear park trails at subdivision and lot-line trails to complete a secondary travel route.
- A serious cross-island and north-to-south island trail would greatly enhance the island.
- We are losing trails to private property/developers – trails widely used even if not public land. We don't have beaches or high places for viewpoints, so trails are our chief attraction.
- There are too many dead-end trails. There is no enjoyment walking to a dead end and then having to go back the way you came. We need more loop trails.
- Very dissatisfied because the majority do not allow horses or off-leash dogs.
- There are almost NONE except for hiking use.
- I am concerned with the exclusivity that trails are having; for example, no bikes, horses, etc.
- I regret that there is no public access connecting Denman Road/McFarlane. A road and trail system did exist from Woodham to Owl or to the Old School, but that is now private and access adamantly denied.
- What there are, are good – we would just like more so that eventually the whole island could have a network of trails, making it possible to avoid the automobile roads altogether. We would like Denman trails maps to be made available.
- As a walker and horseback rider I have discovered that there are no connecting trails that are horse-friendly, forcing me to use the roads. There are gazette roads that are undeveloped but would make great trails.
- While there are a growing number of trails, most of these are in the centre of the island.
- There were many more trails which linked areas around Madigan/Graham Lake ...
- There are quite a few interesting and pleasant trails on Denman Island, but connecting trails for both pure recreation and pleasant local non-motorized travel are practically entirely absent.
- More trails are needed to get away from traffic (especially ferry traffic on Denman Road and East Road) and to travel loops. Also need trails to connect south-north areas.

6. If additions to the park system are possible, which additions do you consider most important?

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| a. Oceanfront beach parks | 17 |
| b. Lakefront beach parks | 11 |
| c. Beach access trails | 17 |
| d. Viewpoints / look-outs | 6 |
| e. Streamside parks | 5 |
| f. Historical sites | 4 |
| g. Nature preserves (limited public access) | 9 |
| h. Nature parks (with public access) | 19 |
| i. Other (Please specify) | |

- More bicycling trails that are hard-surfaced and safe from traffic. We could get more people out of their cars if bicycling was safer and easier. Gravel does not work.
- Longer, faster paths.
- None!
- Graham Lake swim dock is a choice mini-park and most treasured by many islanders. Morning Beach Park is a must.
- A linked system of multi-use trails to travel across/ up and down the island, linked being a key word here.
- Any and all. The more undeveloped land, the more we are preserving and protecting Denman Island for the benefit of the residents and British Columbians.
- Definitely not lakefront beach parks! Our lakes are reservoirs.
- Some multi-use trails, cross-island ferry-to-ferry trail.
- Multi-use trails, equine trails, community riding ring in a park for future.
- Not in favour of high impact parks, trails. Parks on Chickadee and Graham Lakes are inappropriate; Chickadee is currently one of few undeveloped lakes on Gulf Islands, should be an eco reserve; both lakes are domestic and agricultural water source.
- I find some difficulty in selecting only 3 for the very good reason that I don't distinguish as much as you seem to.
- Long trails, long enough for a two-hour hike minimum.
- I would like to see equestrian trails park.
- More parks with areas for community events, volleyball courts, basketball courts.
- I would like to choose all of the above, not just 3!
- Multi-use trails including horseback riders but no motorized vehicles.
- I'd like to see proper public beach accesses on Denman which are properly identified and usable, not destroyed/obscured by adjacent landowners.
- Nature-preserving parks are very desirable, but the CVRD role in this should be to provide some parkland with very minimal development, still not excluding the public. There are other agencies to hold entirely-closed nature preserves.
- Linear parks.

7. What type of greenways do you consider most important?

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| a. Connecting trails (between places) | 30 |
| b. Beach access trails | 13 |
| c. Waterfront trails | 5 |
| d. Hiking trails | 20 |
| e. Streamside riparian corridors/areas | 6 |
| f. Wildlife/biodiversity corridors/areas | 18 |
| g. Other (Please specify) | |
| ▪ Bicycle off-road trail connecting ferries and downtown (roads narrow and busy at ferry traffic time). | |
| ▪ Roadside paths on major roads. | |
| ▪ Only wildlife – keep people away. | |
| ▪ Ferry-to-ferry trail. | 2 |
| ▪ Multi-use including horses and bicycles – non-motorized transport. | 2 |
| ▪ A cross-island trail for hikers, bikers, horses has been identified as needed – for safety and recreation ferry-to-ferry. | |

- Clearly-marked beach accesses.
- To make sure horses are included as they historically were our transportation and are part of the environment.
- By “greenways” (since not defined) I assume these are protected areas, not-for-human corridors (in case of “e” and “P”)?
- I don’t distinguish [between the options].
- Trails that go around high-traffic areas.
- In light of the lack of multi-use trails, I have to add ‘non-motorized multi-use’.
- Trails connecting trails, circular trails so that one does not have to walk back the way you came.
- I would like to choose all of the above, not just 3!
- Multi-use trails including horseback riders but no motorized vehicles.
- I’ve already pointed out the lack and desirability of road-allowance trails for non-motorized local travel. Riparian and biodiversity/wildlife corridors are also very important, but they should probably be held by the provincial environment dept. or perhaps the Denman Conservancy.

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?

Yes	20	
No	16	Don’t know of any available. 1

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

- Additional amenities cost extra money and require regular maintenance. Better to spend the money on acquiring land and rights-of-way.
- Outhouses/washrooms 3
- Picnic areas 2
- Clearly-marked access/trails / trailheads 2
- Parking
- If new park area (in north end), 2 Port-a-Potties.
- Public toilets in the downtown area, but not in parks or on trails. 2
- Benches or seating on long trails.
- Morning Beach Park: 4~6 parking stalls, washroom, interpretive information, trail maintenance.
- Graham Lake swim dock: washroom to protect lake water.
- Trail system: map at entry point and markers to identify trails.
- Information kiosks, picnic areas, washrooms (minimum), trail-head indicators identified either by name or number, trails map for all residents (or website).
- A trail map showing all public trails on Denman, for example, trail from Greenhill Road to Boyle Point Park.
- Picnic areas with washrooms allow for community social gatherings as well as use by visitors.
- Snack-bar at Gravelly Bay May to September. Potable water access at Boyle Point, Fillongley, Northwest Road/Scott Road beach access.
- Chickadee Lake access to Chickadee recreation area, access boardwalk and swim dock.
- There is a large Recreation/Conservation Area already designated on Chickadee Lake. But the community has no way to access it. A raised boardwalk-style trail needs to be built to provide access to this lake-side area. This is called ‘Chickadee Place’.
- Denman is not a recreation destination for heavy use, so amenities should be in keeping with the rural nature of the island, and which do not require expensive maintenance.

- Our lakes, which supply drinking water to hundreds of homes, are heavily used for swimming, contrary to the recommendations of our Health Dept. To minimize this, I'd like to see at least one public beach access enhanced for swimming in a way that would make it more attractive than the lakes. Visitors should be directed to this.
- Community park with equestrian area, dog-walking area and people area, connected to the other parks on the island.
- Denman requires a serious up-grade – public washrooms, especially in the park-like environs of Denman Village.
- Amphitheatre, washrooms, parking, camping and vista benches. Community-use areas for tennis and volley-ball courts. Bike and skateboard parks. Consideration should also be given for ATV and motorbike parks.
- Recycle bins – directional signs – event centre with arena.
- Outhouses, composting, recycling, garbage containers, central mapping not printed.
- Keep amenities to a bare minimum so operating costs will also stay down – keep as much “wildness” as possible.
- Public washrooms in strategic areas.
- If practical, it might be well to have a pit toilet or other public toilet in or near the Denman Village, near the start of a “connecting” trail. This might also be desirable at a couple of other trail-terminus locations ... I recognize that there may be drawbacks to this concept from a maintenance point of view.

10. Are there potential sites on Denman Island that you think should be acquired or protected by the CVRD as a park or greenway?

Yes	30	Probably	1
No	4		

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

- Chickadee Lake (and area around it) 6
- Graham Lake
- Komas Bluffs
- an east-west greenway for hiking across the island
- a north-south greenway for hiking across the island
- strip along roadways for bicycle/walking trail
- trail access to Boyle Point from Greenhill Road and Thomas Road
- An area on the north end of the Island. There is no path to Tree Island from the north end.
- Smaller wild park areas in smaller neighbourhoods.
- Simple wild Crown areas.
- Motorbike trails.
- Morrison Marsh – we visit this marsh about three times per week to watch for beavers, owls, geese, swans and ducks and to listen to frogs. However, there is no trail around the marsh and nowhere to sit, so we stand on the edge of McFarlane Road with our two small children, in an area about 2~3 feet wide. We'd also love to canoe the marsh, but logs floating by the road make this very difficult.
- Don't know names.
- What is currently under review re north end of Denman re conservancy.
- North Lands proposed park – CVRD should acquire if provincial park proposal falls through; Rope Trail Park; Graham Lake foreshore; marsh area east of Keith Wagner Way; marsh end riparian areas generally.
- CVRD should acquire none! Islands Trust provides adequate land protection.

- Ocean and lake front, riparian areas. If these become available, they should be snapped up to keep areas available to all.
- Graham Lake swim dock. This is a historical, favourite freshwater swimming place in a ‘private’ setting, ideal for kids to enjoy the outdoors. It is also a good place for nature study of aquatic life.
- Rope Trail Park. 2
- Ferry-to-ferry greenway. 2
- Highways’ ‘Chickadee Place’ conservation; Graham Lake swim dock recreation site. Both of these areas have park potential for swimming/recreation. They are both Crown land held by the Ministry of Highways & Infrastructure. Chickadee Place is designated Public Recreation/Conservation.
- ‘Morning Beach’ on the north end, with SAFE enhancement of the Rope Trail and bank stabilization. SEA LION Road beach access should be opened up. A public access trail to the west-side shore across Komas Ranch should be developed. Central Park trail should be protected as nature park.
- Highway easements for multi-use/equine trail system. Trail to be given on every subdivision – linear park to create a trail system across and around the island.
- I think I am not familiar enough with the potential sites; sorry.
- I agree with the priorities put forward by Denman Conservancy Association. In particular, a trail along the top of Komas Bluffs.
- You need to look at getting the largest greenway possible. It should stretch the entire length of the island all the way to Chrome Island. There are currently several access issues on Denman, notably access to Tree Island and from Central Park to Greenhill Road.
- Yes, but only if they allow horses and off-leash dogs. Otherwise I would want private ownership and get a grant to more/maintain trails for multi-use only.
- Crown land across from Bill Mee if it can have non-motorized multi-use trails as now exist.
- North end Denman.
- A walking route along the Denman ridge.
- A walking path around some of Graham Lake using existing old logging roads now in private hands.
- Areas around Graham Lake, Chickadee Lake, Eagle Rock, Komas Bluffs and beyond in both directions. All areas along and including streams and wetlands. All Areas around and including old growth trees, all shoreline – basically the whole island!
- It is unfortunate that the land (100+ acres) above Graham Lake was never purchased/protected – it was purchased about 4 years ago by out-of-country (non-resident) owners so is now off the market. Large chunks of undeveloped land anywhere on the island could make wonderful parks, especially if there is a possibility of connecting corridors with other parks. At the end of Gladstone Way on the west side, there are two adjoining beautiful chunks of beach waterfront for sale (rare on Denman) – park potential! We need to preserve it.
- Beadnell Creek as a whole with a creekside trail. It goes through 2 private properties but part already has existing trails which are no longer accessible – this stream has an active salmon run and needs better protection (north end is now protected).
- Presumably, the large park area proposed for the North Denman Lands development would be a provincial park; if not, the CVRD might have a role in managing it. If the Regional District can maintain and protect roadside or road-allowance trails, then this should be a high priority (presumably with resident volunteer help).
- Mid-island trail or linear park to connect north-south areas.

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 10
- b. development cost charges paid by developers 13
- c. a combination of the above 19
- d. other mechanism(s) 10

e. I do not wish to see an increase in parks and greenways on Denman Island. 1

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 3
- b. \$20 per year for the average household 6
- c. \$30 per year for the average household 11
- d. Other (Please specify amount)
 - More – amounts needed to provide areas noted in #11 (Chickadee Lake, trails along roadways, access to Boyle Point from Greenhill and Thomas)
 - Not one penny!
 - \$50 - \$100 for public access to desirable areas.
 - Some of taxed already paid should be going to trails – multi-use.
 - Sorry, this question simply rankles me. The focus on taxes rather than having a discussion seems somewhat reactive.
 - Up to \$100 for multi-use only.
 - User fees.
 - Taxation levy on non-farming, expensive “view” and “summer only” and absentee speculative properties. No tax levy on farms, agricultural properties or properties owned by people in poverty.

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

- Density offsets as are used in municipalities.
- Government grants.
- Donations/bequests. 4
- Adopt-a-park program for park and trail maintenance and surveillance. Stewards of parks – teams of volunteers to work with park owners; volunteer support program.
- No increase in property taxes.
- Arrangements with private owners or Province for trails not requiring ‘acquisition’.
- Islands Trust land trust fund.
- Covenants.
- Grants from the BC Horse Council or other improvement groups’ grants – MEC, etc.
- Denman already pays more in taxes for parks than what gets returned to Denman residents.
- Fund-raising.
- CVRD purchase.
- Charge real estate companies a sales charge to help support and acquire parks, greenways, etc.

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?

- a. Acquisition of land for new parks 11
- b. Acquisition of land for the protection of ecologically sensitive /conservation areas 12
- c. Acquisition of land to formalize and improve existing trail systems on the Island 22
- d. Acquisition of land to develop new trail systems and improve linkages to other features 29
- e. Other (Please specify)
 - Denman already has the Conservancy. We need alternate lands for multiple users. 1
 - Conservancy lands are high managed. It would be nice to have less-managed lands.

- None of the above – no new acquisition should be considered until Denman Island 1
- Actively promotes itself to visitors.
- Roadside paths.
- None of the above. No acquisitions!
- Creation of a consortium with participation of DIRA, CVRD, BC Parks, IT Fund (DCA), private green space owners and perhaps MoTI to work on Master Plan together and its implementation.
- Utilize the Crown land already on the island with trails, and try to connect the different parks and trails for public use.
- Put on hold any/all questions regarding acquisitions until NDLs are decided finally.
- Consultation with island stakeholders through open planning process.
- Including equine trails.
- At the end of the day, a cross-island trail is probably the greenway I would most prefer.
- A new trail system is the most important.
- More trails on existing properties, improved linkages through purchases of private lot-line trails to create greenway trails.
- Only multi-use.
- All of the above – not just 3!
- Clearing and development of beach access trails; swim dock at Chickadee Lake; support for swim dock at Graham Lake and maintenance of trail.

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

- In my opinion, there should be a network of trails on Denman (like Hornby has), so we could walk to places instead of driving. Walking on the side of the road is NOT pleasant when cars speed by.
- Bicycle trails lacking on Denman, and roads narrow and busy when ferry traffic.
- Small wild land areas are important for neighbourhoods and the overall ambiance. It allows people to walk and explore. These areas don't need a lot of management, time and money. Simply having a wild area that is not fenced off as private property is enough.
- We would love to be able to have trail access to every part of the island to allow walking around the whole island, something that could be done in many parts.
- Linking habitat corridors is critical.
- I am answering the questions so that if this scheme goes ahead, at least I have input. But I think the CVRD should not get into this at all. Denman is independent, and we like it that way. Do not interfere. Plus my skepticism comes to the top given that we have provincial parks but no-one takes responsibility for them. I feel certain this will be the ultimate fate of CVRD parks and greenways.
- There can never be too much park space. We need to invest in the future and keep special places available for all.
- The consultant generating the Parks & Greenways Master Plan should establish an advisory committee to guide the process and confirm commitment by all parties.
- There are apparently wonderful nature trails throughout Denman, there may be no need to increase the number, but rather to inform the residents/public of their existence.
- High-speed traffic between Denman and Hornby ferries makes a safe trail system very important for horses and bikes and hikers.
- A lot of trail access has been lost to the public – we need to regain it. Ferry-to-ferry path (multi-use) is a priority.

- Essential to avoid attracting motorized vehicles, motocross bikes or other heavy use – all our trails are sensitive.
- Low key, low impact should be the goal. Equestrians should avoid all areas wet in summer and in winter.
- Consider collaboration with DFO to include marine parks/marine protected areas in parks planning, extend level of protection in rockfish protected area to include some no-take areas.
- While conservation is important, people and horse are part of the environment, and I believe we should be included in park/trail planning.
- Now, before houses are built all over North Denman Lands, is the time to plan and nail down a trail system over the whole island.
- Everyone says they want to preserve the ‘rural atmosphere’ of our community, but they keep complaining about livestock smells and horse manure on trails. We are rural, and we should not be grouped into rules designated for urban areas.
- Once a trail becomes ‘known’ all sorts of rules and regulations with individuals’ ‘pickiness’ comes into play. Keep it simple and safe for all users – we are rural, ‘poop happens’.
- I wouldn’t like to see ‘glitzy’ or entertainment-type parks. Greenways should preserve the rustic, rural charm of Denman.
- We badly need a corridor trail – ferry to ferry.
- With parks comes liability. I do not wish to see signage everywhere to avoid litigation.
- Denman residents already pay more than their fair share for parks (Regional District ones).
- Thank you for giving us the survey! We would appreciate seeing a report on the results of this survey!
- In the summer, wildfire is a very serious concern. No additional picnic areas with fire pits should be located on the island.
- Being a rider (horse), I feel there must be continued expanded access on any new trails. I’d like CVRD to explore “lot line” trails as a means of linking areas. I myself have one. Feel free to call.
- The list of Crown and other lands potentially includable in a parks and greenways system, as presented at the June 23rd open house, is admirably complete (except for road allowances?), but it needs a careful review for errors, including actual ground-checking. A case in point is that there is currently no practical public access to the “Deep Swamp” Crown land on Valens Brook, the only legal access being via a ½-width road allowance which enters a virtually impassable wetland area before reaching the Crown land, on the order of 2 km. upstream of the beaver pond known to some as “Deep Swamp”. Also, only about half the pond is Crown; the rest is on private land.

Additional Comments:

- I do not like walking on trails used by horses!
- I am very pleased that you are undertaking this master plan survey. Till now, park or trail development has been ad hoc. And the CVRD has the resources Denman is lacking. An extensive trail network will attract hikers from Vancouver Island, and I welcome them. An extensive trail network could enable hikers to spend 2 - 4 days hiking from B&B to B&B on Denman and Hornby.
- Area around Chickadee Lake has high natural and recreational values with no public access at present to much of it – particularly on east side.
- Access to Boyle Point from Greenhill Road now crosses private property and from Thomas Road is blocked.
- Supply with map marking the parks and trails so we know what we are talking about. Where the hell is Danes Creek? Etc., etc.

- We have never heard of Stanehill and MacFarlane parks!
- Don't waste our tax monies on this plan or a meeting!
- We should acquire only appropriate levels of parks.
- This survey would have benefitted by (1) map showing current "parks", trails, etc.; (2) definition of park (including different intensity levels, human impact – eco-reserve; (3) waiting until clarity on the new provincial park planned for D.I. Though I appreciate the spirit of the effort here, I don't think this is a particularly effective or useful survey. I worry about any decision making based on this kind of poorly solicited info.