

A Parks, Trails and Recreation Plan for the District of Lantzville



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Plan renews the direction to be taken by the District of Lantzville with respect to parks, trails and recreation in Lantzville. Based on the “Foothills to Foreshore” plan of the former Improvement District, this Plan is intended to guide decisions regarding acquisition and improvements to Lantzville’s system of parks, trails and waterfront accesses, as well as to guide the District’s involvement in recreational and cultural activities in the community. The Plan is organized under the following topics:

- *The Natural Environment* – the basis for Lantzville’s parks and open spaces.
- *Lantzville’s Parks* –improving the existing and planning for future parks.
- *Trails, Greenways and Journeyways* – building the network.
- *The Waterfront* – improving public access while protecting a valuable asset.
- *The Foothills* – preserving public access and Lantzville’s green backdrop.
- *The Village Centre* – the role of green infrastructure in building the character of the Village Centre.
- *Recreation and Culture* – celebrating Lantzville’s history and community spirit.
- *Resourcing* – the financial and human resources needed to support the Plan.

Each section begins with a vision statement and brief description of key facts and updates, followed by strategies aimed at achieving the vision. The strategies presented in this Plan are summarized in the following table. While the focus is on parks, trails and recreation within the District, this Plan also looks beyond the District’s boundaries in pursuing partnerships with neighbouring landholders and other local governments in support of conservation and outdoor recreational opportunities throughout the region.

A 10-year preliminary budget estimate to implement the strategies in the Plan is provided in the final section. However, the intent is to review and revise this Plan and its associated strategies every 5 years.

SUMMARY OF STRATEGIES

TOPIC	STRATEGY	WHO (LEAD)	WHEN
Environment	1. Update the District’s inventory of ESAs, watercourses and other natural features and reflect these updates in revisions to this Plan and the OCP.	PRC, staff	Every 2 years or as needed
	2. Work with community organizations and volunteer groups to protect and promote stewardship of Lantzville’s sensitive ecosystems.	PRC	Ongoing
	3. Ensure ongoing preservation and consider a future role for the Dumont Marsh in providing opportunities for wildlife viewing and education.	PRC	2008-2012
	4. Develop a strategy for preserving Lantzville’s treed character.	Consultant	2013

TOPIC	STRATEGY	WHO (LEAD)	WHEN
Parks	1. Implement improvements in Table 3-1; review and revise the improvements list on a regular basis. Develop a policy for a rental fee for large groups + reservation by donation for small groups for Huddlestone Park.	Staff	Ongoing
	2. Review sites of interest for future parks and their potential means of acquisition.	PRC, staff	Every 2 years or as needed
	3. Examine and trial-run a "Volunteers in Parks" (VIP) program.	PRC	2010
	4. Determine the best use of the tennis court property (upgrade the court, other use, divest of the property, etc.) through a users' survey and cost/benefit analysis.	Hire university student	2012
Trails and Journeyways	1. Develop and implement a trails and journeyway improvement strategy.	PRC, staff	Start 2008, ongoing
	2. Initiate discussions with the Island Corridor Foundation (ICF), the RDN and the Nanoose First Nation to support construction of a trail along the E&N rail corridor.	Staff, PRC with ICF	Ongoing
	3. Review and refine standards for trails.	Consultant with staff, PRC	2009
	4. Review options and develop a plan for a direct trail connection between Upper Lantzville and Village core.	Consultant, PRC	2010
Waterfront	1. Establish a Beach Committee.	PRC	2008
	2. Inform residents of ways of enhancing the natural character of the waterfront while protecting their private property.	Beach Committee with potential partners	2008-2010
	3. Develop a waterfront access design plan.	Consultant	2010
	4. Initiate a waterfront rehabilitation 'plot' project	Consultant	2012
	5. Develop and coordinate an 'adopt a beach access' program.	Beach Committee	2011, ongoing
	6. Waterfront Accesses' improvements in Table 5-1	Staff	Ongoing
Foothills	1. Provide for the planning, development and long-term operation of the Foothills Park and trails.	Council, PRC	Ongoing
	2. Re. Woodlot Licence #1475, ensure the sustainable management of forest resources and preservation of the Copley Trail system in Woodlot Licence no. 1475.	PRC	Ongoing
	3. Coordinate the trails in the Lantzville foothills with neighbouring trail networks in RDN.	Staff, PRC, RDN	Ongoing

TOPIC	STRATEGY	WHO (LEAD)	WHEN
Village Centre	1. As part of Village Core planning process, ensure that the Village Centre evolves into a "green", people-oriented place that reflects the heart of the community.	PRC	2008-2010
Mine Town Day	1. Assess the goals and growth of Mine Town Day (MTD).	MTD Committee, PRC	2008-2010, and as needed thereafter
	2. Organize and operate Mine Town Day.	MTD Committee, PRC	Annually
Dedications, Memorials	1. Review the bench and tree dedication/memorial policies and location maps; consider other park and trail infrastructure for possible dedication.	Staff, PRC	Every 2 years or as needed
Public Information	1. Make information on the location of parks, trails and waterfront accesses available to residents online.	Staff with RDN	2008-2009
	2. Distribute information on Lantzville's parks, trails and waterfront accesses (printing and website update).	Staff	2009-2011
	3. Examine the need and options for a computer-based inventory of parks, trails and waterfront accesses.	Staff	2016
Recreational Programming	1. Coordinate a listing of recreational programs and classes offered in the community.	Staff, PRC	2009-ongoing
	2. Support community groups with eligible stewardship and recreational programs through grants-in-aid.	PRC, Staff	2009-ongoing

1. Introduction

Lantzville's first plan for parks, trails and open space was a cooperative effort of the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) and the former Lantzville Improvement District (LID), who shared responsibility for parks planning and operation. Overseen by a committee of RDN and LID Representatives and residents from the community, the Plan was written over a 3-year period and involved numerous committee meetings, a community survey, a public meeting, and a community parks tour. The "Foothills to Foreshore: a Parks and Open Space Implementation Plan" was adopted by the RDN and LID in April 2000 to provide direction regarding the acquisition, development and management of parks and open space in Lantzville.



Much has changed in Lantzville since that first Plan was adopted:

- ▶ On June 25, 2003, Lantzville incorporated as a District Municipality. This means that community parks, trails and waterfront accesses are now the sole responsibility of the District of Lantzville.
- ▶ The District adopted a new Official Community Plan (OCP) in 2005, which contains many policies that relate directly and indirectly to the future of parks, open space and recreation in Lantzville.
- ▶ In 2006, the District Council appointed the Parks and Recreation Commission to advise it on parks and recreation matters in the District. The mandate of the Commission is detailed in Bylaw No. 46 (see Appendix 1). Most significant to this document is a mandate to review and update the 'Foothills to Foreshore - Parks and Open Space Implementation Plan' and make recommendations to Council on its implementation.

1.1 Methodology: How this Plan was Developed

The District engaged Lanarc Consultants Ltd. to assist the Parks and Recreation Commission in reviewing and revising the Foothills to Foreshore plan. The planning process consisted of the following steps:

- Through 2007, the Commission reviewed the Foothills to Foreshore plan and its implementation strategies, as well as the relevant sections of the OCP. The Commission also toured Lantzville's parks, trails, waterfront accesses, and sites of interest for future parks.
- The strategies from Foothills to Foreshore were revised, deleted or added to according to the progress that had been made since 2000. Through the course of its review, the Commission also decided to call the plan a Parks, Trails and Recreation Plan to more accurately reflect the interests of the community.
- The Commission issued a questionnaire to ask Lantzville residents about their use of the community's parks, trails and waterfront accesses and to get their feedback on initial ideas regarding improvements to the system. The questionnaire was distributed as an insert in the October 2007 issue of the Lantzville Log, which is delivered to about 2000 mailboxes in the community, and was made available on the District's website. The District received 95 completed questionnaires; a summary of the responses is presented in Appendix 2.
- The Commission also held two Open Houses (October 27, 1:00-4:00 pm and October 29, 6:30-9:00 pm) at the Council Chambers, where information was provided and comments were solicited on the ideas in the preliminary draft Plan. 33 people attended the Open Houses; a summary of written and verbal comments received is also presented in Appendix 2.

- The Commission reviewed changes to the preliminary draft to reflect the comments received from the community. A draft Plan was generated and presented to the District Council for its review and comment in January 2008.
- Based on the Council's direction, the draft Plan was revised to create this final Parks, Trails and Recreation Plan.

1.2 Purpose and Structure of this Plan

This Plan renews the direction to be taken by the District with respect to parks, trails and recreation in Lantzville. It is intended to guide decisions regarding acquisition and improvements to Lantzville's system of parks, trails and waterfront accesses, as well as to guide the District's involvement in recreational and cultural activities in the community.

Following the topics covered in the former Foothills to Foreshore Plan, this Plan is organized into the following sections:

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7. The Village Centre – the role of green infrastructure in building the character of the Village Centre.
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Each section begins with a vision statement and brief description of key facts and updates, followed by strategies aimed at achieving the vision.

1.3 Reviewing the Plan

Although the budget forecast in section 9 is for the next ten years, the intent is to review and revise this Plan and its associated strategies every 5 years.

2. Land and Water: Protecting the Environment

(see **Map 1** attached)

Vision – healthy aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems: a parks and trails system that helps to preserve the integrity and biological diversity of Lantzville’s land, freshwater and marine environments.

Much of Lantzville’s appeal as a place to live and visit comes from its natural surroundings. Protecting and enhancing the land, waterways and marine environment is a vital part of land use planning in Lantzville, and the Parks, Trails and Recreation Plan has a key role to play in this endeavour.

Lantzville’s natural features can be described collectively as **green and blue spaces** - land (green) and water-based (blue) natural areas that are of ecological, scenic, renewable resource, recreational and greenway value. Lantzville and its surrounding area have a diversity of such spaces, including coastal Douglas fir forests, Arbutus and Garry oak woodlands, creek systems, highly productive wetlands, meadows, rocky bluffs, intertidal and subtidal zones along the foreshore (Map 1).

Green/blue spaces include developed, partly developed or undeveloped land. Some are publicly owned as parks, road right-of-ways or Crown lands, while others are farms, tree farms, large residential lots or other forms of private property. Maintaining linkages among these spaces, through stream corridors and other types of **biodiversity corridors** (see Map 1), is vital to protecting habitat for the plants, fish, animals and natural systems that we cherish.

Together, green/blue spaces are part of the infrastructure that makes a liveable and healthy community; green/blue spaces are as essential to Lantzville as sewer, water, roads, sidewalks, and garbage collection.

Parks and trails are a major component of green/blue spaces, and a significant tool for maintaining them. Identifying the green/blue features in Lantzville provides valuable information for park and trail acquisition and management.

That said, it is not feasible, nor appropriate, to try to protect all green and blue spaces in the community as parkland. Many Crown (public) and privately owned lands can be protect through information, volunteerism and partnerships with landowners, community groups and other government agencies in protecting this vital part of the community.

2.1 Update on Environmental Protection Measures

The 2005 OCP now addresses many of the strategies that were called for in the 2000 Foothills to Foreshore Plan:

- Goal 1 of the OCP contains policies regarding protection of the environment, and establishes development permit areas along Lantzville’s watercourses, around its environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs) and along the shoreline. Development permit areas are an important tool in protecting these valuable features from impacts associated with future development.
- The OCP provides a baseline inventory and maps of many of Lantzville’s key environmental features:



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- Map 1 in the OCP identifies environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs) and watercourses. Map 1 of this Plan has been updated to show the ESAs and watercourses from the OCP, and how they overlap with biodiversity corridors that are the backbone of Lantzville's green and blue spaces.
- Maps 3 and 4 in the OCP show steep slopes, agricultural and forestry lands as well as "resource – open space" (golf course).
- Section 4.2.1 of the OCP contains policies encouraging public ownership of and/or covenants on ESAs, as well as dedication of the beds of all creeks at time of subdivision.

2.2 Strategies to Protect Lantzville's Green and Blue Spaces

The following strategies are intended to complement the ongoing implementation and review of the OCP's environmental policies and strategies.

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>How</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>When</i>
<i>1. Update the District's inventory of ESAs, watercourses and other natural features and reflect these updates in revisions to the FTF Plan and OCP maps.</i>	Once a year, the Commission will review Map 1 in collaboration with District staff to identify changes in the status of any environmental features, and additions to the inventory based on new information that comes forward from development applications and other sources. If necessary, recommend amendments to the OCP to reflect these changes.	P&R Commission and District staff	Ongoing
<i>2. Work with community organizations to protect and promote the stewardship of Lantzville's sensitive ecosystems and blue/green spaces.</i>	For example, the Lantzville Streamkeepers Society has done much to raise public awareness about the value of Lantzville's streams and wetlands. The District wishes to work with stewardship groups like the Lantzville Streamkeepers in monitoring, restoring and promoting the values of Lantzville's sensitive ecosystems. Specific actions may include holding a strategy session with the Lantzville Streamkeepers, and working with the Georgia Strait Alliance in setting up a program for monitoring the health of Lantzville's foreshore.	P&R Commission	2008 and ongoing thereafter
<i>3. Ensure the ongoing preservation of the Dumont Marsh, and consider a role for the Marsh in providing greater opportunities for wildlife viewing and education.</i>	The covenant that forms the basis of the agreement between the Doumont family, the Ministry of Environment and Ducks Unlimited for the conservation of Doumont Marsh comes up for renewal in 2010. The Commission wishes to determine the interests of these parties in the long-term fate of the marsh, and seek ways that the District can assist in ensuring the long-term preservation and potential enhancement of the Marsh. An initial action would be to extend an invitation to meet with the property owners and Ducks Unlimited to explore these opportunities.	P&R Commission	2008-2010

Strategy	How	Who	When
<p>4. Develop a plan for preserving Lantzville's treed character.</p>	<p>The 2005 OCP states that Council will investigate tree removal bylaws or other measures to retain the "urban forest" of Lantzville (policy 4.2.1.7). To move forward on this policy, the Commission proposes to commission a study that reviews the ways in which trees benefit our community (e.g., removal of pollutants, stormwater management, shade and cooling, sequestering carbon, enhanced biodiversity, increased property values, etc.), and to develop options for a "Lantzville Urban Forest Plan". This Plan will also have significance in addressing climate change from a community perspective. Based on that study, the Commission would make recommendations to Council for policies and measures to protect Lantzville's trees.</p>	<p>P&R Commission</p>	<p>2013</p>



Doumont Marsh: In 1995, an agreement was reached between Ducks Unlimited, the Ministry of Environment and the Doumont family to restore this former potato farm to a marsh that would support bird and fish habitat. Today, the marsh has become a major bird watching area, where over 1/2 of all the species identified in the Central Island area can be seen at various times of the year.

3. Parks – Present and Future

(see **Map 2** attached)

Vision – parks for everyone: *a system that provides the community with places to play and green spaces to enjoy while respecting the natural values of Lantzville's parks.*

Lantzville has six established parks as well as five undeveloped park properties; these are shown on Map 2 and listed in Table 3-1. The District's objective is to shape these parks into a cohesive system with trail and/or greenway linkages between them, and to add new parks where there are gaps in the system.

These 11 parks total 7.14 hectares (17.63 acres) in area, which represents about 0.2% of Lantzville's total area of 3293 ha. With a population of 3661 (Statistics Canada Census for 2006), this translates to 1.96 ha (4.82 acres) per 1000 people. Five ha per 1,000 people is a common "rule of thumb" as a minimum area for parkland in urban areas.

The development of the Foothills Estates property will add 365 ha (over 900 acres) of parkland to Lantzville's system. This will raise the percentage of Lantzville's land base in parkland to over 11%, and increase the ratio to 101.6 ha per 1000 people.



3.1 Current Parks and their Improvement

A common theme in the questionnaire responses is to preserve Lantzville's "small town atmosphere" by keeping its parks, trails and waterfront accesses as "natural" as possible. This theme is respected in this Plan while also recognizing a need to make some improvements in the interests of public access and safety.

Table 3-1 lists the existing parks and park properties in Lantzville, and their current uses and facilities. Based on the questionnaire responses (Appendix 2), Huddleston Park is the most widely used park in the system. Table 3-1 also indicates priorities for improvements in each park in the short term (next 5 years) and the long term (6-20 years).

3.2 Future Parks – Areas of Interest

Table 3-2 indicates areas in Lantzville that are priorities for future park acquisition; Map 2 indicates the general location of these areas of interest. Most of these areas of interest are currently undeveloped, and parks and trails could be acquired as part of future rezoning and subdivision. It is also possible that the District could acquire parks in these areas through donation or purchase. It is important to keep in mind that indicating these areas of interest in this Plan does not preclude the District from considering other areas or lands if opportunities arise to acquire them, and the lands meet the park and trail needs of the community.

3.3 Strategies for Lantzville’s Parks

The following strategies follow up on the park improvements, both short and long term, recommended in Table 3-1 and the areas of interest for future park lands in Table 3-2.

Strategy	How	Who	When
<p>1. <i>Implement improvements to existing parks and park properties specified in Table 3-1; review and revise the improvements list on an annual basis.</i></p>	<p>Table 3-1 provides guidance on the improvements to be made to Lantzville’s existing parks and park properties. Staff should review the status of these improvements yearly with the P&R Commission, and make any recommendations for adding or deleting improvements based on staff’s experience in the field and the needs of the community.</p>	<p>District staff with P&R Commission</p>	<p>Annually, ongoing</p>
<p>2. <i>Review the sites of interest for future parks (Table 3-2), and their possible means of acquisition, on an annual basis.</i></p>	<p>The sites of interest listed in Table 3-2 should be reviewed yearly by District staff and the P&R Commission with an eye to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying the best means of acquiring parcels, or portions thereof, to create a park – i.e., acquisition through rezoning or subdivision, partial or full donation (with tax credit), or purchase as opportunities arise. • Updating the list as community priorities change and/or opportunities arise to acquire land for parks elsewhere. 	<p>District staff with P&R Commission</p>	<p>Every 2 years or as needed</p>
<p>3. <i>Examine and trial-run a “Volunteers in Parks” (VIP) program.</i></p>	<p>Municipal VIP programs are successful in cost-sharing and fundraising for park improvements, marshalling volunteer resources, and generating a sense of stewardship of parks. The Commission will glean information from the VIP program in Nanaimo and other municipalities, and pilot a program in one of Lantzville’s existing or new parks.</p>	<p>P&R Commission</p>	<p>2010</p>
<p>4. <i>Determine the best use of the tennis court property.</i></p>	<p>The tennis court adjacent to the Seaview School playfield is currently managed by the Seaside Community Society (the former Old Age Pensioners Organization) on a lease agreement with the District. Questionnaire responses indicated that more people might use the court if improvements were made to the surface and upgrades were maintained.</p> <p>In consultation with the Society, investigate the feasibility of improving the tennis court, replacing it with some other use, versus divesting of the property to assist with acquiring a higher priority property for park land. This investigation should include a users’ survey as well as a cost/benefit analysis of options. A university student in recreational programming could conduct the investigation as a practicum.</p>	<p>District staff with P&R Commission</p>	<p>2012</p>

Table 3-1: Lantzville's Parks – current use and future improvements (see Map 2 for locations)

*Nb – neighbourhood park Com – community park P – passive (natural) A - Active

PARK	*TYPE	AC	HA	CURRENT USE / FACILITIES	IMPROVEMENTS 1-5 YEARS	IMPROVEMENT 6-20 YEARS
Clark Drive	Nb, P	2.98	1.21	Natural: biodiversity corridor to protect riparian habitat along Bloods Creek	Continue riparian protection along Bloods Creek	Continue riparian protection; develop interpretive signage explaining the significance of Bloods Creek and its riparian buffer.
				Trail		Link trail to future trail along rail corridor (see section 4.2).
Copley	Nb, P and A	3.93	1.59	Natural: treed area with trail and pond that captures drainage from neighbourhood and provides aquatic habitat.		
				Informal playing field		
				Playground	Replace tires and gravel as needed.	
				Enclosed court	Install metal basketball net	
				Picnic table		
				Entrance sign	Replace with improved design	
Elm	Nb	2.47	1	No improvements		Consult with local residents regarding future use of the park as the neighbourhood fills in (likely dependent on sewer service).
Huddleston	Com, A	2.30	0.93	Picnic shelter		
				Playground	Replace tires and gravel as needed.	
				Informal playing field		
				Outdoor toilet	Replace with conventional toilet with Phase 2 sewer project.	
				Memorial trees	No further memorial trees.	
				Currently can be reserved for use by donation. General experience has been that local groups make a donation but larger, mostly out-of-town groups do not.	Develop a policy for charging a rental fee for use of the park by large, organized groups/ events while maintaining the reservation-by-donation basis for small, local groups. The policy should: establish criteria for when a rental fee would be charged; suggest a donation rate (\$X per person/hour) for smaller	

PARK	*TYPE	AC	HA	CURRENT USE / FACILITIES	IMPROVEMENTS 1-5 YEARS	IMPROVEMENT 6-20 YEARS
					uses; and indicate how the funds will be used to support park maintenance and improvements.	
Jenna	Nb	0.42	0.17	No improvements/facilities		Initiate trail system linking Owen-Rosalyn Rd neighbourhood and Village Centre. Incorporate this park into future larger park for this area; include protection of riparian area along Bloods Creek.
Rotary	Nb, A	1.28	0.52	Playground	Replace tires and gravel as needed.	Replace play equipment.
				Informal playing field		Improve drainage along south edge
				Memorial trees	Continue to plant memorial trees along west side.	Continue
Sebastion	Nb, P	0.22	0.09	Natural: green space, treed area	Continue to support annual cleanup of litter and invasive species by volunteers (Guides) by providing garbage containers and/ pickup.	Continue.
				Bench and Sign		
Southwind	Nb, P	1.33	0.54	Natural: greenspace, steep slope	Facilitate trail links to Bayview Park neighbourhood and to Copley Trail.	Facilitate trail link to future trail along E&N rail corridor, (see section 4.2). Install benches and/or picnic table.
Stevens	Nb	0.25	0.10	No improvements/facilities		Incorporate into a larger park for this neighbourhood if future development of adjacent vacant properties proceeds.
Tennis court	Com, A	1.24	0.50	Tennis court – currently managed by OPAO under a lease with the District	Ask Fire Dept. to clean up adjacent bonfire area on an annual basis, particularly removing old nails and other metals that pose a safety hazard. See Strategy #3.	
Ware	Nb, P	1.21	0.49	Natural: greenspace, steep slope No improvements/facilities	Consider future use as trail and greenspace in association with future Foothills Estates park land.	
TOTAL		17.63	7.14			

Table 3-2: Areas of interest for Future Parks (see Map 2 – areas of interest for future parks are marked with a )

*Nb – neighbourhood park Com – community park P – passive (natural) A - Active

AREA	*TYPE	FUTURE INTERESTS
Jenna Drive area	Nb, P	Further park dedication should focus on providing protection to the riparian area for Bloods Creek and trail connections from this neighbourhood to the Village Centre.
East of Peterson Road	Nb, P+A	The main focus of further park dedication as part of future development in this area would be to provide trail connections to the Village Centre and possibly a playfield for the neighbourhood.
Superior Road north	Nb/Com P+A	Protecting the portion of Knarston Creek and its riparian habitat as a biodiversity corridor is of primary interest. Trail access to view the waterfalls along this section of the Creek should also be considered and designed so as to not compromise the environmental values of the corridor. A second priority is to acquire sufficient land to provide a playfield for the “Winds” neighbourhood.
Southwind Drive	Nb, P	Further park dedication should adjoin the existing dedication. The overall intent is for a natural park that protects the steep slope, offers a viewpoint (bench, picnic table, etc.) out to the Strait of Georgia, and trail connections to the Bayview Park Drive neighbourhood to the west, Copley Trail to the south and a future rail corridor trail to the north (see next section).
Ware Road north of Highway 19	Nb/Com P	Future parkland is envisioned to be primarily natural area with a wetland and rainwater retention function, and with trails and walkway connections to the Village Centre. Since Ware Road is a major entry to Lantzville, an attractive greenspace entrance is desirable.
Portions of Woodlot Licence 1475:a) at west end of Doumont Marsh; b) between Stone Road and hydro right-of-way	Nb/Com P	a) This small triangular parcel is isolated from the remainder of Woodlot no. 1475 by the hydro right of way. It would add to the protection of Doumont Marsh and the Knarston Creek biodiversity corridor extension, and could also provide a connection to Copley Trail. b) This rectangular parcel contains riparian habitat on Knarston Creek and a heavily used trail access to the right of way and Copley Trail.
Waterfront	Nb/Com P	Opportunities to acquire parkland along the waterfront should be pursued, where feasible.

4. Trails, Greenways and Journeyways

(see **Map 2** attached)

Vision: A system of trails that links neighbourhoods, the Village Centre, the marine shore and the Lantzville foothills.

Ways of getting around efficiently without a vehicle is an important ingredient in a sustainable community – even more so, with the threats caused by global warming and climate change. So, too, is the opportunity to enjoy healthy outdoor activities and appreciate our natural surroundings.

Given Lantzville’s position nestled between the foothills and foreshore, a trail system is envisioned as a big wheel, where the Village Centre serves as the hub from which spokes radiate out to the surrounding neighbourhoods. Branches of the spokes link neighbourhoods to each other and to local parks. At the perimeter are trails to the waterfront and the foothills.

The trail system is made up of public rights of way and informal paths across private property that would be acquired over time for public access. It also includes **journeyways** - roads that are frequently used by pedestrians, cyclists and wheelchair riders for recreation or for getting to and from destinations. Trails may also parallel natural corridors or **greenways**, such as creek systems. This allows residents to enjoy these natural features, but the trails need to be carefully planned and built to protect the ecological integrity of these greenways.

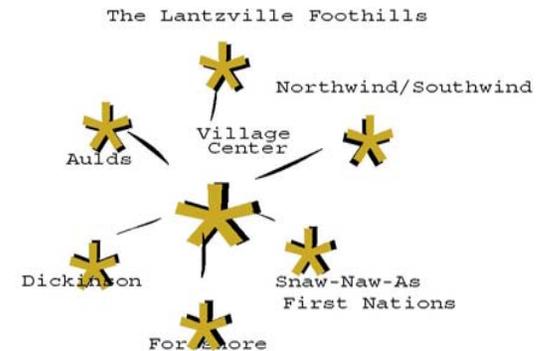
Whether trails should be wide or narrow, paved, gravel or earth is determined by the location, level of use, topography, cost and environmental sensitivity, as well as the community’s desire to maintain a ‘natural’ atmosphere in Lantzville’s parks and trails system. Generally, trails between major destinations, such as connections from the Village to the waterfront, would be developed to support high use by a variety of modes (walking, cycling, wheelchairs, etc.). Trails bordering environmentally sensitive areas would be of a more undeveloped nature.

4.1 Update on Trails and Journeyways

Upon incorporation, all roads in Lantzville (except the Island Highway) became the jurisdiction of the District. This means that roads, undeveloped rights of way (ROW) and road-end accesses to the waterfront are now owned and managed by the District.

The 2005 OCP has a lot to say about non-vehicular access in Lantzville. Goal 7 of the OCP seeks to improve connections within the community, including pedestrian and bicycle options. In particular, section 10.2 commits to several actions, including:

- Assess existing and proposed journeyways, and improve them as necessary to ensure that road verges are of adequate width for safe wheel chair travel, walking and bicycling.
- Require trails, pathways and pedestrian ways and related facilities and infrastructure in new development.
- Work with the City of Nanaimo, Nanoose First Nation and the RDN to connect pedestrian and bicycle ways between jurisdictions; e.g., extending the Nanaimo Parkway Trail into Lantzville along Lantzville Road.



From "Foothills to Foreshore" 2000.

- Work with the Island Corridor Foundation, the owner of the E&N rail corridor, to provide a walking and bicycling trail adjacent to the rail line through Lantzville. The ICF does not build trails itself, but is willing to negotiate an access licence with local governments along the corridor for that purpose. Any such trail initiative would need to be done in cooperation with the Nanoose First Nation, as the rail line passes through their Reserve between east and west Lantzville. The RDN may also be assessing the feasibility of trail construction along the E&N throughout the regional district, as part of its Regional Trails strategy.
- Examine options for making pedestrian and bicycle travel safer and more pleasant along the more heavily traveled roads such as Lantzville, Dickinson, Aulds, Harby West and Superior Road.

4.2 Strategies for Trails and Journeyways in Lantzville

Map 2 builds on the network of journeyways and trails identified in the OCP. Note that most of the “proposed trails” shown in Map 2 exist as informal trails but they cross private property. Public use of these informal trails is dependent on the goodwill of the property owners, and could be denied at any time. Therefore, alignments shown for “proposed trails” are conceptual only, and formalizing any of these trails in the future is subject to the agreement of the landowners.

Residents who responded to the questionnaire and attended the open houses expressed strong interest in trails and roadside journeyways for walking, hiking, biking, running and getting from place to place without a car. Improving pedestrian and bicycle access around the Village Core and along Lantzville, Dickinson and Ware Roads was a common desire.

There are several ways in which improvements to trails and journeyways can be realized:

- As part of upgrades to roads and other linear services; e.g., incorporating a pathway over the sanitary sewer line.
- As a requirement of development approval where future land development is anticipated.
- Cost-sharing with federal-provincial grants that support physical activity and/or improved safety, air quality and reduced energy consumption (e.g., the Local Motion program administered by the BC Ministry of Community Services).
- Where there is limited space in existing rights-of-way to build trails or improve roadsides, the District can seek covenants or easements with adjacent landowners to allow for these improvements. Such arrangements may result in small reductions in land assessments and property taxes for the landowner.

The following strategies take these factors into account. (Note that strategies respecting trails in the Foothills are addressed in the next section.)

Strategy	How	Who	When
1. <i>Develop and implement a trail and journeyway improvement strategy.</i>	Based on the trail network shown in Map 2, identify and prioritize improvements to trails and journeyways (or sections thereof) on the basis of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need - the level of use and prevailing safety concerns; • Opportunities - e.g., upcoming servicing upgrades or development, qualification for grants; and • Constraints - e.g., private land, lack of space in existing ROW. 	P&R Commission and District staff	2008, ongoing

Strategy	How	Who	When
	For the top priorities: a) Determine a preferred concept and alignment (subject to landowner approval if needed). b) Develop a budget for design and construction, identify grant opportunities, and identify volunteer opportunities. c) Gain Council approval and submit grant applications (as appropriate). d) Build the improvements. e) Assess the success of completed improvements; review priorities and revise accordingly; continue with next priorities.		
2. <i>Assist in establishing a trail along the E&N Rail corridor.</i>	Initiate discussions with the Island Corridor Foundation (ICF), the RDN and the Nanoose First Nation to support construction of a trail along the E&N rail corridor.	Staff, P&R Commission with ICF	2008
3. <i>Review and refine standards for trails.</i>	Currently, the Subdivision and Development Bylaw No. 55 sets one standard for pathways (1.5 m width, crush stone surface) and a 2 nd standard for trails (2.5 m width, stone or chip surface). These standards should be reviewed to provide for a wider range of trail and pathway situations (e.g., paths through natural areas).	Consultant with staff, P&R Commission w	2009
4. <i>Review options and develop a plan for a direct pedestrian connection between Upper Lantzville and the Village core.</i>	Map 2 indicates a potential trail connection, potentially as a pedestrian overpass, across the Island Highway. Past ideas were to make this connection via the Crown property between Harby Road and the Island Highway. However, other locations may be more appropriate. Plan development and/or design of this connector could be the subject of a grant application.	P&R Commission	2010



Trail to school

5. The Waterfront – Protection and Public Access

Vision: *The waterfront offers Lantzville residents and visitors a wide range of recreational opportunities – from swimming to nature walks to small boat launching. At the same time, our valuable marine resources are preserved.*

The shoreline along Lantzville’s 6-km waterfront is always changing. The formation of beaches is a result of a dynamic process of “erosion” and “deposition” caused by tides, waves and longshore currents. For example, the gravel and sand beaches extending from the Nanaimo-Lantzville border to Blunden Point (at the end of Peterson Rd.) is generally a **deposition** zone (Map 3). This area is fed with sand and gravel from Neck Point and Rocky Point to the south, where winter southeast storms are slowly eroding the bluffs. To the west of Blunden, the beaches are primarily cobble and narrow, because they are in an **erosion** area. Beyond that, it appears that deposition is occurring for the most part up to the breakwater on the Nanoose First Nations Reserve.



Sebastian Beach (M.Bowman)

5.1 Protection

It is difficult to know for sure without some expert analysis, but shoreline “hardening” – replacement of natural ‘soft’ shores with riprap, bulkheads and retaining walls - may be accelerating the erosion process along parts of Lantzville’s shoreline. Beaches below man-made rock walls and revetments tend to be scoured by the more severe wave action that forms on these hard surfaces, turning what may have been depositional areas into localized erosion zones. Where sand and gravel beaches may once have existed, there are now only rocks and boulders. Conversely, more sand and silt may be depositing in the downshore region towards Nanoose Bay.

About 70% of Lantzville’s shoreline is already hardened. By interfering with marine physical processes, shoreline hardening may be disrupting marine habitat and lowering foreshore productivity. Furthermore, shoreline hardening on one property often just moves the erosion ‘problem’ to neighbouring properties.

Other human activities can damage the foreshore environment. For example, logs and stumps along the shore often anchor sediment, and removing them can cause dunes and beach vegetation to disappear. Taking rocks and seaweed can reduce the microhabitats that support small marine organisms, and driving onto the foreshore crushes those microhabitats. Litter can choke or strangle wildlife and dog faeces can pollute the water – not to mention making the beach just plain unpleasant for us all.

5.2 Public Access

As shown in Map 3 (next page), the waterfront is accessed through 12 road rights of way (Table 5-1), with an additional 5 ROWs that are not yet developed (Table 5-2). Two of the accessible ROWs are viewpoints only, while ten provide walk-on access to the beach. Most accesses have basic equipment such as garbage cans, dog bag dispensers, vehicle barriers and signs that limit night-time parking.

5.3 OCP Policies for the Waterfront

The 2005 OCP supports public access to the waterfront by stating “the District will retain all publicly owned rights of way and work towards making them accessible to the public where feasible” (policy 4.2.4.14).



When it comes to waterfront protection, the OCP takes a major step in designating Lantzville’s entire shoreline as a Development Permit Area (DPA). The purpose of the DPA is to regulate development activities within 15 m of the natural boundary of the shore, with particular emphasis on “the construction of erosion control features which often accelerate shoreline erosion on adjacent areas, reduce stability and degrade the aesthetic and pedestrian movement along the beach area.”

The DPA requires all future buildings and structures to be set back 15 m from the natural boundary, and limits the shore buffer area to uses that have limited impact on the marine bank and foreshore. The retention and restoration of natural shoreline vegetation and naturally occurring driftwood and rocks is encouraged; armoring with “hard structures” such as retaining walls, cement blocks and riprap is discouraged unless erosion is threatening a permitted building. The need for erosion protection structures must be determined and the structures themselves must be designed by a qualified professional.

Also under the OCP (sec. 4.2.4), the District does not support further approval of “property accretions” by the Province. When shoreline processes result in sand and soil being deposited, an adjacent landowner can apply to the Province to have that ‘accreted’ land added to their property. The District’s policy is that this accreted land should remain in the public domain and accessible for use by all residents.

Table 5-1: Waterfront Accesses – Current Facilities and Future Improvements

ACCESS (Road end)	TYPE	FEATURES	GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS					SITE-SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS To be implemented over long term (2008-2018)
			To be installed over next 3 years where they do not exist (noted with *)					
			Garbage Can	Pet bag dispenser	No parking 11pm – 6am	Vehicle barrier	Bench	
Oar	beach	Bloods Creek outflow	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	Design and build fish-friendly access across Bloods Creek.
Myron	beach		✓	✓*		✓		
Jacks	viewpt	Former coal-pier pilings offshore; rock monument commemorating Lantzville's mining heritage to be installed by Historical Society.	✓		✓			
Lavender	beach	Remnants of ramp on foreshore; sewer lift station site (phase 1)	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	Install parking area and landscaping as part of lift station installation.
Tweedhope	beach	Rough concrete steps to beach installed by neighbour	✓*	✓	✓*			
Huddleston	beach	Concrete stairs with railing donated in memory of Mr. Thomas (2007); sewer lift station site (phase 2)	✓	✓	✓	✓		Design path and install bench or picnic table in appropriate site as part of lift station installation.
Harper	beach	Popular launch site; vehicles occasionally drive on beach	✓	✓*	<u>✓*</u>	<u>✓</u>		
Sebastion	beach	Most heavily used beach for swimming and picnicking	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	Design wheelchair access to grassed area in ROW in short term; to the beach in long term.
Hall	viewpt	Cleared 2007; fence at top of bluff	✓*					
Benwaldun	beach	Popular boat launch site	✓	✓*	✓*	✓*		Assess possible encroachment into right-of-way by neighbouring property owners.
Shangri La	beach	Accessed by trail; neighbouring residents have placed chairs, table, fire pit, store small boats						
Eby	beach		✓	✓		✓*		

Table 5-2: Undeveloped Waterfront Accesses

ACCESS	TYPE	FEATURES	POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS
Peterson	viewpt	Neighbour's outbuildings encroach on right-of-way	Consider if access is desired; deal with encroachment as necessary.
Lantzville Rd	viewpt	Two undeveloped ROWs to top of bluff.	No development considered at this time.
North	beach	Estuary for Knarston Creek; long point into Nanoose Bay. Informal trail currently encroaches on private property.	Possible future development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move trail onto ROW- requires alternate location for bridge across Knarston Creek. • Parking at trailhead. • Garbage can, dog bag dispenser either at trailhead or onsite. • Bench and/or picnic table
Sabre	viewpt	Undeveloped ROW	No development considered at this time



In 2002, the former Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee released “Your Lantzville Shoreline”, an informative brochure that introduced residents to the physical and biological processes that occur along Lantzville’s shores, and how human activities are interfering with these processes. It suggested ways in which our activities can minimize negative impacts on the waterfront.

This brochure is even more relevant today as more waterfront properties are redeveloped from former cottages to larger permanent residences. In addition, climate change may bring more severe winter storms, greater erosion and an even greater sense of urgency to protect private property. Information on effective, environmentally friendly methods to deal with shoreline erosion is needed if some ‘natural’ waterfront is to remain in Lantzville.

5.4 Strategies for the Waterfront

Most responses to the questionnaire indicated a desire to keep the waterfront accesses as natural as possible. Basic equipment (garbage cans, pet bag dispensers, vehicle barriers, benches) was generally supported, but there was little support for other types of facilities (e.g., toilets or picnic tables). When planning any additional facilities, it is also important to respect the security and privacy of nearby residents. Therefore, any further facilities listed in Table 5-1 (above) are limited to those that improve public accessibility, safety and environmental protection where needed.

There are also strategies needed to address common concerns about waterfront use and to encourage Lantzville's sense of stewardship of this important community asset. These collective strategies are outlined below.

Strategy	How	Who	When
1. <i>Establish a Beach Committee.</i>	The Beach Committee would be made up of 1-2 Commission members with 3-4 interested members of the public, including waterfront landowners. The Committee would oversee implementation of the following strategies.	P&R Commission	2008
2. <i>Inform Lantzville residents of ways of protecting and enhancing the natural character of Lantzville's waterfront while protecting their private property.</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Review and update "Your Lantzville Shoreline" brochure; consider and implement methods for its distribution. b. Develop a workshop series to involve residents in learning about the foreshore and nearshore environment, and shore-friendly ways of protecting waterfront property. Senior agencies (MOE, DFO), other local governments (e.g., Parksville, the RDN) and non-governmental organizations (e.g., Green Shores, Georgia Strait Alliance, Mid-Vancouver Island Habitat Enhancement Society) may be keen to collaborate. 	Beach Committee in partnership with other agencies & organizations	2009 - brochure 2010 - workshops
3. <i>Develop a waterfront design plan.</i>	<p>A design plan for all the waterfront accesses would address the following as well as any other issues identified by the Beach Committee, staff or Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A common design and layout for equipment and facilities at accesses. • Need for information signage and opportunities for interpretive signage; where regulatory notices (e.g., regarding shellfish harvesting) are needed as well as providing information on marine life and processes. • Parking plans to optimize limited space, where needed – e.g., Sebastion, Harper and Oar Roads. Consider designated parking for disabled. • Means of promoting 'park and walk' to the waterfront, emphasizing connections via trails and journeyways from established parking areas. • Ways of reducing unwanted noise and activities, e.g., applying "Crime Prevention through Environmental Design" (CEPTED) principles. 	Consultant overseen by staff and Beach Committee	2010

Strategy	How	Who	When
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the need and feasibility of a small boat launch. 		
<p>4. <i>Initiate a shoreline rehabilitation project to showcase native shore vegetation and natural approaches to shoreline protection.</i></p>	<p>Choose a waterfront access where a rehabilitation 'plot' can be established, taking into account access needs. Commission a landscape/protection design and associated interpretive signage; install; review success of the project as an education tool and rehabilitative measure; consider rehab plots at other accesses, as feasible.</p>	<p>Consultant overseen by staff and Beach Committee; ongoing by Beach Committee</p>	<p>2012</p>
<p>5. <i>Develop and promote an 'adopt a beach access' program.</i></p>	<p>This program could be developed in conjunction with the waterfront design plan, to get interested residents directly involved in the planning and execution of waterfront facilities and their long-term upkeep. A program like this can generate a sense of stewardship for Lantzville's valuable waterfront.</p>	<p>Beach Committee</p>	<p>2011, onward</p>



Off Harper Road (H.Rueggeberg)

6. The Foothills – Protection and Public Access

Vision: *The Lantzville Foothills are protected for all to enjoy for a wide range of ecological and recreational values.*

Wherever you go in Lantzville you find yourself looking at the community framed against the backdrop of the Lantzville Foothills, a long ridge that runs from Brannen Lake in the east to Bonnell Creek in the west, including both Sywash Ridge and Sandwich Ridge. Rising from 90 to 330 meters in height, these north facing slopes are covered by typical coastal Douglas fir/Western hemlock forest species - mostly 50-75 year-old second growth stands, with some patches of older trees up to 200 years old.

The Foothills are near and dear to the residents of Lantzville because they provide a wide range of tangible and intangible benefits:

- A backdrop and visual reference point for residents.
- A source of Lantzville's water, in feeding the aquifers that support the community wells.
- The headwaters of Lantzville's aquatic ecosystems, including Knarston, Bloods, Heikilla and Metral Creek.
- An abundance of outdoor recreation opportunities to walkers, hikers, cyclists, and horse riders.
- Many stunning views of Lantzville and the Straits from viewpoints such as Copley Mountain and along the Copley Trail on Sywash Ridge.
- A buffer between the community and the industrial forest operations on the plateau behind the Foothills.
- Natural ecosystems that are becoming increasingly rare in this part of Vancouver Island. Besides the maturing forest, there are unique herbaceous communities, wetland areas and a wide range of wildlife all within a few minutes of town.



View from the Lookout (H.Rueggeberg)

6.1 Update on the Status of the Foothills

Three major landholdings dominate the Foothills:

- The 730-ha (1800 acre) Foothills Estates property occupies most of the south and east portion of the Foothills. The OCP (sec. 8.6) designates this property as the Foothills Comprehensive Development Plan Area, targets 50% of the property (365 ha or 900 acres) as future park land, and requires a detailed parks and trail network plan as part of future development applications.
- A 230-ha (570 acre) parcel of Crown land in the northwest portion of the Foothills comprises Woodlot Licence no. 1475, held by a private licensee. The provincial Ministry of Forest has approved a general Woodlot Management Plan for this area, and a more detailed Woodlot Licence Plan is in preparation.
- The remaining forest land to the west of the Foothills Estates and Crown lands is owned by Island Timberlands Ltd. and is currently being harvested.

6.2 Strategies for the Lantzville Foothills

Again, the emphasis in questionnaire responses was to keep the foothills as natural as possible. With the future park, there was considerable interest in providing trails for walking, hiking and mountain biking, as well as some directional and interpretive signage.

The following summarizes strategies aimed at protecting and securing access to the Foothills area from a parks and open space perspective:

Strategy	How	Who	When
<p>1. <i>Provide for the planning, development and long-term operation of the park and trails associated with the Foothills Estates.</i></p>	<p>With Council's direction, the Commission will review and provide comments as a Master Plan is created for this park. In its review, the Commission will seek to ensure that the Master Plan and its park and trails designs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Respond to the desires of the residents of Lantzville, as expressed through the questionnaire (Appendix 2) and open houses (Appendix 3). ii. Ensure adequate protection and restoration of sensitive environmental features within the property. iii. Are of a scale and standard that can be readily managed in the long term. <p>Once it is approved, the Master Plan will be adopted under this Plan. The Commission will also have opportunities to review more detailed environmental, park, and trail information as phases of the Foothills Estates development come up for approval.</p>	<p>Council with advice from P&R Commission</p>	<p>2008 onward</p>
<p>2. <i>With respect the Crown lands held as Woodlot Licence #1475, ensure the sustainable management of forest resources, environmental sensitivities and outdoor recreational opportunities.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Work with the Woodlot licence holder and Provincial authorities to ensure that community interests in protecting sensitive ecosystems, hydrologic patterns, and recreational values (particularly the Copley Trail system) are addressed. b) Work with Island Timberlands to gain permission to use that portion of the Copley Trail that extends into their property. c) Work with the above parties and with volunteers in trail maintenance and signage. d) In the long term, pursue the acquisition of this Crown property as a future community park. 	<p>P&R Commission</p>	<p>2008 onward</p>

Strategy	How	Who	When
<p>3. <i>Coordinate the trail systems in the Lantzville Foothills (Foothills Estates and Woodlot no. 1475) with neighbouring trail networks in the RDN.</i></p>	<p>The District wishes to look beyond its own borders in supporting a Region-wide trail and outdoor recreation network. To this end, it will seek a partnership arrangement with the RDN for the long-term management of the regional trail components of the Foothills park.</p>	<p>P&R Commission, Council and RDN</p>	<p>2008 onward</p>



Copely Trail walk, March 2007 (The Log)

7. Village Centre Parks and Greenspace

Vision – the hub of Lantzville’s recreational and social activities: a Village Centre that is truly the heart of the community by offering facilities for a variety of recreational and social activities and a safe, pleasant environment for walking to and from stores and services.

The Village Centre encompasses the commercial and community services along Lantzville Road from Jack’s Road to Huddlestone Road. However, “downtown Lantzville” is more than a service centre. It is the centre for community functions and a place for residents to shop, eat out, get medical, financial and other services. Carrying out these activities could be a more pleasant experience if the streetscape was more pedestrian friendly and inviting.

Several of Lantzville’s developed parkland and recreational facilities are located in or adjacent to the Village Centre. These include Huddlestone Park, Costin Hall, the playground and playing field next to Seaview School, and the adjacent tennis court. Several accesses to the waterfront are within a five to ten-minute walk.



Streetscape, Mine Town Day

7.1 Update on Policies for the Village Centre

Goal 3 of the OCP focuses on strengthening the Village Commercial Core. Among other objectives, it calls for a Village Commercial Core Improvement Plan that would address:

- Improvements to parking and pedestrian flow;
- Detailed design guidelines for buildings;
- A clean-up and beautification program; and
- Improved services such as underground utilities where feasible, improved roads and sidewalks, and public spaces.

The District has initiated discussions with businesses in the Village Centre and envisions a multi-stakeholder ‘village core committee’ that could take a lead role in guiding such a plan.

7.2 Strategies for the Village Centre

Based on responses to the questionnaire, many people would like to see the walkability of the Village Centre improved and to make it an attractive community place. As part of future planning for the Village Centre under the OCP initiative, this Plan aims to promote two concepts:

- Green infrastructure** – The objective is to integrate walkways and green spaces into the Village Centre and firmly establish a green character in a Village Centre revitalization plan. This “green infrastructure” should emphasize safe, enjoyable pedestrian and bicycle access inviting public spaces so that people, not vehicles, dominate the Centre’s scene. It should also aim to minimize the Centre’s impact on the environment by using “low impact development” measures indicated in section 4.2.5 of the OCP in the development and redevelopment of the Village Centre.
- Village Centre greenspace** - The goal here is to knit the existing parks, open spaces and recreational facilities in and near the Village Centre into a cohesive network that would enhance the identity of Lantzville Village and reach out to the rest of the community through the trail and journeyway system. In addition, the large undeveloped property along Ware Road provides an opportunity to acquire further park

space to enhance this concept in the future. In the long term, a park in this area could include sports fields, play areas, picnic facilities, walking and cycling trails that link to the community-wide trail system and to the beach.

Strategy	How	Who	When
<p>1. <i>Ensure that the Village Centre evolves into a “green”, people-oriented place that reflects the heart of the community.</i></p>	<p>The P&R Commission will be an active participant in the development of a Commercial Core Improvement Plan for the Village Centre. Features that the Commission will promote include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “People gathering” places, with benches, boulevard plantings, shady sites, etc. • Safe and appealing passage for pedestrians, bicycles, and electric carts. • Readily identifiable connections to other parts of the community. • Off-street parking. • Low impact development measures for dealing with rainwater use and runoff. 	<p>P&R Commission, future committee for Village Core</p>	<p>2008-2009, as part of a Village Commercial Core Improvement planning process</p>



Downtown Lantzville (H.Rueggeberg)

8. Parks, Recreation and Culture Programs

There are several programs and community-based activities that play an important role in the life of the community.

8.1 Mine Town Day

Mine Town Day has been an annual event in Lantzville for many years to celebrate Lantzville's coal mining heritage and to bring the community together. Organizing Mine Town Day traditionally relied entirely on volunteers, with varying degrees of success. In 2007, the District acquired a grant from the provincial Community Tourism program to help plan and operate Mine Town Day, and mandated the Parks and Recreation Commission with its organization. The Commission took the opportunity to partner with Coal Town Records to develop a joint Mine Town Day and Coal Town Music Festival. The joint event was moved from the traditional July date to September, in hopes that more people would be able to attend.



Mine Town Day awards

By all accounts, as reflected in the questionnaire responses, the September 2007 Mine Town Day was a great success. But even with grant support, this event will continue to rely on enthusiastic volunteers and community participation.

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>How</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>When</i>
1. <i>Assess the goals and growth of Mine Town Day.</i>	After the 2007 event, hold a workshop with Mine Town Day organizers, participating businesses and volunteers to review what did and did not work, as well as to look at the long term goals of Mine Town Day; who is the audience - local or beyond? how big should it be? What permanent infrastructure is needed to support it – parking, washrooms, etc.?	P&R Commission / Mine Town Day Committee	2008 – 2011 and as needed thereafter
2. <i>Continue to organize and operate Mine Town Day.</i>	Continue to seek funding from applicable grants and community sponsors to support Mine Town Day.	P&R Commission / Mine Town Day Committee	Ongoing

8.2 Dedication and Memorial Program

The District recently adopted a policy (no. 4002-2) regarding the purchase of park benches as dedications or memorials. The policy specifies a consistent bench type (including a plaque), identifies locations where benches may be placed and establishes a purchase fee of \$2,500 that includes delivery, installation, and taxes. A portion of the fee is placed in a reserve trust account to cover future maintenance and repair.

The District is updating its memorial tree policy to set standards for tree size and species and to reflect current costs to purchase, install and maintain park trees. In the future, other park equipment or infrastructure could be considered for dedication purposes.

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>How</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>When</i>
1. <i>Review the dedication and memorial policies and location maps on a regular basis. Consider other park or trail infrastructure as potential dedications, memorials or for sponsorship.</i>	The maps of proposed locations for sponsored benches and trees should be reviewed when a master plan for the Foothills park is established. Thereafter, the maps should be reviewed and revised every 3 years. The practices of other municipalities in providing opportunities for other park or trail facilities should be reviewed for possible application in Lantzville.	Staff with input from P&R Commission	Every 2 years or as needed

8.3 Information about Lantzville's Parks, Trails and Waterfront Accesses

'Getting the word out' about Lantzville's parks, trails and accesses in a readily available format provides a service to residents and helps to build support and ownership of the system. The District has posted an interactive map on its website, which could be adapted to include park locations and eventually, information on each park site. The RDN is developing a brochure package to show the key recreational features throughout the Regional District. The District is contributing to this project with the expectation that the brochure will provide a useful guide to Lantzville's parks, trails and waterfront accesses.

In the long term, the District may wish to establish a database of its parks and trails system as an operational and maintenance tool that could be updated by staff as a real time record of management activities and upgrades. This database could also form the basis for more detailed information for public use. There are specialized computer programs that can perform this function.

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>How</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>When</i>
1. <i>Make information on the location of parks, trails and waterfront accesses available to residents online.</i>	Incorporate locations into the interactive mapping function on Lantzville's website.	Staff with RDN mapping division	2008
2. <i>Distribute information on Lantzville's parks, trails and waterfront accesses.</i>	Print and make the RDN's brochure available through the District's website and at the District office.	P&R Commission	2009-2011

Strategy	How	Who	When
3. <i>Examine the need and options for establishing a computer-based inventory of parks, trails and waterfront access.</i>	The District may wish to consult with other local governments regarding the inventory and data management systems that they use to define a model that is applicable to Lantzville.	Staff	2016

8.4 Recreational Programming

The District is party to an agreement with the City of Nanaimo and the RDN (on behalf of Electoral Areas A, B, C and D) to share in the operating costs of the City’s four major recreation centres (arenas and pools), 11 City sports fields and two Electoral Area sports fields. The jurisdiction owning the facility is responsible for capital costs of that facility. Cost-sharing for operations is based on usage; usage of the recreation centres is determined every 5 years by a statistically-valid user survey; usage of the sports fields is based on the addresses of the team registrations. The District pays a portion of the operating costs for these facilities that reflects the percentage of users that are from Lantzville.

Responses to the questionnaire generated a list of suggested activities that people would like to see offered in the community (Appendix 2). Given the recreational facilities and programs available in the City and RDN to which it contributes, the District does not wish to get into the business of recreational programming, but it could provide an information resource for existing and proposed programs offered by small businesses and community organizations in Lantzville. The District also has a grants-in-aid program that can be used to assist groups with organizing and running recreational activities that benefit the community.

Strategy	How	Who	When
1. <i>Organize a listing of recreational programs and classes offered in the community.</i>	Set up a recreational 'bulletin board' on the District's website where local businesses and organizations could post recreational activities. Basic information to be compiled would be who, what, where, when and how much. The District could also download this information as a periodic information sheet available at the District office.	Staff and P&R Commission	2009 - ongoing
2. <i>Support community organizations with eligible stewardship and recreational programs through the grants-in-aid program.</i>	Review the policy for the “grants in aid” program, and recommend revisions as needed, to allow for grants for proposed stewardship and recreational activities by local groups.	P&R Commission and Staff	2009 - ongoing

9. Resourcing the Plan

9.1 Acquisition and Funding Strategies

There are various ways in which local governments like the District can acquire land for parks and trails and the funds to improve them:

- **Property taxes:** A portion of annual property taxes is dedicated to parks on the premise that each landowner benefits from parks, trails and waterfront accesses.
- **Rezoning and large development agreements:** Developers may provide land, facilities (trails, benches, buildings, etc.) or money as part of a 'community amenity package' negotiated when they apply to rezone properties to allow for a change in land use or density. The OCP (sec. 5.3.4, policy 8) states that the District will work with development applicants to achieve a target of 20% land dedication for public use through "density averaging" or "density bonusing". This means that the District may allow development to be clustered at a higher density in some parts of the parcel (density averaging), or allow a somewhat higher density than would normally be permitted (density bonus) in exchange for increased park land or rights of way that allow public access.
- **Park dedication at time of subdivision:** Local governments also have the authority to require developers to dedicate 5% of the parcel being subdivided for park purposes, or to provide a cash value equivalent to the 5% land area ("cash in lieu" option). This method is most commonly used to acquire neighbourhood parks and/or trails; e.g., the District acquired park property as part of a property subdivision at the end of Southwind Drive. A density bonus can also be negotiated, where a slight increase in the number of lots (e.g., an additional 10%) may be allowed in exchange for something greater than the minimum 5%.
- **Development cost charges (DCCs):** These are fees that are collected on new development at time of subdivision or building approval to help pay for the cost of providing municipal services (sewer, water, roads, drainage, and parks) needed to support that new development. DCCs are typically charged on a per-lot or per-unit basis. The District recently passed Bylaw No. 52 to establish DCCs for new development in Lantzville. DCCs for parks are set at \$1540 for future single-family units, \$1141 for future multi-family units and \$570.55 per square meter (gross building floor area) for future seniors housing.
- **Donations and bequests:** Local governments can issue charitable tax receipts for the donation of land or money to be used for park land acquisition or improvements. They may also receive donations of supplies or in-kind services for park improvement – for example, a local business may donate material and labour to build a playground.
- **Grants:** There are a variety of grants offered by the provincial and federal governments as well as private funding institutions (e.g., Vancouver Foundation, Friends of the Environment Foundation, etc.) to support conservation, tourism or recreational infrastructure. Examples of government funding programs in 2007 include: BC Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant Program, the Canada-B.C. Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund, Towns For Tomorrow, Local Motion and the Cycling Infrastructure Partnership Program.
- **Fees for park-specific services:** The District already has a fee system for installing and maintaining memorial trees and benches in parks and on waterfront accesses, a service that can be extended to trails where land tenure will allow.
- **Fundraising:** The District can partner with community organizations to fund-raise for specific projects, such as building trails (e.g., "buy-a-meter" campaigns) or purchasing playground equipment.

- **Partnerships:** Rarely is land for parks purchased by a single agency. Instead, local governments team up with other government agencies and with nongovernmental organizations to share costs of acquisition or improvements; for example, the City of Nanaimo partnered with the Nanaimo and Area Land Trust to acquire the Linley Valley Park; the RDN partnered with the Ministry of Environment, the Nature Trust of BC, the Nature Conservancy of Canada and several other organizations to acquire the Englishman River Regional Park and Conservation Area. Similarly, local governments can partner among themselves or with private partners to provide facilities and services; Lantzville's participation in sharing in the operating costs of facilities that Lantzvillagers use in Nanaimo and the RDN is an example of this type of partnership.
- **Crown land tenures:** When provincial Crown land is of interest for park use, an alternative to full acquisition is a long-term lease. For local governments, applications can be made for Free Crown Grants or Nominal Rent Tenures on lands for park purposes. More information is available at www.al.gov.bc.ca/clad/tenure_programs/programs/community/index.html. The only Crown lands in Lantzville are Woodlot #1475 and some parcels along the Inland Island Highway held by the Ministry of Transportation for future intersection expansions.
- **Rights of way, easements and land use agreements:** To maximize the use of limited resources, local governments can work with willing landowners to allow trail accesses across private property. In this context, the District can offer management responsibilities and adoption of liability in exchange for public access. The RDN, for example, has agreements with forest companies such as TimberWest and Island Timberlands as well as with the BC Ministry of Transportation to route regional trails through their lands. It has also collaborated with a variety of community organizations and user groups to build and maintain these trails.

9.2 Budget and Timeframe for Implementing the Strategies

The District receives money for parks from property taxes and DCCs, and allocates funds for maintenance and operation of the District's parks. The District also allocates funds towards recreational facilities in Nanaimo and the RDN (under proportional cost-sharing agreements), and collects a parcel tax for the RDN to support the regional park system. In the latter case, the parcel tax is scheduled to increase from \$5.00/parcel in 2008 to \$7.50/parcel in 2009 and \$10.00/parcel in 2010 and beyond, to correspond to similar parcel taxes throughout the Regional District. Furthermore, a new DCC will likely be introduced in the near future to also assist with funding regional park acquisitions and improvements.

The District cannot continue to increase taxes and DCCs indefinitely to support parks and trails. Therefore, the overall strategy for the District is to use all of the methods summarized in section 9.1 to further develop the parks and trails system in Lantzville.

Table 9-1 (attached) provides an approximate budget forecast for completing the strategies in this Plan over the next ten years. This budget estimate does not address regular operation and maintenance activities; rather, it is focused on the projects and programs outlined in this Plan and would be in addition to annual O&M budgeting.

In addition, the cost estimates in Table 9-1, along with assumptions regarding sources of funding other than parcel tax allocations and park DCC revenues, are not intended to be exact and should be used for general budget forecasting only. However, these cost estimates do suggest an average annual budget of about \$40,000 to implement this Plan, of which approximately one-half could be derived from grants, sponsorships, donations and other sources. Taking a 50% average coverage by other sources and based on some 1500 households in Lantzville, this represents on the order of \$10-13/household/year.

Although this budget forecast is for the next ten years, the intent is to review and revise this Plan and its associated strategies, and update the budget forecast, every 5 years.

APPENDIX 1: Bylaw no. 46 establishing a Parks and Trails Commission

**DISTRICT OF LANTZVILLE
BYLAW NO. 46**

A BYLAW for the Purpose of Establishing a Parks and Recreation Commission

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 176 of the Local Government Act, and Section 143 of the Community Charter, the Council of the District of Lantzville, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Citation

- 1.1 This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “District of Lantzville Parks and Recreation Commission Bylaw No. 46, 2006.

2. Interpretation

- 2.1 In this Bylaw:

“**Commission**” means the District of Lantzville Parks and Recreation Commission constituted under the terms of this Bylaw.

“**Council**” means the Council of the District of Lantzville.

“**District**” means the District of Lantzville.

3. Membership

- 3.1 The Commission shall be composed of seven (7) members who shall be appointed by resolution of Council as follows:

(a) One (1) member of Council, who shall act as Chair for the Commission.

(b) Six (6) members at large, who shall be residents of the District.

- 3.2 All members at large of the Commission shall serve a two year term effective from January 1st of one year, to December 31st of the following year.

- 3.3 Members at large of the Commission may be reappointed by Council at the end of their two year term, however their term shall not exceed six consecutive years.

- 3.4 Members at large of the Commission who have served for six consecutive years may be reappointed after a two year absence from the Commission.

- 3.5 Council shall endeavour to have representation from both Parks and Recreation interests and shall publicly advertise the availability of vacant positions on the Commission.

- 3.6 Notwithstanding section 3.2, a member’s term ends when the member no longer qualifies to be a member of the Commission under section 3.1(b).

- 3.7 Notwithstanding section 3.2, Council has the authority to rescind the appointment of any member at large at any time and appoint another person in place of the person whose appointment was rescinded.
- 3.8 Any four (4) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.
- 3.9 Members of the Commission shall serve without remuneration.
- 3.10 Any member of the Commission who is not in attendance at regular meetings of the Commission for three consecutive meetings, without approval of the Chair, shall be deemed to have resigned, at which time Council shall be notified immediately in writing of such event, in order that a new appointment may be made.

4. Conduct of Meetings

- 4.1 If the Chair of the Commission is not in attendance after fifteen minutes following the scheduled start of the meeting, the members present shall elect from its membership a commission member to act as Chair for the duration of the meeting. The presiding member has, for that purpose, all the powers of, and is subject to the same rules as Chair.
- 4.2 If there is no quorum of Commission members present within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled time for a Commission meeting, the District staff member must record the names of the members present and those absent, and adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting.
- 4.3 Minutes of Commission meetings shall be prepared by District staff. Copies of all Commission meetings are to be forwarded to Council for their review and all resolutions of the Commission are subject to Council ratification.
- 4.4 Except as otherwise provided in this Bylaw the conduct of business for meetings of the Commission shall follow Robert's Rules of Order.

5. Duties & Powers

- 5.1 The Commission shall be an advisory body reporting directly to Council regarding Parks and Recreation activities in the District.
- 5.2 The Commission shall review and update the 'Foothills to Foreshore - Parks and Open Space Implementation Plan' prepared for the Lantzville Improvement District by the Regional District of Nanaimo and shall provide a report to Council on the recommended implementation measures for Council's consideration.
- 5.3 The Commission shall play a leadership role to provide a focal point for cooperation between community interests and the District on Parks and Recreation issues.
- 5.4 The Commission shall, upon the approval of Council, conduct or cause to have conducted, surveys of recreational programs and facilities, as well as parks and public open space issues and make recommendations and provide advice to Council.
- 5.5 The Commission shall liaise, provide leadership and work with community neighbourhood groups on a wide range of parks and recreation projects including but not limited to:

- Volunteer neighbourhood and community park development projects
- Community input regarding park planning and acquisition priorities
- Trail system, and beachfront development projects

5.6 The Commission shall be responsible for organizing, budgeting and conducting the annual District of Lantzville Mine Town Day event including; fund raising, booking appropriate venues, scheduling activities, promoting, as well as seeking community volunteers and sponsorship.

6. **Finance**

- 6.1 All items of revenue and expenditure relating to the activities of the Commission shall be accounted for in the financial records of the District.
- 6.2 No expenditure shall be made that is not provided for in the Financial Plan of the District.
- 6.3 The Commission shall annually recommend to Council revenues and expenditures for inclusion in the Financial Plan of the District for Parks and Recreation activities.
- 6.4 All monies received by the Commission shall be immediately provided to the District for deposit in the District's general revenue account.
- 6.5 No expenditure shall be made unless it is authorized by the Director of Financial Services of the District in the same manner as all other accounts.

7. **Severability**

- 7.1 If any portion of this Bylaw is for any reason found invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Bylaw.

READ A FIRST TIME this 11th day of September, 2006.

READ A SECOND TIME this 11th, day of September, 2006.

READ A THIRD TIME this 25th day of September, 2006.

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED this 2nd day of October, 2006.

Mayor

Director of Corporate Administration

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of "District of Lantzville Parks and Recreation Bylaw No. 46, 2006" as adopted by Council of the District of Lantzville on the 2nd day of October, 2006.

Director of Corporate Administration

APPENDIX 2: Public Questionnaire Results – November 2007

A Parks, Trails & Recreation Plan for Lantzville

QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

(14 Nov 07)

General

- 95 responses received – represents about 6% of households in Lantzville
- Response distribution (neighbourhoods):

Dickinson/ Pebble Beach/ Owen	Lower Lantzville/ Lantzville Rd.	Winchelsea	Winds/ Bayview/ Harby Rd	Aulds/ Clark/ Blackjack Rds.
31%	37%	10%	11%	11%

1. Which of the following parks, trails and beach accesses have you or members of your household visited in the past year? Mark the box that corresponds to the number of visits.

PARKS (in order of use)	1-4	5-10	> 10	0 & N/A
Huddlestone Park	27%	16%	24%	33%
Sebastion Park	14%	11%	8%	67%
Copley Park	17%	4%	3%	76%
Tennis court	15%	4%	4%	77%
Rotary Park	9%	6%	7%	78%
Clark Drive park/trail	8%	1%	5%	85%

- *Of the 'developed' parks, Huddlestone is the most visited, with 67% of respondents using it at least once in the past year.*
- *Sebastion Park has the next highest visitation rate reported; however, some respondents may have confused the waterfront access with the park.*
- *The other parks have been visited by less than 25% of respondents.*

TRAILS	1-4	5-10	>10	0 & N/A
Copley Trail (Woodlot 1475 + hydro ROW)	23%	5%	20%	52%
Lookout/Copley Mt./Mt Baldy trails (Foothills)	22%	17%	16%	45%

- *Roughly 50% of respondents have visited the 'wilderness' trails in the foothills region.*
- *16-20% might be considered 'regular' users of these trails, having visited them >10 times in the past year.*

BEACH ACCESSES (in order of use)	1-4	5-10	> 10	0 & N/A
Sebastion Rd.	25%	20%	28%	27%
Oar Rd.	26%	13%	12%	49%
Huddlestone Rd.	18%	9%	20%	53%
Harper Rd.	15%	14%	16%	55%
Lavender Rd.	19%	9%	16%	56%
Tweedhope Rd.	16%	8%	17%	59%
Jacks Rd.	20%	4%	12%	64%
Benwaldun Rd.	19%	4%	12%	65%
Eby Rd.	18%	1%	3%	78%
Myron Rd.	6%	4%	9%	81%
Shangri La Rd.	12%	1%	2%	85%
Hall Rd.	8%	2%	0%	90%

- *Sebastion Rd is the most visited beach access, with 73% of respondents using it at least once, and over a quarter using it >10 times in the past year.*
- *About half of respondents have visited Oar, Huddlestone, Harper and Lavendar Rd accesses.*
- *Myron, Shangri La and Hall Rd accesses received relatively low use (<20% of respondents).*

2. Lantzville has 6 established parks and 5 park properties that are currently undeveloped. The draft Plan proposes some improvements to these parks and properties over the next 10 years. Please let us know what you think of these suggestions or any other improvements that you would like to see.

*- indicates comment is repeated.

Park	Possible Improvements	Your Comments
Clark Drive	Interpretive signs along Bloods Creek	<p>**** Great Idea. Yes, Always good to educate. Improve access and signage. Park Identification sign. Clarify if this is school property or community property. Important to keep clean. Garbage can, pet bags & sign. Just fine as things are. We don't need more tax increases. No need. Even with map I don't know where this trail is. If vandalism and weather resistant. Copley Park entry sign is good example of simple, tough, low maintenance, vandal resistant signage. Replace with same.</p>
Copley Park	Remove tire border, replace gravel in playground; install metal basketball net; replace entrance sign	<p>*****Yes! ** Border, is fine. Not a risk. What is planned to replace tire border? * Improve for families & kids. Sand in sandbox needs to be rotated. * Just fine as things are. We don't need more tax increases. * Few more benches. New bark mulch paths Fill in more of ditch so playfield is more useable. Clean up the water in the pond? Doggy bags. Is the net made of metal for security reasons?</p>
Huddlestone Park	Remove tire border, replace gravel in playground; replace outhouse; introduce modest rental fee	<p>*** Yes. *** It seems fine as it is. *****Don't replace tires. Kids love them. Not a risk. Tire border is good for sitting and climbing on. What is planned to replace tire border? * Seats. * Gravel seems fine. *****Replace outhouse? It is fairly new. Replace outhouse with what? * A proper washroom facility, people love park and use often. Should be a toilet with running water for hand washing. Lock on outhouse always needs replacing. ***** No! Rental fee! * Good idea to have modest rental fee. For monitoring use, clean up. * Suggest a donation. * Rental fee for non-Lantzville residents and for-profit groups. Define "modest rental fee". By donation for events seems to work but minimum charge would be ok. Rental fee – for what type of use? Local residents shouldn't have to pay. Add toddler/tike park like playground/park at Beban. Add more play equipment, especially for older kids. Sand in sandbox needs to be rotated. We enjoy this park. What about a sand volleyball area? Appeal to family/clubs. Picnic shelter needs work i.e. roof. Please consider developing edge of Park near Lantzville Rd. to help disperse crowds to other part of the large area that never gets used. Consider moving the play equipment away from property owners. Also, please stop piling refuse in back corner of Park – has impact on neighbours of the park. Let the back area return to its natural state – some "wilderness." Sometimes it is good for children to just have a place that they can build forts and have it natural for natural play.</p>
Rotary Park	Remove tire border, replace gravel in playground; plant memorial trees as requested; improve	<p>***Yes! ** Keep the tires. Not a risk. What is planned to replace tire border? Add benches. Leave tires for prevention of injury of falls – also toddlers practice balancing. My daughter loves the trees. Appeal to family/clubs.</p>

Park	Possible Improvements	Your Comments
	drainage	<p>* Who wants memorial trees there? Should be a better location. Vandalism. Memorial tree program is too ad hoc and problematic, needs re-thinking. Just fine as things are. We don't need more tax increases.</p> <p>Add more play equipment.</p> <p>Put up lights to discourage teens.</p> <p>Make lower field into off-leash park.</p> <p>Too much watering.</p> <p>Nice Park</p>
Sebastian Park	None proposed	<p>Why not?</p> <p>*** Leave as is.</p> <p>* Useless, sell it and buy other parkland. This is not really a park as it is now.</p> <p>* Remove ivy. Keep paths clear. Keep clean</p> <p>No dogs!</p>
Tennis court	Clean up bonfire area; look at level of use, feasibility of upgrading surface	<p>** Great Idea.</p> <p>Yes for cleaning up fire pit area. Fire pit is full of nails.</p> <p>Keep clean.</p> <p>** Leave as is.</p> <p>**** I would use tennis court if upgraded.</p> <p>*** Keep courts in playing condition.</p> <p>** Surface at present is dangerous. Fix or remove.</p> <p>* Look at level of use first, but how do you get into? Get specific feedback from potential users.</p> <p>Promote drop-in, group & club use. Little known.</p> <p>What happened to tennis? Perhaps a summer tennis instruction program.</p> <p>Financial feasibility.</p> <p>Get rid of; possible skateboard park.</p> <p>Seating (bleachers, benches).</p>
Elm Road (undeveloped)	None proposed	<p>** Leave as is.</p> <p>* Keep rustic/keep clean. Green Space.</p> <p>Transfer to local strata!</p> <p>Tennis Court.</p> <p>Don't know where this is.</p> <p>Sign and boundary map.</p> <p>Park boundary markers.</p> <p>This park – over a fenced septic field – was supposed to be a local playing field, what happened?</p>
Jenna Road (undeveloped)	None proposed; incorporate into larger park with future development in this area	<p>**** Leave as is. Keep rustic/keep clean.</p> <p>Develop pedestrian and cycling trail</p> <p>Green Space.</p> <p>Don't know where this is.</p> <p>I think Lantzville needs a huge park for tourism and pleasure use. We have enough small parks here.</p>
Southwind Drive (undeveloped)	Trail links to Bayview Park Drive and future E&N corridor trail; benches and/or picnic table.	<p>*** Yes!</p> <p>*** Leave as is. Keep rustic/keep clean.</p> <p>In view of area population, this should be a priority.</p> <p>Link through.</p> <p>Trail cannot link to Bayview without crossing private property.</p> <p>Direction signs from Superior Rd should be added.</p> <p>Doggy bags.</p> <p>Develop ASAP.</p>
Stevens Road (undeveloped)	None proposed; incorporate into larger park with future development in this area	<p>** Leave as is.</p> <p>Keep rustic/keep clean.</p>
Ware Road (undeveloped)	None proposed; incorporate into trails associated with future park in Foothills Estates	<p>Yes!</p> <p>*** Leave as is. * Please keep natural as possible. Green Space.</p> <p>Improve trail systems that existed before all that awful development.</p> <p>Trails would be great.</p> <p>Would use.</p> <p>There aren't any signs or markers. Park boundary markers and identification.</p>

General Comments:

Tire borders are great for little ones to learn to balance, it helps them learn co-ordination.
 Would love to see a path / walkway to connect upper and lower Lantzville i.e. next to Ware Road. All need signs to inform re: uses.
 Waste of taxpayer's money.
 We also do not have an ice rink or Library or pool
 I think the money could go into the trail systems!
 Yes, additions seem useful.
 Don't use any of these parks enough to make suggestions (elderly).

Highlights regarding parks:

- Most of proposed improvements are alright, though many people did not want the tire borders at playgrounds removed.
- Mixed reviews regarding rental fee for Huddleston.

3. The draft Plan suggests some improvements to Lantzville's beach accesses. Please let us know what you think are priority improvements at which beach accesses:

*- indicates comment is repeated.

Possible Improvement (in order of popularity)	ALL	SOME S	NA	SOME ACCESSES – which ones?	Comments
Garbage can	63%	9%	28%	**Sebastion. Tweedhope. ** Lavender. Myron. Jacks. * All accesses. ** Where most used.	Is there not one already at most sites. Litter pick-up is needed – especially Lavender to Sebastion and Myron to Oar. Perhaps volunteer groups? Litter looks bad and could be dangerous to children. Must be chained. If they're there – they will be used. Assuming regular pick-up.
Pet bag dispenser	52%	7%	41%	* Sebastion. * Jacks. All accesses. ** Where most used.	*** Bring your own. *** Dog restrictions (May-Oct) and leash requirements. Have bags actually in dispenser.
'No parking 11pm-6am' sign	46%	3%	51%	Huddleston. * Lavender. The busiest ones. Jacks.	Allow fires at the beach if supervised. Is this a problem? 11 pm – 7 am. Need to enforce – restrict partying. Speed bumps – Harper Rd., Lavender, Oar Rd. If vehicle barrier, where is no parking on road accesses? Yes.
Vehicle barrier (to beach)	37%	6%	57%	* Oar. Sebastion.	* Not necessary. Waste of money. Where vehicles could get to beach. Yes, need to clear park space.
Bench	29%	11%	60%	* Harper. Lavender. * Tweedhope. * Oar. Through Lantzville District. Sebastion. Benwaldun.	* Keep all accesses as natural as possible. Driftwood & rocks. ** Not required. Memorial type similar to Qualicum. Concrete to stop vandals. * Vandalism. ** Where suitable. Main only.
Toilet - summer only	18%	22%	60%	***** Harper. * Lavender. ** Tweedhope. ***** Sebastion. *** Oar. *** Benwaldun.	** Not required. * We think these will be vandalized. Depending on usage. Absolutely not !!! What resident anywhere wants a public toilet outside their house?? Summer or year-round. Within 2 min walk of any access.

Possible Improvement (in order of popularity)	ALL	SOME s	NA	SOME ACCESSES – which ones?	Comments
				<i>Eby.</i>	<i>Too costly. If it will be maintained and kept clean.</i>
Toilet – year-round	13%	9%	78%	**** <i>Sebastion. Every 2nd or 3rd access. *** <i>Harper. * <i>Oar. Eby. * <i>Benwaldun.</i></i></i></i>	*** <i>Not required. ** <i>Depending on usage. If it is not an eyesore. Open to abuse. Main accesses only. Too costly.</i></i>
Picnic table	12%	7%	81%	<i>Harper. Lavender. Tweedhope. Sebastion. Oar. Yes, but unsure where.</i>	*** <i>Not required. * <i>No. Will be vandalized / garbage. Would wash away in winter. Keep natural as possible.</i></i>
Other?	11%	1%	88%	See "General Comments"	

General Comments:

** Boat Launch maybe at Oar Road.*

The appeal to our shoreline is its beauty and peacefulness – clean it and allow everyone to enjoy them.

If people want developed beaches, go to Nanaimo or Parksville. Lantzville beaches are beautiful because they are undeveloped.

We don't want to make our beaches into parks!

Keep all accesses as natural as possible. Huddlestone "as is".

We don't need this. Keep taxes down.

Improve access for the handicapped. Nowhere for teenagers to go. 3 ft. wide path (smooth – not steps) down to the beach at Lavender.

Have one handicapped access would be where money could be spent.

Find access and parking poor, would like to have at least some parks with picnic tables – your choice.

Signs that prohibit you from removing shells, etc. to protect the environment.

Most accesses need signs re: shell fishing, fires, etc. and info re: who to phone re: reporting problems.

Signs for litter fine.

Signs highlighting natural features of foreshore – Harper, Oar, Eby.

Signs, signs, everywhere signs... This is public property. How sad one cannot park at the beach at midnight for a swim anymore!

Tweedhope: remove no access, no turn sign.

A seven-foot boulder would be kind of nice.

Turn-arounds: Oar, Sebastion, Eby

Keep services to a minimum. Waste of taxpayer's money.

Toilets, benches & picnic tables:

- would encourage overnight campers and parties.

- not enough room to locate at road ends, open to abuse.

Most Lantzville beaches have become Nanaimo's toilet for dogs!

Why is the beach access at the end of Petersen blocked off / camouflaged / hidden and no one ever addresses this situation!

Walk my dog on the beach, all fine for us.

Highlights regarding waterfront accesses:

- *After garbage cans (71%), pet bag dispensers (59%), no-nighttime parking signs (49%) and vehicle barriers (43%) were the most desired improvements.*
- *Toilets received mixed reviews; some support for summer-only toilets particularly at Sebastion and Harper roads but concerns expressed about appearance, maintenance and vandalism.*
- *Benches received some support; picnic tables very little.*
- *Strong emphasis on keeping the accesses "natural" and relatively undeveloped.*
- *At the Oct 29 Open House, there were significant concerns raised by adjacent waterfront owners about the use of waterfront accesses by parties, drinking and drug abuse, and speeding cars along the access roads.*

The District will be receiving a 900-acre natural park as part of the Foothills Estates development. What do you think are priorities to support public enjoyment and safety as well as protect the environment in this future park? 1 = Low Priority, 3 = Medium Priority, 5 = High Priority.

Possible Facility Activity		1	2	3	4	5	N/A	Comments
Trails:	- For walking/hiking	3%	1%	3%	12%	76%	5%	10 years - hiked this area. Mark/flag trails. Crowd protected. Easy for seniors.
	- Some also useable for cycling	8%	6%	25%	24%	26%	11%	Most people use old roads. Would anyway.
	- Some also useable for horseback riding	34%	11%	22%	12%	7%	14%	** Most already are. * Would appreciate horseback riders to clean up after their horses. E.g. the trail used frequently by children and families has horse excrement blocking a portion of it by Aspengrove School.
Signs:	- Directional (e.g., maps, directions)	5%	8%	16%	22%	39%	10%	Keep people off habitat. Vandalism? At each trail junction. Limit signage to keep the area as natural as possible. A central map displaying trail system. At central site. Yes, on wilderness trails.
	- Interpretive (e.g., explain natural features)	11%	19%	28%	13%	19%	10%	Future. Explain history, etc. Youth to understand.
Trail-heads:	- Toilets	18%	12%	20%	23%	18%	9%	Would be fantastic!! High priority, no human waste please. * No. Depends on length of trail and discreet position of facility.
	- Parking for up to 10 cars	11%	2%	21%	19%	32%	15%	Future. Minimum car traffic. Depends on use. * Not pay parking.
	- Parking for more than 10 cars	39%	12%	5%	7%	12%	25%	** No.
	- Bike racks	27%	11%	16%	13%	16%	17%	You would be riding the bike. Only by toilets. Lockable.
	Information kiosk at a central site	33%	11%	22%	14%	8%	12%	* With trail maps. Post office or Town hall. Like in some prov. Parks.
	Information centre (staffed) at a central site	63%	4%	4%	3%	2%	24%	* Not required. * Too expensive. Summer student job at Sebastion? Seasonal at museum/visitors' centre.
	Environment: work with developer and residents to protect and restore sensitive ecosystems of area	2%	0%	8%	19%	60%	11%	Should be by developer only. Please!
	Other?	3%	1%	1%	4%	11%	80%	SEE "General Comments" below

General Comments:

*** Garbage cans.

* Off-leash dog area. Pet bags.

No free roaming dogs! Bylaw! Pets on leash signs.

It should be available to everyone, but we don't want to see it clear cut/destroyed. I feel badly for the animals as well. Please, please, please try and keep the natural beauty. In 10 years we have already seen some drastic changes and saddened by them. Please do a good job we can be proud of.

No hunting designation (& no shooting).

Let the developer do as much of the park development as possible. I think they are keen, so take advantage of it. It would give them the good PR. (Trails, Signage, etc.).

Give the 900 acres back and let them pay taxes.

Barrier to keep out vehicles.

Occasional shuttle bus from/to Town hall.

Access to Lone Tree and Copely is a must!

Keep things as natural as possible with minimum infrastructure.

Senior or low-income housing.

All I have seen is my taxes go up since becoming a District. Waste of taxpayer's money.

Many areas need reclamation.

Climbing access.

Website. Brochures showing trails. Small map available in commercial area of Lantzville that people can take away.

Signs at lookouts to identify mountains and interesting features.

Viewing area with spyglass, if can be saved from vandals.

Status of this park needs to be confirmed first.

Kiosk?! Staffed kiosk!! First I can't imagine how one can "work with developer" to protect and restore a sensitive ecosystem, after blasting / bulldozing the forest / mountain away to build a high-density development and instantly double the population of a town that has enjoyed a slow gradual increase of population for over 100 years. In my humble opinion, this question has been asked to help soothe the guilt of those who's pockets are being padded and egos are being petted by this unwanted development.

Re-establish the trails, would increase tourism if done properly, marked well, mapped.

ATV access; pass through.

Educational nature walks for all ages. Preserving our environment.

Chain-link fencing at vehicle accessible bluffs, restrict vehicle access to "viewpoints" overnight.

Please: need to consider viable / safe pedestrian / bikeway connecting core to main parks and link to Nanaimo Parkway Trail.

Ensure the natural beauty, environment and views are retained.

Vandalism to signs, benches, map dispensers, etc. is problematic and thought needs to be given to reducing the opportunity for vandalism before any such amenities are created.

At our age, we probably won't be using this property.

Highlights regarding future Foothills park:

- **Trails:**
 - Greatest support for trails for walking/hiking (88% - high priority).
 - Moderate to high support for cycling (50% - high, 25% - moderate priority).
 - Less support for trails for horseback riding (45% - low, 22% - moderate priority).
- **Signs:**
 - High support for directional signs (61% - high, 16% - moderate priority).
 - Moderate to high support for interpretive signs (28% - moderate, 22% - high priority).
- **Toilets at trailheads – moderate (20%) to high (41%) support.**
- **Parking – up to 10 cars considered moderate (21%) to high (51%) priority, but larger parking lots were a lower priority (51% rated as low).**
- **Bike racks received some support from 45% of respondents.**
- **An information kiosk received mixed response – 44% rated as low and 44% rated as moderate-high priority. A staffed information centre was rated as a mod-high priority by only 9% of respondents.**
- **Working with the developer to protect and restore sensitive ecosystems was a high priority for most (87%).**
- **Emphasis on keeping the area/development as natural as possible.**

5. Currently a small proportion (less than 2%) of your property taxes goes towards Lantzville’s parks and trails. Many improvements listed above will incur installation and ongoing operation and maintenance costs. To support improvements, would you be willing to pay more for Lantzville’s parks and trails?

No increase	\$10/yr	\$20/yr	\$25/yr	\$52/yr	No answer	Something else or comment
25%	22%	19%	26%	2%	6%	<p>Yes, but would like to see some costs for various improvements/ideas.</p> <p>** Our taxes should pay for this.</p> <p>We use the wilderness areas! Foothills should pay for trails there!</p> <p>* Developers provide more upfront \$ or work.</p> <p>Volunteer committees, groups could help.</p> <p>As long as it was spent well.</p> <p>Perhaps on value % of property amount.</p> <p>No more tax increases! Look at the useage of several of the small parks.</p>

Highlight: 67% of respondents are willing to pay \$10-25 per year towards parks and trails.

6. The draft Plan proposes that the District could make information available about the recreational programs that are offered by private operators and non-profit groups in the community. To help these organizations define what Lantzville residents would use, please indicate up to 3 types of recreational programs that would be of interest to you or your family if they were offered locally. {In order of number of times mentioned.}

***** Yoga. Tai Chi. Pilates.
***** Kayak / canoe skill/safety lessons, rental.
***** Guided walk on new trails.
***** walking/hiking groups.
***** Interpretive programs and walks; awareness of local environment for all ages; recognition of endangered plants and animals.
***** Exercise/ Fitness programs.
**** Safe biking trails (from traffic) for families. Bike rentals. Bike Group – youth.
*** Swimming lessons / pool. Swimming lessons in summer in ocean.
** Tennis club / lessons.
** Playgroups for kids – Active groups, outside adventure / play, small hikes.
** Gym/hall, fun/active play for families and children.
** Art classes for adults and youth.
** Something for seniors – dancing, bingo.
* Outdoor skills. GPS club – i.e. hiking, treasure hunting. First Aid. Safety, map reading/GPS training for would-be hikers.
* Bike paths, bike corridor, designated bike lanes, off-road biking.
Small paved bike path (located in a fenced park) for little bikers (10 years and below).
A directory of community groups. Need places in village to expand current activities.
Ball park.
Running trails.
Climbing Club.
Community Centre.
Cubs / Guides / Boys & Girls Clubs.
Drop-in volleyball / basketball / soccer / baseball / lawn bowling.
Evening (5-6pm) programs for small (3-7 years) kids.
Sport for children, teenagers & adults.
Provide something for teens especially evenings & weekends to keep them occupied.
Gym.

Gymnastics / Children's dance / Karate / T-ball.
Historical tours of the town.
Music and craft fairs.
Choirs, music groups, dance groups.
Pottery studio.
Public golf course?
Shriners.
Snorkelling Sebastian.
Family reunions.
Curling.
Information is now available – why duplicate. Possible to add as a link to website.
A directory of community groups would be an asset, and very useful. Need places with the village to be able to expand current activities (venues).
Not sure of the point of this question. Private operators can do their own business plan.

Highlights regarding recreational programs: Greatest interest for:

- Fitness programs, particularly yoga, tai chi, etc.
- Walking groups and guided walks.
- Small boat (kayak, canoe) programs.
- Interpretive programs about the natural environment.
- Activities for families and children.
- Biking opportunities and facilities.

7. Did you attend Mine Town Day/Coal Town Music Festival on September 8?

Yes 51% No 44% N/A 5%

If you did, please let us know what you thought about the event – what you liked, improvements for next year:

Coal Town Festival: suggested donation of \$5/kids & \$10/adults - drove a lot of people away. The artisans involved in Coal Town Festival suffered greatly. The suggested donation was too much! Families couldn't afford it. It shouldn't be almost as expensive as the Filberg, which is \$12/adult and offering an enormous amount of selection, food, music & activities.

I thought that Mine Town Days as a family event was successful. I am not sure that Coal Town Music Festival was necessary. The dance in the evening should have been better "explained". Did not know it was not affiliated with Mine Town Days and that it was its own organization raising money.

** Excellent! Great idea. Hope to see more of this. The pancake breakfast was great. I liked seeing all the kids.*

Enjoyed the music festival part and the small kiosks. Incorporate some story telling / mimes. Thought it was an improvement over previous years.

Did not attend – usually do. Heard it was very well organized, lots of interesting / entertaining venues. Liked the September date.

I thought it was terrific. Loved the music addition. Well done, organizers!

My children, husband, mother-in-law and I spent 4 hours enjoying ourselves! I really appreciate this event as I remember Mine Town Days as a child. It's a great way to celebrate living in our great town...Lantzville. Last year, I spent a tone of money for the day. I do realize many businesses contributed to the event. I like that there am more access to our children in town. Also, maybe vendors could be on School Rd. as access would be better from field.

I did but my husband didn't. I was out of town most of the day, but thought it looked successful. The red paint on side of road looks unsightly.

Liked it a lot. It was great for the kids. I did not like to pay \$10 at 4 pm to go to music festival.

Usually attend but not able this year due to date conflict.

Changing to September was great.

Have an easier system for waivers for games and rides.

Tremendously successful event. Our family – three generations – all found something fun or interesting. Lower charge to \$5 for music festival.

Much improved over previous years. Great to have music festival in the part at the same time. Important as brought lots of people in. More food (Salmon)? MIDDAY.

Great. Music, vendors on Lantzville Rd. Games on School field. It was great!! Best year yet!

I felt that to get into the park there should be no fee – just a donation.

**** We were away, but would normally attend this.*

Loved it! The best family oriented event on the mid-island. Brent & Woofy was popular with my son. We love that the price is low and truly family oriented. Wish list: seating in front of stage (Seaview), healthy food choices for sale (water booth should be at field?), crafts for the kids, maybe 2 days?

Brief walk through area.

Really enjoyed the music festival – excellent entertainment. Good idea to have Mine town Day in September. Better attendance than July. Keep the music festival.

Problem charging for park access to residents. Those with booths were at a disadvantage compared to others on Lantzville Road. Perhaps music (for a fee) should be inside Costin Hall. Few people seem to know rides were free.

Loved the music, the venue and booths. Big improvement. Follow recommendations from this year's organizers.

We thought the organizers did a fantastic job this year.

I think it is a great community builder and very important.

Very positive event, especially the music. Bandstand should be covered to protect musicians & instruments from sun/rain.

Suggest a possible local farmers' fair.

Very good this year and thoroughly enjoyed by our family.

Was well attended. Would like to see produce stalls as well as crafts. Lantzville needs a farmers' market with local produce (every weekend in season). Some of us don't buy California/Washington produce.

It was excellent. Very well done. I would like the music to be near the main part so I could do both. With kids and adults in one place. Have vendors around the edge.

Great expansion on what it used to be. Like to see more food booths, things for adults too.

Miss having the BBQ.

While I didn't attend this year. I did last year (my first). I must say that my impression was that from last year to this! Congratulations.

My kids loved it. Great community event. Well organized. This year was the best one so far.

I enjoyed it. It had a nice community feeling to it. Our family made a reasonable generous donation to enter the family area, we felt less compelled to pay again in order to enjoy the music. Could this be tied into one price?

Heard great things – I was away. Much in favour of the music and events! Good for the community.

Some confusion re 2 events on the same day! Children's activities at Mine Town at school at no charge. Music mostly for adults across street @ Huddlestone entrance fee. ? having on the same day?

Did not like having a fee for entry to Huddlestone! This practice makes life more difficult for young families.

We took our two granddaughters to Mine Town Days. It was our first time and we were very impressed. The girls had a wonderful time and we thought it was very well organised.

Music Festival was great (good job, Jerry Paquette!)

Need better control of paid access to Huddlestone Park – a number of people were simply coming in through the unmanned Huddlestone Road entrance or the opening in the chain-link fence behind the Heritage Church.

Loved that it was a "Community" event. Popcorn / cotton candy to be in field at school with kids stuff. Music Festival in Park – great idea. Stress more that entrance was by donation. \$10 suggested is a little steep. Maybe vendors would do better on street or school parking lot no inside with music. Not enough traffic. Numbers spray painted on road should have to be removed!

Exceptionally well done!! Awesome!!! The price was right!!

It was super, fantastic. We loved the fact that the road was closed, great community event.

Great improvement! If minimal admission fee to concerts would help, I'd pay it.

It was very fun to celebrate in Lantzville Days. You did an excellent job.

Yes! I thought it was fantastic! The music festival was brilliant and I hope to see this event grow. It would be nice to see more "Mine Town" events (especially for smaller children) over at Huddlestone so that families with younger kids can attend the music festival while their little one's are playing / entertained. (Just a thought – all in all the event was fabulous and greatly appreciated).

The best yet!!

Highlight: Strong support for the 2007 Mine Town Day event, with some concern about the cost of entrance to the Coaltown Music Festival.

Any other ideas or comments about Lantzville's Parks, Trails and Heritage/Recreation?

{Organized under topical headings.}

Parks:

There are no questions on what new parks or trails people want!!

We could use some real greenspace. Are you involved in Foothills Park planning?

Is there any RDN land that could be converted to parkland?

If done properly and with help from the forest industry, universities, government and private investment, Lantzville could become a showplace for community parks in BC and Canada.

Why so many little used parks and beach access. Why not consolidate and make something special.

Missing reference to Aspengrove fields, Arbutus park.

No mention or consideration of how much interest to purchase waterfront park. Would people really pay?

Trails & Journeyways:

We can't find these (Woodlot-Copley Trail, Lookout) trails because of all the development. It's bad. I would like to! Is there a map available?

** Need trail along E & N.*

Hydro Row Trail needs to be secured by lease or agreement.

Trail along Ware Road from lower to upper Lantzville. Trail along Lantzville Road from core to Nanaimo boundary.

Any chance of developing a powerline route that would connect to Nanaimo – Westwood Lake?

Love to see an equestrian trail (similar to Benson Meadows) throughout the Foothills.

Bike/walking trail from centre of Lantzville to connect with Nanaimo trails.

Do people want bike route along Lantzville to join E & N or Parkway Trail now at Mary Ellen?

I used to walk my dog on the trail behind the Philips Church. I finally quit in disgust. We enjoyed the deer, rabbits and bears but the human element made us switch to the beach.

We need sidewalks or some sort of path beside the highway. This path could be used by bikers, joggers, walkers. Why wasn't some path put in when they were digging up the side of the road! What about a path along Ware Road? It looks like one could easily go there.

There are a good number of people running on Aulds Road (us included) but there is not any shoulder in places on the road. As well, people bike on the road. A designated bike/walking/running lane would be a great asset. If we want to continue to encourage healthy living and if we want to keep our residents safe, this should be a priority.

Horse owners need to clean up after themselves.

We would love to be able to walk "safely" down Lantzville Road without concern for traffic. We need a multi-purpose path system for people to walk dogs, kids, and ride bikes.

Stevens Park Trail Plan developed for access to Lantzville Rd and closer to Sebastian Beach Access.

The concept of "Foothills to Foreshore" is great, but not even mentioned. Walking trails along Ware Road and other roads are essential.

Sidewalks along Dickinson and Lantzville Roads (or paved area) for walking and cycling.

Proper signage for designated trails. A trail along Lantzville Road to Dickinson Road might be nice.

Your map on the reverse side shows a (proposed road trail) extending from Lorenzen Lane across private property and a private driveway. The property owners built a road at their own expense to extend Lorenzen Lane to the Hydro Tower. The road beyond the Tower is a private road. We encounter problems with quads, dirt bikers and 4 x 4's spinning donuts and destroying the road. We would like you to remove the (proposed road and trail) indication from your maps as we did not build a public road across our land and have no intention of letting the public use it as such.

The road on your map connecting Southwind to Lorenzen Lane at the end is not a public road access. It crosses private property also. (Letter also received.)

Foothills:

The importance of Woodlot 1475 for providing trail and natural greenways/outdoor & hiking experience cannot be overstated – esp. for the residents of Northwind/Southwind area. We need to secure access.

There is a section along Knarston Creek, which has a prolific bloom of Trilliums. It is in the Woodlot but would be wonderful if this section could be protected.

I would like to see the Lantzville Foothill trails developed similar to trails in Strathcona, or in a way, Malcolm Island trail was designed with input and help from volunteers in our hometown. Making it original – people do come to visit to these special hikes, it would be a wonderful tourist attraction. With much history and heritage. I believe the trail system was mapped out with the history in the Lantzville paper in 1999? Very interesting article to many people.

Have you seen the clear-cut? What will become of us?

Waterfront:

I think a good boat launch, with parking for vehicles and trailers would be a major improvement to our waterfront, feasibility?

Parking area at Harper Rd. access needs improving. Also a speed bump is needed to slow cars going up the hill.

The finest beach in Lantzville is accessed from Benwalden Road. Unfortunately, parking is compromised by the property owners on either side of the access. The owner on the left side has built a berm along the side of his property. It extends four feet onto the road access. Further toward the water he has planted a laurel bush that takes up three and one half feet of the road. On the right hand side there are two large stumps covered with blackberry bushes. This takes up about six feet of the access. Further toward the water on the right side logs have been placed beside a fence and take up three feet of the access. Removal of these access impediments would be appreciated.

Have you plans for kayaking or any future waterfront park (apart from existing water access)?

Only minimal maintenance & development needed but a few should be developed with wheelchair access, including beach areas.

We need to control speeders on beach access roads and curtail late night loud music.

Need a waterfront walkway.

A nudist beach would be nice.

Beach access on Hall Road should be re-opened.

In the 70's many concerned people in the Lavender Road area tried very hard to keep beach access open and stop landing barges with houses on them (Nickel Bro) breaking away our access road onto our beach.

Village Centre:

Idea – redo Lantzville village core and road with centre gardens and medians and walkways, angle parking in village core, similar to Chemainus downtown.

May Bennet fields/tennis court/skateboard – use by dol. Keep them simple. Minimum impact on environment.

Would it be possible to plan for a weekend “Farmers’ Market” in the Town Centre, like the Downtown Nanaimo Market? Possible artist/craft fairs? How about a few more benches on Lantzville Road for us old ones?

Would be nice to have a bench (not fancy & concrete) ½ way on the Dickinson and Lantzville Roads.

Anything that brings community members together in public spaces is a good thing.

Permanent museum and seasonal visitors’ centre in District owned building between Huddleston Park and Costin Hall. Creation of pedestrian-oriented “civic centre” integrating Huddleston Park, museum, Costin Hall properties into one park, garden, museum/visitors’ centre and community hall signature “civic centre.”

Programming:

What are the possibilities of investigating the community school concept with School District 68 re: use of Seaview School for an increased range of activities? (I know that this is not a new idea).

Information:

Provide a map (maybe in log or brochures) of parks & trails. I support emphasis on greenspace and protecting it in its natural environment.

Didn't know about several of the parks. Where is the information? Suggest an annual info package; this questionnaire helps.

Costs:

All I have seen is my taxes go up since becoming a District!

Most seniors in your area live in poverty. Since Lantzville has become a District, taxes have doubled. The seniors of Lantzville – the majority – still are paying mortgages and some can never retire.

I am afraid of “Grand” changes – tax increases, by-laws. Afraid of the path this current council is choosing.

“Keep it natural”

I think many people live in Lantzville because it has a rural, community feel, and they can easily access hiking trails and the beach.

Please maintain the natural look of parks and trails. Reduce signage on trails or have small, discrete signage. Keeping a natural setting would probably not require an increase in fees.

We love the rural type setting. We have lived here for 10 years and we do a lot of hiking/backpacking with our dogs.

Keep our community green and as natural as possible e.g. no seawalks, docks or launching ramps on the beach. No rampant removal of trees or forestland.

Leave things as they are. Keep the “small town” atmosphere of Lantzville by maintaining the current level of services at the parks.

Leave them natural. There are many developed parks, if that's what people want, they can go to one already developed. Very few are left that are natural/undeveloped.

To be kept natural as possible – man always seems to think he can do a better job than nature. The Highways land at the top of Henby Rd. E. adjacent to sights, is that perhaps going to be made into a park?

Dogs:

Free running dogs are a serious issue!

There should be a May to Oct ban on dogs on the beach. Also they must be on leashes so humans can enjoy our beautiful beachfront without the fear of dogs off leash. It's a serious concern.

We do not visit the waterfront and local beach as often as we would like to, due to the number of dogs on and off leash on the beach.

We were at the beach one hot evening in July; there were 7 large off leash dogs on the beach and in the water. If the dogs are off leash, their owners are not picking up after them. Dog feces at this time of year when our children are on the beach and in the water is of more concern to us than providing outhouses at beach accesses.

I absolutely love dogs and love to see them at beach. But not June – Aug when kids are in bare feet and not everyone is picking up after their pooch. Maybe they should not be allowed July & Aug.

Other:

I think you are on the right track. Sorry we will not be here for the open houses.

Library, preserve our environment, playgrounds for our kids, educate the public on taking care of our natural resources, encourage healthy lifestyles.

Yes, appreciate the survey. Need to ensure new plans are supported with the resources necessary to make them work. E.g. park benches, maintenance of view, safe parking, thanks.

We could strive for one of the first sustainable communities. We are in need of this direction.

Lantzville is a very special place.

Highlights:

- *Strong emphasis on “keep it natural” with respect to parks, waterfront accesses and trails.*
- *Strong interest in trails and journeyways (safe access along roads), and requests for information about trails particularly in the foothills.*
- *Concerns expressed by landowners regarding trail designations on private property.*
- *Many ideas and suggestions about waterfront accesses and possible improvements.*
- *Concerns expressed about free-ranging dogs and dog droppings.*

