

WESTWOOD LAKE PARK AMENITY IMPROVEMENTS



REIMAGINE NANAIMO Phase 1

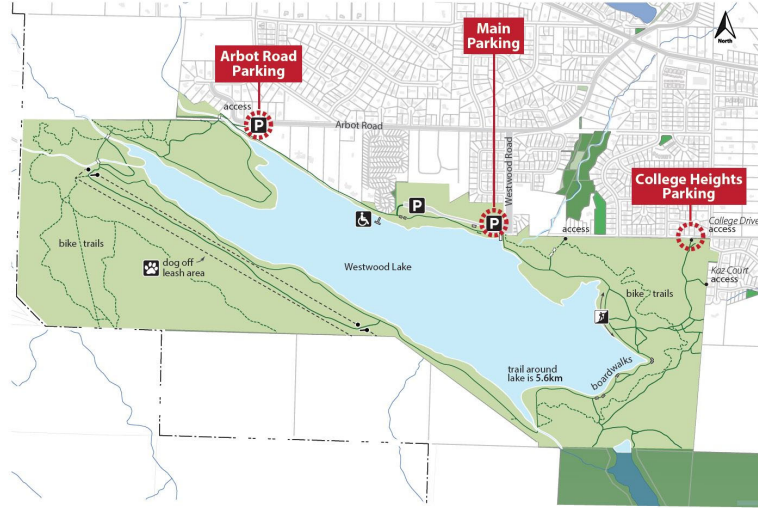
Community feedback was collected through Phase 1 of REIMAGINE Nanaimo regarding a variety of community issues. Westwood Lake Park was specifically brought up through engagement with several community organizations including the Westwood Neighbourhood Association (Friends of Westwood), immediate park neighbours, community groups such as Adapt Island, Nanaimo Child Development Centre, Spinal Cord Injury BC, Access BC, Nanaimo mountain bike club, and many sport and special event groups.

A short summary of the input includes:

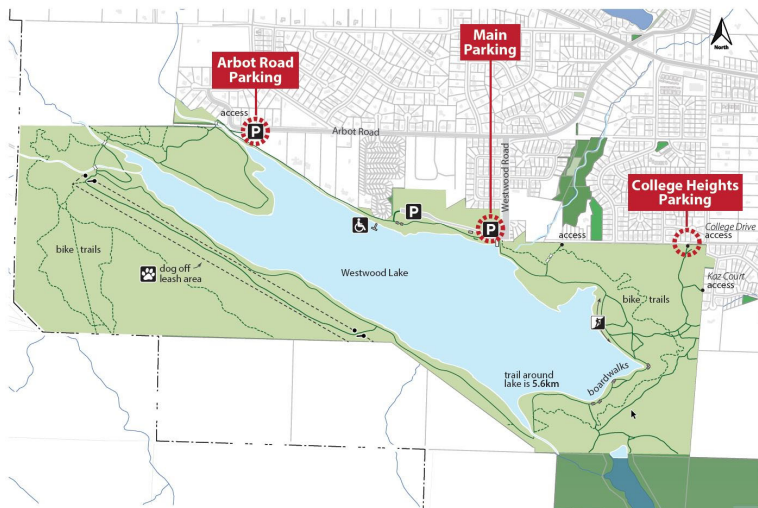
- Maintaining the park as natural area as much as possible;
- Addressing overuse concerns including issues with trail maintenance, trail widths, parking areas, and parking overflow;
- Continuing to acquire additional land parcels to increase the park size;
- Improving traffic flow, conflicts between multiple park users, and emergency access;
- Considering structures for events and group park use such as a picnic shelter;
- Adding park amenities including a new playground, picnic facilities, activities like sand volleyball, and areas with shade etc.;
- Adding site furnishings including seating, picnic tables, ping pong tables, etc.;
- Addressing universal accessibility concerns – washrooms, parking, access to water; adaptive single track trails, boat launch, fishing pier, signage and trail condition information;
- Expanding single track trail networks for mountain biking and wilderness recreation; and,
- Improving amenities and access to the lake for recreational fishing.



Project Location



Park Zoning



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First Beach and main parking site today



60 standard parking stalls
4 accessible parking stalls
High conflict locations
Limited universal access

Interchangeable Ideas



- EXISTING SINGLE TRACK TRAIL
— EXISTING ACCESSIBLE TRAIL
- - - PROPOSED ACCESSIBLE TRAIL
- Key Features:**
- 75 additional standard parking stalls (134 in total)
 - 2 additional accessible parking stalls (6 in total)
 - 840 square metres of additional beach/picnic area
 - new playground
 - new 3 metre wide multi-use trail
 - renovated washroom/lifeguard station
 - non-motorized boat launch to remain
 - new emergency access
 - new trees to be planted in excess of trees removed
 - stormwater management feature to capture and filter rainwater
 - universally accessible features, including beach and water access that would be wheelchair accessible

Interchangeable Ideas



- EXISTING SINGLE TRACK TRAIL
— EXISTING ACCESSIBLE TRAIL
- - - PROPOSED ACCESSIBLE TRAIL
- Key Features:**
- 55 additional standard parking stalls (114 in total)
 - 2 additional accessible parking stalls (6 in total)
 - gravel parking stalls reduce impervious area
 - 840 square metres of additional beach area
 - new accessible washroom/lifeguard station
 - new picnic area
 - new 3 metre wide multi-use trail
 - boat launch to be relocated to second parking lot
 - new emergency access
 - new trees to be planted in excess of trees removed
 - new playground at second beach area
 - stormwater management feature to capture and filter rainwater

Upcoming Process and Key Dates

- Survey will be open through October 31st
- Onsite information signage
- Door to door info flyers
- Social media and online information (getinvolvednainimo.ca)
- Upcoming stakeholder meetings including park neighbours and accessibility advocates
- In person engagement at the park and pop up booths
- Committee Review (like the ACAI)
- Summary reviewed by Council in fall with the potential to proceed to more design work for future consideration

