

# Cambie Park – PIP Grant Proposal

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Dear Reviewing Members

Please accept this proposal by the residents of Cambie Park and surrounding area, to the Partners in Parks Program (PIP) for a grant to develop an intergenerational playground and community gathering place at Cambie Park. We are requesting a matching grant to install playground equipment, half sport court (basketball/hockey), swing set, picnic shelter, picnic tables, benches, water fountain, notice board, split rail fencing and suitable plantings to increase usage of the park, particularly by area children.

## **Cambie Road Background**

Cambie Park and surrounding area has experienced a tremendous surge in population with the rapid development of large parcels of farmland being subdivided into streets of new homes. The proposed Cambie Park is located at Park Ave and Cambie Rd, situated between the developments of Orchard Estates and Park Ave Heights.



The above landscape has dramatically changed in the last year, with nearly all but two of the above empty lots either showing completed homes, or active builds. From what you see here, there have been another 23 single family dwelling built, with nearly all of those also having legal suites situated within them.

As the area is so new, and always changing, there are no formal demographics available, yet. At first glance, it appears that the demographics are strongly weighted towards younger couples with children of all ages. The summer weather does reveal the many children that live in the area as they play outside, and in the streets, with a wide range of ages, primarily appearing to be in the 7-13 age range. Parents can also be seen pushing strollers and walking their dogs, stopping to chat with their new neighbor, and say hello to a new furry friend.

The formation of the Cambie Rd Block Watch has already formed a strong bond of community, with a meet and greet BBQ, hosted by one of our longtime residents on a neighbouring, larger property, plus a kids pumpkin carving contest, and “Back to School” pizza party for the local kids to get to know each other.

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## Block Watch keeps an eye out



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**Cheryl Gruenwald and other Block Watch members meet for a barbecue last month.**

Block Watch can always use a few more neighbours keeping an eye on things.

Shirley Gremyachev, Cambie Road Block Watch captain, said her group had a great time at a recent barbecue get-together and she said in an e-mail she wants “to encourage this excellent RCMP volunteer program to keep our neighbourhoods safe and secure.”

Search the City of Nanaimo website for more information about Block Watch.





Back to school pizza night hosted by Shirley Gremyachev





Pumpkin carving contest hosted by Shirley Gremyachev





### **Neighbourhood Interest**

An initial neighbourhood meeting was held in June 2017 from there a PIP Program Park Committee was created and the neighbours began planning for the Cambie Road Park improvements. Since then the committee has started research, seeking community feedback and creating awareness of the project.

Our committee has been canvassing the local area to encourage interest in the park and explain the PIP Program. Members of our community are aware of the commitment, in terms of time and finances that will be required to ensure the vision of Cambie Road Park is realized. So far, the community support has been positive with many families and individuals already offering to help.

We are in the early stages of fundraising and have a strong plan in place to keep momentum building and solidify the required funding. Our fundraising plan to date includes:

- Neighbourhood canvassing underway to encourage interest and request donations of time, equipment and money
- Bottle donations are being accepted and returned for refund
- Neighbourhood garage sale
- Corporate sponsorship and service club requests are underway

## **Current Park Background**

The current green space was laid with irrigation and seeded with lawn grade grass by the developer of Orchard Estates. Currently, there are no other features to the park, and the only activity observed is a shortcut path from Park Ave to Cambie Rd.

## **Project Proposal**

Cambie Road Park has the potential to be a great community green space and the 'hub' of the neighbourhood. A wonderful gathering place for neighbours to share, visit and meet each other. The objective is to have Cambie Road Park be rejuvenated into a versatile green space for all community neighbours to use and enjoy, and for local children to have a safe space to play.

- New park signage to improve the park awareness, shifting to public notice board once complete.
- Playground equipment zone with safety surfacing and age appropriate equipment. (Age 3-5)
- Playground equipment zone safety surfacing. (Age 5-12)
- Swing set with belt and baby swings.
- Paved sport court for sport games (basketball/hockey) and chalk art and to provide an additional hard surface area for safe play, including chain-link fencing on one side
- Shade trees to line space facing the streets
- Picnic shelter with 2 picnic benches (location TDB)
- Water fountain
- Split rail fencing to prevent children from running onto the road (2 side of park)
- Incorporate and improve existing irrigation to new configuration
- Trach can



### **Budget and Community Fundraising**

- Community members will provide labor to prepare the site and install the equipment.
- Fundraising will be undertaken to augment project funds.

We recognize that significant donations of time, labor, materials and services will be necessary to upgrade Cambie Road Park. Already, several residents have expressed their willingness to contribute to this project. As a new housing community, we also have developers, builders, landscapers and realtors working in the area on an ongoing basis, many of who may be willing to help. We are confident in our ability to fulfill our financial, time and labour obligations to this project.

## Phase 1

Item		Cost
Notice Board		\$1,800
Perimeter Split Rail Fence (2 sides)		\$3,600
Trash Can		\$500
Water Fountain		\$2,500
Irrigation Re-configuration		\$2,000
Sport Court	Benches x2	\$3,000
	Installation	
	Site Preparation (secured equipment & operator)	\$5,000
	Paving	\$13,000
	Basketball Net	\$1,300
	Hockey Net	\$900
	Fencing (chain-link, one side)	\$3,000
Installation		
		<b>\$36,600</b>

## Phase 2

Item		Cost
Playground (ages 3-12)	Climber	\$25,000
	Wood fibre	\$6,000
	Installation	
Swing	Belt/Baby swings	\$10,000
	Wood fibre	\$3,000
	Installation	
		<b>\$44,000</b>

## Phase 3

Item		Cost
Site Furnishings	Picnic Shelter	\$15,000
	Concrete	\$7,000
	Picnic Tables x2	\$4,000
	Installation	
		<b>\$26,000</b>

**Total Cost of Cambie Road Park**

**\$106,600**



### **Funding Request**

Given our projected budget of \$105,600, we request a **PIP grant in the amount of \$25,000 to complete phase 1 in 2018**, with community donations of cash, materials, machinery and labor to cover the remainder of the cost.

### **Conclusion**

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the PIP program, and for your consideration of our application.

Should you have any questions or require clarification, please contact us below. We will be happy to respond and/or to direct you to a committee member who can provide the necessary information.

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Yours sincerely,

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