

ATTACHMENT B
UPDATE ON ACCESSIBILITY
IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY PARKS AND TRAILS

Parks and Trails Accessibility Improvements & Assessments



2023-2026 Workplan

ACAI WORKPLAN:

The goal of the workplan is to reduce barriers and improve equity and access to City residents in alignment with City Plan, the Integrated Action Plan priorities, and the terms of reference of the ACAI committee.

Topic	Overview
Accessibility in City Parks, Facilities & City Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick Hansen Foundation priorities for allocation of funds for the audited facilities. • Determine priority for accessibility audits for other City facilities • Advise City staff on procedures and best practices for reducing barriers in facilities & infrastructure • Advise City staff on specific projects as needed
City Plan: Nanaimo Reimagined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input on internal style guide for inclusive language for municipal communications internally & externally • Statement on Accessibility, Equity and Inclusion • Input on other Integrated Action Plan items as needed

Part A

Integrated Action Plans and Ongoing Projects

Part B

Parks and Open Space Accessibility Assessments

A

Integrated Action
Plan Priorities



Westwood Lake Park

Ref.	Programs & Project	Connected City Plan Policies
RECREATIONAL TRAILS		
ONGOING (Ongoing & Repeated)		
44	Westwood Lake Park Trails Work with user and bike groups to continue to maintain and expand the diversity of single-track trails. In addition, consider conflict reduction routes and techniques for mountain bikers at First and Second Beach.	» C2.3.3
128	Westwood Lake Park Complete improvements at First Beach including accessible parking as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusivity.	» C4.3.6 » C4.3.7



Inclusive & Accessible Washrooms (Amenity Buildings)

Ref.	Programs & Project	Connected City Plan Policies
ACCESS FOR ALL		
ONGOING (Ongoing & Repeated)		
121	Conduct an inventory of all City-owned public buildings and facilities to identify those that would benefit for accessibility and gender diversity updates and create a prioritized list for upgrades, aligning with planned park and facility upgrades where possible.	» C4.3.6
C4.2.7	Develop an awareness campaign for local businesses to improve access to washrooms for people with mobility challenges, seniors, and children.	» C4.2.5
	Design all new washroom facilities, and retrofit existing facilities, where possible, to include universal and gender neutral spaces.	» C4.2.7
	Where possible, provide safe, clean, and accessible washroom facilities, including change tables for children and adults, throughout the city to enhance public space experiences for all.	» C4.3.12



Accessible Beaches

Ref.	Programs & Project	Connected City Plan Policies
ACCESS FOR ALL		
IMMEDIATE (0-4 YEARS)		
95	Accessible Beaches I Install accessible beach access at popular beach locations such as Westwood Lake First Beach, Swy-A-Lana Lagoon, Loudan Park, Neck Point Park, Colliery Dam Park, and Departure Bay.	» C4.3.6 » C4.3.7



Maffeo Sutton Park & the Queen Elizabeth Walkway

Ref.	Programs & Project	Connected City Plan Policies
AN EMPOWERED NANAIMO		
171	Maffeo Sutton Park Waterfront Improvements I Implement waterfront-specific recommendations from the Maffeo Sutton Park Master Plan including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Habitat quality improvements along the Millstone River and estuary;➤ Addition of locations that allow physical access to the water (for car-top vessels, fishing, and improved beach access); and➤ Beach, kayak launch, and accessibility enhancements of the beach at the north end of the Queen Elizabeth II Promenade.	» C4.10.11 » C4.10.17 » C4.10.18



Beaufort Park

Ref.	Programs & Project	Connected City Plan Policies
IMMEDIATE (0-4 YEARS)		
171	Beaufort Park Wellness Walkways I Complete wellness walkways through Beaufort Park with trails surfacing upgrades, universally accessible features, and site furniture and comforts, as part of the Beaufort Park Plan implementation.	» C4.3.2 » C2.3.3



Beban Park Master Plan

Ref.	Programs & Project	Connected City Plan Policies
RECREATIONAL, CULTURE & WELLNESS		
ONGOING (Ongoing & Repeated)		
95	Beban Park Master Plan I Continue the phased implementation of the Beban Park Master Plan and the Beban Park Facility Plan with updates based on engagement from the City Plan – Nanaimo Relmagedin process.	» C3.6.22
125	Beban Park Pool I Implement recommendations from the Beban Pool accessibility audit.	» C4.3.6 » C4.3.7



Accessibility Information



Ref.	Programs & Project	Connected City Plan Policies
IMMEDIATE (0-4 YEARS)		
45	Complete a wayfinding signage network update and develop an online app-based program for the recreational trail system that includes information on trail accessibility levels and special features.	» C2.3.2 » C2.3.3
46	Create an implementation plan for more inclusive trails on City-owned sites including trails, trailheads, signage and information, and more.	» C2.3.10
ACCESS FOR ALL		
ONGOING (Ongoing & Repeated)		
120	Continue to explore and implement existing and emerging technologies to improve access to City services online, via phone, and in person for citizens with audio-visual accessibility needs.	» C4.3.3



Other Priorities?

- Trail rider storage
- Design/Maintenance Standards
- Adaptive Trail Project Alignment

B

Recommended Accessibility Assessments



Westwood Lake Trail System



Oliver Woods Grounds



Neck Point Park



Stadium District



Harewood Centennial Park





Beaufort Park



Bowen Park





Waterfront Walkway



Ideas for Future
Assessment Locations?

Moving Forward

- Internal Staff may conduct assessments
- Additional staff to be trained in 2024
- Budget and hire external assessors

- Bring assessment outcomes back to committee
- Budget for recommended improvements in future years