

Village of Pemberton

# Parks Master Plan

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Comment [TWS1]:** To be completed following community consultation

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Village of Pemberton Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan is an initiative to ensure that the residents of the Village of Pemberton and surrounding regional communities are well served by public parks and open spaces.

The Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan includes an inventory and evaluation of existing parks and open spaces that informed area specific recommendations and community-wide recommendations for Pemberton. The Master Plan comprises two components: the Master Plan Report; and the Master Plan Map.

The Master Plan Report provides:

- Background context
- Village park and open space planning directions
- Inventory and evaluation of existing parks
- Specific recommendations for existing parks and open spaces
- Community wide recommendations for parks and open spaces

The Master Plan Map highlights:

- Existing parks and open spaces
- Location of future planned/undeveloped parks
- Established neighbourhoods and future development areas
- Areas of ecological significance and sensitivity
- Opportunities for linkages and green corridors

**Comment [TWS2]:** Please note that the final Master Plan map will not be prepared until there has been public consultation on the text (due to budget limitations)

### 1.1 Plan Scope

The Village Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan is intended to set the direction for parks and open space and guide Council and the public in strategic decision-making. Specific parks and open space issues to be addressed include:

- Parks and open spaces within Village municipal boundaries
- Joint use agreements and partnerships
- Financial sustainability opportunities

### 1.2 Acknowledgements

The general layout and community-wide recommendations were based on the park and recreation planning documents of the District of Squamish, City of Revelstoke, and Town of Ladysmith as well as several well recognized planning associations and groups including the Project for Public Spaces. Thank you to the above municipalities and agencies for sharing their experience.

## 2.0 BACKGROUND

This section is intended to provide an in-depth understanding of the importance of parks and open spaces in enhancing the quality of life for our community. In addition, this section provides a detailed overview of current recreation and leisure trends as well as key demographics and characteristics of the Village of Pemberton population which will influence planning a successful parks and open spaces network for the community.

### 2.1 Roles and Benefits of Parks and Open Spaces

Parks and open spaces play a significant role in creating complete and sustainable communities as follows:

- a) *Social and Cultural Exchange.* Parks and open spaces provide a public and neighbourhood space for recreation, physical activity, leisure, and social gathering and interaction. Parks and open spaces generally enhance community quality of life and mental health via:
  - Healthy, active living
  - Stress reduction
  - Community cohesion, goodwill, and civic pride
  - Cultural exchange understanding
  
- b) *Ecological Protection.* Open spaces conserve and enhance a community's natural resources and biodiversity<sup>1</sup> by providing tree sanctuaries, wildlife habitats, and natural infrastructure systems. Equally important, they offer a break from urban density and built form and a space to understand and relate to the natural world. The ecological benefits of parks and open spaces enhance community quality of life through:
  - Clean air and water
  - Shelter and shade from the elements
  - Bio-diversity and resistance to pests and disease
  - Stress reduction and increased mental health
  
- c) *Economic Development.* Parks and open spaces are a powerful economic catalyst enhancing property values, attracting tourism and new business as well as entrepreneurial activities such as street markets, and recreational programming. Economic development has a positive impact on a community's quality of life through:
  - Urban revitalization
  - Stronger and more diverse local economies
  - Reduced capital and maintenance costs of low impact and green infrastructure systems

### 2.2 Current Trends and Planning Considerations

Several major demographic, environmental, and economic trends have an impact on parks planning in Pemberton:

- *Reduced leisure time.* Canadians have less leisure time to relax, recreate, and socialize. This is especially true for the age range from schoolchildren to the mid-fifties who have time-consuming responsibilities, such as school, work, and raising families<sup>2</sup>. The impact of this on parks and recreation is increasing demand for:
  - Non-traditional hours of operation (day and night)
  - Multi-purpose facilities offering a range of activities for all members of the family
  - Informal, casual activities, such as drop-in programs, skate board parks, and walking trails
  
- *Aging.* Canada's aging population is expected to have a huge impact on communities within the next 10 years. The 65+-year age group has the most amount of leisure time and require park

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<sup>1</sup> Emina Sendich, Planning and Urban Design Standards, American Planning Association

<sup>2</sup> Trends in Parks and Recreation, 2008

facilities and activities that support their specific needs. To include this demographic, community parks must be highly accessible and incorporate the interests of this age group.

- *Decline in organized sports.* Participation in formal organized sports, such as baseball, tennis, and golf is declining in Canada with swimming and walking now listed as the most popular activities across all age categories<sup>3</sup>. This decline has a concurrent significant increase in preferences for:
  - Natural open spaces
  - Trails
  - Green corridors and park connections
- *Eco-tourism.* Eco/adventure tourism is now leading the tourist sector in both Canada and the Sea to Sky Region<sup>4</sup>. Accessible natural open spaces and well-designed and appealing parks attract this growing sector.
- *Sustainability.* Increasing environmental awareness and demand for sustainable development represents a major shift in community and government priorities. Key indicators of the impact this movement has on community planning include:
  - Strong public demand for environmental preservation and natural spaces
  - Increasing requirement for the use of green infrastructure and low impact development methods
  - Federal and provincial funding tied directly to clear sustainability measures

### 2.3 Successful Park Planning and Design

The following are four key success factors to creating great urban parks.<sup>5</sup>

- **Sociability.** Considered the most important success factor for a park, sociability means designing and planning parks that naturally support and encourage the meeting, interaction, and gathering of people.
- **Broad uses and activities.** Successful parks offer a broad range of things to do that appeal to all age groups, interests, and abilities year-round and include both passive activities (sitting, chatting, nature study) and physical activities (sports, walking, jogging).
- **Accessibility.** Well-used parks are integrated into the community street and trail networks, are easily accessible for a mix of transportation (pedestrian, bicycle, wheelchair, vehicle) and connect to trails and other areas of the community. The ability to quickly and easily walk to a park or open space within 5-10 minutes of residential areas is essential to a park's use and success<sup>6</sup>.
- **Comfort and Image.** People are most attracted to parks that are safe, clean, attractive, and have enticing facilities and amenities. Parks should be highly visible from the street with street frontage on at least one side.

The Village parks in this Master Plan are assessed on these four key success factors.

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<sup>3</sup> Parks and Recreation Trends,

<sup>4</sup> Visitor Statistics 2001-2008, Tourism Pemberton

<sup>5</sup> Creating Great Urban Parks, Kathy Madden and Fred Kent, Project for Public Spaces

<sup>6</sup> Project for Public Spaces,

## 2.4 Park Classification and Standards

Urban parks are typically classified into several categories based on their size, service area, facilities, and function in the community. Below is an outline of the different park categories that are relevant to the Village of Pemberton<sup>7</sup>.

Type	Service Area	Size	Key Characteristics	Pemberton Example
<b>Community Feature Parks</b>	2-3 km from all residential	Minimum of 2.5-5.0 acres/1,000 population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Natural features</li> <li>- Horticultural interest</li> <li>- Open space</li> <li>- Stages, band stands, culture and art</li> </ul>	One Mile Lake
<b>Community Active Parks</b>	1-2km from all residential	Minimum 5.0 acres/1,000 population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation Centres</li> <li>- Sports fields</li> <li>- Multi-use courts/Multiplex</li> </ul>	Old Community Centre
<b>Neighbourhood Parks</b>	400-800m (5-10 minute walk) from immediate residential	1.25-2.5 acres/1,000 population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Informal open space</li> <li>- Passive recreation</li> <li>- Playgrounds</li> <li>- Sports fields (including school fields)</li> </ul>	Zurcher Park
<b>Special Use Parks</b>	Varies – ½ km to 30 minute drive radius	Varies	Usually single-purpose use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Linear Parks</li> <li>- School fields</li> <li>- Parkettes/Mini parks</li> <li>- Viewpoints</li> </ul>	Skate and Bike Skills Park
<b>Open Spaces</b>	Varies	Varies – typically minimum of 50 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Non-programmed space</li> <li>- Preserve unique features, sensitive ecosystems, and green connections</li> </ul>	One Mile Lake
<b>Green Corridors</b>	Varies	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Connect fragmented ecological habitats into network within and beyond municipal boundaries</li> <li>- Habitat and transportation corridors through areas of intensive land use (agricultural and urban)</li> <li>- Access &amp; connection routes for people</li> </ul>	Arn Canal

## 2.5 Village of Pemberton Context

The Village of Pemberton is a small, rural community located in the Sea to Sky Corridor. With a local population of 2,192<sup>8</sup> (estimated at 2,500 in 2009) the Village is the central hub for the surrounding communities and has a total regional population of 6,000. As it is a gateway to provincial parks and wilderness and has a high standard of living, the Village is popular for young adults and families.

This section provides background information specific to the Village of Pemberton that will influence park and open space planning.

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<sup>7</sup> Based on the Revelstoke Parks Master Plan, Squamish Parks and Recreation Plan, and Ladysmith Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan

<sup>8</sup> 2006 Village of Pemberton Community Profile, Statistics Canada

### a) Legal Overview

The Village *Official Community Plan* outlines the community's land use policies specifically related to parks and development. Key goals and policies from the OCP relevant to the Parks Master Plan include:

- The community's strong desire to maintain a rural lifestyle, protect the natural environment and features of the Valley, and preserve the heritage and character of the Village.
- Policy No.24 requires the provision of parkland, or money in lieu of, from the owner of any land being subdivided in accordance with Section 941 of the *Municipal Act*.
- Policy No.25 states that the Village will develop and maintain One Mile Lake to be accessible for all residents and visitors while recognizing the ecological value and function of the lake.
- OCP Policy No. 4.3.1 requires that all multi-family residential developments provide sufficient common public green space for all users depending on the projected mix of residents expected for the development and that park space provided is of adequate size for its function.

The majority of established neighbourhoods within the Village have peaked in terms of their capacity to support significant population growth in the future. The *Official Community Plan* proposes that residential growth over the next 5-10 years (from 1999) should occur in the following areas:

- The Benchlands
  - Addition of 500 dwelling units
  - Benchland Neighbourhood Concept proposes 503 single and multi-family dwelling units and a total residential population of 1,668
- Valley Infill
  - Addition of 200 dwelling units
  - BCR Properties/Signal Hill Homes Community Concept proposes more than 400 single and multi-family units in the Village core
- Town Centre
  - Addition of 50 dwelling units
  - Approved development permits include addition of 60 multi-family units in the downtown, plus the second phase of BCR Properties/Signal Hill Homes.

### b) Demographic Overview

The following provides a high level overview of the demographics and characteristics of the Village population:

- Rapidly growing population:
  - 33.5% growth rate from 2001-2006
  - 50% increase in population expected by 2025 (2,752 in 2010 to 4,828 in 2025)<sup>9</sup>
  - SLRD Regional Growth Strategy states "Strong, sustained growth is predicted for the SLRD in the next thirty years. The population of the region is projected to almost double again in the period from 2003 to 2031: from 35,141 residents to 68,153 residents"<sup>10</sup>
  - "... the primary factors driving growth [in the SLRD] include lifestyle reasons, **increasing demand for recreational services**, economic and employment

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<sup>9</sup> Economic Strategy, Resort Municipality of Whistler, 2005

<sup>10</sup> Regional Growth Strategy, Squamish Lillooet Regional District, 2007

opportunities, **natural beauty and environmental qualities**, and proximity to the Lower Mainland."<sup>10</sup>

- Youthful population and strong child oriented community:
  - Median age of 32.7 years (below the provincial average of 40.8 years)
  - 30% of the population is under the age of 25
  - 10% of the total population is under the age of 5
- Small senior/retirement population:
  - 3% of the total population is over 65 years of age
  - Aging is not expected to have a major impact on the community
- High density urban population
  - Small land area of 4.45 km<sup>2</sup>
  - 492.1 people per km<sup>2</sup>
  - 50% of population lives in multi-family residential (town homes and apartments)
  - 12% of population lives in single-family homes
  - Heavy use of secondary suites in single family homes

### c) Recreation and Leisure Overview

The Village is a highly active community with a heavy focus on recreation and leisure. Key factors determining recreation interests include:

- Increasing community demand to expand existing recreation facilities
- Community desire to secure public access to multi-use sports fields and facilities
- Priority on youth issues and increasing opportunities for youth recreation
- Strong participation and interest in outdoor and adventure recreation
- Increasing demand for pedestrian and bike trails
- Large population of dog owners

In addition the Village is surrounded by a wealth of year-round recreation and leisure activities including:

- Whistler Resort (25 minutes drive radius):
  - Ski hills and bike parks
  - Nordic skiing
  - Extensive walking, biking, and multi-activity trails
  - Multi-use sports fields and facilities
  - Multiplex with the closest swimming pool, ice-rink, and indoor courts
- Extensive Federal and Provincial natural open space (5-30 minute drive radius):
  - Provincial Parks Nairn Falls and Joffre Lakes
  - Extensive biking and hiking trails
  - Lillooet, Gun, Gates, Mosquito, Ivey lakes
  - Lillooet River, Birkenhead River, Miller Creek, Ryan River
  - Extensive biking and hiking trails
  - Swimming, fishing, camping, nature/wildlife observation and viewpoints
  - Sea to Sky Trail (part of TransCanada Trail) from Vancouver to Lillooet (in progress)

### d) Economic Overview

The Village economy is primarily based on tourism and the service sector. Major employment categories and trends include:

- Tourism represents 32% (eco and adventure tourism top list<sup>11</sup>)
- Retail
- Trades & construction
- Business services
- Some light industrial, manufacturing, and primary sector activities
- 82% of workforce drives to place of work (primarily Whistler)
- Regional economy includes agriculture and farming

### e) Ecological Overview

The Village is located in a unique Valley running east to west in the Coast Mountains. Surrounded by prime agricultural land, mature forests, and large rivers, the pristine natural environment and easy access to wilderness areas are among the main reasons people choose to live in Pemberton. Key ecological strengths within the Village that should be recognized include:

- One Mile Lake and Pemberton Creek watershed
- Lillooet River Flood Plain and Pemberton Creek Alluvial Fan
- Arn Canal Riparian Zone
- Extensive dyke system (operated by Pemberton Valley Dyking District)
- Rural area with large wildlife population including black and grizzly bears, trumpeter swans and salmon
- Local food and agriculture
- Increasing focus on organic land management
- The small land area and unusual boundaries of the Village municipality may be a challenge to creating and conserving large continuous tracts of green space.

The factors outlined in Section 2 provide essential background information needed to make informed recommendations on parks and open spaces. Combined they create a comprehensive decision-making tool to guide the assessment of existing parks and direction for future park improvements and development.

### 3.0 VILLAGE PARKS AND OPEN SPACES DIRECTIONS

**Comment [TWS3]:** Community input required to complete this section

The Village Parks and Open Spaces Directions will serve as a foundation to guide successful park and open space planning and development in the community. Their goal is to ensure that both existing and future parks in the Village a) reflect the population's needs and interests b) adhere to set park standards and c) are designed to be successful and well-used spaces. The Directions are the result of both the recommendations of this Master Plan and community input from Village residents and business owners.

There are five key parks and open spaces directions:

- 1. Provide a sufficient quantity of parks and open spaces to support the current and future population's needs and interests.**
- 2. Ensure parks and open spaces are located within a 5-10 minute walk of every resident and geographically distributed to serve the population equally.**
- 3. Ensure that all parks are physically and economically accessible to every resident.**
- 4. Actively use parks and open spaces to preserve sensitive ecological areas, natural resources, and wildlife habitat and transportation corridors.**

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<sup>11</sup> Data recorded by Tourism Pemberton, 2001-2008

5. Create a park and open space network that is socially, financially, and environmentally sustainable.

## 5.0 EXISTING PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

The Village of Pemberton has 15 existing parks, three major public open spaces, and four key parks and park areas planned for the near future. The following inventory provides an outline of these existing parks, open spaces, and future planned parks, a series of residential maps highlighting the park system for each neighbourhood, and an in-depth evaluation of each park based on the four key factors for successful urban parks (Section 2.3) followed by a list of specific recommendations for park improvements.

### 5.1 Inventory

#### Existing Parks and Open Spaces

PARK	CATEGORY	SIZE
	<b>Community Feature</b>	
One Mile Lake		71.4 acres/28.96 hectares
Pioneer Park		0.5 acres
	<b>Neighbourhood</b>	
Creekside Park/Tennis Courts		3.82 acres/1.55 hectares
Zurcher Park		0.75 acres/0.30 hectares
Underhill Park		0.32 acres/0.13 hectares
Patty's Park		0.884 acres/0.36 hectares
Foughburg Park		0.32 acres/0.13 hectares
Airport Park		n/a
Al Staehli Park		n/a
	<b>Special Use</b>	
Old Community Centre Fields		n/a
Signal Hill Elementary Fields		n/a
Pemberton High School Field		n/a
Frontier Street Linear Park		0.53 acres
Pemberton Museum Park		
Pemberton Plateau		n/a
	<b>Open Spaces</b>	
Arn Canal & Pemberton Creek		n/a
Decommissioned WWTP site		n/a
	<b>Total Acreage</b>	<b>82.68 acres</b>

#### Undeveloped/Future Planned Parks and Open Spaces

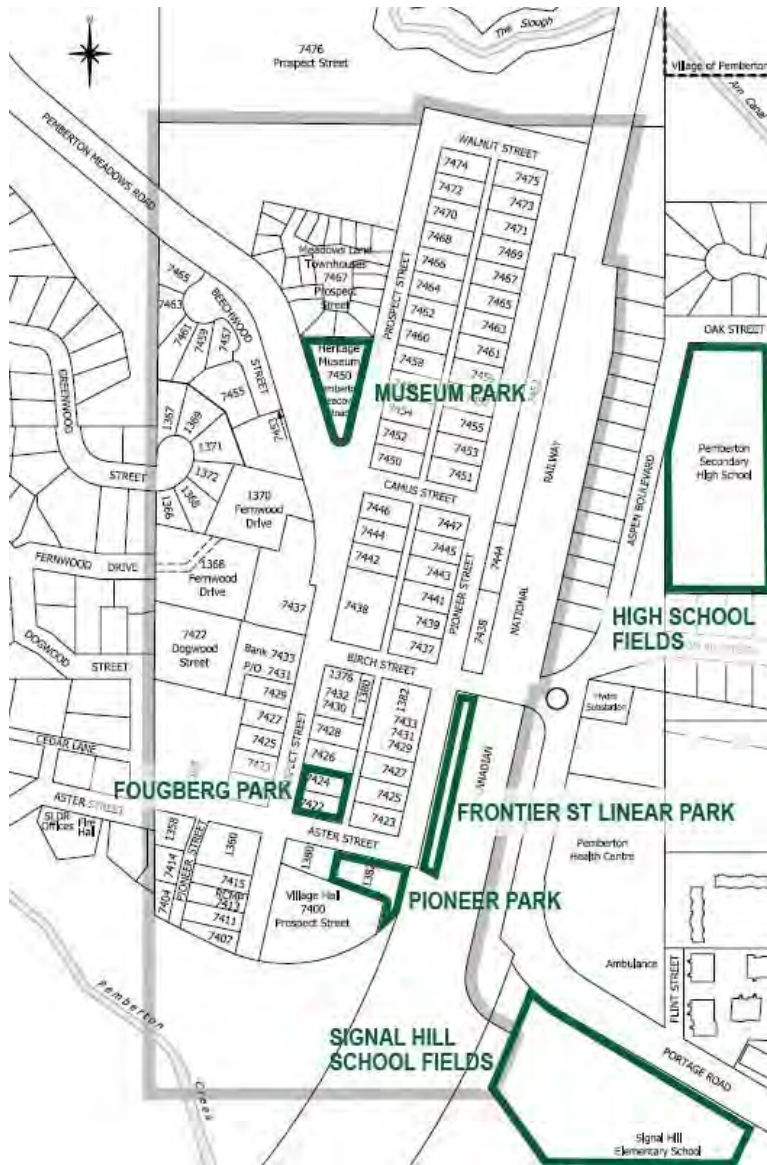
PARK/DEVELOPMENT	CATEGORY	SIZE	SERVICE AREA
<b>Bike Skills &amp; Skateboard Park</b>	Special Use	n/a	1-3km from all residential (except Pemberton Plateau)
<b>Water Park</b>	Special Use	n/a	1-3km of all residential (except Pemberton Plateau)
<b>BCR Properties/Signal Hill Homes</b>	-Community -Neighbourhood -Open Spaces & trails	Total 7 acres proposed	1-3km from all residential 400-800m to downtown and Signal Hill residential
<b>The Benchlands</b>	-3 natural open spaces -Neighbourhood -Elementary School field	Total 20.6 hectares proposed	1-3km of Benchlands neighbourhood

5.2 Assessment

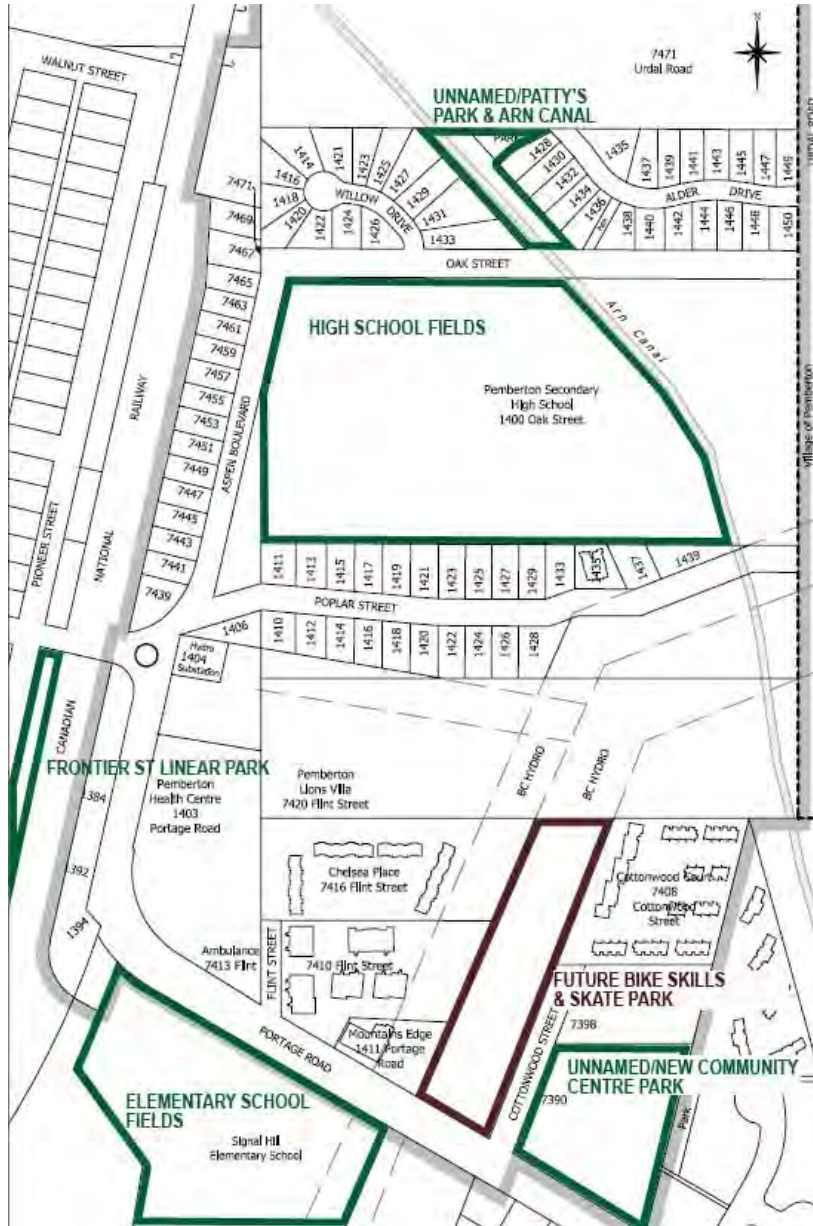
MAP: BENCHLANDS NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK SYSTEM



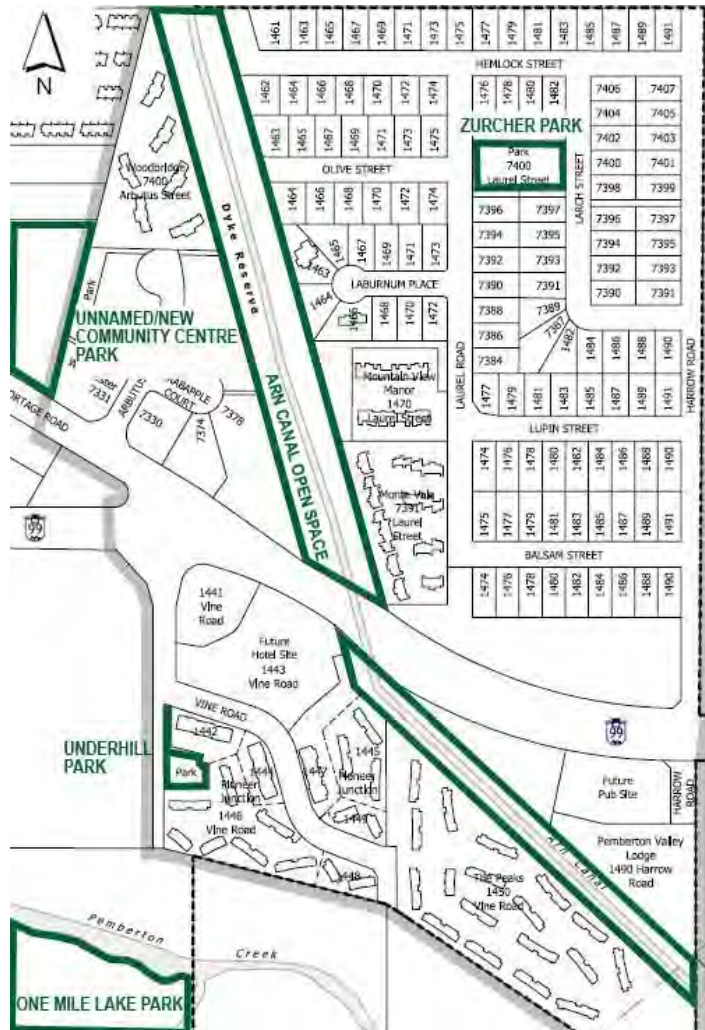
MAP: DOWNTOWN PARK SYSTEM



MAP: ASPEN FIELDS NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK SYSTEM



MAP: GATEWAY, CREEKSIDE, AND PIONEER JUNCTION PARK SYSTEM



MAP: PEMBERTON PLATEAU PARK SYSTEM



**A. Community Feature Parks**

**ONE MILE LAKE:** Highway 99 South – Exit left on Highway 99 South

<b>Ownership</b>	Municipal	
<b>Size</b>	71.4 acres/28.96 hectares	
<b>Service Area</b>	Within 3km of Village core and most residential (except Pemberton Plateau)	
<b>Ecological Components</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Within Lillooet River Flood Plain</li> <li>- Pemberton Creek Watershed is invaluable wildlife habitat</li> <li>- Plant &amp; tree sanctuary—mature forest, wetland plants, estuary</li> <li>- Limited evening sun</li> </ul>	
<b>Users</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “The community’s major park”<sup>12</sup></li> <li>- All user groups – especially young families and children</li> <li>- Dogs permitted at Dog Beach</li> </ul>	
<b>Activities</b>	<i>Active:</i> Water sports, kayaking, dragon boating; trail running, walking, jogging, mountain biking	<i>Passive:</i> Fishing, picnicking, socializing and gathering, bird watching and wildlife/nature observation
<b>Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wooden dock with swim ladders</li> <li>- Playground equipment – swing set</li> <li>- 2 picnic tables</li> <li>- 2 bear bins (recycle and garbage)</li> <li>- Boardwalk trails over wetland</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Doggie Bag dispenser</li> <li>- Lifesaving wheel</li> <li>- 4 bike racks</li> <li>- Gravel parking lot</li> <li>- Outhouse</li> </ul>
<b>Accessibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flat beach area has good access and wheelchair accessibility</li> <li>- Gravel parking on site</li> <li>- Minimal/dangerous pedestrian and bike access on highway verge</li> <li>- Poor/unsafe vehicle visibility to enter park from Village (left turn across oncoming lane of highway speed traffic and blind rise)</li> </ul>	
<b>Linkages &amp; Connections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Well connected to Nairn Falls/provincial trails system</li> <li>- Limited connection to Village (no signage on highway indicating park)</li> <li>- Limited connectivity to well-used Valley trail or Village trail network</li> </ul>	
<b>Amenities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High appeal and interest</li> <li>- Popular family and dog park</li> <li>- Equipment in good condition</li> <li>- Safety issues include pedestrian/bike access and highway entrance</li> <li>- Heavily signed beach area – confusing and unsightly</li> <li>- Limited seating if both picnic tables are occupied</li> </ul>	
<b>Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Universally accessible boardwalk &amp; trail around lake planned for summer 2009<sup>13</sup></li> <li>- Pedestrian bridge over Pemberton Creek planned for summer 2009<sup>14</sup></li> <li>- 2005 One Mile Lake Master Plan provides in-depth review of the park<sup>7</sup></li> <li>- Village implements Master Plan recommendations in annual Strategic Plan</li> <li>- Park encompasses significant open natural space</li> </ul>	

**SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS**

- a) Continue to implement recommendations of the One Mile Lake Master Plan in the annual Strategic Plan
- b) Immediate improvements to park include:
  - Install highway signage to identify park entrance from both north and south directions
  - Plant street trees and low level shrubs on highway verge to establish physical and sound barrier between highway and beach area
  - Consolidate signage at beach area
  - Enlarge picnic and beach area as recommended in the One Mile Lake Master Plan
  - Install additional benches and picnic tables

<sup>12</sup> Official Community Plan, Village of Pemberton, 1999

<sup>13</sup> 2009-2010 Strategic Plan, Village of Pemberton

<sup>14</sup> 2009-2010 Strategic Plan, Village of Pemberton



**Beach and picnic area with swimming dock**



**Secure boat storage facility with paved boat launch**

**PIONEER PARK:** 1382 Aster Street

<b>Ownership</b>	Municipal
<b>Size</b>	0.5 acres – not compatible with Community Feature Park standards for current population
<b>Service Area</b>	Within 1-3km of all residential (except Pemberton Plateau)
<b>Ecological Components</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Outside Lillooet River Flood Plain</li> <li>- Mature trees provide habitat for birds</li> <li>- Limited sun exposure (tucked into mountains and facing east)</li> <li>- Views of Mount Currie and Valley</li> </ul>
<b>Users</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All user groups – especially young families and children</li> <li>- Dogs permitted on leash</li> <li>- Underutilized</li> </ul>
<b>Activities</b>	Primarily passive activities: Picnicking, socializing and gathering, community events, view observation
<b>Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gazebo</li> <li>- 1 picnic tables</li> <li>- 2 bear bins (garbage only)</li> <li>- 2 doggie bag dispensers</li> <li>- Paved street parking</li> <li>- Weekday access to public washroom located at Municipal Hall</li> </ul>
<b>Accessibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flat with good access for foot, bike, wheelchairs and strollers</li> <li>- Fenced entrance is a physical and psychological barrier to park<sup>15</sup></li> <li>- Park is inaccessible from three sides (due to heavy bushes and Municipal Hall)</li> </ul>
<b>Linkages &amp; Connections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Central location</li> <li>- Not connected to trails or other parks</li> </ul>
<b>Amenities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Well-maintained and in good condition</li> <li>- Close to Greyhound Bus Terminal – tourist drop-off zone</li> <li>- Limited street visibility (street frontage on Aspen blocked by fence)</li> <li>- Safety issues due to public abuse of alcohol (unhealthy image for families and children<sup>1)</sup> and litter (glass bottles etc)</li> <li>- Low appeal and interest – minimal family oriented equipment/facilities</li> <li>- No feature or focal point</li> </ul>
<b>Notes</b>	Identified by community as a “top favourite place in the Downtown” if was more family friendly
<p><b>SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS</b></p> <p>a) Work with BCR to acquire adjacent property to join Pioneer Park and Frontier St Linear Park to increase the size of park space sufficient for Community Feature Park</p> <p>b) Address key safety issues at park - public drinking and litter</p> <p>c) Work with community groups to improve park’s appeal including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Add playground equipment for young families</li> <li>- Develop park feature/focal point</li> <li>- Design welcoming entrance to park from Aster St</li> <li>- Remove wood fence from Aster St</li> <li>- Install benches and picnic spots</li> <li>- Develop walking pathways through park system</li> </ul>	

<sup>15</sup> Community Feedback, Downtown Enhancement Workshop, April 28-29, 2009



**Aster Street entrance to park and gazebo**



**Mature trees and views of Mount Currie**

**A. Neighbourhood Parks**

**CREEKSIDE (UNNAMED) PARK & TENNIS COURTS:** Park Street (exit right off Highway 99 South)

<b>Ownership</b>	Municipal
<b>Size</b>	3.82 acres/1.55 hectares
<b>Service Area</b>	Within 400m of Creekside Town Home complex; 1-3km from Village core residential
<b>Ecological Components</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flat at tennis courts; steep slope on southern end of park</li> <li>- Within 100 m of Pemberton Creek Riparian zone</li> <li>- Mature trees</li> <li>- Limited evening sun exposure (tucked into mountains)</li> <li>- Views of Mount Currie</li> </ul>
<b>Users</b>	All user groups
<b>Activities</b>	Active: Tennis, street hockey
<b>Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 tennis courts</li> <li>- Female and Male public washrooms</li> <li>- 1 bear bin (garbage only)</li> <li>- 1 doggie bag dispensers</li> <li>- Paved parking lot for 4 vehicles</li> </ul>
<b>Accessibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flat with medium/good accessibility to tennis courts</li> <li>- Minimal accessibility to rest of park space (steep slopes/dense forest)</li> <li>- Pedestrian and bike access on highway is dangerous (no trails or bike lanes)</li> <li>- Universally accessible washrooms</li> </ul>
<b>Linkages &amp; Connections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Limited connection to downtown core or Village</li> <li>- Tennis courts often confused as a private facility</li> <li>- No connection to trails, pathways, or other parks</li> </ul>
<b>Amenities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tennis courts (including nets) and washrooms are in excellent condition</li> <li>- Low street visibility and no signage on highway identifying park</li> <li>- Dangerous pedestrian and bike access on highway</li> <li>- Medium appeal and interest (only public tennis courts in Village)</li> <li>- Signage at tennis courts is not consistent with other Village signage</li> </ul>
<b>Notes</b>	Confused as a private facility due to lack of identity and signage
<p><b>SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS</b></p> <p>a) Enhance park entrance and identity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hold community naming competition for park</li> <li>- Install consistent Village signage to clearly show park is public facility</li> <li>- Improve park's identity on highway with signage</li> <li>- Install benches and picnic tables</li> </ul> <p>b) Connect tennis courts to Village core with trail to avoid pedestrian and bike use of highway verge (i.e. highway barrier or separate lane; pedestrian bridge over Pemberton Creek to Creekside)</p>	



**Tennis Courts in excellent condition**



**Universally accessible washrooms with signage**

**ZURCHER PARK:** 7400 Laurel Street

<b>Ownership</b>	Municipal
<b>Size</b>	0.75 acres – not compatible with neighbourhood park standards for current population
<b>Service Area</b>	Within 5-10 minute walk of The Glen neighbourhood
<b>Ecological Components</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mature trees</li> <li>- Full day sun exposure</li> <li>- Views of Mount Currie</li> </ul>
<b>Users</b>	All user groups – primarily families and young children
<b>Activities</b>	Active: Informal play, Passive: Picnic, socializing and gathering,
<b>Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Large, gravel based playground and equipment (tot and regular swing sets, slides, jungle gym/climbing structure)</li> <li>- 2 Picnic tables</li> <li>- 2 benches</li> <li>- 2 open style garbage bins</li> <li>- 1 doggie bag dispenser</li> </ul>
<b>Accessibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flat with good access to Village streets</li> <li>- No trails or pathways through park for strollers or wheelchairs</li> </ul>
<b>Linkages &amp; Connections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Centrally located in middle of neighbourhood</li> <li>- Limited connection to trails or other parks and open spaces</li> </ul>
<b>Amenities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Well maintained large space</li> <li>- Good street visibility – street frontage on both Larch St and Laurel St</li> <li>- Play equipment in good condition - except missing slide</li> <li>- Medium-high appeal and interest for young families and children</li> <li>- Limited activities for seniors and young adults</li> </ul>
<p><b>SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS</b></p> <p>a) Replace missing slide</p> <p>b) Install bike racks</p> <p>c) Replace open garbage can with at least one bear proof garbage and recycling bin</p> <p>d) General maintenance of gravel play area</p> <p>e) Add equipment to appeal to a broader user group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Install additional benches and picnic tables</li> <li>- Develop pathway through park to link two streets</li> </ul> <p>f) Develop trail to connect to existing Arn Canal trail network and link park to Village core</p>	



**Mature trees, play equipment and grassed area**



**Playground for young children and tots**

**UNDERHILL PARK:** Intersection of Portage Road and Vine Road (Pioneer Junction)

<b>Ownership</b>	Municipal	
<b>Size</b>	0.32 acres – not compatible with neighbourhood park standards for current population	
<b>Service Area</b>	Within 5-10 minute walk of The Peaks and Pioneer Junction residential	
<b>Ecological Components</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Young trees and shrubs</li> <li>- Full day sun exposure</li> <li>- Views of Mount Currie</li> </ul>	
<b>Users</b>	Young families and young children/tots	
<b>Activities</b>	Active: Informal play	Passive: Picnic, socializing, sitting
<b>Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Co-ed public washroom</li> <li>- Play structure with slides</li> <li>- Regular and tot swing set</li> <li>- Monkey bars</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 Bear bin (garbage only)</li> <li>- 1 doggie bag dispenser</li> <li>- Picnic tables and benches</li> <li>- Paved parking</li> </ul>
<b>Accessibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flat with good accessibility</li> <li>- Universally accessible washroom</li> </ul>	
<b>Linkages &amp; Connections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Well connected to immediate neighbourhood</li> <li>- Well connected to Valley Trail</li> <li>- Highway crossing is major divider between park and Village core</li> <li>- Pemberton Creek pedestrian bridge will provide connection to One Mile Lake</li> </ul>	
<b>Amenities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good street visibility – in center of strata (eyes on the street)</li> <li>- Equipment is in excellent condition</li> <li>- Playground has a wide variety of activities for young children and tots</li> <li>- High appeal and interest for young children and families</li> <li>- Limited appeal for seniors and young adults</li> </ul>	
<b>Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Park is adjacent to a municipally owned piece of land with a trail connection to the Community Gardens; this land is underutilized.</li> </ul>	
<b>SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS</b>		
<p>Increase size and use of park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop Portage Road right of way (adjacent to park) into a Linear Park with trees, benches, bear bin, and interpretive signage to connect to Community Gardens and pedestrian bridge access to One Mile Lake.</li> </ul>		



**Primarily for small children and young families**



**Play equipment in very good condition**

**UNNAMED/PATTY'S PARK & ARN CANAL OPEN SPACE:** Lot 21, Alder Drive

<b>Ownership</b>	Municipal (small portion of Arn Canal is owned by Crown Province)	
<b>Size</b>	0.884 acres – not compatible with neighbourhood park standards for current population	
<b>Service Area</b>	Within 5-10 minute walk of "High School" neighbourhood	
<b>Ecological Components</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arn Canal Riparian area – wildlife corridor and habitat for fish and insects</li> <li>- Natural open space - tree and shrub sanctuary</li> <li>- Limited sun exposure (overgrown and hidden behind large house)</li> </ul>	
<b>Users</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Currently, minimal to no users</li> <li>- Underutilized</li> </ul>	
<b>Activities</b>	Active: Informal play, walking	Passive: Sitting, nature observation
<b>Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sand box</li> <li>- Teeter totter</li> <li>- Sand digger</li> <li>- 2 benches</li> </ul>	
<b>Accessibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Low accessibility – overgrown, narrow street entrance</li> <li>- Arn Canal trail entrance to park is not developed</li> </ul>	
<b>Linkages &amp; Connections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimal connection to neighbourhood</li> <li>- This section of the Arn Canal is not linked to rest of the Arn Canal trail network</li> </ul>	
<b>Amenities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good location to serve high school neighbourhood</li> <li>- No street visibility/minimal street frontage</li> <li>- No identity: no official name or signage (most residents do not realize park exists)</li> <li>- Vegetation and park equipment not maintained</li> <li>- Small, dark park with limited appeal for families, children, or other users</li> <li>- Safety issues – equipment breakdown and hidden park (no supervision)</li> </ul>	
<b>Notes</b>	Arn Canal is a highly used open space connector for pedestrians, bikers, horses, and dog walkers	

**SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS**

Two options could improve this park and open space:

- a) Develop and maintain park:
  - Prune overgrown bushes and trees to increase natural light
  - Expand and open park entrance and street frontage
  - Install signage at entrance
  - Install bike rack and bear proof garbage bin
  - Maintain park equipment and vegetation
  - Develop Arn Canal as secondary access to park
  
- b) Convert/designate park and Arn Canal as natural open space
  - Remove existing equipment and place in other parks
  - Develop walking trail through Arn Canal and Patty's Park
  - Work with Dyking District and Province to acquire/secure Crown portion of Arn Canal for public trail system and green corridor

The Parks Master plan recommends Option 2 as the hidden location, small size, and heavy shade/limited sun exposure of this park make it unappealing to families.



**Play equipment and sand box**



**Alder Drive street entrance to Patty's Park**

**FOUGBERG PARK:** Aster St

<b>Ownership</b>	Municipal (Art Barn and Dyking District buildings located on adjacent privately owned land lot)
<b>Size</b>	0.2 acres (Municipal lot) & 0.2 acres (private ownership) –not compatible with
<b>Service Area</b>	Within 5-10 minute walk of Downtown (commercial and residential)
<b>Ecological Components</b>	- Mature trees - Full early-mid-day sun – mature trees provide shade
<b>Users</b>	- Community wide users, downtown businesses & employees, downtown residents - Underutilized
<b>Activities</b>	Passive: Sitting, gathering, socializing, eating, observation, and community events
<b>Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	- Picnic tables - Gravel parking - Heritage buildings (Art Barn and Dyking District)
<b>Accessibility</b>	- Flat with good general accessibility - Pedestrians impeded by parked cars and no sidewalk/path - No bike racks
<b>Linkages &amp; Connections</b>	- Central location – “heart of downtown” <sup>16</sup> - Not well connected to Village park or trail system
<b>Amenities</b>	- Key park in downtown enhancement for its heritage and location - High street visibility – street frontage on Prospect St, Aster St, and lane - No signage indicating park’s name or heritage character - Feels neglected and underutilized - Limited appeal for families and other users due to lack of equipment - Art Barn does not have Occupancy Permit and is underutilized as a venue
<p><b>SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS</b></p> <p>a) Work with private owner to acquire land and increase size of park</p> <p>b) Work with Pemberton Arts Council to obtain Occupancy Permit for Art Barn and develop Art Barn as a community focal point/plaza</p> <p>c) Increase parks users and activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Install signage to identify park</li> <li>- Enhance heritage character with interpretive signage on Pemberton history</li> <li>- Install benches and picnic tables (in the sunny areas of the park)</li> <li>- Prepare a landscape plan for the park</li> <li>- Develop sidewalk or pathway to provide pedestrian access</li> </ul>	

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<sup>16</sup> Community identified “Heart of Downtown”, Village Downtown Enhancement Workshops, April 29-30, 2009



**Opportunity for family oriented activities, seating, and interpretive signage**



**Mature trees provide shade**

**AIRPORT PARK: Airport Lands**

<b>Ownership</b>	Municipal
<b>Size</b>	n/a – small park
<b>Service Area</b>	Within 400-800m of airport community
<b>Ecological Components</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flat topography</li> <li>- Outside Lillooet River Flood Plain (approx 50m from Lillooet River)</li> <li>- Full day sun exposure</li> <li>- Mature trees – provide shade and bird habitat</li> </ul>
<b>Users</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Airport users (businesses, spectators etc), families, cyclists</li> <li>- Dogs permitted on leash</li> <li>- Underutilized</li> </ul>
<b>Activities</b>	Primarily passive: Picnic, sitting, gathering, socializing, observing views and air traffic
<b>Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 6 picnic tables</li> <li>- Covered gazebo structure w/ 2 picnic tables</li> <li>- 1 open style garbage can</li> <li>- 1 fire pit</li> <li>- Stone statue/recognition plaque</li> <li>- Paved parking lots</li> </ul>
<b>Accessibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flat with limited accessibility due to chain link fence and narrow entrance</li> <li>- Steep road ditch to enter park through gazebo</li> <li>- Minimal bike and pedestrian access – no pathways and bike racks</li> </ul>
<b>Linkages &amp; Connections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimal connection to Village</li> <li>- No linkage to Village park or trail system</li> </ul>
<b>Amenities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Poor street visibility – due to steep road ditch and fence</li> <li>- No signage indicating a public park or the park's name</li> <li>- Equipment and facilities do not appear maintained – area is overgrown</li> <li>- Condition of park feels neglected with limited appeal</li> </ul>
<b>Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Park is a good rest stop for bikers using Valley trail - connect park to Valley Trail and One Mile Lake (for biking and walking)</li> <li>- Airport activities and events (gliding, skyjumping, car and air shows etc) draw observers to area</li> </ul>
<p><b>SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS</b></p> <p>a) Designate park on Village maps</p> <p>b) Install signage and identification for park</p> <p>c) Prune vegetation and general maintenance</p> <p>d) Install bike rack, bear bin, and doggie bag dispenser</p> <p>e) Use Village easements and road right of ways to enlarge park along Airport Road and Lillooet River into a linear observation/spectator park. This park should be connected to the Valley trail system.</p>	



**Signage need at entrance to Airport park**



**Mature trees provide shade for picnics**

**AL STAEHLI PARK:**

<b>Ownership</b>	Benchlands To be transferred to Village in smmer
<b>Size</b>	n/a
<b>Service Area</b>	Within 5-10 minute walk of immediate neighbourhood
<b>Ecological Components</b>	- Outside Lillooet River Flood Plain - Gravel with some mature trees - Limited afternoon and evening sun
<b>Users</b>	None/Underutilized
<b>Activities</b>	None
<b>Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	None – covered garage structure
<b>Accessibility</b>	- Flat with good accessibility - No sidewalks or pathway access
<b>Linkages &amp; Connections</b>	Limited connection to trails and parks
<b>Amenities</b>	- Good street visibility - No signage indicating park's name - No appeal or interest due to lack of facilities - Park is empty gravel lot - Proposed playground equipment and trail

**SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS**

- a) Continue to work with developer to acquire land to create neighbourhood park
- b) Install play equipment, bear bin, bike rack, benches and picnic tables
- c) Install identification signage
- d) Plant trees and landscaping
- e) Create pedestrian trail access and access to Pemberton Creek trail system



**Entrance to Al Staehli Park – currently undeveloped**

**B. Special Use Parks**

**PEMBERTON SECONDARY SCHOOL FIELDS: 1400 Oak Street**

<b>Ownership</b>	School District No.48 The Village has joint use agreement with School District No.48 for the development, use, and maintenance of (agreement not found in contract or recreation files)	
<b>Size</b>	n/a	
<b>Service Area</b>	Within 1-3 km of Village residential (except Pemberton Plateau)	
<b>Ecological Components</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flat topography, grassed area with young trees bordering field</li> <li>- Within 100-200 m of Arn Canal riparian zone</li> <li>- Pemberton Flood plain</li> <li>- Bears frequent area</li> <li>- Very good sun exposure</li> <li>- Views of Mount Currie</li> </ul>	
<b>Users</b>	All user groups – primarily school sports and community sports clubs and leagues (Youth and Adult) teams; families, children, young adults	
<b>Activities</b>	Active: Organized sports (soccer, baseball, rugby/football); informal sports (Frisbee etc), running/training	Passive: Spectators, reading, enjoying sunshine, stretching, picnic
<b>Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 full size soccer field with permanent goal nets</li> <li>- Baseball pitch</li> <li>- 1 bear bin (garbage only)</li> <li>- 1 doggie bag dispensers</li> <li>- Paved parking</li> </ul>	
<b>Accessibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good accessibility</li> <li>- Wheelchair accessibility is questionable</li> <li>- Chain link fence surrounding park is a physical and psychological barrier to access</li> </ul>	
<b>Linkages &amp; Connections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Central location and well connected to Village core</li> <li>- Minimal connection to pedestrian trails or pathways</li> </ul>	
<b>Amenities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very good street visibility</li> <li>- High appeal and interest –only soccer fields within residential area</li> <li>- Liability of injury due to large holes/craters created from sprinkler heads, manholes, and uneven surface of fields</li> <li>- Goalie crease/box is worn out and very uneven</li> <li>- One end of field is water logged in Spring or heavy rain</li> <li>- Baseball pitch is underutilized</li> <li>- No signage</li> <li>- Chain link fence is unsightly</li> </ul>	
<b>SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS</b>		
<p>a) Work with School District, SLRD, and user groups to improve playing fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improve field surface to create even, smooth playing area</li> <li>- Insert Astro-Turf in goal box to protect high usage areas</li> <li>- Provide facilities for spectators during events i.e. benches, removable bleachers</li> <li>- Determine wheelchair accessibility to fields</li> <li>- Install bike racks at park entrance</li> </ul> <p>b) Consider long term improvements to integrate fields with neighbourhood:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop pedestrian oriented Aspen Blvd and Oak St with wide sidewalks and street trees</li> <li>- Replace highway style lighting on street with pedestrian lamp standards</li> <li>- Replace chain link fence with more street trees and benches for softer look</li> <li>- Install public washroom and vending/concession facility</li> </ul>		



**View of Mount Currie**



**Permanent goal posts**

**SIGNAL HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIELDS:** 1410 Portage Road

<b>Ownership</b>	School District No.48 The Village has a Joint Use Agreement with the School District for use and maintenance of the school fields. (Contract File # C086) <sup>17</sup> The Squamish Lillooet Regional District through the Pemberton/Area C Recreation Service has a partnership agreement with the School District for public use of the soccer field and baseball diamond facilities. The agreement states that the SLRD is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Managing field bookings</li> <li>- Ensuring adequate insurance</li> <li>- Managing user fees and deposits</li> <li>- Public washroom keys</li> <li>- The SLRD is not responsible for maintenance of fields or washrooms, garbage, parking, or damage to property.</li> </ul>	
<b>Size</b>	n/a	
<b>Service Area</b>	Within 1-3km from majority of Village residential (except Pemberton Plateau)	
<b>Ecological Components</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flat grassed area with no trees and minimal vegetation</li> <li>- Outside of Lillooet Flood Plain Area</li> <li>- Bears frequent area moving through and for cherry trees</li> <li>- Good sun exposure; windy – exposed to elements</li> <li>- Views of Mount Currie</li> </ul>	
<b>Users</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All user groups – primarily families, children, young adults</li> <li>- School and community sports clubs and leagues (Youth and Adult)</li> <li>- Underutilized</li> </ul>	
<b>Activities</b>	Active: Organized and informal sports (baseball, volleyball, street hockey), walking, running/training, children/tot play	Passive: Spectators, reading, enjoying sunshine, stretching, picnic
<b>Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 baseball pitch with 2 dugouts and ball park lighting</li> <li>- 1 volleyball net</li> <li>- 1 playground with slide and climbing structure</li> <li>- 2 picnic tables</li> <li>- No garbage bins</li> <li>- 1 doggie bag dispensers</li> <li>- Paved parking</li> </ul>	
<b>Accessibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medium accessibility</li> <li>- Access to public washroom located at school (key available through Village office)</li> </ul>	
<b>Linkages &amp; Connections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Central location</li> <li>- Feels isolated from Village street network</li> <li>- Minimal connection to pedestrian trails or pathways to other parts of the Village</li> </ul>	
<b>Amenities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The only lit sports field in the Village &amp; one of three total sports fields in the Village</li> <li>- Large open space – rare in Village</li> <li>- Low /minimal street visibility (tucked behind school building)</li> <li>- Low appeal and interest: lack of activities, baseball pitch dominates space</li> <li>- Lacks park definition and function</li> <li>- No shade (no trees) and minimal landscaping</li> <li>- No signage or identification</li> </ul>	
<b>SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS<sup>18</sup></b>		
a) Work with School District, SLRD, and user groups to develop a functioning multi-use field: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extend field lighting beyond baseball diamond to increase evening use</li> <li>- Install additional equipment for families seating and eating</li> <li>- Improve street visibility and appeal with landscaping, trails, and signage</li> <li>- Define the different activity zones in park with trees (i.e. playground zone, picnic zone, baseball zone) and connect the zones with paved or gravel walkways</li> <li>- Develop trail network through park to link to Village core and other parks</li> <li>- Install facilities for spectators during events i.e. benches and removable bleachers, bike racks</li> </ul>		

<sup>17</sup> Joint Use Agreement not found in Contract Files

<sup>18</sup> Evaluation and recommendation input from Bettina Falloon, Pemberton Youth Soccer Association



**Large open space – opportunity for multi-use fields**



**Full day sun and views of Mount Currie – opportunity for more users**

UNNAMED/NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE PARK: 7390 Cottonwood St

<b>Ownership</b>	The Village has a joint use agreement with the SLRD (copy of joint use agreement needed – not in files or SLRD files)	
<b>Size</b>	n/a	
<b>Service Area</b>	Within 1-3 km of majority of Village residential (except Pemberton Plateau)	
<b>Ecological Components</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flat grassed park with no trees</li> <li>- Within Lillooet River Flood Plain Area</li> <li>- Good sun exposure &amp; views of Mount Currie and Valley</li> </ul>	
<b>Users</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All user groups</li> <li>- Underutilized</li> </ul>	
<b>Activities</b>	Active: Informal sports and activities, walking, running/training, play	Passive: Community gatherings and events, reading, stretching
<b>Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grassed field</li> <li>- Small grassy knoll for winter sledding</li> <li>- Public washrooms (universally accessible)</li> </ul>	
<b>Accessibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flat with good accessibility</li> <li>- Wide, paved trail through park for strollers and wheelchairs</li> <li>- Street crosswalk to access park is very dangerous, especially at night, due to high vehicle speeds on Portage Rd and minimal pedestrian visibility</li> </ul>	
<b>Linkages &amp; Connections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Central location and well connected to Village core</li> <li>- Well connected to Community Centre, Public Library, Daycare, Youth Centre</li> <li>- Paved pathway connection to downtown core</li> <li>- Adjacent but not connected to Woodbridge residential or Arbutus St development</li> </ul>	
<b>Amenities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Great street visibility and location – directly faces Village gateway street</li> <li>- Amazing views of Mount Currie</li> <li>- Complex lacks identity – referred to as “New Community Centre”</li> <li>- Open space e lacks definition or sense of purpose – feels unfinished</li> <li>- Grassy knoll is worn-out from high traffic</li> <li>- No shade or shelter from the elements (no trees)</li> <li>- No signage or identification</li> <li>- Park and pathway not lit – not well used at night</li> </ul>	
<b>Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tourists and visitors to Village do not know what this building is due to lack of signage</li> <li>- Site of future water park and outdoor amphitheatre</li> </ul>	
<b>SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS</b>		
<p>a) Work with SLRD and user groups to Improve identity and use of park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hold naming competition for Community Centre complex</li> <li>- Install identification signage on Portage Road (for Community Centre)</li> <li>- Plant trees along paved walkway to provide shade and define park</li> <li>- Find solution to improving grass surface of knoll</li> <li>- Install equipment/facilities to appeal to broader range of users including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seating – benches and moveable seating</li> <li>- Picnic tables</li> <li>- More bike racks</li> <li>- Play equipment for children – swing set</li> <li>- Viewing/observation platform on paved pathway offering interpretive signage on Mount Currie (historical info, mountain statistics etc)</li> <li>- Pedestrian scale lighting for pathway into town</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>b) Work with Ministry of Transportation to increase pedestrian safety at Portage Rd crosswalk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Install traffic calming on Portage Road (separated boulevard with center median,</li> <li>- Install lights and reflective line painting on crosswalk</li> </ul>		



**Paved pedestrian pathway and open space**



**Grassy hill and open area**

**FRONTIER STREET LINEAR PARK: BC Rail along Frontier Street**

<b>Ownership</b>	BC Rail The Village is negotiating with BC Rail to acquire this land
<b>Size</b>	n/a
<b>Service Area</b>	Within 400-800m (5-10 minute walk) of downtown core (commercial and residential)
<b>Ecological Components</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flat grassed area with young street trees and some landscaping</li> <li>- Outside Lillooet River Flood Plain Area</li> <li>- Good sun exposure; views of Mount Currie; exposed to elements</li> </ul>
<b>Users</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All user groups</li> <li>- Tourists and visitors - regional and local transit hub</li> </ul>
<b>Activities</b>	Passive: Viewing/observation, reading, enjoying sunshine, picnic, transit rest/change, break from shopping, meeting place
<b>Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Greyhound terminal –regional and local public transit hub</li> <li>- 2 picnic tables</li> <li>- 1 bench</li> <li>- 1 bear proof garbage bin</li> <li>- Gravel parking along park; park is adjacent to large concrete parking lot</li> </ul>
<b>Accessibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flat with good accessibility</li> <li>- Access is limited to Frontier Street side only as park backs onto train tracks</li> <li>- Greyhound Terminal is wheelchair accessible</li> </ul>
<b>Linkages &amp; Connections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Central location and well connected to downtown</li> <li>- Minimal connection to pedestrian trails or pathways to other parts of the Village</li> <li>- Key downtown location–connections to public transit, commercial, train, parking</li> <li>- No connection to the adjacent Pioneer Park</li> </ul>
<b>Amenities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High street visibility</li> <li>- Key location in the downtown – entrance to downtown core</li> <li>- Key viewpoint in Village, especially for tourists</li> <li>- Safety concern - no physical barrier to train tracks from park</li> </ul>

**SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS**

- a) Continue to work with BCR to acquire land
- b) Include park in Frontier St design and downtown enhancement projects to:
  - Enlarge park width to include public pathway
  - Install additional seating and bike racks
  - Replace highway style lighting with pedestrian oriented lamp standards
  - Install a viewing/photography platform facing Mount Currie with interpretive signage and telescope (near Greyhound Terminal drop-off)
  - Plant low landscaping to separate/create natural barrier between tracks and park
- c) Work with BCR to acquire property between Frontier St Park and Pioneer Park in order to join the two parks into a larger, integrated downtown park



**Views to Mount Currie from Downtown**



**Greyhound Terminal – Locals and visitors first stop**

**OLD COMMUNITY CENTRE FIELDS:** Pemberton Meadows Road

<b>Ownership</b>	School District No.48 The Village of Pemberton has a Joint Use Agreement with the School District for the use and maintenance of fields. (Contract File # C067)	
<b>Size</b>	n/a	
<b>Service Area</b>	1-3km from majority of residential (except Pemberton Plateau)	
<b>Ecological Components</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Within Lillooet River Flood Plain Area</li> <li>- Grassed area with mature trees and shrubbery</li> <li>- Good sun exposure &amp; views of Mount Currie; exposed to elements (windy)</li> <li>- Backs onto farm land</li> </ul>	
<b>Users</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All user groups: primarily school and community sports teams</li> <li>- Heavy use</li> </ul>	
<b>Activities</b>	Active: soccer, baseball, running	Passive: walking, community events, social/family interaction
<b>Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 softball pitches</li> <li>- 1 full size soccer field</li> <li>- 1 small size soccer field</li> <li>- Track and field track</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Irrigation system</li> <li>- Picnic tables</li> <li>- Paved parking</li> <li>- Building holds only stage in community</li> </ul>
<b>Accessibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flat with medium accessibility</li> <li>- Parking lot often congested and overcrowded</li> <li>- Unsafe/no biking and pedestrian access along Meadows Road (directly on busy and high speed road) – especially at night</li> </ul>	
<b>Linkages &amp; Connections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Outside of Village core – on the outskirts</li> <li>- Isolated - minimal connection to core, residential zones, trails, or park system</li> </ul>	
<b>Amenities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medium street visibility (fields in back and hidden by building)</li> <li>- Heavy use by sports teams – only useable multiuse fields in Village</li> <li>- Community priority to secure fields and courts for Village/public use</li> <li>- School District bus garage is on tennis courts</li> <li>- Minimal signage or identification</li> </ul>	
<b>Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community has strong desire to secure the fields for the public</li> <li>- School District is considering relocation of bus garage to Industrial Park</li> </ul>	
<b>SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Work with School District and SLRD to acquire/secure fields for the public</li> <li>b) Improve pedestrian and bike access to fields:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop separate/barriered paved/gravel pathway from Village core to fields</li> </ul> </li> <li>c) Improve fields and courts to increase safety and user appeal:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Install irrigation for fields</li> <li>- Regular maintenance of fields (mowing, aerating, etc)</li> <li>- Resurrect track and field facilities</li> <li>- Relocate bus garage and resurrect tennis courts</li> </ul> </li> <li>d) Determine feasibility of converting existing structure into recreation complex                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Renovate existing building to save gym, stage, washrooms, and offices</li> <li>- Construct ice skating arena</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		



**Multi-use fields and neglected running track**



**School Bus Garage on tennis courts – opportunity for revitalization**

**PEMBERTON MUSEUM PARK: 7450 Pemberton Meadows Road**

<b>Ownership</b>	Municipal
<b>Size</b>	n/a
<b>Service Area</b>	1-3km of majority of residential (except Pemberton Plateau)
<b>Ecological Components</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grassed area with mature trees</li> <li>- Within Lillooet River Flood Plain Area</li> <li>- Limited sun exposure; views of Mount Currie</li> </ul>
<b>Users</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Families and tourists</li> <li>- Park is underutilized</li> </ul>
<b>Activities</b>	Primarily passive: Viewing/observation, reading, enjoying sunshine, picnic, break from shopping, meeting place, Museum events and gatherings
<b>Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Large wooden notice board (with empty display space)</li> <li>- Picnic table</li> <li>- Large wooden 'Museum' sign</li> </ul>
<b>Accessibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Primary access by Village street network</li> <li>- Low pedestrian accessibility – bordered by two busy roads; no entrance off street</li> </ul>
<b>Linkages &amp; Connections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Central location</li> <li>- Not integrated into Museum - fence isolates it from Museum</li> <li>- Isolated from Village core – not connected to Downtown or Village core</li> </ul>
<b>Amenities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good street visibility – street frontage on two sides</li> <li>- Adjacent to Museum – local heritage, culture, and history</li> <li>- Park has minimal appeal – looks and feels neglected with no sense of purpose</li> <li>- Feels unsafe/unappealing - sandwiched between two busy roads with no barriers</li> </ul>

**SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS**

Work with Museum Society to enhance Museum park entrance and user appeal:

- Integrate parkette into Museum to create larger, more useable park
- Determine feasibility of using Village Road Right of Way to improve pedestrian access to Museum
- Install benches, picnic tables, and bike rack
- Place wooden notice board at entrance to park and display interesting /heritage information
- Connect Museum to Village core and Old Community Centre by passing pedestrian pathway along Meadow Road through park



**Entrance to the Museum - Prospect St**

**PEMBERTON PLATEAU PARK:** Pinewood Drive

<b>Ownership</b>	Municipal
<b>Size</b>	n/a – small
<b>Service Area</b>	Within 5-10 minute walk of Pemberton Plateau neighbourhood
<b>Ecological Components</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rocky cliffs</li> <li>- Mature trees with bird habitat</li> <li>- Full day sun; views of Mount Currie</li> <li>- Outside Lillooet River Flood Plain Area</li> </ul>
<b>Users</b>	Park is underutilized and is not useable in its current condition
<b>Activities</b>	Passive: Viewing/observation
<b>Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	None
<b>Accessibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Limited/no accessibility</li> <li>- Steep rocky cliffs</li> </ul>
<b>Linkages &amp; Connections</b>	None
<b>Amenities</b>	Minimal street visibility
<b>Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Undeveloped space</li> <li>- Extremely limited useability and function due to steep topography and access issues</li> <li>- Park was acquired as part of subdivision requirements</li> <li>- Safe access will have to involve man-made structure</li> </ul>
<b>SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
Work with Strata to develop a public boardwalk and viewing platform	

**B. Open Spaces**

<p>There are four primary publicly owned and accessible open spaces in the Village.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One Mile Lake Park encompasses a significant natural open space and is an important and valuable watershed and wildlife habitat. It is a highly used space by all user groups and popular activities include hiking, mountain biking, bird watching, and nature observation. Currently this natural space has limited accessibility; however, the pedestrian bridge over Pemberton Creek and improved boardwalk system planned for 2009 will increase universal access to this open space.</li> <li>- The Arn Canal extends through the Village from Pemberton Meadows Road until Airport Road. The Province owns the land and the Pemberton Valley Dyking District (PVDD) manages the dyke system. The trails along the Arn Canal are heavily used and extremely popular with both residents and wildlife. It provides one of the only natural green corridor connections in the Village.</li> <li>- The Pemberton Creek dyke system ending on Highway 99 is owned by the Province and managed by the PVDD. This is a popular trail and wildlife corridor and also provides the only pedestrian trail access from the Village core to the Creekside open space.</li> <li>- The old WWTP is located next to a sandy beach on the Lillooet River and on the Valley Trail network. The Valley Trail is a highly used and popular recreation and connector for Village residents, tourists, and local wildlife. The Village has completed a study to decommission the old WWTP and designate the area as a park.</li> </ul>
<b>SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Work with the Province and Pemberton Valley Dyking District to secure long-term public access to Pemberton Creek, Arn Canal, and old WWTP.</li> <li>b) Acquire funding to decommission old WWTP and convert area to open space park and public beach access.</li> <li>c) Install benches, bear bins, and interpretive signage on existing trails through open spaces</li> </ul>

### 5.3 Summary

- a) The majority of the existing Village parks and facilities are well maintained and in good condition. Existing parks could significantly increase their frequency of use and range of users with the addition of facilities and equipment to support a broader range of users, especially small children, youth, and young families. This includes installing more play equipment, seating, trails and pathways, interpretive signage, and off-leash parks.
- b) Due to its small land area, the Village Park's system is fairly compact and most parks are within a 5-10 minute walking distance of residents. However, as the Village has experienced major growth in the last 5-10 years, the existing total parks supply and many of the park lot sizes do not support the current Village population. If the community continues to grow as predicted, both the total supply of park space and the individual size of each park will need to be increased to meet park standards (Section 2.4)
- c) The community does not have a designated Community Active park or multi-use sports field. Current public access and ability to use the School District fields does not appear to be sufficient for the Village population due to lack of facilities, poor/unsafe field conditions, and overbooking/use of space. The community is especially concerned with securing long-term public access to the Old Community Centre fields and facilities.
- d) The majority of Village neighbourhoods have access to a neighbourhood park within walking distance. The following neighbourhoods lack access to neighbourhood parks compatible with park standards (Section 2.4):
  - Downtown core
  - The Glen
  - Pioneer Junction
  - "Snob Hill"/Benchlands
- e) Pemberton Plateau does not have an accessible or useable neighbourhood park within a 5-10 minute walks and is disconnected from Village community parks.
- f) The Business Park does not have access to a park or open space within 1-3km and is disconnected from all Village parks and trail connections.
- g) The Village, although surrounded by significant natural open space, currently has limited designated open spaces within its municipal boundaries. With such a small land area and an increasing urban density, securing public access to natural open spaces and green corridors is essential to maintaining the existing quality of life.
- h) With the exception of One Mile Lake, the Village does not have designated public access to local waterways.

## 6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

### 6.1 Park Specific Recommendations

Listed in the inventory of existing parks and open spaces

### 6.2 Community-wide Recommendations

1. **Determine community priorities for implementing the Specific Recommendations for existing parks and develop an implementation plan with goals for completion.**

**2. Acquire and secure land to provide sufficient park and open space to support current and predicted future Village population and urban density**

- A. Acquire and designate land in the downtown to make up for the deficiency of Community Feature Park space in the Village core compatible with park standards for Community Feature Parks (Section 2.4).
- B. As the downtown residential population increases, acquire land in the downtown to increase the size of neighbourhood parks to be compatible with park standards (Section 2.4) and serve residents and businesses.
- C. As opportunities arise, acquire land within 5-10 minute walking distance of the Pemberton Plateau neighbourhood for the development of a small neighbourhood park. In the short term, develop a safe pedestrian trail to connect Pemberton Plateau to the Village park system.
- D. As opportunities arise, acquire and designate a small green space in the Business Park. Ideally this green space will connect to the planned Friendship Trail and the Village core.
- E. As the population increases in the identified future development areas (Section 2.5.b), acquire land for neighbourhood park use to maintain a supply compatible with the neighbourhood park standard (Section 2.4).
- F. As opportunities arise, acquire lands adjacent to school sites and create joint use agreements with the School District to maximize a larger open space
- G. Conduct an assessment of undeveloped Municipal land to determine if they should be retained for parks and natural open space purposes. If they are not appropriate, Council should consider selling these properties and use the revenue to acquire desirable parks and open space land.

**3. Acquire land to create a Green Corridor and Open Space Network**

- A. Use the existing publicly accessible sections of the dyke system (Arn Canal, Valley Trail, Pemberton Creek) as the major framework for a Village open space and green corridor network:
  - i. Develop and maintain a compact surfaced pathway to link these areas
  - ii. Install benches, trash receptacles, and interpretive signage and maps along the pathway
- B. As opportunities arise, acquire dyke land, easements, and right of ways to secure public access to waterways, trails, and natural spaces.

**4. Community Active/Multi-use Sports fields**

- A. Work with Squamish Lillooet Regional District, School District, and user groups to develop at least one multi-use sports field in the Village core according to Community Active park standards. Ideally this park should have the facilities to host large community sporting events, spectators, and offer lighting for evening/night time use.
- B. Consult with user groups and community sports groups to develop upgrading and maintenance standards for multi-use sports fields. Standards should include:
  - i. Stormwater management and drainage plan
  - ii. Use of synthetic materials in highly trafficked zones (goal crease, access trails)

## 5. Land-Use Principles and Design Guidelines

- A. Develop clear guidelines for multi-family development to ensure that these developments provide open space to meet the needs of their residents:
  - i. Ensure that park space and facilities provided by developers directly support the specific needs and interests of the demographic expected to reside in the development i.e. families, young adults, seniors etc
- B. Ensure that developers demonstrate that the 5% dedication of parkland during subdivision is useable and accessible space and compatible with park standards (Section 2.4). If land is not appropriate for park or open space use, require cash in-lieu. Cash-in lieu should be used towards acquiring land to increase the size of existing parks and developing new parks and open spaces.
- C. Require future subdivision and large-scale developments to conduct an Environment and Wildlife Management Plan in order to identify and preserve significant ecological systems and wildlife corridors.
- D. Adopt the directions and recommendations of the Parks Master Plan into the Official Community Plan and ensure that Development policies are consistent with those outlined in the Parks Master Plan.

## 6. Park Maintenance and Standards

- A. Develop a Park Upgrading and Maintenance Plan and Manual to ensure all parks are regularly maintained and equipment is in safe working condition.
- B. Develop a Green Infrastructure Plan with guidelines for new park development to include the use of:
  - i. Natural storm water management
  - ii. Low water and native landscaping
  - iii. Integrated pest management

## 7. Miscellaneous

- A. Consult with dog owners to determine the need for a specific off-leash dog park.

## 7.0 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan should direct and guide Village park planning and capital projects. Key factors for implementation of this plan include:

- Immediately identifying community priorities for parks and open spaces
- Goal and timeline to upgrade existing parks according to the community priorities – other communities have goal to upgrade one park every two years.
- Land acquisition goals and budget according to community priorities
- Exploring and applying for funding
- Identifying revenue generation opportunities for parks including community ownership i.e. Adopt a Park, P3, sponsorship, and commercial advertising
- **Status of DCC and Park Reserves**

## Village of Pemberton Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan

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In addition, the Village should include recommendations from the Master Plan as performance measures in the annual Strategic Plan in order to accomplish goals and inform budget documents. The Master Plan should be evolving like the population it serves and should be reviewed and updated by planning staff annually. **To be expanded following community input.**