

Village of Pemberton

Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan provides a comprehensive analysis of the current park needs in the community considering their benefits, societal trends, classifications and standards, planning and design and the Pemberton context. The document also includes a comprehensive inventory of existing parks and open spaces identifying their location, size and amenities. The Village has over 32 hectares (80 acres) of land allocated to parks averaging 144 m² (1550 ft²) per resident.

Together with community input, the initial sections of the Master Plan assisted in developing the goal of the Village's parks and open space system as well as key policy directions, strategies and recommended actions. The Master Plan then incorporated the background information and community directions into the following seven (7) action items:

- Identify and incorporate Capital Improvements to existing parks and open spaces into the Village's Strategic Plan and Budget.
- Continued planning for future park and open space needs including the preparation of a parkland acquisition plan and identification for specific enhancements.
- Expand an integrated park/trail corridor and open space network which uses existing publicly accessible sections of the dyke and where opportunities arise, acquire dyke land, easements, and right of ways to secure public access to waterways, trails, and natural spaces.
- Develop Multi- jurisdictional parks strategy by recognizing valley-wide priorities.
- Establish a Permanent Home for Multi-use Sports Fields
- Prepare a park upgrading and maintenance plan and manual and a green infrastructure plan
- Ensure that the Master Plan evolves by continually reviewing and updating the document.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Village of Pemberton Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan provides a comprehensive approach in ensuring that residents are well served by local parks and open spaces. The scope of this Plan is to identify a clear direction for the retention and expansion of the community's parks and open spaces considering the many stakeholders involved in the enjoyment, delivery and maintenance of these recreational amenities.

The Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan comprises the following three sections:

Park and Open Space Requirements - The many components that contribute to an appropriate park service. This section specifically highlights the benefits, current trends, classifications and standards and the design of parks as well as the local context related to Village policy, community demographics, recreation and leisure, the economy, the environment and community input.

Parks and Open Spaces Inventory - A detailed inventory and assessment of all existing parks and open areas.

Village Parks and Open Space Master Plan Implementation - The community's goals, policy directions, strategies and actions in fulfilling Pemberton's needs for parks and open spaces.

2.0 PARK AND OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENTS

This section provides an in-depth understanding of the importance of parks and open spaces which enhance Pemberton's quality of life. A detailed overview of current recreation and leisure trends is provided together with key factors related to the character of Pemberton's population. The considerations outlined in this section provide comprehensive information needed to make informed recommendations related to future parks and open space improvements in Pemberton.

2.1 Benefits of Parks and Open Spaces

Parks and open spaces play a significant role in creating complete and sustainable communities, specifically:

a) Social and Cultural Exchange. Parks and open spaces provide a public and neighbourhood space for recreation, physical activity, leisure, social gathering and community interaction. Parks and open spaces generally enhance community quality of life and mental health by facilitating:

- healthy, active living
- stress reduction
- community cohesion, goodwill, and civic pride
- cultural exchanges and understanding

b) Ecological Protection. Open spaces conserve and enhance a community's natural resources and biodiversity¹ by providing tree sanctuaries, wildlife habitats, and natural infrastructure systems. Equally important, these areas offer a break from urban density and built form by providing a space to understand and relate to the natural world. The ecological benefits of parks and open spaces specifically offer:

- clean air and water
- shelter and shade from the elements
- bio-diversity and resistance to pests and disease

c) Economic Development. Parks and open spaces are a known economic catalyst enhancing property values, attracting tourism and new business as well as entrepreneurial

¹ Emina Sendich, Planning and Urban Design Standards, American Planning Association

activities such as street markets, eventing and recreational programming. Economic development has a positive impact on a community, specifically through:

- urban revitalization
- stronger and more diverse local economies
- reduced capital and maintenance costs of low impact and green infrastructure systems

2.2 Current Societal Trends

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

a) Reduced Leisure Time. Canadians have less leisure time to relax, recreate, and socialize. This is especially true for the demographics focused between schoolchildren to middle age who have time-consuming responsibilities, such as school, work, and raising families². 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

b) Aging. Canada's aging population is expected to have a significant impact on communities within the next 10 years. The 65+-year age group has the most amount of leisure time and requires park facilities and activities that support their specific needs. To include this demographic, community parks must be accessible and incorporate the interests of this age group.

c) 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 categories³. This decline has a concurrent significant increase in preferences for natural open spaces, trails and green corridors and park connections

d) Eco-tourism. Eco/adventure tourism is now leading the tourist sector in both Canada and the Sea to Sky Region⁴. Accessible natural open spaces and well-designed and appealing parks attract this growing sector.

e) Sustainability. Increasing environmental awareness and demand for sustainable development represents a major shift in community and government priorities. Key indicators 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.⁵

a) 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.

² Trends in Parks and Recreation, 2008

³ Parks and Recreation Trends,

⁴ Visitor Statistics 2001-2008, Tourism Pemberton

⁵ Creating Great Urban Parks, Kathy Madden and Fred Kent, Project for Public Spaces

b) Broad Uses and Activities. Successful parks offer a broad range of activities that appeal to all age groups, interests, and abilities year-round and include both passive leisure (sitting, chatting, nature study) and physical sport (sports, walking, jogging).

c) 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 success⁶.

d) 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.

2.4 Classifications 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 Pemberton⁷.

Type	Service Area	Size	Key Characteristics	Pemberton Example
Community Feature Parks	2-3 km from all residential	Minimum of 2.5-5.0 acres/1,000 population	- Natural features - Horticultural interest - Open space - Stages, band stands, culture and art	One Mile Lake Park
Community Active Parks	1-2km from all residential	Minimum 5.0 acres/1,000 population	- Recreation Centres - Sports fields - Multi-use courts/Multiplex	Old Community Centre
Neighbourhood Parks	400-800m (5-10 minute walk) from immediate residential	1.25-2.5 acres/1,000 population	- Informal open space - Passive recreation - Playgrounds - Sports fields (including school fields)	Zurcher Park
Special Use Parks	Varies – ½ km to 30 minute drive radius	Varies	- Usually single-purpose use Linear Parks - School fields - Parkettes/Mini parks - Dog Parks - Viewpoints	Skate and Bike Skills Parks
Open Spaces	Varies	Varies – typically minimum of 50 acres	- Non-programmed space - Preserve unique features, sensitive ecosystems, and green connections	One Mile Lake Park
Green Corridors	Varies	Varies	- Connect fragmented ecological habitats into network within/ beyond municipality - Habitat and transportation corridors through agricultural and urban land use - Access & connection routes for people	Arn Canal

⁶ Project for Public Spaces,

⁷ Based on the Revelstoke Parks Master Plan, Squamish Parks and Recreation Plan, and Ladysmith Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan

2.5 Pemberton Context

The Village of Pemberton is a small, rural community located in the Sea to Sky Corridor. With a local population of 2,192⁸ (estimated at almost 2,500 in 2009⁹) the Village is also the service hub for the surrounding communities which has a total regional population of approximately 6,000 residents. The Village is popular for young adults and families, as it is a gateway to provincial parks and wilderness and is a compact, walkable community.

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

a) Applicable Planning Policy and Governance

The Village is currently updating its *Official Community Plan (OCP)* which will continue the existing community land use policies specifically related to parks and development. Key goals and policies from the existing OCP relevant to the Parks Master Plan focus on:

- 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.
- The provision of parkland, or money in lieu of, from the owner of any land being subdivided in accordance provincial statutes.
- 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.
- 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.

At this time, the majority of established neighbourhoods within the Village have peaked in terms of their capacity to support significant population growth in the future. It is understood that residential growth over the next 5-10 years (from 1999) is intended to occur in the following areas:

- The Benchlands
Addition of 500-600 dwelling units
Benchlands' Neighbourhood Concept proposes 503 single and multi-family dwelling units and a total residential population of 1,668
- 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

The new OCP expands on the Village's parks and open space policies highlighting the direction of this Master Plan. In addition the Master Plan has also received input from other existing plans notably the Pemberton and Area C Trails Plan, the Sea to Sky Trail Management Plan, the Downtown Enhancement Strategy, and the Land Resource Management Plan for the Sea to Sky Area.

Parks are the responsibility of several jurisdiction in the Pemberton area, including the Village, SLRD, School District No. 48, Lil'wat Nation, BC Parks, BC Hydro and the Provincial Integrated Land Management Bureau (Crown land). Recreation related to park use in the Village is directed

⁸ 2006 Village of Pemberton Community Profile, Statistics Canada

⁹ BC Stats

by the Pemberton Valley Utility Service (PVUS), providing a joint operation by both the Village and the SLRD. A Recreation Advisory Committee provides community input to PVUS.

b) Community Demographics

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

- Pemberton has experienced high rates of population growth, yet such growth has slowed in recent years.
 - 33.5% growth rate from 2001-2006 (6.7% per annum)
 - A report prepared for the Regional Growth Strategy indicated that with a moderate growth rate of 4.7% of the next 20 years resulting in a population of just over 10,000 residents by 2030.
 - The 2009 BC Stats has projected that since 2006 Pemberton's growth has been approximately 2.9%.
 - The projected 2009 population was 2416 residents (an increase of 224 people since 2006).

- Pemberton has a youthful population, being a strong child-oriented community
 - In the 2006 Census the median age was 32.7 years (below the provincial average of 40.8 years); 30% of the population was under the age of 25 years; and 10% of the population was under the age of 5 years.
 - In June of 2010 the Village undertook a Community Census¹⁰ that further confirmed that Pemberton is a young community, in comparison with provincial averages the community has higher concentrations of persons under 20 years (most notably 4 years and under which is double the provincial average) and adults in their 30's (child bearing age).

- 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
 - The Community Census indicated that seniors (55+) comprised only 7.8% of the population (the provincial average is 3 x greater)

- High density urban population
 - Small land area of 5 km²
 - Approximately 500 people per km²
 - 50% of population lives in multi-family residential (town homes and apartments)
 - 12% of population lives in single-family homes
 - Significant incidence of secondary suites in single family homes

c) Recreation and Leisure Focus

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

¹⁰ The response rate overall was identified as approximately 63%. Further in comparing the Community Census results with the 2006 Canada Census, it should be noted that there is speculation by the Village that the collection may have not fully engaged individuals in rental properties.

- 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:

- 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 squash 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)
 - Camping

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 list¹¹)
- Retail
- Trades & construction
- Business services
- Some light industrial, manufacturing, and primary sector activities
- 82% of workforce drives to place of work (the Community Census found that one person in every household commutes to Whistler for employment)
- Regional economy also includes agriculture and farming

Enhanced parkland opportunities will complement the amenity offerings for residents, employers and visitors. The Village also currently has countless park and open spaces immediately surrounding its jurisdiction specific to the desires of moto-cross and car racing, snowmobiling, mountain biking, horseback riding, kayaking and cross country skiing.

e) Ecological Features

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 (bears, trumpeter swans, salmon etc)

¹¹ Data recorded by Tourism Pemberton, 2001-2008

- 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.

f) Community Input

The Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan was initiated in early 2009, which also coincided with the updating of the Official Community Plan. The Master Plan piggybacked on the consultation opportunities of the OCP to get more input on parks planning. The public engagement included the following:

- Downtown Display and Questionnaire (October 2009)
- Speak Up Pemberton Community Meetings (January/February 2010)
- Speak Up Pemberton Workbook (February/March 2010)
- Display Boards and Input Exercise of the draft Official Community Plan (June 2010 Annual General Meeting/Town Hall Meeting)

In September 2009 the Plan was also referred to the following community groups: Pemberton Arts Council, Pemberton Valley Trails Association, Economic Development Commission, Pemberton Wildlife Association, Pemberton Youth Soccer Association, Pemberton Valley Dyking District, Pemberton Seniors Society, Pemberton Rotary Club, and Pemberton Lions Club.

A summary of community preferences¹² focused on the following:

- improve playing fields
- activate downtown parks.
- improve neighbourhood parks with upgraded equipment, improved drainage, shade trees and irrigation
- provide opportunities for off-leash dog parks
- improve One Mile Lake for swimming and beach activities (weeds, goose droppings)
- relocate or bury transmission lines
- develop a Frontier Street Greenway
- enhance park facilities for community functions
- continue greenway along the dikes (continuous)Frisbee Golf Site
- acquire or secure future Community Park sites
- provide parks for older children and teens
- provide public washrooms
- develop a waterpark
- provide facilities for equestrian events
- develop a campground
- include outdoor gyms and geocaching opportunities

¹² A waterpark has been considered a facility as part of the Cottonwood Community Centre.

3.0 PARKS AND OPEN SPACES INVENTORY

The Village of Pemberton has 15 existing parks, 2 major public open spaces, and 5 park areas planned for the near future. The following inventory provides an outline of these existing parks, open spaces and future planned parks including: residential maps highlighting the park system for each established neighbourhood, in-depth evaluations of each park based on the four key factors for successful urban parks (Section 2.3) and community input and a list of recommendations for specific park improvements.

3.1 Parks and Open Spaces Overview

Existing Parks and Open Spaces

PARK	CATEGORY	SIZE
One Mile Lake	Community Feature	
Pioneer Park	(plus Open Space)	71.4 acres/28.96 hectares
		0.5 acres
	Neighbourhood	
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
Alder Street Park		0.884 acres/0.36 hectares
Foughburg Park		0.32 acres/0.13 hectares
Airport Park		n/a
Al Staehli Park		n/a
	Special Use	
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
	Open Spaces	
Arn Canal & Pemberton Creek		n/a
Total Acreage		82.68 acres

Undeveloped/Future Planned Parks and Open Spaces

PARK/DEVELOPMENT	CATEGORY	SIZE	SERVICE AREA
Bike Skills & Skateboard Park	Special Use	n/a	1-3km from most residential
Water Park	Special Use	n/a	1-3km of most residential
BCR Properties/Signal Hill Homes	-Community -Neighbourhood -Open Spaces & trails	Total 2.8 hectares (7 acres)	1-3km from most residential 400-800m to downtown and Signal Hill residential
The Benchlands	-3 natural open spaces -Neighbourhood -Elementary School field	Total 20.6 hectares proposed	1-3km of Benchlands neighbourhood
Decommissioned WWTP site	Open Space Special Use (boat launch)	n/a	1-3k from downtown and residential
Frisbee Golf Course	Special Use	n/a	1-3km from most residential
Biro/Sabre	Playing Fields Recreation Facilities	10 hectares (25 acres)	3-5 km from most residential

3.2 Inventory

This section of the Master Plan provides a detailed inventory of each of the Village’s existing parks and open spaces. A detailed description of the community’s community feature, neighbourhood, and special use parks as well as public open spaces are provided (including photographs). Each of the parks and open spaces are also identified in the Master Plan Map.

A. Community Feature Parks

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

Ownership	Municipal	
Size	71.4 acres/28.96 hectares	
Service Area	Within 3km of Village core and most residential (except Pemberton Plateau)	
Ecological Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Within Lillooet River Flood Plain - Pemberton Creek Watershed is invaluable wildlife habitat - Plant & tree sanctuary–mature forest, wetland plants, estuary - Limited evening sun 	
Users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “The community’s major park”¹³ - All user groups – especially young families and children - Dogs permitted at Dog Beach 	
Activities	<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. New accessible trail and boardwalk system New Pemberton Creek bridge connection
Facilities & Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wooden dock with swim ladders - Playground equipment – swing set - 2 picnic tables - 2 bear bins (recycle and garbage) - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doggie Bag dispenser - Lifesaving wheel - 4 bike racks - Gravel parking lot - Outhouse - Extensive boardwalk and trail system
Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flat beach area has good access and wheelchair accessibility - Gravel parking on site - Minimal/dangerous pedestrian and bike access on highway verge - Enhance vehicle visibility to enter park from Village (left turn across oncoming lane of highway speed traffic and blind rise) 	
Linkages & Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Well connected to Nairn Falls/provincial trails system - Limited connection to Village (no signage on highway indicating park) - Limited connectivity to well-used Valley trail or Village trail network 	
Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High appeal and interest - Popular family and dog park - Equipment in good condition Heavily signed beach area – confusing and unsightly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limited seating if both picnic tables are occupied - Nature Centre - Pemberton Creek Bridge and Trail system 	
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2005 One Mile Lake Master Plan provides in-depth review of the park’ - Village implements Master Plan recommendations in annual Strategic Plan - Park encompasses significant open natural space - Proposed Nature Centre with washroom for salmonoid enhancement - Connection to Nairn Falls, trail enhancement 	

¹³ Official Community Plan, Village of Pemberton, 1999



Beach and picnic area with swimming dock



Secure boat storage facility with paved boat launch

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PIONEER PARK: 1382 Aster Street

Ownership	Municipal
Size	0.5 acres – not compatible with Community Feature Park standards for current population
Service Area	Within 1-3km of all residential (except Pemberton Plateau)
Ecological Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outside Lillooet River Flood Plain - Mature trees provide habitat for birds - Limited sun exposure (tucked into mountains and facing east) - Views of Mount Currie and Valley
Users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All user groups – especially young families and children - Dogs permitted on leash - Underutilized
Activities	Primarily passive activities: Picnicking, socializing and gathering, community events, view observation
Facilities & Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gazebo - 3 picnic tables - 2 bear bins (garbage only) - 2 doggie bag dispensers - Paved street parking - Weekday access to public washroom located at Municipal Hall
Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flat with good access for foot, bike, wheelchairs and strollers - Fenced entrance could be a physical and psychological barrier to park¹⁴ - Park is inaccessible from three sides (due to heavy bushes and Municipal Hall)
Linkages & Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Central location - Not connected to trails or other parks
Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Well-maintained and in good condition - Close to Greyhound Bus Terminal – tourist drop-off zone - Limited street visibility (street frontage on Aspen blocked by fence) - Safety issues due to public abuse of alcohol (unhealthy image for families and children¹) and litter (glass bottles etc) - Low appeal and interest – minimal family oriented equipment/facilities - No feature or focal point
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identified by community as a “top favourite place in the Downtown” if was more family friendly - Incorporate park planning with Downtown Enhancement Plan - Low tree branches limit street visibility - Village owns land to railway right of way

¹⁴ Community Feedback, Downtown Enhancement Workshop, April 28-29, 2009



Aster Street entrance to park and gazebo



Mature trees and views of Mount Currie

B. Neighbourhood Parks

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

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



Tennis Courts in excellent condition



Universally accessible washrooms with signage

ZURCHER PARK: 7400 Laurel Street

Ownership	Municipal
Size	0.75 acres – not compatible with neighbourhood park standards for current population
Service Area	Within 5-10 minute walk of The Glen neighbourhood
Ecological Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mature trees - Full day sun exposure - Views of Mount Currie
Users	All user groups – primarily families and young children
Activities	Active: Informal play, Passive: Picnic, socializing and gathering,
Facilities & Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Large, gravel based playground and equipment (tot and regular swing sets, slides, jungle gym/climbing structure) - 2 Picnic tables - 2 benches - 2 open style garbage bins - 1 doggie bag dispenser
Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flat with good access to Village streets - No trails or pathways through park for strollers or wheelchairs
Linkages & Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Centrally located in middle of neighbourhood - Limited connection to trails or other parks and open spaces
Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Well maintained large space - Good street visibility – street frontage on both Larch St and Laurel St - Play equipment in good condition - except missing slide - Medium-high appeal and interest for young families and children - Limited activities for seniors and young adults - Dog issue could be addressed with fencing



Mature trees, play equipment and grassed area



Playground for young children and tots

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

Ownership	Municipal	
Size	0.32 acres – not compatible with neighbourhood park standards for current population	
Service Area	Within 5-10 minute walk of The Peaks and Pioneer Junction residential	
Ecological Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Young trees and shrubs - Full day sun exposure - Views of Mount Currie 	
Users	Young families and young children/tots	
Activities	Active: Informal play	Passive: Picnic, socializing, sitting
Facilities & Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-ed public washroom - Play structure with slides - Regular and tot swing set - Monkey bars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 Bear bin (garbage only) - 1 doggie bag dispenser - Picnic tables and benches - Paved parking
Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flat with good accessibility - Universally accessible washroom 	
Linkages & Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Well connected to immediate neighbourhood - Well connected to Valley Trail - Highway crossing is major divider between park and Village core - Pemberton Creek pedestrian bridge will provide connection to One Mile Lake 	
Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good street visibility – in center of strata (eyes on the street) - Equipment is in excellent condition - Playground has a wide variety of activities for young children and tots - High appeal and interest for young children and families - Limited appeal for seniors and young adults - No shade or shelter from the elements (especially summer sun) - Drainage issues in park during wet season/heavy rain 	
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Park is adjacent to a municipally owned piece of land with a trail connection to the Community Gardens; this land is underutilized. - Washroom used by Community Garden 	



Primarily for small children and young families



Play equipment in very good condition

ALDER STREET PARK & ARN CANAL OPEN SPACE: Lot 21, Alder Drive

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



Play equipment and sand box



Alder Drive street entrance to Patty's Park

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FOUGBERG PARK: Aster St

Ownership	Municipal (Art Barn and Dyking District buildings located on adjacent privately owned land lot)
Size	0.2 acres (Municipal lot) & 0.2 acres (private ownership) –not compatible with
Service Area	Within 5-10 minute walk of Downtown (commercial and residential)
Ecological Components	- Mature trees - Full early-mid-day sun – mature trees provide shade
Users	- Community wide users, downtown businesses & employees, downtown residents - Underutilized
Activities	Passive: Sitting, gathering, socializing, eating, observation, and community events
Facilities & Equipment	- Picnic tables - Gravel parking - Heritage buildings (Art Barn and Dyking District)
Accessibility	- Flat with good general accessibility - Pedestrians impeded by parked cars and no sidewalk/path - No bike racks
Linkages & Connections	- Central location – “heart of downtown” ¹⁵ - Not well connected to Village park or trail system
Amenities	a) Key park in downtown enhancement for its heritage and location b) High street visibility – street frontage on Prospect St, Aster St, and lane c) No signage indicating park’s name or heritage character d) Feels neglected and underutilized e) Limited appeal for families and other users due to lack of equipment f) Art Barn does not have Occupancy Permit and is underutilized as a venue



Opportunity for family oriented activities, seating, and interpretive signage

¹⁵ Community identified “Heart of Downtown”, Village Downtown Enhancement Workshops, April 29-30, 2009



Mature trees provide shade

AIRPORT PARK: Airport Lands

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



Signage need at entrance to Airport park



Mature trees provide shade for picnics

AL STAEHLI PARK:

Ownership	Benchlands To be transferred to Village in 2010-2011
Size	n/a
Service Area	Within 5-10 minute walk of immediate neighbourhood
Ecological Components	- Outside Lillooet River Flood Plain - Gravel with some mature trees - Limited afternoon and evening sun
Users	None/Underutilized
Activities	None
Facilities & Equipment	None – covered garage structure
Accessibility	- Flat with good accessibility - No sidewalks or pathway access
Linkages & Connections	Limited connection to trails and parks
Amenities	- Good street visibility - No signage indicating park's name - Enhancement with playground equipment proposed in 2011 - Trail connections completed, need ongoing maintenance to stairwell connector from Downtown.



Entrance to Al Staehli Park – currently undeveloped

B. Special Use Parks

PEMBERTON SECONDARY SCHOOL FIELDS: 1400 Oak Street

Ownership	School District No.48 PVUS has joint use agreement with School District No.48 for the development, use, and maintenance of the Pemberton Secondary Fields	
Size	n/a	
Service Area	Within 1-3 km of Village residential (except Pemberton Plateau)	
Ecological Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flat topography, grassed area with young trees bordering field - Within 100-200 m of Arn Canal riparian zone - Pemberton Flood plain - Bears frequent area - Very good sun exposure - Views of Mount Currie 	
Users	All user groups – primarily school sports and community sports clubs and leagues (Youth and Adult) teams; families, children, young adults	
Activities	Active: Organized sports (soccer, baseball, rugby/football); informal sports (Frisbee etc), running/training	Passive: Spectators, reading, enjoying sunshine, stretching, picnic
Facilities & Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 full size soccer field with permanent goal nets - Baseball pitch - 1 bear bin (garbage only) - 1 doggie bag dispensers - Paved parking 	
Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good accessibility - Wheelchair accessibility is questionable - Chain link fence surrounding park is a physical and psychological barrier to access 	
Linkages & Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Central location and well connected to Village core - Minimal connection to pedestrian trails or pathways 	
Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Very good street visibility - High appeal and interest –only soccer fields within residential area - Liability of injury due to large holes/craters created from sprinkler heads, manholes, and uneven surface of fields - Goalie crease/box is worn out and very uneven - One end of field is water logged in Spring or heavy rain - Baseball pitch is underutilized - No signage 	



View of Mount Currie



Permanent goal posts

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SIGNAL HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIELDS: 1410 Portage Road

Ownership	<p>School District No.48</p> <p>The Village has a Joint Use Agreement with the School District for use and maintenance of the school fields. (Contract File # C086)¹⁶ 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Managing field bookings - Ensuring adequate insurance - Managing user fees and deposits - Public washroom keys - The SLRD is not responsible for maintenance of fields or washrooms, garbage, parking, or damage to property. 	
Size	n/a	
Service Area	Within 1-3km from majority of Village residential (except Pemberton Plateau)	
Ecological Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flat grassed area with no trees and minimal vegetation - Outside of Lillooet Flood Plain Area - Bears frequent area moving through and for cherry trees - Good sun exposure; windy – exposed to elements - Views of Mount Currie 	
Users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All user groups – primarily families, children, young adults - School and community sports clubs and leagues (Youth and Adult) - Underutilized 	
Activities	Active: Organized and informal sports (baseball, volleyball, street hockey), walking, running/training, children/tot play	Passive: Spectators, reading, enjoying sunshine, stretching, picnic
Facilities & Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 baseball pitch with 2 dugouts and ball park lighting - 1 volleyball net - 1 playground with slide and climbing structure - 2 picnic tables - No garbage bins - 1 doggie bag dispensers - Paved parking 	
Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medium accessibility - Access to public washroom located at school (key available through Village office) 	
Linkages & Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Central location - Feels isolated from Village street network - Minimal connection to pedestrian trails or pathways to other parts of the Village 	
Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The only lit sports field in the Village & one of three total sports fields in the Village - Large open space – rare in Village - Low /minimal street visibility (tucked behind school building) - Low appeal and interest: lack of activities, baseball pitch dominates space - Lacks park definition and function - No shade (no trees) and minimal landscaping - No signage or identification - Incorporate new development with trail network to Valley loop 	

¹⁶ Joint Use Agreement not found in Contract Files



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

Ownership	The Village has a joint use agreement with the SLRD for the facility The Village owns the land.	
Size	n/a	
Service Area	Within 1-3 km of majority of Village residential (except Pemberton Plateau)	
Ecological Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flat grassed park with no trees - Within Lillooet River Flood Plain Area - Good sun exposure & views of Mount Currie and Valley 	
Users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All user groups - Underutilized 	
Activities	Active: Informal sports and activities, walking, running/training, play	Passive: Community gatherings and events, reading, stretching
Facilities & Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grassed field - Small grassy knoll for winter sledding - Public washrooms (universally accessible) 	
Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flat with good accessibility - Wide, paved trail through park for strollers and wheelchairs - Street crosswalk to access park is very dangerous, especially at night, due to high vehicle speeds on Portage Rd and minimal pedestrian visibility 	
Linkages & Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Central location and well connected to Village core - Well connected to Community Centre, Public Library, Daycare, Youth Centre - Paved pathway connection to downtown core - Adjacent but not connected to Woodbridge residential or Arbutus St development 	
Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Great street visibility and location – directly faces Village gateway street - Amazing views of Mount Currie - Complex lacks identity – referred to as “New Community Centre” - Open space e lacks definition or sense of purpose – feels unfinished - Grassy knoll is worn-out from high traffic - No shade or shelter from the elements (no trees) - No signage or identification - Park and pathway not lit – not well used at night 	
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tourists and visitors to Village do not know what this building is due to lack of signage - Site of future water park and outdoor amphitheatre - Proposed day care playground - Future water/spray park location 	



Paved pedestrian pathway and open space



Grassy hill and open area

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FRONTIER STREET LINEAR PARK: BC Rail along Frontier Street

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



Views to Mount Currie from Downtown



Greyhound Terminal – Locals and visitors first stop

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OLD COMMUNITY CENTRE FIELDS: Pemberton Meadows Road

NOTE THAT THE PARKLAND IS NOT WITHIN THE VILLAGE BOUNDARIES BUT IT DOES HAVE A JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTERED THROUGH PEMBERTON VALLEY UTILITY SERVICE (PVUS)

Ownership	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)	
Size	n/a	
Service Area	1-3km from majority of residential (except Pemberton Plateau)	
Ecological Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Within Lillooet River Flood Plain Area - Grassed area with mature trees and shrubbery - Good sun exposure & views of Mount Currie; exposed to elements (windy) - Backs onto farm land 	
Users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All user groups: primarily school and community sports teams - Heavy use 	
Activities	Active: soccer, baseball, running	Passive: walking, community events, social/family interaction
Facilities & Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 softball pitches - 1 full size soccer field - 1 small size soccer field - Track and field track 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Irrigation system - Picnic tables - Paved parking - Building holds only stage in community
Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flat with medium accessibility - Parking lot often congested and overcrowded - Unsafe/no biking and pedestrian access along Meadows Road (directly on busy and high speed road) – especially at night 	
Linkages & Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outside of Village core – on the outskirts - Isolated - minimal connection to core, residential zones, trails, or park system 	
Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medium street visibility (fields in back and hidden by building) - Heavy use by sports teams – only useable multiuse fields in Village - Community priority to secure fields and courts for Village/public use - School District bus garage is on tennis courts - Minimal signage or identification 	
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community has strong desire to secure the fields for the public - School District is considering relocation of bus garage to Industrial Park 	



Multi-use fields and neglected running track



School Bus Garage on tennis courts – opportunity for revitalization

PEMBERTON MUSEUM PARK: 7450 Pemberton Meadows Road

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



Entrance to the Museum - Prospect St

PEMBERTON PLATEAU PARK: Pinewood Drive

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

A. Open Spaces

There are four primary publicly owned and accessible open spaces in the Village.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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. It continues through to the Airport on the Valley Loop trail system.
- 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.

4.0 PARKS AND OPEN SPACES MASTER PLANNING DIRECTIONS

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. This section of the report identifies the Village's Goal, Policy Directions, Strategies and Actions.

4.1 Goal

The Village's Goal for Parks and Open Spaces is to ensure that both existing and future parks reflect the population's needs and interests; adhere to set park standards; and are designed to be successful and well-used spaces.

4.2 Policy Directions

The Directions have been developed from the findings of the background information contained within the initial section of the Master Plan as well as community input from Village residents, business owners and community organizations. 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 residents and business owners and geographically distributed to serve the population equally.
3. Ensure that all parks are physically and economically accessible to residents and business owners.
4. Actively use parks and open spaces to preserve sensitive ecological areas, natural resources, and wildlife habitat and transportation corridors.
5. Create a park and open spaces network that is socially, financially, and environmentally sustainable.

4.3 Strategies

1. Increase their frequency of use and range of users in existing parks with the addition of facilities and equipment to support a broader range of users, especially small children, youth, and young families (reflecting the demographics of the community).
2. Plan for and expand the total supply of park space and the individual size of each park to meet park standards as the population grows within the Village boundaries.
3. Designate lands for a Community Active park or multi-use sports field for future community needs
4. Improve and/develop the neighbourhood parks compatible with set park standards.
5. Secure public access to natural open spaces and green corridors as it is essential to maintaining the existing quality of life.
6. Maximize the opportunities provided by surrounding provincial parks and Crown lands for the communities parks and recreation needs.
7. Expand designated public access to local waterways within its boundaries.

8. Enhance parks to offer new activities and amenities for a broader range of community users and visitors.
9. Utilize partnerships with surrounding jurisdictions to acquire and develop parks for regional purposes.
10. Apply statutory tools to maximize the resources available for the acquisition and improvement of parks and open spaces in the community.

4.4 Recommended Actions

1. Capital Improvements to Existing Parks and Open Spaces

- a) Develop a work program to implement the recommended improvements (refer to Schedule A) that incorporates these improvements into the Village's Strategic Plan and Budget. Specific consideration should be given to:
 - Determine community priorities and timelines
 - Exploring and applying for funding
 - Identifying revenue generation opportunities for parks including community ownership i.e. Adopt a Park, sponsorship, grant funding, commercial advertising
 - Allocate funds collected through Development Cost Charges and Park Reserves

2. Continued Planning for Future Park and Open Space Needs

- a) Prepare a parkland acquisition plan assess undeveloped Municipal land to address the park and open space requirements as identified in Section 1.0 of the Master Plan:
- b) Specifically plan for the following new park installations:
 - a location for new downtown neighbourhood park
 - designated green space/park in the Industrial Park, providing relief for employees and users of the future friendship trail.
 - additional off leash dog parks
 - Children's adventure playground¹⁷
 - Waterpark and smaller water spray park
 - Frisbee golf course
 - camping
 - Equestrian riding area

3. An Integrated Park/Trail 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:
 - Develop and maintain a compact surfaced pathway to link these areas
 - 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. Develop Multi- jurisdictional Parks Strategy

- a) Clearly establish the priorities of the Village and Area C through the Pemberton Valley Utilities Service.

¹⁷ *Adventure Playground is a park installation that a playground for children used by the children to build with, hide in, climb on/*

- b) Maximize the potential of school sites by optimizing joint use agreements with the School District to maximize a larger open space.
- c) Consult with BC Parks to determine the opportunity to extend the operating season of the Nairn Falls Provincial Park and enhance their amenities for large group gatherings and functions.
- d) Identify potential Crown land to fulfill park activities
- e) Work with BC Hydro to relocate, raise and/or bury portions of the power transmission lines to maximize lands available for recreation.

5. Establish a Permanent Home for Multi-use Sports Fields

- a) Work with Squamish Lillooet Regional District, School District, and user groups to develop at least centralized multi-use sports fields in the Village that meet park standards. Ideally this park should have:
 - the facilities to host large community sporting events, spectators as well as offer lighting for evening/night time use and year-round/all season use.
- b) Consult with PVUS and community sports groups to continually upgrade and maintenance standards for multi-use sports fields. Standards should include:
 - Stormwater management and drainage plan
 - Use of synthetic materials in highly trafficked zones (goal crease, access trails)
 - Use of synthetic materials to create all season fields (turf field, track and pitch)

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 Village Green Infrastructure Plan with guidelines for all new park development to include the use of:
 - Natural storm water management (swales, rain gardens, landscaped planters etc)
 - Native species and drought tolerant/low water landscaping
 - Integrated pest management (reduced reliance on pesticides)

7. Ongoing Master Plan Review

- a) In conjunction with the Village's Strategic Plan and Official Community Plan continue to review and update the directions of the Master Plan. The Master Plan should be evolving like the population it serves and should be reviewed and updated by planning staff annually.

SCHEDULE A - 1

PARK AND OPEN SPACE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

The Village has developed an annual capital improvement program for park infrastructure specific to signage, benches and tables, bear proof garbage bins, bike racks, doggy bag dispensers, bleachers/seating and playground equipment upgrades. The following parks are in need of this infrastructure (not prioritized):

Signage:	Creekside park (indicate public use) Community Centre park (identification) Alder Street park (identification) Foughberg Park (identification and heritage information) Airport Park (identification) Proposed Staehli Park (identification) Signal Hill Playing Fields (identification and wayfinding)
Benches and Tables:	Creekside park Zurcher Park Proposed Staehli Park Museum Park Proposed Lillooet River Park (site of former wastewater treatment plant) Open Spaces and Greenways Plateau Park
Bear Proof Garbage Bins:	Replacement of non-bear proof bins Alder Street Park Airport Park Proposed Staehli Park Proposed Lillooet River Park (site of former wastewater treatment plant)
Bike Racks:	Zurcher Park Alder Street Park Airport Park Proposed Staehli Park High School Playing Fields Signal Hill Playing Fields Community Centre park Museum Park
Doggy Bag Dispensers:	Airport Park Proposed Staehli Park Proposed Lillooet River Park (site of former wastewater treatment plant)
Bleachers/Spectator Seating:	High School Playing Fields Signal Hill Playing Fields Community Centre park (removable seating)
Playground Equipment Upgrades:	Zurcher Park Underhill Park Proposed Staehli Park Community Centre park (waterpark, playgrounds, etc) One Mile Park Pioneer Park Benchlands (Disc Golf)
GeoCaching	One Mile Park Staehli Park Open Spaces and Greenways Pioneer Park

SCHEDULE A-2

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS WITH PRIORITY, RESPONSIBILITY AND FUNDING SOURCE

The following improvements are in addition to the previous table and are sorted by each park identifying the priority and the budget range:

Parks	Enhancements	Priority	Responsibility	Funding Source
One Mile Lake Park	Update the One Mile Lake Master Plan which should include a servicing/infrastructure plan	1-2 yrs	VoP	Grants or VoP operating
Pioneer Park	Improve Pioneer Park in accordance with an Downtown Enhancement Plan	1-5 yrs	VoP	Grants, Downtown Funding
Creekside k	Enhance park entrance and identity:	3-5 yrs	VoP	VoP park reserves
	Hold community naming competition for park	1-2 yrs	VoP	VoP operating
	Install public washroom facilities	5-10 yrs	VoP	VoP park reserves or grants
Underhill Park	Increase size and use of park:	5-10 yrs	Developer of adjacent lands	Developer of adjacent lands
	Improve park drainage	1-2 yrs	VoP	VoP operating or park reserves
	Continue to develop Portage Road right of way (adjacent to park) into a linear Park	1-2 yrs	VoP	VoP VoP park reserves or grants
Alder Street Park	Expand and open up park entrance to increase street frontage and visibility	1-2 yrs	VoP	VoP park reserves or grants
	Develop Arn Canal as secondary access to park and trail connection to the Village trail network	3-5 yrs	VoP	VoP park reserves or grants
Foughberg Park	Work with Pemberton Arts Council to obtain Occupancy Permit for Art Barn and activate Art Barn as a community focal point/plaza:	1-2 yrs	Arts Council and VoP	Grant for improvements
	Develop sidewalk or pathway to provide pedestrian access in conjunction with the Downtown Enhancement Plan	1-2 yrs	VoP	Grants, Downtown Funding
Airport Park	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.	3-5 yrs	VoP	Grants
Stahli Park	Continue to work with developer to acquire land to create neighbourhood park	1-2 yrs	VoP and Developer	Developer
	Explore opportunity to develop as a special use park i.e. community ice rink	1-2 yrs	VoP and neighbourhood	VoP park reserves or grants

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Park	Enhancement	Priority	Responsibility	Funding Source
High School	Work with School District, SLRD, and user groups to improve playing fields:	Ongoing	SD 48, PVUS, User Groups	PVUS, SLRD, grants
	Improve field surface to create even, smooth playing area	1-2 yrs	SD 48, PVUS, User Groups	PVUS, grants
	Determine wheelchair accessibility to fields	3-5 yrs	SD 48, PVUS, User Groups	PVUS, grants
Signal Hill	Extend field lighting beyond baseball diamond to increase evening use	3-5 yrs	PVUS, User Groups	PVUS, grants
	Hold naming competition for Community Centre complex	1-2 yrs	VoP	VoP operating
Frontier St	Continue to work with BCR to acquire land for community park and open space	1-2 yrs	VoP	VoP park reserves
	Implement the Downtown Enhancement Strategy as it affects the park	1-5 yrs	VoP	Grants, Downtown Funding
Meadows Community Centre park	Improve fields and courts to increase safety and user appeal:	1-2 yrs	PVUS, User Groups	PVUS, grants
	Install irrigation for fields	1-2 yrs	PVUS, User Groups	PVUS, grants
	Resurrect track and field facilities	5-10 yrs	PVUS, User Groups	PVUS, grants
	Relocate bus garage and resurrect tennis courts	3-5 yrs	SD #48	SD #48, PVUS, grants
Museum Park	Work with Museum Society to enhance Museum park entrance and user appeal:	1-2 yrs	Museum and VoP	VoP and grants
	Integrate parkette into Museum to create larger, more useable park	3-5 yrs	Museum and VoP	VoP and grants
Plateau Park	Work with Strata to provide opportunities for park use	3-5 yrs	VoP, Strata	VoP Park reserves
Proposed Acquisition Lands	Biro/Sabre:	1-5 yrs	VoP/owner	VoP park reserves, grants, third party partners
	Site of former wastewater treatment plant (Proposed Lillooet River Park)	1-2 yrs	VoP	VoP park reserves and grants, third party partners
	Disc Golf Course in Benchlands	Spring 2011	VoP	VoP, volunteers and grants
Open Spaces and Greenways	Work with the Province and Pemberton Valley Dyking District to secure long-term public access along dike where on public property.	1-2 yrs	VoP	VoP park reserves, grants