

District of Peachland Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Draft Recommendations

1. Master Plan Context

1.1. Recommendations

1. Retain the majority of the [Strategic Priorities](#) outlined in the Community Recreation Policy and fine-tune them to align with the service delivery framework:
 - a. The District is committed to providing opportunities that:
 - i. Encourages participation in opportunities that will [integrate age groups and special needs](#) groups;
 - ii. Encourages [families](#) to participate in recreation activities;
 - iii. Promotes individual [health, fitness and wellness](#);
 - iv. Promotes [social interaction](#), fosters motor development and growth;
 - v. Promotes [basic skill development](#) to form the basis of enjoyment of lifetime leisure activities, contributes to the entire motor and physical development and provides a social setting in which social, moral and emotional growth can be fostered;
 - vi. Offers [advanced skill development](#) where there is a unique niche that exists in Peachland;
 - vii. Promotes [activities for youth](#) that enhance positive social, emotional, moral principles and convictions, educational opportunities and life leadership skills;
 - viii. Promotes activities for [adults and seniors](#) that enhance well-being including social, health and fitness and educational opportunities that stimulate participation in the community as a whole; and
 - ix. Promotes [outdoor education](#).
 - b. The District encourages the development of [special events](#) to contribute to a feeling of community identity and spirit;
 - c. The District supports groups who provide services and facility enhancement that meet demonstrated community need and align with the service delivery framework. District support may range from marketing and communication support, rental fee adjustments, to capital improvements. The level of investment is commensurate with community benefit and available resources.

- d. The District encourages partnership with community groups as well as the entire community in [stewardship](#) for the respect and care of natural areas and development of future parks; and
 - e. The District recognizes that [communication and dissemination of information](#) is crucial to ensure that all residents are aware of the availability of recreation opportunities and events in the community.
2. Adopt the [roles](#) of Planner, Provider, Facilitator and Protector as each provides a distinct and an important contribution to the service delivery system.
 3. Adopt the [Master Plan Principles](#) (Needs-driven, Equitable, Intergenerational, Inclusive, Leverage Existing Resources, Alignment with decision-making principles, Manageable and Realistic, and Accountable) as the foundational reference points for decision-making.
 4. Adopt the [Master Plan Service Delivery Framework](#) to guide the focus for District's investment in services and indoor/outdoor spaces. The key elements are:
 - a. Continue to foster partnerships and collaborative relationships with organizations who share the same community outcomes and have the capacity and expertise to offer quality spaces, programs and services;
 - b. Continue to invest in local service providers so that they may continue to contribute to the service delivery system;
 - c. Continue to work strategically with key service providers to share resources, increase awareness of what is being offered; and collaboratively resolve challenges to improve services to the community;
 - d. Facilitate a collaborative planning process with other service providers to review trends, share community needs data, and provide a forum to proactively plan services to address unmet needs, remove overlaps, and co-create strategies to improve community outcomes; and
 - e. Initiate discussions between District Council and the School Board to explore the parameters of a cooperative agreement and do so in advance of the demand for spaces as the population grows.

2. Parks, Trails and Open Spaces

2.1. Recommendations

Parks

5. Adopt a standard of 2.50 hectares/1,000 people for community parks. Acquire and/or develop existing parkland to establish community parks that are a destination for the entire community.
6. Adopt a standard of 0.50 hectares/1,000 people for neighbourhood parks. Acquire and/or develop neighbourhood parks as the population grows over the next ten years.
7. Explore the potential of building a new outdoor ice rink in Mountain View Park (to replace the existing outdoor ice rink in Turner Properties). Consult the public and stakeholders on proposed changes to Mountain View Park. Consider negotiating a new lease with the Peachland Riding Club.
8. Develop a portion of Sanderson Park as a community park with outdoor recreation amenities. Consider developing ballfields based on monitoring demand/need for these amenities.
9. Develop Mackinnon Park as a community park with outdoor recreation amenities, improved vehicular and pedestrian access, and parking.
10. Develop the currently undeveloped Thompson Drive Park, to serve the Upper Princeton Neighbourhood, with amenities that are appropriate for the neighbourhood and site such as a nature playscape, viewpoint, benches, picnic table and signage.
11. Investigate the District of Peachland's ownership of the W.A.Lang Wilderness Park/Pincushion Park and ensure that public access is secured. Formalize this park as a nature park and improve wayfinding and signage.
12. Rebuild the landscaping along the Centennial Way bioswale by removing the bluegrass and replanting low maintenance, drought tolerant and native plants.
13. Create an inventory and assessment of park furniture (benches, picnic tables, picnic shelter, garbage bins, etc.).
14. Incorporate additional public washrooms within any future civic buildings, and private buildings where appropriate such as the future fire hall at San Clemente and 13th Street.
15. Create an "Art in Parks" strategy and engage local artists to incorporate public art and art-themed events in parks.

Play spaces:

16. Develop a spray park in the Downtown or Beach Ave neighbourhood. Ensure that accessible and intergenerational features are incorporated for parents and grandparents.
17. Develop a playground either in Gillam Crescent Park or as part of the future Turner Properties redevelopment to serve the Lower Princeton neighbourhood.
18. Work with developers to incorporate play spaces in future developments, especially in the Downtown and Beach Ave neighbourhoods.
19. Work with developers to ensure that the future New Monaco neighbourhood includes play spaces to serve New Monaco and the adjacent Buchanan neighbourhood.

Trails:

20. Building on the work completed for the Sidewalk and Pedestrian Connectivity Plan, undertake a comprehensive Trails Network Plan, as per the OCP, that establishes a vision for the Peachland trail network with proposed trail alignments.
21. Work with the community on plans to develop the lakeside promenade with beach access opportunities from 13th Street to Todd Road.
22. Create a separated pathway or sidewalk for pedestrians along Ponderosa Drive.
23. Create a separated pathway or sidewalk for pedestrians along Somerset Ave.
24. Create a formal trail from Ponderosa Drive through the Ponderosa Golf Course land to Somerset Ave. Work with private land owners to establish a trail right of way or easement if trail acquisition is not feasible.
25. Connect the Trepanier Creek Linear Park to the RDCO Greenway along Clements Crescent.
26. Pursue establishment of a formal trail connecting Mountain View Park to Forest Hill Drive Wilderness Park to Sanderson Park to Gerrie Road Park.
27. Investigate the possibility of establishing a formal trail connecting MacKinnon Park, along the east side of Trepanier Creek to Okanagan Lake.
28. Create a new trails map and replace the trails map on the Peachland website. Work with the Peachland Visitor Centre and Legends of the Lake Interpretive Centre to distribute the new trails map.
29. Work with the Province, RDCO and local stewardship groups to promote trails in and around Peachland.
30. Work with the Province to ensure public access on Crown land is secured.

31. Work with the Province to improve and maintain Pincushion Mountain trail, including improving access and signage.
32. Work with the Province to create a new trailhead with kiosk at Forest Hill Drive Wilderness Park, a gateway to the trail network on Crown land connecting to McCall Lakes.
33. Work with RDCO and West Kelowna to establish a trail connection to Goat's Peak Regional Park.
34. Increase maintenance standards for trails and follow Peachland trail standards.
35. As part of an Active Transportation Plan, work with the province to develop a bike lane on or off highway 97 from Peachland to West Kelowna as a first priority and secondly from Summerland to Peachland.

Beaches:

36. Where opportunities exist, develop more accessibility features (ramps, handrails, and hard surface walkways) along the waterfront for people with mobility issues.
37. Continue to provide a Wibit style waterpark through collaboration with local entrepreneurs. Consider other opportunities to partner with local business to provide amenities and services along the waterfront.
38. Expand the size and capacity of the swim docks and explore the potential of adding accessibility features when rebuilding the facilities following the 2017 flood event.
39. Explore the potential of adding more play features at Swim Bay, such as a slide.

Signage:

40. Improve signage and way finding throughout the parks, trails and beaches system
Establish signage standards that are consistent with Peachland branding.

Acquisition:

41. Update the DCC Bylaw to reflect the recommendations in this plan for parkland acquisition and development.
42. Establish formal park and trail acquisition criteria. Prioritize acquisition of waterfront land, flat land that is developable for neighbourhood parks and playgrounds, land for trail connections and protection of sensitive ecosystems. Prioritize acquisition of developable land in the following neighbourhoods: Upper Princeton, Lower Princeton, Ponderosa, Buchanan and New Monaco.
43. Work with partners and private land owners to secure trail rights of way and trail easements where acquisition is not feasible.
44. Explore the potential of transferring the District of Peachland's parkland adjacent to Hardy Falls Park to RDCO to manage as one comprehensive parcel.

3. Outdoor Recreation

3.1. Recommendations

45. Build a new outdoor ice rink (see recommendation 7).
46. Build a small, multi-use sports court in the Downtown, Beach Ave or future New Monaco neighbourhood.
47. Develop a beach volleyball court preferably along the waterfront or consider Lambly Park.
48. Monitor the demand/need for baseball/softball fields.
49. Monitor the demand/need for soccer fields.
50. Monitor participation in mountain biking and potential interest in a future bike park.

4. Indoor Recreation Spaces

4.1. Recommendations

Overall Recreation Facilities:

51. Implement a facility maintenance management program to help extend the serviceable life of the buildings, particularly for heritage facilities.
52. Implement energy audits to reduce energy costs and help meet greenhouse gas emission target.
53. Implement an accessibility audit on all recreation buildings.

In the short term:

54. Expand the hours of operation of the weight room by installing a card access system and closed-circuit video monitoring and monitor results.
55. Add windows to the weight room trailer.
56. Implement interior and exterior upgrades to 4th Street Place.
57. Implement improvements to the Community Centre stage to support multi-use, while retaining the functionality of the stage.
58. Expand contributions and funding towards the facility replacement reserve.

In the long term:

59. Relocate the weight room to the Community Centre in conjunction with the relocation of Council Chambers to another location.
60. Expand the community centre by adding a minimum two multi-purpose rooms equalling about 5,000 sq. ft. of new floor space.

61. If any future additions to Cousins Park are contemplated, consider the potential expansion requirements for the community centre as a priority.
62. Assess the cost and benefits of eventually closing 4th Street Place and adding additional space to the Community Centre when it is expanded.

5. Indoor Recreation Services and Special Events

5.1. Recommendations:

63. Continue to collaborate with other service providers to leverage their expertise and reach with age groups and to offer a wide range of interests.
64. Continue to activate programs through the “facilitation role”.
65. Work with local service providers to position District staff to be a key source of program information and in particular for organizations that do not have a store-front presence.
66. Continue to explore and respond to general recreation programming opportunities for interest-based programming that inspires families, intergenerational relationships, and individuals to recreate together.
67. Expand facility opening hours and align program schedules with the community’s leisure time.
68. Maximize the concurrent programming opportunities that are typically associated with a community centre.
69. Continue to collaborate with other service providers to recruit and share instructors and continue to foster a corps of excellent instructors.
70. Actively recruit and train instructors who are youth and older adults.
71. Encourage local businesses to leverage existing District programs to support employee wellness.
72. Explore the opportunity to provide a weight room certification program that allows youth (13 to 15 years of age) to use the weight room on their own. In combination with a Fob/video surveillance system, establish a volunteer program to ensure the space is safe and adequately supervised.
73. Enter into agreements with residential Developers, Strata Councils, or neighbourhood associations to provide multi-purpose space that are designed to accommodate future neighbourhood-based recreation programs and include language that gives staff access to those spaces.

74. Continue to invest in year round priority special events that align with the District's mandate as they are highly valued. Shift the responsibility of special events to partners where special events align with their operational mandates.