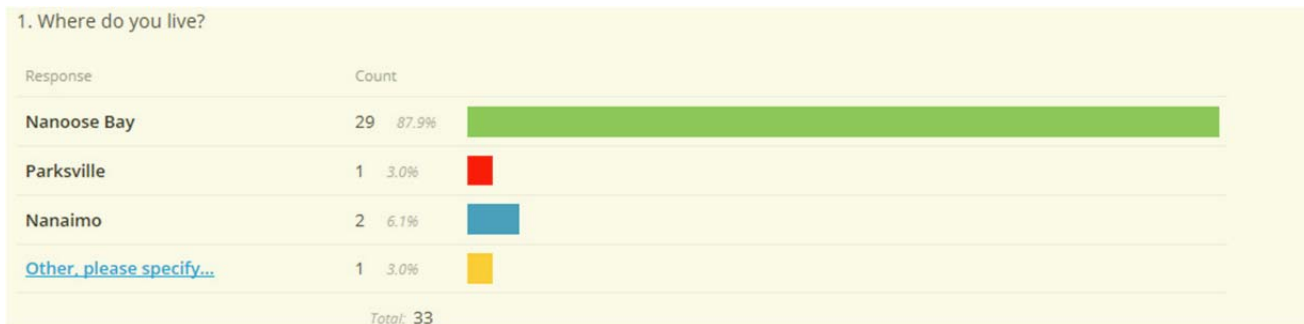


APPENDIX A: PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Open House and First Public Survey (December 7, 2016 to January 7, 2017)

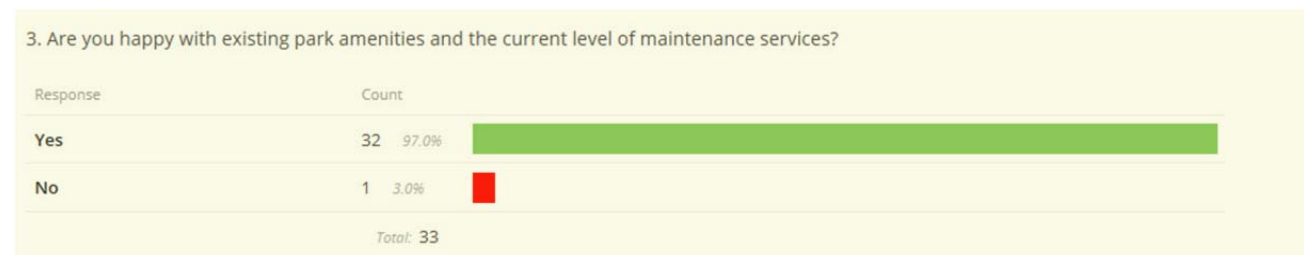
On December 7, 2016 an Open House event was held to share information and answer questions about the park management plan. A public survey was available at the Open House as well as online between December 7, 2016 and January 7, 2017. During that time, 33 surveys were completed online and in hard-copy. The following is a summary of the input received.



1 'Other' response: Beachcomber



9 'Other' responses: 1) For peaceful moments by the ocean, and the sunsets. 2) Beach access. There are few other viable public beach access points in Beachcomber. 3) Enjoying the forest land. 4) Watching sea lions, boats, eagles. Always take visitors there. 5) All of the above. 6) Picnic. 7) Visitor sightseeing. 8) Walking the shoreline with grandchildren. 9) Beachcombing + picnics.



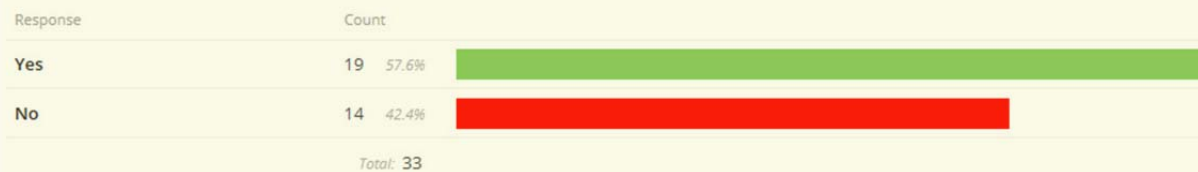
1 Comment to expand on 'No' response: 1) I have tried twice to access the beach through the park but find the trail inaccessible – its more like a rut full of twisted roots and often very muddy and slippery. I have heard there are stairs (marginally better), but would not use them without a handrail. So handrails would be a good idea, especially for seniors, lots in the area.

4. Should the RDN consider additional park amenities or maintenance services in the future?



9 Comments to expand on 'Yes' response: **1)** Vegetative management should include broom removal which I have removed in the past. Invasive plant species destroys the natural habitat for the fauna. **2)** Maintain a clear path free of overhanging branches and more stairs in steep areas with loose stones and gravel. **3)** Improvement of the trail down from the signed entrance only. **4)** Better stairs. **5)** Formalize and maybe increase to a reasonable degree the parking area along Marina Way. Improve the park access trails and ensure they are safe, particularly the steps. **6)** A couple of picnic tables would be sufficient. **7)** If you close secondary access, you should make a formal pathway down into park to the beach starting at the park sign on Marina Way. **8)** Handrails by stairs, and widen gravel trail(s) to make this park more accessible to seniors, especially those who are walking compromised. **9)** Small play area for children.

5. Do you support the closure of secondary park trails (including the entrance at the south end of the parking lot which descends a rock cliff) for reasons of ecological protection and public safety?



7 Comments to expand on 'Yes' response: **1)** Ecological protection of bushes like Snowberry, Salal and Oregon grape are necessary habitat for Pacific wrens. Eagles do not any like clearing around their nest trees, but this pair don't seem to mind the human beach traffic under their nest. **2)** Where public safety is an issue. **3)** But do not "Improve" the other one. No need for ramps, stairs or other features. One of its charms is its rustic nature. Please keep that as is. **4)** The rock cliff trail is potentially dangerous, especially in wet weather. However, how do you close it off? With a fence? This merely adds another man made eyesore to what is supposed to be a wilderness park. Add concrete steps? Another nibbling away at a natural park. The south end trail is also difficult to close to public access unless you fence it off. Most people are generally lazy and any fencing will probably be circumvented by those wishing to save a few steps! Signs are fruitless and the park has more signs than any other I know! **5)** Mostly public safety is the concern. **6)** For safety reasons, and then improve the main entrance after the stairs and toward the beach. **7)** Agree that steep trail near the south boundary should be closed for safety and preservation of native species.

13 Comments to expand on 'No' response: **1)** Visitors have created those trails and will only make new shortcuts through the park if those are closed. **2)** Not necessary to close the south end entrance. Many residents of Beachcomber enjoy using that trail, as a more challenging walk for exercise. Visitors do not need to use that entrance if they are physically restricted. **3)** Close the steep trail but leave the secondary trails. Many people who use this park do not have the mobility to use only the outer (ocean front) walkway. **4)** I think the secondary entrance which runs down the cliff could be improved and made safe. Closing it will likely invite creation of yet another unauthorized trail. I see no problem with the other secondary trails. They are there now and the damage is done. I see no reason to close them and I think any effort to do so will invite additional management problems. I say leave things as they are. **5)** I like the wild aspect of the park. Wouldn't want a neat park with strict rules. **6)** Please leave the park as it is, we were asked roughly the same question about 10-15 yrs back and the answer is still the same. I moved to beachcomber with my family because one of the nicest things about Cottam point was its undeveloped Beachcomber park. Developers tried to take this precious gem away from the local residents 30 yrs ago and pave paradise where upon it was transferred to the regional district to take care of, please leave the park as it is so locals can use the park just as it is without putting up fences all over the place as was done to Moorecroft park. **7)** The rock cliff trail is not heavily used by people as it is a bit of a scramble. It is a good alternative to have another egress from the park. I do not see the secondary trails as an issue either as they have more or less naturally occurred from people accessing the second pebble beach. If these trails were closed, people would find a way around them. The secondary trails provide an opportunity to fully experience the park. I have stood on the cliff trail for a long time, watching birds in the upper tree storey. To close those trails would mean one way in and one way out, completely diminishing the park experience. **8)** We live close by, and our family (including 2 small children) uses and enjoys this trail quite often. The people who use this trail stick to the trail and don't go off the trail and damage the vegetation. There is no public safety concern unless those using it are not fit for a challenging hike. I suggest do not close this trail but instead put signage at the top and bottom, that reads: "this trail is steep - use at your own risk". **9)** I don't want more formal fences or trails added to the park. I like it the way it is, in its natural state. **10)** South end entrance should have a sign stating "steep trail". other trails enable the enjoyment of the plant, wildlife and views of the park. **11)** Do not think it possible. Youth with fishing rods will take the shortest route no matter the difficulty. **12)** We enjoy walking on the deer trails for variety. Caution sign or proper steps on the second 'cliff' entrance would improve safety. **13)** Second trail has existed since at least 1975 and adds greatly to the enjoyment of views and another element (trail-wise to the park).

6. Please provide any additional comments or information about Beachcomber Regional Park:

Response

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19 Additional Comments:

1) Love the park.

2) My wife and I have never seen any white-tailed deer, bats or toads, however there is an eagle pair that have nested there most of the last twenty years. Pacific wrens like the bush habitat. Black-tailed deer are very common on the peninsula not white-tailed. Commonly seen near shore from September to April: Harlequin ducks, Barrow's goldeneyes, Horned grebes, Black turnstones, Oyster catchers and Sea lions.

3) Beachcomber Park is well used and enjoyed by residents of Beachcomber. To some extent there is over use in the summer with too many cars parked, but this is a very small park so please, no more parking area required. We need to keep the essence of the Gary Oak ecosystem intact. Please - no fences required in this small natural area.

4) Please don't over fix this park. Leave it as natural as possible. Having said that, I don't agree with your edict to have kayaks or canoes removed from the beach. They were doing no harm. Also, I think the park is over-signed with negative signage.

5) There is significant danger during windy periods. I agree with the management plan statements concerning the forest and management of the trees by a certified arborist. I disagree with the recent prohibition of people storing canoes and kayaks at the park. I see no reason why an area for this activity should not be allowed. There are few beach access points in this area suitable for this activity. Aside from Beachcomber Park, I would urge the RDN to consider a walking/bicycle trail along Claudet Road. Beachcomber Park might be a destination for both walkers and bicyclers. Currently, walking and cycling along Claudet Road is dangerous to pedestrians cyclists and vehicles. Another recreational amenity that should be considered by the RDN is to provide or press BC Parks to provide a boat launch facility somewhere in Northwest Bay. Currently, there are few locations where boats may be launched. If property could be acquired, this kind of facility could be combined with an RV campground and would likely be well received by the public and likely be a great success.

6) It is primordial for us that the park allows unleashed dogs.

7) It is a special place that works very well in its current form. The garbage can and washroom have been great additions. As a nearby resident we are in the park almost every day, summer and winter. We have observed a significant increase in visitation since the appearance of the park in various recreation publications. We walk, sit, observe wildlife, marine mammals, and eagles. A great celebration every other year when the nest has eaglets. We often take visitors and enjoy a cold beer or glass of wine, discreetly of course. It would be a shame to try to enhance it as greater utilization can lead to degradation of the wildlife features and the enjoyment of environmental solitude that awaits the users. Additional environmental interpretation and information signage would help, especially to encourage a leave it alone ethic amongst users

8) I am a relatively new (1 year) Beachcomber resident. I visit the park daily and treasure it. It is one of those gems that is best left alone. During the year that I have come to know the park, I have observed the main trail suffer erosion. To me the main trail is the one thing that would benefit from maintenance. In the summertime, the porta potty can get stinky so a more frequent change would be welcome.

9) Beautiful park area !

10) We love coming to this beach with the whole family including the dog. It's rarely busy and it's a hidden gem! Protected and great for swimming in the summer. I would like to see it left exactly as it is. It's perfect

11) I have lived next to the park for 28 years. It is a little jewel in the neighbourhood and is well used, mainly by locals, but also attracts people from outlying areas in the summer. The public toilet and garbage cans were an excellent addition. I don't feel any further amenities are required. Maintenance seems adequate.

12) I am concerned that not enough people knew about the Open House held in December. It was just before Christmas and held on an evening when there was a forecast for snow. Many people who might have attended may have chosen not to. I also think that having only one month for the survey completion and that month being from December 7th to January 7th, is short-sighted. Many residents were away or too busy with Christmas and New Year's events and may have forgotten to complete the survey. As I did.

13) Continue the "dog under control" policy (no on-leash requirement).

14) Love the park as it is. Its great for several visits in the week w/ or without dogs. Its a very community oriented park where the amenities fit what's needed. Toilet is great, basic trail and no additional infrastructure please. Keep it natural and the same! Perhaps the access down could improve for more senior folks but the rest of the park requires a certain agility so likely it can remain as it is.

15) Hard to improve on nature's work. Keep it pristine as nature planned.

16) Parking is an issue at times. Can number of parking spaces be increased?

17) Campfires should be allowed. We enjoy living here due to the park and feel it is wonderful for the community. No changes are really needed.

18) The park was donated for the purpose of community. The people who argue that "campfires" in the tide-line are intrusive or that trails should be reduced are very self-centered with too much time and money on their hands. The community bonds adults and children at this park through sport, music and the occasional fire IN THE TIDE LINE. Very little should change. Well, you could dump several tons of sand on the beach :)

19) I would really love to be able to walk through the park and down to the beach. In the summer to swim also. BUT, because of bad knees cannot get any further down than the stairs will take me. SO, I suggest a graveled proper trail with access to the beach, and where there are stairs and handrails. Also signage on the trail network, for trail directions.

Beachcomber Draft Mgmt Plan Survey Report

Please indicate your level of support, from 0-5, for the recommended management actions outlined in Section 4.2 (page 11) of the Draft Management Plan. (0 indicates no support and 5 indicates very strong support)

| Response | Chart | Percentage | Count |
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| 0 | | 6.2% | 2 |
| 1 | | 9.4% | 3 |
| 2 | | 0.0% | 0 |
| 3 | | 15.6% | 5 |
| 4 | | 34.4% | 11 |
| 5 | | 34.4% | 11 |
| | | Total Responses | 32 |

Please provide any comments or recommended changes / additions to the Draft Beachcomber Management Plan.

| # | Response |
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| 1. | I was unable to enjoy the beach when I was largely pregnant because I could not make it down the rough trail. We live down the road and use the park a lot. Stairs would be nice. |
| 2. | <p>Agree with most of the recommendation. Hazardous trees do present a problem and should be monitored. Disagree with providing better access such as additional stairs with handrails. This is a sensitive area and should remain more wild rather than cultured. The small scale of the park poses a problem as far as larger volumes of people is concerned. More people, more garbage, more vandalism and damage to the natural environment. This park cant handle larger volumes. Keeping it more wild will prevent that. The parking lot is plenty large for visitors. I personally disagree with the existing toilets that were placed there.</p> <p>The influx of visitors is felt as the trails through the area are becoming more established. Limiting them could cause new ones being made. Making people aware is the best remedy and by avoiding 'culturing' the park it will attract those people that truly appreciate this park.</p> <p>thank you.</p> |

3. While i appreciate that the folks need accessibility, the beauty of the park is its very natural setting. And the existing stairs are a good way of securing that if you cannot negotiate this you likely cannot negotiate this entire park. Please remember this when constructing accessibility. If

you make it really accessible to an area...then it could become a crowded problem without a bathroom close.

Why can we not just level out the current walk down with large, easy to manage step/stones (and a natural wood railing) right from the washroom and put a sign with an arrow at the top for cars.

I certainly agree on all tree maintenance and invasive species.

Thank-you for thorough investigation of neighbours needs.

4. Support removal of invasive plants and hazardous trees.

There is a need to protect root systems of existing healthy trees.

Our 43 year Beachcomber experience shows an increased pressure on the park by its growing popularity.

Measures to protect Beachcomber Park environment for future use should be of utmost importance.

Question any need for a playground as the natural environment would be compromised.

Regards,

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5. The charm of this park is that it is small and natural. Too many parks are now full of concrete thus taking away from this communities natural beauty.

I support keeping this park as it is with the exception of keeping trees/vegetation pruned etc for safety.

6. Many scuba divers also enjoy the park. Having stairs and a handrail at the south end of the park would be nice. The secondary trail near the South Bay (gravel) is used by divers and we would like to see this remain open. Removing the driftwood blocking the trail would also be beneficial as it is difficult to climb over when divers are geared up.

7. Closing of the South trail is important to protect habitat. A good trail with hand rail is great idea.

Removal of invasive species always beneficial .

8. I have lived in the Beachcomber area since 2010. Although this is a relatively short period, I have watched the atmosphere of Beachcomber Park change. The intrusive signs which predominantly tell visitors what they are not to do have a negative impact on both visitors and residents. For many years this natural area has been enjoyed by residents, adding to the incredible uniqueness of this community. It now feels like an RDN project. Rather than the once magical, untouched place it once was, it is now marred with the myriad of signage and directions. Although I understand the need to protect flora and fauna, I feel that the RDN's intrusion has had an extremely negative impact and I feel dread at more to come. Why is there need to add further pathways when what we have already is both natural and adequate. Every man made imposition (public toilets etc.) steals from the wildness of the environment. I appreciate that people mean problems, but I also feel that this area is already lost. My request would be to keep all action to a minimum - tend to the trees and the plants, educate people in their use of these areas, but please avoid all unnatural additions. Encourage children to enjoy our coastline for the wonder and beauty that it provides without swings and roundabouts. Thank you.

9. Development of an "improved" trail limiting to one access is expensive and will not achieve the desired results. The level of park use is relatively stable, and even a moderate increase in use will not cause significant harm. Typical park users do not require trail improvements, or further restriction. An educational display with more fulsome information on how to avoid damaging the park (and environment) would be a useful improvement (with low initial cost/low maintenance).

I am a recreational diver, and access the best diver's beach access in the park (the south pebble beach) via the south train on entry, and the north trail on exit. There are probably 50-100 recreational shore dives per year undertaken at the park by a small number of local and some visiting divers. The dives from the park are of moderate to high quality, with easy access to a shallow beginner level wall dive and a much deeper advanced level wall dive to the northwest.

A small wind and rain shelter near the beach would be valuable for winter season use - perhaps over one bench. There are relatively high value birding, marine mammal and artist opportunities at this park.

Invasive plant management can easily and should be undertaken. Perhaps some organized volunteer effort could be applied. I would happily contribute some time towards this.

Videos of the underwater environment immediately offshore of the park are available on Youtube:

<https://youtu.be/ul2PSJOLj6s>

<https://youtu.be/sfltk1Rwm1U>

https://youtu.be/_OgIqMEBkRg

<https://youtu.be/KUYeeAoXMYs>

<https://youtu.be/Ig9qMUVpIsQ>

<https://youtu.be/PYFB6qHL3F4>

10. Improved/increased parking would be beneficial. Stairs to north side would be greatly appreciated by scuba divers that frequent this park

11. This ocean access is used frequently by responsible group of advance certified scuba divers from Vancouver island and , lower mainland and the US.

It would be nice to have a compost toilet like the one at oskleave part to maintain peace in the neighbourhood and support divers. We regularly remove any garbage found underwater and none of us fish or kill or harvest any animal there.

12. The diving community uses the south trail access to the south beach water entry point. Generally divers enter here dive around the point and exit at the northern end of the park and use the existing trail/stairway to return to vehicles. There needs to be access to the south end for this popular dive profile. Either leave it alone as is or improve the southern access would be my recommendation. Please don't cut off south access trails. It's already quite a hike for divers with gear to get to the south beach. Don't make it even more challenging especially for older divers wanting to see the whole underwater beauty of the site.

13. I live directly across from the Park. I have been here for 25 years and have seen the popularity of this park grow.

Please don't over-fix this park. Leave it natural - no fences. Leave the secondary trails. A hand-rail on the steps would be helpful for the elderly.

Some benches could be incorporated in keeping with the environment and be a lovely spot to watch the sunsets.

I think the parking is adequate.

My main concern are the fires on the beach. If they are on the beach, then they are not in the RDN jurisdiction. Who then? Do we watch our neighborhood and homes go up in flames while we find out who to call? Of course, we call the fire department but they are not the police and can't arrest the perpetrators. The police have re-directed us to the fire department and not responded.

Let people have their kayaks and canoes at the beach.

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14. The park is beautiful just the way it is.

The more we try to "manage" things the worse they get, it is a treasure and should remain that way.

15. Who are the primary contacts and what are the contact details for emergencies and concerns with respect to the park? What constitutes an emergency?

For example, on the May long weekend there were a number of campers in the park who had a four-foot tall bonfire below the eagle's nest (a registered wildlife tree). A call to 911 resulted in a curt response from the RCMP that this was not an emergency and to call the non-emergency number. That then led to the call being transferred to Lantzville fire dispatch who then transferred it to Courtney fire dispatch who then said it may be a Nanoose fire issue or Coastal fire and that they would investigate. No follow up resulted and no one attended.

Clarity regarding the park boundary on the water side is required. This seems to be a primary issue regarding jurisdiction particularly with respect to fires on the beach and campers in the park. While fires on the beach beyond the park boundary may be outside of the RDN's authority they still pose a hazard to the park and the neighbourhood.

The RDN, provincial and federal authorities ought to negotiate an agreement whereby one agency, preferably the RDN, is authorized to respond to complaints even including the water in front of the park..

Fireworks on the beach have been observed on numerous occasions. This needs to be addressed when fireworks are used during fire hazard periods and when the wind carries the fireworks into the trees.

Any open flames in the park must be prohibited, including Tiki torches and Chinese lanterns. These were observed on at least two occasions. Floating Chinese lanterns were being released from the park into the bay and flying lanterns were drifting over the houses with at least one landing on a local resident's roof.

Improved management and control of parking on Marina Way is required. Parked vehicles have been observed jutting well into the road and pose a hazard particularly on the slope north of the park entrance. In addition, when the park becomes busy, vehicles are often hampering street parking for residents.

"No parking" or "resident parking only" signs are required on Marina Way on both sides of

the hill to the north of the park and for a block to the south of the park.

Traffic in the neighborhood has been negatively impacted by park visitors. Frequent U-turns at the park and on the slope north of the park entrance are particularly dangerous given the restricted vision effected by the slope and bend in the road. Also, one resident has had to place a barricade across their driveway due to frequent use of their driveway by non-local traffic.

A handrail down the stairs on main path would help with access for those with physical disabilities. There are many elderly peel in the neighbourhood who use canes.

While it may not be an issue for RDN Parks, there have been a number of occurrences of large-scale oyster harvesting on the beach. Can this be addressed with signage like the beach at The Jib?

Secondary trails should be discouraged and reverted back to their natural state possibly using logs and branches as was done successfully at Rathrevor Provincial Park.

The written Park History in the Management Plan differs from the recollection of some of the park founders who are still residents in the neighborhood. Consultation with these long-time residents may be beneficial.

Consider designating the park as a "community" park I stepdad of a "Regional" park, given the limited parking available and the small size of the beaches.

This park has been continually used by the residents to swim their dogs since the time the park was privately owned. The beach should never have any prohibition against dogs or against off leash swimming of dogs.

16. We feel strongly that there should be some signage at the unmaintained south entrance to the park that indicates the trail is closed (or at a minimum to proceed at own risk) and directs people to the main north entrance. We were at the park recently and parked in the parking lot and ended up going down the south entrance because we didn't realize (remember) that this was not the main entrance to the park. While we may have just missed it, we do not recall seeing any signage in the parking area directing people to the main entrance, which was not visible from where we parked. The south entrance trail was definitely not the safest way to access the park, especially with our two children.

17. Our past experience in eagle nest monitoring would strongly suggest that any construction work in the park should be between August and January to avoid disturbing the eagle nest pair. Also there should no cutting of the understory vegetation near the nest. I found these two disturbances to affect eagles' success in raising a family.

The control of invasive plants such as Spurge Laurel , Ivy and Scotch Broom is good, but suggest it is on a continuous basis. We have been part of Arrowsmith Naturalists invasive

plants removal group working in the Englishman River Estuary for several years. It has been our experience that there is restraint before removing all blackberry patches because they provide good habitat for the birds. Please....no chemical treatment for removal of these invasives.

While stairs and railings would improve access for the young and more elderly visitors, we really hope that these improvements will not greatly effect the wonderful natural features of this beautiful park. We definitely agree that the southern steep access trail be closed to allow more undisturbed conservation of habitat. Perhaps a cedar rail fence?

Thank you for this opportunity to make comments about the future Park planning. Our father and other early residents of the peninsula were instrumental in preventing the park from development. The Park is also a designated site in our Coastal Bird Survey, (Bird Studies Canada, B.C. program) which we monitor once a month, September to April. For five decades the Beachcomber Park has held a special place in our family.

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18. Close all trails other than the existing north trail. A six foot fence should be installed from the south end property boundary to eliminate ALL present shortcuts. The "Park" should be CLOSED during prolonged drought conditions as experienced this year. This should also apply to the PARK situated at the intersection of Northwest Bay and Claudet roads

19. As one who has enjoyed the park for the past 57 years, I would like to see the park remain undeveloped but safe. Attention to the North main entrance trail with better stairs and a handrail would be a good plan. Definitely no concrete. Use wood and gravel.

No children's play area. Isn't the forest, beach and sea enough?

When I first set foot in the park there was only one trail, the North one. Over the years we have seen visitors making new ones to a point where they run everywhere. Logs and branches could be used to discourage the use of unnecessary travel patterns, such as was done at Rath Trevor Provincial Park.

A very serious matter concerns who we can call in the case of an emergency. Fires in the park as well as those beyond park boundaries should be prohibited. Who do we call if such fires are seen out of RDN office hours? Who attends to overnight campers? The RCMP will not respond.

Indigenous plants that used to grow in the park have been eaten by increasing numbers of hungry deer. Gone are the trilliums, chocolate lilies, white lilies and even young arbutus seedlings. This won't change unless a cull takes place. And that's another matter entirely.

Not too important to visitors is the brief early history printed on the sign, which is incorrect in places.

All said, a very thorough and well thought out review and management plan.

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20. I am a Beachcomber Resident of many years and agree with all that has been outlined in the Draft Management Plan. Good Work!

21. As a long-time Beachcomber resident, with knowledge and use of the park dating back to the late 1960's, I would be happy to see the two main trails to both beaches made more safe for seniors and others who have difficulty walking, with the current tripping hazards such as roots and uneven ground. A railing of some sort (rope or wooden) for holding on to, would suffice; especially in wet weather when slippage occurs.

Some time ago, before the Park was Regional, a waterline was available on the South beach, would it be possible to have that reinstated for the use of persons with dogs, children and general drinking purposes.

Finally, please have a 24 hour Hotline or Emergency number posted for catastrophes. I don't believe there is any communication to the RDN currently.

22. Of course, ongoing maintenance of the park and a safe walking trail are sound suggestions and appreciated. Since being designated a "Regional" Park, however, the negative impact to the site has significantly changed the intent of the bequeathment which was originally given to the province, and subsequently transferred to the RDN. In the brief time since its official designation and signs were posted at the park entrance, we have seen a steady degradation and misuse of what was a well-used yet pristine natural community space: camp fires near the eagle tree, over night campers, removal of rock-embedded fossils, stripping of shell-fish beds. Additionally, what is a pedestrian-friendly neighbourhood is becoming unsafe. Visitors not familiar with the area are unaware of the walking loops that make Beachcomber such a friendly place. Additional traffic on Marina Way makes circuit walks hazardous as pedestrians, pets, and kids walk along the narrow shoulder and must contend with a steady stream of cars heading to and from the park. As well, congestion at and around the small, narrow parking lot has become dangerous. Cars often park haphazardly thus forcing families onto the road as they get their belongings from the back of vehicles. Parking is limited and when the lot is full or it's time to leave, visitors use residential property as a U-turn entry point. All in all, the designation of Beachcomber as a Regional Park has changed the fabric of the community and altered the intention of the bequeathment.

23. The size and location in a residential area of this park makes it a community park . The status as a regional park is to grandiose for this park . The signage and advertisement that goes with it being designated as regional has brought with it the problems with traffic , illegal fires , and destruction of nature . Infrastructure that will need to be put in place to handle the increase in visitors to the park will further impact the park negatively . These problems have only come to light with the signage and public declaration that the park is regional . It should be returned to a community park .

24. If the plan is to put rails and improve the path down to the beach it hope it will be in the form of wooden stairs and walkways as opposed to gravel which is not safe due to sliding

underfoot .

Careful thought to clearing underbrush as this actually disturbs habitat and delicate Ecco systems for regrowth . It won't stop people from butting out unfortunately, and how far do you go in clearing to just in case ?

A washroom that is not smelling so bad and is the first experience in entering the park .
Compost toilet ?

The signage on the way down the path ... How many times does the same thing have to be posted! People will listen or they won't but so many no signs disturbs the mind as one walks down the path ! No signs nailed to trees please .

These are a few things if the park can't be left 'as was ' .

Thank-you for listening .

25. Oh and a small play area suggestion... I can't understand why !The many children visiting the park find enough to see ,do and play with the nature that surrounds them . Climbing on rocks , swimming ,observing , building with drift wood . Why provide the usual man made toys when nature provides all that is needed . I find myself distraught at the idea that more interference with the Ecco systems would be involved in that endeavor.

26. Access to the park appears to be quite adequate already. Making it easier to access will only encourage more people to cut new trails through the growth, despite efforts to close some of the existing ones.

Working more with by-law enforcement may help solve some current problems, such as overnight campers. I have personally seen people sleeping on the road beside vehicles in the parking area.

27. Parking/park access: discourage use of trail down bank by installing split rail fence along parking edge; place signs clearly indicating park entrance is to right; develop steps along rocky/steep sections of main trail (safety, easier access for physically challenged, and environmental protection).

Local monitoring: initiate a protocol for reporting inappropriate fires, smoking, etc.

Designation: this park was always intended to be a community park for Beachcomber. Its designation as a regional park has led to use that is causing impacts (social, bio-physical) that border on unacceptable; although changing the designation to a community park might be difficult it would help minimize use impacts.

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28. Generally good suggestions. The core issues relating to Beachcomber Park are however more pressing. These include the following

- Clear definition of park boundaries, particularly on the waterfront
- Clear contact points and 24/7 contact numbers for those responsible for enforcement including fire response
- Appropriate attention to the very limited parking availability; perhaps additional signage including "no parking" areas
- Improved traffic control in and around the park; considerable and frequent dangerous incidences have occurred
- Clear the brush along the road way; this is the area where people smoke and discard their butts making the dry brush a fire hazard
- Considering the limited parking, traffic issues and other issues that have seriously impacted the neighbourhood since the increased advertising as a regional park, it would be preferable to revert to a community park

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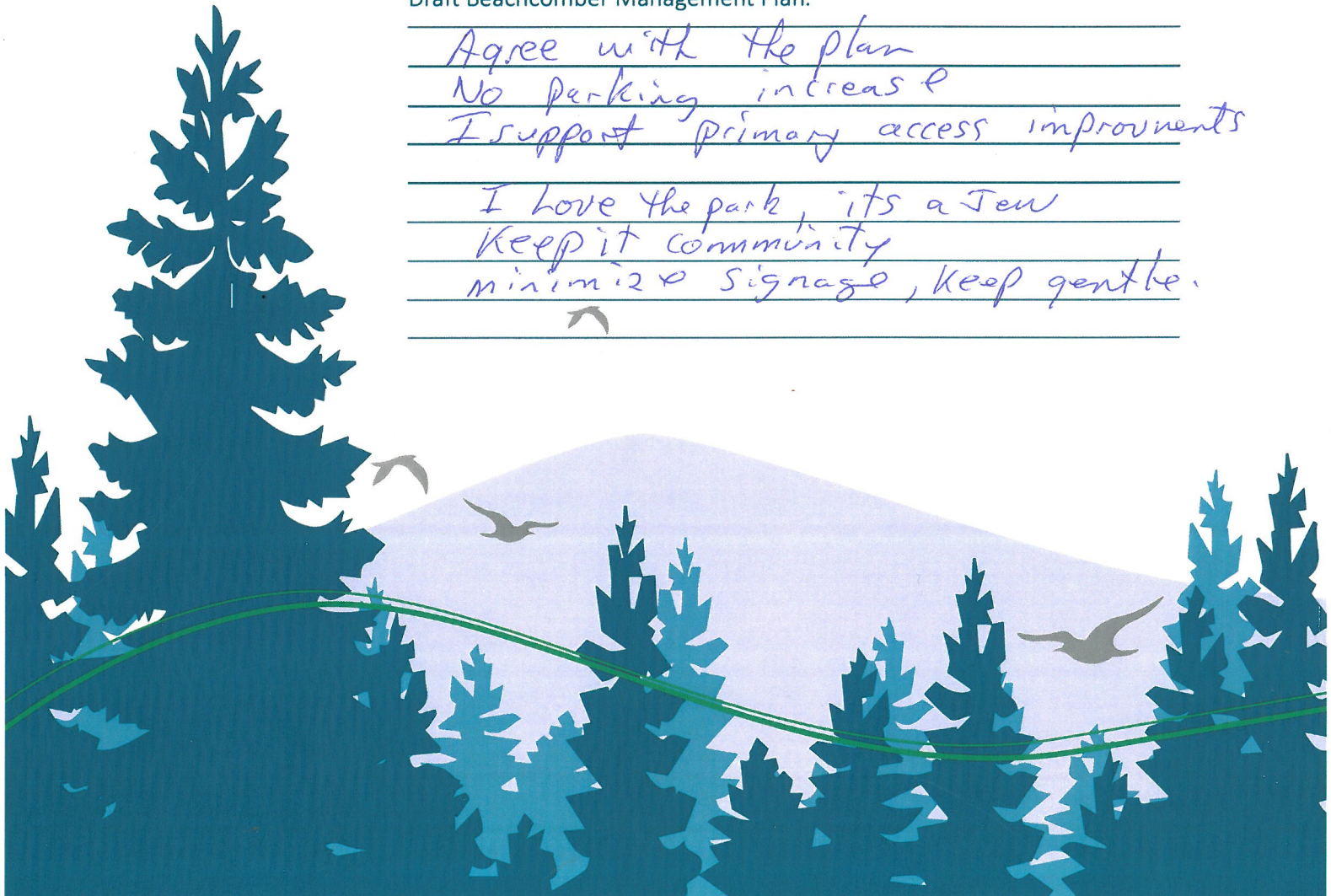
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Agree with the plan
No parking increase
I support primary access improvements

I love the park, its a Jew
Keep it community
minimize signage, keep gentle.



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N/A at this time

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I would like to have a handrail down the stairs to the south beach for safe access for all especially seniors & children.

