

Questions collected at the **Mayor's Town Hall and Community Dialogue on Park Expansion in Moody Centre** (May 12, 2025)

Please find below answers to questions collected electronically via the Slido app during our May 12, 2025 engagement event. Not included: questions unrelated to Draft Parkland Strategy topics or park expansion in Moody Centre; questions that were unclear; and statements of opinion shared by participants.

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Question	Answer	Theme
Do we know how much park space of the aspirational 16.2 ha is included in present development applications?	The draft Parkland Strategy sets a target of 12.5 hectares (ha) of additional parkland in Moody Centre by 2050. As outlined in chapter 5.3 in the draft Parkland Strategy, this target was developed as part of a comprehensive neighbourhood-level analysis and reflects the four key indicators used throughout the strategy: amount of parkland, park access, park amenities, and urban green spaces and other resources. Importantly, the 12.5 ha estimate includes both existing and anticipated park and park-like spaces within redevelopment areas, such as St. George Park (existing) and parkland requirements outlined for the Oceanfront District in the OCP (anticipated). That said, it remains an estimate—particularly because the design and programming of key spaces like plazas in the Moody Centre Station Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Area are still being refined through ongoing discussions with developers that have submitted applications.	Development
Why did the city buy two tiny sites for parkland in moody centre for a huge amount of money with no engagement at all?	One of the goals in our 2023-2026 Council Strategic Plan is to enhance and expand parkland and open spaces. Land suitable for park space is scarce, and the purchase of these two lots in Moody Centre was a strategic decision that helps us protect green space for future public use and address a recognized deficit of parkland in an evolving neighbourhood. This neighbourhood was identified as having a deficit in parkland so the City acted on these parcels when they became available on the market. The City cannot pick and choose where and when parkland becomes available but must act, if possible, when it does in areas where it is desired or it will be lost to the market.	Engagement

Why are we speaking to staff, not the council and Mayor as this is not the way town halls have ever been before?	The purpose of the Mayor's Town Hall and Community Dialogue on Park Expansion in Moody Centre was to provide a space for residents to share their input on current park services in Moody Centre and how services can evolve to meet future needs. Council attended the session to listen to community questions and concerns, and participated in discussions with community members in the Galleria. An updated draft Parkland Strategy, along with a summary of what we heard from participants at the Mayor's Town Hall and Community Dialogue, will be shared at the June 10, 2025 Council Committee Meeting.	Engagement
How is this a Mayor's townhall meeting when you cannot even ask the Mayor, or any of our elected officials, a question?	The purpose of the Mayor's Town Hall and Community Dialogue on Park Expansion in Moody Centre was to provide a space for residents to share their input on current park services in Moody Centre and how services can evolve to meet future needs. Council attended the session to listen to community questions and concerns, and participated in discussions with community members in the Galleria. An updated draft Parkland Strategy, along with a summary of what we heard from participants at the Mayor's Town Hall and Community Dialogue, will be shared at the June 10, 2025 Council Committee Meeting.	Engagement
Why aren't we talking to the mayor and council when that's what a town hall is supposed to be??	The purpose of the Mayor's Town Hall and Community Dialogue on Park Expansion in Moody Centre was to provide a space for residents to share their input on current park services in Moody Centre and how services can evolve to meet future needs. Council attended the session to listen to community questions and concerns, and participated in discussions with community members in the Galleria. An updated draft Parkland Strategy, along with a summary of what we heard from participants at the Mayor's Town Hall and Community Dialogue, will be shared at the June 10, 2025 Council Committee Meeting.	Engagement
Many of these questions need to be answered by the Council. Is there a REAL townhall meeting planned for the future where we can actually ask them questions?	At this time, no additional engagement sessions are planned. Residents are welcome to share their input directly with Council during the Public Input period at the June 10, 2025 Regular Council meeting, when the Town Hall engagement summary and updated draft of the Parkland Strategy are scheduled to be presented. The recent Town Hall was designed as a space for Council to listen to the community, with staff on hand to provide information and to hear feedback that will inform updates to the draft parkland strategy.	Engagement

How will decisions and progress on implementation be shared with council and communicated?	As outlined in chapters 8.3 and 8.4 of the draft Parkland Strategy, progress on the Parkland Strategy will be communicated to Council and the public through a Parkland Report Card every two years. This report will summarize key updates such as: new parkland acquisitions, improvements to access, amenities, and newly established partnerships. In addition, the full strategy will undergo a comprehensive review every five years. This review will consider lessons learned, shifts in population and land use, and updates to funding tools.	Engagement
Is there a budget in mind for acquisitions?	The draft Parkland Strategy does not set a fixed acquisition budget but acknowledges that acquisition costs are significant and rising. As of 2024, land in Port Moody is estimated at \$25–27.5 million per hectare, based on BC Assessment data. To manage these costs, the City will use a combination of funding tools, including Development Cost Charges (DCCs), parkland dedication or cash-in-lieu as part of approved development negotiations, reserve funds, and partnerships. DCCs are the primary funding tool and are dependent on development timing.	Financial Implications
How much money does the city have to purchase new parkland?	The City has several funding sources to purchase parkland that could be utilized. The primary funding source is DCC parks reserve, which funds the purchase of parkland and park improvements, and has a current uncommitted balance of \$5,875,000. However, there are other funding sources the City could utilize such as the Heritage Reserve (uncommitted balance \$3,055,000), Land Sales Reserve (uncommitted balance \$6,492,000), Community Amenity Contributions (uncommitted balance \$2,178,000), and Density Bonus Reserve (uncommitted balance \$3,732,000). While these current balances could be used to purchase parkland, Council may have other competing priority uses for them as well, and therefore the balances are forever changing as the City collects additional funds from development, land, and other transactions and utilizes them for other capital projects. This is a normal course of business for municipalities as councils try to balance resources with demand.	Financial Implications

Is the city open to private fundraising to acquire parkland?	Yes, the draft Parkland Strategy encourages private land donations and fundraising as one of several tools to support parkland acquisition, and proposes that the City create a clear pathway for private landowners or donors. Currently, the Port Moody Foundation is set up to receive and hold donations for specific uses. While these opportunities are not expected to be a major funding source, they are valuable in helping secure key parcels and build community support for park expansion.	Financial Implications
Why aren't we using all the given funds from developments for infrastructure to Expand RockyPoint park into the Flavelle site?	Development Cost Charges (DCCs) are provincially regulated fees collected from new development to help pay for growth-related infrastructure. These funds must be used for specific purposes, including parkland acquisition and development, transportation infrastructure (roads, sidewalks, trails), and water, sewer, and stormwater systems. Because DCCs are distributed across these multiple infrastructure needs, they cannot be fully allocated to parkland alone. There are also other uses and locations that must be considered, and DCCs must be spent in areas that directly serve the new development generating the fees.	Financial Implications
Acquiring that much new parkland in Moody Centre will cost hundreds of millions of dollars. Why wasn't this mentioned? Can the city even afford it?	<p>The purpose of the presentation was to provide a broad summary of the draft Parkland Strategy and information about what's working well and what the challenges are in Moody Centre. The draft Strategy acknowledges the increasing cost of land. Based on 2024 BC Assessment data, the average land value in Port Moody is estimated at \$25–27.5 million per hectare.</p> <p>The City recognizes the financial challenge and is taking a diversified funding approach to make acquisition more feasible. This includes using tools like Development Cost Charges (DCCs), parkland dedication as part of approved development negotiations, reserve funds, partnerships, strategic purchases and land swaps in alignment with the City's Land Management Strategy, as well as potentially borrowing funds or phasing improvements over time. The strategy also emphasizes acting early and strategically to secure key sites before land costs rise further.</p>	Financial Implications

<p>Why can't the city designate the lot immediately south of the fire station as park land? My understanding is that it is already owned by the city.</p>	<p>The City-owned lot south of the fire station is currently zoned (P1) which limits the permitted uses to civic uses including parks and recreation facilities, and designated as Public and Institutional which is intended to provide public amenities and facilities for Port Moody residents. It would not demonstrate good stewardship over the land the City manages on behalf of taxpayers if the City designated valuable and scarce City assets, such as this site, without first exploring other and all ways this asset could be leveraged to better the community, which would include a detailed analysis as well as a public process. Sometimes municipalities must enter into land transactions that involve exchanges of current land holdings for other land holdings which help reshape the city and rearrange the land for more efficient use of the land. This is the framework behind the City's Land Management Strategy and is part of every municipal purpose and ongoing mandate. Cities do not select the land the Province concedes to them through their Letters Patent of incorporation, and therefore must, over time, negotiate with other landowners to reshape their communities as needed and as opportunities arise.</p>	<p>OCP</p>
<p>How is the council prioritizing park expansion over high-rise development to ensure accessible natural spaces for families &amp; low-income residents in Port Moody</p>	<p>The draft Parkland Strategy recognizes that as high-density development increases, especially in areas like Moody Centre, accessible parkland becomes even more critical—particularly for residents without private outdoor space.</p> <p>Rather than positioning park expansion in opposition to development, the draft strategy aims to integrate parkland planning with growth, ensuring that new housing is accompanied by high-quality public spaces. This is supported by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Setting clear parkland acquisition targets for each neighbourhood based on current gaps and projected population growth (e.g. 12.5 hectares for Moody Centre)</li> <li>- Requiring parkland or cash-in-lieu contributions from new developments under the Local Government Act (Section 510)</li> <li>- Directing Development Cost Charges toward parks in growing areas</li> <li>- Emphasizing equitable access in the draft Parkland Strategy's guiding principles—ensuring that all residents, including families and low-income households, have walkable access to diverse park amenities</li> <li>- Prioritizing areas with the greatest service gaps through detailed assessments (see Chapter 6 of the draft Parkland Strategy)</li> </ul> <p>This approach allows Council and staff to balance housing needs with livability, using redevelopment as a tool to deliver public benefits—including expanded parkland.</p>	<p>OCP</p>

Why not redesignate the Flavelle land in the new OCP as Park instead of the current high density residential to help accommodate the expansion of RPP westward?	This area is currently designated as Mixed-Use Oceanfront District, which includes a range of uses including residential, commercial, light industrial, institutional, and public open space. The OCP land use policies for Oceanfront District specifically reference parkland requirements including the need for a public trail along the entire waterfront and the land use concept plan shows potential locations for future parkland and amenity space. As part of the first rezoning for this site, the OCP requires a study to analyze parks and open space needs as well as the programming and design of these areas. There is an opportunity for the public to provide additional input as part of the rezoning process.	OCP
Why is Flavelle still designated for high-density development in the OCP when we need that land for parks to support population growth?	This area is currently designated as Mixed-Use Oceanfront District, which includes a range of uses including residential, commercial, light industrial, institutional, and public open space. The OCP land use policies for Oceanfront District specifically reference parkland requirements including the need for a public trail along the entire waterfront and the land use concept plan shows potential locations for future parkland and amenity space. As part of the first rezoning for this site, the OCP requires a study to analyze parks and open space needs as well as the programming and design of these areas. There is an opportunity for the public to provide additional input as part of the rezoning process.	OCP
The Flavelle land value is artificially inflated due to its current OCP high density residential designation, why not change it entirely to Park?	This area is currently designated as Mixed-Use Oceanfront District, which includes a range of uses including residential, commercial, light industrial, institutional, and public open space. The OCP land use policies for Oceanfront District specifically reference parkland requirements including the need for a public trail along the entire waterfront and the land use concept plan shows potential locations for future parkland and amenity space. As part of the first rezoning for this site, the OCP requires a study to analyze parks and open space needs as well as the programming and design of these areas. There is an opportunity for the public to provide additional input as part of the rezoning process.	OCP
Should the city prioritize parkland acquisition of land in Flavelle Site before it is rezoned to residential towers?	Section 510 of the Local Government Act requires parkland or cash-in-lieu contributions from new developments. The location and extent of parkland and its future dedication is determined during the rezoning process. There is opportunity for the public to provide additional input through the rezoning process.	OCP

Has staff seen the geotechnical report for the Flavelle land to see if highrises can be built there as per current OCP designation? It appears to be bog land.	As part of the 2017 OCP Amendment application for Oceanfront, the staff report noted that the geotechnical studies completed with that application concluded that the proposed building forms can be supported, but that various forms of piling and other structural engineering will be required. While the study noted that the site can accommodate the proposed development from a geotechnical perspective, considerable site preparation work will be required. The OCP policies for Oceanfront District require that more detailed geotechnical analysis be completed as part of the first rezoning of the site to determine specific measures required to address seismic events, groundwater conditions, climate change and other pertinent topics.	OCP
Should the city acquire some of the Flavelle Site, before it is rezoned residential?	Section 510 of the Local Government Act requires parkland or cash-in-lieu contributions from new developments. The location and extent of parkland and its future dedication is determined during the rezoning process. There is opportunity for the public to provide additional input through the rezoning process.	OCP
Years ago, the Mayor & Cllr Dilworth voted to designate the Flavelle land to high density residential, why not correct their mistake and change it to Park?	This area is currently designated as Mixed-Use Oceanfront District, which includes a range of uses including residential, commercial, light industrial, institutional, and public open space. The OCP land use policies for Oceanfront District specifically reference parkland requirements including the need for a public trail along the entire waterfront and the land use concept plan shows potential locations for future parkland and amenity space. As part of the first rezoning for this site, the OCP requires a study to analyze parks and open space needs as well as the programming and design of these areas. There is an opportunity for the public to provide additional input as part of the rezoning process.	OCP
Can the city rezone the Favelle lands back to industrial to make the purchase less expensive	The current zoning for the site is General Industrial (M2). Rezoning of the site is required to implement the Oceanfront District vision.	OCP

Can the Flavelle oceanfront district be put back as a special study area for future park consideration?	This area is currently designated as Mixed-Use Oceanfront District in the Official Community Plan (OCP), which includes a range of uses including residential, commercial, light industrial, institutional, and park & public open space. The OCP land use policies for this area include reference to future parkland and amenity space as well as the desire for a public trail along the entire waterfront. As Special Study Areas in OCPs are used to study future land use changes, and parkland has already been identified as one of the uses in this district in the OCP, there is no need for a Special Study Area. The OCP currently identifies the need for further analysis of parks and open space needs on the site with any proposed development (rezoning) of the site. This would also include the programming and design of these areas. There would be future opportunity for the public to provide additional input as part of that process in the future.	OCP
Any plans for a new marina/water access at Flavelle/Oceanfront	The land use concept plan in the Official Community Plan shows the potential for a day moorage area in the northeastern portion of the site.	OCP
Has the city considered formalizing a policy on how waterfront could remain public... even in a small way and in partnership with development?	Official Community Plan policies for Oceanfront District include a requirement for a public trail to be created along the entire waterfront perimeter of the site that is integrated with the existing Shoreline Trail system and provides the potential for extension of the trail west of the site if the opportunity arises in the future. As part of the first rezoning of the site, a plan shall be prepared that establishes the detailed design of the trail system taking into consideration the need to ensure that environmentally sensitive areas of the waterfront are protected. The draft Parkland Strategy emphasizes the importance of maximizing public access to the waterfront, particularly in growing areas like Moody Centre. To support this, a new policy has been added focused on enhancing waterfront access and identifying opportunities to expand the shoreline park system over time.	OCP / Parkland Strategy
The map of the Moody Centre area it is all land south of St. Johns along Dewdney and along Barnet Hwy. Why not take a more focused approach for each area?	While the boundaries identified for the Moody Centre neighbourhood include a broad area, policies in the Official Community Plan relate specifically to sub-areas. e.g. Moody Centre Heritage Conservation Area, Spring Street Promenade, Commercial Historic District, and the Moody Centre Station Transit-Oriented Development Area.	OCP / Parkland Strategy



Why can't Rocky Point Park be expanded eastwards on land that the city already owns?	Rocky Point Park currently extends east to Slaughterhouse Creek, which forms its eastern boundary. The park has already expanded to this edge with the dog off-leash area and adjacent riparian setback. Enhancements to these areas are proposed in the approved Rocky Point Park Master Plan. East of Rocky Point Park is Inlet Park, which—along with Rocky Point Park, connects to Old Orchard Park through the shoreline Trail.	OCP / Parkland Strategy
Can you help me understand how many acres of land is being allocated to parks vs development by way of a map. I am referring to the map that you presented.	The map shared during the Town Hall was intended to illustrate existing parkland and highlight areas where significant growth is anticipated—specifically the Moody Centre Station Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Area and the provincially-designated Transit-Oriented Area (TOA) identified under new provincial housing legislation. It's important to note that the map does not show future allocations of land for parks versus development. The draft Parkland Strategy assesses current park services and future needs at the city-wide and neighborhood levels; it identifies an acquisition target for each neighbourhood, however, it does not suggest specific parcels.	OCP / Parkland Strategy
What are ideas for improving parks on south side of St John's?	While the draft Parkland Strategy sets priorities at the citywide and neighbourhood scale, it does not provide detailed direction for smaller sub-areas—such as the south side of St. Johns Street within Moody Centre. However, Strategy #9 (Chapter 7.1) recommends that the City undertake detailed neighbourhood-level assessments to identify sub-areas where parkland acquisition or improvements are most needed. The draft Official Community Plan (OCP) identifies the South of St. Johns Street Special Study Area, which will include a planning framework to guide future development in and around this location. Parks and Open Space policy objectives in the draft OCP include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supporting a well-connected, intuitive, cohesive, and expanded open space network that meets the needs of people living in the area</li> <li>- Contributing to Parkland Strategy targets</li> <li>- Providing a diverse range of park types</li> <li>- Re-imagining streets as key parts of a vibrant and welcoming public realm</li> </ul>	OCP / Parkland Strategy

How do we ensure the many Port Moody residents that live not within walking distance will still find parking to enjoy the parks?	<p>Access to parks is one of the four key indicators used in the draft Parkland Strategy to guide how park services are delivered. Strategies were guided by the analysis of five-minute pedestrian access to parks, aiming to improve access through better walking and cycling connections.</p> <p>While improving walkable and rollable access is a major focus, the draft strategy also recognizes that not all residents live within walking distance—especially those visiting from other neighbourhoods or with mobility challenges. Parking will continue to be a key consideration when designing new parks or upgrading existing ones.</p>	Park Access
What park amenities specifically are lacking in Moody Centre? The only specific complaint seems to be the parking lots at Rocky Point.	<p>Through previous public engagement (see <a href="#">June 2023 Parkland Strategy Engagement Summary</a>), participants expressed the need for: more amenities within existing parks, increased shade and tree canopy, accessible and inclusive playgrounds, places to relax and enjoy nature, improved connectivity and less crowding in popular spaces.</p> <p>Through <a href="#">youth-focused engagement</a>, we also heard a strong desire for: more varied and challenging playgrounds for older kids, additional sports amenities.</p>	Park Amenity
Plans to increase the amount of community gardens, natural park features, and opportunities to engage youth and the community in stewardship of the parks?	<p>While there are no specific plans currently in place, the City is very interested in engaging youth and the broader community in park stewardship—this aligns with the draft Parkland Strategy’s emphasis on partnerships and community involvement (see Chapter 7, Strategy #15 and #20).</p> <p>Community gardens, natural features, and stewardship opportunities will be considered as part of future park planning and upgrades, guided by community input and site-specific needs.</p>	Park Amenity
Will there be new pickleball courts?	<p>The draft Parkland Strategy is a citywide and neighbourhood-level strategy, as such, it does not outline specific amenities like pickleball courts. The City has initiated a capital project focused on this need, which is currently in the feasibility study phase.</p>	Park Amenity

Small green spaces, eg between Newport and Heritage Mtn Plaza, count as green space. How can the strategy help avoid small areas with little likely usage?	<p>The draft Parkland Strategy recognizes that land is limited in many parts of Port Moody, especially in high-density areas. Small green spaces can be effective through thoughtful and creative design.</p> <p>As we plan future parks and improve existing ones, the City aims to design multifunctional and meaningful spaces—including on smaller sites. This includes using innovative, high-impact design to support play, gathering, access to nature, or quiet reflection.</p> <p>Many of the images shared at the Town Hall illustrated this idea—well-designed pocket parks that make the most of limited space and still support meaningful use.</p> <p>Privately owned land</p>	Park Amenity
For Privately Owned Public Spaces (eg pocket parks around condos) how to deal with restrictions that void utility: "No ball games", "No animals", etc.	While Privately Owned Public Spaces (POPS) are outside the City's direct control, the Parkland Strategy recognizes them as an emerging and inevitable park type in dense areas. The City will continue to work with developers to help ensure these spaces are genuinely public and support a range of appropriate uses, aligned with the space and surrounding context.	Park Management
Are the 10 school sites included in the percentage of parkland?	School sites are not currently included within the calculations for population-based parkland provision, as the City is not the primary decision-maker for these sites. However, using the comprehensive park services assessment approach proposed in the draft parkland strategy, the value provided by school sites is captured within indicator 4 (Urban Green Spaces and Additional Resources). This indicator recognizes that, while the City does not have ownership of school sites, these sites have amenities such as playing fields and playgrounds that can be accessed by the public through the joint use agreement between the School District and the City.	Parkland Calculation
You mentioned a goal of acquiring 12.5 hectares of parkland. Will new joint-use agreements with the school district be counted among this?	Using the comprehensive park services assessment approach within the draft parkland strategy, the value provided by school sites is captured within indicator 4 (Urban Green Spaces and Additional Resources), not within the area-based indicators. This indicator recognizes that, while the City does not have ownership of school sites, these sites have amenities such as playing fields and playgrounds that can be accessed by the public through the joint use agreement between the School District and the City. If new school sites are added to the joint use agreement between the School District and the City, the surrounding area would be reassessed to determine the impact of the school site on identified neighbourhood needs.	Parkland Calculation

How much square foot per resident of park space we currently have and how much does the city believe it will change within the next 15 years?	The draft Parkland Strategy guides planning toward 2050. Currently in Moody Centre, there are 4.8 hectares of parkland per 1,000 residents. Using high level population projection and under the assumption that no new parkland is added, in 2050 it's estimated there would be 1.1 hectares per 1,000 residents. The draft Parkland Strategy sets a target of 12.5 hectares of additional parkland in Moody Centre by 2050.	Parkland Calculation
(Page 16) Parkland currently 4.8 ha per 1000; 2050=1.1 ha per 1000. Huge reduction in parks - Can we confirm that?	The population-based parkland calculations in the draft Parkland Strategy show what provision levels could look like if no new parkland is added alongside projected population growth. In Moody Centre, the shift from 4.8 ha to 1.1 ha per 1,000 residents reflects how growth may increase demand on existing park space. These figures are based on the current amount of parkland compared to both current and future population estimates. If additional parkland is added through acquisition, redevelopment, or dedication, future provision levels will improve. This provides a baseline measure and will be used alongside the other indicators within the draft Parkland Strategy to indicate where future demand will likely be higher to guide parkland planning.	Parkland Calculation
Why won't the city include all actual parkspace in their calculations? Is all of Beet Flinn Park land actually included?	Following current best practices, area-based parkland calculations in the draft strategy include actively managed parks and authorized trails within natural areas. For Bert Flinn Park, only the authorized trail areas were included, while the broader natural area was excluded to reflect its primary focus on environmental conservation rather than active public use. This approach acknowledges that natural area parkland is intended to protect ecological values and cannot accommodate the active recreation uses—such as sports, play, and gathering—that actively managed parkland provides.	Parkland Calculation
Slide indicated 1.1ha/1000 in 2050 based on an assumption that no new parkland added w/ highest population attained. Not possible w/o redevt/subdiv. Pls explain	Since the City cannot predict all parkland that will become available in the future, the population based provision for 2050 uses current amount of actively managed parkland compared to projected future population. This provides a baseline measure and will be used alongside the other indicators within the draft Parkland Strategy to indicate where future demand will likely be higher to guide parkland planning.	Parkland Calculation

What is the benchmark for parkland per 1000 residents? What is the potential gap with the projected 1.1ha/1000 residents for 2050	Instead of solely using a population based target, the Parkland Strategy proposes a comprehensive park service assessment approach that includes four indicators. The first indicator, which covers the amount of parkland includes an aspirational target 2.5 ha / 1,000 residents and a reference metric of 8% of total land area. The second indicator includes a reference metric of 85% of each neighbourhood having pedestrian access to parkland within 5-minutes. The third indicator is qualitative, with a goal of providing a variety of amenities to suit identified neighbourhood needs. The fourth indicator covers the contributions of urban greenspaces and additional resources, such as school sites, that provide park-like spaces.	Parkland Calculation
We have a policy that land must be used for "Highest and Best Use". What criteria ensure the critical need for parks is considered "highest use"?	The term 'highest and best use' is defined in the Highest and Best Use for Public Property Policy as the reasonably possible and legal use of property that is physically possible, properly funded, financially feasible, and that provides the opportunity to address community needs for infrastructure and services, and results in the highest value (including but not limited to social, financial, environmental, cultural, historical, and/or quality-of life value) for residents. The Parkland Strategy provides guidance to help support decisions where parkland may be a strong and appropriate use—particularly when land can provide access to nature, meet recreational needs, help address identified gaps in access and support equity.	Parkland Criteria
How will the city work with partners to help deliver parkland and park services?	The draft Parkland Strategy emphasizes the importance of partnerships throughout, recognizing that delivering high-quality parks requires collaboration across sectors. Key partners include School District 43, with whom the City already has joint-use agreements, and developers, who contribute parkland, amenities, or funding through development approvals. Strategies #7, #8, #16, and #21 all speak to enhancing partnerships—whether through co-managed spaces, funding collaborations, or integrating parks into redevelopment plans.	Partnership
Has the city spoken to the province or metro Vancouver about our park expansion needs and opportunities for partnership.	Yes, the City has met with Metro Vancouver. However, the Parkland Strategy focuses on actively managed parkland, which supports amenities like playgrounds and gathering spaces. Metro Vancouver's parks are primarily natural area parkland, aimed at conservation, and may not provide the same types of services outlined in the strategy. Still, they remain valuable partners in regional access and connectivity.	Partnership

What will happen to Moody Elementary school playground next year when the school relocates next school year? It has been so important to the neighborhood	The School District has identified the Moody Elementary site for a potential future school. That said, the City can work with the School District to explore partnership opportunities.	Partnership
When will you engage PoMoArts in conversations on development on the parcel on land they share with Kyle Centre?	As the City begins planning for the Kyle Centre area, we will engage with key interest holders, including PoMoArts. While we don't have a timeline to share at this stage, PoMoArts will be included in future conversations as planning progresses.	Partnership / Engagement
Who will manage use of school lands? What access will be guaranteed? There are now padlocks on the gates, preventing the public from using Moody Elementary	The City and School District co-manage select school sites through a joint use agreement, which outlines roles, responsibilities, and maintenance standards to help maximize public access outside of school hours. Moody Elementary is not currently part of this agreement, however, the draft Parkland Strategy recommends expanding joint use agreements in the future. For concerns about specific access restrictions, such as locked gates, we recommend contacting School District 43 directly.	Partnership / Park Management
Moody Centre Elementary was a critical play site for our kids. It's now locked after school. Why? This doesn't jibe with partnership as park providers	The City and School District co-manage select school sites through a joint use agreement, which outlines roles, responsibilities, and maintenance standards to help maximize public access outside of school hours. Moody Elementary is not currently part of this agreement, however, the draft Parkland Strategy recommends expanding joint use agreements in the future. For concerns about specific access restrictions, such as locked gates, we recommend contacting School District 43 directly.	Partnership / Park Management
My concern with collaboration with school district is that the parks on school ground would not be available to the community when school is in session.	Access to school sites can be limited during school hours, which is why these spaces are seen as complementary—not a replacement—for City-owned parks. Joint-use school sites help expand recreational opportunities outside of school hours and support neighbourhood-level service. The City will continue to prioritize the acquisition of dedicated parkland while also working with School District 43 to expand partnership opportunities.	Partnership / Park Management
What's the plan for parks that can be used all the time, schools are limited. It's also a safety issue for kids when space is used by public at night.	Access to school sites can be limited during school hours, which is why these spaces are seen as complementary—not a replacement—for City-owned parks. Joint-use school sites help expand recreational opportunities outside of school hours and support neighbourhood-level service. The City will continue to prioritize the acquisition of dedicated parkland while also working with School District 43 to expand partnership opportunities.	Partnership / Park Management

The closure of Moody Elementary is actually because dog poop was being left there. Is there a way to creatively solve this problem without closing access?	Moody Elementary is not currently part of this agreement, however, the draft Parkland Strategy recommends expanding joint use agreements and other partnership opportunities in the future. For concerns about specific access restrictions, we recommend contacting School District 43 directly.	Partnership / Park Management
Will alcohol in parks be expanded to cover all new parks?	The draft Parkland Strategy is a citywide and neighbourhood-level strategy, and does not provide recommendations for specific parks, amenities or services within parks.	Park Management
What priority is city placing on acquiring more waterfront lands to expand Rocky point park	Expanding existing parks and strengthening public waterfront access are of high priority in the draft Parkland Strategy. Specifically, the strategy recommends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Acquiring land adjacent to existing parks, such as Rocky Point Park (Chapter 7.1, strategy #4)</li> <li>- Maximizing waterfront access as a future focus for Moody Centre (Chapter 6.7)</li> <li>- An additional strategy focused on maximizing public waterfront access and exploring ways to expand the shoreline park network is also being added to the strategy to reinforce this commitment. (Chapter 7.1, strategy #9)</li> <li>- A future focus for Moody Centre is to advance the implementation of OCP policies to prioritize parkland dedications, and trail connections, particularly within the Oceanfront District.</li> </ul>	Specific site for parkland
Considering all the development coming to Moody Centre, will you be expanding Rocky Point Park?	Strategy #4 in the draft Parkland Strategy is to acquire and secure lands adjacent to existing parks particularly in high-growth areas, such as Rocky Point Park. This aligns with recommendations in the 2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. In addition, future priorities for Moody Centre include maximizing waterfront access and advancing the implementation of OCP policies to prioritize parkland dedications, and trail connections, particularly within the Oceanfront District.	Specific site for parkland
If Rocky Point Park / Moody Centre is lacking certain amenities, why not invest in Inlet Park?	The City has recently invested in Inlet Park through a major two-phase redevelopment project, with a total budget of approximately \$8 million, partially funded through provincial and federal grants. Upgrades include a new artificial turf field, improved drainage, lighting, fencing, and a new playground, with more improvements planned in future phases. A new field house will be constructed in the third and final phase of this project. This work reflects the City's ongoing commitment to enhancing existing parks where feasible.	Specific site for parkland

Any plans to improve existing park such as Kyle Park?	The draft Parkland Strategy is citywide and neighbourhood-level strategy, rather than specific parks. However, Strategy 7.1, #4 highlights the importance of expanding existing parks especially in high-growth areas, such as Rocky Point, Kyle Park, and Chip Kerr Park. Under Section 7.2 – Improve, the strategy also emphasizes the importance of renewing and enhancing existing parks to support growing and changing community needs (Strategy #16). These align with the 2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which recommended moderate upgrades to Kyle Park as part of a citywide improvement program (Recommendation 4.3.13). While no detailed design work is currently underway, Kyle Park is positioned for future consideration as opportunities and resources align.	Specific site for parkland
Is there any plans for using the old dump site off off Barnett hwy.	The draft Parkland Strategy is a citywide and neighbourhood-level strategy, and does not provide recommendations for specific parks or sites. Currently there's no Council direction regarding a plan for park uses at the site.	Specific site for parkland
Chineside is a key natural area and also a key transport link to Coquitlam. What plans for hiking trails there and prevention of erosion etc?	The draft Parkland Strategy is a citywide and neighbourhood-level strategy, and does not provide recommendations for specific parks, or amenities and trails within parks. Recommendations regarding trails in Chines Park have been considered as part of the Trail Network Plan.	Specific site for parkland
Are you considering some more challenging Burnaby-mountain style (rugged) trails through the Chineside? It is a CRITICAL wilderness resource.	The draft Parkland Strategy is a citywide and neighbourhood-level strategy, and does not provide recommendations for specific parks, or amenities and trails within parks. Recommendations regarding trails in Chines Park have been considered as part of the Trail Network Plan.	Specific site for parkland
What will be improved the pool located in Rocky Point? What is the future on this important facility.	The draft Parkland Strategy is a citywide and neighbourhood-level strategy, and does not provide recommendations for specific parks, or amenities, facilities and trails within parks. The pool remains part of the concept plan in the Council-approved 10-year Rocky Point Park Master Plan (available at <a href="http://portmoody.ca/parks">portmoody.ca/parks</a> ), and is intended to stay in place and continue operating.	Rocky Point Park



Can the building by skate park be removed? Would be nice to have more picnic area there next to playground?	The draft Parkland Strategy is a citywide and neighbourhood-level strategy, and does not provide recommendations for specific parks, or amenities, facilities and trails within parks. Additional picnic areas were considered as part of the Rocky Point Park Master Plan and were included along the perimeter of the central lawn.	Rocky Point Park
Is there a plan to expand the outdoor rocky point swimming pool considering the expected increase in population?	The draft Parkland Strategy is a citywide and neighbourhood-level strategy, and does not provide recommendations for specific parks, or amenities, facilities and trails within parks. The Council-approved Rocky Point Park Master Plan does not include pool expansion, but retains the existing facility as part of the long-term concept for the park.	Rocky Point Park
Is the City considering turning the parking lot and boathouse restaurant into parkland / amenities? Is this area included in the total area that defines RPP?	The draft Parkland Strategy is a citywide and neighbourhood-level strategy, and does not provide recommendations for specific parks, or amenities, facilities and trails within parks. The area including the Boathouse restaurant and parking lot is part of Rocky Point Park and was considered as part of the Rocky Point Park Master Plan project. The Master Plan's "Beyond the Master Plan" section (Chapter 8.6) identifies the parking area and restaurant site as long-term considerations. Any potential changes would be explored beyond the current 10-year planning horizon and would require further analysis, engagement, and Council direction.	Rocky Point Park
Rocky Point is where people come for festivals/large events. Could amenities at the park be improved to make that be one of our iconic city places?	The draft Parkland Strategy is a citywide and neighbourhood-level strategy, and does not provide recommendations for specific parks, or amenities and trails within parks. However, these considerations were within the scope of the Rocky Point Park Master Plan and were carefully considered. The plan recognizes the park's role as a major event space and includes improvements to support gatherings, enhance visitor experience, and celebrate its identity as a signature destination. The Rocky Point Park Master Plan is available at <a href="http://portmoody.ca/parks">portmoody.ca/parks</a> .	Rocky Point Park
So much of Rocky Point Park is paved (over 50%) most of which is to store vehicles and some boat trailers. Why? Just make people figure it out.	The draft Parkland Strategy is a citywide and neighbourhood-level strategy, and does not provide recommendations for specific parks, or amenities and trails within parks. However, this concern was considered through the Rocky Point Park Master Plan. The approved concept plan aims to balance hardscape and greenspace, while expanding tree canopy and integrating green infrastructure.	Rocky Point Park

Have you looked at collaboration with neighbouring Village Hall to expand and connect Rocky Point Park with some of their green spaces?	(It's unclear what "village hall" is referring to). The draft Parkland Strategy is a citywide and neighbourhood-level strategy, and does not provide recommendations for specific parks or sites.	Rocky Point Park
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