



Mill Lake Park Master Plan



Public Open House No. 1

August 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm



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AGENDA

- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **Goals & Background**
- **Timeline**
- **Vision Statement**
- **Guiding Principles**
- **Q&A**
- **Next Steps & Closing Remarks**



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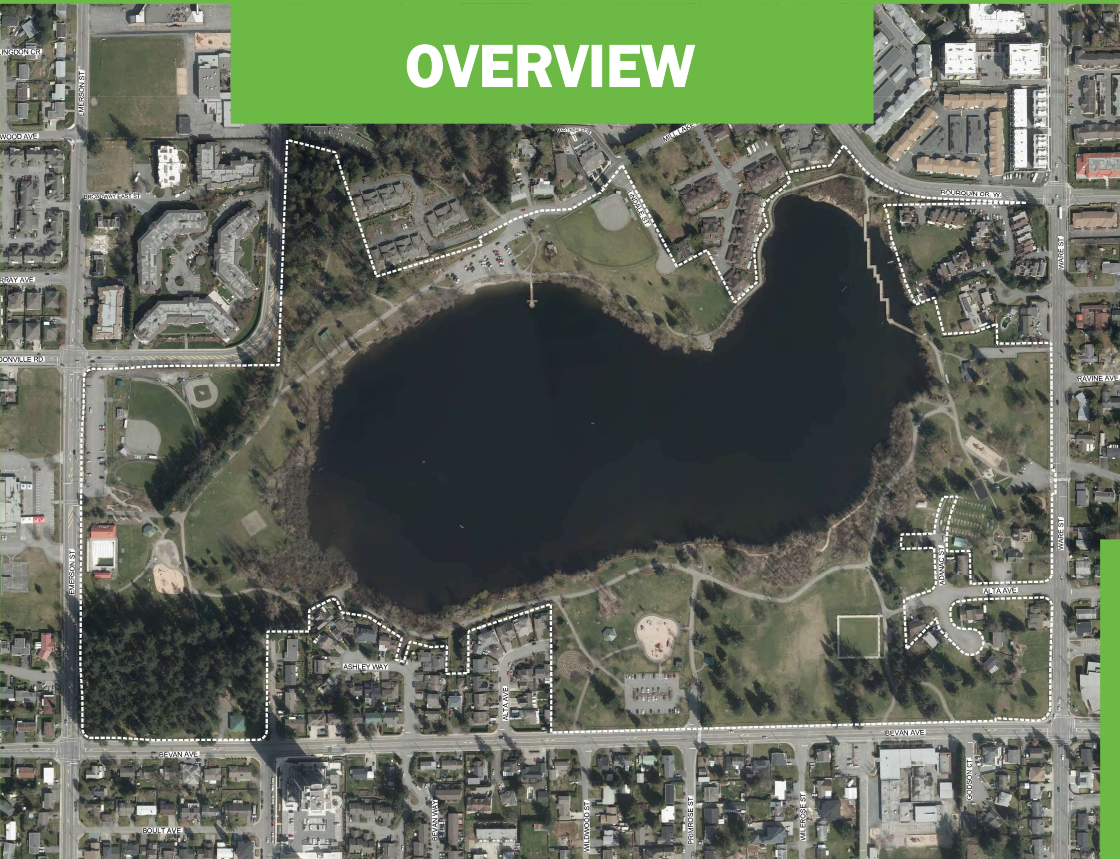
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OVERVIEW



Mill Lake Park is Abbotsford's premier destination park for residents and visitors.



RECREATION



SPORT



CULTURE



ENVIRONMENT

The *Mill Lake Park Master Plan* will provide:

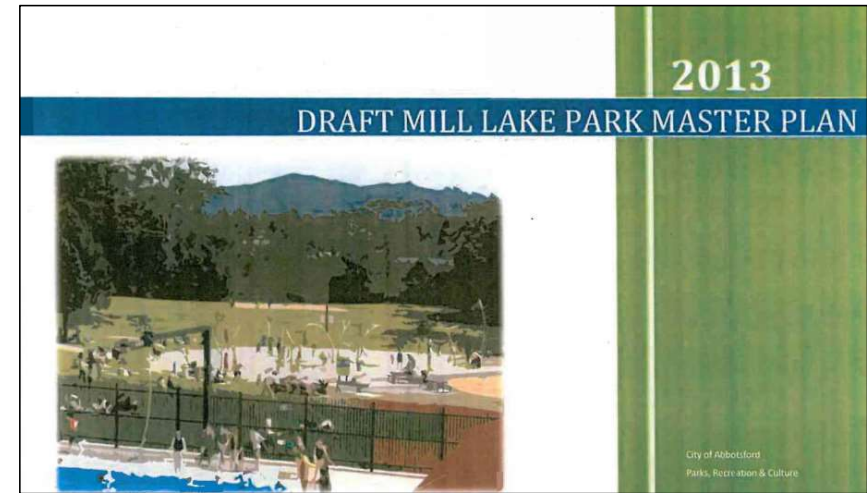
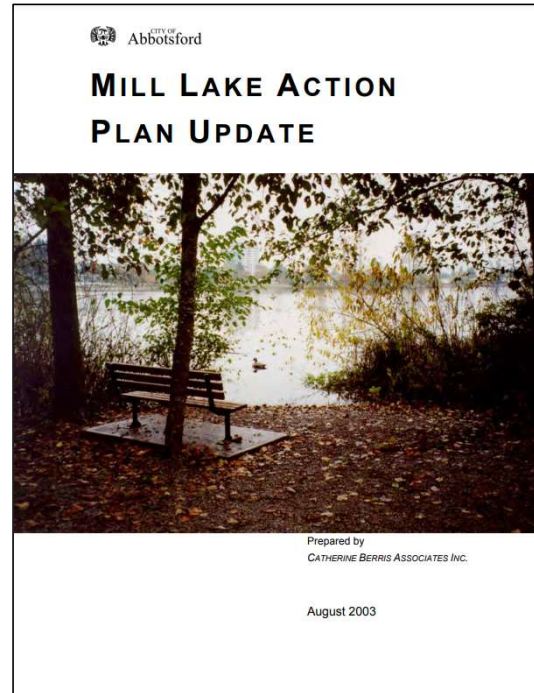
- vision and guiding principles
- illustrative concept plans for future improvements
- phased construction strategy



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BACKGROUND





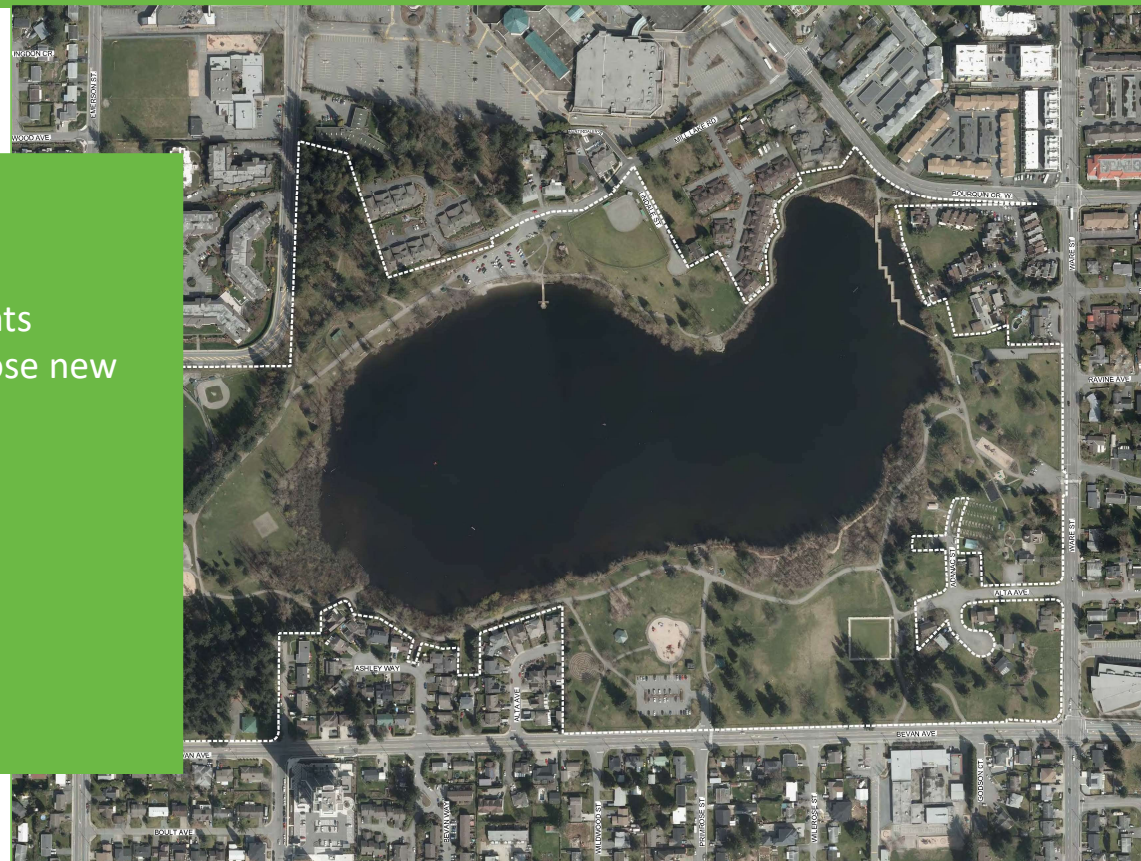
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OUTCOMES

The *Mill Lake Park Master Plan* will present:

- Park identity
- Activity areas, viewpoints, landscape improvements
- Keep/remove existing infrastructure and/or propose new activities or infrastructure
- Honor site history
- Site access, parking, circulation
- Safety & security including lighting and signage
- Environmental protection areas
- Park servicing, management and maintenance
- High-level costing and implementation strategy





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TIMELINE



Indicates community engagement moments

We are here

01 

Key Findings Report

- Data Collection
- Site, Context and Use Analysis
- Draft Vision & Guiding Principles
- Stakeholder and Community Engagement
- Key Findings Report

May – September 2021

02 

Draft Master Plan Development

- Develop concept alternatives
- Stakeholder and Community engagement.
- Cost estimates & Phasing Strategy
- Refine Concept Plan
- Draft Master Plan
- Council Workshop

November 2021 – February 2022

03

Final Master Plan Development

- Update cost estimates & implementation plan
- Refine Final Master Plan Report

February – March 2022

04

Plan Approval

- City Staff's Presentation to Council

March 2022



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Draft Vision Statement

Mill Lake Park is the "heart" of the City of Abbotsford's parks system connecting our diverse population with nature and each other in a park that prioritizes ecological integrity and where culture and heritage is recognized and celebrated.





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Draft Guiding Principles

1. Protect and enhance the environmental qualities of the park including lake water quality, riparian zone, tree canopy and landscape (ENVIRONMENT)
2. Recognize, acknowledge and incorporate the heritage of the lake and the park including indigenous and post-settlement history (HERITAGE)
3. Enhance park infrastructure and amenities to support recreational and cultural activities, including opportunities for all people, while protecting and enhancing the natural qualities of the park (AMENITIES, RECREATION & CULTURE)
4. Make the park a safe and accessible public space for all users and facilitate and encourage active transportation access to the park with an emphasis on connections to other parks in the system and key places in the city (SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY)
5. Create and maintain a distinct identity for the park (CHARACTER AND IDENTITY)
6. Manage development adjoining the park to minimize visual, physical and environmental impacts while maintaining or increasing public frontage (MANAGE DEVELOPMENT)





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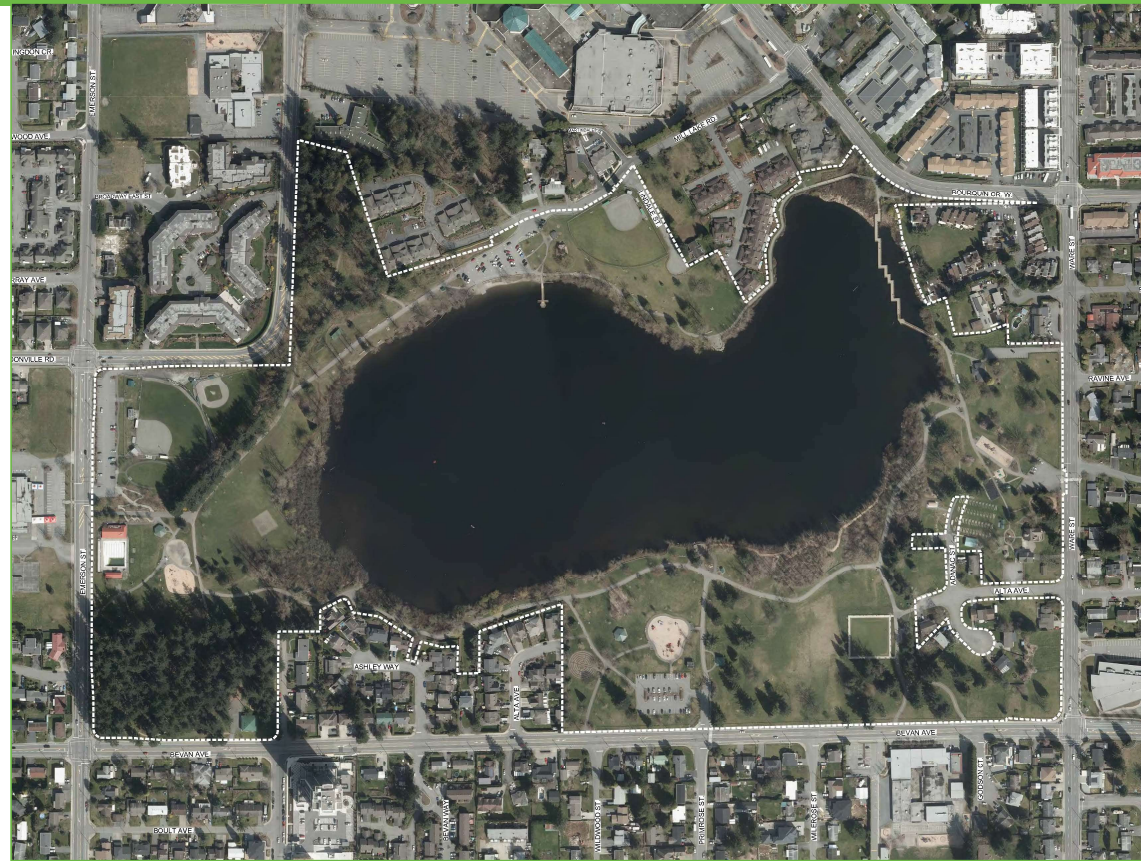


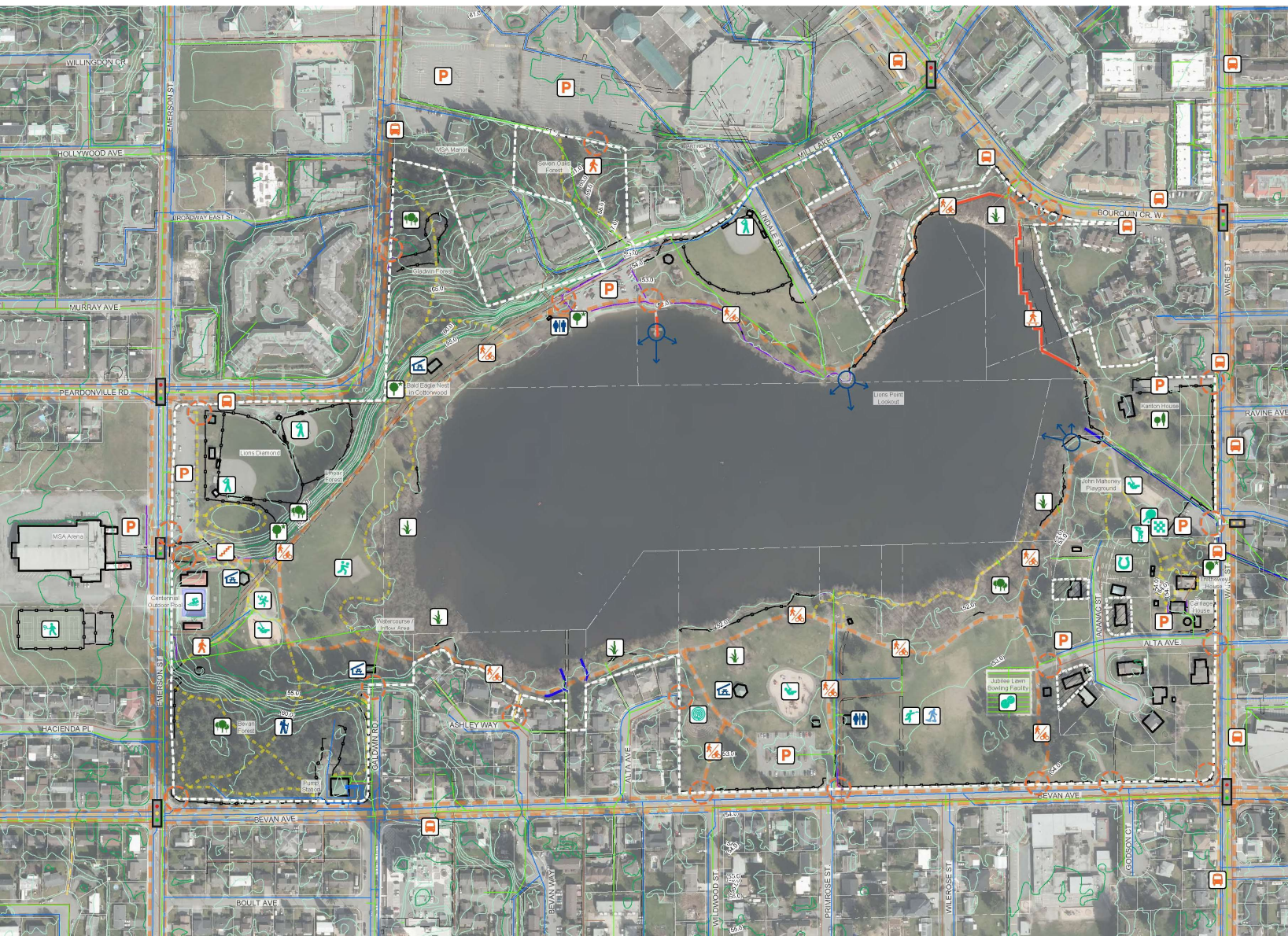
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Q & A

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TRANSPORTATION

- Signalized Intersection
- Pedestrian Crossing
- Park Entry
- Pedestrian Path
- Shared-Use Path
- Bus Stop
- Parking
- Stairs
- Boardwalk

YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITIES

- Lookout
- Picnic Area
- Covered Picnic Area
- Washroom
- Hiking Trail

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

- Open Field
- Playground
- Spraypark
- Exercise Area
- Baseball Diamond
- Outdoor Swimming Pool
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Lawn Bowling
- Maze
- Horseshoe Pits
- Giant Chessboard
- Table Tennis

LEGAL BOUNDARIES

- Property Line
- Easement

CONTOURS

- 62.0 1m Contour Interval
- 60.0 5m Contour Interval

TRANSIT ROUTES

- Walkways
- Bike Paths
- Bus Routes
- Trails (Various Types)
- Train Tracks
- Bridges / Boardwalks

UTILITIES

- Sanitary
- Storm
- Water

WINTER ACTIVITIES

- Open Field
- Skating

PLANTING

- Feature or Memorial Tree
- Forested Area
- Ornamental Trees
- Native / Naturalized Planting
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WHAT'S NEXT?

- **Public and Stakeholder Reporting**
 - Gather feedback from stakeholder & public engagement
- **Prepare Key Findings Report (September 2021)**
 - Establish baseline to create development concept scenarios
- **Prepare Development Concepts (October 2021)**
 - Prepare development concepts based on the key findings report and stakeholder/public feedback
- **Public Engagement #2 (November 2021)**





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Closing Remarks & Additional Engagement Opportunities

Mill Lake Park – Bevan Entrance

- Wed, Aug 18 @ 3pm – 6pm
- Tues, Aug 24 @ 2pm – 5pm
- Sun, Aug 29 @ 1pm – 4 pm

Abbotsford Farmers Market

- Sat, Aug 24 @ 1pm – 4 pm





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Thank You!

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