

1 WELCOME!

WESTRIDGE PARK: PLANNING AND REALIZATION

The City of Abbotsford is planning a new Neighbourhood Park in the Townline neighbourhood to serve the needs of the local area. The future park space consists of about 1.1 ha of relatively flat, undeveloped open space, and is located in the middle of a multi-family neighbourhood, next to Townline Hill Park and with views to the south.

The location of the future park site within the existing surroundings provides a great opportunity to

program the new park in ways that will take advantage of the views and complement the surrounding park and trail infrastructure.

The park is close to a historically significant area for Abbotsford's Japanese Canadian community, and presented an opportunity to partner with Heritage Abbotsford Society, to create an interpretive space within the park, funded by the Japanese Canadian Legacies Society.

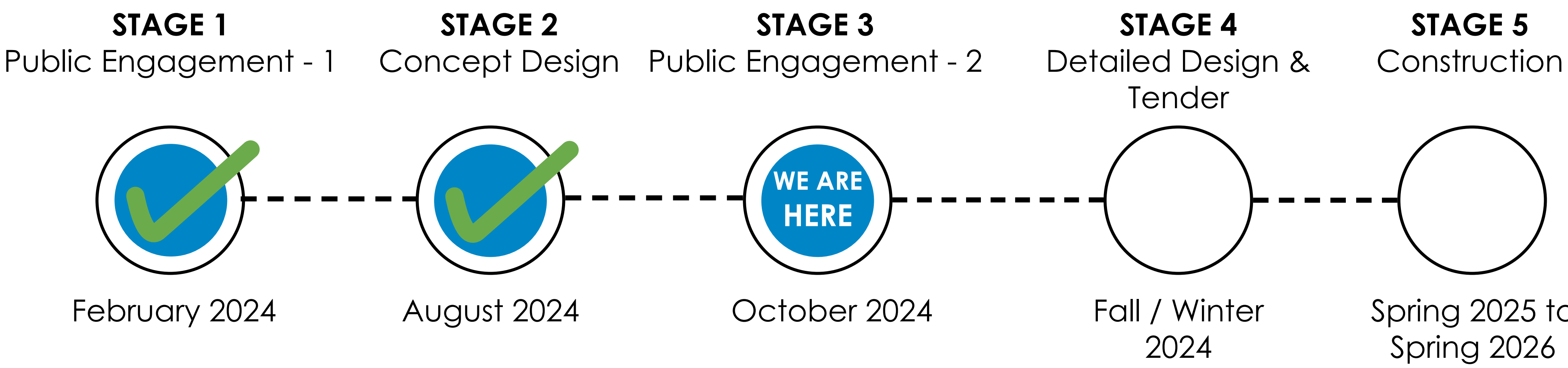
ABOUT TONIGHT

The design you see tonight reflects the public feedback from the last engagement session this past February and VDZ+A's ongoing consultation with the City.

The purpose for tonight is for you (the public) to review the first concept produced from VDZ+A and provide any feedback about the design so far.

You can either provide feedback during the Open House or go to our online survey and fill it out between October 30 and November 18, 2024.

PROJECT PROCESS



TAKE THE **ONLINE SURVEY**
Oct. 30 - Nov. 18



PROJECT SITE AND CONTEXT



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2 PHASE 1 ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

STAGE 1 ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK

TOP 5 AMENITIES

- 1 **TREES**
198 votes
- 2 **PLAYGROUND**
191 votes
- 3 **TRAILS/PATHS**
172 votes
- 4 **SEATING AREAS**
171 votes
- 5 **SHADE SHELTER**
145 votes

Shaped by residents' feedback from the first consultation, the park is designed as an inward focused, placid and contemplative natural space. The core of the park program focuses on passive recreation, with ample drifts of shade trees, seating, and walking areas provided. The park is envisioned as an extension of surrounding natural areas, with a meandering pathway connecting to a larger neighbourhood trail system.

TOP 5 ADDITIONAL AMENITIES

- 1 **WATER PLAY**
39 mentions
- 2 **PARKING**
25 mentions
- 3 **WASHROOMS**
18 mentions
- 4 **PUMP TRACK**
15 mentions
- 5 **PICKEBALL COURT**
12 mentions

To introduce active amenities without compromising the park's quiet character, these features are strategically placed near the Townline Hill Park boundary. This placement stitches the two parks and offers easy access to Townline Hill Park's existing amenities like parking, washrooms, and future facilities. Activating this area also enhances safety by increasing visibility in Townline Hill Park.

TOP 5 DISCOURAGED AMENITIES

- 1 **OFF-LEASH DOG AREA**
77 mentions
- 2 **SKATE PARK ELEMENTS**
62 mentions
- 3 **PLAYGROUND**
24 mentions
- 4 **SMALL SPORT COURT**
18 mentions
- 5 **COMMUNITY GARDENS**
15 mentions

The park's intended character requires excluding incompatible amenities. A small playground is planned in an active zone outside the park's core, with informal play areas scattered throughout. Sports courts, skate parks, and dog off-leash areas are not part of the vision and are available nearby.

KEY TAKEAWAYS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 1 **CREATE AREAS TO WALK, GATHER AND ENJOY NATURE**
Walking, areas for contemplation, areas for more quiet public spaces, contact with nature and gathering spaces were among top five selected amenities from the previous engagement session
- 2 **PROVIDE UNIQUE PLAY OPPORTUNITIES**
Since there are more traditional types of playgrounds in the neighbourhood, the public expressed to see unique play opportunities at Westridge Park.
- 3 **IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND CONNECTION TO TOWNLINE PARK**
Improving accessibility and connections important for the public so they can use the washrooms and parking lot already provided at Townline Hill Park.

COMMENTS

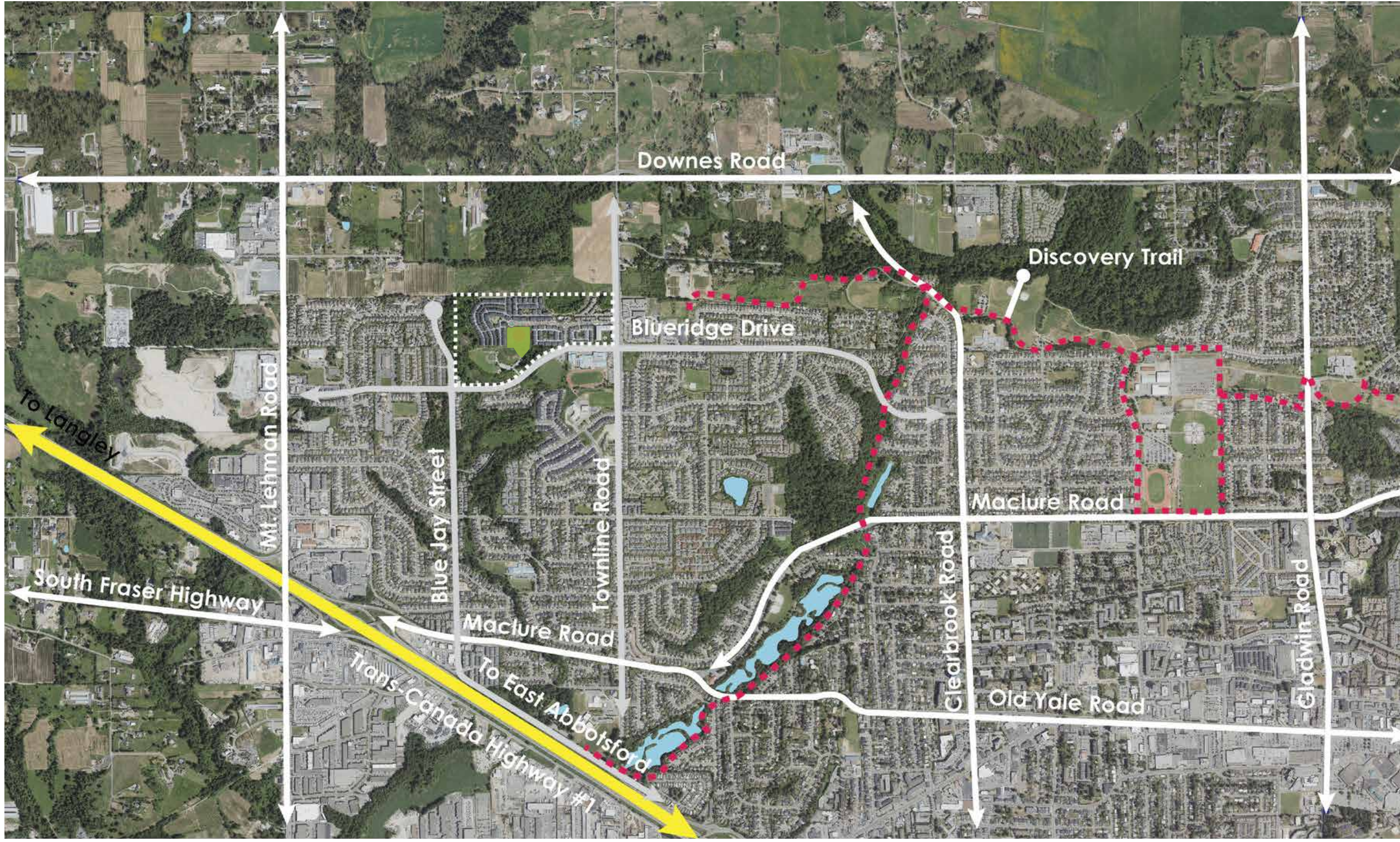


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3 PARK CONTEXT



WESTRIDGE PARK IN CONTEXT OF THE NORTH-WEST ABBOTSFORD

NATURAL AND ECOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK

Nearby wetland at Townline Hill Park, community planted trees on hill at Townline and small forest stand located West of the development that is above the proposed park site. There are agricultural lands to the North of the park.



WESTRIDGE PARK MAIN PATHWAY ENVISIONED AS PART OF A LARGER NEIGHBOURHOOD TRAIL LOOP SYSTEM

LOCAL TRAIL SYSTEM

The new park trail is envisioned as part of a larger system of trail traversing through the neighbourhood, including the Discovery Trail network (multi-use pathway), existing pathways at Townline Hill Park, existing pathways (sidewalk connections) around proposed park and Townline Park.

ADJACENT RECREATIONAL AMENITIES

The Summit at Townline Road holds ice rinks for public use. Rick Hansen Secondary School, Eugene Reimer Middle School and Harry Sayers Elementary School are the closest schools that have indoor gymnasiums, one track and field facility, and outdoor soccer fields.

SOCIO-CULTURAL CONTEXT

Park and surrounding area are a part of large multi-cultural community on the West side of Abbotsford. Nearby churches and a temple are in close proximity to the park.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK

Some neighbouring parks include: Townline Hill Park (immediately next to Westridge). Homestead Park and Kalgidhar Park are the next closest parks from Westridge Park.



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4 CONCEPT PLAN PHASE 1



VISION STATEMENT

The vision for Westridge Park is to create a passive park with connections to the existing trail network. There are already some typical park amenities at Townline Hill Park, therefore this design focuses on natural elements of a park and non-traditional play areas.

The surrounding community uses public spaces for walking and small group gatherings. The central pathway would be multi-use for cyclists and pedestrians with smaller-width pathways (indicated in white) for mostly walking purposes. The smaller-width pathways bring users to the perimeter of the park to the contemplative spaces.

LEGEND

ENTREES, TRAILS AND PATHWAYS

- 1 Park Entry Points
- 2 Main Multi-Use Paths - Concrete / Asphalt with line paintings
- 3 Secondary Paths and Trails - Granular Surfacing
- 4 Tertiary Paths and Trails - Dirt / Mulch
- 5 Bike Route on Pathway

OPEN SPACE AND NATURAL AREAS

- 6 Forest buffers
- 7 Grass Lawns
- 8 Grass / Naturalized Berming (Play and Sound Buffering)
- 9 Small Tree Orchard
- 10 Grass Play Slopes

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY GATHERING

- 11 Community Gathering Plaza
- 12 Shade Structures
- 13 Seating Areas (Fixed and Movable)

ACTIVE RECREATION / PLAY

- 14 Formal Small Playground
- 15 Informal Play Areas (Natural Features Inviting Play)
- 16 Water Play Feature
- 17 Parkour Elements

PASSIVE RECREATION / CONTEMPLATION

- 18 Semi-Secluded Lawns
- 19 Semi-Secluded Seating Areas (Various Seating Types)
- 20 Semi-Secluded Picnic Gathering Areas

INTERPRETATION

- 21 Japanese Canadian Interpretive Garden

PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK ON THE PARK CONCEPT ON THE ADJACENT BOARD NO.6

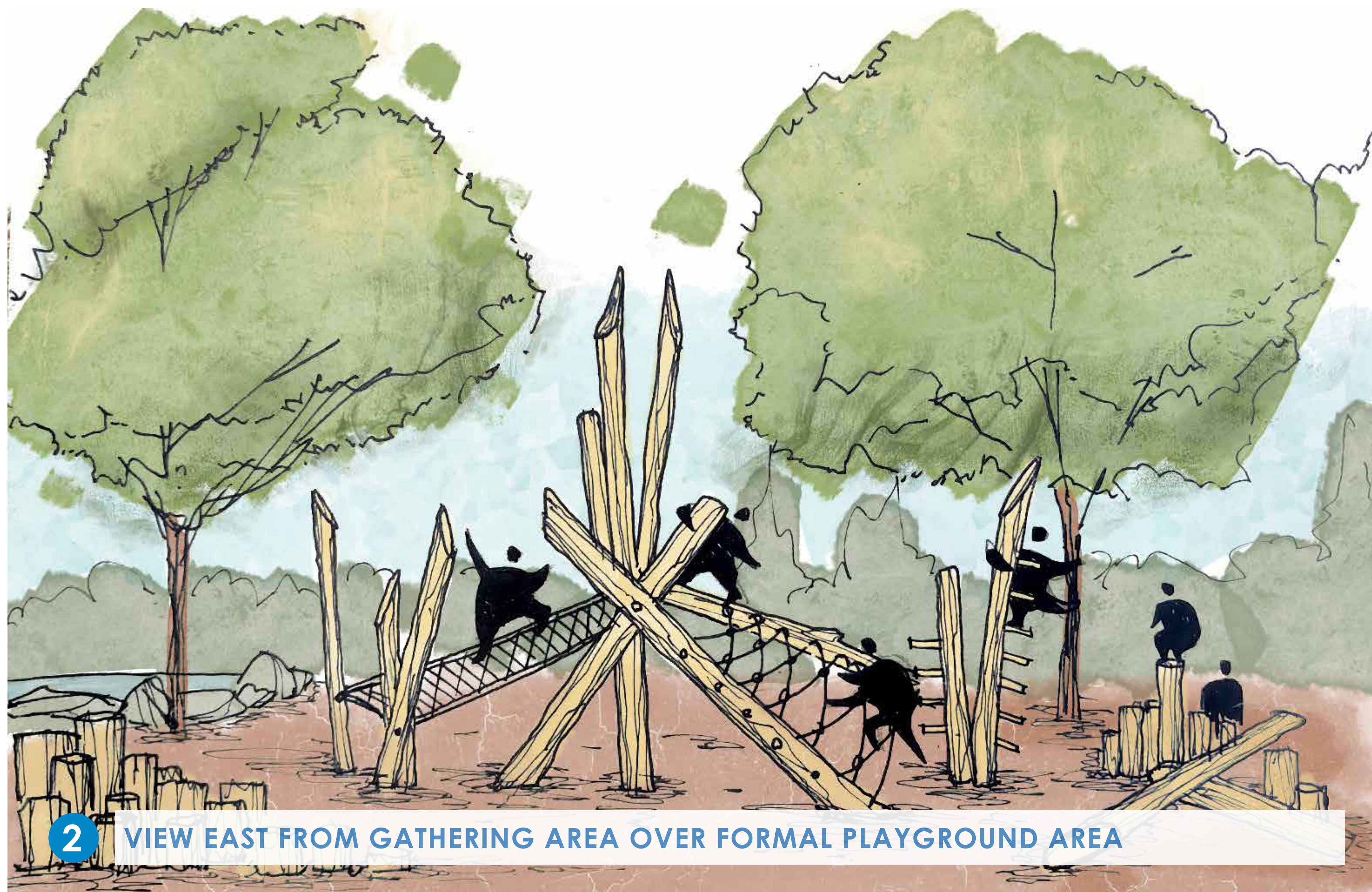


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5 CONCEPT PLAN PHASE 1 - CONCEPTUAL PERSPECTIVES



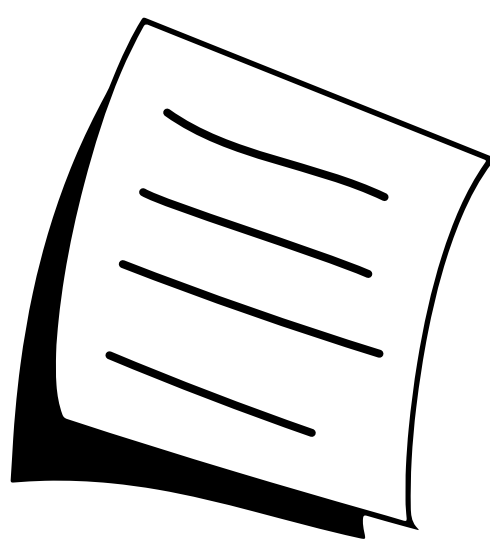
6 CONCEPT PLAN PHASE 1 - SHARE YOUR OPINION

PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK ON THE PARK CONCEPT. ADD A DOT TO THE COLUMN TO INDICATE WHETHER YOU LIKE, ARE NEUTRAL, OR DO NOT LIKE THE PARK CONCEPT
PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON WHAT YOU WOULD ADD, REMOVE, CHANGE OR INTRODUCE TO THE PARK CONCEPT, AND ANY OTHER FEEDBACK ON THE PARK CONCEPT

I LIKE THE PROPOSED CONCEPT



WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE? WHAT WOULD YOU ADD? WHAT WOULD YOU REMOVE?



I DO NOT LIKE THE PROPOSED CONCEPT



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7 CONCEPT PLAN - FUTURE PHASES



THE CITY OF ABBOTSFORD IS CONTEMPLATING ADDITIONAL FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SLOPE AREA OF TOWNLINE HILL PARK TO BETTER CONNECT THE TWO PARKS AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AMENITIES TO THE COMMUNITY.

REVIEW THE PROPOSED ELEMENTS AND EXPRESS YOUR PREFERENCE, OR PROVIDE ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL IDEAS FOR CONSIDERATION ON THE ADJACENT BOARD NO. 8

FUTURE PHASE - OPTIONS PLAN A



LEGEND - OPTIONS PLAN A

- 1 Park Entree From Townline Hill Park
- 2 Universally Accessible Path (8% slope maximum)
- 3A Formal Stair Access to top of Westridge Park
- 4A Picnic Gathering Areas/Nodes on Main Slope
- 4B Picnic Gathering Areas/Nodes along Trail

FUTURE PHASE - OPTIONS PLAN B



LEGEND - OPTIONS PLAN B

- 1 Park Entree From Townline Hill Park
- 2 Universally Accessible Path (8% slope maximum)
- 3B Scramble of Boulders, Tires, Logs up to Westridge Park
- 4B Picnic Gathering Areas/Nodes along Trail
- 5 Bike Jump Lines
- 6 Zip Line



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8 FUTURE PHASE PROGRAMMING AND FEATURES PRECEDENTS

PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK ON THE FUTURE PHASES FEATURES. ADD A DOT UNDER THE IMAGE ILLUSTRATING YOUR PREFERRED FUTURE PHASES ELEMENTS
PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON WHAT YOU WOULD ADD, REMOVE, CHANGE OR INTRODUCE, AND ANY OTHER FEEDBACK ON TO THE FUTURE PHASES AREA

3A FORMAL STAIRS UP SLOPE



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3B CLIMB SCRAMBLE UP SLOPE



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4A PICNIC NODES ON HILL



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4B PICNIC NODES ALONG PATH



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5 JUMP LINES ON HILL



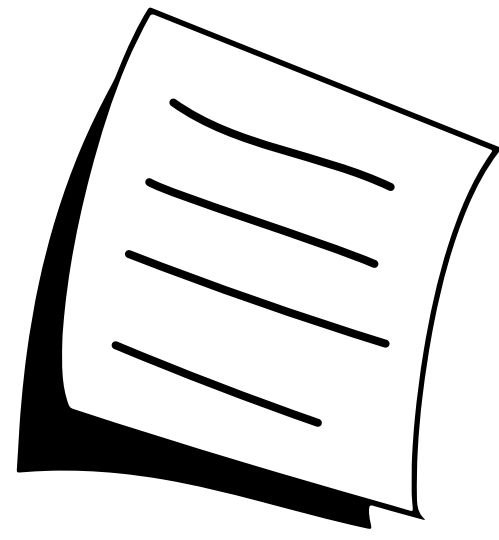
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4B ZIP LINE



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WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE OPTIONS? WHAT WOULD YOU OMIT?
WHAT WOULD YOU ADD? OTHER SUGGESTIONS?



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