



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT
REGIONAL DISTRICT

ACRD Park Services

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Service Summary

Service Name	Asset Replacement Value	Asset Replacement Value/Person	# of Parks in Service	Area	Ha/1,000 People	Trails and Pathways
Regional Parks Service	\$1,582,600	\$51.58	6	614.40 Ha	20.48	41.35 km
Bamfield Community Parks	\$788,900	\$3,246.50	5	8.46 Ha	34.81	0.0
Beaver Creek Community Parks	\$147,000	\$51.17	5	6.66 Ha	2.32	0.0
Cherry Creek Community Parks	\$119,760	\$61.57	2	14.97 Ha	7.70	2.35 km
Long Beach Community Parks	\$400,000	\$251.26	2	0.93 Ha	0.58	1.48 km
Sproat Lake Community Parks	\$1,016,600	\$467.83	10	10.57 Ha	4.86	5.96 km
Total	\$4,054,860		30	655.98 Ha	21.17	51 km

Project Summary

Projects Completed in 2021	2022 Projects	Future Projects
Multiple Park Services		
Level of Service Review	Website Enhancements	Parks Acquisition Policy
Parks Inspection and Maintenance Policy	Signage Design Guidelines	LTT Trail major Maintenance/Improvements
Parks Asset Management Plan	Public Access Working Group	Future Park Management Plans
	Parks and Trails Data Collection	Parks Commission Review and Development of Procedures/Guidelines
	Priority Infrastructure Condition Assessments	Parks Donation and Dedication Policy/Program
	Development of Parks and Trails Construction Guidelines	
	Parks and Trails Volunteer Program	
	Signage Upgrades	
Regional Parks		
LTT - Platzer Creek Bridge Construction	Log Train Trail Park Management Plan	West Coast Multi-Use Pathway Construction
West Coast Multi-Use Pathway Detailed Design	Franklin Bridge Design	Regional Parks Allocation/Governance Review
Bamfield Community Parks		
	Bamfield Grapppler Dock Extension	Bamfield Playground Replacement
	West Park Pavilion	
Beaver Creek Community Parks		
	Evergreen Park Bridge	Nordstrom Park Playground
Cherry Creek Community Parks		
	Maplehurst Park Management Plan	Maplehurst Park Access Upgrades
Sproat Lake Community Parks		
Cougar Smith Asphalt Replacement	Lakeshore Pathway Extension	Great Central Boat launch

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Background

The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) established its regional parks function in 1970, and operates 5 community park services; Beaver Creek Community Parks, Cherry Creek Community Parks, Sproat Lake Community Parks, Bamfield Community Parks and Long Beach Community Parks.

Regional Parks can have a variety of roles, but their focus is on meeting the outdoor recreation needs of the region, contain regionally unique environmental features, as well as contribute to attracting tourism as a regional destination. Community parks are provided through localized park functions of individual electoral areas which focus on providing the local area outdoor recreation opportunities and promote a sense of community. They have been designed to serve nearby residents and are funded by the individual electoral areas in which they are located. The ACRD currently owns and/or operates six Regional Parks and twenty-five Community Parks.

Advisory community park commissions exist in electoral areas A (Bamfield) and D (Sproat Lake), both of these areas have popular multi-use neighborhood parks. Sproat Lake also has a community trail system. The ACRD may delegate to these Parks Commissions any or all of the administrative powers with respect to the use, management, improvement, operation and control of park property held by the ACRD.

Mission Statement

“The ACRD will work with all citizens to be good stewards of our environment, and to provide safe and welcoming opportunities to play, learn, contemplate, and build community.”

Goals:

- 1) Operations/Service Levels - Park and trail user experience meets the needs and expectations of the community/parkshed
- 2) Acquisition - Represent and protect an array of regionally significant natural and cultural areas
- 3) Infrastructure - Build and maintain infrastructure to ensure safety and environmental sustainability
- 4) Positive Impact - improve quality of life, promote healthy lifestyles, contribute to the economic and environmental wellbeing of the community and region
- 5) Community Engagement - Engage the community to provide an opportunity for full participation to guide the development of the parks and trails, build community, volunteerism, and increase awareness.

Measurables

In 2022, ACRD staff will begin to collect data to objectively measure the following values for ACRD parks and Trails. Once collected, the data will be included in subsequent annual reports.

- 1 Operations/Service Levels
 - a. Park and Trail Usage. The number and type of users of a park/trail. This can be compared year over year or to other similar trails and parks.
 - b. User Satisfaction Score. Are you happy with the park/trail quality/experience? Done by collecting survey data, engaging with community.
 - c. Cost per km/m2, for maintenance and operations.

- 2 Acquisition
 - a. Acquisition of new regional or culturally significant park land. Measured in hectares.
- 3 Infrastructure
 - a. 100% of infrastructure to meet adopted standards.
 - b. Safety Incidents. Target of zero.
 - c. Asset management capital contribution meets requirements.
- 4 Positive Impact on Communities and Region
 - a. Trail use trends
 - b. Number of non-community members traveling to use parks and trails
- 5 Community Engagement
 - a. Utilization of public engagement tools such as (letsconnect.ca, social media etc.)
 - b. Increase in volunteer hours and individuals involved in parks volunteerism

Operations/Service Levels - *Park and trail user experience meets the needs and expectations of the community/parkshed*

Level of Service

To achieve sustainable service delivery and ACRD strategic objectives within Parks services, it is important to understand what the current Level of Service (LOS) is and how it is achieved. There are a number of factors that contribute to the LOS delivery for a Parks service. When establishing the Parks LOS, it's best to look at the ACRD policy objectives, community expectations, legislative requirements and resource constraints. Some of these factors are continuously evolving but we can take the information available to focus on two main terms:

Customer LOS: measures how the customer receives the service and measure of value we provide.

Technical LOS: measures of performance relating to the allocation of resources to service activities to best achieve the desired outcomes and demonstrate effective performance.

The ACRD is in a unique position where the current budget does not necessarily determine the Technical LOS because it receives a substantial boost of resources from community volunteers. For many of the Parks services, the Technical LOS is determined by the local group of community volunteers as they are the ones who dedicate the time to perform the regular maintenance and routine upgrades. This is a great benefit which helps lower requisitions for these services but it also exposes the ACRD to some risk as the Technical LOS is established based on volunteer hours which can fluctuate greatly from year to year and is generally not under direct supervision of the ACRD.

In 2021 Staff polled current volunteers from the Bamfield Parks Commission, Sproat Lake Parks Commission, Alberni Valley Outdoor Club and the Alpine Club of Canada - Vancouver Island Section. These organizations were asked to provide a brief description of volunteer contributions within ACRD Parks as well as estimate total volunteer hours, donated materials, equipment hours and supplies. Through these discussions it is estimated that, in 2020, roughly 4,500 hours of volunteer labour by over 50 volunteers were dedicated to the operations and maintenance of parks and trails owned or operated by the ACRD. It is a challenge to place a dollar value and account for the true benefits the ACRD parks services and its communities receive from volunteers. Of note: each volunteer organization expressed the concern that the average age of volunteers is high and rising. Without an influx of additional volunteers from a younger generation, there is a risk that many of the current volunteers will age out of their programs soon resulting in these organizations dedicating less time spent performing the

operations and maintenance of ACRD Parks and Trails. This would result in lowered Technical and Customer LOS.

LEVEL OF SERVICE CATEGORIES		
LEVEL	STANDARD	USE
LEVEL 1 – HIGHEST LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The park or trail is maintained for first-class appearance. - Generally, impeccably clean and well-groomed. - Maintenance and monitoring preformed weekly to multiple times a week. - Infrastructure is designed to highest standard and inspected regularly to ensure maintained public safety and high functionality. - Vegetation including trees, shrubs and grasses are kept pruned and manicured to be in exceptional condition and aesthetically pleasing. - No accumulated debris or litter onsite. 	Highly visible, high profile parks and trails with intensive public use.
LEVEL 2 – MEDIUM TO MODERATE LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parks and trails are kept neat, order and groomed but not to the same standard as Level 1. - There is tolerance to the effects of “wear and tear”, moderate traffic and natural processes. - Maintenance and monitoring preformed bi-monthly to weekly. - Infrastructure is designed to safely accommodate current level of use and is routinely inspected to ensure public safety. - Vegetation including trees, shrubs and grasses are kept pruned and maintained to accommodate current park use. - Little to no accumulated debris or litter. 	Medium to high level of intensive public use.
LEVEL 3 – LOW TO MEDIUM LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural park space. - Maintenance and monitoring preformed monthly or in response to public complaints. - Limited and low maintenance infrastructure designed for less intensive uses. - Vegetation pruned or maintained in the event of a safety concern. - Debris or litter cleaned up in response to a public complaint. 	Intended to be a natural park space or low to medium use of constructed trail.
LEVEL 4 – NO ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural park space. - No scheduled routine maintenance or monitoring. - No assets onsite. - Vegetation management, debris or littler clean up occurs in response to public complaint. 	Inactive park with no infrastructure.

Acquisition - *Represent and protect an array of regionally significant natural and cultural areas*

The ACRD will follow an approach for parkland acquisition, guided by consistency in how parkland acquisition tools are applied, for openness and transparency, for predictability in actions and for mutual respect between participants in the development process. The addition of Parkland under a ACRD parks service must demonstrate that it benefits the community or region in helping to achieve economic, social and environmental goals.

When the opportunity to acquire parkland occurs the following considerations should be taken into account; Existing parkland inventory, natural features and public open space in addition to local preferences for parkland, impacts on taxes, impacts on sustainability, and impacts on developable land. Require parkland dedication through the subdivision process where it meets stated parkland planning objectives/goals for the area and only consider cash in lieu of parkland where the provision of land for a park is not **idea**.

The development of a ACRD Parkland acquisition policy is needed to consistently achieve the above mentioned goals and better guide organizational strategic parkland acquisitions in the future. This policy development to be placed on the Lands and Resources Coordinator's work plan in coordination with the Planning department.

Infrastructure - *Build and maintain infrastructure to ensure safety and environmental sustainability*

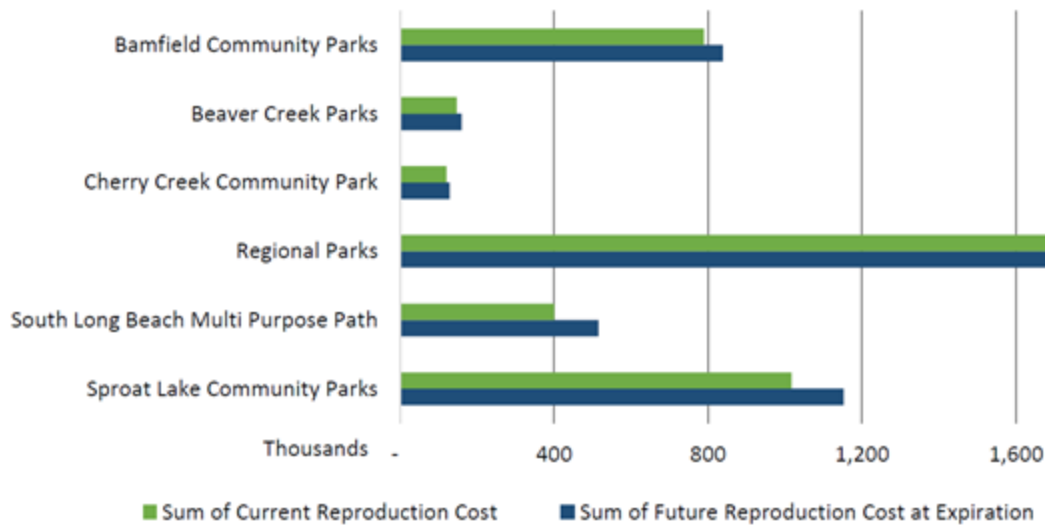
Asset Management

In September of 2021 the ACRD Board adopted the Parks Asset Management Plan (AMP). The purpose of the AMP is to better guide the Board, management and staff in decision-making, sustainable service delivery, and proactivity versus reactivity. It is also a communication tool for public awareness. The AMP will provide significant value by utilizing existing data to identify areas and projects that require attention in the budgeting and long-term financial planning process. This AMP utilizes data from the adopted Parks Levels of Service and Maintenance Standards, Asset Management Policy, and Asset Management Strategy, and will influence future individual Parks Maintenance Plans and Long-Term Financial Plans. This AMP can also be used to identify necessary adjustments to taxation rates.

Prior to the AMP's creation, an Asset Registry was created in which component valuations, approximate expiration dates, and condition assessments were used to calculate required annual financial contribution from requisition and parcel tax in order to maintain desired levels of service.

The Parks infrastructure has a total current replacement value of \$4.05 million. This does not include a contingency for construction, engineering, financial, legal or administration costs. Subject to inflation, the estimated future replacement costs are \$4.44 million for current infrastructure at the end of the components estimated service life.

Figure 1.2 - Current and Future Replacement Costs by Service Area



Complaints and Incidents

The ACRD did not receive any complaints or incident reports for their parks services in 2021. It is believed that there is underreporting from the public regarding this statistic. Staff hope to focus efforts to improve signage and communications to encourage public feedback as well as report any observed incidents within ACRD parks.

Inspections

In August 2021 the ACRD board adopted the Park and Playground Inspection and Maintenance Policy. This policy outlines minimum levels of inspection and maintenance standards for ACRD owned and operated parks, trails and playgrounds.

Highlights of this policy are:

- All new Playground structures meet current Canadian Standards Association guidelines for child safety.
- All ACRD playgrounds are inspected twice per year.
- All ACRD Parks general infrastructure is inspected by staff conducting routine maintenance and repairs and does not follow a set schedule.
- Staff conducting Playground inspections are certified through the British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association.

Positive Impact - *improve quality of life, promote healthy lifestyles, contribute to the economic and environmental wellbeing of the community and region*

The Alberni-Clayoquot region holds unique and scenic geography which makes it a highly popular destination for domestic and international visitors and has the potential for an abundance of outdoor activities for residents and tourists alike. As a regional government, park services utilize our spectacular landscape to enhance quality of life, promote the region as a desirable location for business, and be environmental stewards of our natural environment and resources. Parks play a vital role in the social,

economic, and physical wellbeing of ACRD residents and its communities. One job of the ACRD Parks services is to recognize, measure and promote the benefits ACRD parks bring to their communities.

In this first Annual Parks report, we do not yet have adequate local data to specifically demonstrate how parks in the ACRD are having a positive benefit on the community and region. However, there is a significant amount of studies and work that has been done that demonstrate generally the benefits of parks and trails which are applicable to the ACRD. This information is summarized below:

ACRD parks provide health and environmental benefits.

- Parks are the places that people go to get healthy and stay fit.
- Parks contribute to the health of children, youth, adults, and seniors.
- According to studies by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, creating, improving and promoting places to be physically active can improve individual and community health and result in a 25 percent increase of residents who exercise at least three times per week.
- A study by Penn State University showed significant correlations to reductions in stress, lowered blood pressure, and perceived physical health to the length of stay in visits to parks.
- Parks and protected public lands are proven to improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, produce habitat for wildlife, and provide a place for children and families to connect with nature and recreate outdoors together.

ACRD parks provide Economic Value.

- Parks improve the local tax base and increase property values. It is proven that private property values increase the value of privately owned land the closer such land is to parks. This increase in private property value due to the proximity to parks increases property tax revenues and improves local economies.
- Quality parks and recreation are cited as one of the top three reasons that business cite in relocation decisions in a number of studies.
- Parks provide significant indirect revenues to local and regional economies. Economic activity from hospitality expenditures, tourism, fuel, recreational equipment sales, and many other private sector businesses is of true and sustained value to local and regional economies.

ACRD parks provide Social Importance.

- Parks are a tangible reflection of the quality of life in a community. They provide identity for citizens and are a major factor in the perception of quality of life. Parks and recreation services are often cited as one of the most important factors in surveys of how livable communities are.
- Parks provide gathering places for families and social groups, as well as for individuals of all ages and economic status, regardless of their ability to pay for access.
- Parks and recreation programs provide places for health and well-being that are accessible by persons of all ages and abilities, especially to those with disabilities.
- Access to parks and recreation opportunities has been strongly linked to reductions in crime and to reduced juvenile delinquency.
- Parks provide a sense of public pride and cohesion to the community.

Community Engagement - *Engage the community to provide an opportunity for full participation to guide the development of the parks and trails, build connection and volunteerism, and increase awareness.*

The ACRD Parks Services have been built and continue to thrive due to dedicated local community volunteers who value their local parks and trails. The continued development and growth of ACRD Parks requires thoughtful input and advice regarding acquisition, development and care of local parks and trails from local users, neighbors and the community as a whole. There are many avenues of community engagement for ACRD parks such as; parks commissions, other local community groups, open houses, or tools such as letsconnectacrd.ca, surveys and social media.

Parks Commissions

The ACRD has two community parks commissions in Bamfield and Sproat Lake. These commissions provide advice and contribute volunteer organization and hours towards the following parks matters pertaining to their specific Electoral Area community parks functions:

- Annual Parks Budget
- Park and Trail Development
- Park Amenities
- Parkland Acquisition Opportunities
- Park Volunteer Engagement and Direction
- Community Park Events
- Being aware of and representing the views of the community
- Responding to matters in partnership with ACRD staff

Parks Commissions provide a formal structure and processes for the community to participate and provide input into their community parks services. Establishing formal procedures and structure for ACRD Parks Commissions will ensure these commissions are effective, and volunteer hours are being used efficiently.

If dedicated volunteers are available the Park Commission model can be created for other Community Parks services where a parks commission is absent (Beaver Creek, Cherry Creek, West Coast)

Other Local Community Groups

A substantial portion of volunteer hours spent within ACRD parks and trails are done by local community groups whose focus extends beyond just ACRD Parks. Groups such as the Backcountry Horsemen Society, the Alberni Outdoor Club, Bamfield Community Affairs, and the Alpine Club of Canada plus many other informal community groups. These groups under their own initiatives have taken on activities to enhance or maintain certain aspects of ACRD Parks. Supporting these groups in their activities and formalizing a relationship with the ACRD ensures that these activities are meeting the needed established standards required of a local government, as well as establishing processes for the consideration of proposed initiatives and projects.

Park Management Plans

The process of creating Park Management plans relies on meaningful public engagement to guide the long term vision and management priorities for specific parks. This process will utilize tools such as letsconnectacrd.ca, open houses, surveys, stakeholder interviews etc. in an effort to receive a full

understanding of the broad communities wishes, concerns, preferences and ideas. ACRD Parks have identified 8 prioritized parks and park services to develop management plans for, over the next 4 years the goal is to develop a management plan every 6 months and will be routinely engaging with the public on specific park management initiatives.

Projects Completed 2021

Level of Service Review – In March of 2021 staff brought forward a level of service review for all parks services. This involved an initial review of current operational practices and defining where each individual park can potentially be classified for a current Technical LOS within developed maintenance standards. Based on observed use and predicted Customer LOS, staff assigned a recommended maintenance standard as well.

Platzer Creek Bridge – The ACRD received grant funding from the Healthy Watersheds Initiative (HWI) to replace a pedestrian bridge and preform ecological restoration along the stream banks at the bridge location for Platzer Creek on the Log Train Trail. The engineered design contract was awarded to Northwest Hydraulic Consultants Ltd., the environmental works were awarded to D.R. Clough Consulting and the construction contract was awarded to Bowerman Excavating. The restoration works and bridge installation was completed in September of 2021. There were no recorded public comments or complaints for this project.

Parks Asset Management Plan - In September of 2021 the ACRD board adopted the Parks Asset Management Plan (AMP), The purpose of the AMP is to better guide the Board, management and staff in decision-making, sustainable service delivery, and proactivity versus reactivity. It is also a communication tool for public awareness. The AMP will provide significant value by utilizing existing data to identify areas and projects that require attention in the budgeting and long-term financial planning process. This AMP utilizes data from the adopted Parks Levels of Service and Maintenance Standards, Asset Management Policy, and Asset Management Strategy, and will influence future individual Parks Maintenance Plans and Long-Term Financial Plans. This AMP can also be used to identify necessary adjustments to taxation rates.

Parks Inspection and Maintenance Policy – staff were directed to maximize the amount of liability protection through policy for their parks services. The Municipal Insurance Association (MIA) highly recommends that municipal parks departments outline the type of inspection protocols they use and have it defined and endorsed by the Board of Directors. This policy established formality around Parks and Playground inspection procedure and frequency. With the Boards formal endorsement of the policy it provides legal protection from potential claims.

Cougar Smith Asphalt Replacement – A Request for Quotation (RFQ) was issued in April of 2021. After receiving two submissions the contract was awarded to Alberni Paving. The Asphalt for the access and parking areas at Cougar Smith Park measuring approximately 1600 square meters was excavated and disposed of and replaced with new asphalt within the same footprint. The park had limited public access and no parking availability for one week. There were no recorded public comments or complaints for this project.

West Coast Multi-Use Pathway Detailed Design – McElhenny Ltd. Was awarded the contract to develop the detailed design for the construction of the West Coast Multi-use Pathway extension Project. This design entailed a geotechnical assessment, environmental assessment, Class B cost estimate and engineered drawings. It was completed in May of 2021.

2022 Projects

Maplehurst Park Management Plan – a planning consultant has begun to develop the Maplehurst Park Management Plan to provide direction on priorities for the park. In the first half of 2022 the ACRD will be consulting with the community to identify a long term vision for the park and priorities for park improvement and protection of the natural environment. The management plan will identify short, medium and long term management actions that are achievable and take into account the ACRD's resources and capacity.

Signage Design Guidelines – The ACRD has partnered with the City of Port Alberni to develop a standardized signage design guideline document. Lime Design Inc. has been retained to develop the guideline which will provide a document which outlines separate sign categories and templates which will be applied when installing new park signage on ACRD owned and operated parkland.

West Park Pavilion – Members of the Bamfield community have driven the concept of a revitalized west park as a community gathering place. Through grant funds and in-kind donations a design for the structure has been created.

Evergreen Park Bridge - The ACRD received grant funding from the Covid19 Resilience Infrastructure Grant program to install a pedestrian bridge at Evergreen park. In 2020 the existing culvert and crossing was removed due to liability concerns and thus removed access to a large portion of Evergreen Park. A construction contract has been signed and the installation will occur during the fisheries window (July-Sept).

Lakeshore Pathway Extension – The ACRD received grant funding from the Covid19 Resilience Infrastructure Grant program to fund the construction of the extension of the Lakeshore Drive Pathway. McGill Engineering has completed the design for this section of pathway and the Ministry of Transportation has approved the License of Occupation. Construction of the pathway will occur in the summer of 2022.

Franklin Bridge Design – A concept design and class D cost estimate for a pedestrian crossing of Franklin Bridge will be developed in 2022. Once rough costs are known a project proposal for the construction of Franklin Bridge and adoption of the Alberni Inlet Trail Stage 3 will be brought to the ACRD Board.

Bamfield Dock Extension – The Bamfield Parks Commission have proposed the extension of the public wharf facility that it operates from Centennial Park. Prior to an extension the ACRD marine tenure must be expanded.

Parks and Trail Data Collection- To better understand and track park use and service needs, the development of a data collection and tracking system is required. Through trail counters, trail cams, and public engagement, standardized data will be routinely collected and tracked throughout ACRD parks in 2022.

Log Train Trail Park Management Plan – In the second half of 2022 the ACRD will be consulting with the community to identify a long term vision for the Log Train Trail and priorities for trail improvement and protection of the natural environment. The management plan will identify short, medium and long term management actions that are achievable and take into account the ACRD's resources and capacity.

Parks and Trails Volunteer Program – The ACRD Parks services receive a significant benefit from community volunteers. Each volunteer organization has expressed concerns that the average age of volunteers is high and rising. Without an influx of additional volunteers from a younger generation,

there is a risk that many of the current volunteers will age out of their programs soon resulting in these organizations dedicating less time spent performing the operations and maintenance of ACRD Parks and Trails. In 2022 the ACRD will develop a plan to work with current park volunteer organizations with the goal of retaining and attracting more members dedicated to volunteering in ACRD Parks.

Development of Parks and Trails Construction Guidelines - This project is intended to support the infrastructure goal of building infrastructure to ensure safety and environmental sustainability. To help guide the sustainable development of parks and trails tailored to ACRD parks as well as the needs and wants of its population, the adoption of guidelines for sustainable design and construction practices is a valuable building block of a parks system. This will act as a baseline document that would aid ACRD staff, consultants, contractors, and volunteers in the design and planning process for the development of new and updated park infrastructure. The establishment of park and trails design and construction guidelines ensures that ACRD parks utilize industry best management practices addressing liability concerns, keeping maintenance costs low, and ensuring quality and safe infrastructure for park users.

Priority Infrastructure Condition Assessments - Routinely assessing the condition and updating the expected useful life of priority park infrastructure is an important aspect of the ACRD Parks Asset management plan. This supports the goal of maintaining current infrastructure to ensure safety and environmental sustainability. These condition assessments will be used for budget planning and prioritizing the replacement of existing infrastructure.

Website Enhancements - The ACRD website is a valuable tool to support the ACRD parks community engagement goal of engaging the community to provide an opportunity for full participation to guide the development of the parks and trails, build community, volunteerism, and increase awareness. The community should be easily able to utilize the ACRD website to obtain information on a variety of aspects of the ACRD parks services, such as learning about parks and trails, new initiatives and projects, how they can become more involved in community groups such as parks commissions, local community groups which volunteer within ACRD Parks, or how they can provide feedback to staff.

Signage Upgrades - Utilizing the new Signage Design Guidelines, priority signage infrastructure will be installed within ACRD parks and trails. Signage contributes to several of the previously stated goals; it contributes to improved operations and service levels, it adds to safe and sustainable infrastructure, and it enables communication with the park users.

Projects Upcoming

West Coast Multi-Use Pathway – if the ACRD is successful in applications for grant funding from both the ICET infrastructure grant stream and the BC Active Transportation Grant program the West Coast Multi Use Pathway will be fully funded and would be able to begin the construction phase of the project. If funding is secured in 2022 a construction tender can be awarded allowing for construction to begin in 2023.

LTT Trail major maintenance/improvements - After the LTT Park management plan is completed it is expected that substantial improvements and maintenance initiatives will be proposed.

Bamfield Playground Refurbishment/Replacement - The existing playground in Eileen Scott Park is beyond its useful life and is a substantial liability risk to the ACRD. Refurbishment of key safety concerns is needed immediately and it's replacement is needed within the next 18 months. The alternative is decommissioning the play space and not offering this service to the community.

Maplehurst Park Parking Lot Upgrades Design – At the conclusion of the Maplehurst Park Management Plan it is likely that the ACRD board will direct staff to pursue parking and access priorities to address street parking issues at the end of Willow Road as well as pursue additional access options to other entry points to Maplehurst Park.

Nordstrom Park Playground Project Scoping – At the conclusion of the Beavercreek Park Management Plan the development of a Nordstrom Park Playground project maybe added to the Beaver Creek Community Parks workplan.

Regional Parks Allocation/Governance Review – The governance structure of the Regional Parks Service requires periodic revisiting and endorsement of the ACRD to ensure the vision, values and direction of the service are being meet. With the addition of new parks and trails to the service (such as the West Coast Multi Use Pathway) this impacts the balance of park assets throughout the region.

Parks Acquisition Policy - The development of a ACRD Parkland acquisition policy is needed to consistently achieve the above mentioned acquisition goals. This policy development to be placed on the Lands and Resources Coordinator’s work plan in coordination with the Planning department.

Parks Commission Review and Development of Procedures/Guidelines - Establishing formal procedures and structure for ACRD Parks Commissions will ensure these commissions are effective, and volunteer hours are being used efficiently.

Parks Donation and Dedication Policy/Program – There is currently no formal structure for the ACRD to accept donations or dedications to their parks services. The ACRD routinely receives inquiry to provide a memorial bench service.

Great Central boat launch - At the conclusion of the Great Central Lake Park Management Plan the development of a boat launch project maybe added to the Sproat Lake Community Parks workplan. Public has historically utilized a piece of upland parkland owned by the ACRD as a informal boat launch. The ACRD does not currently hold a marine tenure in this location and does not operate this parkland as a formal boat launch.

Future Park Management Plans – The ACRD anticipates creating two park management plans per year for the next 3 years.

Log Train Trail – Summer/Fall 2022

Great Central Lake – Winter/Spring 2023

Beaver Creek Parks – Summer/Fall 2023

Bamfield Community Parks – 2024

Sproat Lake Community Parks – 2024

Mount Arrowsmith Regional Park – 2025

Alberni Inlet Trail – 2025

West Coast Multi Use Pathway – 2025