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ACRD seeks community input on Maplehurst Park Plan

PORT ALBERNI – Earlier this year, the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) gathered public input on a vision and priorities for Maplehurst Park through an online survey. Residents are invited to an open house to view the survey results and comment on options and draft recommendations for a park plan for Maplehurst Park. The open house takes place on Wednesday, May 18 from 4 - 7 pm at the Cherry Creek Community Hall, 3720 Moore Road.

“The open house is a chance to discuss priorities for park access development, parking, signage, and future park amenities,” says Dianne Bodnar, Electoral Area F Director. “I especially encourage Cherry Creek residents to come out and have their say.”

Maplehurst Park is funded by Cherry Creek Electoral Area residents, and one of the issues the open house will explore is how to improve access to the park from Cherry Creek Electoral Area. Another question to be explored is connectivity of the park to other greenspaces.

The online survey gathered 251 responses from residents from across the region. The public input received through both the survey and the May 18 public open house will guide the development of a park management plan for Maplehurst Park. The plan will outline a vision for the park, and summarize the park’s cultural, natural, and recreation values. It is an opportunity to identify management gaps and set out goals for the short, medium, and long-term protection of the park’s natural environment and the development of park amenities such as signage, trails, picnic areas, trail heads, and parking.

For more information about the park planning process, residents can visit the project webpage at letsconnectacrd.ca/maplehurst-pmp. To receive updates, residents can register on the project webpage or sign up to ACRD twitter news @acrdgov.

The ACRD provides a community park service to maintain and manage small to medium size parks, like Maplehurst, in five of its six electoral areas. Altogether, the ACRD takes care of 25 community parks in its electoral areas, protecting natural areas and providing outdoor recreation opportunities to electoral area residents.

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