

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Public input sessions planned for Maffeo Sutton Park

#### Summary

The City of Nanaimo is currently working on an updated improvement plan for Maffeo Sutton Park and is looking for the public's input. From 11:00 am to 7:00 pm on Monday, September 14 and Thursday, September 17, the public is invited to drop by Maffeo Sutton Park to share their thoughts and ideas for the future amenities of the park.

Residents and park users can provide their feedback by attending an open house at the park, filling out an online survey, visiting the idea flag displays on the park bridges or by emailing comments to [askpre@nanaimo.ca](mailto:askpre@nanaimo.ca).

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#### Key Points

- The open houses are intended as an opportunity for residents to provide feedback on the updated improvement plan for Maffeo Sutton Park. Information boards, design options, staff and a survey will be available at each session.
- Open house materials will be available on the City's website for those who cannot attend.

#### Quotes

"Maffeo Sutton is becoming a waterfront hub for recreation, gathering and entertainment. Through this park planning process, we're looking forward to hearing the community's ideas to improve the park over the next 15 years and make it an even better open space for Nanaimo."

Kirsty MacDonald  
Parks and Open Space Planner  
City of Nanaimo

#### Quick Facts

- Now the busiest park in Nanaimo, Maffeo Sutton Park has developed over the last 65 years from an industrial site into Nanaimo's destination waterfront park.
- The original Maffeo Sutton Park Improvement Plan was developed in 2008 with the Spirit Square opening in 2009 as the first phase of park improvements. City Council has since requested an update to reflect recent park expansion and the changing downtown context.

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