



## Public Input Requested for Neck Point Park Master Plan

For Immediate Release

*January 18, 2010* - The public is invited to provide input into Nanaimo's popular and recently expanded Neck Point Park. The City of Nanaimo is hosting a public open house to gather input and feedback on the planning and development of the Neck Point Master Plan on Saturday January 23rd.

Neck Point Park was originally acquired by the City in 1996. In June of 2009, an additional 3.1 acres of land adjoining the park was acquired for \$3,175,000.00. Since the acquisition, the existing residence and outbuildings have been removed, new trails and walkways have been established and a railing has been installed along the water's edge within the new portion of the waterfront park. The addition was officially opened to the public on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The current master plan for the park has been in place since 1999 and states that the park is to be: *"a quiet waterfront park which offers opportunities to enjoy and appreciate the unique natural attributes of the site through restoring and maintaining the natural habitat values for present and future generations."*

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department will work with the public to integrate the new park land, revisit the 1999 Master Plan, and determine how the now 36 acre park will evolve. Display materials regarding the park and potential park improvements will be available for public comment at the open house on Saturday, January 23, 10 am-4 pm at Hammond Bay Elementary School Gymnasium (1050 Morningside Drive). For more information, please contact Kirsty MacDonald, Parks & Open Space Planner, at 250-755-7506 or by email at [kirsty.macdonald@nanaimo.ca](mailto:kirsty.macdonald@nanaimo.ca)

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