



Public Input Requested for Neck Point Park Master Plan

For Immediate Release

September 9, 2010 - The public is invited to provide input into future improvements and the long term direction for Nanaimo's popular Neck Point Park. The City of Nanaimo is hosting a public open house to gather feedback on the proposed improvements and the Neck Point Park Master Plan on Saturday, September 18th at Neck Point Park's Finn Beach (located adjacent to the parking lot).

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."* In recent years, the park has been experiencing increasing recreational use, demands for off leash dog areas, and special event bookings.

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department has been working with the public for the last 8 months to determine how the now 36 acre park will evolve and how to achieve the overall park vision while balancing modern use and demands. Display materials regarding the potential park improvements will be available for public comment at the open house on Saturday, September 18th, from 10am to 2 pm at Neck Point Park (Finn Beach). Display materials and a public survey will also be available on the City's website and at recreation facilities.

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