

2005 Parks Horticulture Strategy (2009 Revision)

CITY OF NANAIMO PARKS DEPARTMENT



Pearson Park



Biggs Park at Jack Point

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Pipers Lagoon



D.I.G.S

Introduction

The City of Nanaimo Horticulture Strategy provides sustainable goals, objectives, priorities, and methods for developing and maintaining a variety of open spaces within Nanaimo's Parks system. The result will enhance the quality of life and leisure opportunities within the City of Nanaimo's Parks Recreation and Culture Department. Horticultural practices work towards this goal by enhancing the beauty of our surroundings for all park visitors and attends to plantings at a range of public spaces from neighbourhood parks, through greenways to feature display areas.

The Horticultural Strategy was developed following the 2005 update to the Parks Recreation and Culture Master Plan. It grew out of a need to meet changing community directions, priorities and best horticultural practices. The strategy refers to the city as a whole and focuses on key parks and landscaped city properties. The Horticultural Strategy will guide municipal horticulture planning, practices and budgets through 2015 with updates as progress is made.



Horticulture defined

The English word “horticulture” is derived from the Latin words *hortus* (garden plant) and *cultura* (culture). The term includes the practices of growing, and propagating plants in landscape and food settings, creating not only places of beauty but places of meaning. This strategy focuses on horticulture and landscape design in a municipal setting and includes formally landscaped areas and active Parks as well as natural open spaces and passive Park areas.

Horticulture in Nanaimo has many purposes. Natural and specialty plantings enhance the beauty of our city. Plants soften hard, developed spaces and attract people to the public realm. Plants also increase urban habitat, provide shade, and decrease the urban heat island effect. Planted areas define and separate outdoor space. They channel movement, buffer noise, and screen unattractive areas as well as attracting attention to important focal points.



Anchor Way

Goals of the Horticulture Strategy

Parks staff met on several occasions to draft the goals and purposes of a horticultural strategy during the fall of 2004. It was approved by City Council and implemented in spring 2005 and updated in spring 2009. The original goals persist along with additions. The goals are as follows:

- To beautify our community and provide a positive experience for park visitors.
- To continuously assess maintenance practices and standards in order to remain current with best management practices in all aspects of horticulture work.
- To plan, provide and maintain horticultural areas in an environmentally responsible manner for future generations to enjoy. This involves meeting the goal of practicing environmental sustainability by continuing to: *“make choices and decisions that will not negatively impact the environment or future generations.”* In 2007 the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) received the Nobel Peace Prize "for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change". With the human caused affects of climate change in mind, an emphasis on environmental sustainability impacts how Horticulture work is performed.
- To be a leader in the latest horticultural practices and trends and continue providing the public with ideas and options within a theme of sustainability.
- To help reduce invasive plant species in Nanaimo which will include fostering relationships with volunteer groups to help achieve this goal.
- Continue an integrated approach to pest management (IPM) that considers alternative methods of pest control and includes mechanical, physical, cultural and biological controls before any chemical option is considered.

2005 Master Plan and Community Directions

The Parks Recreation and Culture Master Plan as updated in 2005 addresses Landscape Beautification, Naturalization, and Maintenance Planning in Section 6.12. It reads:

6.12 LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AND NATURALIZATION, MAINTENANCE PLANNING

In the last ten years, the completion of the Nanaimo Parkway, Third Street and other major new roadways have changed the traffic pattern and location of entrances to the City. Horticultural display sites may need to change because of varied road and circulation patterns. Areas which are low profile may be suitable for naturalization. Proper planning of maintenance and priorities may improve overall efficiency and effectiveness. During recent open houses, concerns about the appearance and level of maintenance extend to street sides and 'garden parks' around the City, in particular at highly visible entrances and public sites. There is also a public perception that maintenance levels have been inadequate in some areas. This is most often stated about the downtown area. A current trend in park management is to consider areas that are appropriate for a lower standard of landscape maintenance or that should be designated for naturalization.

Recommendations

- *Undertake a complete review of horticultural display sites in the City.*
- *Refocus priorities given new traffic patterns and new developments.*
- *Prepare parks maintenance plans that clearly determine maintenance levels for different areas within parks; organize these into a City-wide program with related funding and priorities to optimize effectiveness.*
- *Initiate a naturalization program for non-priority areas where there is a natural backdrop.*
- *Implement a comprehensive signage and visual identity program, including explanation of the naturalization program.*
- *Review the City's land use planning and regulatory mechanisms in the ways suggested to enhance the identification and protection of Nanaimo's environmentally significant features.*
- *Support programs to educate and encourage voluntary stewardship actions on private lands (e.g. appropriate landscaping on steep slopes; creating or maintaining ponds and marshes.)*
- *Continue building relationships with the RDN and School District 68.*

Section 6.13 recommendations:

- *Create Integrated Park Site and Management plans:*
- *To identify improvements to facilities and verge areas.*

- *To plan how the facilities would operate during regular and special events.*
- *To identify design/maintenance standards for various areas.*
- *Establish an integrated site, management and maintenance plan for the Downtown Cultural District, Third Street corridor, Beban Park, Bowen Park and Maffeo-Sutton/Swy-a-lana Park.*

Similar recommendations are expressed in Section 6.11 of the Parks Recreation and Culture Master Plan. It addressed the development of an Urban Forest Master Plan to examine trees and forested ecosystems in Nanaimo. In 2007 the development of an Urban Forestry Plan began. It will go through a public input process and is looking at completion in early 2009.



In 2004 City Council approved the construction of a Conference Centre. The Vancouver Island Convention Centre opened in June of 2008. There is also significant residential and commercial development occurring in the downtown area which provides many new opportunities as Nanaimo's downtown is revitalized.

Overview of Nanaimo's Horticultural Areas

Some of Nanaimo's greatest assets are its trails systems, active and passive Parks and sportsfields. There are over 200 developed Park sites (1200 hectares) and protected open space in the City of Nanaimo. They offer residents and visitors a variety of wonderful opportunities to enjoy the magnificence of nature with a goal of providing our Park users an extraordinary Park experience. Between city staff and contracted support, the City of Nanaimo maintains over 20 hectares of passive grass areas, 7 hectares of speciality plantings (flower and shrub beds) and 24 natural grass sportsfields and one synthetic sportsfield with the addition of a second, planned for 2010.

Typology of Horticultural Areas

Gateways

Gateways mark the entrance to Nanaimo and entrances to each of our parks. Currently there are three major entry gateways; at the north and south entrances to the City, the Departure Bay ferry terminal. There are also other along arterial routes and gateways in our major parks. The master plan states the need to consider gateways to the downtown along Third Street. The third street corridor has become a major arterial route into the City and has been named the “Sports Zone” with multiple baseball, soccer and football fields, a 400 metre track with grass sportsfield and covered grandstand that seats 1500, 2 indoor sheets of ice, a 50 metre pool, weight room, waterslide and a full sports medicine clinic.



South Gateway

Boulevards and medians on arterials and residential streets

Boulevards consist of many forms of public plantings situated along roadway edges and medians. Plantings vary from highly visible gateways, treed corridors and grassy verges to hard landscaped medians and are part of both the City’s beautification efforts and its urban forest.



Trails and Greenways

Trails and greenways include the system of multi-use commuter trails that are being developed throughout the City as well as near environmentally sensitive corridors. The “3rd Street” trail is one of these corridors and currently connects people from 2nd street to 3rd street through a natural area with plans to continue and connect the Nanaimo Ice Centre, Vancouver Island University and the Serausmen Sportsfield sites. This is a fine example on how to properly include a trail through a natural area. The E & N trail and Chase River corridor are examples of trails and greenways. With the exception of the Harbourfront Walkway, most of these are presently in a natural state, however some naturalization of spring bulbs have been planted and ornamental plantings and lighting will be considered for the E & N trail.

Speciality Plantings and Display Areas

Many parks have speciality plantings and/or seasonal display areas. These are generally high profile areas that require a high level of maintenance. These areas include City Hall, Maffeo Sutton Park, Beban Park, the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre (NAC), the Nanaimo Ice Centre (NIC) and Bowen Park.



Hanging baskets and planters

Annual flowers are placed in planters and baskets in high profile areas. The majority are located in the downtown core, but can also be enjoyed on Brechin Hill, Beban Park, Bowen Park, NIC and NAC, Dianna Krall Plaza and the Port of Nanaimo Centre.

Interfaces, fringe and transition areas

Many City facilities also have areas that when juxtaposed with a maintained horticulture area, look out of place. These “transition areas” are being addressed for screening, buffering and increased standards of maintenance. A site that fits this description is the triangular traffic island at Stewart Avenue and Highway 19. This site is at the design stage for beautification and follows the rejuvenation of Pearson Park which is adjacent to this site and was beautified in 2005.

City Level Parks and Facilities

Typically these areas receive a higher level of maintenance than Neighbourhood Parks because they are frequented by more people and/or are destination parks. Some, however, are natural in character and have limited horticultural display areas.



Community Gardens

There are currently two community gardens in Nanaimo. One is at Beaufort Park and is spearheaded by the Montessori School neighbouring the Park and the other is D.I.G.S. on Protection Island. These projects were born out of the V.I.P. process and provide fruit and vegetables for those involved as well as growing the neighbourhood closer together.



D.I.G.S. on Protection Island

Unique Park sites

Oliver Woods Community Centre was opened in early 2008 and is unique in that it holds LEED status. LEED® Canada for New Construction and Major Renovations is part of the Canada Green Building Council and demonstrates leadership in energy and environmental design and has a rating system used for certification. The Prerequisites and Credits are organized in the five

principal LEED® categories: Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy and Atmosphere Materials and Resources Indoor Environmental Quality.



Neighbourhood Parks

Neighbourhood parks are focal points for residents within walking distance of the park. Neighbourhood Parks are generally maintained to a lesser

standard than City level

parks. However some

neighbourhood parks

have been planted and

are maintained by

Volunteer in Park Groups

(VIPs). There are more

than 70 completed VIP

Park projects throughout

Nanaimo. Groups of

people enhancing our

neighbourhood Parks are

only one component of

the VIP Program. Others

include Gatekeepers,

Parks Wardens and

Stream keepers.



Natural areas

Natural areas can be found throughout our parks and open spaces. They consist primarily of native plants and trees that provide valuable urban habitat for flora and fauna. A native community is the population of native plants, animals and many other organisms in a specific ecosystem. Each community has evolved together and depend on each other for food, shelter and survival. Non-native and invasive plants, animals and insects have demonstrated their ability to have an adverse impact on native communities and disrupt entire ecosystems.



Bowen Park



Millstone River

Traffic circles

Most traffic circles in Nanaimo are presently hardscaped. However, the SAFER City program is promoting the greening of traffic circles by neighbourhoods. These would be planted by neighbourhood groups in consultation with the parks department and would be maintained by volunteers as well. Planted traffic circles could aid in traffic calming and the creation of neighbourhood identity.



Maintaining Nanaimo's Horticultural Areas

The establishment and maintenance of horticultural areas are guided by several documents. The current British Columbia Landscape Standards serve as a guide for staff and contractors. Section 14 of the Engineering Specifications also outlines standards for landscaping and irrigation systems in the City of Nanaimo. The parks department also has updated maintenance standards that outline inspections and maintenance routines.



Maintenance Levels

The following seven maintenance levels are outlined in the BC Landscape Standards. These levels describe horticultural areas and maintenance priorities.

Well Groomed:

Table 14-1: MAINTENANCE LEVELS		Part 1 of 5
LEVEL 1. WELL-GROOMED		
<i>Objectives</i>	Main objective is first-class appearance, always impeccably clean and well groomed.	
<i>Appearance Standard</i>	Plants are kept “manicured” and in near-perfect health, lawns uniformly green and thoroughly groomed. The area is kept virtually free of weeds and debris. Seasonal plantings kept lush and “very showy” throughout the seasons.	
<i>Typical Locations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • often a small high-profile part of a larger site • some residential entrance areas • intimate outdoor areas where people are close to the landscape (e.g. courtyards) 	
<i>Plant Characteristics</i>	Areas often include specimen plants, rare and unusual plants, fine turf varieties.	
<i>Traffic Activity Levels</i>	Pedestrian (and other) traffic often limited; if not, then maintenance is very intensive to compensate for the effects of traffic.	
<i>Maintenance Practices</i>	This Level requires consistent, frequent attention to many details that affect the health and appearance of the garden. Maintenance may include extensive work to upgrade conditions that would be acceptable in most other landscapes. This Level is best achieved when a skilled gardener has considerable freedom in establishing and adjusting maintenance operations to suit the site.	



Groomed:

Table 14-1: MAINTENANCE LEVELS		Part 2 of 5
LEVEL 2. GROOMED		
<i>Objectives</i>	Main objective is to present a neat, orderly, groomed appearance (but not to the same “near-perfect” standard as Level 1).	
<i>Appearance Standard</i>	Plants are healthy and vigorous, lawns uniformly green and regularly mowed and trimmed thoroughly within accepted height range. The area has few weeds and little accumulated debris. Seasonal plantings kept lush and “showy” during their seasonal bloom	
<i>Typical Locations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • may be a high-profile part of a larger site • residential, commercial, institutional entry or “front” areas • most urban landscapes • most rooftop gardens • areas where people are close to the landscape 	
<i>Plant Characteristics</i>	Specimen plants may be included but not usually as exotic as Level 1.	
<i>Traffic Activity Levels</i>	Pedestrian (and other) traffic often limited; if not, then maintenance measures are taken to compensate for the effects of traffic.	
<i>Maintenance Practices</i>	This Level requires frequent, regular, routine maintenance of a fairly high intensity, with regular monitoring and adjustment to keep high visual quality. Many of the maintenance tasks require skilled gardeners for proper execution.	



Moderate:

Table 14-1: MAINTENANCE LEVELS		Part 3 of 5
LEVEL 3. MODERATE		
<i>Objectives</i>	Main objective is a generally neat, moderately groomed appearance, with some tolerance for the effects of “wear and tear,” moderate traffic and natural processes.	
<i>Appearance Standard</i>	Plants and lawns are healthy, lawns kept within accepted height range, weeds and debris acceptable within limits between regular visits. Seasonal plantings in good condition and “cheery” at appropriate seasons.	
<i>Typical Locations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• most residential commercial and institutional sites, especially those of medium to large size• publicly visible portions of industrial sites• areas for occasional recreational use• areas viewed from a medium distance	
<i>Plant Characteristics</i>	Areas may include some native or naturalized planting; this may be modified for appearance or moderately intensive use.	
<i>Traffic Activity Levels</i>	Moderate traffic tolerated; minor deterioration due to traffic is acceptable. Maintenance may include adjustments in response to such “wear and tear.”	
<i>Maintenance Practices</i>	Routine maintenance of moderate frequency and intensity, with regular monitoring to avoid serious deterioration.	



Open Space / Play:

Table 14-1: MAINTENANCE LEVELS	Part 4 of 5
LEVEL 4. OPEN SPACE / PLAY	
<i>Objectives</i>	Main objective is an orderly appearance, well adapted to play and heavy traffic and with considerable tolerance for the effects of such use.
<i>Appearance Standard</i>	Appearance is secondary to functional requirements. Areas are neat and usable. Vegetation retains healthy, normal appearance. Grass kept within accepted height range, trimming may be less frequent. Weeds and debris acceptable within limits between regular visits.
<i>Typical Locations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• some backyards• general park areas and open spaces• play and recreation areas (sportsfields not included; these require specialized maintenance)• areas viewed from medium to long distance
<i>Plant Characteristics</i>	Plants and grasses are generally selected for “toughness” and low maintenance needs. Plants native to the site may be included if adaptable to intensive use.
<i>Traffic Activity Levels</i>	“Wear and tear” is tolerated except where it interferes with the intended use or leads to severe deterioration.
<i>Maintenance Practices</i>	Routine maintenance of moderate to low intensity. Emphasis is on controlling deterioration and adapting the site to activities. Vegetation is managed to accommodate the activities.



Background, Service Industrial and Restoration and Aquatic:

Table 14-1: MAINTENANCE LEVELS		Part 5 of 5
LEVEL 5. BACKGROUND		
<i>Objectives</i>	Main objective is to preserve natural conditions while accommodating low intensity activities.	
<i>Appearance Standard</i>	Vegetation retains healthy, normal appearance. Weeds and debris removed only as necessary.	
<i>Typical Locations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • often transitional areas from developed areas to more natural areas • low intensity recreation areas, trails, etc. • areas generally viewed at a distance 	
<i>Plant Characteristics</i>	Native or revegetated grasses or wildflower areas. Native trees and shrubs (or introduced varieties tolerant of local conditions).	
<i>Traffic Activity Levels</i>	Deterioration (human-induced or natural) is monitored and remediated as necessary.	
<i>Maintenance Practices</i>	Maintenance is low to none. These areas are maintained to encourage or preserve existing or new native or natural plantings in a more-or-less natural condition.	
LEVEL 6. SERVICE & INDUSTRIAL		
<i>Objectives</i>	Main objectives are to manage vegetation for functional rather than aesthetic concerns and protection of adjacent areas against impacts from industrial or service activities.	
<i>Appearance Standard</i>	Vegetation is controlled to accommodate service activity.	
<i>Typical Locations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • industrial sites and service areas away from public view 	
<i>Plant Characteristics</i>	Native or revegetated trees and shrubs. Controlled grass. Areas where no vegetation is desired.	
<i>Traffic Activity Levels</i>	Deterioration is rectified as necessary.	
<i>Maintenance Practices</i>	Maintenance is primarily vegetation and weed control.	
LEVEL 7 AND 8. RESTORATION AND AQUATIC		
<i>Objectives</i>	Main objectives are to ensure natural, self sustaining areas. Manage for litter and other foreign debris.	



Level 5: Background



Level 7: Millstone River side channel - Restoration and Aquatic

Maintenance and Redesign Priorities

The following priorities will guide staff's work through 2020 and in this revision shows completed projects initially listed in 2005.

PRIORITY 1 (2005 -2009)

Priority 1 sites that are to be addressed in the near future due to their prominence, maintenance issues and/or contextual conditions.

SITE / PARK	RATIONALE	COST AND FUNDING SOURCE	MAINT. LEVEL	NOTES	STATUS
McGregor Park	To compliment work in progress and enhance the gateway between downtown and Harbourfront walkway.	Port; City of Nanaimo \$625,000	Well groomed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2005 spring completion very successful in creating an inner harbour feel cleanup still needs to be done to Promenade Dr. 	COMPLETE
Pioneer Sq. (Nicol St)	Upgrade landscaping, heritage building visibility and possible further transition space.	\$10,000	Groomed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> remove overgrown vegetation make space inviting draw attention to heritage of the site and cairn 	COMPLETE
Italian Fountain	Upgrade landscape in conjunction with the 2007 anniversary.	10,000+/-	Groomed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rework shrub bed Rehab fountain for 2007 Remove and renovate triangle Upgrade irrigation 	FUTURE DEVELOPMENT
Pearson Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce parking Make the space more useable and upgrade. 	\$25,000 +/-	Groomed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 palms will be added And a raised stone planter installed.	COMPLETE
Anchor Way	Complete any changes with the Catherine Gisborne Memorial Garden.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 plaques will be installed on a rock this summer. 	COMPLETE
Salish Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> paint totem deepen colour plantings 	\$1000	Groomed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remedial work for rotting pole base All perennials removed 2005. Strictly an annual bed. 	PLANT MATERIAL PORTION COMPLETE

Newcastle	A gateway to the waterfront by the yacht club that needs work.	\$5000+/-	Groomed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean up North end Replace some plant material with Ceonothus, rosa and groundcovers (\$3000) Control blackberries. 	BLACK BERRY REMOVED. SEEDED. Complete
Queen Elizabeth Promenade	Overgrown blackberry	\$25,000 Horticulture Strategy	Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove blackberry manually and hydroseed with perennial ryegrass. 	COMPLETE
Chinese Memorial	Overgrown park needing attention.		Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall landscape rejuvenation in 2007. Redesign with input from Chinese community for special events. TBA 	COMPLETE
City Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overgrown shrub removals. Analyse and make changes for CPTED (crime prevention through environmental design). Formalize planting. 	\$5000	Well Groomed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove 1 cedar for site lines Reconfigure irrigation system Freshen flower beds 	COMPLETE COMPLETE COMPLETE
Bowen Complex (office entrance)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should be reworked to reduce maintenance. Registration is now on the upper level and many people use this facility. Planter entrances are good. Picnic tables and benches need to be reconsidered. 	\$2000	Groomed		COMPLETE
Bowen Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate public on water wise gardening and native ecology and encourage native plantings. Look at trail connections and possible realignment. 		Moderate		ONGOING EDUCATION

Franklyn Annex entrance	A confusing entrance that needs to be made more clear and inviting.	\$3000+/-	Groomed	In house redesign	2009
Pipers Park	Ongoing with conference centre planning.	\$100,000	Well groomed		FUTURE DEVELOPMENT
Third Street gateway/ Trail	With the fields and arena projects, this gateway corridor to downtown should be looked at.	\$200,000	Open space/play with a moderately landscaped road program		TRAIL COMPLETE ON THIRD STREET
Beban seasonal carpet bed.	With the VICC and new focus downtown, frequency under review.		Well groomed		DOWNSIZED
Beban Social Centre's seasonal planter	With the VICC and new downtown high profile locations, revisit location and/or site.		Well groomed		Redesigned and Complete
Evaluation of Downtown Public and Open Space	Re-evaluate all the major public open spaces in the downtown in conjunction with downtown projects.				ONGOING
McGregor Park	Create softer flow. Remove old planters from Front street and remove heather from rose bed along grass bank.		Well groomed		Early 2009
NAC	Enhance entrance to building	\$3000.	Well groomed	In house redesign	2009
Townsite traffic circle	Needs update	\$1000	Background	Renovate overgrown Juniper	2009

Stewart and Terminal Traffic Island	Archadia Landscape Architects have a prepared plan.	\$25,000 2008 Horticulture Strategy budget	Well groomed		TO BE DETERMINED
Dianna Krall Plaza	Implement design		Well Groomed		In progress
Maffeo-Sutton Redevelopment	Design process underway		Well Groomed		2008 In progress
Deverill Square	Redevelopment and playground installation		Moderate		2008 in progress
Swy-a-Lana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-evaluate conifers. • Work on slope transitions. • Prune cherries. • Cut back California lilac in spring. • Repair grass. • Add more colour in areas that will not be walked on. 		Well Groomed	A high traffic destination park	Work Underway
Maffeo Sutton Spirit Square	Redesign and Redevelopment	1.5 M	Well groomed	Destination Park	Project Underway

Louden Park Redevelopment	Construct new Parking lot and sidewalk/trail system	\$170,000	Groomed	High traffic destination Park	2008 - COMPLETE
Water Management	Continue tot work towards conserving more water.		All classifications	Under environmental sustainability, look at reducing water on some turfgrass areas which will reduce the frequency the turf needs to be mowed, thereby reducing emissions.	TBA IN 2009

PRIORITY 2 2009 - 2015

Priority 2 projects need attention due to past maintenance levels, and the changing use of each space. However, they are less prominent than Priority 1 areas.

Site / Park	Rationale	Cost and Funding Source	Maint. Level	Notes	Status
Bowen Park (in conjunction with master plan) - Look at rhodo garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some volunteer mapping and new species. Address slippery walkway. 	\$2000	Open space/play		TBA
Bowen Park (in conjunction with master plan) - Explore indigenous garden.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate citizens about water wise gardening and native ecology. Maybe by the River/Duck Pond. Maybe use natives in high traffic areas too for education. 	TBA		Students could potentially be involved in the development	PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION UNDERWAY
Bowen Park (in conjunction with Master Plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotary Cairn. Lilac garden. Trail connections in the park through the area. Tie into Salmon in the City and Diversion channel. 	\$1000	Groomed		Perennial Garden to be removed and seeded to grass – 2009. Diversion Channel COMPLETE
Bowen Park (in conjunction with master plan) - Address entrances to park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rose Garden Kiosk Wall/Bowen sign Where new signs should be developed? Are some signs redundant? 	TBA	Groomed		TO BE DONE
Beban Park-entrances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Altrusa Quality Foods (needs downsizing) Labieaux (reduce planting) Dorman (weed reduction) Synthetic Field (new entrance) 	\$10000	Groomed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Park inspection, form and function of flower and shrub beds being reassessed Reduce maintenance time is goal 	3 ENTRANCES HAVE BEEN UPDATED AND RENOVATED. SOUTH ENTRANCE TBA IN 2009. REDUCED PLANTINGS AT BEBAN
Beban House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restore historic 	?	Groomed		TO BE PLANNED

Beban clubhouse	Garden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add trees to the slope near the walkway for vertical definition. Amend soil as needed. 		Moderate		2009 REMOVE CONCRETE PLANTERS AND PLANT TREES
Beban Gyro Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary landscaping becomes permanent. Do we still need annual planting there? 		Moderate	Introduce low maintenance plantings with some colour	Annuals REMOVED
Beban Park -trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the right trees are chosen for the location. Will need attention over next few years. 		Groomed	Lots of opportunities for more trees to be planted on grassy expanses. Naturalized grass areas in groves.	ONGOING
Downtown trees	Follow direction of the Urban Forestry Management Strategy.		Groomed		2009
Cenotaph (Dallas)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove ivy. 		Well groomed	Install ground over under oak trees in large rectangular planter to replace annual display	UNDER REVIEW
Downtown Coal (Dallas square)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-evaluate pathways. 		Well groomed		
Nanaimo Aquatic Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance entrance. 		Well Groomed		PLANNED FOR 2009
Italian Fountain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-design site 		Well groomed		TBA
Piper's Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-design site 		Well groomed		TBA