

#### **NEWS RELEASE**

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# Beban Park master plan update adopted by Council

## **Summary**

On Monday's Regular Committee of the Whole meeting, Council unanimously adopted the Beban Park Master Plan Update.

The first master plan for Beban Park was developed in 1997. Over the past two years, a master plan update process has been underway to ensure the park meets the current and future recreational needs of the community. The collaborative planning process included involvement from hundreds of citizens and park users and over 25 license and stakeholder groups. Several input sessions, stakeholder interviews and two community surveys took place to help determine how the park could improve in the future.

Implementation of this plan will depend on community partnerships and will be completed in many phases over the long term. Anyone wishing to find out more about the Master Plan Update or process can find the full document on the city's website.

Strategic Link: Asset Management, Taking Responsibility to Be An Excellent Municipal Government, Community Partnerships, Cultural Vitality

## **Key Points**

- The Beban Park Master Plan update is a visioning document and is intended to provide a flexible, land-use concept plan and framework that allows for park improvement options.
- The Beban Park Master Plan will set a framework for how the park could develop and evolve over the next twenty years.

#### Quotes

"Beban Park in its current state is already Nanaimo's premier recreation destination. This updated master plan, however, will create a framework to take the park into the future and meet the evolving needs of the community."

Ian Thorpe
Parks and Recreation Commission
City of Nanaimo

#### **Quick Facts**

 Nanaimo's Beban Park is the community's largest, city-owned recreation campus. At just under 130 acres, it features key indoor recreational facilities, more than twenty outdoor amenities and large open spaces.

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