

NEWS RELEASE

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Have your say on the future of Linley Valley Park

City working with VIU on public consultation

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is working with Vancouver Island University's Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute (MABRRI) on a public consultation strategy for Linley Valley Park to identify the current use of the park and opportunities to improve recreational use and access while respecting environmentally sensitive areas in the park.

A survey will run from July 19, 2017 to August 12, 2017 and can be completed online. Cards with the survey link will also be mailed to residents that live near the park. A link to the survey can be found in the online version of this news release.

The public is invited to come and provide input on Linley Valley Park at a community workshop from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22 in the Oliver Woods Community Centre. A link to register and for more information can be found on the online version of this news release.

*Updated August 15, 2017 to reflect registration link for community workshop.

Strategic Link: Consulting with the public on park uses supports the City's priorities of Recreation, Culture, Sports and Tourism and Taking Responsibility to be an Excellent Municipal Government.

Key Points

- Public consultation on future uses of Linley Valley Park will include an online survey, community workshop and focus group meetings with user groups.
- Students from Vancouver Island University's Community Planning Program will conduct the public consultations and report their findings back to City of Nanaimo Parks and Recreation staff.
- The summary and results from the public consultation process and final report will be presented to the City of Nanaimo Parks and Recreation Committee.

Quotes

"We are looking forward to hearing from residents on how they see Linley Valley Park being used now and into the future. Information gathered from the community workshop, focus groups and survey will inform us on how best to manage and improve the park."

Rob Lawrance
Parks and Open Space Planner
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