

NEWS RELEASE

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City adds to its parks system

Portion of water district lands designated as parkland

Summary

After a reconsideration at its July 24, 2017 meeting, Council approved a portion of the Greater Nanaimo Water District Lands located along Nanaimo Lakes Road to be designated as Parks and Open Space. The lands, located at 801 and 1150 Nanaimo Lakes Road border Colliery Dam Park.

Options for future uses of the remaining portions of the Greater Nanaimo Water District Lands will be explored and taken to the public for their input.

Strategic Link: Designating new lands as Parks and Open Space supports an Active Lifestyle, Community Wellness, Environmental Responsibility and Recreation, Culture, Sports and Tourism.

Key Points

- The reconsideration came from the July 10, 2017 decision by Council to examine options for development of the Greater Nanaimo Water District Lands.
- The portions of 801 and 1150 Nanaimo Lakes Road located between Colliery Dam Park and the Parkway will be designated as parkland.
- An open house on future uses for the portions of 801 and 1150 Nanaimo Lakes Road located south of the Parkway and 1151 Nanaimo Lakes is planned for September 2017.

Quotes

"I am very pleased Council was able to add parkland in this area for current and future users to enjoy. This was definitely the right decision and local residents deserve this."

Bill Yoachim
Councillor
City of Nanaimo

"The Greater Nanaimo Water District Lands are a gem and key piece of our ecosystem that needs to be preserved and protected for eternity."

Bill Bestwick
Councillor
City of Nanaimo

"Adding to Nanaimo's parks system benefits residents and visitors for years to come by creating recreational opportunities while conserving our natural environment. Additional feedback from the public will assist the City in determining the best use for the remaining portions of these lands."

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