

Flag Ideas at Maffeo Sutton Park

Flags were on display for three weeks in late August/September 2015 on park bridges for public input
Input has been typed verbatim and categorized into like themes

Extend Harbourfront Walkway

Extend and widen so bikes can go past the bridge
Walkway to Departure Bay (x2)
Extend walkway to Departure Bay
Extend the seawall at both ends
Extend the walking path to Departure Bay(x2)
Bike path all the way from Departure Bay to the other side of the Cruise Dock or even better to the Nanaimo River
Extend walkway or add another waling/fishing pier.
Extend walkway to Departure Bay(x2)
Extend sidewalk to Departure Bay
Extend walkway to ferrys
Extend the walkway (x2)
Extend our seawall stroll to Departure Bay for Locals & Tourists with a telescope lookout!
Longer walkway
Extend foot/bike path to Departure Bay beach
Continue proper pathway to Departure Bay terminal. A must! (x2)
Extend walkway to ferry
Bike path through park to downtown with speed bumps to slow down cyclists
Complete walkway to ferry. Temporary gravel path ok until properties develop to get it done soon.
Walkway all the way to the Ferry + Water Park (Kids) - Please
Make paved walkway safer- less humps(tree roots)
Need a railing along the seawall between the park and marina (that is like a 15ft drop) (x2)

Newcastle Island

Better access to Newcastle
Family passes to Newcastle Island
Newcastle ferry takes odd trip to Dinghy dock
Access Newcastle Island. Can't walk on water duh!
Bridge to Newcastle (x3)
narrowest point to Newcastle Island fee could be imposed to use
PLS connect Nanaimo with Newcastle Island via a bridge as a tourist attraction
Annual pass to Newcastle island
Free Ferry(x3)
Bring back annual pass to Newcastle Island
An undersea glass tunnel connecting the harbour to Newcastle Island

Park Accessibility

Widen the foot bridge over the lagoon
More ramp access along walking path for strollers and wheelchairs
Widen and repair sidewalk between this bridge and the Newcastle ferry - too many puddles in winter.
Widen the foot bridge at the lagoon
More bridge space

Fix bridge lights and add more lights
Access to downtown

Dogs in Park

No dogs please (x2)
Dog park(x7)
Enlarge swim area and have a designated area for dogs to enjoy
Water fountains for dogs
No dog poop
Dog Beach
Must bring a dog bag station
More dogs. Dog park
On leash dogs only!
Off leash dog play area(x4)
Dog owners clean up your dogs crap
No off leash dogs(x2)
Waterslide for dogs
Dog water stations
Make dog off leash area
Dog swimming area/ beach - year round. They like to swim in the summer too
No Small dogs
Dog OK - on leash
Dogs allowed on leash -only on seawall

Repaint Signage/ Add Signage

Repaint Bike Only Lanes
Repaint bike path labels
Please! Put the bike lane markings back on the pavement. One at each end of the seawall does not work.
The old ones every 50' are faded. I will paint on new ones if there's no budget for this simple maintenance.
Put 'bike lane only' in the bike lane - paint with BIG letters
Signs to identify plants and trees
Place street names at different 'intersections' of the park or honour past citizens in these locations
Please paint the bike path to show bike signs
Bike signs need to be painted on bike path please
Paint names of streets of Nanaimo on the sidewalk (like the monopoly game)
More signs to direct public to interesting areas
New Parks Board
Rainbow sidewalks
Signage/ Diagrams on Crab Dock showing legal size for crabs
Kids signs w/ info about Nanaimo's First Nation's History & Culture
Signs marking the distances in miles/kilometers of seawall from harbour masters to shipyard
Better signage/directions

Skate Park

Skatepark(x11)
Skate and BMX park
Skatepark with longboard run)x2)
Skate park = hot guys!
Bring back skatepark
Skatepark to encourage teens to come down

Food Vendors/ Restaurants

More Food Trucks - no more monopoly. Enable free enterprise and competition
Coffee Stand
Beer gardens everywhere everyday
More food trucks (x2)
Food & Beverage Trucks - baked goods
Kiosks/food trucks
Saturday morning market
Food trucks(x8)
Like many excellent parks in Europe I could suggest spiff up the playground and
put a café beside selling coffee, wine, and beer!
Food vendors and more food choices (x2)
Coffee shop with longer hours (x2)
More ice cream joints (x2)
Starbucks
Make designated drinking areas.
More variety in food trucks please.
More food trucks
Restaurants with patio options (x2)
Food stand and table
Fresh fish/food store
More concessions
Food truck in middle of park
Vendors (x2)
Cheesecake Factory
Coffee shop open later than it is
More food trucks please
Late night food carts
More buskers in the summer
Bigger covered market for all year
Food truck night with live music
Late night food places
More restaurants, bars, cafes (x3)
Cool coffee shops please and in general, better stores
Check out Nelson's park concession - it's awesome! Great food/ambiance
More restaurants on the waterfront and café's
MORE waterfront dining and shopping
Beer Garden- with local beer
Chicken and Waffles!

Green & Natural

Leave it pristine and natural

More flowers(x3)

This is BC. Add some evergreen trees, cedar, spruce, fir, etc. Winter is very bare in the park.

Keep green, no more noise

This is beautiful BC

More garden space

Leave it as it is. No change at all.

No more flowering trees, they make people sick.

Keep green!

Green and natural

Think green not noise

Renovate planters and clean pond planters

Think green not noise

Solar pathway or lights around the park

Community Garden(x2)

Replace non-native grass with native species requiring less irrigation.

More recycling bins (x2)

Bring back the trees you removed!

More trees along seawall(ocean side)

More flower beds around swimming area

Flower beds around pavillion

Please keep all green space

Urban Habitat

Plant fruit trees (x2)

Solar power generation

Need a few rhododendrons here and there

Put more flowers (x3)

Fruit forest

Restore intertidal habitat(eel grass, kelp)

Edible garden (info on veggies)

Water Park

Splash Pad(x4)

Water park(x4)

Water park for kids(x6)

Outdoor splash pad for kids.

Put a waterpark in

Fun water park in the summer

Art & Artisans

More Art (x2)

Buskers and Artisans

Even more art! Interactive displays and/or historical trivia.

More Street performers
Outdoor paintings
Art sculptures
Public Art
Monument /statue acknowledging Nanaimo's First Nations Culture & History
More statues
Graffiti legal in park
More art/better art
Promote more 'artist' demos
Art sale where the artists can set and sell - like Victoria
Art shows/displays (x2)
Free craft tables

Swy-a-lana Lagoon Beach Area

Improved Sea swimming hole
Nice sand on beach with chairs and shade.
Improve the swimming beach by raking up the flotsam daily to keep the sand clean
Diving boards
Beach access for kayak launch, swimming, wind suring, kite surfing, etc.
Topless beach
Cleaner swimming area
Develop the beach site: add showers or a change room, plant some nice shade trees on the edge of the concrete
Nude Beach(x3)
Add a screen under the bridge to block out the garbage coming into the beach area
Beach improvements
Swimming
More beaches and more sand(x2)
Bigger and better beach
White sand beach
Better beach art
Cleaner waterfalls
A fountain in the swimming area
Lifeguards for swimming area
Canon to shoot people into the lagoon
Filters on pump in swimming area
Water quality testing
Clean circulating ponds in Swy-a-lana
Get rid of the disgusting water overflow thingys. So gross!

Washrooms

Improve Toilets
More flush washrooms
Improve Washrooms(x2)
Cleaner washrooms(x2)
Provide a Baby/Family changeroom (x3)

More washrooms- closer to playground
Modern time washrooms
Wheel chair access for women's washroom!
More light and bigger washrooms
More washrooms on extended harbour walk to Yacht club
Companion washrooms for wheelchairs
Bathrooms later
Change table in washroom

Clean water ways

Clean the shopping carts out of the water
Clean out the shop carts in the Milton river
Clean up the water please(x2)
Cleaner Waterfront
Please, please please remove the shopping cart from the middle of the millstone!
 Been there for years and easily a bad memory.
Remove the shopping cart, tires, etc. from the Millstone river. It's a mess at low tide. Thanks!

Clean up - General

Pick up litter.
Clean up Tally Ho underpass
Garbage can further out on the crab dock
Monthly park clean-ups
More lighting
Garbage cans and recycling throughout
More garbage cans

Smoking

Butt stations - they don't encourage smoking, they discourage butts on the ground.
Put no-smoking signs in the park
A smoke pit
Enforce the no smoking by laws. Pick up more butts
Clean cig butts up
Enforce no smoking bylaws. Clean up butts more often.
Ash trays! There's butts everywhere. No smoking.
Large no smoking signs and enforcement
Smoking free

Kayak Launch/ Boating

Kayak launch area(x2)
More Moorage available
Kayak/ Paddle boat rentals (x4)
Boat ramp from the parking lot
A dock for visiting dinghys

Small boat rentals

Playground

New Playground
Big Treehouse/Big Slide/zipline
Park for toddlers - more ages
Play equipment better suited for children with disabilities
Expand playground(x3)
Park wide monkey bars
Big sea creatures to climb so the kids park has something for older kids too
Improve playground
Upgrade playground
Trampoline(x3)
Big Slide(x3)
Zipline(x3)
Zipline across the water
Maze
Rock climbing place(x2)
New park for kids
More benches in playground
Better playground for young children
More shade
More teeter totters
Castle fun park
New park
Lights for playground
No fence for playground
More things in the playground
Tunnel snakes rule
Replace broken zipline

Family Activities

Horseracing
Donation based petting zoo
Petting zoo(x5)
Ferris wheel(x3)
Giant grass hill to roll down for children
Interactive Education stations
Beach volleyball courts
Camping site
Aquarium(x3)
Solar System educational walkway (path)
Educational displays re:ecology of lagoon shoreline
Go Carts
Mini-Aquarium
Marine biology instruction sessions for adults and kids

Educational sessions for children
Merry-go-round (carousel)
Fire pits
Mini golf(x2)
Lazer tag
More activities in the park
Paddle boat rentals
Bike rentals to enjoy downtown (x2)
Hammocks
Big floatie
Outdoor skating (winter activity)
Larger fishing pier
Kids fish pond
Experience Centre
Kids Battle Dome
Castle Fun Park
Outdoor swimming pool (x2)
Swimming
Mini playland
Zoo
Free Bar, BBQ's Hamburgers, hot dogs for a Family dinners once a month (minor kids)
Cricket Saturdays and Sundays if space.
Labyrinth
Giant chess board

Bikes

More bike paths: on the seawall, longer distances
Dedicated bike path through park to downtown
Rollerblade rentals
Bike rentals(x3)
Designated bike paths
Better family bike area
Bike path (x2)
Extend the bike path on seawall
Make the seawall more bike friendly
Allow cycling, the rule is only to prevent liability
Separate bike path
Bike path from bridge to downtown
Bike Park
Bike lane
Mountain Bike skills park

Outdoor Movies

Outdoor Theatre
Friday and Saturday movie nights throughout entire summer. Not just 4 times.
Movie nights through summer. 2 months, every Friday and Saturday

Outdoor movies(x5)
More movies in the park
Drive-in movie place

Security/Police Presence

Less bike cops
More Security presence
More police presence
Have 'Buff' cops on bikes
More police on bikes to lookout
More policing on crab docks
More security (x2)
More security guards
Wonderful but need safety

Bylaw/Rules Enforcement

Let's enforce bike and skateboard bylaws that were put in place at taxpayers expense.
There's too much damages . Hire security or police presence.
Don't let people sit and drink at the overlook below the funeral home.
I've seen up to 12 people drinking there after 5 pm. This is in daylight.
There is too often public drinking at the overlook beside funeral home.
PS I thought this park was non smoking. I have asthma and people smoke here all day
Enforce more no skate boarding, no cycling
Bylaw officers should enforce bicycle riding in restricted areas on walkway
Enforce bike rules
Huge fines for littering and letting your dogs crap lay on the sidewalk
Enforce what we already have. Rarely see police, never see bylaw! Spend money on that!

Event Pavillion

Dance pavillion available for non-profit use in spring/summer/fall with good floor
Better bandstand with backing
Band shelter with sloping grounds so people can picnic and listen to music
Dance hall or huge tent for events (summer festivals)
Coverings for events and more free events
Latin Dance lessons and then public dance afterwards

Music

Free to use jam space for musicians
More music (x2)
No more noise, no more musical events
Piano(x2)
Tune the Piano
More music in the park(x3)
Live music in the park on Saturdays
Karaoke
Less religious music please

More live music(x2)
Music festivals please(2)
Dancing on weekend nights

festivals/Entertainment

Do something like festivals that people can come out and do such activities with other people.
Entertainment in park every weekend.
Theme nights: 80's, pride bright colours, musical chairs, music trivia and games,
karaoke, celebrity nights, dance party, pajama night, culture night.
Dances(x2)
Public events open later. Have things go past 9 pm.
More Car Show 'n' Shines
Night Time Boat Cruise! (x2)
Night Market(x2)
Open air market artisans & food every Saturday
Theatre in the park
More fun events
Have more fireworks every long weekend
Sunday band concerts
Have more fireworks
Xmas Market(x2)
Live theatre shows
Horse drawn carriage rides
Night clubs & free alcohol
First Nation Culture Night
Outdoor strip club

Picnic Areas

Picnic areas (x3)
Outdoor BBQ and picnic areas
Shaded or rain proof areas for year round picnics(x3)
More seats
More tables in park!

Carving Shed

Carving sheds for carvers. What a wonderful idea!
Shelter structure for carvers
Carving sheds for carvers below big canoe on walkway.

Wellness Centre

An outdoor exercise spot for adults
Adult exercise park(x2)
Seniors park
RecCentre
Outdoor exercise equipment like Oliver Woods or the park in Parksville(x2)
Outdoor Gym(x3)

Build a senior exercise field like the one in parksville
Free/ By donation outdoor yoga
Free dance, yoga, etc lessons on covered area weekly
Place to do Gymnastics

Parking

More parking
More parking
PARKING- Should be free! You cannot close a Public Park for parking only for vendors or events.
This is against the law. Taxpayers own this park. Let's wake up or you'll have a lawsuit
on your hands.
More parking
More free parking
"Free" Dingy parking at the dock for visitors

Water Taxi

Water taxi along waterfront to ferry terminal
Free sea buses
Frequent Sea bus between Nanaimo and Newcastle island
More ferries

Other

Lovely walk
I <3 Nanaimo
Harm Reduction Services
"It's a Bed, It's a bench" for Homeless
What happened to phase III?
Kill tent caterpillars?
More Retail Selections
Stop polluting with the flags (x2)
Celebration every day
Bring back Civic Arena (x3)- that the city stole from the taxpayers
Smile
White board under bridge to see salmon as they swim up river.
No more ideas from McKay!
We love this idea for collecting new spots, ideas or information! Wish you luck for the future.
My family from Nova Scotia and Alberta love it here!
Please do not ruin this park.
A concrete table, tennis table
Sell fireworks and fire crackers
No more high rises(x3)
Canopies over benches
Production of solar energy
Some seats for seniors only
More to do at night
Ferry to Vancouver- downtown to downtown (x2)

More Frank Ney Statues
Construct huge Nanaimo Bar sculpture (x2)
Blind friendly sounds and location spots
Hot tub
New drinking fountain needed. Current one has poor pressure and the water is not cold
More interpretive Centers/ spots
Put benches to sit on where the Granite stone is located on the corner that commemorates
the people who were the founders of this park. OLD folks can't manage to sit on the big rocks
that are there and there is a big gap in park benches for them to rest on.
No more pavers(x2)
BIG Boardwalk with shops and restaurants
Used to be little smooth circle for putting golf balls- fun for practice hitting balls into holes.
No Ugly 35 storey hotel - Bad idea!
Need to stop crabbing
Year round Public Market like Granville Island(x2)
First Aid Centre- antiseptics and sissy stickers:)
SFN- First Nations
Great park
Beautiful Nanaimo
Free cotton candy, potato chips and a fun swimming area
Free stuff, free icecream
A better night life!
An area for babies
No fishing, no animal products
Famous people
Whales, Fishies and sharks
Coming Soon'- what's coming?....Nothing, it's the dumbest art ever.
More flags (x1)
No Hippies
A place to draw Kilroys- No bagpipers, No pan flutes!
Marijuana Dispensary
More clock towers
Clock and lockers at North end (x2)
Set goals and achieve them
Have a wharf like Campbell River- room for all
Nothing, it's perfect!
Tourist friendly activities
Wildlife Refuge
Less homeless people and drugs
Redevelop park area as Hilton plan - even if hotel does not proceed!!
Swim dock with designated, safe deep swimming area
Rain shelter on dock
Another public dock