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Parksville Wetlands Community Survey

The City has engaged ISL Engineering and Land Services to support the development of a park management plan for the Parksville Wetlands. This fifteen-year, comprehensive plan will serve as a blueprint for future park planning and development as well as the ongoing management and maintenance of the wetlands.

Following the public open house on June 6, the City and ISL wish to continue engagement with residents. Please share your insights, knowledge and experience about the Parksville Wetlands through a survey, open through June 27. The survey is a chance to share ideas, thoughts and concerns you might have for the Parksville Wetlands. The survey may be accessed directly from this <u>link</u>, from <u>Let's Talk Parksville</u> and the <u>City's website</u>. Paper copies will be provided should that be a preferred method to complete the survey.

The City of Parksville and consultant, ISL Engineering and Land Services, look forward to receiving input from our residents and interested groups and organizations. This project will:

- Review and analyze historic and current land use, park visitation and recreational uses.
- Identify information gaps in the background documents that will be filled by the project scope of services.
- Conduct a site investigation including extensive mapping and assessment of its ecological systems and features.
- Complete an environmental assessment of the wetlands including an inventory of wildlife habitat and biodiversity.

The draft concept plan for the wetlands will show natural and built enhancements in the park and will include the type, layout, and extent of the proposed features. These enhancements will be informed by planned ecological improvements as well as anticipated visitor use, circulation, and accessibility requirements in the park.

LET'S TALK PARKSVILLE

Along with the survey, our <u>Let's Talk Parksville</u> engagement site provides project background, reference documents, and opportunities to comment and ask questions. Please refer to this site for information and project updates.

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The City of Parksville is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations, home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.







