

## Media Release

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## City plans to activate access to Okanagan Lake

The City of Vernon is accelerating improvements to access sites along Okanagan Lake after hearing from the public. Council directed staff to undertake improvements to two lake access sites in 2017 and eight in 2018, providing Vernon residents with more opportunities to enjoy the lake.

"After public open houses held in February and online consultation, the public responded with strong support for the draft Lake Access Plan and a desire to see more than one access improved a year, which was originally proposed," said Cleo Corbett, Long Range Planner for the City.

In addition to improving lake access, design work will begin for a new park on Cityowned properties on Lakeshore Road. Activating the waterfront will help encourage more resident use and development in the waterfront area.

The City will be hiring an additional Parks Planner for a period of two years to assist in delivering these initiatives and other projects identified in the City's Parks Master Plan.