

# Parks MASTER PLAN



## BACKGROUND AND NEW PARKS STRUCTURE

The first Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Greater Vernon was adopted in 1991. It was subsequently replaced by the current Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation Master Plan in 2004. These plans provided guidance to City of Vernon, District of Coldstream and Electoral Areas B and C (collectively known as Greater Vernon) for a shared vision and responsibility for maintaining, operating and improving parks and facilities, and for developing new parks and facilities. This was done under various governance structures including, most recently, the Greater Vernon Advisory Committee (GVAC).



Effective January 1, 2014, under the Greater Vernon Sub-Regional Parks and Trails Service Agreement, the City of Vernon now governs local parks and local parks with sub-regional interests as do Coldstream and Areas B and C. Sub-regional parks are still governed by RDNO through GVAC. The service agreement includes lists of park properties transferred to and from the City of Vernon and RDNO as part of the agreement. The agreement also describes the definitions of the park categories described above and can generally be described as follows:

- **Local Parks** are most parks located in Vernon other than those still governed by the RDNO (see list below). Local parks are generally city and neighbourhood parks. A detailed inventory is being created and is coming soon.
- **Local Parks with Sub-Regional Interests** are those parks that are governed by the City of Vernon but have amenities or facilities that serve the region. When considering any changes to these amenities or facilities, the RDNO would be consulted. Local Parks in Sub-Regional Interests include: Alexis Park, Grahame Park, Kin Race track, Lakeview Park, MacDonald Park, Polson Park and Ranger Park.
- **Sub-Regional Parks** in Vernon, Coldstream and Areas B and C include: BX Creek Trail, BX Falls Park, Creekside Park, DND Army Camp (Ball Fields), Grey Canal Trail, Kin Beach, Marshall Field Park, North Vernon Park, Paddlewheel Park, Rocky Ridge Park, Truman Dagnus Loughheed Park and Swan Lake Park.

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