

Resort Village of Candle Lake

CANDLE LAKE

20 YEAR MASTER PLAN

PARKS, OPEN SPACES AND TRAILS

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Great communities are built upon the active involvement and commitment of their short and long-term residents. This was certainly reflected at the Resort Village of Candle Lake as the 20 Year Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan was developed.

Stakeholder and public engagement were informative and vital and it is obvious that people are highly invested in their community. Thank you for your dedication to enhancing the lives of Resort Village of Candle Lake residents and your involvement in this planning process.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Resort Village of Candle Lake (RVCL) commissioned Crosby Hanna & Associates and Wallace Insights to complete a Parks, Open Spaces and Trails Master Plan (POSTMP) that includes recommendations to meet the needs of residents and visitors for the next 20 years.

The project was guided by RVCL Staff, including the Department of Recreation and Community Development, and Council. Stakeholder and public consultation occurred throughout all stages of the Master Plan development.

Phase 1 involved starting up the project with base mapping and information gathering. This led to the completion of base maps of understood existing conditions and review of pertinent documents relevant towards the network design.

Phase 2 of the project engaged stakeholders with foundational consultation. The initial stakeholder engagement informed the preliminary Master Plan concept, including interviews with key informants, focus group meetings with user groups, and stakeholder interviews. This information can be found in Appendix A: Stakeholder Engagement Summary (March, 2022). In February, 2022 an initial site reconnaissance was completed, which indicated a general understanding of the Resort Village of Candle Lake site during the Winter season.

Phase 3 involved preliminary Master Plan development, delivering presentation boards suitable for online and pop-up public consultation. The Consulting Team worked with Resort Village Staff to produce a set of opportunities that reflected stakeholder objectives and resident/user group needs. The preliminary boards presented key concepts for interactive public input and feedback. Preliminary Master Plan Boards can be found in Appendix B as reference.

Phase 4 of the project included public engagement, involving a pop-up event, and an online survey which collected over 300 responses from residents and visitors of Candle Lake. This information is compiled in Appendix C: Needs and Demands Survey – Final Results (October, 2022).

Taking into consideration survey results, engagement feedback, and additional site visits held in May and September, 2022, the opportunities were carried into **Phase 5**, which included the creation of the Parks, Open Spaces and Trails Master Plan. Presented in this report are a series of final recommendations for the Resort Village to consider within a parameter of priorities and initial phasing.

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SECTION 1

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Parks, Open Space and Trails provide multiple pathways to wellbeing for individuals, residents, communities and visitors. The Resort Village of Candle Lake has developed this new Parks, Open Spaces and Trails Master Plan as a means of guiding the provision of parks, recreations, culture and trails services for the next twenty years.

Over the past few years, the Resort Village of Candle Lake is experiencing a strong economic growth in residential development and continued summer growth of visitors every year. Candle Lake's permanent population is 1,160 (based on 2021 population census) and has been estimated to balloon to more than 10,000 over summer months.

Due to the popularity of this area, the Resort Village is experiencing growing development, and recognizes the need to strengthen and improve outdoor amenities that currently exist throughout Candle Lake, particularly as it relates to tourism, outdoor recreation, and neighbourhood level development, while also respecting the natural environment.

These pressures, coupled with past unplanned development, has indicated the need for a plan to guide the evolution and improvements of the parks, open space, and trail system.

Feedback gathered from the community was a very important input to the Master Plan recommendations. A broad array of perspectives and responses were collected through the various engagement methods, with 388 responses provided as part of the Needs and Demand Survey, and sixteen (16) groups participating as part of stakeholder engagement.

To see the detailed findings from these engagement activities and the other elements of research conducted please refer to Appendices A and C.

1.2 The Role of Open Spaces and Trails

Open spaces and trails provide an important role for communities, including but not limited to:

- protection of natural resources and biodiversity;
- providing places for recreation and sports;
- neighbourhood gathering places;
- improved physical and social connectivity;
- providing equal access to recreation and increased economic revitalization;
- promotion of public health by encouraging walking, biking, and other activities;
- creation and support of civic and cultural infrastructure;
- increased safety for trail user groups;
- enhancement and sense of place and identity, and
- helping shape patterns of development and discouraging unwanted growth.

1.3 Role of the Master Plan

The 20 Year Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan (POSTMP, or the Plan) is a single, comprehensive document and guides the Resort Village for future development, improvements and use of parks, open space and trail networks. The role of the Plan is to provide an overall viewpoint for planning environments that contribute to the building of an exemplary community. This Plan is intended to be a document specific enough in nature to inform park, open space, and trail development, and general enough to be adaptable to changing conditions.

Recommendations for future proposed development should use the Master Plan document as a template for planning spaces left over through existing development, and at the beginning of the land use planning process of new development plans.



Minowukaw Beach



North View Trail



Van Impe Existing Open Space



Hayes East Subdivision Pocket Park



Holiday Acres Path and Library

This Plan provides strategies that include:

- identifying and addressing public and stakeholder needs and priorities;
- Providing a set of recommendations to address short and long-term needs;
- confirming efficient, synchronized use of open space, parks, and trails; and
- Providing an implementation strategy for recommended action items and priority sequencing.

1.4 Approach and Methodology

The POSTMP was created through a collaborative effort between the Resort Village, the Consultant Team, along with the invaluable contributions of the public and other stakeholders. The approach to producing the Plan included the following major activities:

- gathering of background data and review of documents, to provide a baseline understanding of Resort Village of Candle Lake's existing open space system and plans, as constraints to future implementation and opportunities to build on;
- consulting with the public, key stakeholders, and Council;
- identifying a set of goals and key ideas to work towards in developing Candle Lake's open space and trails system. Identifying the range of open space, parks and trail types that are desired and to utilize as a tool in assessing Resort Village of Candle Lake's existing amenities and identifying gaps and needs;
- identification of issues and opportunities;
- development of a concept plan to address the issues and opportunities, to illustrate the vision, and to provide an overall framework for parks, open space, and trails; and
- preparation of the Plan, as an overall document consisting of background and analysis, public consultation, Master Plan, implementation, and conclusion.

SECTION 2

2.0 BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

In the opening stages of the Master Plan process, the Consultant Team undertook a review of documents pertaining to the Resort Village of Candle Lake and surrounding areas. This included a review of the Resort Village, previous recreation surveys, Capacity Study, Community Plan, Zoning Bylaws, upcoming Provincial wildfire management plans, existing maps and air photos, and online resources such as Candle Lake website and different user group social media pages.

Over two days in February 2022, the Consultant Team visited the Resort Village to gather data, covering the extents of the site on foot, and vehicle. Digital photography and written observation were used to document features and sites throughout this expansive area. While this site review was able to show winter activities and conditions, surfaces such as trails and park spaces were unable to be fully confirmed.

A subsequent site visit was completed over two days in September 2022, which involved GPS (Global Positioning Systems) as well as mobile device and digital photography.

During these site visits, data was also gathered through the public engagement process (see Section 3.0).



Winter Trail



Ice Fishing on Candle Lake

2.1 Context

Along with presenting its own goals, key ideas, and guiding principles, it is important to ensure that the Master Plan strategies listed within this document are coordinated with the RVCL planning documents. The recommendations presented at all stages of implementation should be referenced to ensure compliance. Any discrepancies present may involve amendment of the appropriate document to ensure consistency is maintained.

2.2 Existing Plan and Policies

This Master Plan should act as part of a total package with the following documents:

- The North Central Lakelands District Official Community Plan (2013) lays out General Objectives and Policies for Candle Lake in Part B and E.
- Environmental and Carrying Capacity Study (2014)
- The Resort Village of Candle Lake Zoning Bylaw (2016)
- Candle Lake Sustainability Plan (on-going)
- Candle Lake Public Reserve Policy
- Resort Village of Candle Lake ATV Bylaw (2021)

2.3 Existing Infrastructure and Amenities

Along with permanent residents, thousands of summer residents and short-term visitors find their way to Candle Lake every year. While a year-round destination, the influx of summer residents and visitors within the Candle Lake area and overall growth of the community has generated concern for accommodating citizens while still protecting the environmental quality and natural beauty of Candle Lake.

The amount of available parking for Waskateena beach and beach traffic is one point of worry. Waskateena beach being the most popular point of interest within the Candle Lake area has led to parking and boating congestion, over-crowding, and has caused disturbances within the Waskateena Subdivision.

With indistinct boundaries and development that have often occurred incongruently, the Resort Village has a grouping of sub-divisions and other developments that lack physical connection and connection of municipal identity and character. Well-established developments within Candle Lake often have designated Municipal Reserve (MR) and Public Reserve (PR) lands, however, are often either undeveloped or under-developed. The scale of MR lands in established neighbourhoods tends to be small, with an average of 2.4 acres throughout Candle Lakes.

Although the network of existing trails is beloved and successful, they are also showing signs of needed enhancement and restoration, with tree dead fall and infrastructure and surfacing requiring on-going maintenance. Environmental damage and pedestrian trail degradation is evident, with some trails grown over, and others becoming adopted for prohibited ATV use. While existing barriers and signage have been developed for some trails, additional infrastructure is required to address conflicting use and appropriate wayfinding and etiquette



Torch River at Water Dam



Public use beach

for different user groups. Existing parking areas require further formalization involving efficient demarcation of stalls and user signage such as accessible parking. Where no parking exists, vehicles are often found straddling small shoulder areas of roads.

Volunteer groups contribute to the upkeep of Candle Lake as part of their agreements within their designated areas of focus and are important towards the beauty and enjoyment of Candle Lake. The Resort Village residents form not only a strong sense of community but actively rely on community involvement for its successes. Because Candle Lake encompasses such a large area, continued recruitment of new volunteers and ongoing support for these and other community services has been indicated as a high priority.

2.3.1 Amenities

Candle Lake offers a wide variety of activities year-round, including but not limited to hiking, walking, cross-country skiing, cycling, snowshoeing, golfing (including mini golf), sailing, swimming, snowmobiling, camping, picnicking, playing, outdoor exercise, summer and winter fishing, and sports fields/courts.

Because The Resort Village surrounds Candle Lake, and is separated from areas of Provincial Park lands, it is difficult to appreciate its size or to determine its boundaries while on the ground. See Figure 1. Existing trails used by Resort Village residents and visitors move freely between unmarked property lines of Provincial Park and Resort Village spaces. Parks and amenities within Resort Village of Candle Lake and Provincial areas are enjoyed and used by the community regardless of ownership.

2.3.2 Trails

The extensive system of trails throughout Candle Lake is an attractive and well-used trail network in the region. There are nearly 50 kilometres of existing trails within the boundaries of the Resort Village. With so many trails, conflicts and challenges to keep the trails organized have arisen. The task of forming, grooming, controlling, and policing the trails has been undertaken by the different trail user groups, such as the Candle Lake Trail Advisory Board, Communities in Bloom and the Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Club, but more investment is needed to create a coherent system of trails with clear use demarcation and elimination of trail use conflicts.

Collaboration between the Resort Village and the Provincial Parks is required to link existing trails and connect the network where trail connection is located outside of the Resort Village boundaries. The partnership between Provincial Parks and Resort Village of Candle Lake will be invaluable to the success of both parties, in providing the community and visitors with a comprehensive link between amenities and destinations within both RVCL and Provincial Park properties.

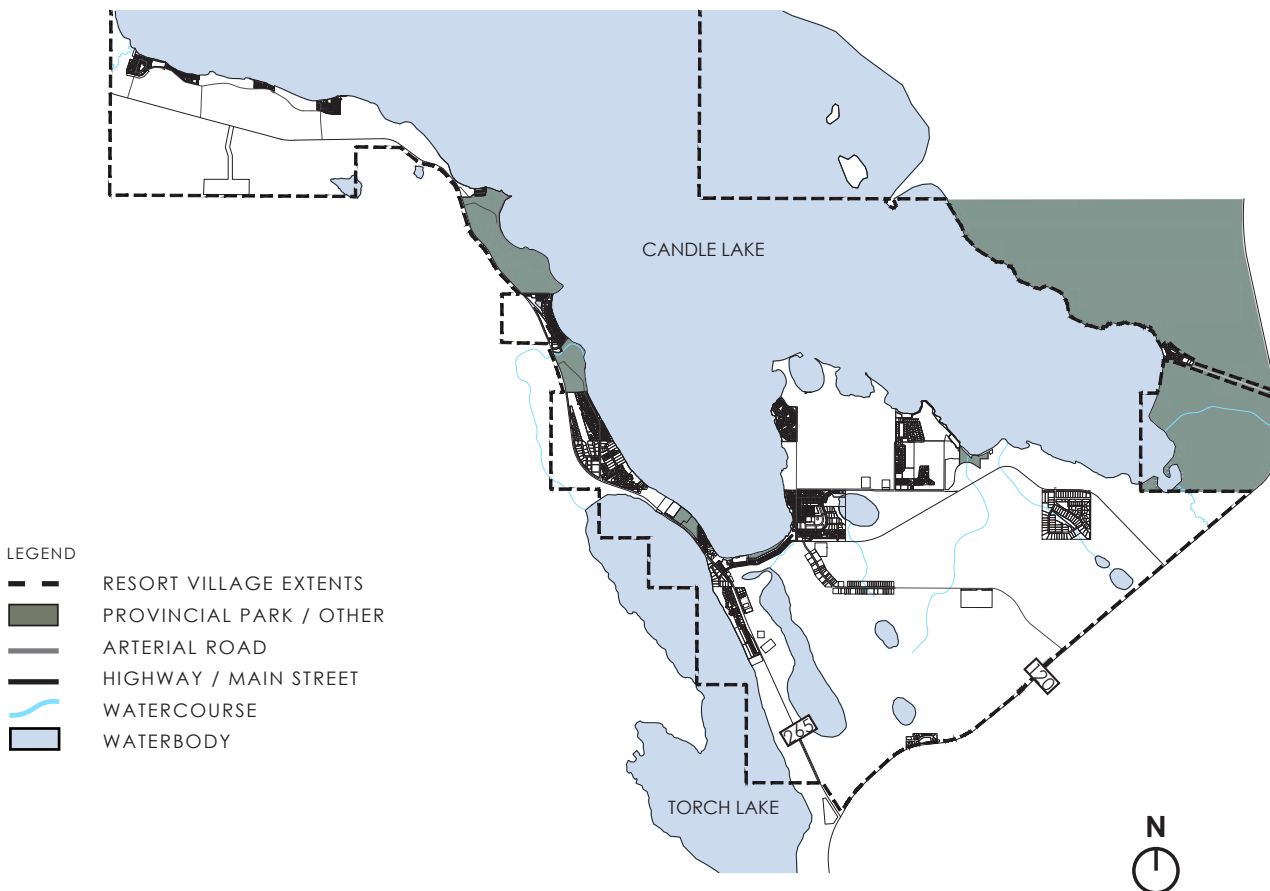


Figure 1: Resort Village Of Candle Lake Boundaries

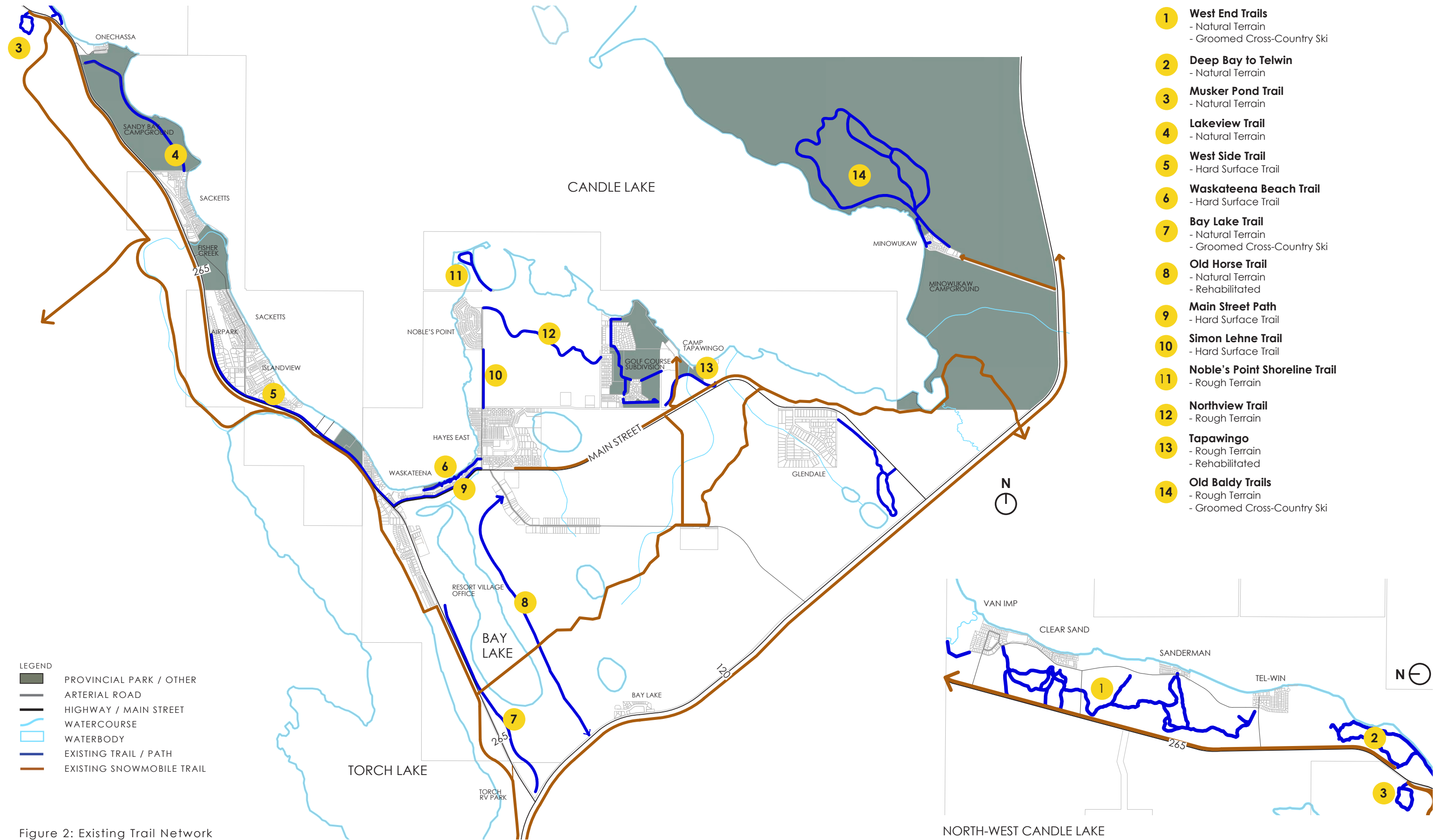


Figure 2: Existing Trail Network

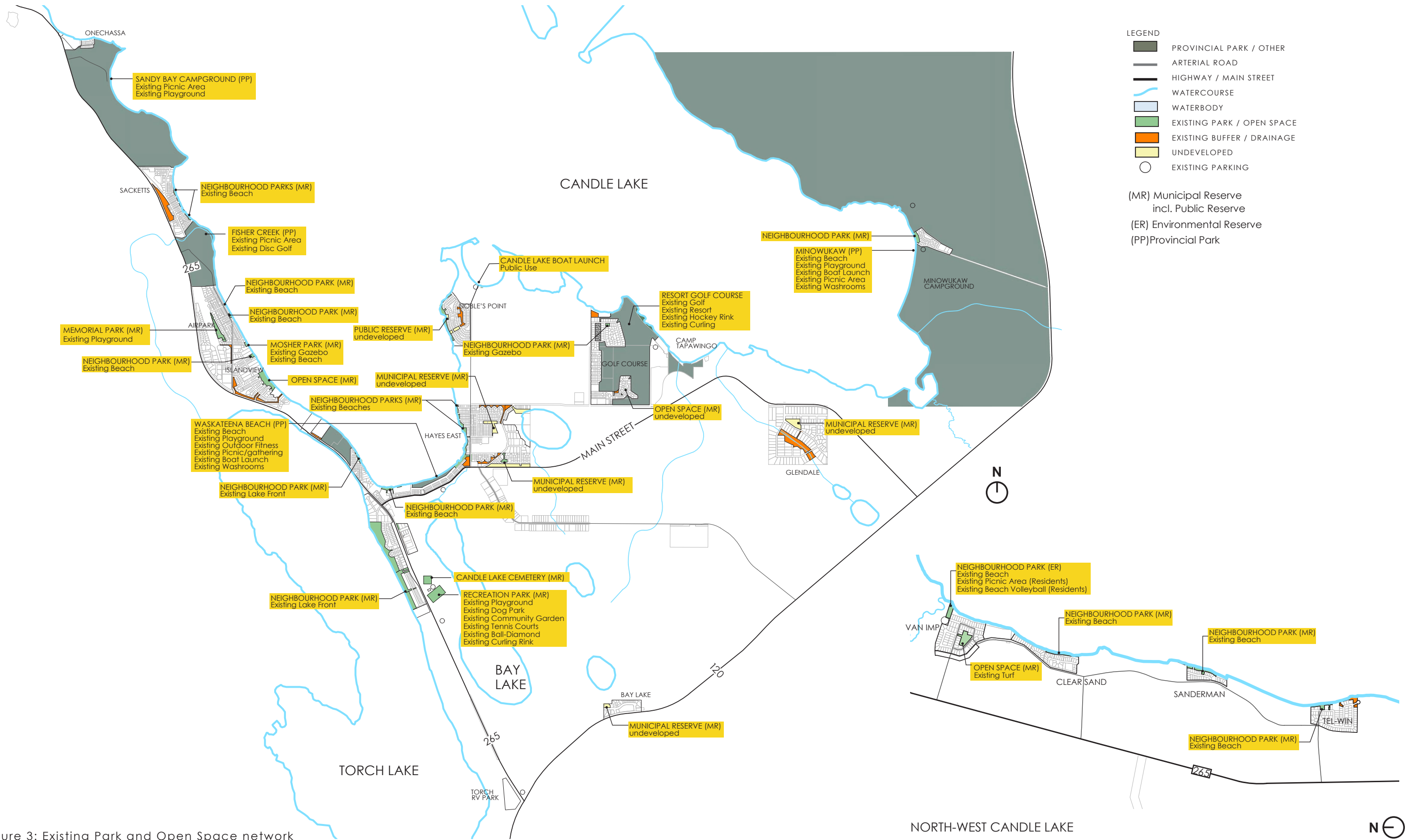
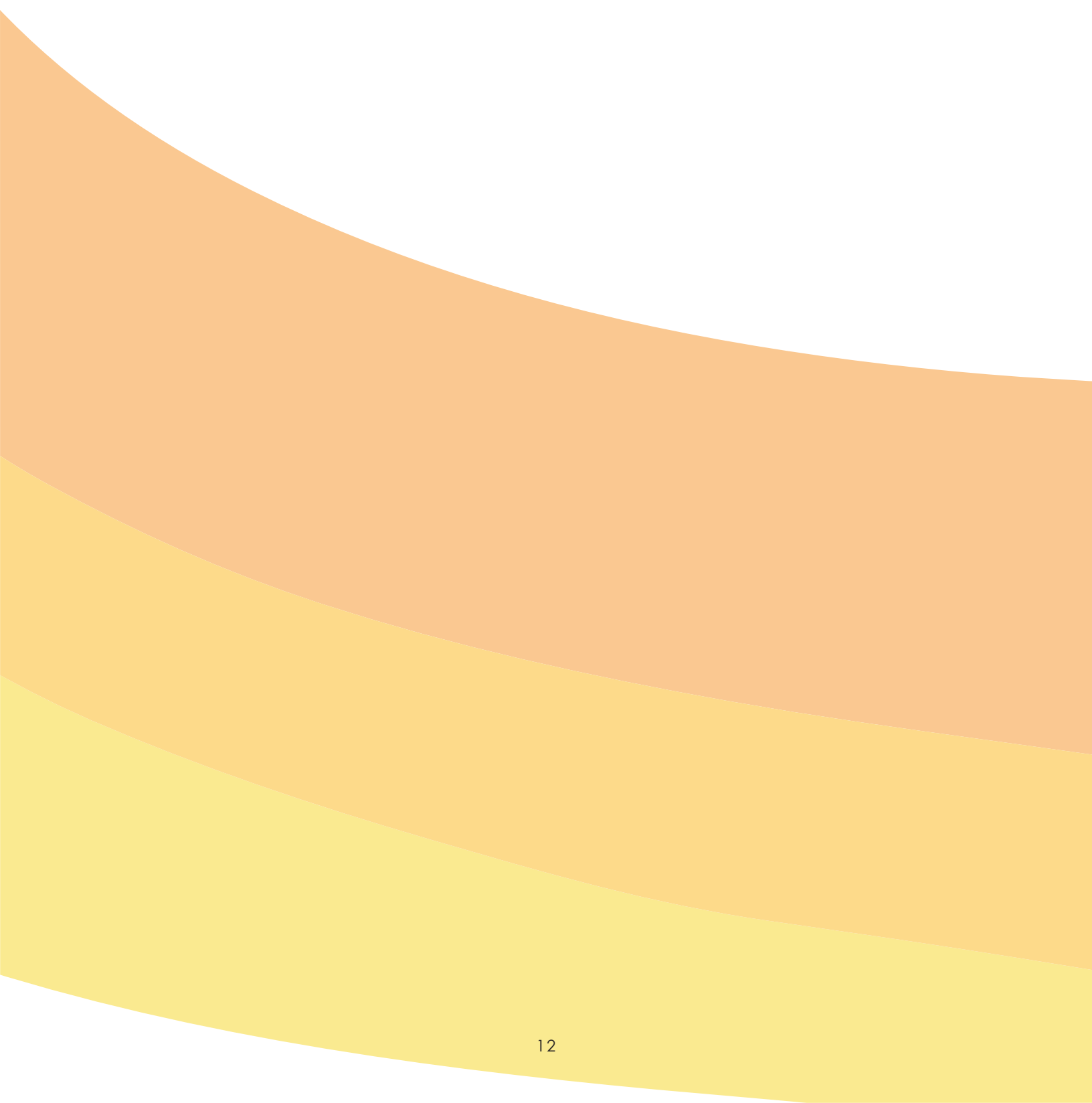


Figure 3: Existing Park and Open Space network



SECTION 3

3.0 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The Resort Village of Candle Lake and the Consultant Team completed a public engagement and data gathering process for the development of this Master Plan for the Resort Village of Candle Lake. Together with Council, a list of individuals and organizations was compiled, which became the checklist for a series of engagement sessions.

Stakeholder engagement, as part of the first phase of the project, helped to provide background and context for future broader public engagement. Through a series of one-on-one chats, emails and two workshops, the perspectives of Stakeholders have helped shape the scope and general direction of the plan. The ideas generated at this stage were developed and tested through the rest of the Master Planning process.

3.1 Initial Consultation with Stakeholder Groups

The Consultant Team conducted initial meetings with Council members, the Candle Lake Trails Advisory Board and the Candle Lake Parks and Recreation Board to discuss preliminary objectives for the Master plan project. Base maps showing existing information and aerial imagery were provided as part of this meeting as a discussion tool for localizing areas of strength and concern, building on strengths of existing assets, and identifying opportunities where gaps may exist. Members provided a list of 'prouds' or 'worries' as a way of establishing key objectives. See Appendix A.

3.2 Who are the Stakeholders

Following this initial meeting, sixteen (16) out of twenty-six (26) organizations contacted representing recreational interests and user groups, business, and regional Stakeholders and facilities, took the opportunity to engage from the initial phase of the Project to completion.

One of Candle Lake's great strengths is the fact that so much of the programming and maintenance of the Resort Village is undertaken and overseen by volunteer organizations, who act as stewards and care deeply about continually improving the Resort Village of Candle Lake amenities.

Among others, these include Candle Lake Parks and Recreation Board, Candle Lake Trails Advisory Board, Communities in Bloom, Candle Lake Health Committee, Candle Lake Sno Drifters and Candle Lake Seniors Club.

The following individuals, committees, or groups met with the Consultant Team throughout the project:

Recreational Interests and User Groups

- Candle Lake Trails Advisory Board
- Candle Lake Parks and Recreation Board
- Communities in Bloom
- Candle Lake Health Committee
- Candle Lake Sno Drifters
- Candle Lake Seniors Club
- Pickleball
- Badminton
- Fitness
- Ducks Unlimited

Business

- Candle Lake Chamber of Commerce
- Candle Lake Golf Resort
- Candlewood Cove Marina

Regional Stakeholders and Facilities

- Candle Lake Provincial Park
- RM of Paddockwood
- Ministry of Environment – Wildfire mitigation program; ecological management

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- Council and Administration

Figure 4: Stakeholder List

3.3 What have the Stakeholders told us?

Following initial stakeholder consultation, a list of objectives for the Master Plan was established. The Master Plan is developed to build on the strength of existing assets while identifying opportunities where gaps may exist. After testing for the 'prouds' and 'worries' of Stakeholders, key objectives were listed as follows:

- Physically connect the community to strengthen its social connections;
- Meet the recreation needs of residents and visitors today and into the future; and
- Create a green space blueprint for community-wide and neighbourhood-level parks and open spaces.

Aligning to these objectives, the following themes emerged from conversations about existing assets.

3.3.1 Stakeholder Project Themes

Candle Lake is clean and beautiful. Its protection is as important as our enjoyment of it.

- The lake is facing a lot of recreational pressures. Exploration of the potential to use the surrounding Torch and Bay Lakes for non-motorized activities might help alleviate some of this pressure.
- Implementing land use and management practices through new green space policies may help preserve lake health.
- Fish habitat protection provides benefits to people as well as fish.

Candle Lake has benefited from great community spirit. People are good neighbours to each other. Dedicated volunteers take on a wide range of tasks important to community safety and quality of life. Continued citizen engagement is vital for our community.

- The Parks and Recreation Board does an excellent job of providing a wide variety of activities (indoor and outdoor) for all ages and financial abilities to enjoy. The Trails Advisory Board is also busy with the extensive network of multi-use trails. Ongoing support and coordination of these efforts is important.

Volunteer groups contribute to the beauty and enjoyment of Candle Lake. There are opportunities to support these efforts and continue to grow community pride and sense of place.

- Critical protective services are provided on a volunteer basis. Continued recruitment of new volunteers for these and other valuable community services is equally critical.
- Volunteers organize a number of events. These add to community vitality.

The network of existing trails are beloved. There are opportunities for enhancements.

- Expand the network to eventually connect every neighbourhood, providing an alternative transportation network throughout the community.
- Maintain accessibility for a variety of uses through all seasons.
- Improve trailheads (ex. parking).

There are several popular hubs for recreational activity. These hubs and other potential areas present opportunities.

- All season activity and high standards of maintenance are important as Candle Lake develops its vitality into the future.
- There are opportunities to explore new recreational opportunities to meet expressed needs.
- Providing attractions for families and activities for children of all ages and abilities is important.
- A central hub for community events larger than 1000 people is missing.
- A lack of neighbourhood-level green space development is missing.
- Without a complete, accessible and maintained alternative transportation network, vehicle congestion and parking may remain an ongoing issue



Candle Lake view from dock



Sanderman Existing Open Space

3.4 Outcome Themes

People 'buy-in' to plans when they believe in the identified outcomes. The following outcome themes were discussed with the Candle Lake Council.

Theme	Key points in discussion
Social cohesion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a 'spill-over' of visitors from the Provincial Parks and an opportunity to see these people socially contribute. • The community is very diverse and includes day-trippers. • There is 30 kms between meeting places. It is ideal to link them all with trails and linear parks, but not feasible in the near term. • There is no central 'core area' for everyone (i.e. thousands of visitors) to gather. Current sites can accommodate dozens. • Lack of assets affecting cohesion (e.g. cannot host a ball tournament, not enough community garden space, places for ATVs to be used [1300-1400 permits issued]). • Desire for recreational need and demand study and gap analysis.
Economic vitality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote what exists today. • More emphasis on winter to help with business viability. • Leverage the level of activity that occurred during the pandemic.
Explore opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study use of surrounding lakes and what's possible. • Viable green space within each subdivision for picnics, community gardens, and informal use. • Subdivision green space and gathering areas. • Need for better inventory of Municipal Reserve and undeveloped spaces. • Kayak rentals (Resort Village or Vendor) • Improved collaboration with the Provincial Park.

3.5 Asset Analysis

Asset to Build	Key points in discussion
Incredible Base of Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities-in-Bloom • Fundraise for assets that are installed in parks • Lots of volunteer groups • Concern that some people on many committees (possible fatigue); new volunteers needed to maintain vitality
Grant Funding Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waskateena Subdivision • Trailheads • Future recreational developments

Asset Gaps	Key points in discussion
No Core Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large gatherings (e.g. thousands of people) • Market square concept proposed for funding to Prairies Economic (previously Western Economic Diversification) including washrooms and event stage. • Community hub / information kiosk to communicate with campers, cabins and day trippers.
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minowuka beach (Must need Provincial Park Pass) • Waskateena • Trailheads • Future recreational developments
Connectivity and Alternative transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation of ATVs • Regulation of golf carts • Cycling/walking
Immediate needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of Torch Lake for non-motorized watercraft (soft launch/access). • Boardwalk/ bike trail connecting Waskateena and Bay Lake (precedents include Malecon in Puerto Vallarta or Sea Wall in Vancouver or boardwalks at Coney Island or Myrtle Beach) • Parking solution at Waskateena.

Detailed summaries from stakeholder consultations can be found in Appendix A.

3.6 Website, Newsletter and Survey

Over the summer of 2022, an online survey was conducted. The Consultant Team worked with staff from Resort Village of Candle Lake, particularly Andrea Crowdis, Manager of Recreation and Community Development, to assemble a survey that provides information regarding current and future use of parks, open spaces and trails, while leaving survey questions flexible enough that responses could be more than a simple 'yes' or 'no', or allow for multiple choice. The survey was released using the Resort Village of Candle Lake Website, and through The Wave Newsletter. The survey was launched in April 26, 2022 and was kept online through the end August, 2022.

Andrea Crowdis, Recreational groups and the Consultant Team also helped to ensure the online survey was promoted throughout the community. Paper copies of the survey, pamphlets and business cards with QR information were handed out at several events as a way of promoting survey responses. See Figure 5: Marketing Material.

With 388 responses, the survey achieved an overall response of 3.8% and represented 18.5% of all households at Candle Lake.

3.6.1 Main Takeaways from Online Survey

Demographics:

- 62% of respondents are considered seasonal residents or visitors.
- Almost half (46%) of respondents came from households containing singles or couples (no children). 37% of respondents were families with children and an additional 17% of respondents have multiple families sharing their household at Candle Lake.
- Almost every respondent had someone between the ages of 35 and 65 living in their Candle Lake home and 42% of all voices heard in the survey were from this age group. 17% of responses contained the voices of persons over 65 years of age and an additional 17% were adults under 35. Children and youth comprised 24%.

Trails:

- Respondents show a desire to use the future trail system as a means of alternate transportation. 64% of comments note the desire to walk, cycle or ski as a method of transportation, and 32% of comments note the desire to use golf carts, ATV's, or snowmobiles as a means of being less dependent on their vehicles.
- Respondents show a main concern to use future trails for exercise and leisure; with 76% noting desire to use of pedestrian/cycling trails for exercise and site-seeing, and 51% noting desire for trail-riding with an ATV or snowmobile.
- Trails were noted as the main priority, with a level of interest for walking/cycling trails at 58%, and off-road vehicle trails at 43%. For parks and open spaces, playgrounds were noted as the highest priority item at 40%, followed by picnic/informal gathering and facilities for skateboarding, BMXing, and scootering at 38% and 33% respectively.



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The Master Plan aims to create a network of multi-use trails and open spaces for local and visitor recreational use.

What's important to you?



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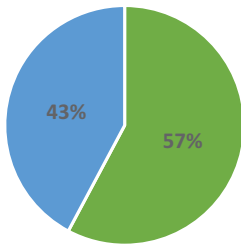


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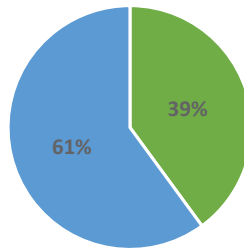
Figure 5: Marketing Material

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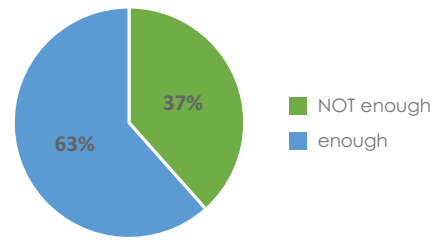
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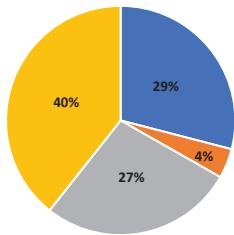
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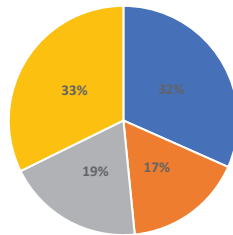
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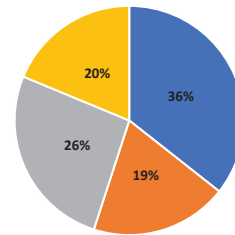
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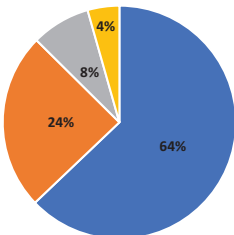
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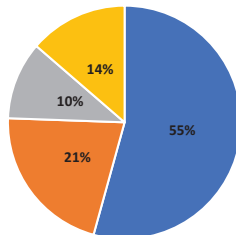
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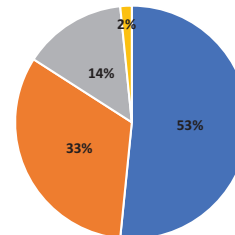
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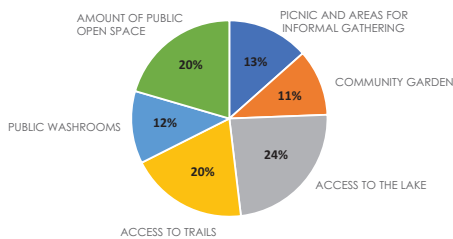
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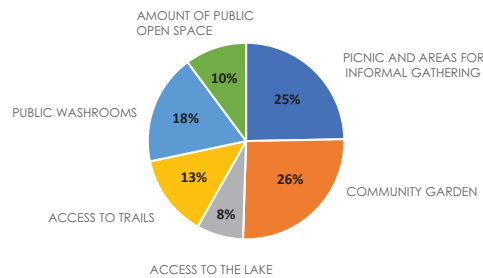
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HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE RECREATION FACILITIES IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?

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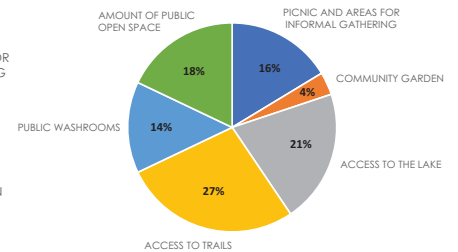


Figure 6: Needs and Demands Recreation Survey results

Recreation:

- These are the 5 recreational assets where more than one-third of respondents identified there is 'not enough'. These are identified as: trails (walking/cycling); Fitness equipment; Trails (off-road); Playgrounds; and Picnic/informal gathering.
- At the neighbourhood scale, low levels of satisfaction were reported on 3 types of recreational assets. Opinions about community gardens are divided with 31% indicating investment is warranted, 40% suggesting these are 'not needed', and 29% satisfied with the status quo. Opinions are equally divided on public washrooms (36% want investment, 33% indicate 'not needed', 32% satisfied).
- Reported satisfaction is spread relatively evenly across recreational asset types. Levels of satisfaction ranged from 32% to 63%.
- Respondents looking for additional investment in recreation identified community gardening, picnic areas and public washrooms as particular opportunities.
- High satisfaction was reported generally for access to key recreation features and the amount available. Some specific concerns at the neighbourhood level were identified – e.g. lake access affected by too many private docks, fairness in access to beaches (blocked accesses noted), public boat launching; amount of programmed (i.e. playgrounds) open space not sufficient in certain subdivisions; creation of a 'dog beach'; general maintenance concerns (i.e. bathrooms, trail conditions); etc. Some comments also highlighted desires for greater coordination of assets and linkage by a network of trails.
- Existing recreation identified as needing improvement are shown. The greatest interest relates to trail access (33%). The least reported interest relates to community gardens (4%).

Environment:

- Respondents expressed high levels of confidence (>70%) in the sustainability of most recreational experiences directly associated with Candle Lake. Overall balance between lake uses and protection received a positive star-rating at 3.2. However, 48% of respondents are concerned about the sustainability of the fishery.
- Respondents expressed concern that lake stewardship may not be a priority for some at Candle Lake. The response 'likely aware but do not practice' was selected a significant number of times for all stewardship best practices. Particular concern for 'pack in-pack out' and motor maintenance activities were expressed.
- Respondents seem to feel awareness is not a significant issue. However, further education may be required for some lake stewardship practices – land management along shorelines and near wetlands, in particular.
- Of note, 89% of respondents feel awareness of 'pack in-pack out' practices is not an issue. This may mean enforcement to achieve compliance is required.

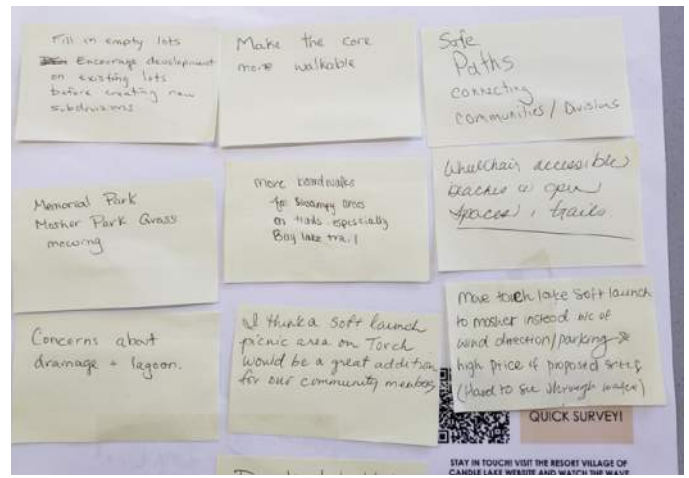
3.7 Public Master Plan Engagement

Pop-up events throughout the Spring and Summer of 2022 were completed as a way of opening a dialogue with residents with preliminary Master Plan considerations. Pop-up events included the Garden Fair, Welcome Back BBQ, and the Farmers Market at Candle Lake Golf Resort.

Attendees to the booth were encouraged to participate in the conversation and interact with the boards by placing a dot on ideas that are important to them. These dots were not tallied or quantified however provided a general insight on popular ideas, general agreeance, and feasibility. A comment board was also placed adjacent to the boards as a way of receiving written feedback on specific items or ideas.



Ideas Board Place a Dot Exercise



Comments board



Ideas Board Place a Dot Exercise



Comments board

SECTION 4

4.0 MASTER PLAN

4.1 Program Layers

With a site as large as Candle Lake, it is difficult to examine the area at a full glance. With varying densities of development; subdivision distinctions; scales of Public and Municipal Reserve lands; and Resort Village and Provincial Park amenity access, proposed improvements to existing areas within Candle Lake may vary. Reviewing the full extent of Candle lake involves not only isolating the full area into manageable review locations but also analyzing parks, open spaces, and trail networks as separate layers to be combined further into the full Master Plan concept.

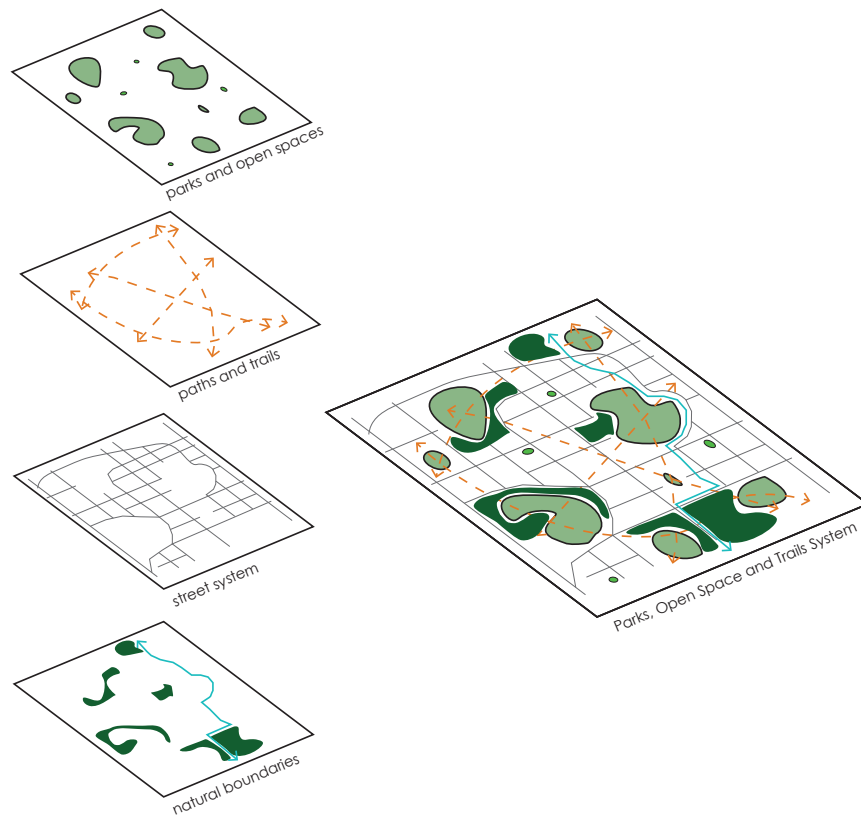


Figure 7: Parks, Open Space and Trails Layers

4.2 Major Improvements and Opportunities – Core Area

The existing infrastructure and amenities within Candle Lake and surrounding areas are continually successful in attracting new development opportunities and visitors each Summer to take advantage of what Candle Lake has to offer. As a popular destination and community, the Resort Village of Candle Lake understands the need to improve on established amenities, built upon assets, and address gaps in order to achieve the goals of the Master Plan outlined in Section 3.

4.2.2 Core Area

The core area of the Resort Village surrounds the intersection of Main Street and Hwy 265, encompassing the Village Office on Hwy 265, Waskateena Subdivision, and extending along Main Street to Simon Lehne Drive. This area is the most developed with services and amenities and receives the highest density of activity, with Waskateena Beach being a primary area of focus. A series of lakes, including Torch Lake, Bay Lake and Candle Lake surround this area to create a link of linear developments.

Congestion has been noted as an issue, not only in vehicle traffic, but within the Waskateena Subdivision, since Waskateena Beach is one of the primary destination for Candle Lake. The Lake is facing increased recreational pressures both on the lake and along the beach, including a rise in motorized boating activity.

4.2.2.1 Torch Lake

Torch Lake has the opportunity to act as an additional destination for non-motorized use. Located on the south-east edge of the Resort Village, Torch Lake connects into Candle Lake through Fisher Creek. As noted in the [2014 Capacity Study](#), Torch Lake is known to contain important spawning habitat for northern pike, and in particular Fisher Creek is known as a spawning area for walleye during the early Spring.



rental canoe dock example



Accessible launch dock example

Designating Torch Lake for non-motorized activities only is therefore important to ensure disturbance is limited and prioritizes the protection of Torch Lake's fish habitat. Proposed development within these areas looks to distribute interests and alleviate pressures from Waskateena Beach and Candle Lake, through activities such as canoeing, kayaking, paddleboarding, pedal boats, picnicking and nature-viewing. Developments along the shoreline should consider minimizing disturbance of aquatic and shore vegetation as these areas are also potential spawning sites. Employing universal design for soft launch sites and highest levels of sustainability will help to promote accessibility and advance the message of environmental stewardship.

Figure 7 shows two proposed park areas along Hwy 265, identified as suitable locations for soft launch areas onto Torch Lake, with one location recommended for rental equipment and adjacent launch site, and another soft launch site for owned equipment. Providing a hub for rental equipment may be one way of welcoming locals and visitors to explore and appreciate these areas while providing potential to bring in revenue for the Resort Village.

Proposed parks include Soft Launch Location #1 as a Neighbourhood Park (See 4.3.1) and Soft Launch Location #2 as a Conservation Park type (See 4.3.2).

4.2.2.2 Main Street

Main street is the major access point to Waskateena Beach. While there are existing parking lots, unwanted overspill of parking along Main Street and misuse of parking within the Waskateena Subdivision is understood to happen during Summer months.

The newly installed walking path along Main Street is a welcome addition that provides the Resort Village with a safe form of alternative transportation for pedestrians and cyclists. This will aid in alleviating the reliance of vehicles as a means of getting to the Beach and other amenities in the area.

Upgrades to Main Street and adjacent street parking are shown in Figure 8 and include but are not limited to:

- Revitalizing existing parking lots to increase the efficiency of use.
- Providing an additional parking on along Main Street. Parking configuration to be determined.
- Formalizing existing parking nodes with stall demarcation, re-structuring and proper signage backing Waskateena Subdivision (Neilsen Ave and Bernotas Ave) within Waskateena Subdivision. Coordinate with Provincial Parks as necessary.
- Add "No Parking" signage along Neilsen Ave, Walker Ave, and Bernotas Ave.
- Formalize parking on Walker Ave. Coordinate with Provincial Parks as necessary.
- Add crosswalk signage for pedestrians attempting to cross Main Street to access the Park and Beach.

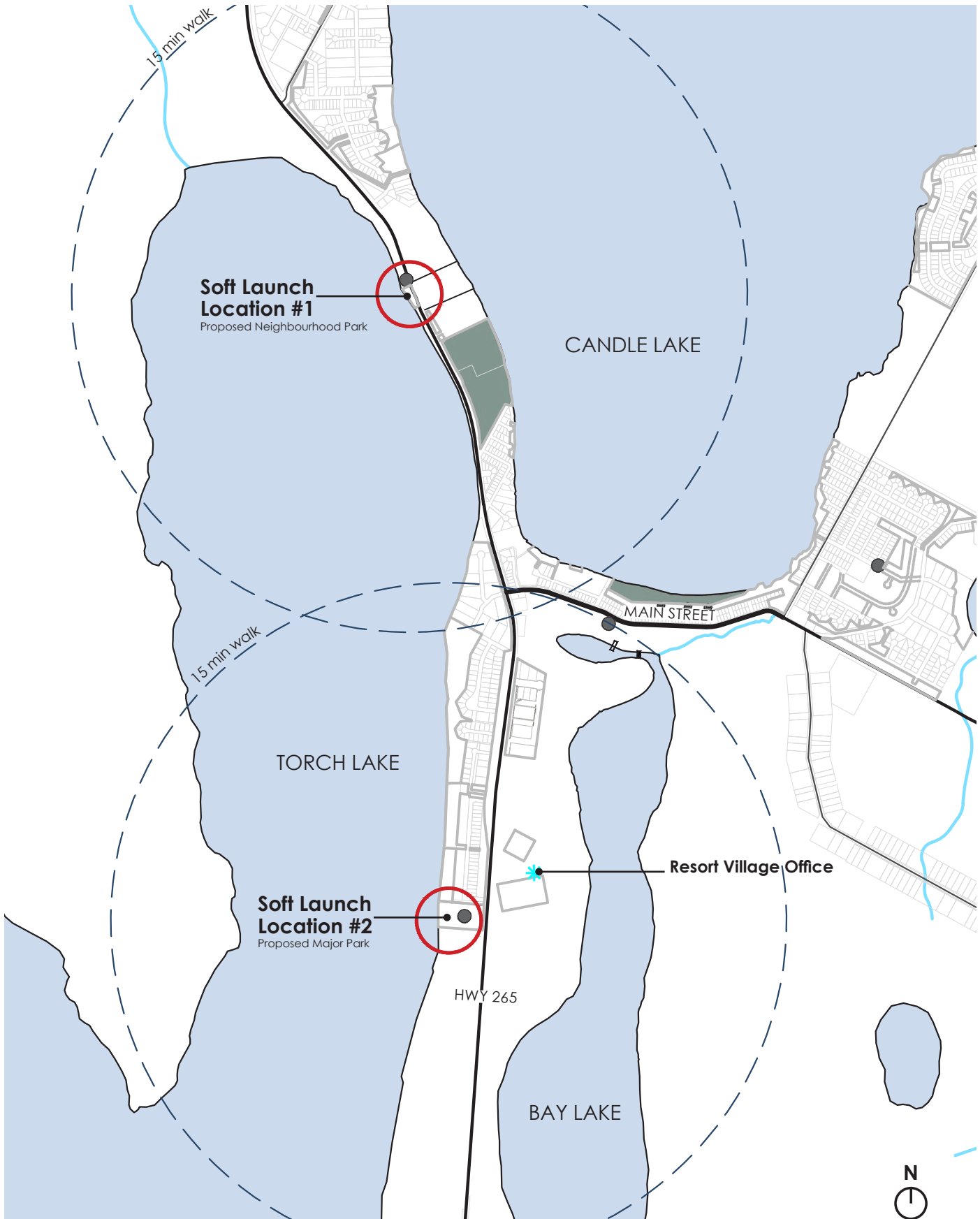


Figure 8: Proposed Soft Launch Locations

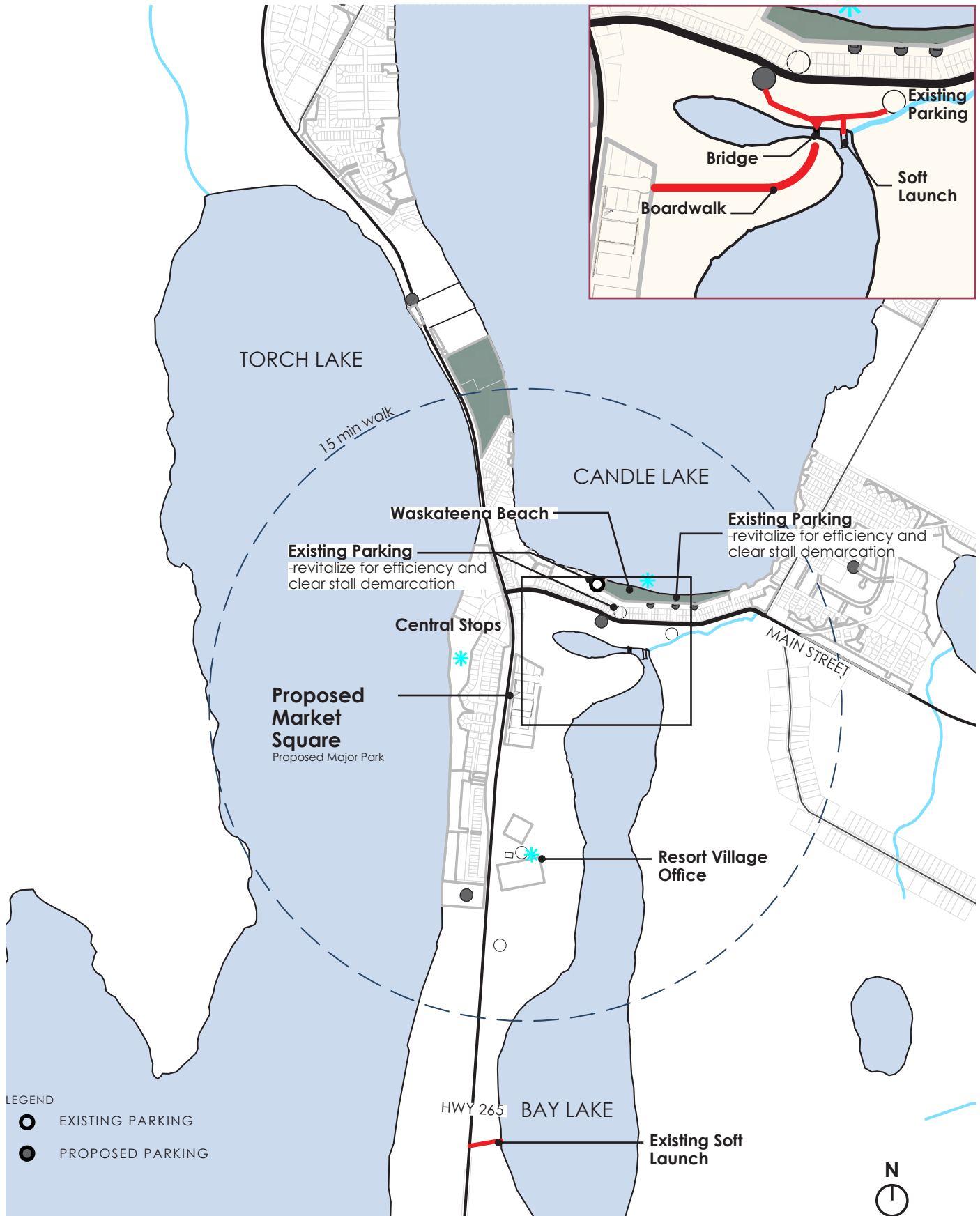


Figure 9: Main Street, Bay Lake and Market Square

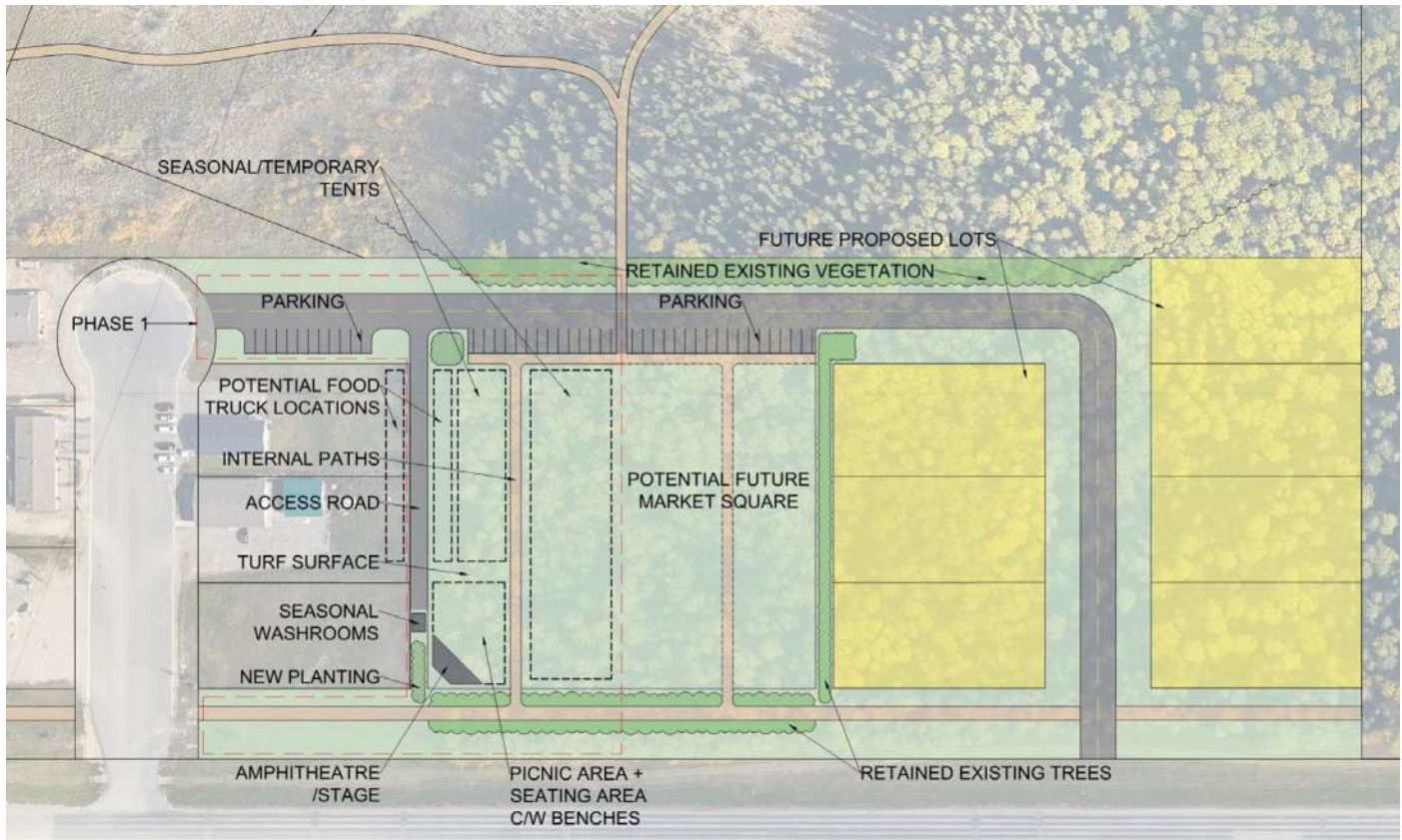


Figure 10: Market Square Concept Plan

4.2.2.3 Bay Lake and Market Square

A relatively recent business development is located on Bay View Drive off Hwy 265, with already established restaurants, offices, and Bank on Bay View Drive off Hwy 265. A market square for summer vendors, complete with amphitheatre and picnic area, food truck parking, and flexible gathering space for large community get-togethers and festivals is proposed to be implemented just south of the Bay View Drive, centered between future commercial parcels. See Figure 9. When implemented, the Market Square has the potential to become a major destination, if not the central hub for the Resort Village. The Market Square is proposed to be a Major Park (See 4.3.3).

There is an opportunity to provide pedestrians from Waskateena Subdivision and Main Street with a direct route to the proposed Market Square location and adjacent amenities along Hwy 265. Figure 8 shows a proposed boardwalk nature trail over Bay Lake and extending into a trail towards the Village office. The boardwalk has the ability to provide an enjoyable walk overlooking the wetland landscape, with potential interpretive signage, resting and lookout areas of interest that can establish this area as a linear park. Boardwalk design need to consider understood Bay Lake water level fluctuations.

Through the data gathering and public engagement process, it is clear there is much support for the addition of both the Market Square and connecting boardwalk trail.

4.3 Park, Open Space and Trail Types

4.3.1 Neighbourhood Park

Neighbourhood parks are typically small, often ranging between 0.5 – 2 acres. The primary use of neighbourhood parks is to provide the adjacent or immediate neighbourhood with flexible active and passive recreation amenities, with a focus towards social connection. Opportunities are often based on interests suited to the residence and has limited purpose for those living outside of the targeted neighbourhood.

New residential developments should consider placement of neighbourhood parks centrally located within the neighbourhood, within a maximum 15 minute walking distance for targeted population use.

Additional and existing neighbourhood parks should consider the following:

Neighbourhood Park	
Primary Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood gathering spaces • Flexible recreation • Localized use
Zoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal Reserve, Public Reserve, and Environmental Reserve lands between 0.5 and 2 acres
Connectivity / Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two access points in and out of park • Connection to primary or secondary trails optional • Close proximity and easy, safe access by residence • Parking optional; On-street parking to be allowed • Golf cart perimeter parking
Desired Amenities / Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day use area / picnic tables • Benches • Waste and Recycling receptacles • Shade structure / Gazebo • Natural or traditional playground or play elements • Outdoor fitness equipment • Open field / turf area • Beach • Soft launch areas • Community gardens c/w storage • Fruit Trees • Naturalized planting / forested area / wetland areas • Power and Lighting • Off-leash area • Outdoor Community Rink • Memorial / Interpretive signage

Neighbourhood Park Continued	
Undesired Amenities / Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power boat launch • Personal marina or dock • Off-road vehicles / motorcycles / Golf carts (prohibited) • Over-night camping (serviced or unserviced)
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resort Village responsible for all maintenance in Municipal Reserve designated land; Public Reserves to be maintained by residents

4.3.2 Conservation Park

Conservation parks are centred around ecologically and environmentally significant areas of land and water, with the intent to conserve and protect biodiversity, ecologically and environmentally sensitive areas over a long period of time. Importance of restricting high intensity use within these areas is critical to alleviate negative impacts to the conservation areas of interest.

Conservation Parks play a valuable role in providing climate resilience and risk mitigation, contribute to the sense of place and natural identity, and promote a connection to nature.

Consider using natural materials significant to the site; and/or materials that minimize impact on conservation areas. Implement nature-based strategies to mitigate climate change impacts.

Minimize unnecessary lighting and use dark sky compliant lighting for conservation park areas.

Additional conservation parks should consider the following:

Conservation Park	
Primary Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation of biodiversity • Ecologically and environmentally significant and/or sensitive areas • Tourism
Zoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal Reserve or Environmental Reserve • Crown Lands to be acquired • Excludes Provincial Park Lands
Connectivity / Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two access points in and out of park • Connection to primary or secondary trail • Vehicle and bike parking
Desired Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking / hiking / running • On-leash dog walking • Cross-country skiing / snowshoeing • Cycling • Nature-viewing / bird watching • Canoeing / kayaking / paddling / non-motorized • Day-camping • Picnicking (limited)

Conservation Park Continued	
Desired Amenities / Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day use area / picnic tables • Benches • Interpretive signage • Waste and recycling receptacles • Shade structure / shelter / gazebo • Natural playground or play elements • Washrooms • Interpretive Centre / kiosk • Beach • Soft launch areas • Naturalized planting / forested area / wetland areas • Power • Dark sky compliant and wildlife friendly lighting
Undesired Amenities / Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manicured turf areas • Athletic fields / courts • Outdoor rink • Exercise equipment • Traditional play equipment • Community gardens • Power boat launch • Off-road vehicles / motorcycles / Golf carts (prohibited) • Over-night camping (serviced or unserviced) • Skateboarding equipment • Off-leash areas • Fishing (exceptions based on fish stock and health)
Desired Surfacing materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crushed aggregate (accessible) • Dirt or green trails • Boardwalk (accessible)
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resort Village of Candle Lake or affiliated group

4.3.3 Major Park

Major parks are larger than neighbourhood parks, with a minimum of 2 acres that is accessible and welcoming to the public. The primary use of major parks is to provide a variety of flexible and structured amenity opportunities for the wider community. These parks should be located close to major arterial streets, and well-linked by primary trails and paths.

New and existing major parks should consider being placed, where possible, in centrally located areas within the Resort Village as a whole, and centrally between West subdivision and East subdivision areas.

Where multiple major parks exist within close proximity, recreation opportunities should be diversified with minimal recreation overlap.

Additional or existing Major Parks should consider the following:

Major Park	
Primary Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-purpose recreational use suited to the whole community and visitors • All-season use
Zoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal Reserve, Public Reserve or Crown Lands to be acquired • Excludes Provincial Park Lands
Connectivity / Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connection to primary trail or path network • Vehicle and bike parking to accommodate visitation • Universal design preferred
Desired Amenities/ Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day use area / picnic tables • Benches • Waste and recycling receptacles • Shade structure / shelter / gazebo • Natural or traditional playground or play elements • Outdoor fitness equipment • Open field / turf area • Beach • Naturalized planting / forested area / wetland areas • Community gardens c/w storage • Fruit Trees or formal gardens • Washrooms • Park Centre / kiosk • Memorial signage • Walking / hiking / running • On-leash dog walking • Cross-country Skiing /snowshoeing • Tobogganing • Skateboarding • Outdoor rink • Athletic fields / courts • Cycling • Maintenance/ operation facilities • Equipment storage • Potable water / power • Boat launch (motorized and non-motorized) • Power and lighting • Public art • Spray park
Undesired Amenities / Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off-road vehicles / motorcycles / golf carts (prohibited) • Over-night camping (serviced or unserviced) • Fishing (exceptions based on fish stock and health)
Desired Surfacing materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crusher dust or crushed aggregate • Asphalt / concrete / unit paving
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resort Village of Candle Lake

4.3.4 Destination Park and Special-Purpose Park

Destination Parks are often larger than neighbourhood parks and follow a similar scale as Major Parks.

Destination Parks, compared to Major Parks, are intended to attract users beyond the extents of the Resort Village to a Regional, Provincial, or even National visitor base. Similar considerations noted in Major Parks apply to Destination Parks, however rather than having a diversity of amenities, Destination Parks provide dedicated or impressive opportunities, often driven by a set of principles, concept, or specific user group(s). They also may provide a larger capacity than typically provided, such as a destination playground.

Special-Purpose Parks provide a specialized and often single-purpose use. These can include but is not limited to: water parks, adventure parks, BMX and pump tracks, skate parks, cemeteries, or specialty gardens. Design of special-purpose parks require designs to be in accordance with relevant best practices, guidelines, and standards.

Operations or special-purpose parks may also require to be managed by specific non-for-profit organizations, and/or specific recreational groups that spearhead these types of opportunities.

Special-Purpose Park / Destination Park	
Primary Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single-purpose recreational use suited to the whole community and visitors
Zoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal Reserve or Crown Lands to be acquired • Excludes Provincial Park Lands
Connectivity / Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connection to primary trail or path network preferred • Universal design preferred • Vehicle Parking to accommodate visitation • Bike parking preferred • Hour and operations may limit access

Special-Purpose Park / Destination Park Continued	
Desired Amenities/ Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large gathering spaces • Festival infrastructure • Potable water / power • Amphitheatre / stage • Golf Course • Benches • Mountain Bike/BMX track • Adventure Park • Equestrian • Waste and recycling receptacles • Shade structure / shelter / gazebo • Natural or traditional playground or play elements • Outdoor fitness equipment • Open field / turf area • Orchard or formal gardens • Washrooms and change rooms • Park Centre / Kiosk • Memorial / donor signage • Tobogganing • Skateboarding • Outdoor rink • Athletic fields / courts • Maintenance/ operation facilities • Equipment storage • Boat launch (motorized and non-motorized) • Public art • Spray Park
Undesired Amenities / Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any amenities not compatible with Primary amenity
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resort Village of Candle Lake • Non-for-Profit • Special recreational group

4.3.6 Primary Paths / Trails

Primary paths and trails are used to create a continuous link through the extent of a defined area, with the main purpose of directing users through an area to destinations and major amenities and major links.

Primary paths and trails are typically made of more formalized, accessible surfacing such as asphalt, concrete, and accessible crushed surfacing, and are wider to accommodate multi-user groups and higher pedestrian and cycling volumes. Primary paths in compared to secondary paths will be found closer to arterial roads and Highways as opposed to within residential roads or forested areas.

Path and trail surface grades are to provide positive drainage and be gentle in nature for ease of use.

4.3.7 Secondary Paths / Trails

Secondary trails are used to connect primary trails and less significant areas within a defined area. They encourage movement between primary trails, often providing users with branches to move away from primary trail locations, or detour/loop back on themselves. Secondary paths and trails may have a less formalized surface, including but not limited to crusher dust, dirt, woodchips, boardwalk or groomed. A variety of difficulty levels can be provided for trails used primarily for recreational use.

Nature trails focused on more recreational use rather than transportation will be considered a secondary trail.

4.4 Park and Open Space Amenity Specific Improvements

4.4.1 Day Camping and Picnic Sites

Existing picnic sites include, but are not limited to:

- Resort Village Golf Course Gazebo
- Resort Village Office Park
- Mosher Park Gazebo, located in Lakeside Subdivision
- Memorial Park
- Islandview Green Space
- Neighbourhood Park, Van Impe Subdivision (appears resident owned)
- Neighbourhood Park, Sanderman Subdivision (appears resident owned)
- Harbour Golf Estates (pending)
- Waskateena Beach, located within Provincial Parks
- Minowukaw Campground area, located within Provincial Parks
- Sandy Bay Campground, located within Provincial Parks
- Fisher Creek, located within Provincial Parks

Proposed additional locations include but are not limited to:

- Hayes East Subdivision located at Balsam Street beach
- Glendale Subdivision along raised path
- Proposed Market Square and Boardwalk
- Existing and Proposed Neighbourhood Parks
- Existing and Proposed Lookout areas
- Proposed soft launch sites

Picnic sites should be in areas of existing or proposed relevant amenities, or at sites that provide beautiful views out towards the lake or other landscapes. These include beach sites, community gardens, playgrounds, and soft launch areas.



Example of Picnic area in lakefront park



Community Garden Example



example outdoor fitness
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Natural Playground Example

4.4.2 Beaches

There are many public beaches throughout the Resort Village and Provincial Park and semi-private beaches within Public or Municipal Reserves designated for local community use.

Site furniture such as benches, picnic tables, memorial benches and loungers are often found within Public Reserve beaches. Standardized benches, tables, loungers, and shade structures, made available by the Resort Village, is an opportunity to formalize these spaces and provide continued communal ownership to these areas.

An increased of private docks within public beach areas has been noted as a growing concern. Consider consolidating private docks into allocated marina. Consolidation and additional regulation of new marina development will work to alleviate environmental pressures and retain intended use for neighbourhood beaches.

4.4.3 Community Garden

There is an existing community garden located just outside of the Resort Village office. The public engagement process and survey shows community garden is an amenity that is not a major priority however is still a desired expansion item. The existing community location is currently being expanded from 50 plots to 100 plots in the 2023 season.

Opportunities for the addition of community and neighbourhood gardens are to be reviewed based on demand.

4.4.4 Play Spaces and Outdoor Fitness

Existing play spaces include:

- Waskateena Playground and outdoor fitness area, located within Provincial Parks
- Minowukaw Playground, located in Provincial Parks
- Memorial Park Playground, located within the Lakeside Subdivision
- Candle Lake Playground, located in front of the Resort Village office
- Sandy Bay Campground, location within Provincial Parks

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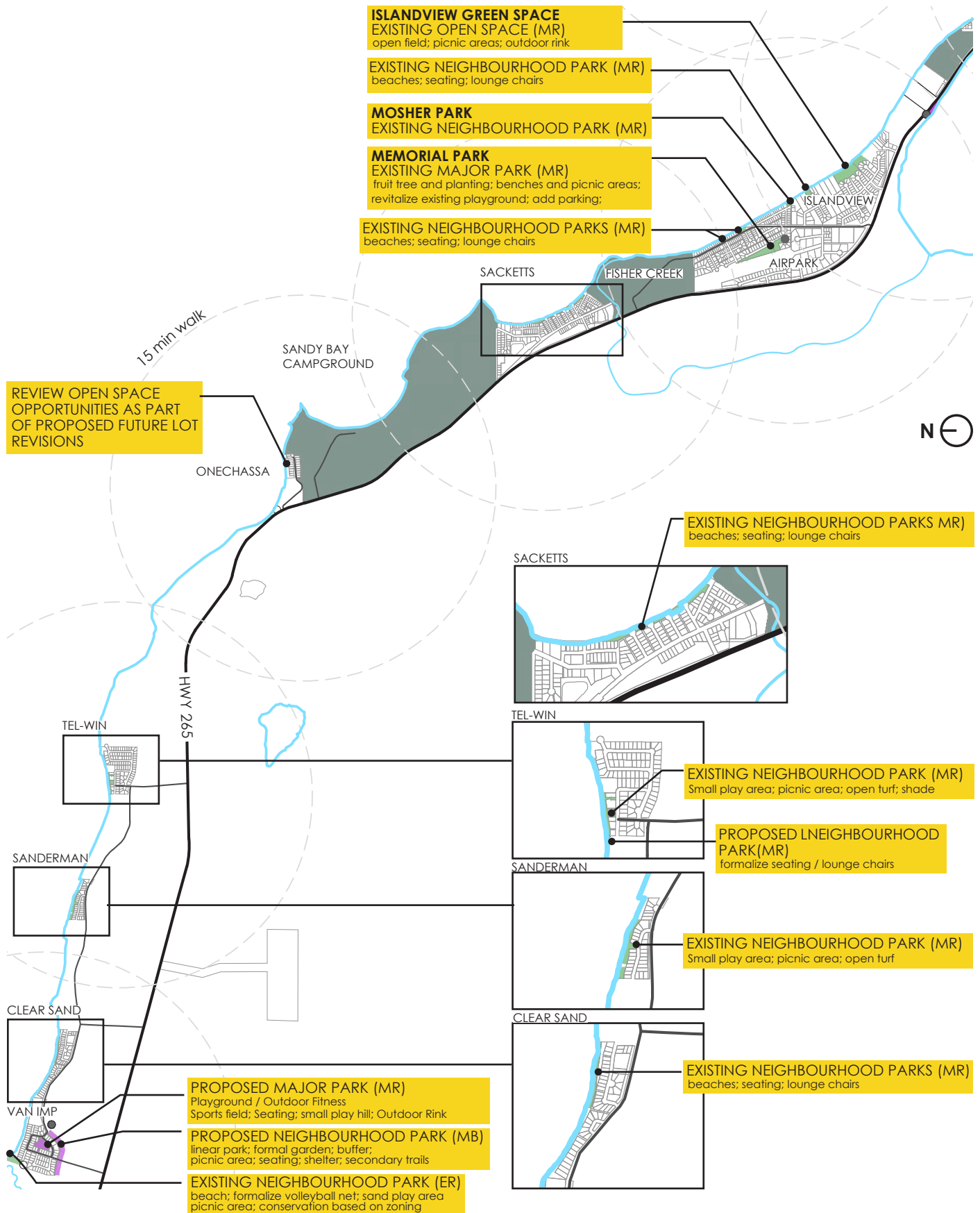


Figure 11: Park and Open Space System - West

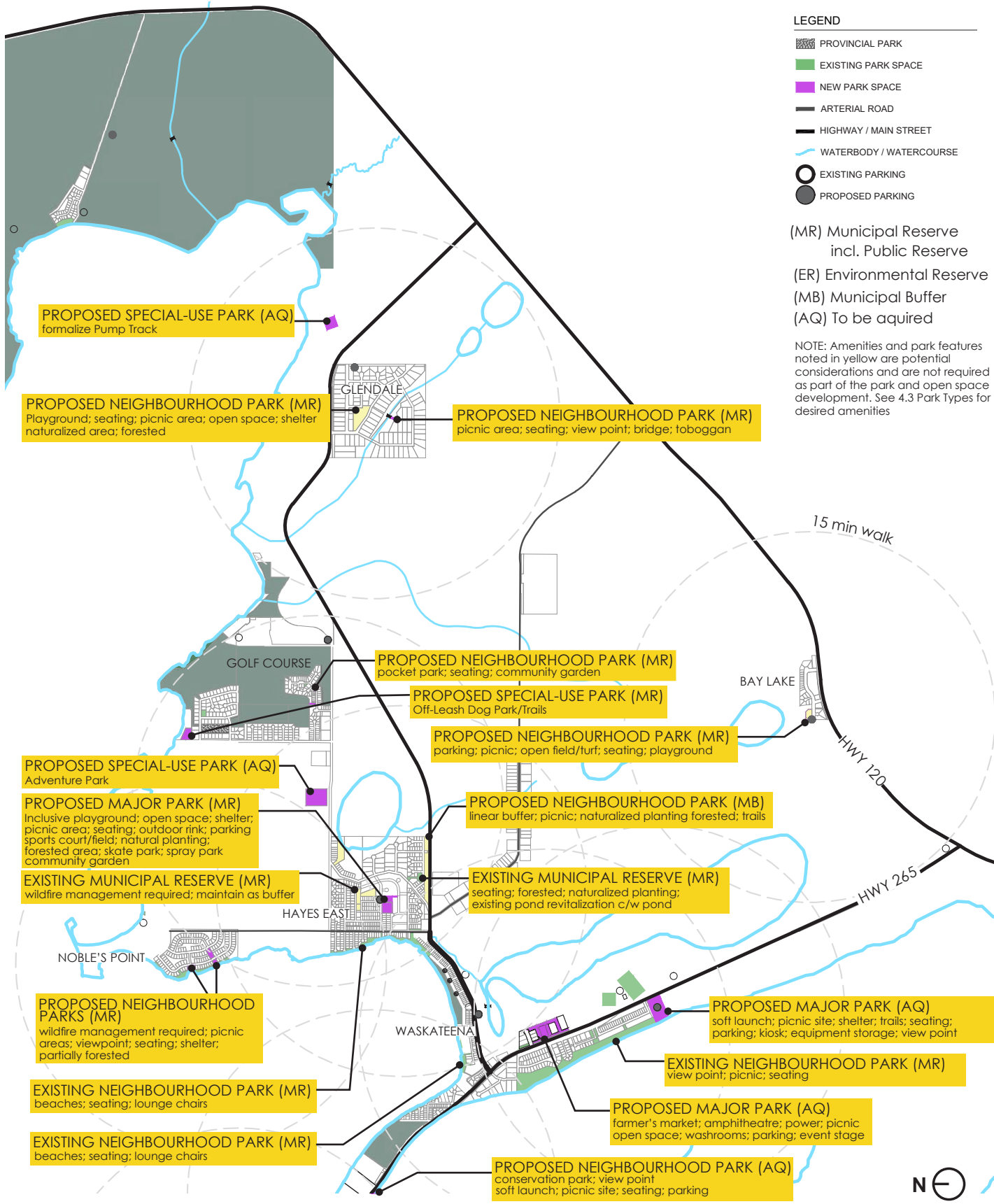


Figure 12: Park and Open Space System - East

New playground sites should be located within areas where there are gaps in accessible playground equipment. Proposed playground locations include the following subdivision sites:

- Van Impe – Medium sized playground site in proposed Major Park space; Natural Sand play in proposed Neighbourhood Park (beach)
- Telwin or Sanderman– Smaller pocket playground in Existing Neighbourhood Park
- Hayes East – Large inclusive playground site as part of proposed Major Park space
- Glendale – Small/Medium size playground site in proposed Neighbourhood Park
- Bay Lake Subdivision – Small/medium size playground in proposed Neighbourhood Park
- Along secondary and Primary Paths/Trails

Memorial Park Playground is located within a low area of the site and is experiencing water ponding and drainage issues. Despite this, the equipment appears to be in good condition and was built relatively recently in 2016. Relocation of equipment to a higher location, with weeping tile and/or French drain system would be suitable for remediation.

New playground locations would also benefit from the addition of outdoor fitness equipment nearby, providing fitness opportunities for the public, as well as giving parents and caregivers the opportunity to exercise while their children are playing.

4.4.5 Winter Activities and Sports

As part of the engagement process, the desire to expand on recreational winter activities was noted as a means of providing four-season tourism, and continued service and economic stability through all seasons. Embracing winter is also a way of improving livability for residents through long dark and cold months, with many Canadian cities becoming 'Winter Cities', by adopting winter-specific design principles to support year-round programming and encourage getting outdoors.



Winter sculptures



Skating Trails



Dome dining experiences



example pump track



Example adventure park

Existing winter activities include:

- Cross-country skiing
- Ice-fishing
- Snowshoeing
- Curling
- Snowmobiling
- Hockey and Skating (Golf Resort)
- Use of heaters; fires and blankets for outdoor patios (Golf Resort)

Candle Lake also has multiple Winter festivals and activities such as the festival of lights (Provincial Parks) which promotes staying active during the winter months.

Introducing new winter activities and providing additional amenities will help towards increased winter interest for permanent residents and visitors. Proposed additional Winter activities and sports include but are not limited to:

- Van Impe – play hill and skating rink in proposed Major Park
- Islandview Greenspace – skating oval or rink
- Glendale – toboggan hill or slide in proposed Neighbourhood Park
- Hayes East – outdoor rink in proposed Major Park
- Proposed Market Square – use of Amphitheatre and site for winter festival use
- Warming shelters for key winter locations

4.4.6 Adventure Park

Candle Lake is a fantastic setting for the installation of an aerial Adventure Park, which is an elevated system of ropes courses. Guests climb high in the treetops to navigate a series of wooden bridges, net walkways, balance logs, ziplines, and other courses, with varying challenge levels.

The popularity of this activity has been growing in recent years and a unique adventure park attraction in the area could provide a desirable destination activity to tourists and short-term residents as a way of diversifying recreation with the bonus of revenue and summer employment.

There are challenges with adventure park facilities. The facility must be operated by trained professionals and staff and climbing harness and helmet equipment required and kept to a high standard.

4.4.7 Pump Track

An unplanned bike track has been created by members of the community at the entrance of Camp Tawow. Created by constant use, sand track surfacing surrounding existing trees is a concern for tree viability and user safety. While the existing condition has been created from prohibited use, there is an opportunity to formalize this space into a pump track to meet the demands of this recreational group, with limited further disturbance to the area.

Pump tracks are a series of rollers and banks that users (cyclists, skateboarders, wheelchairs; BMX; other riders) use the act of ‘pumping’ to move through the track. These tracks cater to variety of difficulty levels which make them accessible to a diversity of user groups.

Pump tracks are relatively simple and not expensive to construct, which have made them very popular for municipalities to implement over the past several years.

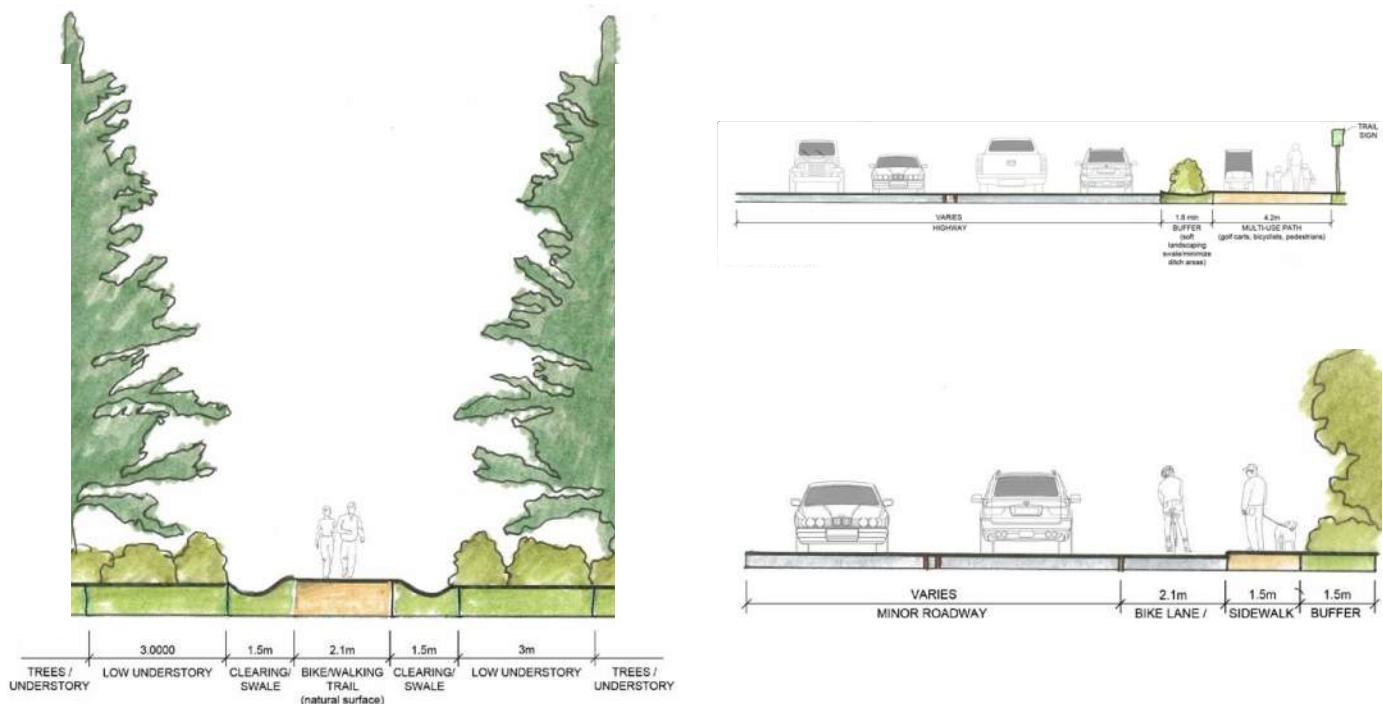


Figure 12: Trail Design Guideline Example



Resting area example



Crushed aggregate accessible trail example



Example etiquette signage

4.5 Trail Amenity Specific Improvements

4.5.1 Pedestrian and Cycling Trails

Resort Village trails are intended to support walking, hiking and an appreciation for nature. RVCL has approximately 50 kilometers of existing trail, with varying intensities of use, and desires to expand the network further to physically connect every neighbourhood as a means of alternative transportation and increased social connection. Designated as a top priority through the engagement process, partnership with the Provincial Parks will be invaluable to the success of implementing this major goal.

See Section 4.2.2.3 and Figure 8 for Bay Lake boardwalk trail recommendations.

Current signage at trailheads shows the master trail map and name the trail route. Signage should further provide trail users with comprehensive information about each trail, and convey the route, level of difficulty and distances, and amenity information. Signage at trailheads can be used to reinforce trail etiquette and appropriate use.

Other key improvements to trails that require further investment of labour and capital are:

- Re-naturalization of rogue trails with signage and demarcation for controlled access;
- Add rest areas at regular intervals;
- Clearing of fallen trees obstructing trail systems and continued annual maintenance;
- Improved accessibility near core routes;
- Visitor infrastructure at appropriate entrances and exits and along major routes including rest stops, waste and recycling receptacles, bike parking, warming shelters, outhouse, and washrooms and
- Added control access and boundary markers.

Key improvements to also include the approved Trails Advisory Board - 5 year plan – 2023-2027 (Pending).

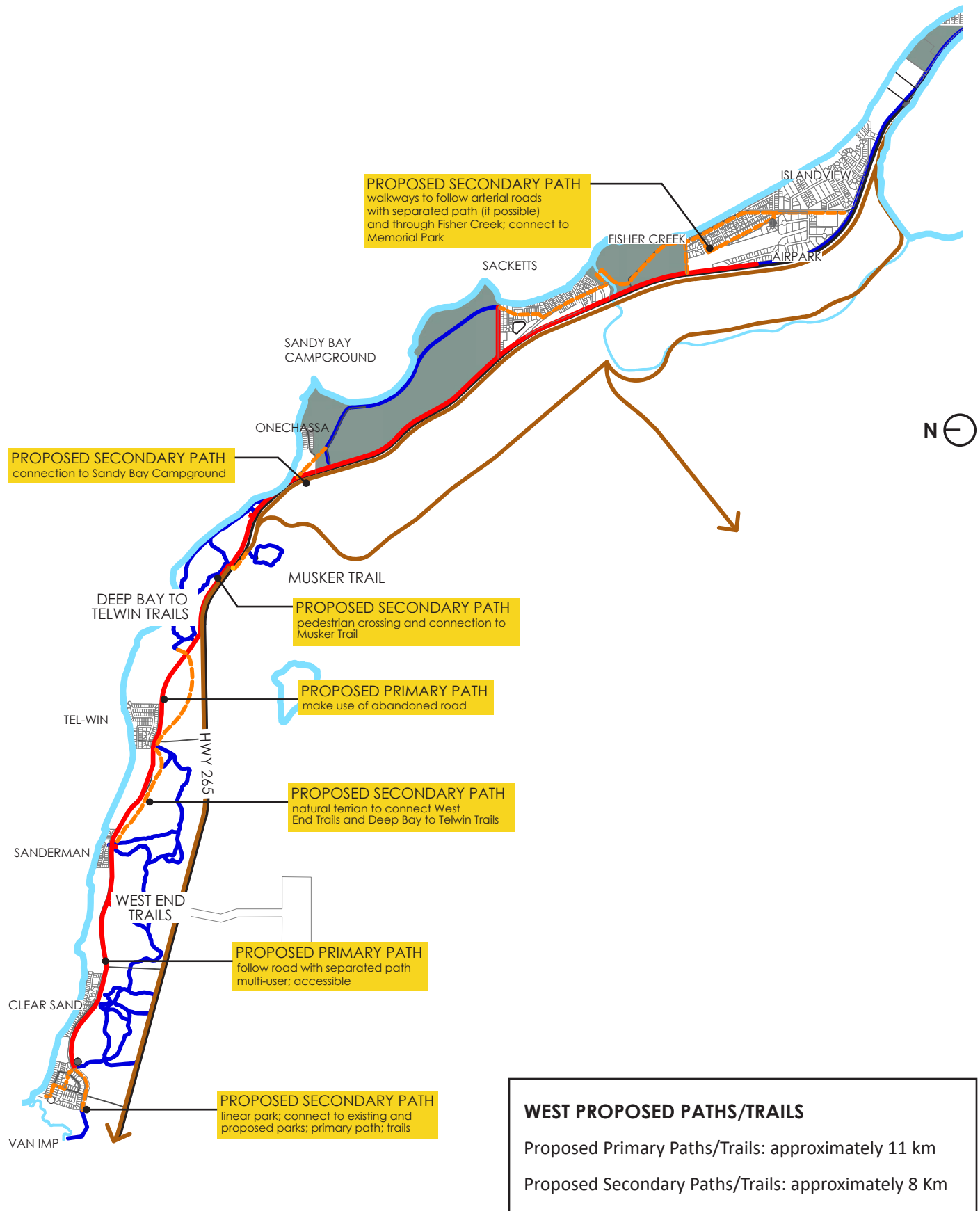
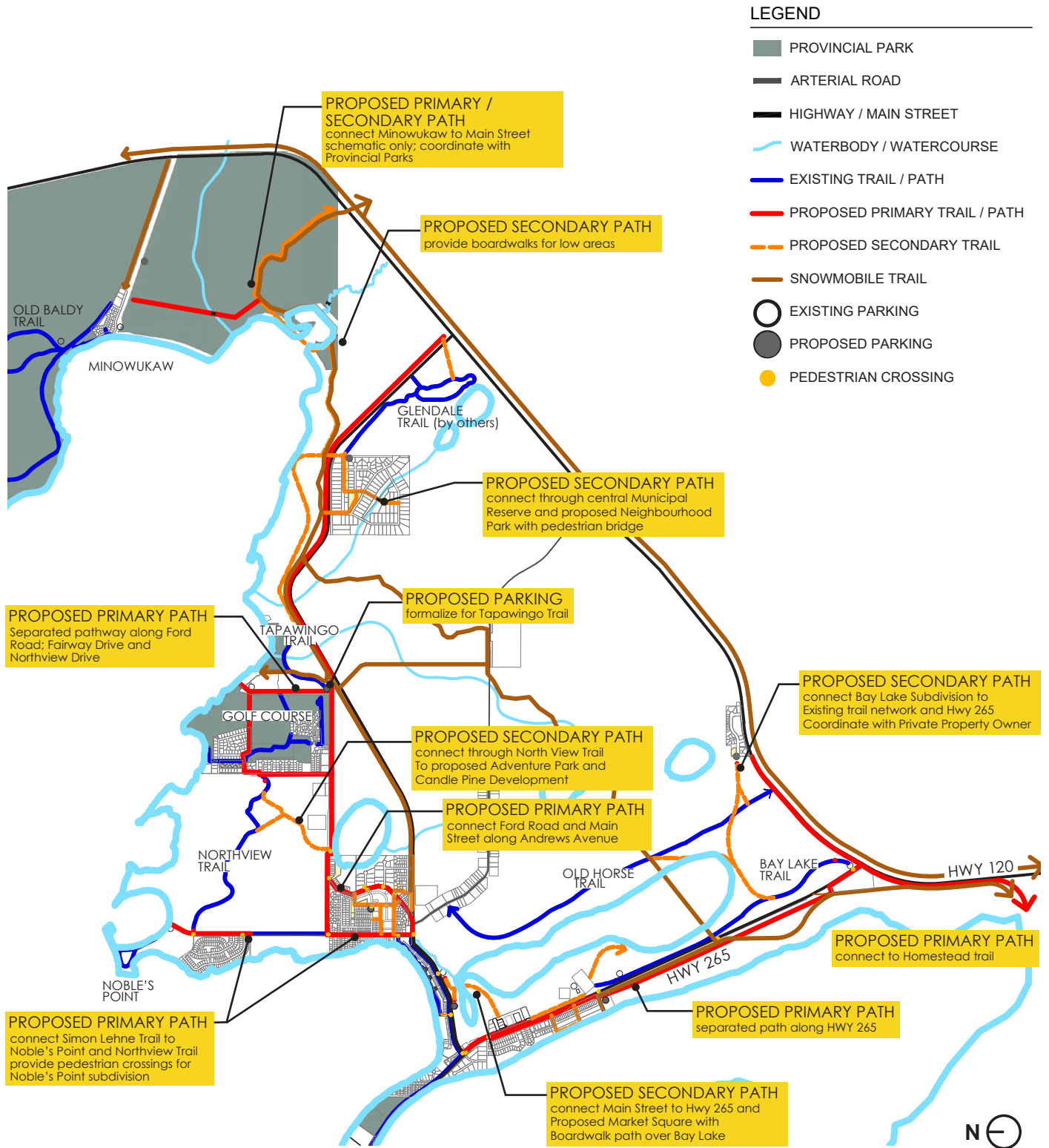


Figure 14: Path and Trail Network - West



EAST PROPOSED PATHS/TRAILS

Proposed Primary Paths/Trails: approximately 25 km

Proposed Secondary Paths/Trails: approximately 17 km

Figure 15: Path and Trail Network - East



existing control access in Northview trail



example of trailhead and resting area at parking lot

Where possible, Major trails and pathways suitable for multi-user groups should employ universal design and provide enough space for multi-user groups. Surfacing might vary depending on intensity of trail use. See Section 4.3.6 and 4.3.7.

Core major paths and trails should be made accessible year-round, with enhanced snow clearing to ensure access through winter months.

Design guidelines for pathway and trail standards should be developed. Trail guidelines will offer a consistent treatment for new trail or path types, with a set of standards used throughout the Resort Village.

4.5.2 Trail Activities

Incorporating recreational amenities adjacent to existing and proposed trails can further diversify the trails recreation opportunities and take advantage of existing infrastructures.

Recreational opportunities include but are not limited to:

- Resting and day picnicking areas at trailheads
- Fitness nodes such as outdoor workout stations, parkour, or fitness play equipment
- Continued geocaching (by others)
- Adventure Park connection
- pump track or terrain park

4.5.3 Parking

Parking lots and smaller parking areas throughout the Resort Village specifically used to access trailheads are not formalized with stall markings and are typically a crusher dust surface. Post stall indicators are an appropriate addition to inform proper and efficient use.

Trailheads that do not have any existing parking available should be provided, including but not limited to Tapawingo Trail, at the corner of Fairway Drive and Ford Rd, and along Telwin at Candle Lake Drive West. New parking should be designed to meet the needs of the attended use and context, with larger parking lots to accommodate major destination areas; and parallel, perpendicular or layby parking stalls for trail use or along roads with major boundaries or constraints.

4.5.4 Boundary Demarcation and Control Access

Existing controlled trail access and trail demarcation has worked to ensure trails are maintained for appropriate user groups.

Trails meant for pedestrian and cyclists without access control have been subject to trail surface degradation due to other user group usage.

4.5.5 ATV Use

ATV access on roadways is already permitted as part of the Resort Village of Candle Lake ATV Bylaw. There are currently between 1300-1400 registered ATVs for the Candle Lake area. The Resort Village is now looking to find the safest and least impactful way to accommodate both recreation and transportation needs for ATV users.

Proper “share the road” signage should be installed to formalize ATV users as an acceptable roadway user. As noted in the ATV Bylaw, it is prohibited to operate an ATV within areas that are ditched or designed for drainage.

As part of the Master Plan study the question of how to provide ATV users a route through the trail network and whether these routes should accommodate ATV users was discussed.

A comprehensive existing ATV trail network is unknown. With such an expansive area, surveying all the existing ATV trails was not viable to be included for this Master Plan. However, observations on existing practices indicate that, while prohibited, ATV's often practice using both sides of roadways, snowmobile designated trails, un-controlled or abandoned walking trails, and use ‘desire-line’ or rogue trails through undefined forested areas.



existing unplanned track (non-permitted)



rutting caused by non-permitted ATV use

There is a concern that rogue trails have been a main cause for environmental damage within forested areas and further damages will continue without proper designation, controls, and demarcation.

Major improvements and restoration involving labour and capital costs must be taken to accommodate ATV trail use:

- An inventory audit should be provided to get a greater understanding of existing conditions.
- Required control barrier and demarcations
- Added ATV trails to supplement roadways leading outside of Candle Lake. Separation of ATV user groups from pedestrian, cycling and snowmobile trails.
- Added wayfinding and etiquette signage

Once implemented, ATV trails should be designed to keep the water off the tread and avoid flat areas as there is a potential for the trail to collect water. Trails should also avoid using the steepest/shortest parts of hills as this can aid to erosion.

4.6 Environmental Considerations

As part of the Public survey, respondents had expressed concern for lake stewardship and sustainability of fish habitat, as well as 'pack in-pack out' practices. Consideration for a Blue Heron nesting site as part of the Master Plan was also a well acknowledged as part of the engagement process.

The following recommendations are a response to preserving lake health and fish habitat, and protection of environmental and ecological sensitive areas in Candle Lake:

- Limit future proposed Marina development will help to alleviate unsustainable growth and crowding of motorized boats on Candle Lake



example interpretive signage showing fish species



example bird watching on boardwalk



Deer along Main Street



example interpretive signage

- Identify beach and waterfront park areas that are vulnerable to human and climate change impacts. Nature-based strategies to mitigate any potential issues should be employed for areas of concern
- Develop non-motorized boating along Torch Lake to alleviate Candle Lake pressures and congestion. See 4.2.2.1 for Torch Lake development recommendations.
- Further inventory of environmentally and ecologically significant areas in and adjacent to the Resort Village should be conducted, which will help towards dedication of new conservation areas and protect environmentally significant areas
- Acquiring and dedicating environmental and ecologically sensitive areas as Environmental Reserves and Conservation Parks as a means of protecting these areas from unwanted development
- Commission of Wildfire Management in collaboration with the Province of Saskatchewan should be implemented and include noted concern areas suitable for thinning

Additional information, etiquette and learning opportunities for residence and visitors will be a critical part of the success of maintaining and protecting Candle Lake's natural heritage, resources, and beauty. Interpretive and informational signage, for instance, will work to acknowledge and celebrate important habitat, spawning, and environmental sites. With positive learning opportunities and enforcement, Resort Village has to opportunity for increased stewardship, and desire to respect 'pack in pack out' practices.



SECTION 5

5.0 IMPLEMENTATION

The key to successfully implement a Master Plan is setting out priorities for improvements and acting on priority items over the expanse of the twenty-year period.

Implementation of the Plan can begin right away. Some early implementation steps for instance include a focus on background studies, partnership development; acquisition of land (if applicable), and any pre-requisites to complete major projects prior to development should be undertaken. Major safety and accessibility issues should be highlighted as a priority to resolve. Smaller, yet impactful projects should also be implemented immediately as a baseline for success. This will ensure the public sees the Council's commitment on improvements, and to set in motion a positive momentum for future phases.

5.1 Implementation Strategies

1. Invest in repairs, and on-going maintenance to meet safety and accessibility requirements;
2. Commission studies and reviews as a pre-requisite to major improvements;
3. Commit to seeking sources of funding and revenue, and establishing partnerships to help offset costs, with cost-sharing opportunities; and
4. Assess successes and monitor progress each year to determine the best course of action for full implementation.

5.2 Priorities and Phases

Based on consideration of the recommendations presented in Section 4, and a combined survey completed by key stakeholders, the following table provides a summary of the recommendations, priorities, and initial phases.

5.2.1 Priority Criteria

HIGHEST: Action is identified as a top priority through engagement process; an immediate need to implement the action is required; and/or the action will support all desired outcomes of the Plan.

HIGH: Action is identified as a major priority through engagement process; the need to implement the action is required in a relatively short time; and/or the action will support all desired outcomes of the Plan.

MODERATE: Action is identified as a priority through engagement process; a short term or near future requirement to implement the action is necessary; and/or the action supports most desired outcomes of the Plan.

LOW: Action is not identified as a major priority; a need to address the action is not immediate or within a short-term period; and/or the action supports few desired outcomes.

5.2.2 Phasing Criteria

Taking into consideration priority action items identified in the table, priority items, recommended to be completed in the first seven years of the Plan are separated into Phase 1 and 2. Items recommended to be implemented following these seven years, or following the priority of these phases, are noted as 'future' action items. Future items will require revisiting of future phasing in as the Plan progresses.

Phase 1: Establishment Period (Years 1-3)

Phase 2 : Enhancement and Expansion Period (Years 4-7)

Future Phase (F): 7+ Years

STAKEHOLDER OBJECTIVES	ACTION	PRIORITY	PHASE
Protect the Environment			
1. Candle Lake is clean and beautiful. Its protection is as important as our enjoyment of it.	1. Undertake an Inventory of environmentally and ecologically significant areas in and adjacent to the Resort Village.	HIGHEST	1
	2. Develop Torch and Bay Lakes as park areas to alleviate pressure at Candle Lake. Development should be suited to conservation and celebration of ecologically significant areas. Lake access should be limited to non-motorized use only.	HIGH-MODERATE	1
	3a. Design interpretive signage providing learning opportunities, acknowledging and celebrating important ecological and environmental areas, including but not limited to important fish spawning sites.	HIGH	1
	3b. Implement signage	MODERATE	2
	4. Consolidate private docks into allocated marinas, and regulate new marina development to alleviate environmental pressures and retain intended use for neighbourhood beaches.	HIGHEST	1
	5. Acquire and dedicate environmentally sensitive areas as ER lands as a means of protecting these areas from unwanted development.	HIGHEST	1
	6. Identify existing beaches and waterfront park areas that may be vulnerable to human and climate change impacts. Review and implement nature-based strategies to mitigate potential impacts.	HIGH	1

Figure 16: Implementation Priorities and Initial Phasing

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OBJECTIVES

ACTION

PRIORITY

PHASE

Support Volunteer Groups			
<p>2. Candle Lake has benefited from great community spirit. People are good neighbours to each other. Dedicated volunteers take on a wide range of tasks important to community safety and quality of life. Continued citizen engagement is vital for our community.</p>	<p>1. The Parks and Recreation Board do an excellent job of providing a wide variety of activities (indoor and outdoor) for all ages and financial abilities to enjoy. The Trails Advisory Board is also busy with the extensive network of multi-use trails. Ongoing support for, and coordination of, these efforts is important.</p>	HIGHEST	ALL
	<p>2. Critical protective services are provided on a volunteer basis. Continued recruitment of new volunteers for these and other valuable community services is equally critical.</p>	HIGHEST	ALL
<p>3. Volunteer groups contribute to the beauty and enjoyment of Candle Lake. There are opportunities to support these efforts and continue to grow community pride and sense of place.</p>			

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PHASE

Enhance Existing Trails			
4. The network of existing trails are beloved. There are opportunities for enhancements.	1. Improve existing parking and formalize parking at major trailheads.	HIGH	2
	2. Continue to enhance and restore existing trails ; re-naturalize rogue trails	HIGHEST	1
	3a. Signage Design to provide comprehensive information about the specific trail, convey the route, level of difficulty, amenity information, distances, regulatory information and trail etiquette.	HIGH	1
	3b. Implement signage.	MODERATE	ALL
	4. Implement visitor infrastructure at trailheads and along trails including but not limited to rest stops, receptacles, bike parking, warming shelters, outhouses and washrooms. This will provide an improved trail experience and meet trail user needs.	HIGHEST/ HIGH	2
	5. Improve barrier-free wheelchair accessible design near core routes.	HIGH/ MODERATE	2
	6. Install control access barriers and boundary markers for pedestrian and cycling trails to limit vehicular use.	HIGHEST	1
	7. Conduct an inventory of existing ATV trails throughout the Resort Village and adjacent areas.	HIGH	2
	8. Develop an ATV designated trail network suitable for recreational and off-road use.	MODERATE	F
9. Maintain accessibility for a variety of uses through all seasons. Provide snow clearing on major paths and cross-country ski trails to ensure availability year round.	HIGHEST	ALL	

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PRIORITY

PHASE

Expand the Trail Network			
4. The network of existing trails are beloved. There are opportunities for enhancements.	1. Develop design guidelines and path and trail standards to offer consistent treatment of new trails.	HIGH	1
	2. Expand the network to eventually connect every neighbourhood to major destinations and each other, providing an alternative transportation network throughout the community.	HIGHEST	ALL
	3. Partner with Provincial Parks and other Owners to connect trail network within Provincial property and other private property areas to the Resort Village's designated trail system.	HIGHEST	ALL
	4a. Linear boardwalk park Design through Bay Lake	HIGH	1
	4b. Implement Linear Park	MODERATE	2

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PHASE

Expand Recreation Opportunities			
5. There are several popular hubs for recreational activity. These hubs and other potential locations present opportunities.	1. Establish a central hub for large gatherings, festivals and community events.	HIGH / MODERATE	1/2
	2. Implement additional and effective parking spaces for new destinations to alleviate problematic parking issues.	MODERATE	2
	3. Acquire and formalize community park space as needed to ensure residents are within a 15 minute walk of a recreation focused park	HIGH / MODERATE	2
	4. Acquire and formalize additional park spaces as noted on the plan for new recreation opportunities.	MODERATE	2
	5. complete wildfire thinning for existing MR Lands suited for open space or park space conversion. Maintain buffers as needed to ensure residents have appropriate screening. Maintain tree cover for suitable habitat and wildlife corridors.	HIGH	1
	6. Establish soft launch and day picnicking parks along Torch Lake, with revenue opportunities for equipment rentals	HIGH	1
	7. Establish an all-new Adventure Park as a destination park	MODERATE LOW	F
	8. Establish an all-new Pump Track	MODERATE LOW	F
	9. Implement winter design principles, and new winter recreation opportunities	MODERATE LOW	F

STAKEHOLDER OBJECTIVES	ACTION	PRIORITY	PHASE
Enhance Existing Parks			
5. continued	1. prepare park design guidelines and consistent park furnishing guidelines for consistent identity throughout the Resort Village	HIGHEST	1
	2. Develop and expand on a park signage standard for wayfinding, regulatory, etiquette, caution and safety, and entrance signs.	HIGH/MODERATE	2
	3. Establish park names for newly established park spaces and existing nameless parks.	MODERATE	2
	4. Undertake a playground program to ensure families and children of all ages and abilities have access to local play spaces. Provide a diversity of play spaces of varying sizes (small, med, destination) and consider innovative play spaces that are inclusive, nature-based, provide thermal comfort, and integrate the latest playground research.	HIGHEST	1
	5. Convert open spaces into developed parks on neighbourhood and major park levels	HIGH	2
	6. Enhance existing parks by providing convenient and comfortable amenities that support small gatherings and restfulness such as benches, picnic tables, picnic shelters, lounge chairs (beach areas) and waste and recycling receptacles. Arrange site furnishings to maximize views and promote conversation.	HIGH	ALL

STAKEHOLDER OBJECTIVES	ACTION	PRIORITY	PHASE
	<p>7. Provide appropriate infrastructure and amenities to support winter activities and encourage winter recreation and festivals. These can include fire pit areas, clearing of park paths and installation of pathway lighting, skating rinks or ponds, shelters and wind screening through evergreen trees.</p>	MODERATE	2 / F
	<p>8. Implement an outdoor fitness space targeting intergenerational use, with fitness equipment, parkour, or other fitness play equipment. This outdoor fitness space should be placed in a major park location with views or high levels of social activity.</p>	HIGH	2



SECTION 6

6.0 CONCLUSION

Prioritizing social and physical connections effectively provide accessible neighbourhood recreation and park open space, while keeping the beauty of Candle Lake top of mind is a forward-thinking Master Plan. When implemented, the realized Master Plan will set the Resort Village of Candle Lake as an advanced and progressive place to live and visit, with enhanced sense of place and identity.

The Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan, set within a 20-year timeframe will realize a range of benefits for the Resort Village of Candle Lake.

Benefits will include a significant boost in diversity of recreational opportunities for local and seasonal residents and visitors, physical and social connection for all of Candle Lake, additional revenue resulting from identified projects, improved safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and an added range of accessible high-quality infrastructure to encourage increased exercise, leisure, health, and well-being.

SECTION 7

7.0 APPENDICES



Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan Stakeholder Engagement Results

Phase One Summary of Results

Stakeholder engagement helps provide background and context for broader public engagement. Through a series of one-on-one chats, emails and two workshops, the perspectives of stakeholders help shape the scope and general direction of the plan that can then be developed and tested through the Master Planning process.

Who Are The Stakeholders?

An extensive list of 26 organizations representing recreational interests and user groups, business, and regional stakeholders and facilities were contacted during this Phase One portion of the project (see Attachment 1). Sixteen (16) organizations took the opportunity to engage with the project so far. Those who have not yet engaged with the project are largely from regional stakeholder groups.

We will continue to maintain contact with stakeholders throughout the project, and invite additional stakeholders to provide input as they are identified through future project phases.

What Have Stakeholders Told Us?

The Master Plan will build on the strength of existing assets and identify opportunities where gaps may exist. Its objectives are to:

- Physically connect the community to strengthen its social connections.
- Meet the recreation needs of residents and visitors today and into the future.
- Create a green space blueprint for community-wide and neighbourhood-level parks and open spaces.

The following themes emerged from conversations about existing assets aligning to these objectives.

- Candle Lake is clean and beautiful. Its protection is as important as our enjoyment of it.
 - The lake is facing a lot of recreational pressures. Exploration of the potential to use the surrounding Torch and Bay Lakes for non-motorized activities might help alleviate some of this pressure.
 - Implementing land use and management practices through new green space policies may help preserve lake health.
 - Fish habitat protection provides benefits to people as well as fish.

- Candle Lake has benefited from great community spirit. People are good neighbours to each other. Dedicated volunteers take on a wide range of tasks important to community safety and quality of life. Continued citizen engagement is vital for our community.
 - The Parks and Recreation Board do an excellent job of providing a wide variety of activities (indoor and outdoor) for all ages and financial abilities to enjoy. The Trails Advisory Board is also busy with the extensive network of multi-use trails. Ongoing support for, and coordination of, these efforts is important.
 - Communities in Bloom contribute to the beauty and enjoyment of Candle Lake. There are opportunities to leverage these efforts and continue to grow community pride and sense of place.
 - Critical protective services are provided on a volunteer basis. Continued recruitment of new volunteers for these and other valuable community services is equally critical.
 - Volunteers organize a number of events. These add to community vitality.

- The network of existing trails are beloved. There are opportunities for enhancements.
 - Expand the network to eventually connect every neighbourhood, providing an alternative transportation network throughout the community.
 - Maintain accessibility for a variety of uses through all seasons.
 - Improve trailheads (e.g. parking).

- There are several popular hubs for recreational activity – Waskateena and Minowukaw beaches, the Candle Lake Golf Resort, and the Village Community Hall and surrounding facilities. These hubs present opportunities.
 - All season activity and high standards of maintenance are important as Candle Lake develops its vitality into the future.
 - There are opportunities to explore new recreational opportunities to meet expressed needs.
 - Providing attractions for families and activities for children of all ages and abilities is important.
 - A central hub for community events larger than 1000 people is missing.
 - A lack of neighbourhood-level green space development is missing.
 - Without a complete, accessible and maintained alternative transportation network, parking is problematic at popular areas.

The detailed summaries from stakeholder conversations are provided in Attachment 2.

What Does This Mean For The Next Phase Of The Project?

These themes will be further developed in the following ways:

- (1) The consultant team will undertake studies of surrounding lakes, neighbourhood greenspace and broader open spaces to assess opportunities and constraints.
- (2) Public engagement will begin, utilizing an online survey and in-person engagement at ‘pop-up’ events throughout the early summer months. Through engagement, recreational needs and demand will be assessed.

ATTACHMENT 1 – STAKEHOLDER LIST

Phase One

Recreational Interests and User Groups

- ✓ Candle Lake Trails Advisory Board
- ✓ Candle Lake Parks and Recreation Board
- ✓ Communities in Bloom
- ✓ Candle Lake Health Committee
- ✓ Candle Lake Sno Drifters
- ✓ Candle Lake Seniors Club
- ✓ Pickleball
- ✓ Badminton
- Yoga
- ✓ Fitness
- Saskatchewan Trappers Association
- ✓ Ducks Unlimited
- Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation
- Hannin Creek Education Centre

Business

- ✓ Candle Lake Chamber of Commerce
- Candle Lake Outfitters
- ✓ Candle Lake Golf Resort

Regional Stakeholders and Facilities

- ✓ Candle Lake Provincial Park
- ✓ RM of Paddockwood
- ✓ Ministry of Environment – Wildfire mitigation program; ecological management
- Ministry of Highways
- George Gordon First Nation
- Muskoday First Nation
- Prince Albert Grand Council / PADC
- Metis Northern Region 1

Resort Village of Candle Lake

- ✓ Council and Administration

Phase Two Additional Stakeholders

Candlewood Cove Marina

Harbourview Marina and RV Park

Mariners Cove RV Park

Misty Meadows RV Park

Nobles Point Marina and RV Park

Holiday Acres RV Park

Islandview Marina

Enchanted Harbour and RV Park

Candle Lake Golf Course Marina and RV Park

ATTACHMENT 2 – NOTES FROM STAKEHOLDER CONVERSATIONS

Project Objectives

People 'buy-in' to plans when they believe in the identified outcomes. The following outcome themes were discussed with the Candle Lake Council.

Theme	Key points in discussion
Social cohesion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a 'spill-over' of visitors from the Provincial Parks and an opportunity to see these people socially contribute. - There is a divide between seasonal cabin and RV park residents with no social interaction across the communities. - The community is very diverse and includes day-trippers. - 'Disconnects' between various social groups are significant. - There is 30 kms between meeting places. It is ideal to link them all with trails and linear parks, but not feasible in the near term. - There is no central 'core area' for everyone (i.e. thousands of visitors) to gather. Current sites can accommodate dozens. - History of RV park residents voting may have created angst now that they no longer can due to provincial law. - Lack of assets affecting cohesion (e.g. cannot host a ball tournament, not enough community garden space, places for ATVs to be used [1300-1400 permits issued]). - Desire for recreational need and demand study and gap analysis.
Economic vitality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote what exists today. - More emphasis on winter to help with business viability. - Leverage the level of activity that occurred during the pandemic.
Explore opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Study use of surrounding lakes and what's possible. - Viable green space within each subdivision for picnics, community gardens, and informal use. - Need for better inventory of Municipal Reserve and undeveloped spaces. - Kayak rentals. - Improved collaboration with the Provincial Park.

Asset Analysis

Asset Gaps	Key points in discussion
No core area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Large gatherings (e.g. thousands of people) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Market square concept proposed for funding to Prairies Economic (previously Western Economic Diversification) including washrooms and event stage. - Community hub / information kiosk to communicate with campers, cabins and day trippers.
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waskateena beach - Trailheads - Future recreational developments
Connectivity and Alternative transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accommodation of ATVs - Regulation of golf carts - Cycling/walking
Immediate needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of Torch Lake for non-motorized watercraft (soft launch/access). - Boardwalk/esplanade/bike trail connecting Waskateena and Bay Lake (precedents include Malecon in Puerto Vallarta or Sea Wall in Vancouver or boardwalks at Coney Island or Myrtle Beach) - Parking solution at Waskateena.

Assets To Build Upon	Key points in discussion
Incredible base of volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communities-in-Bloom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Fundraise for assets that are installed in parks - Lots of volunteer groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Concern that some people on many committees (possible fatigue); new volunteers needed to maintain vitality
Grant funding opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - e.g. wheelchair water access - e.g. Market Square

Prouds

Council	Parks & Recreation Board / Trails Association / Communities in Bloom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - clean, beautiful lake (pristine) - beaches (beauty) - parks - fishing - people come here and have fun; vacation resort; funseekers - opportunity for all ages and financial abilities to enjoy - diversity of users; diversity of activities - drive towards 'fun' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - clean water; clear (most of the time) - room on the lake for all (so far) - great community spirit; good neighbors (e.g. for snow removal) - good internet - established trails; all areas of the lake have trails - trails designated for different use (e.g. cross-country ski, snowshoe); beauty of trails - trails committee

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - volunteers: first responders, fire fighters, community groups; health group - effective Parks and Rec Board - curling facility (volunteer-run) - new library - facilities around the office; hall - lots of trails, trail system - snowmobile trails; vintage racing - golf course: community involvement; activities in winter (e.g. skating rink, snowshoe and ski trails, Christmas tree lighting) - Large checkers board (coming 2022) - Fitness park (coming 2022) - events; Mystical Forest, Winter Walk, Trunk or Treat - winter activities - recycling in the community - community services - community involvement; passionate residents; the amount of people who care - community groups and clubs - community hall activities - active living - art club - clean ditches; Pitch In event every spring - family oriented; attractions for families - natural assets: beach, lakes, forest - development: trails, golf course - new homes; housing and cabins improving - acknowledging co-existence of nature and ourselves; outdoor attention - mindfulness of others - community leaders who care; town office staff; council - council will and desire to 'think ahead' (future planning) - sense that most people are here for mostly the same things - businesses - economic support provided by our attractions - our youth - future and direction we are going; 20-year plan - people help each other; volunteer spirit; community spirit; friendly neighbors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - golf course; keep ongoing activities at the lake - open slate for future projects - winter snowmobile routes; ice fishing - camp fires - volunteers who do so much; volunteer dedication - community volunteerism - community interaction and sense of involvement - events: July 1st, water concerts, Festival Lights - health activities - seniors' level of activity; retired people living here - curling rink/club - Fire department; first responders - cemetery and church - Community hall and park around it - 3 provincial beaches well-kept - Provincial parks: disc golf - small beaches in residential areas - little parks spread thru the village - good variety of essential businesses - affordable activities available - community garden - wide variety of activities (indoor and outdoor): yoga, skiing, snowshoeing, fitness, curling, sailing, kayaking - interest in our community remaining desirable - Communities in Bloom and all their activities: flower baskets, flags, recycling - Mayor and Council - history of the area - community generosity (e.g. donation of bottles/cans) - keeping kids active throughout the year; activities for grandkids to experience the outdoors - the bakery and restaurants - Parks and Rec Board and their sponsored activities - watching the airplanes - playgrounds
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - generational property owners - positive attitude of users - accessibility via connections between communities - attention to pedestrians; accessibility for pedestrians - opportunity for alternative modes of transport (i.e. bikes, ATVs, golf carts, ebikes, snowshoe, cross-country ski, etc.) - growing community - wealth of provincial and extra-provincial resident expertise 	
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Worries

Council	Parks & Recreation Board / Trails Association / Communities in Bloom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - beach parking: Waskateena, Minowukaw - weekend lake overuse; lake/fishing overcrowded - lagoon over usage (?) - too much too fast - losing the 'calmness' - too many places and areas to develop - not enough thought about seniors going forward - negativity among seniors, not buying in - inability to accommodate the development needed to grow; no opportunity around lake - not growing economically (businesses); maintaining traffic sufficient to support new business - people worried about growth of community - cooperation between community groups; building relationships; not working together; focus on what is best; conflicts between different interest groups - leaving out groups or subdivisions - not keeping up with community growth (recreationally and economically) - mistrust among citizens - lack of public involvement/interest; community not getting involved - public criticism; office phones ringing off the wall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not enough multi-use trails - old trails left to deteriorate - more activities for residents and visitors when the weather isn't great to be at the beach - volunteer burn-out; same volunteers on every committee - new residents not volunteering - need for 'service group' within the community - seniors moving into town - no nurse practitioner; schedules that change at Health Centre - coordination of efforts and direction of the Trails Advisory Board with the Parks and Rec Board - closure of small businesses because of lack of support; some businesses active in summer only - Council taking over the senior place; Council over controlling volunteers and their budgets - overcrowding at boat launches; too many boats - fresh drinking water - great start to new opportunities being squashed by future councils - continuity of good leadership; Mayor and Council ability to manage and implement required changes - how community groups work together

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - negativity - Facebook warriors - not executing our vision/plan - staff cohesion; staff contribution and buy-in to plan - village equipment (old? repairs?) - staff overcrowded, new village office needed - not enough meeting and common space - trust; fear of change - appearance on entry to lake - not having funding to do what may be required; where the money will come from - concerns overlooked - not keeping parks maintained - not having activities for all children - continued road repairs - changes due to Covid-19 - entitlement - clashing ideas/perspectives; unable to bring everyone to agreement on what is best for community; too many people with different visions, need a shared vision of the future of Candle Lake - not having proper or complete engagement with the public - drainage issues and flooding - not protecting our lake - not staying environmentally sustainable; protecting natural beauty while accommodating growth needed to be prosperous and support amenities; hurting environment - price/cost every year to expand; ability to project costs into the future - need to provide features and amenities that our modern population have come to demand to stay attractive and relevant - staying an under-planned community - the master plan needs to represent the dynamic vision of the community, not just be 'pretty' - lack of buy-in to master plan (20-year project); future council abandons plan - meeting all user groups' concerns and expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lack of staff to maintain trails - water levels reflect new development not previous development - new development before lagoon/garbage and other utilities - coming out of Covid-19, access for all - no fish (need to stock); commercial / white fish; maintain fish spawning - too many people; overcrowding - too much attention to getting bigger too fast; impact of development on lake - too much growth; loss of community closeness - frustration leading to indifference and withdrawal - conflict between Saskatchewan Parks vs. Resort Village Candle Lake vs. community - no enforcement of restrictions on developers - no launch for paddle boards and kayaks - don't think 20-year plan is reasonable - implementation, policies and guidance for future green space initiatives - enough village staff to maintain and keep the parks, trails, etc. maintained properly - trail maintenance (trees) - green space reversed - lack of shoreline due to marinas - water level control; water situation / spring overflow - homes built with basements wanting low water level - new development flooding existing areas - winter grading of roads - too many places where Park passes required - not enough area for walking without being in traffic
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Asset Map Review

Opportunities

Council	Parks & Recreation Board / Trails Association / Communities in Bloom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - playground at Van Impe / Clearsand - accessible dock or pier for fishing (perhaps at Provincial Park) - accessible playground - ball diamonds; clustered for hosting tournaments - neighbourhood garden, washrooms, parking at Sacketts North green space - neighbourhood garden, washrooms, memorial park at Airpark - neighbourhood garden opportunity at each subdivision - playground expansion at Airpark - public washrooms at all public gathering areas - Torch Lake soft launch (for paddleboards and canoes), washrooms, parking - Cart paths (golf carts alternative transportation) - Recreational access/development of Torch and Bay Lakes - More dog parks (e.g. Van Impe, near Minowukaw) - Pocket park at Waskateena neighbourhood - New park area with play equipment near Waskateena - Shared use of old horse trail - Community park / market square idea - Community lakefront park near golf course - Lakefront gazebo, playground and community park at Noble's Point - Minowukaw day picnic area - Activities at sportsgrounds to create synergy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prioritize a west side trail connection for cycling, walking and cross-country skiing from Deep Bay to Van Impe - Maintain Fisher Creek fish habitat/spawning area - X Bay boat access? - Pedestrian path in core area from north to downtown; safe pedestrian access connecting all subdivisions - Plan for vendors at Waskateena - Leverage great relationship with golf course (sharing with groups); partner for community-based activities - Trail at Camp Tawow - Trails around the lake for walkers and cyclists; expanded development of existing trails for multi-use (e.g. Bay Lake north trail) - Winter trail clearance - Another community garden - New development mandated to provide trail and green space - Torch Lake access for parking and boat launch for canoes, kayaks, etc. - Day camping with BBQ areas away from the beach - Covered playground area for inclement or very hot weather - Missing snow mobile trails - Outdoor bandstand and community gathering place for car shows, etc. - Groomed cross-country ski trails -

Conflicts

Council	Parks & Recreation Board / Trails Association / Communities in Bloom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drainage, washrooms at Airpark - Simon Lehne playground problem - Vehicle parking for beach traffic (Waskateena) - Accessible washroom access at ball diamonds and garden area - Relationship with golf course; more cooperation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lake access for boats; overcrowded parking in residential areas - Waskateena beach parking - Access to trails that combine snowshoeing, walking, cross-country skiing - Designated quad trails

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minowukaw daytime parking - Sportsgrounds have too many things; unplanned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RM of Paddockwood expansion of development putting pressure on the lake - Parking for snowmobile trucks and trailers - Know the lake's limit – too many people is as bad as too few - Don't spoil the community concept/lifestyle that brought us to Candle Lake - Continue maintenance at the community hall and surrounding park which are well-used
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Other Notes from Additional Stakeholder Meetings Not Captured Above

- Loss of engagement by volunteers if Council takes 'control'; maintain respect for volunteers
 - o Council willingness to help committees with their plans rather than only ideas from Council (e.g. bench policy in limbo for 2.5 years)
- Confusion around governance (e.g. who maintains which trails where)
- Low level of coordination between Council and Chamber in past
 - o Value for business fees paid (e.g. investments in economic development, signage, placemaking)
- Community hall overbooked
 - o Council/Admin meetings compete with programs and community groups
 - o No room for new programs (e.g. Tae kwon do / martial arts)
- Lack of public engagement initiatives in past; ensure engagement occurs in summer season when people here
 - o Seasonals don't generate a lot of recreation registrations; what does this group of people care about?
 - o New fees may stimulate more engagement
 - o Lagoon issue is a test of engagement and transparency
- Council willingness to be transparent (e.g. use of web and Facebook)
 - o Council has big plans but is running out of time
- Other Provincial Parks are more developed; what is holding things back here? (e.g. Great Blue Heron hold stakeholder meetings 1-2 times/year; new ATV trails developed as result)
- What % of lands are dedicated for public green space and does this match community standards or expectations?
 - o Business and commercial use of public open space for marinas and RV/seasonal developments
 - o There are additional business opportunities such as interpreter/guides, rentals, programs
 - o Are there environmental quality considerations?
- Candle Lake is surrounded by wetlands and smaller lakes making development difficult
 - o Trails need more development and/or more maintenance to be accessible
 - o Wetlands habitat at Candle Lake not a current priority for Ducks Unlimited but advice on habitat improvement and interpretation available
- There is a need to do regional planning
 - o RM of Paddockwood have 2 subdivisions at Candle Lake along with a seasonal campsite
 - o Regional trail and other coordinated planning opportunities



CANDLE LAKE 20 YR MASTER PLAN

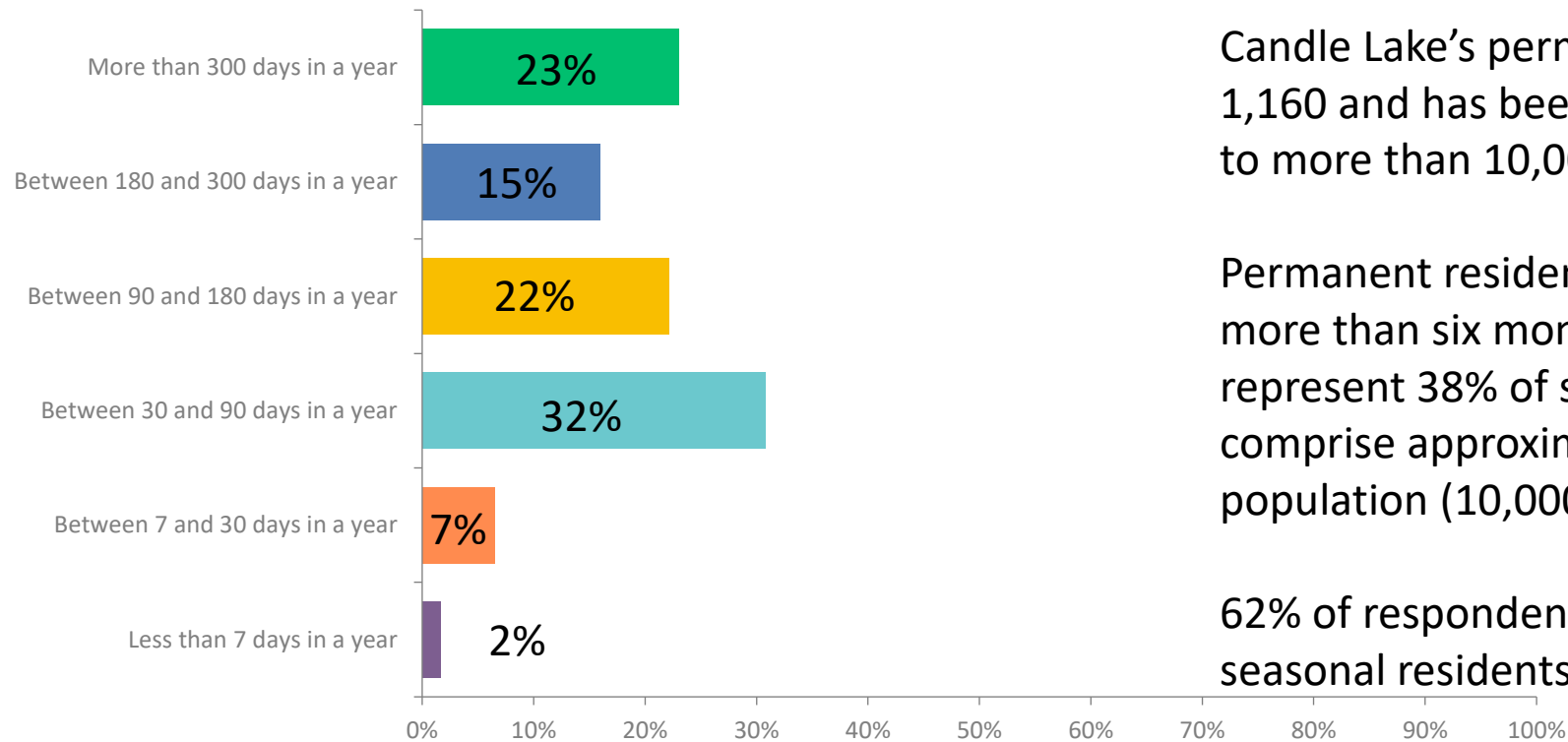
PARKS, OPEN SPACES, AND TRAILS



Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan

Survey Results

How many days in a year would you typically plan to spend at Candle Lake?



Candle Lake's permanent population is 1,160 and has been estimated to balloon to more than 10,000 over summer months.

Permanent residents (people spending more than six months at Candle Lake) represent 38% of survey responses. They comprise approximately 12% of the total population (10,000).

62% of respondents are considered seasonal residents or visitors.

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What neighbourhood do you reside in at Candle Lake?

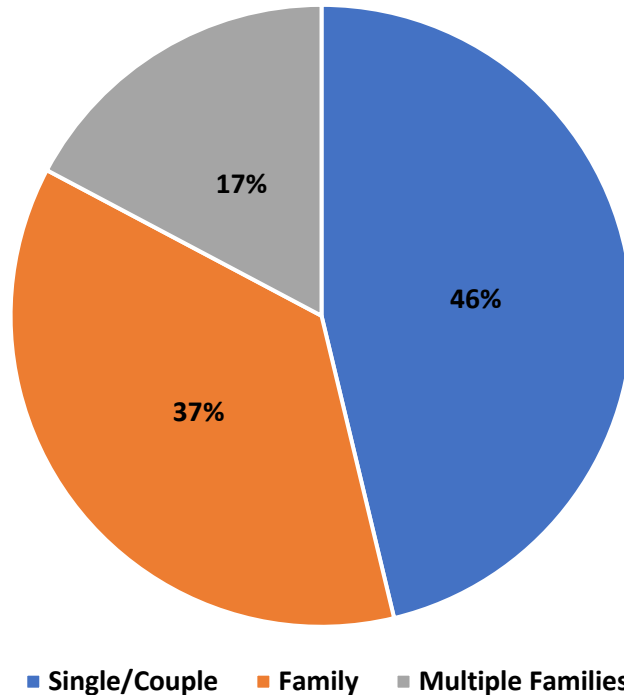
Neighbourhoods represented in surveying	
Waskateena & Hayes East	16.2%
Golf Course	7.5%
Sackettes	8.1%
Island View	6.9%
Lakeside	6.6%
Torch Lake	6.3%
Holiday Acres & Aspen Grove	5.7%
Nobles Point	5.1%
Glendale / Denmore	4.2%
Minowukaw	4.2%
Northview	3.6%
Telwin	3.6%
Van Impe	3.9%
Hanson / Haydukewich	3.0%
Clearsand	3.0%
Airpark	1.8%
Candle Pine	1.8%
Sanderman	2.1%
RV Park - Enchanted Harbour	1.5%
RV Park - Mariners Cove	1.2%
Onechassa	0.9%
RV Park - Candle Lake Golf Course	0.9%
RV Park - Misty Meadows	0.9%
RV Park - Nobles Point	0.6%
RV Park - Harbourview	0.3%

Candle Lake’s population has not yet been estimated on a per-neighbourhood basis. This makes determining participation rates at the neighbourhood level difficult. Considering the largest subdivisions at Candle Lake, there may be some under-representation of the Golf Course and Glendale/Denmore. There are also voices missing from Bay Lake Estates, Candlewood Cove, and the RV Parks of Holiday Acres and Islandview.

With 388 responses, the survey achieved an overall response of 3.8% and represented 18.5% of all households at Candle Lake.

Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan Survey Results

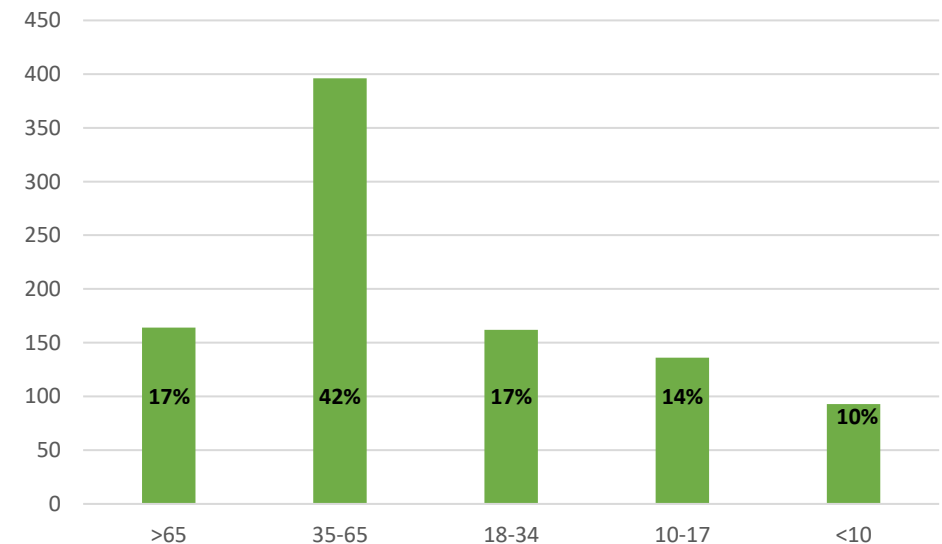
What were the demographic characteristics of survey respondents?



Almost half (46%) of respondents came from households containing singles or couples (no children). 37% of respondents were families with children and an additional 17% of respondents have multiple families sharing their household at Candle Lake.

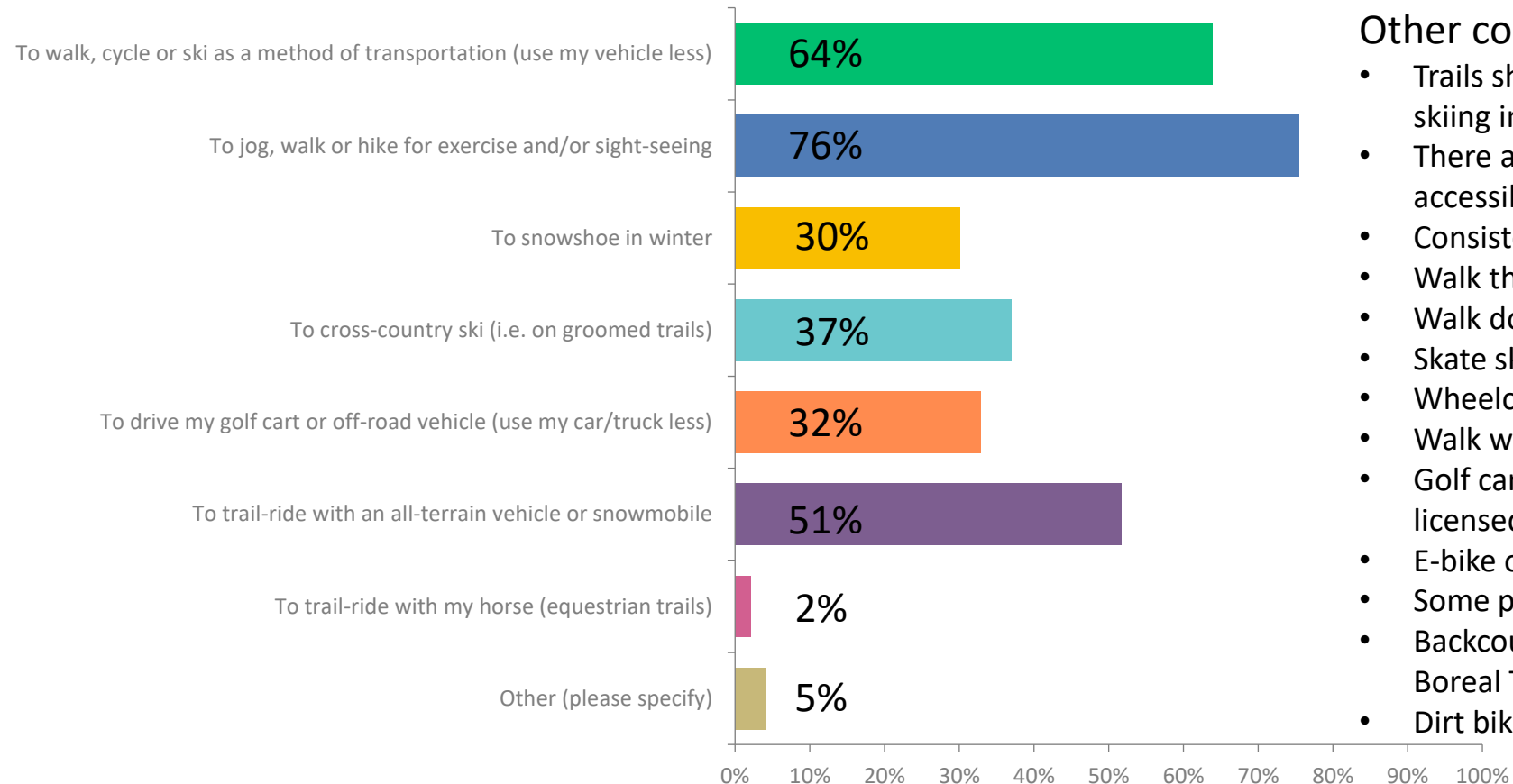
Almost every respondent had someone between the ages of 35 and 65 living in their Candle Lake home and 42% of all voices heard in the survey were from this age group. 17% of responses contained the voices of persons over 65 years of age and an additional 17% were adults under 35. Children and youth comprised 24%.

Voices Heard In The Survey



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How do you want to use a future trail system?



Other comments received:

- Trails shouldn't be dedicated to cross country skiing in the winters. They should still be walkable.
- There are quadding trails but they aren't that accessible from cabins.
- Consistent quality maintenance of existing trails.
- Walk the dog.
- Walk dog off leash on trails (not a fenced in field).
- Skate ski.
- Wheelchair accessible.
- Walk with a stroller.
- Golf carts and quads have no place on streets. Not licensed not safe not insured.
- E-bike or scooter.
- Some place to kayak or canoe.
- Backcountry camping trail (like Saskatchewan Boreal Trail).
- Dirt biking.

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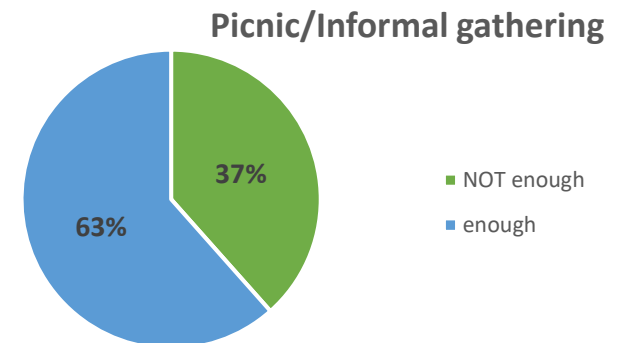
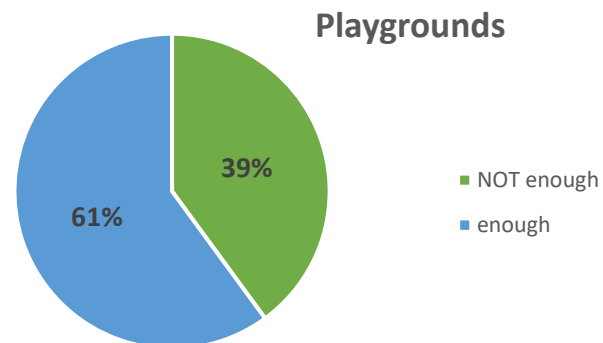
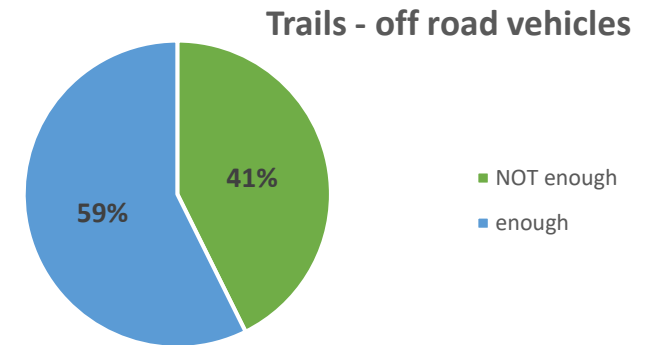
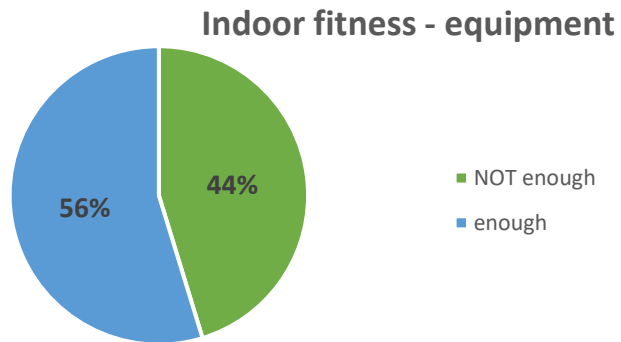
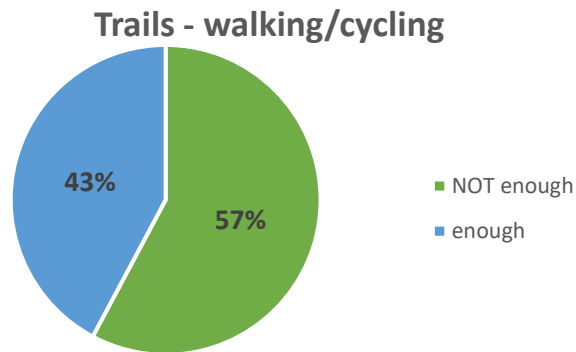
Survey Results

How do you feel about the recreation opportunities available to you and your family at Candle Lake?

Investment in Recreational Assets - Order of Priority	Level of Interest
Trails for walking and/or cycling	58%
Indoor fitness - equipment (e.g. weight training, treadmill, circuit training, etc.)	45%
Trails for off-road vehicles	43%
Playgrounds	40%
Picnic and areas for informal gathering	38%
Facilities for skateboarding, BMX, scootering	33%
Indoor fitness - no equipment (e.g. yoga, aerobics, etc.)	31%
Spaces for community gardening	30%
Spaces for outdoor community events	29%
Outdoor court sports (e.g. tennis, basketball, ball-hockey, etc.)	27%
Access to the lake - motorized activities	26%
Indoor gymnasium sports (e.g. pickleball, badminton, basketball, etc.)	26%
Ice rinks	26%
Access to the lake - swimming and non motorized activities	22%
Martial arts or wrestling programs (e.g. taekwondo, karate, etc.)	21%
Communal art, craft or hobby spaces	20%
Trails for cross-country skiing	19%
Sportsfields for organized games (other than ball diamonds)	19%
Off leash dog parks	19%
Spaces for indoor community events	17%
Community meeting spaces	16%
Ball diamonds	5%

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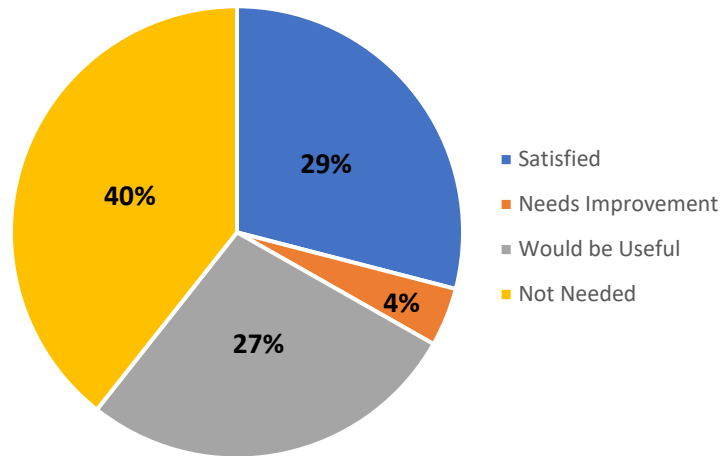
These are the 5 recreational assets where more than one-third of respondents identified there is 'not enough'.

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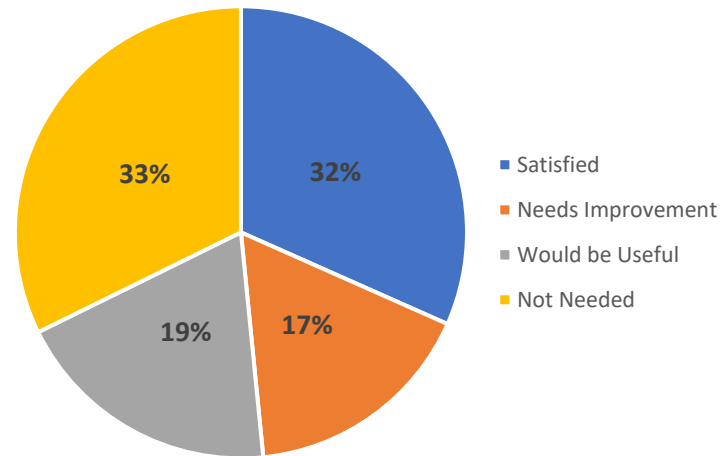
Survey Results

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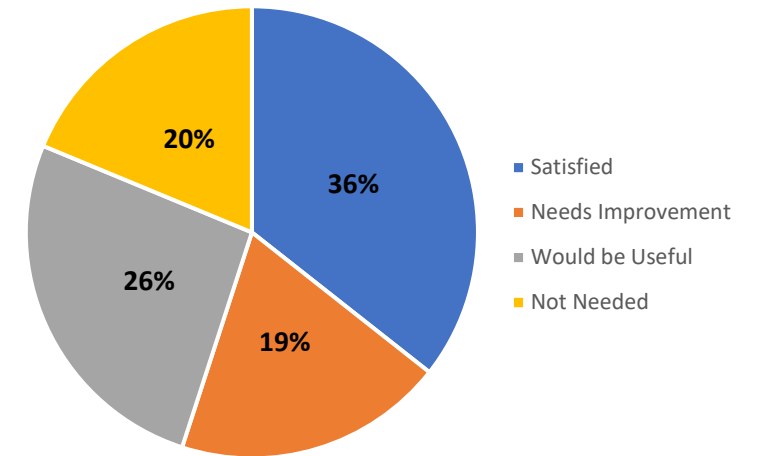
Community garden plots



Public washrooms



Picnic/Informal gathering

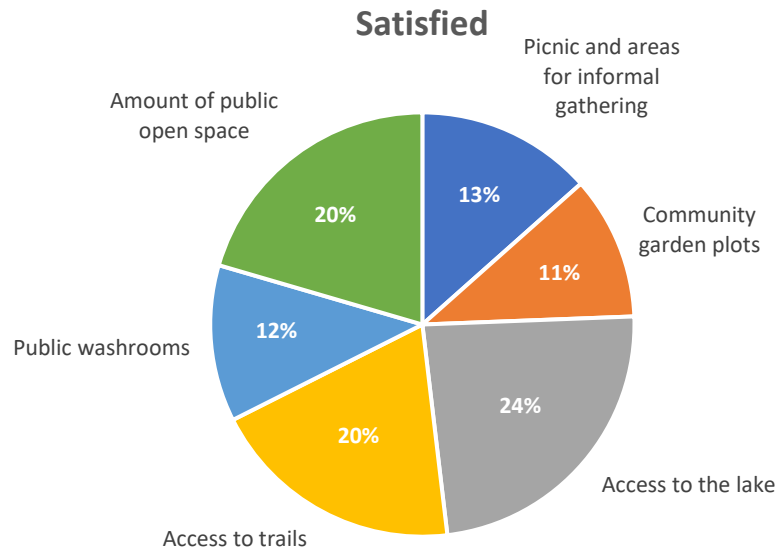


At the neighbourhood scale, low levels of satisfaction were reported on 3 types of recreational assets. Opinions about community gardens are divided with 31% indicating investment is warranted, 40% suggesting these are 'not needed', and 29% satisfied with the status quo.

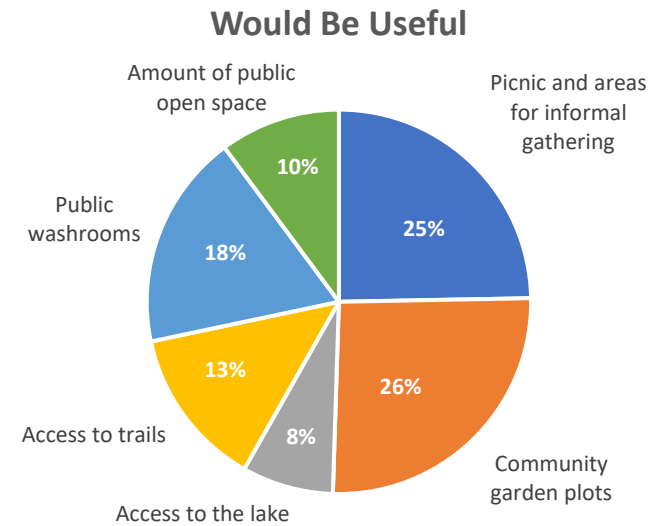
Opinions are equally divided on public washrooms (36% want investment, 33% indicate 'not needed', 32% satisfied).

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Reported satisfaction is spread relatively evenly across recreational asset types. Levels of satisfaction ranged from 32% to 63%.

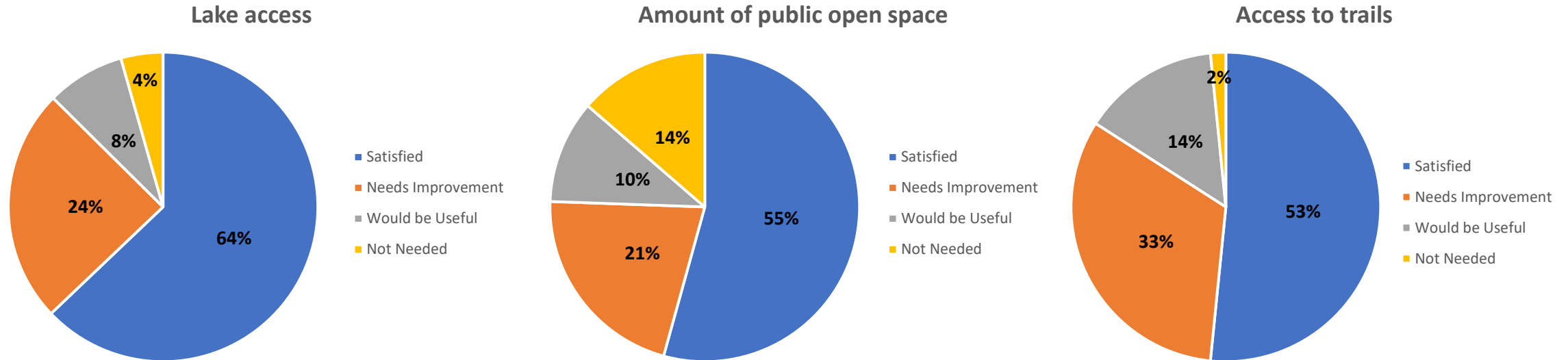


Respondents looking for additional investment in recreation identified community gardening, picnic areas and public washrooms as particular opportunities.

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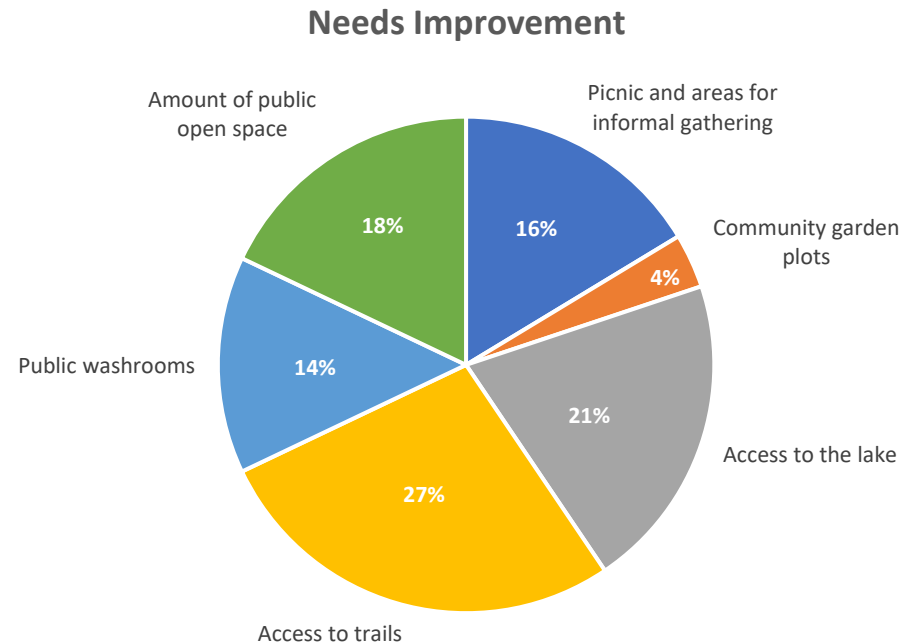
High satisfaction was reported generally for access to key recreation features and the amount available.

Some specific concerns at the neighbourhood level were identified – e.g. lake access affected by too many private docks, fairness in access to beaches (blocked accesses noted), public boat launching; amount of programmed (i.e. playgrounds) open space not sufficient in certain subdivisions; creation of a ‘dog beach’; general maintenance concerns (i.e. bathrooms, trail conditions); etc.

Some comments also highlighted desires for greater coordination of assets and linkage by a network of trails.

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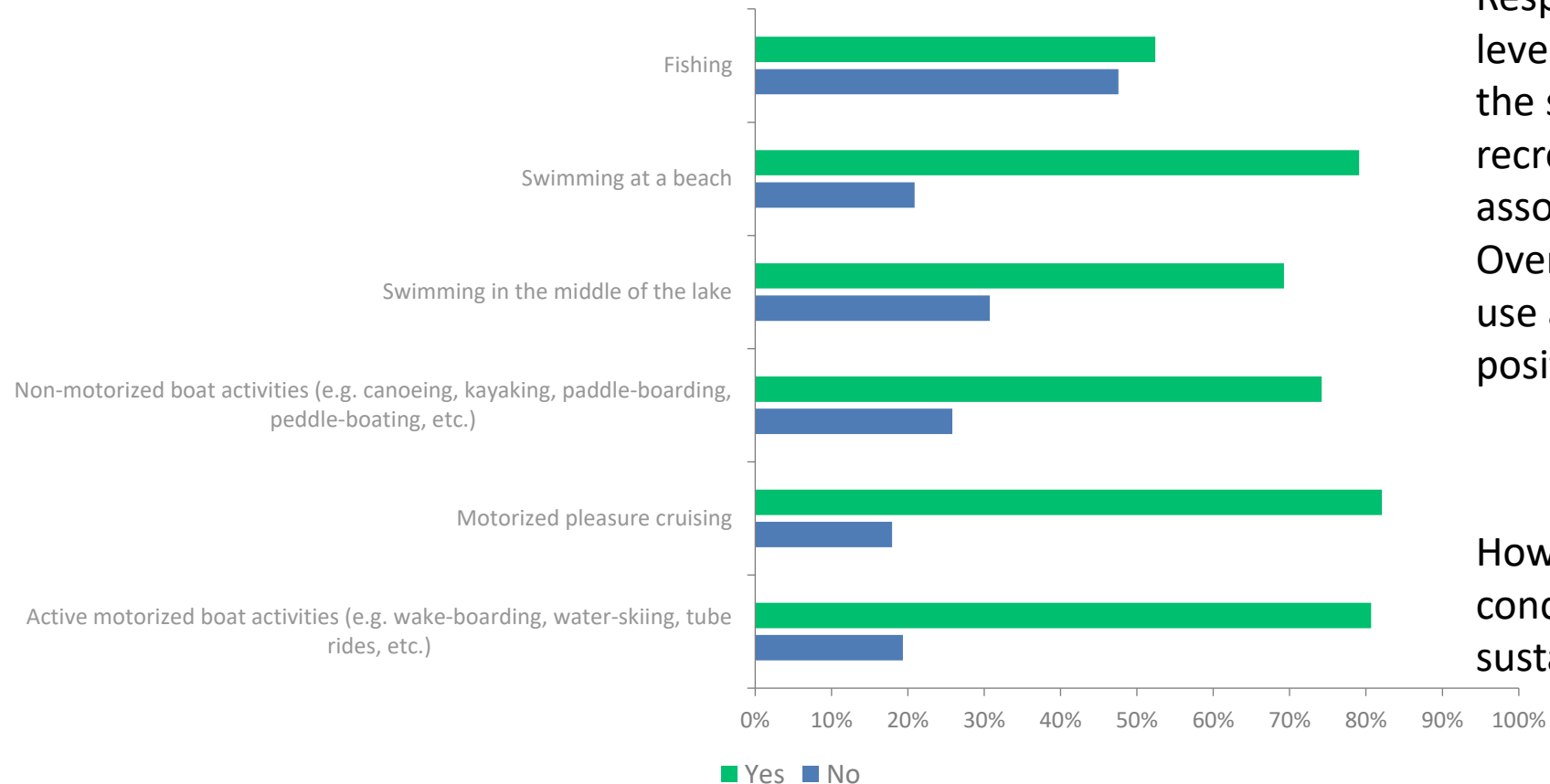


Existing recreation identified as needing improvement are shown. The greatest interest relates to trail access (33%). The least reported interest relates to community gardens (4%).

Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan

Survey Results

Do you have confidence that future generations will be able to enjoy these experiences at Candle Lake if current trends continue?



Respondents expressed high levels of confidence (>70%) in the sustainability of most recreational experiences directly-associated with Candle Lake. Overall balance between lake use and protection received a positive star-rating at 3.2.



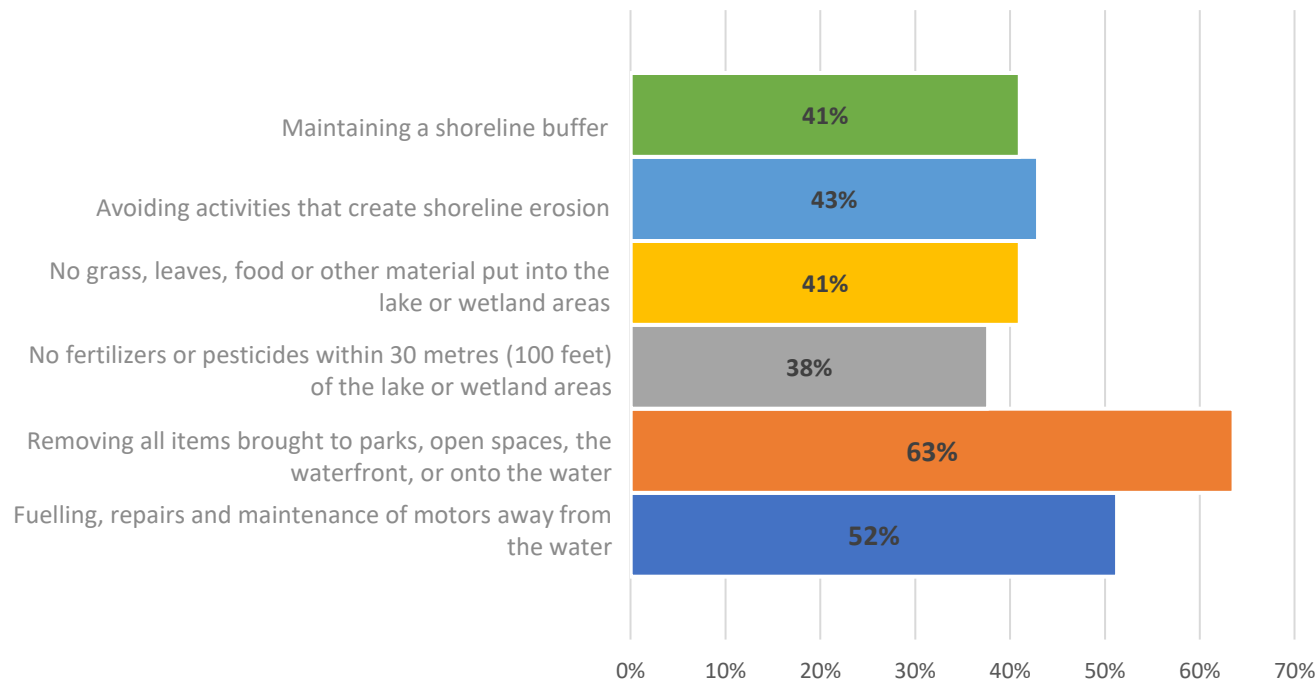
However 48% of respondents are concerned about the sustainability of the fishery.

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Survey Results

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Likely aware but do not practice



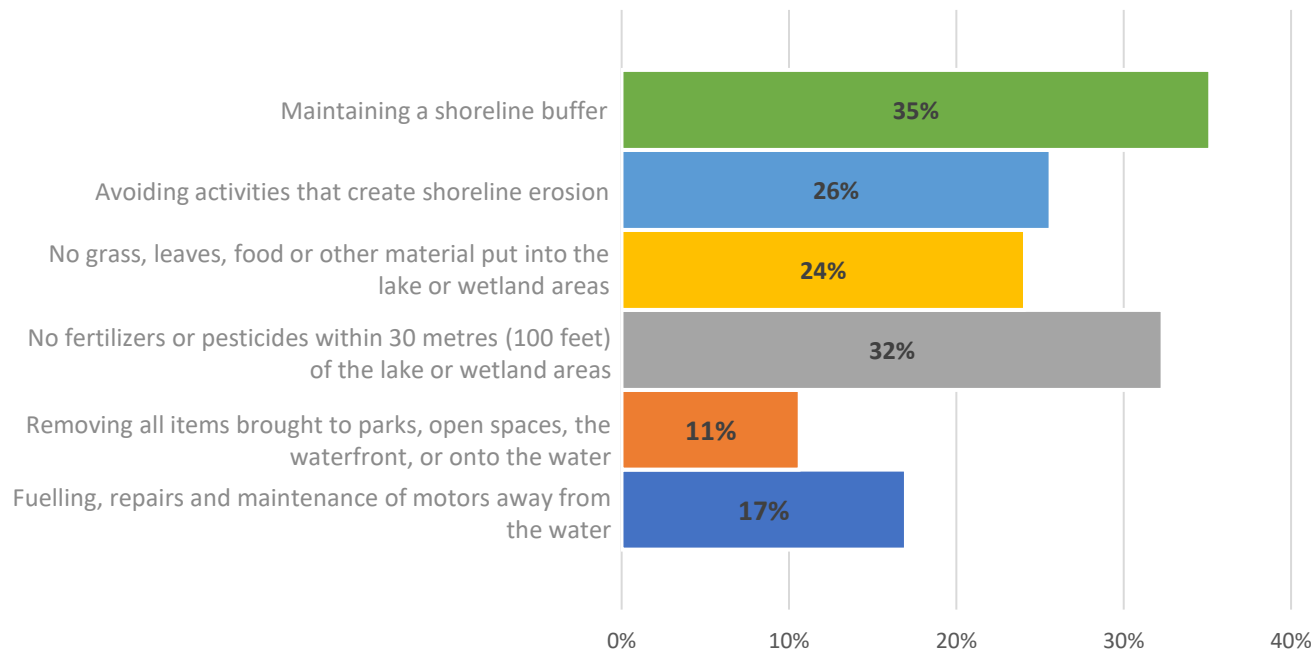
Respondents expressed concern that lake stewardship may not be a priority for some at Candle Lake. The response 'likely aware but do not practice' was selected a significant number of times for all stewardship best practices. Particular concern for 'pack in-pack out' and motor maintenance activities were expressed.

Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan

Survey Results

Do you have confidence that future generations will be able to enjoy these experiences at Candle Lake if current trends continue?

Not aware



Respondents seem to feel awareness is not a significant issue. However, further education may be required for some lake stewardship practices – land management along shorelines and near wetlands, in particular.

Of note, 89% of respondents feel awareness of ‘pack in-pack out’ practices is not an issue. This may mean enforcement to achieve compliance is required.

LINKAGES, PATHS, TRAILS AND STREETS

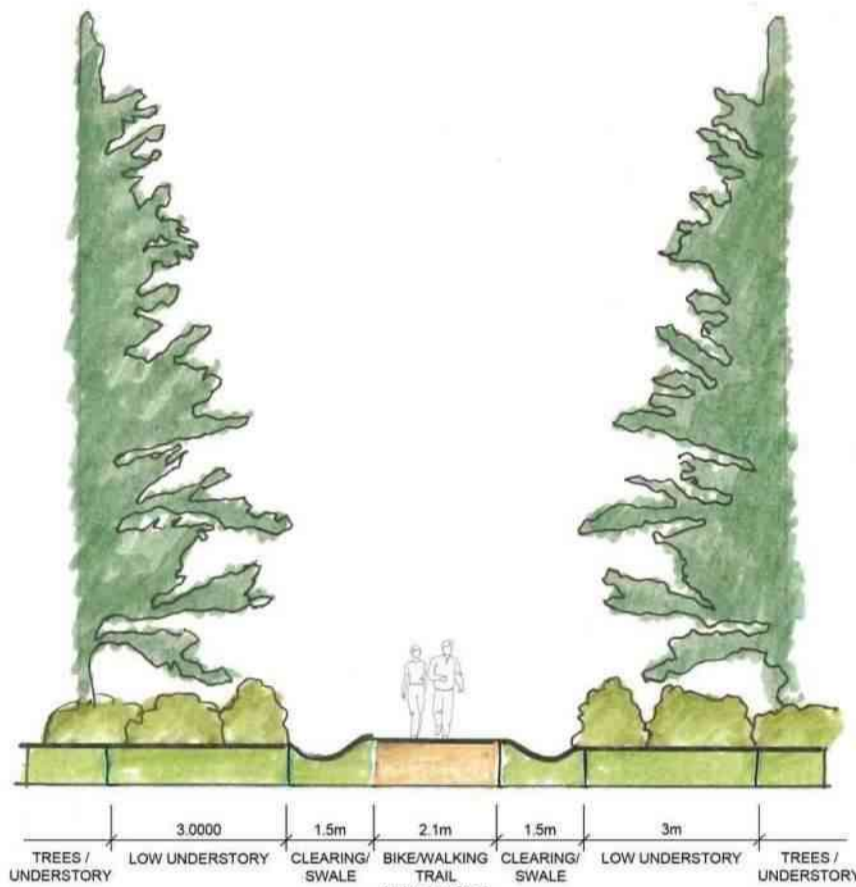
Connecting existing pathways and providing a diversity of path and trail networks for a variety of groups is a significant goal noted by the Resort Village of Candle Lake. Achieving this goal will alleviate pressures on parking, reduce vehicle traffic, and provide an alternative means of travel within neighbourhoods and to major destinations, including existing and proposed open spaces.

This preliminary plan shows existing paths, trails and streets and proposed new and modified linkages. While cyclists and pedestrians have some existing path and street infrastructure along highways, this masterplan hopes to expand existing major routes to provide pedestrians with appropriate barriers and infrastructure. Proposed trail modifications and additions hope to ensure a safe and comfortable distance from vehicles and appropriate spacing/surfacing needs (ex. paved versus natural surfaces, distances between user groups). Breakages between pedestrian and cycling links are also noted, which this plan hopes to connect.

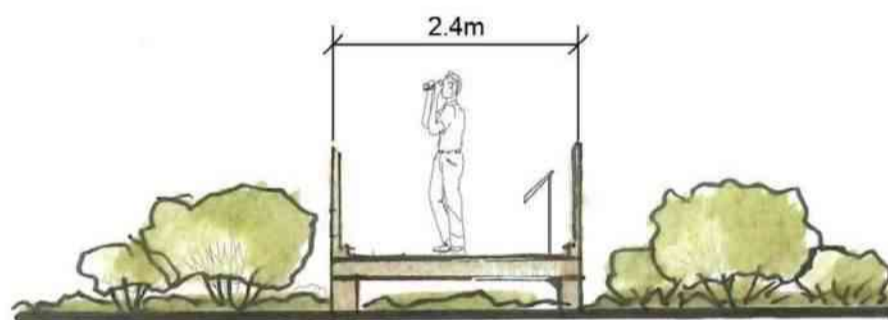
This plan also addresses golf cart usage on off-street multi-user and separated paths along highways and major roadways. While ATV's are often used as a mode of transportation also, proposed additional trails will be reviewed following further engagement to ensure appropriate planning.

Where new major pathways are proposed within forested areas, sightlines and clearance from the forest edge is considered to ensure visibility and perceived safety.

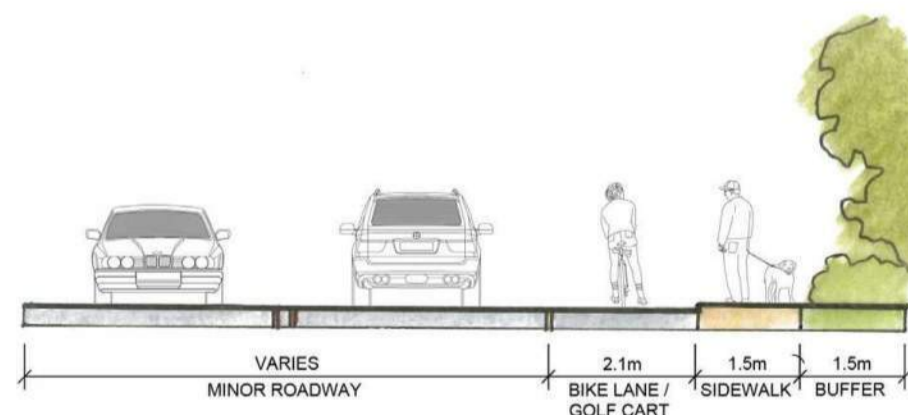
Where trailheads are located far from existing parking lots, new parking areas are proposed to redirect traffic and to improve and increase pedestrian/cyclist trail use.



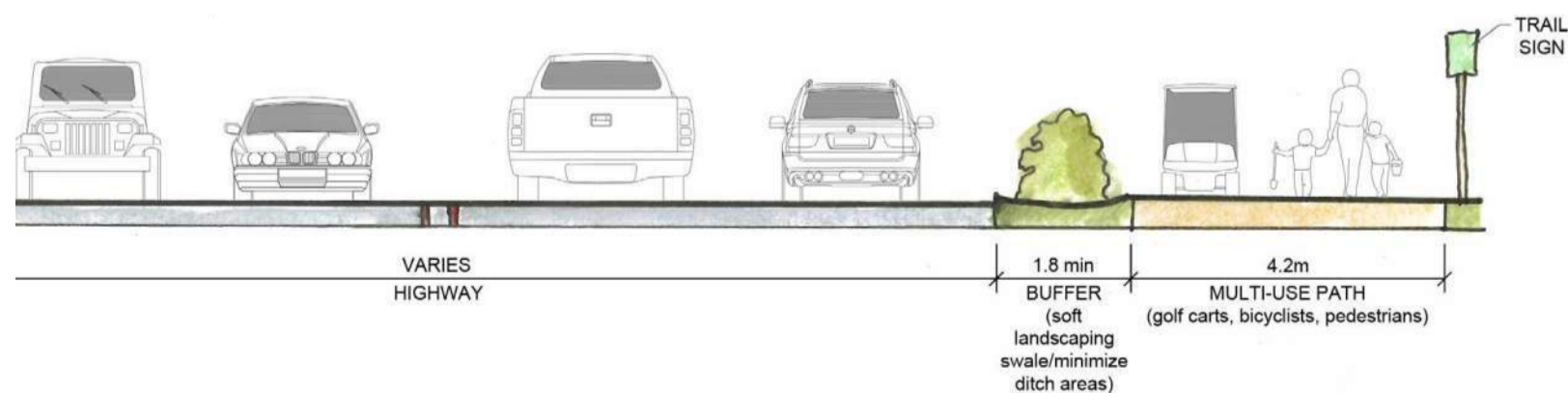
PROPOSED MAJOR FOREST BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAILS



PROPOSED BOARDWALK TRAIL



PROPOSED PATH - SEPERATED LANES



PROPOSED PATH - MULTI-USER AT MAJOR ROADWAY/HIGHWAY

PLACE A DOT
WHICH IDEAS ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU?



ADDED PARKING AT TRAILHEADS



MAJOR BIKING/ WALKING TRAILS



BOARDWALK TRAILS AND SEATING



TRAIL SIGHT-SEEING OPPORTUNITIES

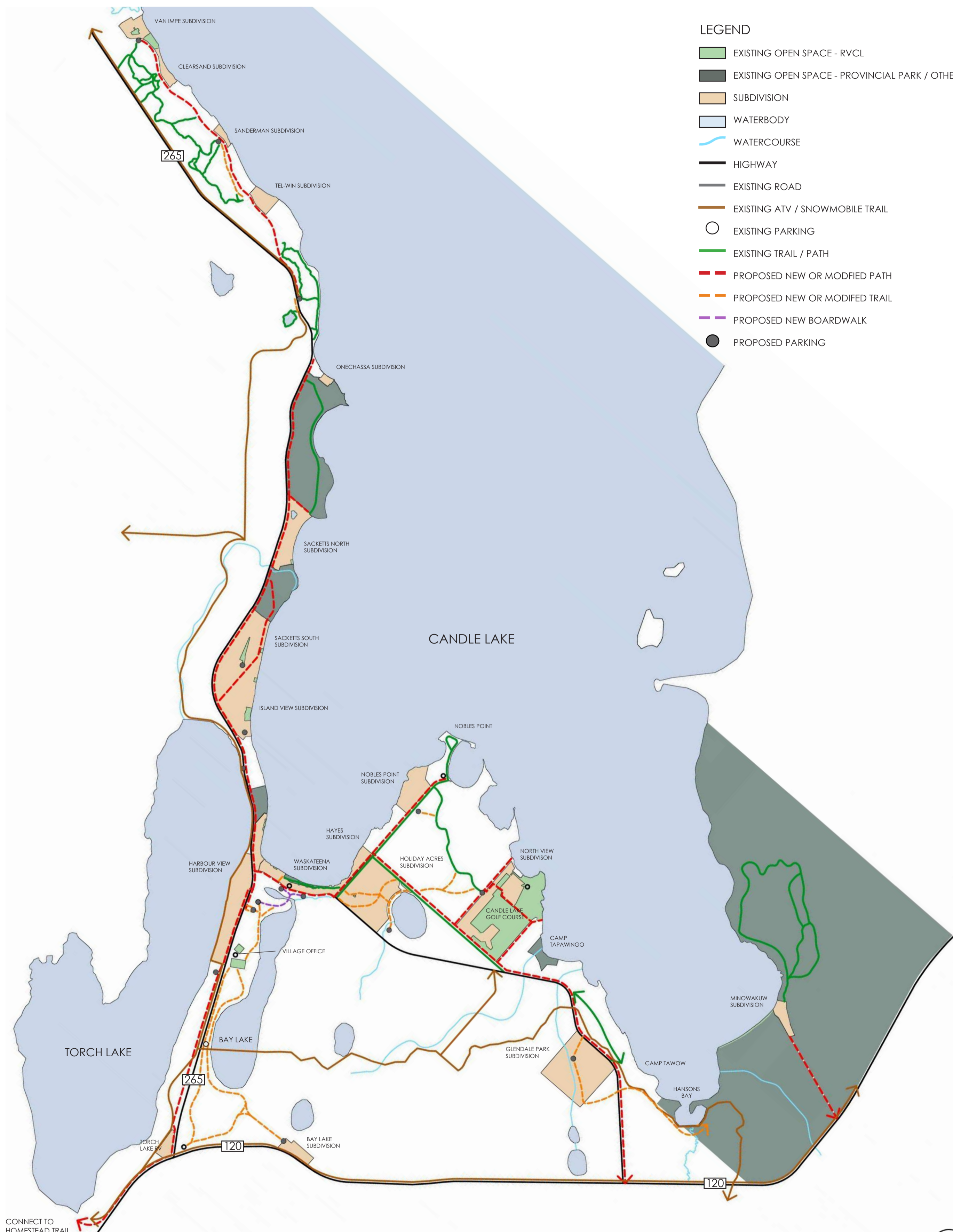


SEPARATE LANES - PATHS



MULTI-USER PATHS

LINKAGES, PATHS, TRAILS AND STREETS



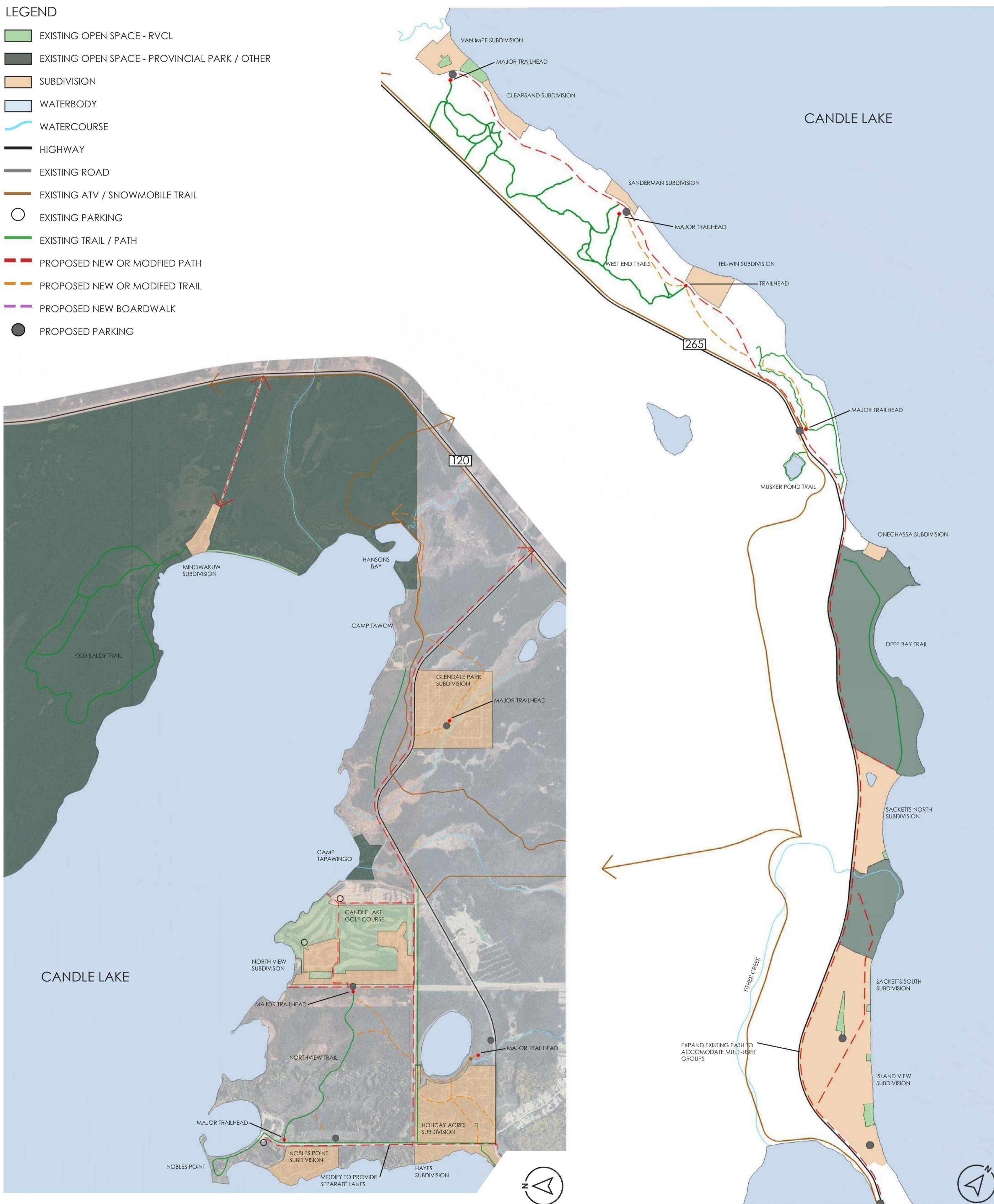
TRAIL PLAN PRELIMINARY OVERVIEW



LINKAGES, PATHS, TRAILS AND STREETS

LEGEND

- EXISTING OPEN SPACE - RVCL
- EXISTING OPEN SPACE - PROVINCIAL PARK / OTHER
- SUBDIVISION
- WATERBODY
- WATERCOURSE
- HIGHWAY
- EXISTING ROAD
- EXISTING ATV / SNOWMOBILE TRAIL
- EXISTING PARKING
- EXISTING TRAIL / PATH
- PROPOSED NEW OR MODIFIED PATH
- PROPOSED NEW OR MODIFIED TRAIL
- PROPOSED NEW BOARDWALK
- PROPOSED PARKING



NORTH-EAST TRAIL PRELIMINARY PLAN

NORTH-WEST TRAIL PRELIMINARY PLAN

LINKAGES, PATHS, TRAILS AND STREETS



LEGEND

- EXISTING OPEN SPACE - RVCL
- EXISTING OPEN SPACE - PROVINCIAL PARK / OTHER
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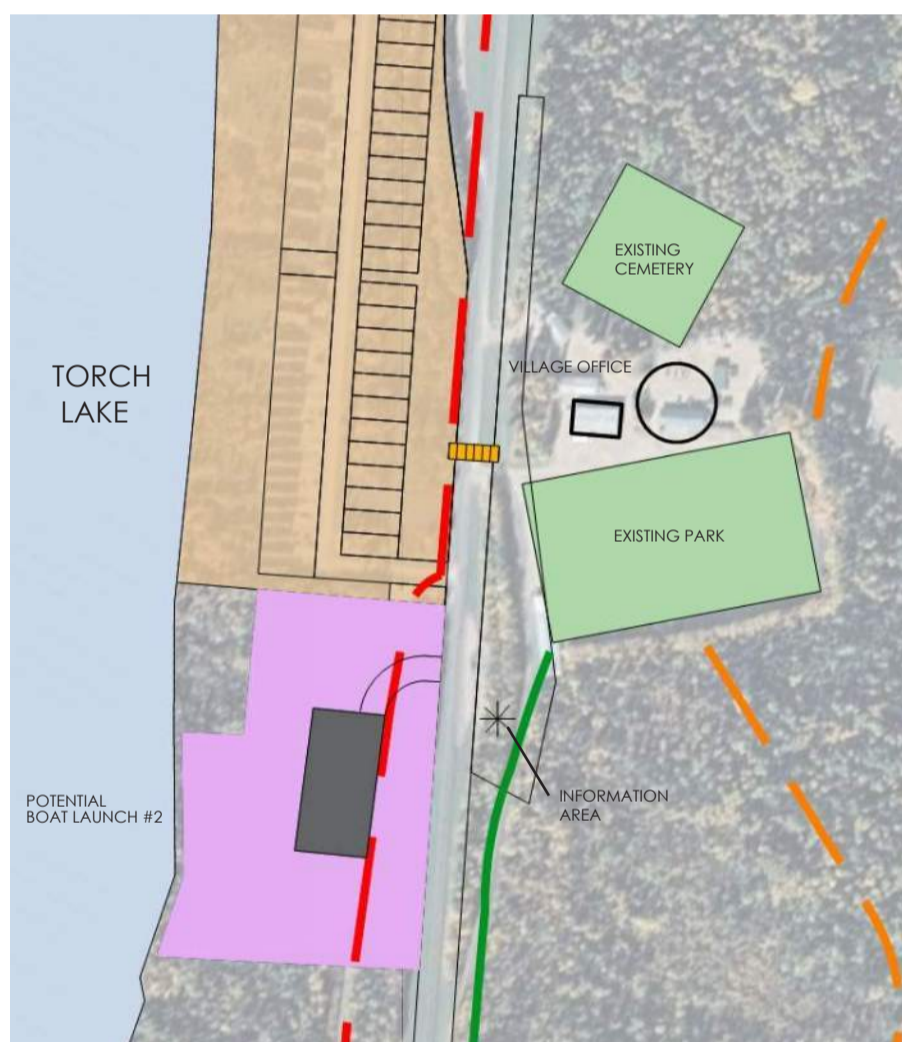
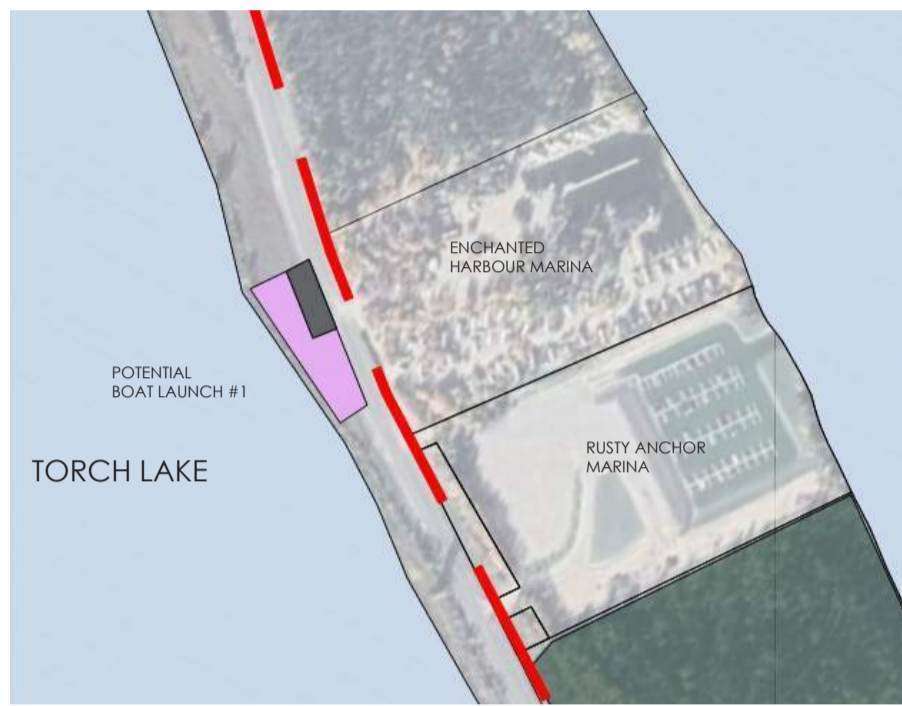


SOUTH-WEST TRAIL PRELIMINARY PLAN

TORCH LAKE SOFT LAUNCH

The lake (Candle Lake) is facing increased recreational pressures both on the lake and along the beach, and there is a desire to provide new recreational destinations for the surrounding Torch and Bay Lakes. Designated for non-motorized activities such as canoeing, kayaking, paddleboarding, pedal boats and/or nature-walking, proposed development within these areas looks to distribute interests and alleviate pressures from Waskateena Beach and Candle Lake.

Providing a hub for rental equipment may be one way of welcoming locals and visitors to these areas. This map shows two potential areas designated for launch areas, with one area having both rental equipment and canoe launch, and another canoe launch for owned equipment.



PLACE A DOT

I LIKE THIS IDEA	I DON'T LIKE THIS IDEA



EQUIPMENT STORAGE



MAJOR LAUNCH SITE - RENTALS



INDEPENDANT LAUNCH AREA



LEGEND

- EXISTING OPEN SPACE - RVCL
- EXISTING OPEN SPACE - PROVINCIAL PARK / OTHER
- SUBDIVISION
- WATERBODY
- WATERCOURSE
- EXISTING TRAIL / PATH
- PROPOSED PATH
- PROPOSED TRAIL
- PROPOSED CROSSING
- PROPOSED PARKING

PRELIMINARY SOFT LAUNCH LOCATIONS

MAIN STREET / WASKATEENA AREA

There are several existing amenities and destinations located along Main Street and Hwy 265, with access to the Waskateena area, restaurants, stores, gas stations, and Village Office and adjacent park.

Parking and vehicle congestion is a concern throughout these areas and additional parking and path networks are proposed. Major entry points into the Waskateena area could be designated for vendors and/or food trucks or as flex spaces for festival and weekend use.

The proposed boardwalk nature trail along Bay Lake connects pedestrians to existing and proposed amenities along Hwy 265 and Main Street, and provides an enjoyable walk overlooking the wetland landscape. Benches and lookouts at areas of interest will establish this area as a linear park.

A proposed market for summer vendors and flexible gathering space for large community gathering is proposed along Hwy 265.

PLACE A DOT

I LIKE THIS IDEA	I DON'T LIKE THIS IDEA



LOCAL MARKET



DESIGNATED VENDOR AND SEATING AREAS



AMPHITHEATRE/ STAGE



LEGEND

- EXISTING OPEN SPACE - RVCL
- EXISTING OPEN SPACE - PROVINCIAL PARK / OTHER
- SUBDIVISION
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- PROPOSED CROSSING
- PROPOSED PARKING

PRELIMINARY CORE PLAN - TRAILS, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

MAJOR OPEN SPACES & NEIGHBOURHOOD SCALE PARKS

Open spaces provide an important role for communities, including but not limited to: protection of natural resources and biodiversity, providing places for recreation and sports, neighbourhood gathering places, promotion of public health by encouraging walking and other activities, creation and support of civic and cultural infrastructure, enhancement of sense of place and identity, and helping to shape patterns of development.

Proposed neighbourhood parks are placed in conjunction with sub-division community areas through already identified Municipal Reserve Land, and settings that provide areas of open spaces adjacent to linking trail and path networks.

Types of open spaces may include: parks, community gardens, civic spaces, sports and recreation, and natural or semi-natural areas.

This preliminary plan shows existing parks including established parks throughout the Candle Lake Area, Provincial Parks, and Campgrounds. New major open spaces are proposed at several key locations and take into consideration the following:

- wildfire management areas of thinned or future-thinned locations.
- areas with good accessibility, well-linked by vehicle, path and trail networks.
- areas large enough to provide a range of open space types.

PLACE A DOT
WHICH IDEAS ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU?



COMMUNITY GARDENS



OUTDOOR FITNESS AREA



BIRD WATCHING / NATURE TRAILS



DAY CAMPING AND PICNICS



NATURE PLAYGROUNDS



CANOING/KAYAKING



COMMUNITY GATHERING / FESTIVALS

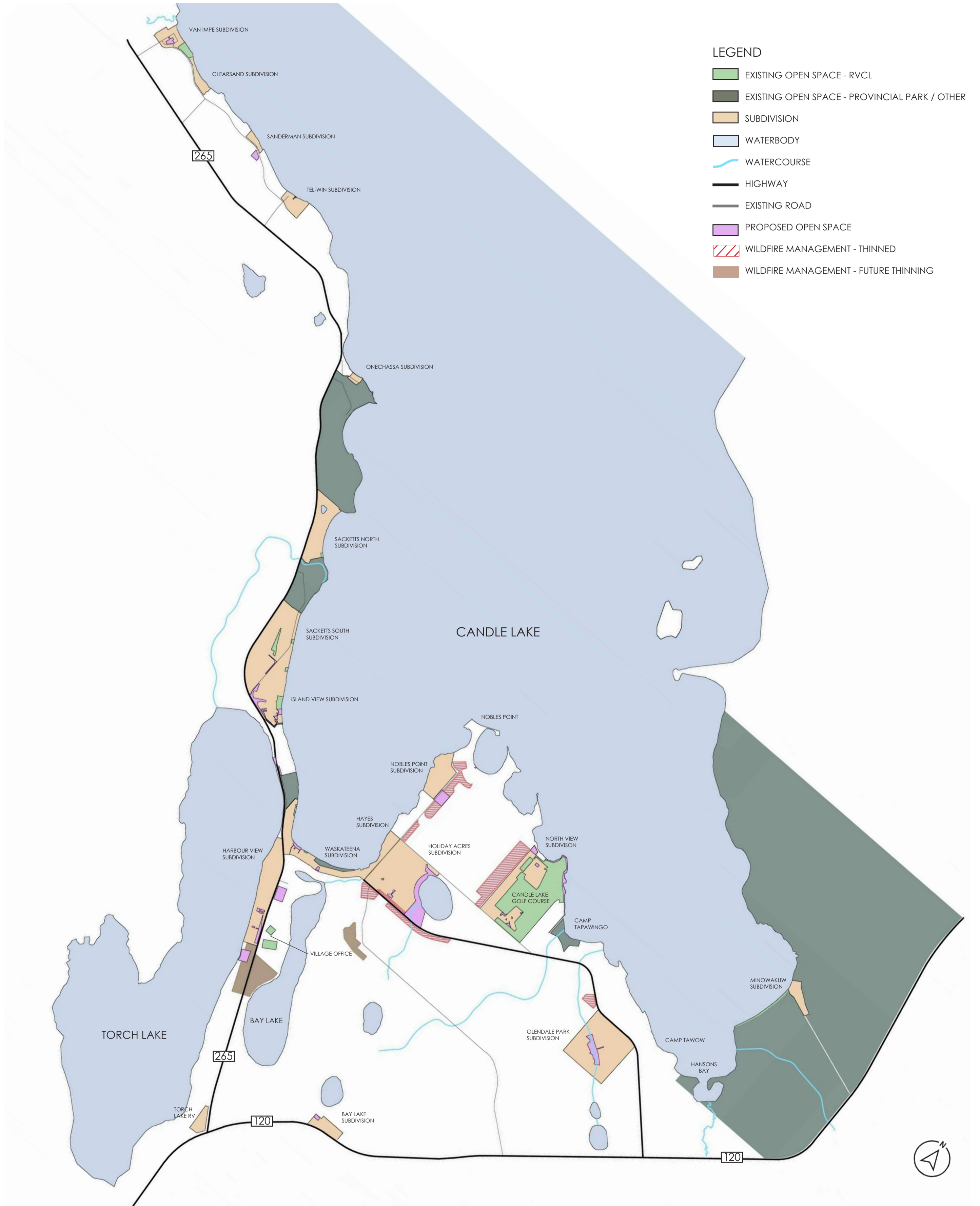


ADVENTURE PARK



SKATE PARK

MAJOR OPEN SPACES & NEIGHBOURHOOD SCALE PARKS

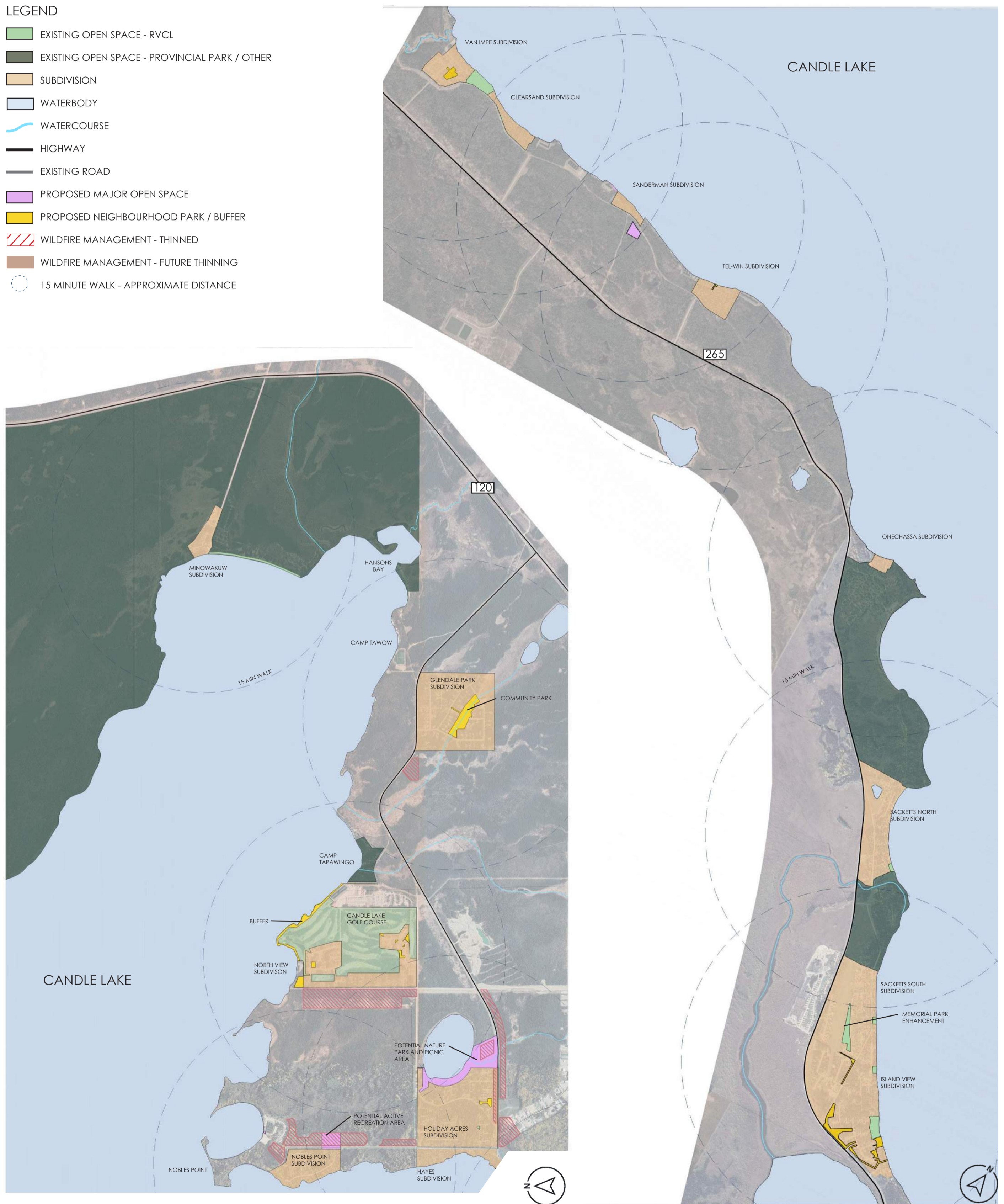


OPEN SPACE AND PARK PRELIMINARY OVERVIEW

MAJOR OPEN SPACES & NEIGHBOURHOOD SCALE PARKS

LEGEND

- EXISTING OPEN SPACE - RVCL
- EXISTING OPEN SPACE - PROVINCIAL PARK / OTHER
- SUBDIVISION
- WATERBODY
- WATERCOURSE
- HIGHWAY
- EXISTING ROAD
- PROPOSED MAJOR OPEN SPACE
- PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK / BUFFER
- WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT - THINNED
- WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT - FUTURE THINNING
- 15 MINUTE WALK - APPROXIMATE DISTANCE



NORTH-EAST OPEN SPACE AND PARK PRELIMINARY PLAN

NORTH-WEST PRELIMINARY PLAN

MAJOR OPEN SPACES & NEIGHBOURHOOD SCALE PARKS



LEGEND

- EXISTING OPEN SPACE - RVCL
- EXISTING OPEN SPACE - PROVINCIAL PARK / OTHER
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- PROPOSED MAJOR OPEN SPACE
- PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK / BUFFER
- WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT - THINNED
- WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT - FUTURE THINNING
- 15 MINUTE WALK - APPROXIMATE DISTANCE

SOUTH-WEST OPEN SPACE AND PARK PRELIMINARY PLAN

COMMENTS



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