

Regional Parks

The goals of the Regional Parks Plan are to:

- Secure, protect and steward lands and water features of environmental significance and wildlife habitat value;
- Provide rewarding outdoor recreational opportunities;
- Foster education and appreciation of the Region's natural environment; and
- Enhance livability for the current and future residents of the RDN

For the most part, Regional Parks are intended to be undeveloped recreational areas. Once a Regional Park has been acquired a management plan is to be developed to identify the desired level of use and development that is balanced with land and wildlife habitat conservation objectives. To date staff resources have been prioritized to developing management plans for parks which were obtained through partnership arrangements with major land trust funding agencies. To date staff resources have been prioritized to developing management plans for parks which were obtained through partnership arrangements with major funding agencies. Staff estimate at this time that planning for both the Community and Regional Park should be undertaken within the next three years. We do however, appreciate the pictures you provided and will be doing what we can within the 2010 budget resources to address some of the obvious hazards in this regional park.

Emergency Preparedness

The Regional District's role in emergency preparedness is described in provincial legislation for local governments. We are responsible for ensuring residents can be provided information with respect to shelter in an emergency and to coordinate the efforts of response agencies in attending to life and property in a disaster. Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness is one of the program elements the Regional District continues to develop and you are encouraged to contact Tom Armet, Manager Building and Bylaw Services to discuss what assistance we might provide to raise the level of understanding and preparedness of the Meadowood/Corcan Rd. residents.

With respect to your question about highway access, in this, the Regional District has no direct role or control. The approval of subdivisions and highway access rests with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. However, Lou Biggemann, the Director for Electoral Area 'F' and staff have raised this concern with the Ministry of Transportation on behalf of this area and will continue to keep them apprised of your concerns.