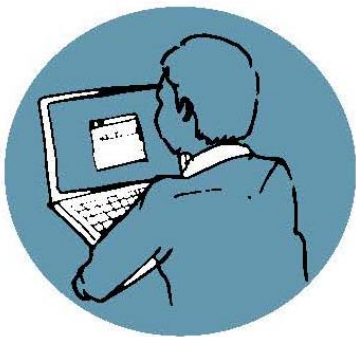


Greenwood Park & Kealy Woods Phase 2 Consultation Summary

The following information represents the feedback collected from all the consultation events noted above, the Lets Talk Public Engagement online survey, as well as discussions with stakeholders in person, by telephone, email, letters, and through social media.



949

Aware Visitors



523

Informed Visitors
to Lets Talk Page



43

Surveys
Completed



10

Other Forms of
Communication



3

Comments and
Pins to Interactive
Trail Map



3

Public Questions
and Answers Page

1. **Share your feedback on the proposed park and trails plan including the park feature upgrades.**

Common Themes We Heard:

- Many people reported that they agreed and liked many of the proposed parks and trails plan.
- Agree with trail and route signage for addressing accessibility
- Equal number of responses for and against the suggested picnic sites. Concerns were raised by about formalizing picnic sites due to parking and proximity.
- Requests to include dog waste bins at park entrances and key location



There is a range park feature upgrades including trail upgrades, invasive plant management an outdoor classroom, climbing routes, and stormwater management



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"Turn the disc golf course into an official course."

2. What do you think about the trail closures and restoration strategies?

Common Themes We Heard:

- Agree with the proposed trail restoration and closure sites.
- Maintain the natural character and aesthetic of the trails and park.
- Agree with trail delineation and closure strategies but concerned about whether people will adhere to them.
- Equal number of responses for disc golf course. Some people agree with removing it, and some would like it to stay and be formalized.



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"I do not agree with taking out the golf course. They are using the park so much and provides additional outdoor experiences when none available. Also provides much needed social-distancing experiences as well."

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3. What do you think about the proposed restoration and trails in the Quarry area?

Common Themes We Heard:

- Agree with the proposed quarry trail upgrades including stairs to prevent erosion and provide accessibility
- Agree with the proposed community collaboration for an outdoor classroom
- Concerned that the improvements will not help to discourage graffiti, camp fires and parties
- Provide signage about the local flora and fauna



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"Maintaining access to the quarry and climbing wall is very important. I understand that the proposed wooden stairs will help limit erosion in those sections of the path and make the route safer for pedestrians. I support this as long as there is still another path without stairs for pedestrians with running strollers."

"Creating an outdoor classroom area is very interesting to me. As a Girl Guide leader who has been mandated to run all meetings either outdoor or online, I have been searching for a variety of outdoor places that can be used by a group of 20. Options are very limited in the city. This space would be a great addition."

4. Tell us what you think about the proposed invasive plant removal and management strategy?

Common Themes We Heard:

- Agree and support the invasive management and removal program
- Focus on invasive management near the Green Necklace

Selection of Written Responses We Heard:

"I agree with the removal of invasive plants."

"Invasive plants will continue to grow due to home owner plant dumping and the CNV having no long term removal program. "

"I've always found that removing one invasive plant generally releases another. What will you do to prevent new invasive growth?"



"Really happy to see the areas of high priority for CNV natural areas crew! Will this be accompanied by any amendments to park bylaw, to ensure that there are appropriate tools for enforcement, if needed?"

"If this is what needs to be done, then so be it, but to close down a huge part of the park to do it makes no sense. The outer "Natural" trail that goes near the highway is great to get away from the crowds of the main trail, but should be cleaned of squatter debris, but to completely close down would be a disservice to kids and people who don't mind getting dirty and climbing over logs and jumping over creeks."

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"The blue areas west of Grand Blvd marked as contained have invasive species. Also garbage. It would be good to have an official trail through the large blue square where Grand Blvd bends to reduce dumping, weird activities, and make it friendlier."

5. Do you have any suggestions or comments on the proposed park entrance improvements?

Common Themes We Heard:

- Agree with the proposed park entrances
- Include trash, recycling and dog waste bins at Sutherland Park entrance
- Keep signage to a minimum



Selection of Written Responses We Heard:

"Queensbury - good idea to have a crosswalk--speed bump as well?"

"I don't feel you need to put kiosks and signage all over the place. Bike lockup will probably not be use near the entrance of the park, as locks are broken and bikes stolen if you leave them."

"I think if there is a climbing and picnic area - it will be a destination so parking should be considered as people will come there in larger groups."

"I love all of these suggestions, especially 'formalizing' park entrances. As noted previously, I found the park a bit intimidating to enter, because I didn't know what to expect."

Moody Park Entrance - 'new 1.5M gravel trail' seems completely unnecessary - not going anywhere. Even the small sidewalk seems a bit out of place as there is no other sidewalk on either side.

"The Sutherland park entrance should also include trash and recycling."

6. The action plan lists 26 recommendations for improvement and management of the parks. Are we missing anything?

Common Themes We Heard:

- Ensure signage is clear for trail types and uses allowed
- Collaborate with community groups for development (including native plant restoration and outdoor classroom
- Many people expressed concern for the shared use of bikes and walker



Selection of Written Responses We Heard:

"This all looks fantastic. Thanks for this initiative!"

"This looks great. I like the collaboration and volunteer work with community and school groups"

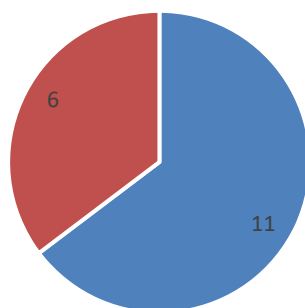
"I am very concerned about your idea that the main trail will have increased bike use. The current principal users are walkers (particularly with dogs) and bikes on the path will be dangerous."

"This is a great start, but now I think you should consider how Greenwood Park fits into a broader biodiversity strategy for this sub-region."

"Increased vigilance by bylaw officers - particularly in Kealy around Sutherland lunch hour.."

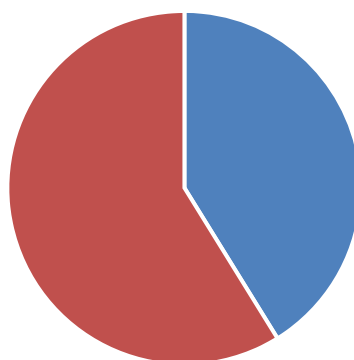
"Super interested in more information about the quarry!"

7. Would you be interested in taking part in a community event to build a multi-use trail in Green



■ Yes ■ No

8. Would you be interested in taking part with our Park Stewards group to remove invasive plants and plants?



■ Yes ■ No

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS!

APPENDIX A

List of Full Written Responses:

"This is a neighbourhood park without parking. You cannot make it a destination park without causing problem with traffic in our neighbourhood."

"Turn the disc golf course into an official course. "

"Next to area 11 - northbound entry trail needs filling because it turns into a mud pit every time it rains hard. The additional sand helped but becomes quicksand. Needs drainage/gravel and perhaps elevating."

"Note that bikes tear up all the trails and then they also turn into mud pits when it rains. Either put gravel where bikes go or ban bikes from dirt trails without adequate drainage."

"All wonderful."

"I like it! I think you have done a very good job of incorporating different ways of experiencing the park, but still finding ways to maintain and restore the ecological integrity. I like the way you have included an outdoor classroom, but close to the edge of the park, and I wouldn't initially have supported mountain biking, but looking at the other public comments and the way you have included this on the east side of the park, I can support it."

"I love the climbing and picnic areas - great idea."

"I would want the language around ""climate change"" to be neutral and ensure that the importance of natural resources to building our City/Province/Country are acknowledged and valued rather than ""vilified""."

"There is no mention of dogs...I have a dog and we use this park for walking regularly."

"Love all these suggestions - will you also do info on why this exists, this is the only quarry face like it in the City, is this unique or"

"Increasing the natural attributes of the 2 parks is appropriate - adding man made features essentially undermines the natural beauty. Given the proximity (particularly Kealy) to residences wildfire mitigation is a critical element and should take priority. Sutherland secondary students typically access Kealy at lunch time, smoking and leaving a mess. Bylaw attention and working with the high school should mitigate the potential for a disaster"

"I've always found this park a bit wild and intimidating, even though it's not super big. I like this idea of making it more accessible."

"3 metres wide for the main trail is too wide - how many trees will have to be cut down to accommodate this? Too many trees have been cut down within the city with all the development happening."

"Frustrating to see #11 after watching the initial drainage installation for the 'Green' necklace, then watching it be re-done, and now seeing the same area worked on again!"

"I support all of these planned changes. I am most interested in #5, 9, 12 as those improvements provide real/tangible usability improvements."

"The upgrade features #5 through #11 appear positive."

"However, we are greatly concerned about #12. It proposes designated Picnic sites with views, in a small area, which immediately borders our well used backyard. Any concentrated gatherings there, would have huge impact on us. It would create our loss of privacy, add noise, litter, and other disturbances such as unauthorized alcohol consumption. Noise would also be increased by reflecting off the concrete Reservoir."

"We have lived here, at 463 East 22nd Street, for 34 years. Over that time we have observed mostly positive informal uses of this grassy area, which is directly south of the Reservoir. These include: off leash dog area, outdoor play activities, and occasional small group gatherings. It also serves as a connector to the trails heading west, that join the Green Necklace at Grand Boulevard."

"Historically it has been a lightly used informal area, which we and our neighbours enjoy. Proposing formal designated picnic sites, would change this dynamic negatively. Everyone we talk to in this area, loves this grassy space just as it is."

"Please contact us by my email, to address our concerns. Thank you."

"Very good"

"These all look good. Love the plan for picnic sites at the water reservoir."

"It would be great to have small covered sitting spots to get out of the rain on a walk or ride. "

"Looks good and will clean up the park which has sometimes had a lot of litter in it. Outdoor classroom area should be larger given the new interest in Forest Schools. Or provide multiple areas - e.g. north of 6 and 7 in the trail areas."

"It would be nice if there was a sunny plot of land could be used to grow perennial herbs like Bay leaf bush, rosemary, thyme, oregano and even parley (which often seeds itself). Many people do not have balconies to grow these wonderful healthy herbs and these plants could be labeled with information on their health benefits and how to use in different recipes. This would be ""Grandma's corner"" where young children can become interested in growing things they can eat."

"Water flow management in this area particularly along the green necklace section has not been too successful. Slope slumps and now path breakdown along the Grand Boulevard to Ridgeway section in particular. I hope more attention is paid to this during all these changes."

"Please expand "no dumping" signage with a corresponding Bylaw number and fine \$\$ amount to all park entries that border neighbourhoods."

"Picnic sites are a great idea - we hope that the natural feeling of this area is maintained. The current main trail at Greenwood is perfectly accessible for us with strollers / bikes and toddlers and we like its rustic feel."

"I am full in agreement with the proposals. I would like the City to consider the following: Please add street/trail signage as to where to walk to/from the Green Necklace."

"I have previously been ""lost"" in the woods due to unfamiliar with the trail system. For instance the trail from Lynn Valley Road up to the existing trail would be helpful. Access to the Quarry to the trail (then down to Green Necklace) would be helpful."

"Dog poop bins (red bins) placed sporadically"

"This is great! Formal trail map would be helpful. Hard to tell what's an actual trail and what's non-sanctioned. Easy to get a bit lost up by the reservoir. Feels unfriendly. How about 'danger cliff' signs at top of boulders."

"I hate the idea of gravel brought into the park as a trail surface. I think that the trail loops could make better use of the park to increase the loop size. I also thought that there would be a focus on some easy mountain bike trails, but there are only gravel multi-use trails proposed."

"The proposed changes appear to be well thought out with the right balance of preserving our North Vancouver forest and public activities. The presentation mentioned garbage and recycling bins at the trail entrances. Could a red dog waste bin also be included at each entrance, please?"

"Agree with all except the new trail alignment #10 on map. I don't find the grade here that steep and really can't see the need to realign. I find the rationale about stair removal confusing since installation of stairs is proposed elsewhere in the plan. Suggest removing the stairs that currently exist at this location (especially since it is clear folks are walking around them on both sides of the stair treads) and improving/smoothing out the existing grade."

"It'll be great to have the climbing more developed as it's been tough to climb in there due to less accessible trails etc"

"My issue was at the initial consultation, as continues to be, the concurrent bicycle and pedestrian use of trails. As a pedestrian, nothing spoils a walk more than a cyclist coming up silently from behind and nearly colliding with me as they pass me. Same goes for oncoming bicycles but at least I can see them. The culprits are typically pre teen kids."

I stopped using the green necklace asphalt trail above Grand Boulevard last year because of this problem. At three meters width, and pedestrian and bike traffic in both directions, I was almost mown over by bikes a couple of times before I stopped using the trail. Now I walk on the sidewalk on Grand Boulevard.

The 300 block East 23rd portion of the green necklace is an accident waiting to happen. Not only is there pedestrian and bike are traffic in both directions, but there a half a dozen driveways. Now there are the ineffective rubber barricades to make the trail look trashy. Needless to say, I don't use the trail. I walk on the south sidewalk. If someone gets injured on this portion of the green necklace, they will win in a lawsuit against the City.

This summer there was an increased use of sidewalks by cyclists. These were whole families, mom, dad and several kids riding on the sidewalk. They didn't alert me as they came up from behind, so I was forced to jump out of the way in the last second. Now with the fall/winter weather thankfully these people are not out riding bikes.

It is easy to identify experienced cyclists on the roads. They have good bikes, wear cycle clothing, and move at a good clip. Significantly, I do not see these cyclists on the green necklace. They know better than to put up with the pedestrians and wobbly inexperienced cyclists. BICYCLES AND PEDESTRIANS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE SAME TRAIL. I don't know why this Greenwood and Kealy project cannot allocate one (and one only) trail for exclusive use by pedestrians. Of course, such a trail would have to have proper signage ""Pedestrians only"" and it

cannot be guaranteed that cyclists will not use it. But maybe very few cyclists would use it. THAT IS ALL I ASK, ONE TRAIL I CAN USE SAFELY WITHOUT THE THREAT OF BEING HIT BY A CYCLIST."

"I think that many trails could be widened. If you are going to have an outdoor classroom maybe you could have a play area too."

"Need more information on what the trails will look like; paved?, lighting?, benches? daring/ storm sewer work? What is the condition of existing trees?"

"Like the ideas for rock climbing and history of quarry. Worry about trail realignment and loss of trees."

"I agree with the proposed restoration."

"Do not removed the disc golf course".

"Great plan"

"Good idea."

"I will miss using some of the closed trails as a walker, but support the plan, and very happy that you are taking an approach that seems to maximize the benefits for nature in the park, while still allowing human activities. Greenwood Park in particular is a hub of connectivity for biodiversity in this region."

"I do not agree with taking out the golf course. They are using the park so much and provides additional outdoor experiences when none available. Also provides much needed social-distancing experiences as well."

"Not a fan of split-rail fencing. What was done at Bridgeman Park is a DISGRACE. should have just paved the whole thing! maybe put some logs around where you'd like to designate entrances and such, but to follow the mess of Bridgeman would be disservice to community. Let there be free spaces for kids to explore the forest floor, instead of limiting which doors they open into the space."

"Just plant the trees...don't have to put signage up to show where you've done it! Why is it a numbered sign on a tree is ugly for a natural Frisbee golf course, but a sign to say you planted some bushes is beautiful....I'm sure if you plant in clumps in areas, it will naturally show the public should not go in that area..."

"There is disc golf in Eastview "

"Yeah getting rid of the disk golf course and all the accompanying evidence. Protecting sensitive areas makes sense - drainage issues on the main trails is not essential - it rains things get wet - no one is wading ankle deep on any trails - let it be"

"I didn't know about the disc golf course. These measures make sense."

"They are fine as long as they are ongoing. For example on the Spirit Trail invasive species have taken over."

"Some of the closures seem reasonable, particularly in areas where there are many small paths, but in other areas, the closures seem to be blocking off entire parts of the park."

"I agree with closing off a number of the trails in order to conduct ecological restoration. Focusing traffic on fewer trails still allows for public enjoyment of the space while preserving the forest. I would like to see far larger areas of restoration planting."

"These appear fine."

"Very good"

"Improved trail definition for the trails that remain will help understory to re-establish."

"Please maintain the forest as a forest; keep its charm. We are all for the ecological restoration."

"I am with the Greater Vancouver Orienteering Club and we have used Greenwood Park and Kealy Park as training areas because of the open understory. It has allowed us to have children's programs in the parks and teach them how to navigate between features due to the ease of movement within the parks. Blocking off all the minor trails will greatly decrease the usefulness of this area for our activities. We generally offer 3 sessions in the Spring and 3 sessions in the Fall - so not heavy usage on an annual basis."

"Agree to all"

"I hope to see some trails left as natural as possible. Not all trails need to be improved/smoothed/drained dry/etc."

"Containing walkers on some of the proposed trail closure areas is another potential challenge. I would suggest lots of focus on ecological education points, not just trail blockage."

"Glad to see the Frisbee golf stuff removed. "

"In agreement with the closure of sensitive area trail areas so long as the trail system up from Lynn Valley Road (near traffic signal) can be enhanced (with proper signage)."

"Reuse and recycle all metals and materials coming out of park."

"Use recycled materials as much as possible "

"I think it sounds fine to work on ecological restoration...but there is little impact outside the park. Both the City and District of North Vancouver approve destruction of streams and trees on private property. So the question is...why bother?"

"This appears to be well thought out and enhances safe and accessible trail use while returning over-used/abused to their natural state. Good work"

"Agree with closures to maintain and improve ecosystem and habitat. I'm not optimistic using logs as barriers to stop people from walking in certain areas. I think people will just ignore them and walk around them. That said, I have no better solution to offer."

"I think this is great, the current trails are confusing and easily lost as is so clearly marked trails will help protect the vegetation."

"That sounds good."

"Is there another park in the city for disk golf? What will the drainage diverters look like? Will any trees be removed?"

"Removing disc golf good. Not sure of diverting water. Again worry about destruction of current vegetation and wetlands. Personally don't like the logs lining path."

"I agree with the restoration"

"Partying will continue because the CNV does not enforce park rules."

"The only time I ever went there the quarry was full of broken glass. Not good for puppy paws. Also I never found a way out northbound, perhaps because I had to pass the broken glass. Anything to make the through trails more visible is a great idea."

"Good ideas."

"It makes sense, and agree with trail closing. You will need to give a bit of thought to how climbers are descending from the top (not everyone will access/exit from the bottom)."

"Keep the area natural but safe. No need to put steps over all rocks and bedrock...keep the exposed rock so kids can learn to scramble on it. Great the quarry area will be utilized and cleaned up, but the wide "ECO "area that's had trees fallen on the east side should remain open for mountain biking features."

"OK"

"Great ideas - I think this area will benefit from these updates and providing stair access will minimize the erosion."

"I like the idea of signage to let us know what is happening!"

"I presume your risk manager has weighed in on this one - increasing easier access will likely result in more falls. Adding wooden stairs undermines the natural feel of the area. It's not that difficult to access the God's Chair area - leave it alone"

"Looks good!"

"I don't think there needs to be any climbing going on in the quarry. I think a outdoor classroom is a good idea."

"Ok to designate one main trail, closing off small trails on the east side. It might be better to just build stairs on the west side up to the classroom area than to just close that trail."

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"Providing more access to the Quarry, would likely encourage more graffiti, partying, litter, and destruction. Instead, it could simply be cleaned up, with reduced access. We recognize that protection and management of the Quarry is an ongoing challenge."

"Very good. Concerned that graffiti and fire pits will reappear."

"Not to be too focused, but all that is proposed at these two parks is likely good, my concern are the Harry Jerome lands 21st to 23rd, as well as Norseman field and all the municipal lands on north side of 23rd Lonsdale to St. Georges"

"It would be great to have a kids friendly pump track added to the trails. Seeing how busy the Moodyville pump track is the city certainly needs more pump tracks."

"See comment above. However I agree with the signs and stairs. Although it is excellent practice for children to learn to negotiate bedrock areas."

"One area which does need some cleanup/restoration is the very old fence line which parallels the highway on the east side of Greenwood Park. In most instances the fence line is partially on the ground and does present a hazard. "

"Put the names of trees and plants that are native to our area so we can teach young ones to learn their names."

"I question the blocking of desire lines. Will any of them be kept/formed into planned trails? If not, won't they just reappear?"

"proposed classroom to main quarry bench trail might be more useful as a nature trail."

"Provide species interpretive info along with restoration signage in sensitive areas"

"Again, the Quarry is perfectly accessible to our toddler. Not necessary to add stairs etc."

"Excellent proposals for the Quarry Rock area and opening it to views of Burnaby Mtn, etc."

"Very positive support for the ""development"" of the Quarry as it is now used by some ""druggies"" (which makes us seniors' ""nervous"")."

"Perfect"

"This all looks great. I suggest this park be on-leash dogs (if it isn't already). Not that owners listen anyways (I have a nervous dog I know all too well!) But with the cliffs and multiple narrow pathways, dogs going through sensitive planted areas just turn it to dirt and mud. Look at Mahon park, many slopes worn away and fauna lost by off leash dogs."

"It is a great idea to include more user groups and outdoor activities in the park."

"Agree with closure of some trails for ecological purposes and I think providing good signage is essential in the hope folks will heed what you're trying to do."

"This is great, the climbing space is going to be a great addition to the community"

"It sounds good to consult with local climbing groups and have students visiting. It would be good if their suggestions would make the park more popular."

"I am ok with closing trails in sensitive areas. Will there be a dog park anywhere?"

"Restoration of quarry trails needed"

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"Invasive plants will continue to grow due to home owner plant dumping and the CNV having no long term removal program."

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"No comments."

"OK by me - just don't go crazy on it all at once"

"Looks good"

"The pink low priority section Which is fairly new also needs remediation. Vaccinium ovatum ie evergreen huckleberry might be another good shrub to add to your list and provide food for wildlife"

"I have no opinion on this topic. I leave the decisions to arborists who better understand the tree requirements."

"We hope that the plants from your revegetation plant list, are well chosen for the area, and will be maintained until mature."

"We have observed the planting on the Green Necklace bordering this park to the West, is a costly mess. It is overgrown with weeds, Morning Glory, brambles etc. This occurred within a year. Significant maintenance is required there."

"The blue areas west of Grand Blvd marked as contained have invasive species. Also garbage. It would be good to have an official trail through the large blue square where Grand Blvd bends to reduce dumping, weird activities, and make it more friendly"

"We are all for early action on the invasive plants"

"Excellent to get rid of the ivy and blackberries"

"Again, please label the trees and shrubs. It makes it more interesting to learn about them."

"Always a good idea."

"The forested area needs to be protected and the foreign vegetation should be removed."

"Yes. Maybe use goats to get rid of invasive plants. They eat down to the roots and don't have to use pesticides"

"It would be great to raise the priority of invasive removal along the Green Necklace."

"We live on the edge of the Coastal Douglas Fir bio-geoclimatic zone, a zone that required fire to maintain the ecotype... How will you incorporate natural systems into the management of the park. It's impossible for the city to maintain the balance of natural systems and flora, without mimicking the natural disturbance type."

"Yes! Happy to see that invasive plants will be cleared. I'll be happy to volunteer."

"Agree with invasive plant management program."

"Volunteers could likely be utilized more"

"Maybe you could try to erect a noise barrier near the busy roads."

"What is the timing of invasive species removal. Suggest more small/ annual plants like policeman's helmet, Douglas aster, What about Yew and Arbutus?"

"I don't see what is listed as invasive species. Blackberries are important to wildlife including birds."

"Proper signage makes sense as long as it does not cause people to drive from elsewhere.."

"I don't think a plant bed is necessary at Moody entrances is a good idea. Given that weeds and blackberries have taken over all the plantings on the new green necklace, unless there is regular weeding & maintenance a new bed would be wasted money. More signage to remove trash would also be helpful. I am always picking up other peoples trash and taking it to the bins at the entrances."

"Queensbury - good idea to have a crosswalk--speed bump as well?"

"Sutherland - if this is going to be the exit from the new junior MTB area, do you need to think more about how cyclists are going to connect into 22nd, for example, and with vehicles turning off Boulevard Crescent? (it's kind of a blind corner)"

Also BTW that southern finger of the park (that parallels Sutherland) seems to be a bit of a wildlife trap, i.e. animals sometimes then try to cross Boulevard and get hit by cars, seems like they are trying to get across to the trails behind Sutherland high school.

"Moody - have you talked to Metro Van about the reservoir? Seems like this could encourage more people to climb up on top for the view..."

"I don't feel you need to put kiosks and signage all over the place. Bike lockup will probably not be use near the entrance of the park, as locks are broken and bikes stolen if you leave them..".

"OK"

"I think if there is a climbing and picnic area - it will be a destination so parking should be considered as people will come there in larger groups."

"We have a park called Sutherland Park?"

"no more asphalt walk ways or paths - the so called "green" necklace is anything but green"

"I love all of these suggestions, especially 'formalizing' park entrances. As noted previously, I found the park a bit intimidating to enter, because I didn't know what to expect."

"They seem fine"

"Moody Park Entrance - 'new 1.5M gravel trail' seems completely unnecessary - not going anywhere. Even the small sidewalk seems a bit out of place as there is no other sidewalk on either side,"

"The Southerland park entrance should also include trash and recycling."

"This appears o.k."

"There needs to be a crosswalk across 23rd at Ridgeway. Hard to cross to get to park, especially when it's raining or dark. Many drivers speed along 23rd. Consider closing 23rd to cars at Ridgeway and build cul-de-sacs on 23rd and Grand Blvd for the residents/garbage pickup. It would reconnect the forest patch on the west side of Grand Blvd with Greenwood Park and make the area much friendlier for walking and biking. The closed street section could be removed or designated as play street e.g. for long-boarding."

"Ditch the community kiosks - you are trying to urbanize a natural area."

"Excellent"

"Please ensure that lighting is good so that we can feel safe in the park."

"I think these are all reasonable"

"Provide interpretive signage and formalize the mural art on GVRD Water Reservoir to explain why it's there and what it's used for. If it is no longer used, could it be repurposed?"

"Nice to add some information signs - we regularly end up introducing the park to users on the Green Necklace as we enter and exit!"

"Thanks for including the Primary Entrance enhancements. Please add appropriate signage (at the Park), as well as adjacent streets. Walking up from the Grand Blvd, people would not know how to access the park and trail systems."

"Put in recycling bins for bottles, paper, waste and compost at all entrances"

"Improve pedestrian access to entrances. Additional lighting at entrances would be nice. Consider wider paths on primary route - 1.8m is narrow for people passing one another."

"There is a back access path by the Lynn Valley Highway entrance. A couple planks of wood over mud, leading to a 'path' that follows parallel by the highway. I would suggest just closing that off and re-naturalizing."

"Hang on... You are restoring the ecosystems and trying to repair the natural vegetation, but at the Sutherland entrance, the plan is to put a stream in a 200 meter drainage pipe??? That is contrary to the plan."

"Could you please add red dog waste bins to the main entrances?"

"Improvements to Sutherland Ave park entrance long over due and quite welcome."

"Looks good"

"Benches?"

"Would want to see minimal damage to entrance areas. Keep as natural as possible"

"I am very concerned about your idea that the main trail will have increased bike use. The current principal users are walkers (particularly with dogs) and bikes on the path will be dangerous."

"Where did the removal of the disc golf course come from? It's used by dozens of people."

"Make it a dog's under control/off leash trail. It's used that way already and no one is hurt by it. There is not a high volume of traffic in this park. Most days I go through and see no one the whole way through to Sutherland and back to Ridgeway. Other days I see no more than 1/2 dozen people - with their dogs. Very rarely are there people in the park without dogs."

"This is a great start, but now I think you should consider how Greenwood Park fits into a broader biodiversity strategy for this sub-region. Realistically you might need some form of fencing along parts of the main access trails to protect sensitive areas from dogs. Not everyone trains their dogs to stay on the trails, and as you know, cumulatively dogs can cause a lot of damage. (I am a dog owner). That said, human users seem to be the ones that cause the most damage. It would be helpful if you considered more specific public education about this type of damage, and also considered enforcement tools, including updating the park bylaw and perhaps the graffiti bylaw. DNV Park Regulation Bylaw has some good language (See ss 2.8 - 2.10). Having some public education about the regulation would be a good enforcement approach."

"Please leave the Frisbee golf. It creates yet another place for social distancing. Maybe put in a more permanent course, but to get rid of it makes no sense...get people out into nature!"

"Noise barrier wall is great idea. Move it high on priority list!"

"I like the educational signage idea."

"Great plans - thank you for the opportunity to comment. Again, I hope that our City's history with the quarry is celebrated and the comments about climate change are neutral and recognize/celebrate the value of resource extraction in the building of our City/Country. It is through our bounty of natural resources that we are able to have the country and economy we do today."

"Where is the washroom addition?"

"Increased vigilance by bylaw officers - particularly in Kealy around Sutherland lunch hour - maintaining the natural attributes while minimizing the introduction of man made elements - mountain biking access is appropriate within reason (mountain bikers who don't live in the neighbourhood will not have the same vested interest) and balanced to accommodate the vast majority of locals who walk the trails. No built in fitness stations or playgrounds (undermines the natural surroundings) - Queensbury school has a great playground area"

"Super interested in more information about the quarry!"

"This park has been used on a semi regular basis by film crews (at least until Covid). If this should resume, the monies accrued should go back into the park for maintenance and upgrades."

"In addition to "Collaborate with Queensbury Elementary school to develop a nature-centric outdoor classroom." I would like to see the collaboration incorporate other organizations such as Girl Guides and Scouts both organizations are regular users of outdoor spaces and would benefit from outdoor classroom."

"Overall, the focus should be on retaining and enhancing the natural state of these parks. Over development is not favoured by us and our neighbours. This is what we heard at the January session at Queensbury School."

"A noise barrier along the highway would be wonderful. I would visit the park much more often if there wasn't so much traffic noise."

"No bikes on the trails please."

"Outdoor classroom is hopefully not a structure more than a rain-shelter"

"The Greater Vancouver Orienteering Club would be interested in any collaboration or stewardship opportunities as this is a park that provides a safe contained environment for our Adventure Kids program and it would be disappointing if that program could no longer continue due to constraints on a limited amount of off-trail travel. We have participated in cleanup days for the District so are happy to do similar here."

"Educational signage about the plants, shrubs and trees too please."

"Make sure there are sufficient trash/recycling receptacles including cigarette butt receptacles. More users means more of both."

"Please ensure that trails are clearly identified in the park. (for example a colour coding system to indicate acceptable activities ie. mountain biking vs cycling and pedestrian priority trails to avoid conflict among users). Create mountain biking only dedicated trails to add fun challenges. Ensure that dog waste containers are at all park entrances and available at other locations within the park."

"What I haven't seen is the appropriate signage for hikers, walkers (and bikers?) for accessing the Park and trail system.

"As previously mentioned I got ""lost"" in the woods and it took about an extra hour to navigate through windfalls to get down to the Green Necklace".

"Signage is not only useful but important to protect the forest and plant management."

"Well done to the Committee and City staff."

"Work with elderly (from nursing and assisted living homes) and schools together to learn and interact. Find out about or remember the history of the area."

"Please add a pond and marsh. The park is presently poor bird habitat and the plan does not improve it from that standpoint."

"This all looks fantastic. Thanks for this initiative!"

"The trail loops vegetation management and other park features need connections to other park plans. This sounds lovely, but is a tiny park in the scheme of the North Shore. How do you plan on connecting parks? Why would you pave the paths with gravel (proper alignments should mean that gravel is not required)? Doesn't gravel cause soil acidity and water acidity issues?? Doesn't gravel also result in fine particulate runoff, clogging streams and rivers???"

"This looks great. I like the collaboration and volunteer work with community and school groups"

"I'm glad to see you are in consultation with a biking association and hope there can be some biking edict that can be developed. Personally, I would prefer dedicated trails for bikes and walkers/hikers rather than shared trails but I understand that parks are a limited resource and dedicated spaces for each interest is not always possible."

"Dog off leash trails should be present"

"What is the condition of existing trees? Do you have an inventory and tree pruning/ enhancement plan? "

"Please keep in mind that the surrounding neighborhoods mainly use this forest for walking and walking their dogs."