

## Celebrate Pride of Place

### Indicator #18—The amount of publicly owned land designated for parks and community use (including land in protected areas, community use parks, and recreational facilities such as pools, ice rinks, etc.)

#### Why is this indicator important?

Parks, recreational facilities and public gathering spaces promote residents' health, happiness and well-being. Publicly-owned recreation facilities, in particular, make recreational opportunities more accessible to people of all incomes. Natural parkland also maintains wildlife habitat and sensitive ecosystems and is a key component of preserving our natural heritage.

#### What does this indicator tell us?

This indicator tells us the amount of land that is publicly-owned for use by the community. These lands serve a multitude of purposes such as recreation, sports, general public use and environmental protection. The indicator applies to both Electoral Areas and member municipalities.

#### Where do we want to go?

The region should maintain or increase the amount of publicly-owned recreational facilities and parkland to meet the needs of the regional population and visitors.

**Target:** Increase the amount of land for parks and recreational facilities

#### What is included in this indicator?

This indicator measures the cumulative amount, in hectares, of publicly owned recreational facilities and parkland. The form of parks and community use facilities includes schools, protected areas, community use parks, and recreational facilities such as pools and ice rinks. Protected areas specifically include Federal Wildlife Areas, Provincial Parks, Ecological Reserves, and Regional Parks. The facilities and lands may be owned by the provincial government, the school district, the regional district or a municipality.

#### Where are we right now?

In 2015, the region had a total of 4,950 ha of publicly-owned lands within the District of Lantzville and RDN Electoral Areas designated for park and community use. In 2017, the region had a total of 5,018 ha of publicly-owned lands within the District of Lantzville and RDN Electoral Areas designated for park and community use. Parks and community use facilities consist of Community Service and Recreational Facilities (39 ha), protected areas (4,368 ha), and community parks (611 ha).



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**Target:** Increase the amount of land for parks and recreational facilities

### Amount of Park and Community Use Land 2017

	Protected Areas*	Community Parks	Community Service & Recreation Facilities
Electoral Areas	4,368 ha	604 ha	37 ha
Lantzville	0 ha	7 ha	2 ha
Parksville*	163.2 ha	115.1 ha	1.5 ha
Qualicum Beach	73.3 ha	85.7 ha***	-
Nanaimo	1,804 ha	132 ha	112 ha



Protected Areas



Community Parks



Rec. Facilities

### Amount of Park and Community Use Land 2015

	Protected Areas*	Community Parks	Community Service & Recreation Facilities
Electoral Areas	4,280 ha	619 ha	42 ha
Lantzville	0 ha	7 ha	2 ha
Parksville**	-	-	-
Qualicum Beach**	-	-	-
Nanaimo	2,152 ha	945 ha	229 ha

\* Examples of protected areas include Federal Wildlife Areas, Provincial Parks, Ecological Reserve, Nature Parks and Regional Parks

\*\* Parksville and Qualicum information not available for 2015

\*\*\* 85.7 ha of community parks also includes recreational facilities