

Appendix D

Preliminary Park Concept Options



LARDEAU REGIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) has initiated the preparation of a Park Management Plan for the Lardeau Regional Park. Regional parks are public recreation assets that are significant not only to their immediate communities, but the entire Kootenay region and beyond. The Lardeau Regional Park is owned by the Province of BC and is currently operated by the RDCK through a License of Occupation (LoO); an arrangement that commits the RDCK to provide appropriate facilities that encourage responsible use, protect natural resources and reflect the character of the community. The RDCK has committed to continuing public engagement to inform a park management plan that provides strategic direction for how the park is managed in the long term.

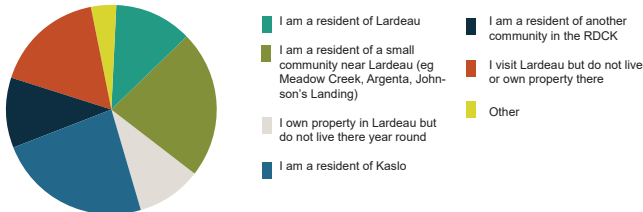


COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

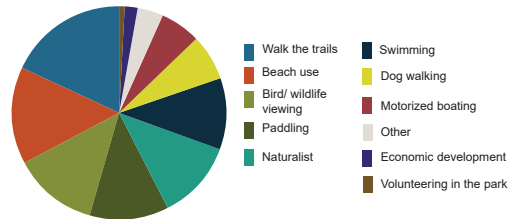
From November 27 2018 - January 15, 2019 an online survey was open to provide the public the opportunity to submit input on the preparation of a Park Management Plan for the Lardeau Regional Park. Hard copy forms were available upon request. There was a total of 548 responses to the survey.

Of those, 190 were complete, for a completion rate of 35%. The survey gave opportunities for open ended questions so that respondents could give more general feedback outside the bounds of the survey.

Who Participated in the Survey?



How Would You Use the Park?



What Are Your Priorities For This Park?



Environmental Protection



Limit vehicular access to sensitive areas



Riparian enhancements

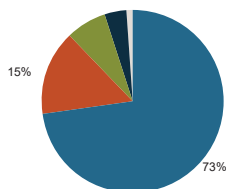


"Keep it simple"/ "Keep it natural"

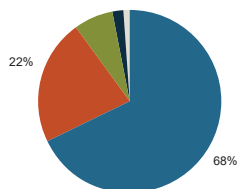


Cost and maintenance

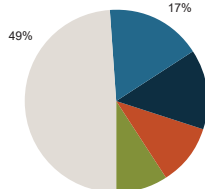
Above are top five priorities chosen by respondents for the planning and design of Lardeau Regional Park.



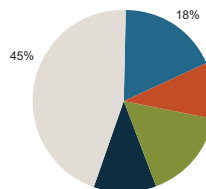
88% of respondents agree or strongly agree that improvements to the park should be **minimal** and focused on **protecting natural values and resources**.



90% of respondents agree or strongly agree that improvements to the park should reflect a **rustic Kootenay character**.



63% of respondents disagree or strongly disagree that future park facilities should support **motorized watercraft uses**.



56% of respondents disagree or strongly disagree that future park facilities should include the **construction of a wharf**.



VISION

Lardeau Regional Park is an oasis for people and wildlife alike. Visitors to the park appreciate the balance between respectful recreation and the ecosystems that thrive here. The park is a great place to walk the trails, observe wildlife, swim, paddle, and the spectacular views along the beach. This park is for everyone. Visitors and locals can enjoy this place which is both serene and tranquil, and full of vitality and life.



ENVIRONMENT

Protect and enhance the rich natural environment and ecosystems.

- Identify and protect sensitive areas and species, e.g. restrict vehicular use on the foreshore.
- Actively manage ecosystems, including monitoring of invasive species.
- Encourage stewardship and learning among residents and visitors through both interpretive signage and site-specific interventions.
- Maintain and enhance desirable habitat for migratory birds that use Lardeau as a stopover.
- Provide opportunities through design for bird/wildlife viewing.



SENSE OF PLACE

Reflect the undeveloped and relaxed character and values of the Kootenays.

- Stay true to local character and values; let those guide the design and planning process.
- Keep interventions thoughtful and minimalistic.
- Celebrate cultural and natural assets elements



RECREATION

Create opportunities for recreation and access that are environmentally and locally sensitive, and can coexist with environmental objectives.

- Improve water and beach accessibility while protecting the foreshore
- Improve vehicular circulation.
- Promote and provide opportunities for non-motorized activities on the lake, such as paddle boating and kayaking.
- Maintain and enhance the trail system to facilitate this high-interest activity
- Strategically locate areas of active and passive recreation to cause the least disturbance to existing ecosystems.

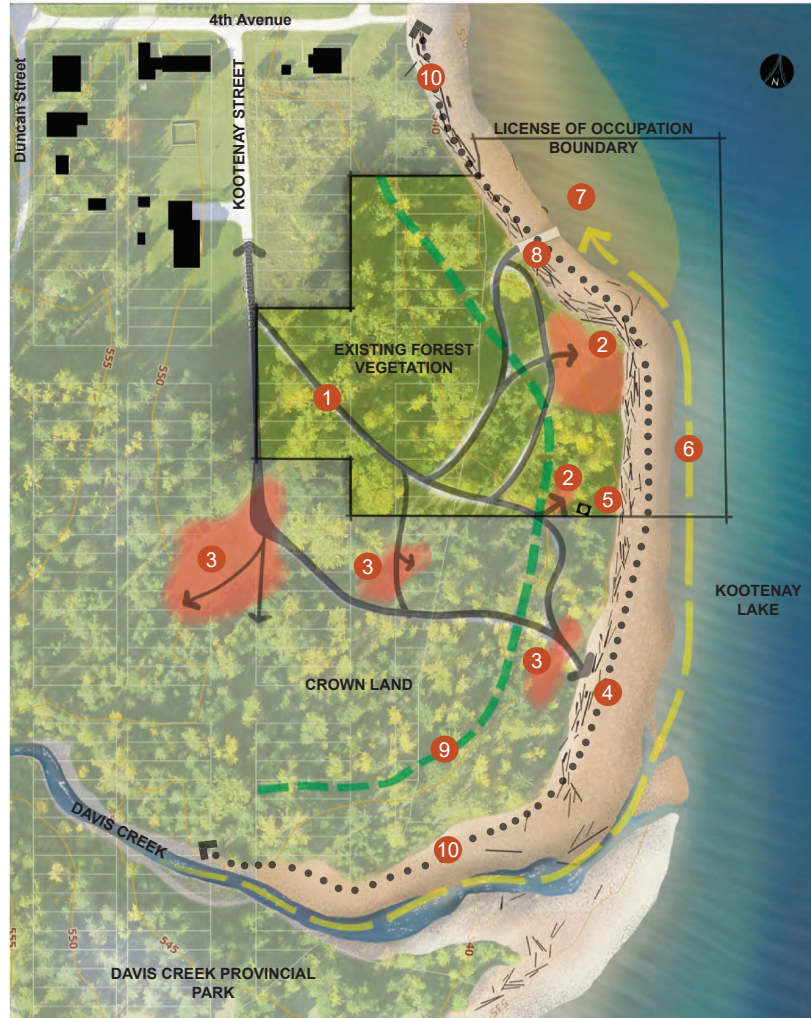


PARK MANAGEMENT

Advance the successful co-management of the park between the RDCK and the park users

- Continue to receive feedback from the local community, and to respect the rights of stakeholders.
- Efficient management of staff resources regarding park maintenance.
- Plan and manage park in a way that minimizes fire risk.
- Provide public amenities that support visitor enjoyment and environmental protection such as: a small washroom facility, way-finding and interpretive signage, garbage management, and rest opportunities.

SITE ANALYSIS



LEGEND

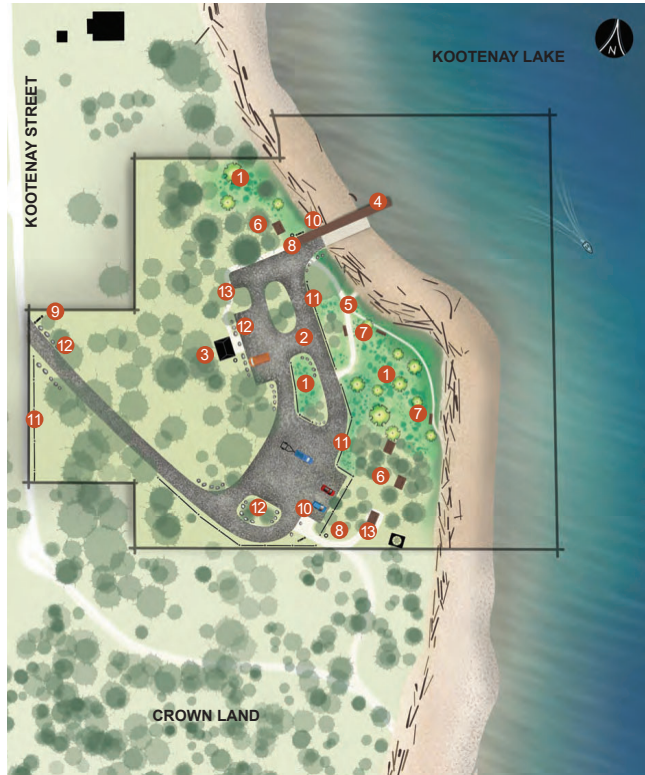
- 1 INFORMAL VEHICLE ACCESS
- 2 INFORMAL PARKING
- 3 INFORMAL CAMPING AND PARKING
- 4 VEHICLE ACCESS TO BEACH
- 5 LIGHTHOUSE
- 6 FLOW OF SEDIMENT
- 7 SEDIMENT ACCRETION ZONE
- 8 BOAT LAUNCH
- 9 APPROXIMATELY 30M FROM HIGH WATER
- 10 PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT ALONG SHORE



PARK CONCEPT PLAN OPTIONS



OPTION A1



OPTION A2



OPTION B

LEGEND

- 1 RIPARIAN VEGETATION RESTORATION
- 2 IMPROVED PARKING AND VEHICLE CIRCULATION
- 3 WASHROOM / PIT TOILET
- 4 WHARF STRUCTURE
- 5 MAINTENANCE ROAD/TRAIL
- 6 PICNIC TABLE (TYP.)
- 7 BENCH (TYP.)
- 8 WASTE RECEPTACLE (TYP.)
- 9 ENTRY SIGN
- 10 INTERPRETIVE / REGULATORY SIGNAGE
- 11 VEHICLE EXCLUSION BARRIER / FENCE
- 12 BOULDER BARRIER
- 13 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE PATHWAY
- 14 HIGH-WATER TRAIL

