

Survey Responses

25 June 2021 - 13 April 2025

Open House - Draft Plan Survey

Let's Talk Creston

Project: Parks Master Plan



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Respondent No: 1
Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Mar 25, 2025 19:21:50 pm
Last Seen: Mar 25, 2025 19:21:50 pm

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

See part 3.

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

See part 3.

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

The town needs more emphasis on maintaining our parks. The lack of maintenance is a concern for the people of the town and those responsible for the town's infrastructure and parks. For instance, Centennial Park's splash park was not cleaned or sanitized throughout the summer. Both covered areas became filthy from a lack of proper cleaning, due to food, drinks, etc. Lights within Centennial Park's parking lots are not functioning. Curbs are decrepit from lack of maintenance and paint. Grass in the park dies halfway through the summer, due to a lack of maintenance with the sprinkler system. The turnaround area at the south end of the park is part asphalt, part gravel. The parking spaces are no longer painted. A picnic table has rotting plywood underneath it. Benches face away from the playgrounds. Oh, and the garbage cans are becoming a breeding ground for bacteria, as they are never cleaned or washed. Burns Park's facilities are horrendous. The bathrooms are no better than a jail cell. The washroom garbage can is a tin bucket. The area behind the washrooms is used as a drinking ground for teenagers and unhoused individuals, who use it for spitting and cigarette disposal. The supporting wall for the dirt in the playground has rotted and exposed rebar. Canyon Street's walkway and crosswalk, coming from the parking lot, is certainly a sight for sore eyes. All planters have weed cloth showing; they have become a breeding ground for weeds due to the lack of maintenance. Broken curbs and missing painted lines can be a hazard. Downtown Greenspace should be called the forgotten space. All that happens in this area is drugs, garbage, and drinking. Millennium Park has become a hip place for teenagers to trash. Every day in the summer, this place constantly has garbage, bottles, and filth. Due to a lack of maintenance, trees are now dead around the fountain. Rose gardens have exposed areas of weed cloth. Roses are dead or do not flower at all. This park has no picnic tables for people who like to eat lunch there. Bathrooms end up being a place for people to sleep and destroy public property. Kinsmen Park is a desert in the summer. Why not implement a skating rink in the winter and a floor hockey rink in the summer? Dodd's Creek Park is a breeding ground for dog pee and poop. Whoever thought rock would be a good idea for dogs to poop and pee on needs to be reprimanded. Animals' paws get irritated. There is a risk of ingestion for smaller dogs. The gravel is a heat sink and hot on furry friends' paws. Let's move over to the bike park. Is this just an experiment to grow the tallest weeds? By mid-summer, you cannot even find the path due to the amount of weeds. How does this place not have a maintenance plan in place to keep the bike park's jumps maintained? I am tired of writing. I leave you with a quote: "The vitality of our shared spaces, from the greenest park to the sturdiest bridge, isn't a one-time creation but a continuous commitment, diligently woven into the fabric of regular maintenance and thoughtful schedules. Neglect is a slow erosion, while consistent care ensures these vital assets thrive for generations to come."

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Respondent No: 2

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Mar 31, 2025 09:09:40 am

Last Seen: Mar 31, 2025 09:09:40 am

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

Hoping the town plans on finishing the parks and trails they already have. There are no lights from the COTR to ʔaḱuḱni Park along the walking trail - safety issue and concerns. Cleanup, maintain and cut all the grass and weeds, get rid of invasive species and (poison hemlock) - behind the Creston Recreational Bike Park, Steve's Ride, 11th Avenue South and behind Crestbrook Gardens = fire and safety issues and concerns - year round for residents and visitors.

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

Solar motion sensor lights. Install cameras that were proposed for the parks from the budget. Working to make a difference in Environmental Conservation with CKISS in all parks and trails. Replace gazebo which was taken down from walking trail/Millennium Park. Clean up first the years old eyesore on the corner - believed town owned property on Northwest Boulevard - across the street from Creston Valley Funeral Services - across and up the street from Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce - was to be a park.

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

Presentation was monotone. Hire a project team locally or for The Kootenays - extra cost incurred from hiring from Victoria.

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Respondent No: 3

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Mar 31, 2025 11:13:27 am

Last Seen: Mar 31, 2025 11:13:27 am

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

I found it a bit confusing to understand what actionable items will be happening and when, but from what I understand it seems like there will still be minimal park and trail access in the downtown core and green trails in general. I feel very strongly that we need a safe play area walkable from the downtown core, and stroller/wheel chair friendly trails in the valley.

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

Same as above. Safe play space in the downtown core and a long stroller friendly trail in the valley.

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

I really like that you've taken notice that we need public access to the goat river. I think it would be incredible to have a park with water access, safe play space (away from hazards), and trails.

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Respondent No: 4

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Apr 04, 2025 13:40:14 pm

Last Seen: Apr 04, 2025 13:40:14 pm

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

The plan for kinsmen park includes a "soccer field" that is approximately the size of a tennis court. It would be better to prioritize creating a full-size soccer field by rehabilitating the field at the CEC; such a small soccer field is unlikely to be usable by community soccer groups (or for cricket, for that matter).

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

Though opportunities for river access have been marked, and is identified as a "medium-term action," river access remains a significant pain point in Creston, with ad-hoc community measures that are not generally accessible or maintained.

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

It is great to see such an ambitious plan for addressing the dire shortage of adequate park spaces in Creston. The consideration of improving trail connectivity is an important one.

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Respondent No: 5

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Apr 04, 2025 14:16:41 pm

Last Seen: Apr 04, 2025 14:16:41 pm

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

Add rickshaws or alternative transportation (bike rental or something)

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

Alternative transportation? Bus parking zone.

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

Looks great so far.

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Respondent No: 6

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Apr 04, 2025 18:56:24 pm

Last Seen: Apr 04, 2025 18:56:24 pm

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

Have the Dwight and Rosamond Moore Community Wetland---- DOGS PROHIBITED. ""

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

Dwight and Rosamond Moore Community Wetland " DOGS PROHIBITED. ""

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

The Dwight and Rosamond Moore Community Wetland Park is being created to protect wildlife. It seems nobody understands that dogs, even on a leash , can change the whole concept of this. Even the scent that a dog has been there, deters wildlife. Please BAN DOGS.

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Respondent No: 7

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Apr 04, 2025 20:34:39 pm

Last Seen: Apr 04, 2025 20:34:39 pm

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

It is a good plan

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

I did not read if the addition of indigenous plants and trees been built into landscaping.

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

For future consideration: mix of walking and cycling pathways to better connect existing and planned future parks

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Respondent No: 8

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Apr 04, 2025 21:04:57 pm

Last Seen: Apr 04, 2025 21:04:57 pm

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

All of these ideas are wonderful but if the space is not being utilized for it's intended purpose, perhaps it would be better used by zoning it for much needed rental housing or housing in general. Expansion of an off leash dog park would be nice to see. Creston needs a larger in town dog park. The current one is far too small.

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

I did not see anything mentioned about putting in safe side walks along highway 3 going from downtown out to the Ramada Inn. People walk along the edge of the highway summer and winter. There are no side walks and not barriers to protect pedestrians. It is a very unsafe situation and some people have no choice but to walk. It has nothing to do with being healthy or environmentally conscious. It is a necessity.

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

It is good to see that much thought and consultation is going on to make sure things are sustainable. Keep up the good work.

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Respondent No: 9
Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Apr 05, 2025 09:56:53 am
Last Seen: Apr 05, 2025 09:56:53 am

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

Yes, town needs to finishing parks they already have listed and not started. There are no lights from the COTR to ʔaʔuʔni Park along the walking trail - safety issue and concerns. Cleanup, maintain and cut all the grass and weeds, get rid of invasive species and (poison hemlock) - behind the Creston Recreational Bike Park, Steve's Ride, 11th Avenue South and behind Crestbrook Gardens = fire and safety issues and concerns - year round for residents and visitors. Work to make a difference in Environmental Conservation with CKISS. gazebo being replaced that was taken down from walking trail/Millennium Park. Cameras installation for the parks - when? Definitely not proof reading their presentations or work - what is and where is the Staking Park in Creston - mentioned numerous times?

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

Getting only "30" responses on Opportunities Survey and "85" responses on Early Directions Survey, from Creston's population of 5,583 = CONSULTANTS (Barefoot Planning+Design -Community Planning Consultants from Victoria) not doing their job or not connecting with our community = major problem of approximately 5,500 people of Creston not being engaged. Results are incorrect % as only receiving extremely limited responses. Professional proof reading their presentations or work - what is and where is the Staking Park in Creston? This park is mentioned numerous times - very unprofessional and making the same mistake numerous times and not being corrected

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

Survey was posted Wednesday 26th March 2025 on Let's Talk Creston and wants a completed response from the public in 5 days - very short opening only until Monday 31st March 2025. To short of time turn around for surveys. Yes, town needs to finishing parks they already have listed and not started. There are no lights from the COTR to ʔaʔuʔni Park along the walking trail - safety issue and concerns. Cleanup, maintain and cut all the grass and weeds, get rid of invasive species and (poison hemlock) - behind the Creston Recreational Bike Park, Steve's Ride, 11th Avenue South and behind Crestbrook Gardens = fire and safety issues and concerns - year round for residents and visitors. Work to make a difference in Environmental Conservation with CKISS. gazebo being replaced that was taken down from walking trail/Millennium Park. Cameras installation for the parks - when? Creston's population on the TOC website is listed at 5,583. The Consultant's Parks Master Plan has experienced extremely poor attendance, feedback and completed surveys. The Consultants are not doing their job to encourage feedback. Definitely not proof reading their presentations or work - what is and where is the Staking Park in Creston - mentioned numerous times? I have pointed this out before and TOC or Consultants have done nothing to correct this. Read Master Parks Plan - has 15 pages - What We Heard Report Page 6 of 15 Getting only "30" responses on Opportunities Survey and "85" responses on Early Directions Survey, from Creston's population of 5,583 = CONSULTANTS not doing their job or not connecting with our community = major problem of approximately 5,500 people of Creston not being engaged! With all the TOC mail outs - surveys should have been attached and residents/businesses were able to fill out and drop off in mailbox - town picking up postage cost - resulting in more feedback!

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Respondent No: 10

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Apr 05, 2025 15:13:37 pm

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2025 15:13:37 pm

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

lawn bowling bocce ball lawn tennis (clay court) develop Goat River Park more

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

I would love to see a squash court at rec center add a shallow outdoor kiddie pool develop the trail along Dead Horse Creek to Flats on

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

its a fantastic start buy somemore more green space walkway along CPR plant more trees shrubs flowers and bushes

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Respondent No: 11

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Apr 05, 2025 15:36:24 pm

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2025 15:36:24 pm

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

not answered

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

Take the fence down from around millennium park. Expand the green space of the park to include the south side parking lots. Expand the bike trail to go south to the library and north up northwest boulevard. More bike trails within the town connecting parks and areas.

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

not answered

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Respondent No: 12

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Apr 05, 2025 16:15:37 pm

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2025 16:15:37 pm

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

This plan looks comprehensive and well thought out. I will be visiting the parks I have not been to to explore the plans. I think the monies should be spent on parks that are the most accessible to the majority and enhance their facilities.

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

Would like to see more than one tennis court at the Kinsmen Park site - or at least have the extra pickleball courts lined for tennis too.

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

Great work by the planning committee. Will be watching for public input times and places.

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Respondent No: 13

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Apr 05, 2025 20:25:35 pm

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2025 20:25:35 pm

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

More specific actions that commit funding and provide timelines for implementing developments. There are also no infrastructure grants or funding sources specifically identified.

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

Priority actions that result in more/better fields, no connection with the Downtown highway realignment plan that possibly affects the north east corner of the high school field.

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

Prioritize recreation (fields) this is limiting in Creston also prioritize water access and ecological integrity.

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Respondent No: 14

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Apr 06, 2025 08:09:31 am

Last Seen: Apr 06, 2025 08:09:31 am

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

EXTENSIVE and probably costly brochure. Well don but overboard

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

Walking, biking, wheelchair path connecting all of the parks.

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

Connect and take care of what we already have with a path.

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Respondent No: 15

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Apr 07, 2025 15:24:25 pm

Last Seen: Apr 07, 2025 15:24:25 pm

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

No

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

No

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

More connectivity between parks and paths. Longer path for cycling/walking. Maybe along side the railway and up to the wineries/good company. It would be absolutely amazing to have a long cycle path out towards Kitchener/Goat river or out towards Wynndel or along the flats.

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Respondent No: 16

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Apr 07, 2025 17:31:17 pm

Last Seen: Apr 07, 2025 17:31:17 pm

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

More planting everywhere, especially native planting for rewilding and pollinators! The market garden park needs way more large trees for shade!

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

More community garden space? More bike and trail connectivity!

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

Looks like a very well thought out plan with lots of great ideas and detail! Excited to see the future!

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Respondent No: 17

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Apr 07, 2025 17:40:05 pm

Last Seen: Apr 07, 2025 17:40:05 pm

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

The park at the old reservoir site needs to stay wild, don't make it all fancy...we need some places that are not so structured and managed. It needs way more plant material to support pollinators and rewilding!

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

not answered

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

not answered

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Respondent No: 18

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Apr 08, 2025 10:34:29 am

Last Seen: Apr 08, 2025 10:34:29 am

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

Things that were presented looked really nice. If there was one thing that I would love to have seen, it would be more discussion/plans around including disc golf. It is such an easy sport to incorporate, even on a small scale. It is also really nice to see the plan for a couple more Pickleball courts but it would be a great opportunity to partner up with the local club and create something covered or indoor. I have it on good authority that the club is very motivated to have an indoor space.

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

Disc Golf obviously not completely missing because it was briefly mentioned regarding the Ken Huscroft Park. I was hoping for it to part of a solid plan.

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

Love the plans!

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Respondent No: 19

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Apr 09, 2025 13:33:56 pm

Last Seen: Apr 09, 2025 13:33:56 pm

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

The parks in Creston are sufficient at this time. The Market Park has turned out to not be a useable park like once thought. It was understood the Farmer's Market would set up in the Market Park but it is unusable. Trees shouldn't be waiting to be planted until more money is found for this park. It was an expensive project and trees should have been included in that budget.

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

not answered

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

Planting native plants shouldn't cost a lot of money. The rec centre landscaping already has native plants on the slopes and walkway. It is sufficient. Taxpayers cannot keep funding Project Teams. Please lower our taxes rather than hiring committees for consultations and project teams. The existing walk-through park downtown has the basic landscaping in place. For a minimal cost, adding some more vegetation would enhance it considerably.

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Respondent No: 20

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Apr 09, 2025 13:37:16 pm

Last Seen: Apr 09, 2025 13:37:16 pm

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

It is a very comprehensive plan.

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

Ongoing talks with the diking authority to gain access to the dikes for walking, and public use.

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

It would be wonderful to look at the roads leading up to kootenay river and have access to kootenay river through them such as Indian road. Also as a thought that name should be changed.

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Respondent No: 21

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Apr 09, 2025 14:17:19 pm

Last Seen: Apr 09, 2025 14:17:19 pm

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

Ard disc golfing to the play space category.

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

In the play space category I did not see reference to disc golf.

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

The only parks that myself and my household actively use are the two disc golf courses in lister and wynndel. They make good use of the space provided, however, we feel Creston needs a proper 18-hole course. After too many injuries at the Creston skateboard park, I had to change activities, And disc golf became my new passion. It's a great outdoor activity for all ages, And a proper 18-hole course would showcase Creston and bring tournaments to the town. There are many other amenities throughout town like basketball, soccer, baseball, But not many things catering to a group of three or four people. Please consider disc golf in future directions and decisions. Thank you

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Respondent No: 22

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Apr 11, 2025 13:01:49 pm

Last Seen: Apr 11, 2025 13:01:49 pm

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

not answered

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

Paved bike paths that extend from the Market Park-library path. Upgrades/field maintenance needed at all baseball diamonds. Centennial park diamond is in terrible condition. Sliding to plates is dangerous due to the amount of rocks in the dirt infield.

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

not answered

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Respondent No: 23

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Apr 12, 2025 22:10:07 pm

Last Seen: Apr 12, 2025 22:10:07 pm

Q1. Is there anything about the Plan that you would change?

Kinsmen Park: In a park it's nice to have at least two pickleball courts together and I think that two courts would fit within the space here. While it's nice to have disc golf included in the local park, the sport requires much more space to play properly. I don't recommend that a disc golf play area is included in this small park. This space only allows for putting practice and this small space would put people on the surrounding (close by) walking paths in possible danger of being hit by a disc. Disc golf baskets would make more sense in the fields at the Creston Education Center where there is much more open space.

Millenium Park: I have an XL dog and frequent the dog park nearly daily. I agree with the comment about the entire 4' high fence being too low and my dog has jumped over the fence twice. My dog more frequently jumps out of the park using the bench (placed at the fence) and every day I have to stand at the bench blocking him from doing so. I have seen other dogs jump out via jumping off the bench. It would be good to move the bench away from the fence or raising the fence height behind the bench to prevent jumpers. I agree that small dogs would benefit from their own separate area if they have issues with any large dogs who are there. Personally my large dog loves small dogs and regularly plays with them but I have noticed that there are some small dogs who don't like large dogs and it would be nice if they had their own separated area. I am concerned that the dog park is shown split in half, if I am reading that correctly. Half for small dogs and half for others. When the park has half of it closed off for winter/grass seeding the regular dogs suffer from the smaller space and everyone eagerly waits for the other half to open up so the dogs can run more openly. If the park is split in half the entire park would suffer and not be as enjoyable. Small dogs don't require much space, a 15'x20' area would be enough from my observations, and that size area could be fenced off at the top right tip of the existing dog park, or there are many options for a small fenced area in a different part of the overall park.

Q2. Is there anything about the Plan that is missing?

More pickleball courts. This sport is exploding and there are so many new players in this town this year. The four courts at the rec center are overflowing already.

Q3. Do you have any final thoughts for the Project Team (or Council)?

These are exciting plans and improvements with the park spaces and the coloured renderings are nice and easy to read. But please don't cut the dog park in half it would ruin my dog's ability to run around with other dogs. He runs from one end to the other as fast as he can and the half park doesn't allow him to get into an open run. It affects how all the dogs play and is very limiting.

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