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Introduction

Context

Idlewild Park is a Destination Park within the City of Cranbrook’s park system. Located along Joseph Creek just to the east of the municipal boundary, Idlewild Park is situated within the Regional District of East Kootenay and the traditional Ktunaxa territory. (Figure 1) The park is just under 10 hectares and is best-known for Idlewild Lake, which was originally constructed in 1931 to provide Cranbrook’s drinking water supply.

In addition to the lake, the park is highly celebrated for its ecological values and natural character as it is home to savanna-like ponderosa pine forests, grasslands, and wetland ecosystems. Cultural values within the park include traditional use by First Nations, strong connections to the Cranbrook firefighters, music concerts and performances, and its status as an international Peace Park.

Legend

City of Cranbrook Boundary
Idlewild Park Boundary

Figure 1 - Context Map
Idlewild Lake served as the City of Cranbrook’s municipal water supply until Phillips Reservoir was constructed in the early 1970s. At that time the Cranbrook firefighters initiated a plan that would establish the site as a City park. In 1974, the first Park Master Plan was created (Figure 2) and it served as the foundation for the development of the site as a park. Several years later, a local teenager won a naming contest for the park, and it has since been known as Idlewild Park.

Idlewild is one of Cranbrook’s most popular parks and over the years, there have been numerous ideas put forward on how this important park should be used and developed. Although the park has served the citizens of Cranbrook for many decades, many of the facilities in the park have reached the end of their lifespan. In conjunction with the required upgrades to the spillway and removal of sediment from the lake in 2016, the City obtained a grant for improvement of park amenities as well as the spillway.
The City initiated a planning process to establish direction for the design and future development of this park through the Idlewild Park Master Plan. The process was based on the City of Cranbrook’s Park and Recreation Master Plan, 2016, which stated the following regarding Idlewild Park:

**Prepare a park Master Plan with community input, considering the input from the Idlewild community survey (June 2015) (Appendix B), which showed the following as desired improvements, listed in order of priority: trails, fitness circuit, improved accessibility, dog off-leash area, beach use area, wildlife viewing platforms, amphitheatre upgrades, bike racks; participants in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan also indicated interest in more play areas, including a natural play area at Idlewild Park**

The purpose of the Idlewild Park Master Plan is to establish a long-term vision and plan to guide City staff and Council on the improvement and addition of park facilities in Idlewild Park.

*Figure 2 - Idlewild Park Master Plan, 1974*
The Idlewild Park Master Plan is based on the needs and interests of the community as identified through a public engagement process.

2015 Idlewild Park Survey

Public engagement for this park began in 2015 with the online Idlewild Community Survey (Appendix A) that was held concurrently with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The survey was open for approximately one month and 1,013 surveys were completed.

Respondents were asked to indicate how they currently use Idlewild Park from a list of eight options, with the opportunity to list other uses. Over 90% of those who responded indicated they currently use Idlewild Park for trails/walking/jogging. Over 50% of respondents indicated they use the park for winter sports, nature viewing, playground, picnicking and dog walking. When asked what they most appreciated about the park, the location, natural beauty and a quiet atmosphere ranked the highest.

Respondents were asked to share what they like least about Idlewild Park though an open-ended response. Many respondents said there was nothing they do not like about Idlewild Park, while others indicated that the playground equipment needs upgrading (including making it more suitable for younger children), and that visitor facilities are unsatisfactory.

Respondents were asked to identify what activities or amenities they would like to see within Idlewild Park. In order of priority, the responses indicated fitness circuit, improved accessibility, dog off-leash area, beach use area, wildlife viewing platforms, and amphitheatre upgrades were desired by over 20% of respondents. In addition, improvements to the children’s playground was cited 60 times in the comments.

Although potential improvements to the park were identified, the responses indicated strongly that the community did not wish to see any significant changes to the character of the park.
2016 Stakeholder Engagement

In June, 2016, stakeholder workshops were held regarding the City of Cranbrook Idlewild Park Master Plan. (Appendix B) The purpose of this community engagement was to inform participants about the project, and to request their perceptions about the strengths and challenges in the park, and their priorities and aspirations for future improvements and development in the park.

Four sessions were held over two days; workshops for City staff, park stakeholders including caretakers and user groups; and Council; and the final event was an open house for the general public. At the public workshop, attendees were able to see all of the input that had been received to date, to provide additional comments/ideas, and to indicate support for ideas that had already been stated. Approximately 75 individuals in total participated in the workshops.

Feedback received from the workshops was very consistent with the previous survey, emphasizing protection and enhancement of the natural environment, improved accessibility, upgrades to outdated facilities, and an over-all orientation towards family gatherings and activities. Figure 3 summarizes the opportunities identified in these workshops by area.

During the stakeholder engagement phase, a thread discussion was started on social media entitled “Make Idlewild Great Again” to which over 75 comments were posted. In addition, local service clubs and interested citizens provided letters to the City outlining their priorities for the park (Appendix B).

Preparation of Draft Concepts

Following the workshops and open house, three conceptual options for the park were prepared in response to the feedback received (Appendix C). These alternatives were submitted to City staff for consideration and the City provided direction to the design team to support the preparation of a preferred draft Master Plan concept.

Preparation of Draft Park Master Plan

The design team prepared a draft Master Plan and supporting design package (Appendix D). This package included the following elements: an introduction to the project, park history, park amenities and infrastructure condition assessment (Figure 4) park character, engagement summary, guiding statements and planning process, a preferred Master Plan, character imagery and visualizations, and a discussion about swimming in Idlewild.
**Figure 3 - Engagement Summary Map**

**Arrival Area**
- Improve accessibility
- Sense of arrival
- Peace Park
- Views

**General**
- Need water taps in more locations for drinking and fire safety
- Need clarification/signage for dog regulations (1)
- Incorporate public art into park as part of interpretation
- Need signage for interpretation and way finding
- No asphalt (1)
- Preserve natural vegetation

**Opportunities**
- Enhance picnic area
- Improve accessibility
- Create a sense of arrival (1)
- Connect to Rotary Way (2)
- Off leash dog area
- Interpretive signage
- Kids bike loop
- Manicured grass
- Relocate playground
- More trees, some in clumps

**Family BBQ Area**
- Upgrade picnic tables (1)
- Upgrade BBQ’s
- Trees!
- Upgrade washrooms and septic
- Lockable wood storage
- Improve fire pit (1)
- Pavilion

**Boy Scout Area**
- leased to Scouts

**Arrival Area**
- Off leash dog area (1)
- Bike skills area
- Disk golf course (1)
- Upgrade for picnics
Opportunities
- Enhance picnic area
- Improve accessibility
- Create a sense of arrival
- Connect to Rotary Way
- Off leash dog area
- Interpretive signage
- Kids bike loop
- Manicured grass
- Relocate playground
- More trees, some in clumps

Opportunities
- Update Playground (natural and creative)
- Update washrooms
- Update zip line
- Family BBQ pods
- Water stand pipe
- Lockable wood storage
- Picnic pavilion

Opportunities
- Quiet nature viewing by creek
- Interpretation stream area
- Seating
- Restore bridge crossing
- Research

Opportunities
- Jogging loops
- Update fitness equipment
- Simple wood bars and benches for fitness

Opportunities
- Dredge lake
- Improve fish habitat eg. rocks and structures
- Rebuild piers - larger
- Dock on south shore
- New spillway
- Future fish ladder
- More benches along shore
- Create an accessible path around the lake
- Winter skating
- No swimming

General
- Need water taps in more locations for drinking and fire safety
- Need clarification/signage for dog regulations
- Incorporate public art into park as part of interpretation
- Need signage for interpretation and way finding
- No asphalt
- Preserve natural vegetation

Parking

Fitness Trail Area
Opportunities
- Jogging loops
- Update fitness equipment
- Simple wood bars and benches for fitness

Wetlands
Opportunities
- Pathways - boardwalks
- Viewing tower/blind for watching wildlife
- Preserve habitat
- Limit access in some portions
- Interpretive and education area
- Protect turtle nesting

Arena
- Water stand pipes to reduce dust

Arena Parking
- Improve surface in some portions keeping footing for horses
Figure 4 - Amenities and Infrastructure Condition Assessment
Open House

The draft Master Plan package was presented to the community at an open house event. The City advertised the open house in newspapers, on local radio, as well as online, inviting the entire community to view and provide feedback on the draft Master Plan. Attendees could examine and comment directly on the panels using sticky notes. This encouraged discussion among participants throughout the event. Hard copy comment forms were provided to attendees as well as a link to the online survey. Approximately 60 residents attended the open house.

Youth Engagement

City staff facilitated a workshop with Cranbrook youth to present the draft plan and request their feedback. Their comments were entered into the online survey.

Online Survey

The design team prepared an online version of the comment form in order to gauge the community’s support for the draft Master Plan. Ads were placed in newspapers, on local radio, as well as online, encouraging citizens who had not been able to attend the open house to review the draft Master Plan on the City’s website and provide feedback through the online survey. The survey was open for three weeks, and including the forms received at the open house and through the youth engagement, 90 responses were received (Appendix E).

Along with the online survey, a social media thread was initiated to discuss Idlewild Park Master Plan and several community members submitted letters directly to the City.
Guiding Statements

The vision and guiding principles are based on input received from park users, stakeholders and Cranbrook residents. These statements set the framework for the Idlewild Park Master Plan and will guide the evolution of the park in the future.

**Vision**

Idlewild is a destination park that draws visitors from Cranbrook and beyond. Idlewild Lake is the focal point of an accessible park with a long history in the community for multi-generational, family-friendly activities. The preservation of the natural beauty and ecological values of the forests, creek and wetlands make this a special setting for pursuits from bird watching to special events, within easy reach of the City.

**Guiding Principles**

- Preserve and enhance Idlewild Park’s natural beauty and wildness
- Improve accessibility to support multi-generational enjoyment of nature
- Cultivate a family-friendly and inclusive atmosphere
- Upgrade and modernize infrastructure and facilities
- Interpret ecological and cultural values
- Support year-round recreation and fun that is sensitive and appropriate
- Provide a diversity of activities to engage visitors all day long
- Protect and enhance habitat values and biodiversity
- Engage community groups as partners for park improvements and ongoing stewardship
- Make Idlewild Park a central focus of the City’s marketing efforts
- Provide links to the City’s active transportation and park networks
Figure 5 - Idlewild Park Master Plan

- Natural Playground
- Restored Zip Line
- 9 Hole Disc Golf Course
- Bocce and Horseshoe Pits
- Improved Picnic Area
- Drinking Fountain
- Amphitheatre with Pad for Temporary Stage
- 10 Station Fitness/Parkour Course
- Wetland Boardwalk
- Wetland Viewing Platforms
- Floating Habitat Islands
- Restored Fishing Piers
- Stairs to Lake Loop
- Firefighter Theme Play Feature
- Restored Fire Pits
- Enhanced Riparian Restoration (• Shoreline Landforms • Riparian Plantings)
- Spillway Bridge Enhancements
- Restored Bridge
- Realigned Path for Accessibility
- Park Signage-Major
- Osprey Pole
- Bike Racks
- Fishing Dock • Expand in Future • Consider Future Wading Area
- Restored Firefighter’s Gazebo
- Spillway/Fish Ladder Viewing Fishing Jetty
- Off-Leash Area
- Enhanced Toboggan Hill
- Open Lawn Area (• Events Space • Overflow Arena Parking)
- Washroom (4-STALL)
- Washroom (2-STALL)
- Drinking Fountain
- Fishing Dock
- Boy Scout Camp
- Accessible Lake Loop
- Group Picnic Pavilion (• 15- 20 Covered Picnic Tables • Large Fire Ring • BBQ Pits • Lockable Wood Storage • Water)
- Family BBQ Pod (• 2-4 Covered Picnic Tables • Fire Ring • BBQ Pit • Lockable Wood Storage • Water)
- Outhouse for Winter Use
IDLEWILD PARK MASTER PLAN

1. IMPROVED PICNIC AREA
   - DRINKING FOUNTAIN
2. OFF-LEASH AREA
3. 9 HOLE DISC GOLF COURSE
4. NATURAL PLAYGROUND
5. RESTORED ZIP LINE
6. GROUP PICNIC PAVILION
   - 15-20 COVERED PICNIC TABLES
   - LARGE FIRE RING
   - BBQ PITS
   - LOCKABLE WOOD STORAGE
   - WATER
7. FAMILY BBQ POD
   - 2-4 COVERED PICNIC TABLES
   - FIRE RING
   - BBQ PIT
   - LOCKABLE WOOD STORAGE
   - WATER
8. WASHROOM (4-STALL)
   - DRINKING FOUNTAIN
9. RESTORED FISHING PIER
10. WETLAND BOARDWALK
11. WETLAND VIEWING PLATFORMS
12. FLOATING HABITAT ISLANDS
13. OSPREY POLE
14. ENHANCED RIPARIAN RESTORATION
    - SHORELINE LANDFORMS
    - RIPARIAN PLANTINGS
15. RIPARIAN RESTORATION
    - RIPARIAN PLANTINGS
16. FISHING DOCK
    - EXPAND IN FUTURE
    - CONSIDER FUTURE WADING AREA
17. RESTORED FIREFIGHTER’S GAZEBO
18. FISHING JETTY
19. AMPHITHEATRE WITH PAD FOR TEMPORARY STAGE
20. OPEN LAWN AREA
    - EVENTS SPACE
    - OVERFLOW ARENA PARKING
21. WASHROOM (2-STALL)
    - DRINKING FOUNTAIN
22. OUTHOUSE FOR WINTER USE
23. RIDING ARENA
    - FUTURE WATER SOURCE
24. RESTORED FIRE PITS
25. ENHANCED TOBOGGAN HILL
26. FIREFIGHTER THEME PLAY FEATURE
27. BOCCE AND HORSESHOE PITS
28. STAIRS TO LAKE LOOP
29. SPILLWAY BRIDGE ENHANCEMENTS
30. SPILLWAY/FISH LADDER VIEWING
31. RESTORED BRIDGE
32. REALIGN PATH FOR ACCESSIBILITY
33. PARK SIGNAGE-MAJOR
34. BIKE RACKS
Idlewild Park Master Plan

The Master Plan, presented in Figure 5 (Appendix F) and discussed below, identifies a number of upgrades and improvements to the park.

Playgrounds

The existing playground in Idlewild Park is at the end of its lifespan, and was identified in all of the public engagement as a priority for improvement. Many residents suggested that a natural playground would be best suited to this park given the forest setting and that there are presently no natural playgrounds in Cranbrook. In the past, there were wooden play structures in Idlewild Park, so a historical precedent for this type of feature exists.

There was also interest in a historical link to Cranbrook’s firefighters being integrated within the play elements. Because of the role of Cranbrook’s firefighters in establishing Idlewild Park, a firefighter-themed play feature/environment could help to highlight that aspect of the park’s history.

A zipline feature has traditionally been located in this park. The platforms for the previous zipline are in relatively good condition; however, the actual line and seat have been removed. The Master Plan proposes upgrades to this feature and the areas around it to improve safety and reduce the potential for injuries.

Visualization of a natural playground in Idlewild Park
**Ecological Restoration and Enhancement**

As an overall approach to planning improvements in Idlewild Park, proposed recreation facilities are carefully sited to minimize the removal of trees and habitat. The restoration of the dam spillway and lake dredging (underway at the time of this report) have impacted most of the vegetation along the shorelines of the lake. In partnership with local conservation groups, the City has an opportunity to enhance and improve ecological values in the riparian areas of the park, including the lake shoreline and the wetland on the north side of the lake. Osprey are a frequent sight in this park, and a osprey nest pole is proposed to encourage the elegant birds to continue to make Idlewild Park their home.

The restoration of the riparian areas includes reshaping the shoreline contours to increase the actual length and complexity of the lake edge, and planting a diverse mix of native vegetation. In addition, floating wetland islands are proposed to improve water quality and provide habitat to fish and wildlife.

**Trails and Accessibility**

In the 2015 survey, the most common activity for park users was walking on paths and trails, and improving universal accessibility in the park was a consistent theme throughout the engagement. The Master Plan proposes an accessible loop trail that encircles the entire lake. This path will likely have an asphalt surface, as this material offers the best experience for users with mobility challenges who may be visiting the park using wheelchairs and scooters as well as parents pushing baby strollers. The cost of asphalt is somewhat higher than crushed compacted aggregate; however, asphalt requires less maintenance and has a longer lifespan than the aggregate.

The accessible lake loop links to the parking lots at the northwest and southeast corners of the park, and although these connecting trails already exist, they will require realignment in at least two locations to ensure an accessible grade from the parking areas. In addition to linking the loop to the parking areas, three staircases and a switchback trail are proposed to achieve better links from the loop to the upland areas and reduce user-created trails on the banks that are prone to erosion.
The park has an extensive trail system presently; the Master Plan proposes to define and improve specific trails that support connectivity. In general, the plan makes use of the existing trail alignments because restoring vegetation on arid lands without irrigation is extremely difficult, and user desire lines are not likely to change dramatically in the future.

The Master Plan shows two crossings in addition to the existing bridge where Joseph Creek enters the lake near the eastern edge of the park. One timber bridge is located over the spillway as part of the spillway improvements. Another bridge is proposed for restoration downstream of the spillway in a location where there previously was a crossing. These bridges will provide important links and play an interpretive role in celebrating the three species of trout that once spawned in Joseph Creek. Hopefully this spawning will occur again once the watershed is restored and the fish ladder is constructed beside the spillway.

**Washrooms**

Currently, all of the washrooms in Idlewild Park are in disrepair and require attention. The Master Plan proposes one four-stall seasonal washroom in the central facility area proposed for the north side of the park, one two-stall seasonal washroom near the parking area on the south side of the park, and an outhouse intended for winter use near the toboggan hill. The seasonal washrooms will have running water and be serviced by septic fields.

**Fishing Access**

For many years, Idlewild Park has been a fishing destination for seniors and children. The original fishing piers were constructed on the old water intake structures. While the piers themselves need to be replaced, the concrete abutments can still support the new structures. One challenge with the piers is their high elevation above the lake. This height makes it difficult for youngsters to reel in the fish that they catch; however, the height also makes the piers accessible as they are the same elevation as the path. While the western pier may remain at the current height to remain accessibility, cutting away a portion of the abutment on the eastern pier could help bring users closer to the water. In the future, it may also make sense to attach a ramp and floating concrete dock to the eastern pier to enable more visitors to reach the lake while retaining the universal access at the upper elevation.

The lake design includes two distinct pools separated by a berm. The Master Plan proposes that the berms support two jetties that
extend into the lake to support fishing and habitat enhancement opportunities. The jetty extending north from the south shore is an extension of the universally accessible pathway with a small thermally-modified wood dock at the end.

Near the firefighter’s gazebo, another concrete dock with a wood railing is proposed to facilitate wildlife viewing, fishing, and potentially an enclosed wading area in the future. Within the horizon of this plan, only a portion of the dock is proposed to be constructed.

**Picnicking and Gathering Spaces**

The Master Plan proposes a variety of picnic shelters to accommodate many different sizes of groups. The north group picnic pavilion is intended to seat a group of up to 60 people. The group pavilion on the south side of the lake situated at the top of the toboggan hill is intended to accommodate groups up to 35.

Two sizes of family-oriented BBQ pods are proposed; the larger holding around 24 individuals, and the smaller accommodating around a dozen comfortably. The picnic shelters should be sensitively designed to suit the natural setting, possibly with logs or large timbers and other natural materials. These facilities should be designed and sited to minimize tree removal.

Near the large open lawn on the south side of the lake, the plan proposes a new firefighter gazebo to support special events like weddings, as well as ice skating in the winter. This structure, like the other shelters, should use site-appropriate materials that are consistent with the architectural theme established for the park.

Just to the south of the large lawn area, there is an amphitheatre with terraced seating built into the east-facing slope. The stage is proposed to be a concrete platform at the base of the terraces with the flexibility to support performances oriented towards the slope, or the lawn for larger events.
Wildlife Viewing

Wildlife viewing and enjoyment of nature are important activities in Idlewild Park. The Master Plan proposes two elevated wildlife-viewing platforms in and near the wetland. The largest platform is reached by a thermally-modified wood boardwalk, providing new and unique views within the wetland.

Overlooking the spillway, a small viewing area is proposed to allow park visitors to enjoy the rushing water over the new spillway and watch fish in the creek and climbing the fish ladder in the future.

Idlewild Park is a popular location for community members to honour loved ones through the placement of memorial benches. Locations for these benches are suggested in the plan. Carefully siting these benches strategically throughout the park is important to supporting nature appreciation and quiet contemplation.
Recreation

Idlewild Park has traditionally hosted a number of recreation activities including a fitness circuit, ice skating, tobogganing, dog walking, and horseback riding (in arena). Each of these activities is supported, and three new activities that have minimal impacts on the overall park character and appearance are proposed; horseshoes, bocce, and disc golf.

Idlewild’s current fitness circuit, like many facilities in the park, has reached the end of its lifespan. In the 2015 community survey, restoring this activity was the highest priority identified by respondents, and as such the Master Plan proposes that the old equipment be replaced with a 10-station circuit linked by upgraded trails. Like the playground and park structures, there is an opportunity to design the fitness elements with natural materials, and to borrow from the popular sport of parkour in the design of the station activities.

Ice skating is expected to continue on the lake during the winter as temperatures permit. The restored firefighter’s gazebo and accompanying dock will provide shelter, seating and a defined gathering space to support ice skating in the future.

Idlewild Park draws crowds in the winter for tobogganing on the east-facing slope on the south side of the lake. The pavilion that is proposed for this area will enhance this activity for families. The material dredged from the lake in 2016 will be shaped and contoured to enhance the sledding opportunities as well.

Park users have likely walked with their dogs in Idlewild Park for longer than it has been a park. Dogs are not permitted to be off-leash presently; however, many users disregard this regulation as the park is large and there is little incentive to obey the rule. Through the engagement process, a desire to permit dogs off-leash in Idlewild Park was heard. It was also noted that off-leash dogs are not always compatible with the ecological and habitat objectives in the park. The plan proposes an off-leash area near the west entry/parking area. The proposed off-leash space is not in demand for other users and it is far from the most ecologically sensitive parts of the park, i.e., the wetlands and restored shorelines. The off-leash area is only fenced along the property line to reduce conflicts with the neighbouring residents. Otherwise the designated area is defined only by paths and the creek. This unenclosed strategy is used with success in other municipalities, and reduces the amount of infrastructure that is required to accommodate this use.
For family events, a bocce court and three horseshoe pits are proposed as new activities in the park. The proposed addition of a disc golf course was favoured by youth that participated in the survey. In addition, disc golf requires very little changes to the forest environment, and programs an under-used portion of the park. Introducing disc golf as activity into a poorly used area will draw visitors into these spaces making inappropriate activity less likely.

The riding area, although within the park, is operated by the riding club. While this group had no requests as part of this planning process, other members of the community identified the need for a water supply near the arena to reduce dust to the park and surrounding area. This City would look to the riding club to realize this improvement if it is to occur.

The plan includes the potential for a small wading and formalized shoreline interface area near the firefighter’s gazebo, as water quality permits. Although swimming in Idlewild Lake was discussed at length during this planning process, it is unlikely that the lake or park infrastructure will adequately support this activity at a public scale and therefore it is not recommended in the plan.

Another activity proposed in the park that has not been included in this plan is a bike skills area. While cycling is a permitted use in the park, the plan does not recommend a bike skills area. This exclusion is due to the proximity of nearby trails that already exist, as well as the relative small size of this park. An appropriate compromise if requests persist could be small technical features intended for children distributed along trails. This type of distributed facilities would support the development of skills without focusing the riders into a particular space.

It is understood that biking will continue in the park; however, in the areas where mountain biking has been concentrated, the activity has contributed to significant vegetation loss and erosion, e.g., directly south of the spillway. If the destructive off-trail use continues, the City may wish to undertake a focused restoration effort that includes physical barriers.
Signage and Wayfinding

Idlewild Park has a number of signs throughout the park. In most cases, these signs are aging, and in need of replacement. Through the public engagement, the need for improved signage was identified for a range of purposes. New signs are needed for wayfinding information within the park and to nearby recreation facilities like Rotary Way and the Community Forest. There are also numerous opportunities to interpret the valuable cultural and ecological resources in the park. Regulatory signage is required in Idlewild Park to inform visitors of fishing regulations, trail etiquette, leash rules, park hours, and contact information for City staff and caretakers.

Parking

In general, the parking supply in Idlewild is adequate with existing and proposed uses. In the event that the City chooses to introduce a new activity, like swimming for instance, the existing parking supply would likely become challenged and require additional consideration.

The only improvements that were identified in the public engagement were access to the northeast small parking lot in the winter months, and a desire for bike racks. The Master Plan proposes a moderate expansion to the small parking area off of 9th Avenue, but the space is constrained by gullies. The expansion will improve the circulation and maneuverability within the space.
Phasing and Costs

A capital cost estimate of the recommended improvements identified in the Idlewild Park Master Plan is located in Figure 6. Unit prices and quantities are presented for each item. A 40% contingency (50% of this for design and 50% for cost contingency) is added to the estimated capital costs. The phasing of the improvements is presented in Figure 7, outlining how the master plan could be achieved within three phases of construction.

Next Steps

The next steps in implementing the Idlewild Park Master Plan involve budgeting and acquiring partners to implement the proposed improvements, as follows:

• Include short-term improvements in the City’s 2017 capital plan
• Initiate design development of short-term priority items as appropriate
• Contact prospective partners in the community to obtain assistance with funding or services in kind (refer to Appendix B for prospective list)
• Share the Master Plan with the community to build support and excitement

The Master Plan is intended to cover a 5-year time frame. The Implementation Plan should be reviewed and updated annually along with a review of progress towards achieving objectives. The critical factor in implementing the Master Plan is to remain committed to the vision and guiding principles in all aspects of park development.
## IDLEWILD PARK COST ESTIMATE

This estimate is based on the Idlewild Park Master Plan

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### Figure 6 - Idlewild Park Capital Cost Estimate
### IDLEWILD PARK IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

This plan is based on the Idlewild Park Master Plan and Cost Estimate with input from the City of Cranbrook (in 2016 dollars).

#### Idlewild Park

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Sub-total (Rounded): $2,610,000 | $1,559,000 | $676,000 | $376,000

40% Design and Contingency (20% design / 20% Contingency): 40% $620,000 $270,000 $150,000

TOTAL IMPLEMENTATION COSTS: $3,630,000 | $2,229,000 | $946,000 | $526,000

Figure 7 - Idlewild Park Implementation Plan
Appendix A

2015 Idlewild Park Survey and Summary
Based on recent assessments of the dam at Idlewild Lake, the water levels will be lowered to protect public safety. Cranbrook City Council recognizes the significance of Idlewild Lake to our community, and is looking for funding to replace the dam and restore the lake. As part of the restoration, the City would like to enhance the park. Please complete the following short questionnaire on Idlewild Park.

1. In what ways do you use Idlewild Park? Please select all that apply.

   - Fishing
   - Nature viewing
   - Trails/walking/jogging
   - Playground
   - Picnic facilities
   - Winter sports (skating or tobogganing)
   - Winter campfires
   - Dog walking
   - Other (please indicate) __________________________________________________________________________

2. What do you like most about Idlewild Park?

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3. What do you like least about Idlewild Park?

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4. What new or improved activities or amenities would you like to see included in Idlewild Park?

- Beach use area
- Fitness trails/circuit
- Bike racks
- Dog off leash area
- Improved accessibility (e.g., for wheelchairs, strollers)
- Wildlife viewing platforms
- Amphitheatre upgrades
- Other (please indicate) [ ]

5. Do you have any other comments of the future of Idlewild Park?

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Thank you for your input
1.0 Introduction

Based on recent assessments of the dam at Idlewild Lake, the water levels will be lowered to protect public safety. Cranbrook City Council recognizes the significance of Idlewild Lake to the community, and is looking for funding to replace the dam and restore the lake. As part of the restoration, the City would like to enhance the park. To assist in planning the future of the park, the City sought input from Cranbrook residents on the future of Idlewild Park through a community survey on the City’s website. The survey was also made available in hard-copy format.

The survey was open to the public for approximately one month, ending May 25\textsuperscript{th}, 2015. In total, there were 1,013 surveys completed. The following is a summary of the input received through the community survey.
2.0 Use of Idlewild Park

Respondents were asked to indicate how they currently use Idlewild Park from a list of eight options, with the opportunity to list other uses. Over 90% of those who responded indicated they currently use Idlewild Park for trails/walking/jogging. For all but two of the options provided, at least 50% of respondents indicated using Idlewild Park for those purposes. The graph below represents a summary of how Idlewild Park is used by respondents.

![Graph showing the use of Idlewild Park]

In total, 112 respondents indicated other ways in which they use Idlewild Park. The table below outlines the “other” uses given along with the number of respondents listing those uses.

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3.0 Park Appreciation

Respondents were asked to share what they like most about Idlewild Park with an open-ended response. In total, 889 comments were provided. Many residents value the location of the park; close to the City – but feeling far away. The graph below highlights the top 25 themes that emerged from the comments. Some of the other themes identified include people-watching, the trees, “the park is never crowded”, availability of parking, and the uniqueness of the park.
4.0 Areas for Improvement

Respondents were asked to share what they like least about Idlewild Park though an open-ended response. More than 700 responses were provided to this question by respondents. Many respondents said there was nothing they do not like about Idlewild Park, while others indicated that the playground equipment needs upgrading (including making it more suitable for younger children), and that visitor facilities are unsatisfactory. The graph below highlights the top 25 themes that emerged from the comments. Some of the other themes identified include unused/under-utilized space, restrictions on fishing, accessibility for wheelchairs and stroller.

What do you like least about Idlewild Park?

- Nothing: 10%
- Condition of the playground: 9%
- Unsatisfactory user facilities (e.g., washrooms, benches): 9%
- Condition of trails/pathways: 6%
- General lack of maintenance: 6%
- Condition of the lake: 4%
- Water levels being lowered: 4%
- Dog poop: 3%
- Dogs off-leash: 3%
- Flooding: 3%
- Condition of exercise circuit: 3%
- Parking (amount, pot holes, signage): 3%
- Litter/vandalism: 2%
- It’s muddy: 2%
- Wildlife droppings: 2%
- Can’t swim/canoe/kayak: 2%
- Dead/damaged trees: 2%
- Under-use: 2%
- Condition of the dock: 1%
- Bugs/pests: 1%
- Outdated zip line: 1%
- No off-leash dogs: 1%
- New bridge: 1%
- Condition of the amphitheatre: 1%
- Playground not toddler friendly: 1%

Number of Responses

% of Total Responses
5.0 New or Improved Uses

Respondents were asked to identify what activities or amenities they would like to see within Idlewild Park. Respondents were provided with seven potential uses for consideration, and the option to suggest other improvements. The graph below shows a breakdown of the potential improvements that respondents would like to see.

What new or improved activities or amenities would you like to see included in Idlewild Park?

![Graph showing new or improved activities and amenities in Idlewild Park]

In total, 220 respondents provided “other” new or improved activities and amenities they would like to see included in Idlewild Park. The table below outlines the improvements wanted along with the number of respondents listing those improvements.

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6.0 **Other Comments**

The final question invited respondents to provide any final comments about Idlewild Park. In general, the sentiment among respondents is that the dam should be repaired and the lake restored as soon as possible. Many respondents highlighted the importance of Idlewild to the community for social and recreational purposes.
Appendix B
Stakeholder Engagement Summary
CITY OF CRANBROOK
PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

SUMMARY OF INPUT FROM FOCUS GROUP WORKSHOPS –

In June, 2016, workshops were held regarding the City of Cranbrook Idlewild Park Master Plan. The purpose of this community engagement was to inform participants about the project, and to request their perceptions about the strengths and challenges in the park, and to better understand the community’s priorities and aspirations for future improvements and development in the park.

The following is the input from the workshops, with each bullet representing an idea put forth during brainstorming for the topics on the left. The numbered sections are listed in order of priority, as determined by “voting” using audience response technology. The lists for the Vision, and Ideas were prepared by each group, and participants selected their top five choices in order of priority. The final order is a compilation of the priorities of all group members. Items listed below the numbered lists are the verbatim responses from the brainstorming process in no particular order.

The unnumbered bullets are in the general order of importance based on the number of times a topic was mentioned. Although participants were told that they did not need to repeat items already mentioned, in some cases multiple comments on the same topic were received, with the number of comments in brackets. These tend to be the items of most importance to participants.
CITY STAFF WORKSHOP #1, JUNE 6, 2016, 3:00PM

- 11 participants

| Vision for Idlewild Park (voting slides) | 1. Protect natural values and beauty  
2. Family friendly  
3. Modernize facilities and activities  
4. Upgrade infrastructure  
5. Improve accessibility  
6. Destination for community events  
7. Encourage community involvement and partnerships  
8. Accommodate multiple uses i.e. fitness  
9. Historical activities  
10. Cultural interpretation |
| --- | --- |

| Vision for Idlewild Park (verbatim comments) | • Fitness and activities (zipline too)  
• More improved handicap accessibility  
• Destination for community events  
• Preserve natural value, family friendly, community events, annual events, fitness trail, mobility accessible  
• Preserve natural beauty, family friendly, community and family, exercise equipment  
• Dog beach, ice skating, fishing  
• Preserve the natural setting  
• Cultural interpretation  
• Modernize facilities and activities  
• Upgrade aging infrastructure  
• Maintain historical activities - fishing, fishing derby, campfires  
• Family friendly, fitness |
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| Ideas for Idlewild Park (voting slides) | 1. Nature viewing boardwalk and tower  
2. Expand fishing piers  
3. Dog amenities (park beach water)  
4. Family zones (pods)  
5. Enhance toboggan area  
6. Natural playground  
7. Themes for different areas of the park  
8. Protect some areas from people (off limits)  
9. Enhance amphitheatre  
10. Bike skills area |
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| Ideas for Idlewild Park (verbatim comments) | • Boardwalk to nature viewing in north pond  
• Tower  
• Covered area for events  
• Enhance amphitheatre for outdoor events  
• Wildlife viewing/education |
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- Enhance toboggan run at amphitheatre
- Enhance toboggan - shelters, fire pit
- Enhance safety of sledding run – out
- Expand fishing piers
- Bike skills area
- Osprey platform on pole
- Look up cage for firewood during fire ban
- Expand/upgrade washrooms
- Keeping some areas of shoreline off limits
- Reclaiming some shoreline
- Dog park/bench
- Age restrictions for fishing (allow all age groups to fish)
- Water station for dogs (includes gravel base, so mud and drinking bowls
- Natural theme to playgrounds
- Themes, e.g. firefighters in different areas
- Different activity zones
- Family zones/pods – individual areas can be booked by families, fire pit picnic tables

**STAKEHOLDERS WORKSHOP #1, JUNE 6, 7-9:00PM**

- 13 participants

### Vision for Idlewild Park (voting slides)

1. Nature and culture education/interpretation
2. Preserve natural beauty-wildness
3. Accessible and inclusive
4. Improved amenities and facilities
5. Quiet place (No motorized uses)
6. Year-round fun physical activity
7. Link to watershed, other natural areas, and recreational trails
8. Family and multi generational
9. A place to stay all day- destination
10. Marketing focus for the city

### Vision for Idlewild Park (verbatim comments)

- Place for families to gather
- Inclusive for all community
- Family friendly
- Multi-generational
- Family centred
- Marketing focus point for the City
- Keep the wildness of the park
- Leave natural as possible
- Nature
- Natural beauty preserved
- Keeping Idlewild as natural as possible
- Connect lake to the creek and watershed – ecology
- Idlewild microcosm of the best of the area
- No motorized vehicles. Walking, playing, fishing, sledding, swimming and skating
- Accessible
- Solid footing, not poured. Trail system accessible for all including seniors, strollers, scooters, children on bikes
- Improved access for those with mobility issues
- All season use
- Fun
- Environmental education
- Education sites and opportunities
- Ktunaxa culture highlighted
- Physical activity
- Improve all amenities
- A place to stay all day long
- Awareness of/be prepared for possible vandalism of anything established

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<td>• Remove some trees for more sunlight</td>
<td>• Wetland rehabilitation</td>
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<td>• Improve the Joseph creek habitat for fishing</td>
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- Trying to keep western painted turtles at Idlewild rather than relocation
- Support/enhancement for wildlife – waterfowl
- Trying to maintain water at more environmentally friendly level
- Dredge the lake to improve water quality
- Fountain in lake – circulation
- No off leash area and better enforcement of same (can’t ensure dogs don’t bother wildlife or waterfowl)
- Off leash dog area. Swimming area for dogs
- More educational signage
- General knowledge information along the pathways
- Wildlife interpretation – aquarium
- Plant identification – aboriginal use information
- Interpretive centre for the park – staffed by volunteers
- Guided nature tours
- Fishing lessons for children
- Niche learning opportunities of primary students
- Group areas specifically for students – college students
- Keep trail around wetland the way it is
- More amphitheatre – facing SE slope (toboggan hill)
- Better use of bandstand stage
- Bike jumps designated area
- Improve trails. Reinstall exercise stations. Still natural
- Wide and firmer trails for wheelchair and stroller
- Outdoor curling centre
- Movie nights
- Temporary food vendor – based on schedules
- Remove exercise stations they’re not being used
- Playground structures – rustic/old fashioned teeter totter, tire swings, sledding, skating
- Tree houses
- Improve or rebuild dock for fishing
- Improve bbq area
- Better washroom facilities
- Improved water fountains
- Better zipline
- More seating (benches)
- More picnic tables
- Improve sled hill – safety, seating
- Add art - murals outside of washrooms, carvings, Ktunaxa art
- Take better care of memorial trees. Remove dead ones
- Day use park keep cattle guard/gate
- Advertise in City publications. Info centre (Elizabeth lake)
- Possible concession/rental for special events (City)
- City rentable events such as weddings, music festivals, kids activities, horse show, Canada day etc.
- Level bridge at west end of lake
- Bike racks
- Drinking fountain, bbq improve/rebuild, kayaks, open house washrooms (open year round – day hours)
- More garbage cans

PUBLIC WORKSHOP, JUNE 7, 2016, 6:00PM
- 50 participants

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<td>Return creek to more natural/viewable/interactive space</td>
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<td>Overall plan to include multiple micro lakes/swimming holes/skate ponds along Joseph’s creek</td>
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<td>If you develop you must be planning and be prepared to maintain</td>
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<td>No swimming please</td>
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<td>Not an off leash dog park</td>
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<td>Allow seniors to fish again (seniors, kids are not gone elsewhere) seniors are not allowed to fish without a child. Why? Doesn’t make sense</td>
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<td>Friends of the library used to have concerts at the amphitheatre (1)</td>
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<td>Wildlife diversity – muskrats, birds</td>
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<td>Cookouts and games in the winter</td>
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<td>Peaceful walk and view birds, flowers etc. used to be where kids came everyday</td>
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<td>Loops within the park for variety (including around second hall, little bridge etc.)</td>
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<td>Toboggan Hill (for dog fetching) kids learn to snowboard there</td>
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| Challenges of Idlewild Park | Many people started running there – close to the kids, including Bigfoot running club  
Children’s playground is unique  
Zipline  
Fishing  
Lake tranquillity, birds and wildlife  
Ice skating – pleasure and hockey  
Natural area-unstructured play for kids  
College of the Rockies used to have ‘Storm the Wall’ portion of the event was for paddling across the lake and back |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ideas for the Idlewild Park Mater Plan | Better care of memorial trees (pruning of dead limbs) (1)  
Dredge out organic material and use for landscaping on the for shore area  
New sharp chunky gravel on paths not good  
Poor washroom facilities and potable water  
Loop trail around the lake  
Wetlands-help create then leave alone  
Kids fishing spot(s) |
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<td>Do not allow any off leash dogs. Kids playing/fishing and loose dogs don’t belong together</td>
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<td>Keep us informed by public notices on City webpage</td>
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<td>Interpretive panels for birds, wildlife, flowers, trees, fish ID too!</td>
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<td>Pathway needs to be hard enough for wheelchairs and strollers (all around the lake)</td>
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<td>Covered picnic area near BBQ (zipline) upgrade bbq’s covered fire wood –keep dry</td>
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<td>Stabilize lake levels to support fish and other wildlife – more barrier between two cells of lake</td>
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<td>Keep 9th street upper lot open in winter to access play area and BBQ’s</td>
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<td>Ditching/culverts south of dam directing water/ice away from lower trail (along concrete wall)</td>
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Partnerships

- CBT
- Establish a foundation for donations – planned giving
- Fisheries
- BC Hydro $$$
- Lions club
- Rotary club(s)
- Mavericks
- Scouts
- Rocky mountain naturalists
- Ducks unlimited
- Proper local management not ducks unlimited
- Elk Valley disc golf association (includes Cranbrook)
- Fly fishing club
- Seniors
- Bigfoot running club
- College of the Rockies (metal work, timber)

The following lists were used in the 2015 community survey and presented at the public workshop for participants to place stickers on to indicate their priorities.

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In addition to the input gathered during the engagement events, additional comments have been received through email and online forums these comments can be found in the following pages:
What we like (What we want to keep)

- The ‘wildness’ of the park (forest, not planted, no motorized vehicles)
- Fishing for kids and seniors – stock if needed
- Sledding hill
- Amphitheatre
- Dock (improve/rebuild)
- Zip line (improve/rebuild)
- Drinking fountain
- Bbq (improve/rebuild)
- Trails (improve/rebuild)
- A day use park
- Keep cattle guard and gate
- Family centred

What are ideas for improvements? (Keep or add more)

- Picnic tables/areas
- Fire pits
- Skating
- Reinstate excise stations
- Benches
- Swimming
- Kayak
- Directional signage/lighting/power?
- Advertise in city publications and at the info centre
- Improve trails
- Washrooms (outhouse) – keep open year round
- Add some playground structure – rustic/old fashioned such as teeter totter and tire swings

Ideas for Partnerships

- Boys and Girls Club
- JCI
- Boy Scouts/Girls Guides
- Rotary
- Seniors groups
- Big Brothers and Sisters
- Fire Fighters
- Wellness Heritage Committee

Other ideas

- Move amphitheatre – facing the slope (toboggan hill) for viewing of events
- Hold Canada Day at the park– City of Cranbrook
• Rentable events such as weddings, music festivals, kids activities, horse show, etc. (City)
• Possible concession/rental for special events (City)
• Fountain in the lake for circulation
Opportunities
• Enhance picnic area
• Improve accessibility
• Create a sense of arrival
• Connect to Rotary Way
• Off leash dog area
• Interpretive signage
• Kids bike loop
• Manicured grass
• Relocate playground
• More trees, some in clumps

Opportunities
• Update Playground (natural and creative)
• Update washrooms
• Update zip line
• Family BBQ pods
• Water stand pipe
• Lockable wood storage
• Picnic pavilion

Opportunities
• Quiet nature viewing by creek
• Interpretation stream area
• Seating
• Restore bridge crossing
• Research

Opportunities
• Jogging loops
• Update fitness equipment
• Simple wood bars and benches for fitness

Opportunities
• Dredge lake
• Improve fish habitat
• Rebuild piers
• Dock on south shore
• New spillway
• Future fish ladder
• More benches along shore
• Create an accessible path around the lake
• Winter skating
• No swimming

Opportunities
• Need water taps in more locations for drinking and fire safety
• Need clarification/signage for dog regulations
• Incorporate public art into park as part of interpretation
• Need signage for interpretation and way finding
• No asphalt
• Preserve natural vegetation

General

Concepts
• Family BBQ Area
• Boy Scout Area
• Steep Slopes
• Parking
• Fitness Trail Area
• Idlewild Lake
• Open Lawn and Band Shell Area
• Arena

Opportunities
• Pathways - boardwalks
• Viewing tower/blind for watching wildlife
• Preserve habitat
• Limit access in some portions
• Interpretive and education area
• Protect turtle nesting

Opportunities
• Pavilion for weddings
• Movable temp stage
• Trees for shade
• Alternative farmers market location
• Picnic area
• Dog area

Opportunities
• Improve safety
• Summer seating for performances

Opportunities
• Off leash dog area
• Bike skills area
• Disc golf course
• Dog area

Opportunities
• Upgrade picnic tables
• Upgrade BBQ’s
• Trees!
• Upgrade washrooms and septic
• Improve fire pit
• Pavilion

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Appendix C
Conceptual Options
**FAMILY BBQ AREA (PODS)**
- COVERED PICNIC TABLES
- FIRE RING
- BBQ PIT
- LOCKABLE WOOD STORAGE
- WATER

**NATURAL PLAYGROUNDS**
- RESTORED ZIP LINE
- 9 HOLE DISC GOLF COURSE
- MOUNTAIN BIKE SKILLS PARK

**GROUP PICNIC PAVILION**
- COVERED PICNIC TABLES
- LARGE FIRE RING
- BBQ PITS
- LOCKABLE WOOD STORAGE
- WATER

**15 STATION FITNESS TRAIL**
- WETLAND VIEWING
  - DECK
  - TOWER
  - BOARDWALKS
- AMPHITHEATRE TERRACES
- WASHROOM
- ENHANCED FISHING PIERS
- FLOATING WETLAND ISLANDS
- WATERSPORTS PAVILION AND DOCK
- AMPHITHEATRE TERRACES
- WASHROOM
- GROUP PICNIC PAVILION
  - COVERED PICNIC TABLES
  - LARGE FIRE RING
  - BBQ PITS
  - LOCKABLE WOOD STORAGE
  - WATER
- FAMILY BBQ AREA (PODS)
  - COVERED PICNIC TABLES
  - LARGE FIRE RING
  - BBQ PITS
  - LOCKABLE WOOD STORAGE
  - WATER
- STAIRS TO SPILLWAY BRIDGE
- SPILLWAY BRIDGE
- SPILLWAY/HIGH LADDER VIEWING
- OFF-LEASH DOG PARK
- RAISED STAGE
- TOBOGGAN HILL AND BANKED BIG RON ROOK TRAILS
- OPEN LAWN AREA
- RAISED BRIDGES
- MAGNUSON HILL AND BANKED BIG RON ROOK TRAILS
- OPEN LAWN AREA
- RAISED BRIDGES
- MEMORIAL GROVE
- RESTORED BRIDGE
- ROCK HOP LAKE CROSSING

**WETLAND**
- JOSEPH CREEK

**WETLAND VIEWING**
- DECK
- TOWER
- BOARDWALKS

**AMPHITHEATRE TERRACES**
- WASHROOM
- GROUP PICNIC PAVILION
- COVERED PICNIC TABLES
- LARGE FIRE RING
- BBQ PITS
- LOCKABLE WOOD STORAGE
- WATER

**PARKING**
- PAVED ACCESSIBLE LAKE LOOP
- PARKING
- RIDING ARENA
- WASHROOM
- BOY SCOUT CAMP

**LEGEND**

**OPEN LAWN AREA**
- EVENTS SPACE
- OVERFLOW PARKING

**100**
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**10**
**20**
**30**

**CONCEPT 2**
Appendix D
Draft Master Plan
INTRODUCTION
Idlewild park is an important community park to citizens of Cranbrook. Over the years, there have been numerous ideas put forward on how this important park should be used and developed.

The City is engaged in a process to establish direction for design and future development of this priority park by establishing a comprehensive vision and implementation framework in the Idlewild Park Master Plan.

The planning team has prepared a draft Master Plan that incorporates many of the ideas that have emerged from the community. Please review and consider the plan that has been presented here, and provide your feedback to us.

Please fill out a comment form and tell us what you think!

The draft Master Plan and a link to the online survey will be available at www.cranbrook.ca. Comments will be received until October 3rd.
VISION

Idlewild is a destination park that draws visitors from Cranbrook and beyond. Idlewild Lake is the focal point of an accessible park with a long history in the community for multi-generational, family-friendly activities. The preservation of the natural beauty and ecological values of the forests, creek and wetlands make this a special setting for everything from bird watching to special events within reach of the City.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Preserve and enhance Idlewild's natural beauty and wildness
- Improve accessibility to support multi-generational enjoyment of nature
- Cultivate a family-friendly and inclusive atmosphere
- Upgrade and modernize infrastructure and facilities
- Interpret ecological and cultural values
- Support year-round recreation and fun that is sensitive and appropriate
- Provide a diversity of activities to engage visitors all-day-long
- Protect and enhance habitat values and biodiversity
- Engage community groups as partners for park improvements and ongoing stewardship
- Make Idlewild a central focus of City’s marketing efforts
- Articulate linkages to City’s active transportation and park networks

PROCESS

MASTER PLAN PROCESS

OVERVIEW

May 2016
Idlewild Community Survey completed by over 1000 respondents

June 2016
Stakeholder, Council, and Staff Workshops
Public Open House

August 2016
Draft Master Plan concepts prepared and reviewed

September 2016
Draft Concepts refined to prepare a Preferred Master Plan
- Preferred Master Plan presented to community and feedback collected

October 2016
Final Master Plan prepared

November 2016
Capital budget prepared by Council will identify projects for 2017

Winter 2016-17
Detailed design of 2017 improvements

Spring 2017
Priority improvements at Idlewild begin

YOU ARE HERE, THANKS!
The images show floating wetland islands that provide water filtration and treatment. It may be worth exploring the possibility of enclosing a series of wetland swimming areas in the lake and managing water quality with this type of technology.

The design team has heard from many citizens regarding swimming at Idlewild, some in favor, while others are opposed. Beyond the technical aspects of creating a swimming environment that is safe for users, there are concerns about the impacts to the lake and wildlife if swimming were permitted.

Whether not the water quality in Idlewild Lake will support public swimming or if the impacts would significantly impact the watershed remains an unknown at this time.

Here, we have presented some alternatives and precedents for discussion to facilitate the community dialogue on this topic.

These images show natural public swimming pools in Europe. In these closed-loop systems, water treatment begins with the marginal plants that surround the swimming areas, and is completed by mechanical filters and ultraviolet disinfection before recirculating back into the pool. Although common in Europe, a pool of this type has never been constructed for public use in Canada, providing both natural and regulatory hurdles for the first Canadian municipality to pursue this type of project.
THANK YOU for participating!

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Appendix E

2016 Draft Park Master Plan Comment Form and Survey Summary
Draft Idlewild Master Plan
Comment Form, September 20th, 2016

This Master Plan will provide guidance for the improvements to Idlewild Park over the next twenty years.

1. What is your level of support for the draft Idlewild Park Master Plan in general? Please check one

[ ] 1 (strongly opposed)  [ ] 4 (somewhat support)
[ ] 2 (somewhat opposed)  [ ] 5 (strongly support)
[ ] 3 (neutral)  [ ] Do not know

2. Is there anything missing from the Master Plan that you would like to see added?

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3. Are there any changes to the Master Plan you would like to see?

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4. Given that the City will not be able to implement all of the recommendations at once, please list your top three priorities for implementation in order of preference.

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5. Which best describes your age?

[ ] Under 15  [ ] 31-45
[ ] 16-20  [ ] 46-65
[ ] 21-30  [ ] Over 65

Please submit your comments by October 3, 2016.
For more information, refer to www.cranbrook.ca or contact Chris New at 250-489-0251 or Chris.New@cranbrook.ca
Thank you very much for your participation and interest in this project.
Idlewild Park Draft Master Plan Survey Summary Report

Introduction
Idlewild park is an important community park to citizens of Cranbrook. Over the years, there have been numerous ideas put forward on how this important park should be used and developed. The City is engaged in a process to establish direction for the design and future development of this park through the Idlewild Park Master Plan.

The first step in the process involved visioning workshops and a community open house. Based on the input received, the planning team prepared a draft Master Plan, which was presented to the community at an open house event, at an engagement targeted at youth, and on the City’s website. An online survey was used to collect feedback on the draft Master Plan from September 21st through October 10th, 2016. The survey was also made available in hard-copy format. In total, there were 90 surveys completed including those from the open house and youth events.

The following is a summary of the input received through the 2016 community survey.

What is your level of support for the draft Idlewild Park Master Plan in general? Please check one

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Is there anything missing from the Master Plan that you would like to see added?

The following were the responses to this question that identified elements currently lacking in the Master Plan:

- pathway lighting
- a kids bike park
- water fountains
- ensure stroller access from the lake loop to the playground
- a slack line
- year-round washrooms on north and south sides of lake
- beach volleyball
- camping
- vegetable garden
- running track within in parkour course
- natural stone cascade for dam spillway

The 55 verbatim responses to this question can be found in the appendix.

Are there any changes to the Master Plan you would like to see?

Many respondents expressed strong opinions about the inclusion of swimming and a dog off-leash area in the park. There were several requests for a reduction in the number of improvements, emphasizing the importance of preserving ecological values over increasing recreation opportunities.

The 69 verbatim responses to this question can be found in the appendix.

Given that the City will not be able to implement all of the recommendations at once, please list your top three priorities for implementation in order of preference?

The top three priority items for implementation in order of importance are the following:

- Improvements to trails, especially the accessible lake loop
- Playground upgrades, especially a natural playground
- A disc golf course *
This amenity was strongly supported by Cranbrook youth, and ranks as a high priority due to the high response rate of this particular group.

The following are additional top priorities in order of importance:

- Restoring and enhancing the riparian vegetation
- Improvements to the washrooms
- Restoring fishing piers
- Enhancements to the family BBQ area
- Swimming

The 84 verbatim response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

**Which best describes your age?**

Respondents were well distributed among age groups.

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Is there anything missing from the Master Plan that you would like to see added?

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<td>Please ensure ]“ Dogs must be on a leash ” signage posted in multiple areas in and round the park . Please remove dead and dying trees including trees the could poss a threat</td>
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<td>No, It looks awesome.</td>
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<td>I would like to see easier stroller access from the lake to the natural playground from both ends of the lake.</td>
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<td>Love the sand pond swim area</td>
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<td>No but I REALLY hope that it will be made for public swimming.</td>
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<td>Just keep it as natural as possible, and enhance what is already there. No need to go crazy and add unnecessary things like a golf course or swimming pond</td>
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<td>A slack line would be pretty inexpensive and be an attraction for teens, perhaps near one of the kids parks so that families that have both children and teens will have fun in the same part of the park.</td>
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<td>Little kids pump track for bikes. Snowboard and ski obstacles. Beach Volleyball</td>
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<td>I believe that we could add a very small number of camp sites (say 10), and have some regulations around the camping, a low maximum number of days allowed to camp (4-5 days total) in a row or per person per year. This could allow for visitors to experience a more natural Cranbrook/Kootenay experience with being close to City limits. Also it could allow local youngsters to experience their very 1st camping trip with being very close to home is they need be (or for parents to check up on their youngsters). Camping would also bring in a small amount of revenue that could be put back into the park.</td>
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<td>I really like the holistic approach that is inclusive of family, human, environment and wildlife. We MUST keep this space environmental/wildlife friendly but have the ability to enjoy as humans, the wonderful area that we live in.</td>
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<td>Sidewalk lighting along the proposed new paved pathway around the lake only. Suggest the small 3 ft high all season light stands, led lighting, photosensitive, like you see in the larger cities, eg Calgary Bow River - park/trail. Benches along the path should be located on the high side of the path (feet facing the path). Not located on the lower side, next to lakeside. Access to the benches should be from the path, so not to be sitting in the grass, gravel, etc. otherwise difficult for disabled people to access the benches.</td>
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15. The Park is NOT to be made into an amusement center, especially around the lake and wetland areas, as well as on the east end of the lake where the water comes into the lake. Too much ‘going on’ in the park will totally destroy the peaceful, tranquil, natural place it felt like before construction. The leaf trees that were removed need to be replanted to re-encourage the wide variety of song birds that live(d) there to come back in 2017 onward.

16. The Liability, security and maintenance issues have not been discussed. Remember, this is a peace park, if the natural aspect of the park is to be maintained too many "improvements" counteract the purpose of the attempts to improve flora and fauna for this area, which is, and has been the charm of the park in the first place.

17. Two year round washrooms. One on either side of the lake.

18. New* not updated park.
Man made creek/water area for kids. See below.

19. Any chance to connect some of the many smaller footpaths into a longer, more-continuous perimeter path?

20. I would like Idlewild Park to remain the way it was; a quiet place for wildlife to live/visit, a place for youngsters and seniors to fish, a skating area in the winter, areas where people can enjoy a bar-b-q, the outdoor concert area and the equestrian ring. I don't think this lake is large enough for a beach and swimming area.

21. I like the idea of preserving and enhancing Idlewild's natural beauty and wildness, but am concerned that the report’s focus seems to be to provide a diversity of activities that engage visitors all day long. That would appear to be at odds with the idea of preserving and enhancing the area’s natural beauty and wildness.

22. It is not clear to me if there is a running track or not with the Parkour course. This is something that I would love to see.

23. Community vegetable garden.

24. Will the kids bmx bike area that they currently use to build and dig jumps remain?
bus service to all gates

25. The only additional thing I'd like to mention is that there is a great opportunity to use the outfall of idlewild lake to make a beautiful waterfall which has an area below to enjoy the falling water. It would be a great shame to put a plain ugly cement chute coming out of the lake when there is such a great opportunity to make a beautiful waterfall. There are many rock quarries in the area that can produce very large blocks of natural rock that could be stacked and that water can cascade down. More natural look, less commercial dam look.

26. Allow seniors to fish again. This is in City Property NOT Government

27. Possibly explore the idea of natural swimming ponds. not Idlewild lake.

28. Ecological values with respect to phase water filtration needs improvement. Improve water flow quality by phasing gravity fed bio-filtration. I suggest two or more bodies of water.

29. looks good
30. Nothing that wasn’t on sticky notes

31. No

32. Not really. I would be concerned that it would be overkill and wouldn’t maintain its naturalness.

33. No

34. Kids bike park - option as an interim park option if funds don’t cover both parks

35. Consultation with Cranbrook’s garden club if they have any plans for enhancing the visual appearances of surroundings. (Cominco gardens for example)

36. Four season bathroom facilities
   Kids bike park, like Moyie provincial park campground

37. I would like to see some formal consideration of a linkage leg path for walking & cycling between Idlewild and the Community Forest. There is a lowkey pathway to 9th street but no obvious direct linkage with Idlewild on the south side of 9th

38. Seems to cover everything

39. A Go-cart track

40. Water Fountains

41. Climbing to go along with the Parkour
   Zipline across the lake

42. I think that this covers a lot of what I would like to see

43. It looks great!

44. Not that I can think of

45. Lots of benches & water fountains

46. Not that I can think of

47. Activities were covered and the draft gave me a good and proper overview.

48. More lighting for use at night.

49. No I would say leave it as it is if you add to much it could take away from the natural area. I wouldn’t add swimming though.

50. A petting zoo

51. A petting zoo

52. A larger skating area in the winter

53. Making arena better (too fine of sand - never watered down. Not taken care of)

54. Not really. A lot is being changed and I think it’s all great.

55. the effects to wildlife from the renovation of the dam
Are there any changes to the Master Plan you would like to see?

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<td>No off leash dog area near the pavilion. There is a substantial off leash park on 2nd st S that is sufficient. I want Idlewild park to remain a safe place for my small children, I don’t want to worry about dogs while there. This is a park for people, not dogs.</td>
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<td>Prefer no swimming area</td>
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<td>No manicured lawn in the park- unlikely to be kept well (lack of maintenance) keep park natural - it is habitat for deer, muskrat, waterfowl, bats and various other animals. Would be a good location to establish a xeriscape demo for city residents to see.</td>
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<td>Might be a good idea to make the theatre so you could have a outdoor concert or show old movies in the summer</td>
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<td>Cranbrook does not need another golf course. That is totally going to take away the natural beauty of the park and increase unnecessary traffic for the neighboring residents of the park. There are plenty of other places people can go to golf. This is a bad idea!! Also, we live in the land of the lakes, we do not need to incorporate a swimming area to the park, you are then increasing city liability as you will need life guards on hand, and once again taking away from the natural beauty of the park. People are going to idlewild to fish, view the wildlife (ducks, turtles birds etc) not have a swimming hole or a golf course.</td>
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<td>If you go forward with a swimming area I like the first one proposed with natural filtration. It would be good if it was somewhat contained as swimmers itch is a likely factor in this lake given the amount of water foul and the lake temperature. If so at least that area could be de-contaminated without having to put the rest of the aquatic invertebrates at risk. Studies also show that swim docks attached to the shore will increase drowning deaths in a community much more than a dock that you need to swim to, but better still is no dock. Any docks that are not swim docks which lead to water with a depth greater than a toddlers head should have railings e.g. the fishing dock.</td>
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cannot drive or prefer to walk to locations. Currently we have to drive to Jim Smith to swim (too far to walk with little ones). In the plan the swimming ponds in Castlegar look like a very nice balance of both nature and swimming.

Overall I like that it has not changed from its current function, but tend to think that if we are putting in all this effort we should be doing something a bit more to attract more users, I can understand why people may be against having swimming or camping but also think for the most part people are just scared of change in general. and once it is available to them it would be used by the public a lot.

17. Do not support the dog run fenced area located on the upper hill next to gate and peace park area. The grasses ecosystem is very sensitive here (currently without irrigation). Dogs will further impact the grasses that currently have a lot of soil already exposed. Also this could be unsightly as you enter the park from the road/gate. This area is used by a majority of residents so making this access area visually pleasing is important. It should resemble a 'park'. The alternative dog location could be closer down to the creek, below the dam and old power house, sheltered by the forested area.

18. Based on the Concept Plan, and referencing the numbers on that Plan:

- Item 2 - NO to off fenced off-leash area in such a prominent location as that in shown in the Master Plan. Earlier meeting showed it where there is now disc golf, which is not needed or wanted.
- Item 10 - NO wetland boardwalk and NO viewing tower as the tower would become a hangout for youths unless it would be open on the lake side and west side of the 'hide'. Also would be possible site for illegal and inappropriate behaviour, not to mention possible harassment of wildlife using this wetland area. Also, unlikely the osprey would use the pole/FIGURE that is planned for installation.
- Item 12 - NO floating dock. Absolutely NO. Further encroachment into the lake is NOT needed, and I would think the City would see what a giant liability this could be.
- Item 14 - NO fishing jetty and NO public art opportunity - another major intrusion into the lake and the waterfowl that use the lake. Also, art is in the eye of the beholder and one person's art is another's junk. Also, another 'set-up' for vandalism by youths.
- Item 24 - If stairs are built for ease of use by people and their dogs, they need to be low rise, wide tread, slip-free when wet, be in a gentle L-shape, and have useable hand rails.

Two additional comments:

1. NO SWIMMING ANYWHERE IN THE PARK - there are countless lakes in the area that people can swim in (Jim Smith, Moyie, Tie, Rosen, Wasa, etc.) so for wildlife safe, no swimming in Idlewild, nor rafting, canoeing or anything else on or in the water.
2. Plan for lots of re-vegetation to get as close to "natural" (pre-construction) as possible.

19. NO dog park; NO Family BBQ (7) below the fitness area; there are already seven others; NO Tower or boardwalk, the tower would be too close to the Osprey pole and the bit of wetland would be to close to human activity.

NO floating dock, NO fishing jetty, NO golf course, NO firemen theme play ground, NO swimming (liability issues)
20. I can’t imagine people using the lake for swimming? I doubt it is worth the expense to try encouraging swimming.

21. I definitely don’t agree with any floating dock and/or swimming in the lake. This little lake should primarily serve wild fowl, fish and other wildlife such as turtles, muskrats etc rather than people!!

I would like to see more natural habitat and less intense use of nearly every area of the park. I don’t think there needs to be a disc golf area- the deer love to graze in there. Also, one small play facility at the top of the toboggan hill is more than enough.

22. Stated in the master plan, it is said that the playground is to be updated. The current playground that is there is not updatable. It is not safe nor is it useable by many age groups. Removing the existing playground and investing in the design and installation of a completely new, larger, nature inspired playground should be one of the top priorities.

Terra Nova is an excellent example of a nature inspired park.

http://www.richmond.ca/parks/parks/about/amenities/park.aspx?ID=116

Check out images and their website.

It should be expected that acquiring a qualified park designer should not be overlooked. While many of the parks in Cranbrook are adequate, I feel they lack many of the most current features seen in larger city parks. I believe this isn’t solely a factor of budget but of resources and access to skilled professionals.

In writing this I am hoping that it is understood how integral it is to put a lot of effort into the design and selection of contractors.

Another feature that would be great and totally feasible within Idlewild Park is some sort of man-made Creek area for the kids to play in. This website shows it in a preschool environment so it is something that is great for all ages. In my time living in Vancouver my kids loved going to any of the man-made stream structures in the city. Doing this on the south or north side of where the creek enters the lake would be a great spot. If doing so there would have a negative impact on the habitat then having something pumped up to one of the sides would work well as well. In speaking to other parents this is something they would definitely utilize.

http://www.letthechildrenplay.net/2011/12/creeks-in-preschool-playscape.html?m=1

I am curious how many people requested having covered picnic spots. It is quite shady with in the picnic area and I have never personally experienced a time when I felt that it was too hot. Only saying because why dedicate a budget towards that.

Lastly there was mention of creating a pavilion where people could host weddings. I’m not sure of the exact location it was referring to but if this was designed solely for that purpose putting it close to the amphitheatre area would not be very aesthetically pleasing him something that is overlooking the lake would be. Ceremony locations have to have an ambience.

And enclosed structure that has the ability to be heated could serve other purposes. People are often looking for a rented space to host small parties including birthday parties, reunions etc. There is the potential to create some income there as well.

Overall the suggested management plan will result in a drastically improved park. As a
nearby resident I'm very excited to see how great it can become.

23. I love the idea of the disc golf course; could it be made bigger, into an 18 hole course?

24. Would prefer the 2 playgrounds be located together. Kids will want to play on both & depending on age levels 1 of my kids might play on each.

25. Leave the park as more of a natural wilderness park. I would eliminate these features: dog park, swimming area/ floating dock, fitness/ parkour circuit, bocce pit, horseshoe pit, bike half pipe.

26. Why do we need activities in every area? Why not leave some places as natural quiet places for people to enjoy nature? That is one of the big attractions for many people using Idlewild! A floating dock with the potential for swimming is not advisable or appropriate given the fact that Canada geese and other waterfowl use this area and the lakeshore tends to be full of bird droppings. Also the wetland area on the N side of the lake is fairly small, and, although waterfowl can be found there, the present trail around the wetland seems adequate. Given how small the wetland area is, I disagree with the idea of adding a boardwalk and tower, as it would probably scare off any wildlife judging by the proximity to the wetland in the map. Why would the City not upgrade the washrooms near parking lot on S side, rather than relocate outside washroom to another spot? If we're going to offer an off-leash dog park, I would hope that it is well fenced, and pets are kept away from the sensitive riparian area by the creek.

27. I think it looks really great! The only thing that seems out of place to me is the Fireman's playground. Everything else is so nature-focused. Having a playground at that location is a good idea but what about making it "First-Nation" themed? I think it would be awesome to have the Ktunaxa's input on designing a playground that could pay tribute and accommodate our First Nations community members.

    I would only want to see the swimming area idea implemented if there was no impact on the wildlife. I believe that Cranbrook has many places to swim in the city and surrounding area and preserving and enhancing the habitat of the wildlife is top priority to me. Observing the wildlife is something that our community can enjoy year round while swimming is only a few weeks of the year.

28. No.

29. Love the swimming ideas.

    Would like to see off leash dog area in an area somewhere that is away from main use areas if at all. Many people are fearful of dogs and may avoid going there if it is a high volume dog area. At least take time to evaluate the muriel baxter dog park before building.

30. Waterfall at outfall creek viewing area.

    Also, at least some of the fishing piers or docks should be floating on the surface of the water so that when a child catches a fish it doesn’t need to be realed 20ft into the air to land it.

31. No swimming (lifeguard). No dog park (paying for the one at the school already). Better gates around sledding hill.

32. No Swimming. Would bring too many people
33. Outside disposable toilets during winter where water is shut off for flushing bathrooms (closed Off) for sledding hill and skating area near Gazebo.

34. Handicap pathways? Strollers?

35. No. Swimming would bring too many people.

36. 1. Begin with ecological values then add recreation
     2. Ecology needs wow factor. It is disappointing
     3. Swimming in a natural bio-filtered phased pond system is common in Germany

37. Swimming

38. Don't think swimming fits within the park

39. Don’t make any radical changes from what is already there. I don’t think we need swimming or another dog park.

40. Keep the disc golf course out. The one beside the college is sufficient. The City should pick up the litter in the area

41. Remove the disc golf course - there is one at the College already. Keeping it clean of litter and cigarettes seems to be a challenge.

42. We were pleased to see that it will be relatively unchanged - just improved greatly in terms of access, safety etc.

43. A jump bike park (like in South Surrey - 128th street & 144 Ave. Could be fun for youngsters & pre-teens

44. Commit to or omit swim area

45. Swimming to be very carefully considered and hopefully forgotten.

46. No Swimming. No boats. No floating dock - others are great.
     There is too much going on adjacent to the toboggan area! Leave this area more natural - no bocce, frisby golf etc!

47. Definitely no floating dock and no swimming - this should continue to be an area that attracts diverse wildlife - birds, fish, muskrats etc.

48. Be cautious on swimming

49. Integration of a swimming/water access area (committed)

50. 1. No swimming or boating - incompatible with wildlife in lake
     2. There is too much development proposed SW of lake (bocce, picnic & fireman’s playground and disc golf). These activities are unnecessary. Leave this area natural. The firemen's playground where it has always been, on the north side of the lake. Not every square inch of Idlewild needs to be designated for some developed activity. The beauty of Idlewild is that most of it is undeveloped and natural. Concentrate on Natural environment. Further to bocce pits - if there is interest to build and maintain these, consider the flat area near the main parking lot on the north side by the peace park. Also, no need to establish another picnic area when two others on the north side exist and are in need of
improvement.

Disc Golf - already exists near college. No need for another on in Idlewild - inconsistent with general goal of a natural environment.

There is already a dog park in Cranbrook. I do not think another one is needed or should be promoted for Idlewild. Again, I believe this would be inconsistent with the primary goal of Idlewild, to maintain and encourage a natural environmental experience. Dogs chase away wildlife and do not belong off-leash at Idlewild, even in a fenced area.

I learned from a resident that the area proposed for the dog park used to have lots of blue bird boxes (which have been removed during construction). No dog park but put back bird boxes.

51. No swimming
   too small
   what about fishing

52. No Swimming

53. Better washroom

54. No swimming - keep it natural for the wildlife
   Flush toilets near parking lot

55. I think it seems quite good for everyone.
   It's up in the air but please no swimming. Allowing it would change the natural calmness of the park.

56. No

57. No

58. Better washrooms

59. Gravel instead of paved

60. I hope one day to see an 18 hole disk golf

61. Implement lights around the lights

62. More lighting for use at night

63. An 18 hole disc golf course. I wouldn't like to see people swimming there though. I think it could take away from the quietness.

64. I think swimming is a bad idea because in order to keep the water clean enough to keep us clean, it is too hard on the fresh water environment.

65. Keep the amphitheatre up, swimming is also a bad idea

66. More garbage disposal (garbage/recycle bins)

67. No swimming. Would change the feel of the place. Supply water to arena

68. No swimming. Could harm wildlife and if I'm walking my dog around the lake, I don't want to see mostly naked people especially when you go through the trouble of keeping the
Given that the City will not be able to implement all of the recommendations at once, please list your top three priorities for implementation in order of preference?

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friends and family members of all ages enjoy!

I also would love it if there was a place for swimming (even just part of the lake) since we do not have very many lakes directly in Cranbrook.

The last priority on my own list would be to have bocce and horseshoe pit since it promotes outdoor activities for people of all ages to do!

11. The pavilion for music and the farmers market is brilliant, it's a beautiful location and that would be an impressive venue for that.

12. 1) accessible/paved lake loop
    2) natural playground
    3) BBQ areas

13. Well having seen the utter destruction currently taking place - habitat restoration would be most important. Then refurbishing trails and interpretive signage. It will take years to bring Idlewild back to how it was prior to the work being done now. How sad to see the whole south shore destroyed - all the lovely trees/shrubs that were habitat for the birds and muskrats gone. Planting new trees won't reestablish the previous natural flora. It's really destroyed. The lower creek area, the marsh is totally dried up now, the sludge has been dumped on the toboggan hill which will make it too soft and unstable for use.

14. Walk trail
    Swimming hole
    Bathroom facility

15. Kids park
    Swimming
    Wetland walkways

16. Fix walking path, upgrade docks, bridges and fishing opportunities for the kids
    Upgrade playground equipment

17. Wildlife and habitat values is number one by far but as for amenities

   1. Dog Park - but it could be smaller than proposed and more a place to play rather than chase balls. There is a huge one already in the city of that. I don't think the willow stand up top or the habitats down by the creek should be put under pressure but too many dogs romping in them.

   2. Family areas such as BBQ/fire pits near the tobogan and kids park/zipline - however the large one near the zip line is something we have been using several times a year for many years to have multifamily picnics still seems to be in good shape.

   3. Increasing youth/teen values e.g. frizbee golf, parcour/fitness trail, slackline etc

18. Playgrounds, Access to water for ice skating, pathways

19. Playground
    Washroom facilities
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30. The fishing piers.  
   Improvement of trail around the lake.  
   Enhancement of the existing playground.

31. Playground, playground, playground :)  
   Restore the lake and create shore for kids to access the water in someway  
   Better pathways

32. 1) Long, perimeter footpath. We hike a lot in the comm. forest and Southstar, but a long path in a more-groomed, park-like setting would be a welcome alternative and it’s better for out-of-towners and folks with somewhat hampered mobility.  
   2) Zip line improvements. We bring our niece and nephew to the park several times a year and they make a mad dash for the zip line every time and play on it for 90% of their stay!  
   3) I play the COTR disc golf course at least once a week and having another course in Cranbrook is an excellent idea.

33. Wildlife area  
    concert area  
    equestrian ring

34. Dog park  
    Playgrounds  
    Frisbee golf

35. 1. walking paths and benches  
    2. toboggan hill and skating area  
    3. playground/ zipline and picnic area/ washrooms

36. After all the earthworks in and around the lake and dam is complete and landscaping has been done, Idlewild will need major work done to restore the lakeshore and riparian area.  
   1. Enhanced riparian vegetation should be the priority in conjunction with  
   2. Paths/trails upgrade which should include a spillway bridge if people are to enjoy walking around the lake, unless the City feels that would be too costly, in which case the lower wooden bridge (number 27) should be restored. What can be done to make more areas wheelchair accessible?  
   3. Upgrading washrooms including all year round washroom on N and S side.

37. 1. Dog park  
    2. Family BBQ areas  
    3. Running track  
    4. Toboggan hill  
    5. Fishing piers and jetty  
    6. natural playground and zip line

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| 42. No swimming beach please - this if implemented will spoil the lake & surrounding. Drinking parties will happen - garage broken bottles, law suits etc. |

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| 44. 1. Use wetlands, staged pools, & biofiltration |
| 2. Swimming |
| 3. Fishing |

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| 49. 1. Getting the lake back together for the wildlife |
| 2. Protecting wildlife (turtle habitat) |
| 3. Not yielding to swimming requests or boating. |

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2. Improvements to picnic and playground area to the north of lake  
3. Re-establishment of healthy lake environment (eg. fish, turtles, birds)  
4. Safe toboggan and ice skating areas |
| 63. | 1. Lights around the lake  
2. Disc golf  
3. Zip line |
| 64. | Zip Line  
Disc Golf  
Sledding/ice skating |
| 65. | Disc Golf  
Amphitheater  
Toboggan Hill |
| 66. | Trails  
Washroom/Out house  
Disc Golf |
| 67. | Fire/communal area  
Amphitheatre  
Toilets |
| 68. | Washrooms  
Advanced/older kids playground  
Pathway |
| 69. | Disc Golf  
Natural Amphitheatre  
Rec/fitness equipment |
| 70. | Disc course  
clear trees at exercise place |
| 71. | Fishing docks, bathrooms, disk golf |
| 72. | Disc Golf  
Zip line  
Sledding hill |
| 73. | Disc golf course |
| 74. | Disk golf, family pods (fire pits), toboggan hill |
| 75. | Disk golf |
|     | Theatre   |
|     | Park      |
| 76. | I think the paved path is a great idea especially for people in wheelchairs. Also access for the elderly would be easier. |
| 77. | Disk golf, zipline, fire pits |
| 78. | Dis golf course, upgrade bathrooms and family areas. |
| 79. | 1. Zip line  |
|     | 2. Toboggan Hill |
|     | 3. Disc Golf |
| 80. | New toboggan hill, fix the zip line, disc golf |
| 81. | 1. Better washrooms  |
|     | 2. Fire pits  |
|     | 3. Zip line |
| 82. | Making Arena better (Too fine of sand, never watered down)  |
|     | Dog park area |
|     | Washrooms/firepits |
| 83. | No Swimming, that's the only one. |
| 84. | The benches, disc golf, dam |
Appendix F
Master Plan
NATURAL PLAYGROUND
RESTORED ZIP LINE
9 HOLE DISC GOLF COURSE
BOCCE AND HORSESHOE PITS
IMPROVED PICNIC AREA
• DRINKING FOUNTAIN
AMPHITHEATRE WITH PAD FOR TEMPORARY STAGE
10 STATION FITNESS/PARKOUR COURSE
WETLAND BOARDWALK
WETLAND VIEWING PLATFORMS
FLOATING HABITAT ISLANDS
RESTORED FISHING PIERS
STAIRS TO LAKE LOOP
FIREFIGHTER THEME PLAY FEATURE
RESTORED FIREPITS
ENHANCED RIPARIAN RESTORATION
• SHORELINE LANDFORMS
• RIPARIAN PLANTINGS
SPILLWAY BRIDGE ENHANCEMENTS
RESTORED BRIDGE
REALIGN PATH FOR ACCESSIBILITY
PARK SIGNAGE-MAJOR
OSPREY POLE
BIKE RACKS
FISHING DOCK
• EXPAND IN FUTURE
• CONSIDER FUTURE WADING AREA
RESTORED FIREFIGHTER'S GAZEBO
SPILLWAY/FISH LADDER VIEWING
FISHING JETTY
OFF-LEASH AREA
ENHANCED TOBOGGAN HILL
OPEN LAWN AREA
• EVENTS SPACE
• OVERFLOW ARENA PARKING
15-20 COVERED PICNIC TABLES
• LARGE FIRE RING
• BBQ PITS
• LOCKABLE WOOD STORAGE
• WATER
2-4 COVERED PICNIC TABLES
• FIRE RING
• BBQ PIT
• LOCKABLE WOOD STORAGE
• WATER
WASHROOM (4-STALL)
WASHROOM (2-STALL)
OUTHOUSE FOR WINTER USE
9 HOLE LESS GOLF COURSE
RESTORED BIKE PITS
ENHANCED TOBOGGAN HILL
FIREFIGHTER THEME PLAY FEATURE
BOCCE AND HORSESHOE PITS
STAIRS TO LAKE LOOP
SPILLWAY BRIDGE ENHANCEMENTS
SPILLWAY/FISH LADDER VIEWING
RESTORED BREEZE
TRAIL PATH FOR ACCESSIBILITY
PARK SIGNAGE-MAJOR
BIKE RACKS