

Discussion Paper: Development of a Plan for Trails on Public Land

APRIL 2017

The purpose of this Discussion Paper is to summarize the status & issues relating to District trails and feedback to date, and provide suggested recommendations for a Plan for Trails on Public Land. Its intent is to spark discussion and feedback. The Discussion Paper and feedback will be used to draft the Plan for Trails on Public Land over the next few months.

This Discussion Paper will refer to the “Trails Plan” for brevity.

Discussion Paper: Development of a Plan for Trails on Public Land
District of West Vancouver Parks Department

Table of Contents

1.0 INTRODUCTION.....	2
2.0 RELATED POLICY DOCUMENTS.....	4
3.0 TRAILS PLANS DISCUSSION.....	7
3.1 The number of trails that the District manages and the prioritization of resources required to maintain them:.....	7
3.2 Increasing trails usage by the public and the ability of the trails to handle the increased usage	9
3.3 New or evolving usage on trails	10
3.4 Managing environmental impacts on trails	11
3.5 Mixed user groups on trails.....	14
3.6 Insufficient amenities such as signage.....	15
3.7 Lack of connectivity	16
3.8 Land ownership	17
4.0 YOUR INVOLVEMENT	19

DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Purpose of a Plan for Trails on Public Land (Trails Plan)

The purpose of developing a Plan for Trails on Public Land (referred to as a “trails plan” for brevity) is to create a policy document that will provide principles and decision making criteria for the management of trails on public land.

Purpose of the Trails Plan Discussion Paper

This Discussion Paper reviews the status and issues relating to District trails, summarizes public feedback to date, and proposes recommendations to be included in a Plan for Trails on Public Land. Recommendations from related policy documents are included, as well as a summary of work to date on the Trails Plan and next steps for the Trails Plan.

The format of the Discussion Paper follows the pattern of eight “factors” affecting District trails that were outlined in a status report to Council on July 4, 2016. A link to that report can be found at westvancouver.ca/trailsplan. This format makes the Discussion Paper slightly repetitive. However, this format allows members of the public to follow the evolution of the thinking in the Discussion Paper.

Core Values for District Trails Plan

Using the 2012 Parks Master Plan core values, the Sport and Active Recreation Policy, and community consultation, the trails plan could be based on the following values:

- Protection and stewardship of the natural environment
- Experience, appreciation, and understanding of the natural beauty, waterfront, creeks and forests
- Support of active living, health, social and spiritual wellbeing by facilitating access to low-cost, unstructured opportunities like trails
- Inclusiveness, accessibility and respect for all people
- Public safety and security
- Prudent financial stewardship and management
- Sustainability for future generations
- Support of community engagement and volunteers

Planning Process and Consultation Undertaken to date

- ✓ Inventory of trails maintained by the District of West Vancouver on public land is complete;
- ✓ Early consultation with stakeholders November 2015;
- ✓ Public consultation May and June 2016;
- ✓ Information report to Council July 2016;

Draft Trails Plan Discussion Paper -- Use the public input received in 2015 and 2016 to frame the issues and provide context. The Trails Plan Discussion Paper should include the development of key principles and criteria for decision making.

Next Steps

- ✓ Public consultation - Spring 2017 - feedback regarding the Trails Plan Discussion Paper
- ✓ Draft the Trails Plan - Summer/ Fall 2017
- ✓ Public review of draft plan - Fall 2017
- ✓ Upon completion, report to Council

2.0 RELATED POLICY DOCUMENTS

Two Council-appointed Working Groups provided remarks and recommendations for a Trails Plan. The [Parks Master Plan Working Group completed its work in 2012](#), and the [Upper Lands Working Group completed its work in 2015](#).

Below are two tables with recommendations relating to trails from the Parks Master Plan and Upper Lands Working Groups. The numbers on the left side of the tables refer to the recommendation number in the respective documents. The Parks Master Plan and Upper Lands Final Report can be found at westvancouver.ca/trailsplan.

Table 1: Recommendations regarding trails from the Parks Master Plan Working Group Final Report

2.2.10 Identify lands currently used or with high potential to be used for recreation, and identify the appropriate means of acquiring and designating these areas as parkland, e.g. Upper Cypress Falls and the wetlands west of the falls, trails on the Upper Lands.
2.2.12 Establish and adopt criteria for new neighbourhood parkland in keeping with the core values of the Parks Master Plan, and work with the Planning Department to acquire these parks through the development process. Potential criteria include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail system with connectivity to communities and parks • Viewpoints along trails and nodes for sitting and gathering at trail heads • Larger parks with play areas and other amenities in higher density areas
3.3.1 Retain the recreational trail experiences and opportunities on the Upper Lands. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address within the Upper Lands Study the need to retain the recreational trail experiences and opportunities. • On public land, recognize and protect trail corridors. • On private land, negotiate to obtain formal access to the trail corridors for recreational uses where appropriate, e.g., rights-of-way, and locate, build and maintain trails based on sustainable trail standards.
3.3.2 Identify trails in lands below the highway that are not within parks, confirm their importance, and determine whether additional protection is needed.
3.3.3 Identify, prioritize and establish new trails to improve connectivity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design paths and trails in parks to be a logical network, with loops where there is sufficient space, connecting with trails external to the park where applicable. • Include environmental considerations in the planning of major new trails through natural areas, and design trails to minimize environmental impacts.
3.3.4 Make trail heads and staging areas more identifiable, and provide infrastructure to suit the location, e.g., garbage bins, doggy bags, parking, kiosk sign.
3.3.5 Support and encourage the Spirit Trail work by the Engineering Department.

3.3.6	Work with interested user groups on designating, building, managing and maintaining shared-used trails in appropriate locations.
3.3.7	Support the development of a volunteer monitoring program in partnership with trail user groups.
3.3.8	Prepare and adopt best practice model for trail management that builds upon methods used in other jurisdictions, such as the District of North Vancouver.
3.3.9	Update design standards on well used trails through areas with high environmental values to keep people on trails and to protect the resources, e.g. higher standard of trail construction, split rail fences where needed.
3.4.2	<p>Protect and increase access to and along the waterfront.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide access for non-motorized water-based activities, e.g., boating paddle boarding, kayaking, swimming, walking, sitting, picnicking. • Make shoreline access parks more visible and accessible to the public, respecting the need to protect riparian areas.
3.7.6	Plan the trail system to include dog off-leash, dog on-leash, and “no dog” trails.
3.10.2	<p>Integrate and upgrade signs, in keeping with the sign standard, to clearly identify park and trail locations, assist in way-finding, provide interpretative information and minimize the number of signs in each park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use universal sign graphics, instead of unilingual or bilingual signs, especially for destination parks.
4.3.2	<p>Rationalize trail routes and decommission and rehabilitate trails that are redundant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider environmental impacts and opportunities for enhancement in the rationalization of trail routes.
4.4.1	<p>Increase coordination and support for volunteer efforts in park stewardship and outdoor recreation activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider “adopt a park” and “adopt a trail” programs for regular observations, stewardship and education in specific parks and trails. • Consider the use of volunteers to assist with education related to a variety of impacts on parks, e.g., dogs, invasive species. • Prepare practices and guidelines for volunteer work in parks and trails, including key principles, rules, roles, need for supervision, conflict of interest, insurance, tools, approval processes, communication, etc.

Table 2: Recommendations regarding trails from the Upper Lands Working Group Final Report

3.2.1.1	A Trails Plan be prepared in consultation with private landowners and stewardship and stakeholder groups that respects the needs of landowners and different users, and balances recreational uses with the community's environmental and cultural values.
3.2.1.2	The Trails Plan be used to advance policy directions of the Parks Master Plan relating to: environmental management and protection; diversity and quality of trail experiences; trail network and connectivity; orientation and signage; involvement of stewardship and stakeholder groups in Plan implementation; parking and infrastructure; access, accessibility and safety; potential revenue generation; and that preparation of the Trails Plan be advanced as a District priority.
3.2.1.3	Consideration be given in the preparation of the Trails Plan to the merits of a trail network that comprises both joint-use trails (for various trail users, e.g. hikers and naturalists) and single-use trails (e.g. downhill mountain bike trails).
3.2.1.4	Consideration also be given in the preparation of the Trails Plan to other, non-trails based recreational activities.
3.2.1.5	West Vancouver continue to work with private landowners and seek public ownership of private lands with high potential to be used for recreation.

3.0 TRAILS PLANS DISCUSSION

Trails on public lands have always been and continue to be a very important amenity for the District. Consistently in community surveys, the ability to access and use trails is ranked as one of the most desirable recreation activities. The District, since its incorporation as a municipality, has incorporated trails into its residential development, parks system and recreation lands.

Trails are a complex topic in the District of West Vancouver. The complexity is due to the many factors that affect trails, some of which can compete with each other. These factors can be broadly grouped as follows:

3.1 The number of trails that the District manages and the prioritization of resources required to maintain them:

Current status:

West Vancouver has more than 135 km of trails on public land in the Upper Lands and in parks, as well as small trails connecting neighbourhoods. Existing trail locations shown on maps were gathered with a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit. The inventory includes location, length, type, surface material, condition, signage, age of trails and condition of structure such as steps and bridges on trails. This information is permanently recorded in District asset management software. Only trails on District land that are maintained by the District are included in the inventory.

There is a proliferation of unauthorized trails throughout the District that have evolved over time which are not maintained by the District of West Vancouver. It is evident that some individuals have been involved in trail building and maintenance in the District for years. All this work is informal and unauthorized. Work in other jurisdictions has shown that providing the community with an opportunity to build and maintain trails develops a sense of responsibility.

Currently the District's trail maintenance is focused on replacing and/or repairing failing trails and trail structures with priority given to areas of high public use and safety considerations.

Trail monitoring is undertaken by trail users and staff in an informal process.

Current and future Issues:

- There are more trails than available resources to maintain them.
- Unauthorized trails are a challenge to manage.

- Unauthorized trails may negatively impact the environment (trail braiding, water and erosion, trail widening, etc.).
- There are insufficient resources for regular monitoring and preventative maintenance.
- Lack of authorized trails for some recreational users has resulted in the building of unauthorized trails suitable for their use.
- There is no vision/master plan for the future network of trails.

Feedback from community consultation:

- Public response indicated a concern regarding the level of maintenance currently delivered on District trails and trail structures (bridges, stairs etc.).
- Many suggestions were made regarding developing some maintenance standards / a maintenance program.
- Some respondents placed absolute priority on repairing and maintaining current trails rather than developing new trails.
- Many others noted that they would like to see more trails so that usage/impact can be spread over more area.
- Feedback also suggested there is public interest in volunteer trail work.

Proposed Recommendations for Inclusion in a District Trails Plan:

- Collect further data on usage. While a trails inventory has been completed, further data collection (e.g., more trail counters, and occasional user surveys) could help plan for future resource allocation and decision making.
- Develop a process for evaluating authorized and unauthorized trails with the purpose of understanding their impact, e.g. environmental, number of users, and level of maintenance required.
- Develop a strategy for prioritizing resources.
- Facilitate trails for a variety of permitted uses to reduce the motivation to create unauthorized trails.

- Develop a trail classification system to help differentiate between types of trails, e.g. urban connector trail vs. nature trail. A Classification System could also designate the type of use for which the trail is intended.
- Develop a trail maintenance program including a monitoring plan and prioritization methodology. Regular maintenance allows for continued use and helps to preserve the area around the trail by encouraging users to remain on the primary trail alignment. Regular trail monitoring and prompt attention to maintenance issues can add to a trail's longevity.
- Develop a program for volunteer trail work. Explore opportunities to work with interested user groups and individuals on building and maintaining trails in appropriate locations. The District of North Vancouver has an innovative management model for mountain bike trails involving the North Shore Mountain Bike Association, with potential for application in West Vancouver. There are some individuals who have expressed interest in working with the District on volunteer trail maintenance.
- Work with community volunteers to develop a trail watch monitoring program.
- Develop a vision for trails on public land in the District of West Vancouver.

3.2 Increasing trails usage by the public and the ability of the trails to handle the increased usage

Current status:

Increasing use is being observed on West Vancouver trails. As the population in Metro Vancouver increases, it is reasonable to expect use of the District's trails to also increase. Casual recreation is on the increase and there is an increased demand for outdoor recreation experiences. It has been noted in other jurisdictions that advances in technology, availability of equipment, and increased social media use can contribute to a proliferation of trail users.

The top three responses for trail use from the 2016 community questionnaire about trails were: hike, appreciate the natural beauty and mountain bike. Dog walking and mountain biking are two examples of activities that have seen an increase in activity and are having an impact on trails, both in the areas of experience for all users (congestion, conflicts) and also environmental impacts (trail braiding, water and erosion, trail widening, new trails in areas with previously no trails etc.).

Current and future Issues:

- Increased usage may negatively impact the environment around the trails (trail braiding, water and erosion, trail widening and an increasing number of unauthorized trails).
- Increased usage may negatively impact the experience for users because of congestion and conflicts.

Feedback from community consultation:

- Concerns were expressed regarding the increase in popularity/ general awareness of West Vancouver trails by non-residents and the pressure associated with this (both trail degradation concerns and staging concerns like parking etc.). One example given was Whyte Lake Park Trail which is experiencing considerable growth in use and is feeling the effects in the form of high use on weekends, widening of the trail in certain areas, parking congestion and litter. Feedback also indicated that there are bottlenecks at some trailheads.
- Some feedback noted the variety in the types of trails in West Vancouver that will be managed/management will be guided by this plan. Small walking paths in the community can be very different from trails in heavily forested areas and they should be managed differently.

Proposed Recommendations for Inclusion in a District Trails Plan:

- Consider formalizing access points, signage etc. at key trailheads
- Consider developing a trail classification system to differentiate between trail types (i.e. urban connector trail vs. nature trail). A Classification System could also designate the type of use for which the trail is intended.

3.3 New or evolving usage on trails

Current status:

A range of recreational activities take place on West Vancouver Trails including hiking, running, biking, dog walking, bird watching, and more. The top three responses from the 2016 community questionnaire about trails were: hike, appreciate the natural beauty and mountain bike. There are other new and evolving uses including climbing activities, mountain biking and commercial dog walking.

Current and future Issues:

- There is a lack of clarity about what uses are permitted on trails.

- Some uses may negatively impact the environment around the trails (trail braiding, water and erosion, trail widening, new trails in areas with previously no trails etc.).
- A lack of suitable trails in the District for some uses such as mountain biking has resulted in the unauthorized building of trails for these uses.

Feedback from community consultation:

- Some feedback raised concerns about climbers that strip off or damage foliage to install bolts, and large groups of off leash dogs that can damage sensitive ecosystems.
- Public response indicated a need to look at the demand for special events on trails and how these events are handled.

Proposed Recommendations for Inclusion in a District Trails Plan:

- Educate trail users about appropriate activities and behavior on trails.
- Develop a trail etiquette program for trail users. The program should include an educational component (signage, webpage etc.) and possible enforcement from Park Ranger staff.
- Clarify which uses are currently acceptable and prohibited. In particular there is a desire to explicitly permit mountain biking.
- Review Special Events Policy in relation to the review of special events that use or may impact trails. Explore the possibility of event organizers committing to some trail restoration as part of the event agreement. Planning considerations for special events include: The requirement/ability to cancel the event in the event of heavy rain or saturated/muddy trails, access for other trail users, ensuring that event participants read and sign the trail etiquette/code of conduct.
- Facilitate trails for a variety of permitted uses to reduce the motivation to create unauthorized trails.

3.4 Managing environmental impacts on trails

Current status:

Protection and stewardship of the natural environment is a core value of the Parks Master Plan.

Residents place a high value on protection of the natural environment. Environmental concerns were one of the top three topics identified by respondents as important to address in this plan.

Some environmental impacts associated with heavy trail use include: soil compaction, trail widening and creation of shortcuts, erosion, native vegetation damage, and invasive plant introduction.

The environment around a trail is very important to the user experience on that trail. Trails connect users with the natural environment and they can inspire a sense of ownership and stewardship. Trails can also be great places for environmental education. The top three responses from the community questionnaire for primary use of the trail were: hike, appreciate the natural beauty and mountain bike. While some users are primarily using the trail for exercise and others are there to appreciate nature, there is common sentiment that the environment around the trail should be protected.

The amount of recreational use has increased over time and many trails in the District were not planned or built to be sustainable with this level of use. Some trails in the District are negatively impacting the environment because they are in poor condition (i.e. trail braiding etc.).

When trails are well planned and built following best management practices they can protect and enhance the environment. For example, well-routed trails can protect sensitive areas by providing corridors for people, and avoid the most sensitive areas. Trails designed and built to best practices keep trail users on the designated path; they are built to withstand use, and minimize erosion. They may include environmental buffers such as boardwalks and bridges.

Regular maintenance is critical for a trail's sustainability and can help reduce the impact it has on the surrounding environment. For example, regular clearing of drainage features can minimize trail erosion and environmental damage. This helps to preserve the area around the trail by encouraging users to remain on the primary trail alignment (and not create new paths around puddles etc.). Regular trail assessments and prompt attention to maintenance issues can add to a trail's longevity.

Current and future Issues:

- The amount of recreational use has increased over time and many trails in the District were not planned or built to be sustainable with this level of use. Some trails in the District are negatively impacting the environment because they are in poor condition (i.e. trail braiding etc.).
- West Vancouver trails are increasing in popularity. Region-wide awareness of our trail system (e.g. Whyte Lake) results in increased use and impacts. Available resources for maintenance do not match with the popularity of DWV's trail system.

- Maintenance is not keeping up with use and demand.
- Parking and congestion at trailheads can cause environmental damage and safety concerns.

Feedback from community consultation:

- Environmental concerns were one of the top three topics identified by respondents as important to address in this plan.
- Concerns were expressed regarding the increase in popularity and awareness of West Vancouver trails. Public response indicated that action is required to address the environmental impacts associated with increasing usage (mountain bike usage was noted in particular many times). Respondents would like to see protection of sensitive habitats, especially in wetlands, by improved planning and routing. There is also a desire to see more protection of contiguous corridors for wildlife.

Proposed Recommendations for Inclusion in a District Trails Plan:

- Review the trails in the current inventory and develop a process aimed at reducing the number of trails. Priority to be placed where there are multiple parallel trails, shortcuts between trails, trails that are causing damage to the surrounding environment, and trails that have very low use. Develop a criteria and assessment process as part of the process.
- Trailheads provide a good opportunity to set trail user expectations. Develop a trail signage program that includes consistent messages at trail heads including: code of conduct, alerts regarding potential risks, and interpretive/education information.
- Assess and where possible improve parking at trailheads to be as efficient as possible. Parking regulations should be clearly displayed.
- Trail construction should use best management practices.
- Consider developing a trail etiquette program for trail users. The program should include an educational component (signage, webpage etc.) and regulatory component (signage and Park Ranger/Bylaw Officer) to improve trail use behavior.

- Consider developing a trail signage program including educational signs, wayfinding and regulatory signs.
- Facilitate trails for a variety of permitted uses to reduce the motivation to create unauthorized trails.
- Develop a trail maintenance program including an assessment and monitoring schedule and prioritization procedures.

3.5 Mixed user groups on trails

Current status:

A range of recreational activities take place on West Vancouver trails. The top three responses from the community questionnaire were: hike, appreciate the natural beauty and mountain bike.

Along with the population increase in Metro Vancouver, advances in technology, availability of equipment, and increased social media use may be contributing to a proliferation of trail use. This increases the potential for competition or conflict amongst different users.

The community is aging and it is important for all residents to have access to nature for overall health. Accessibility is an important consideration for trail planning, construction and maintenance activities. Recognize that accessibility standards cannot be achieved where trails exist in steep and challenging terrain but they should form part of the District's consideration for planning and maintaining trails.

Current and future Issues:

- Increased usage can negatively impact the trail experience for users because of congestion. Increased usage may negatively impact the environment (trail braiding, water and erosion, trail widening, etc.).
- Safety issues can arise if there are high speed differences between user groups or restricted sightlines.
- The community is aging and there is increased demand for accessible trails.

Feedback from community consultation:

- Public response indicated apprehensions regarding shared use trails specifically with regard to hiking and mountain biking. Many respondents would like to see

some trails assigned specific use. There were also comments about the range of users' skill levels. There is a desire to keep both the less difficult and the more highly technical and difficult trails.

- There were comments regarding ensuring there are some forested accessible trails that cater to our aging demographics - i.e., flatter, easier surfaces, easier to access. (e.g. "Seniors like to see the forest too – we do not all want to be walking the paved seawall").

Proposed Recommendations for Inclusion in a District Trails Plan:

- Develop a trail classification program that includes designating some trails single-use trails and others as joint-use. The program could also include a rating system to categorize trails into technical levels.
- Develop a code of conduct/trail etiquette program for trail users. The program should include an educational component (signage, webpage etc.) and regulatory (Park Ranger) to improve trail use behavior.
- Incorporate accessibility considerations when developing trail construction best management practices.
- Prohibit motorized use on District trails
- Consider expanding the Park Ranger program which has been successful and could support volunteer activities.

3.6 Insufficient amenities such as signage

Current status:

There are inconsistencies with amenities such as signage throughout the trail system. Signage can enhance the educational value that trails provide and increase awareness of natural environment issues through user experience and interpretive programming. User education is an important component of trail management and this can be done through websites, trailhead signage, brochures, maps and interaction with the public through staff. Trailheads provide a good opportunity to set trail user expectations.

Other amenities that could be improved include dog poop bag dispensers, parking and parking signage, and garbage cans (bear proof).

Current and future Issues:

- Current signage, parking and other amenities at some trailheads is insufficient.
- Current signage on some trails is insufficient.

Feedback from community consultation:

- Public response indicated a concern regarding the lack of signage. There is a strong desire for improved and more signage for wayfinding, trail information (rating/difficulty, distance, grade change, slope), regulation (dogs etc.), user conduct and permitted uses (commercial dog walking etc.).
- Public response also indicated a high demand for maps. More maps are needed and they should be available in many formats (online, signage at trailheads and hard copies).

Proposed Recommendations for Inclusion in a District Trails Plan:

- Develop a trails signage program to ensure effective and consistent messaging. The signage program should include both educational signs and regulatory signs, along with consistent maps at trailheads in conjunction with wayfinding signs along the trail.
- Review current District maps for trails, and explore possibility of improvements and other formats (printed, pdf on the website etc.) to make maps more accessible to the public.
- Review current inventory of amenities associated with main trails, standardize the amenities at each main trail.
- Recognize and promote trails that are easier to use such as Juniper Loop in Lighthouse park and Seaview Walk.

3.7 Lack of connectivity

Current status:

West Vancouver has over 135 km of trails on public land in the Upper Lands and in parks, as well as small trails connecting neighbourhoods. Finding ways to connect existing trails needs to be balanced with building new trails.

Current and future Issues:

- Connectivity and non-motorized transportation are emerging trends in Metro Vancouver. Small urban trails will become more important as Metro Vancouver and the District of West Vancouver pursue transportation options that are not based on vehicles.
- As development proceeds, ensuring connectivity becomes more important, so residents can get around their community using trails and non-motorized transportation.

Feedback from community consultation:

- Concerns were noted regarding the small connecting trails in neighbourhoods. These trails are very important because they allow residents to travel more directly within the community (eg. to bus stops etc.)
- A lack of connectivity is a great challenge and made especially difficult when considering the collage of landownership across the District.

Proposed Recommendations for Inclusion in a District Trails Plan:

- Prioritize the establishment of new trails where they will improve connectivity.
- Ensure the small connecting trails in neighborhoods are identified and included in the trails plan and determine whether additional protection is needed for them.
- Work with land owners to ensure connectivity, secure necessary trail access and right-of way agreements through cooperation and negotiation or through the development approval process.

3.8 Land ownership

Current status:

Many trails are on District land, and others are on private land. Despite being used by the community for decades, most trails on private land are unauthorized. The Trans Canada Trail is an example of an authorized trail on private land.

Although there are high recreational values associated with trails, private land owners are concerned about increased unauthorized trail building and associated potential liability, and other effects like erosion, tree removal, and conflicts with other trail users.

Current and future Issues:

- Continued access for the public.

Feedback from community consultation:

- There is a strong desire to retain the recreational trail experiences and opportunities in the Upper Lands. Many trails in this area are informal and on private land although they have been used by the community for decades.

Proposed Recommendations for Inclusion in a District Trails Plan:

- Work with land owners to enhance connectivity, and formalize public access and trail connections through cooperation and negotiation.
- Develop policies to retain trails that are on private land where possible.
- Include the planning of trails in the design of new neighbourhoods such as Cypress Village.
- Develop trail construction and maintenance standards for future trail construction.

4.0 YOUR INVOLVEMENT

We welcome comments and feedback.

Information sessions around the community are scheduled for May 2017. Attend an Information Session and provide your feedback.

Dates and locations for Trails Plan Information Sessions are:

- Tuesday, May 2, 3:30–7 p.m., West Vancouver Community Centre Atrium, 2121 Marine Drive
- Wednesday, May 10, 3:30–7 p.m., West Vancouver Community Centre Atrium, 2121 Marine Drive
- Thursday, May 11, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., Seniors' Activity Centre, 695 21st Street
- Tuesday, May 16, 4–7 p.m., Gleneagles Clubhouse, 6190 Marine Drive

Email parks@westvancouver.ca with your comments.

Fill out a questionnaire at westvancouver.ca/trailsplan

Draft schedule for the completion of the Trails Plan Discussion Paper:

- ✓ Public consultation - Spring 2017 - feedback regarding the Trails Plan Discussion Paper
- ✓ Draft the Trails Plan - Summer/ Fall 2017
- ✓ Public review of draft plan - Fall 2017
- ✓ Upon completion, report to Council