

# AGENDA ADDENDUM

## *COUNCIL WORKSHOP*

**April 17, 2012**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Council Chamber, Municipal Hall  
355 West Queens Road,  
North Vancouver, BC**

**Council Members:**

Mayor Richard Walton  
Councillor Roger Bassam  
Councillor Robin Hicks  
Councillor Mike Little  
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Councillor Lisa Muri  
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### **THE FOLLOWING LATE ITEMS ARE ADDED TO THE PUBLISHED AGENDA**

**2. Tax Distribution**

File No. 05.1705.20/000.000

Presentation: Nicole Deveaux, General Manager – Finance and Technology

**3. Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan**

File No. 13.6660.01/000.000

Presentation: Gavin Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities

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April 13, 2012

File:

To: Mayor and Council

From: Andy Wardell, Manager, Financial Services

**Re: Tax Distribution Workshop April 17, 2012**

Please find attached the presentation that will be made on April 17<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the workshop is for Council to confirm their final tax policy decisions and to obtain Council direction for staff to prepare the 2012 Tax Rates Bylaw.

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# Tax Distribution Workshop

April 17, 2012

# Agenda

1. Tax Strategy Recap
2. Tax Strategy Assumptions
3. Tax Strategy in Action versus on Hold
4. Final Tax Distribution for 2012



# Tax Strategy Recap

- ▶ Harmonizing tax rates with either:
  - ▶ the average for the region or
  - ▶ the capped rate (if applicable)over a period of five years consistent with new investments (2012 is year 4 of strategy)
- ▶ Shifting taxes between classes where the tax base for a property class is too small to be corrected by investment alone

# Tax Strategy Assumptions

- ▶ Revised Assessment Roll - \$25.3 Billion
- ▶ 2% tax rate increase
- ▶ Allocating same 2% tax rate increase to Residents and Business as a starting point
- ▶ Continuing the shift from light industry to residents @ \$120k = .22%
- ▶ Letting Heavy Industry benefit from its investments

# Final Comments

- ▶ No new evidence in support of the case for industry hardship
- ▶ The Province permanent continuation of the PPTA and the tax subsidy
- ▶ The rates moving in the right direction albeit at a reduced pace
- ▶ Keep strategy as is or on hold until more is known about:
  - ▶ Industry future investment levels
  - ▶ Timing and size of residential and commercial growth
  - ▶ Outcome of the Provincial Expert Panel on Tax competitiveness

# Tax Strategy in Action

Class	Even Distribut'n	Policy Decisions	Final Distribut'n	2012 Rates	2011 Rates
1	<b>2.0%</b>	120,000	<b>2.22%</b>	2.36446	2.47291
4	<b>2.0%</b>	(25,131)	<b>-1.25%</b>	41.09966	42.48617
5	<b>2.0%</b>	(120,000)	<b>-0.87%</b>	19.52785	21.71568
6	<b>2.0%</b>		<b>2.00%</b>	8.53774	8.83668
8	<b>2.0%</b>		<b>2.00%</b>	6.07360	5.99955

The Province must confirm Capped Port Property valuations and have not yet confirmed valuations provided by BC Assessment.

# Tax Strategy On Hold

Class	Even Distribut'n	Policy Decisions	Final Distribut'n	2012 Rates	2011 Rates
1	<b>2.0%</b>		<b>2.00%</b>	2.35932	2.47291
4	<b>2.0%</b>		<b>-0.59%</b>	41.37591	42.48617
5	<b>2.0%</b>		<b>14.82%</b>	22.61911	21.71568
6	<b>2.0%</b>		<b>2.00%</b>	8.53774	8.83668
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► The end



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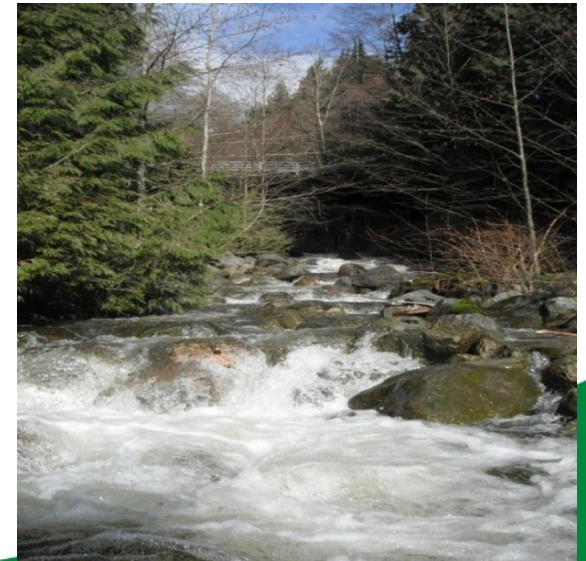
# Parks

## Draft Parks & Open Space Strategic Plan Fit to OCP



# Agenda – Shaping Future of Parks

1. Introduction
2. Fit with OCP
3. The Parks Vision
4. Town & Village Centres
5. Park Revitalization
6. Natural Parkland
7. Funding Strategies
8. Next Steps



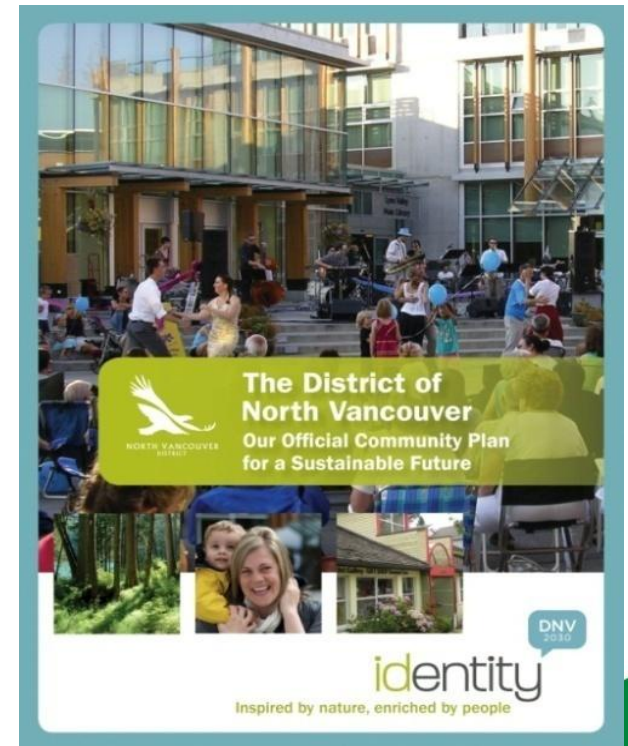


# OCP Parks Goal

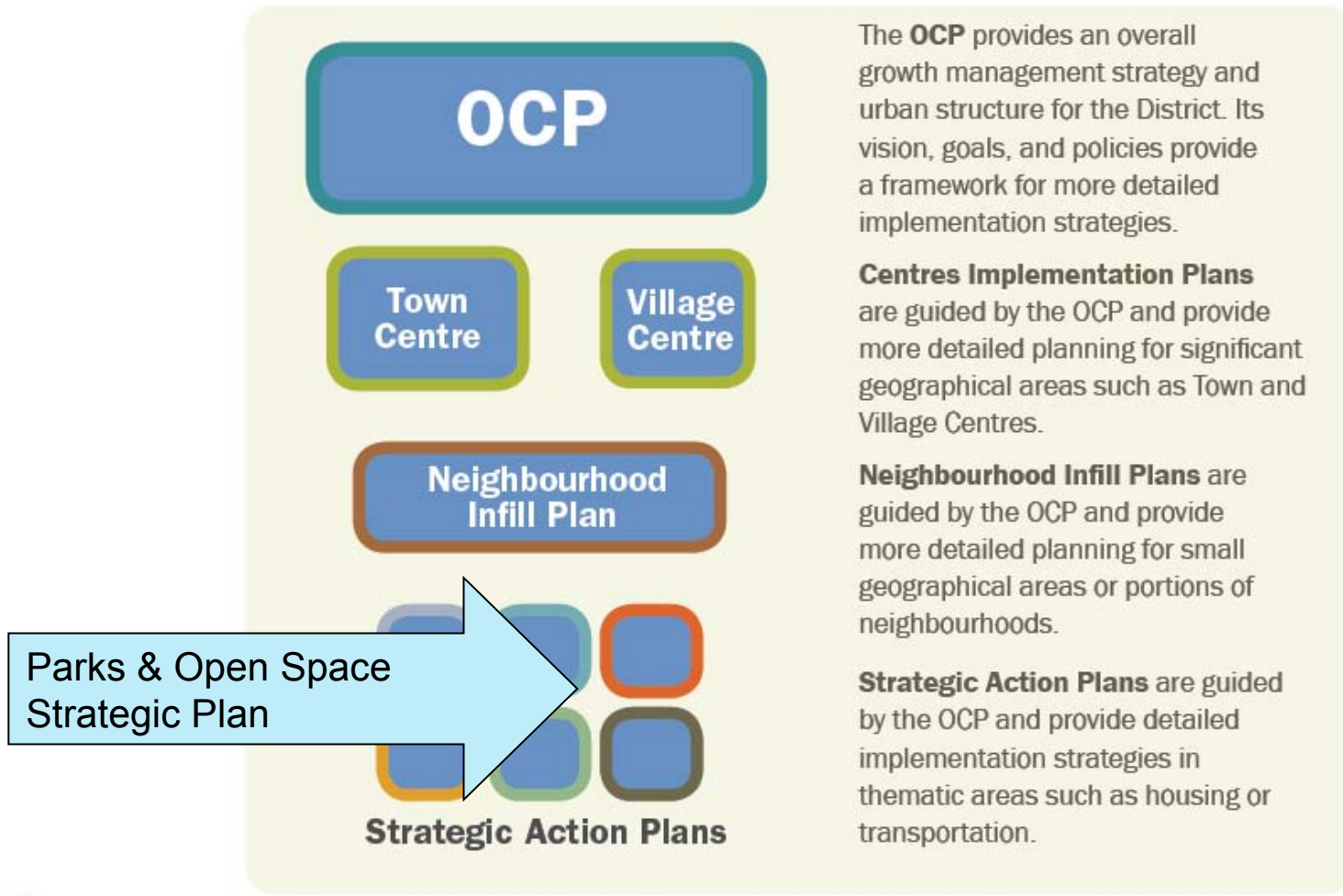
## *Shaping the Future of Parks*

**“Maintain a diverse, high quality parks & open space system that serves a range of community needs, & protects the natural environment. “**

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# Plan Fit with OCP









# The OCP Vision



**Map 1**  
**Network of Centres Concept Map**

Note: This map is conceptual in nature only

## Legend

	Town Centre		Transit Corridor		Industrial & Light Industrial
	Village Centre		Urban Containment Boundary		Parks & Natural Areas

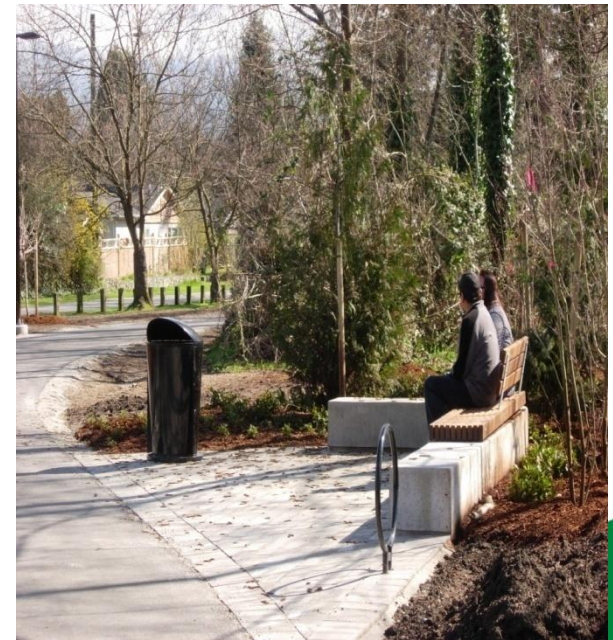


# What did the OCP Tell Us?

“Implement a Parks & Open Space Strategic Plan consistent with the OCP to manage and improve the District’s park and trails system “

## Key Themes:

- Maintenance & reinvestment of parks
- Increase, update & adapt park facilities to meet changing needs (school fields/play areas)
- Eco-system/forest management
- Develop & maintain a network of trails
- Waterfront access & recreation use
- Volunteer engagement & stewardship
- Inter jurisdictional partnerships



# POSSP/OCP Planning Process



# Understanding issues:

## Park Background Reports:

- *Parks and Recreation - Needs Assessment*
- *Community and Stakeholder Surveys*
- *Sportfields Needs Assessment*
- *Forest Eco-inventory Framework*
- *Alpine / Fromme Mountain Trail Study*
- *Parks Buildings Assessment*
- *Street Tree Inventory & Master Plan*
- *Cates Park / Whey-ah-Wichen Master Plan*



# What are POSSP Goals About?

- Address changing trends & demands (new parks etc)
- Assessing park user satisfaction
- Manage, revitalize assets & infrastructure
- Environmental integrity & stewardship
- Celebrate & expand trails & greenways
- Community partnerships & education
- Creative funding mechanisms

*Parallels OCP  
directions - just a  
finer grade of focus  
& detail*





# Focus #1 - Parks & Greenways in Centres

- Additional community parkland & greenways in Centres to meet 2030 target to meet parkland standards
- Detailed concept design through Centres Plans
- Achieve through parkland DCC, development requirements and CACs





# Summary of Priorities

## District-Wide

- 2 Artificial Turf Field
- New Buildings – Inter River Park, WG
- Trails & Greenways – Spirit Trail, Seymour Greenway
- Fromme/Seymour Trails
- Cates Park/Whey-ah-Wichen Plan

## Lynn Valley

- New 2 ha neighbourhood park south of E. 27<sup>th</sup> Street
- Trail linkages
- Create a town centre green/park south of library square to connect

## Lower Lynn

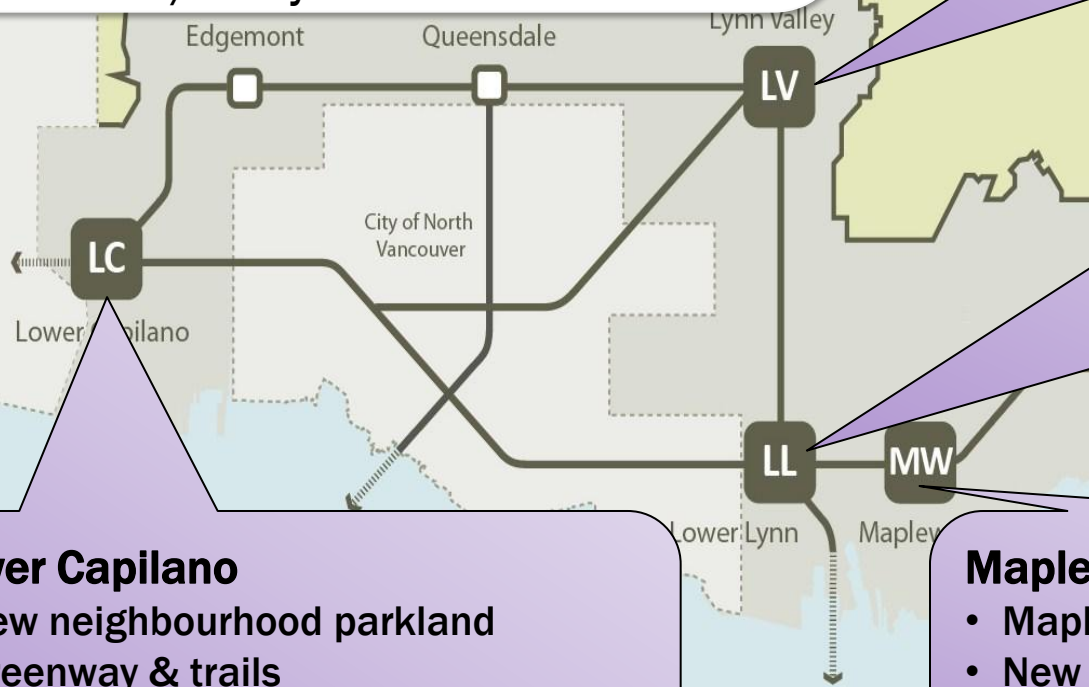
- Trail connections to Lynn Creek trail
- Upgrade Seylynn Park
- Expand Marie Place Park
- New park south of Crown St., east of Mountain Hwy

## Lower Capilano

- New neighbourhood parkland
- Greenway & trails
- Partnership with Klahanee Pk
- Potential crossing over Cap River

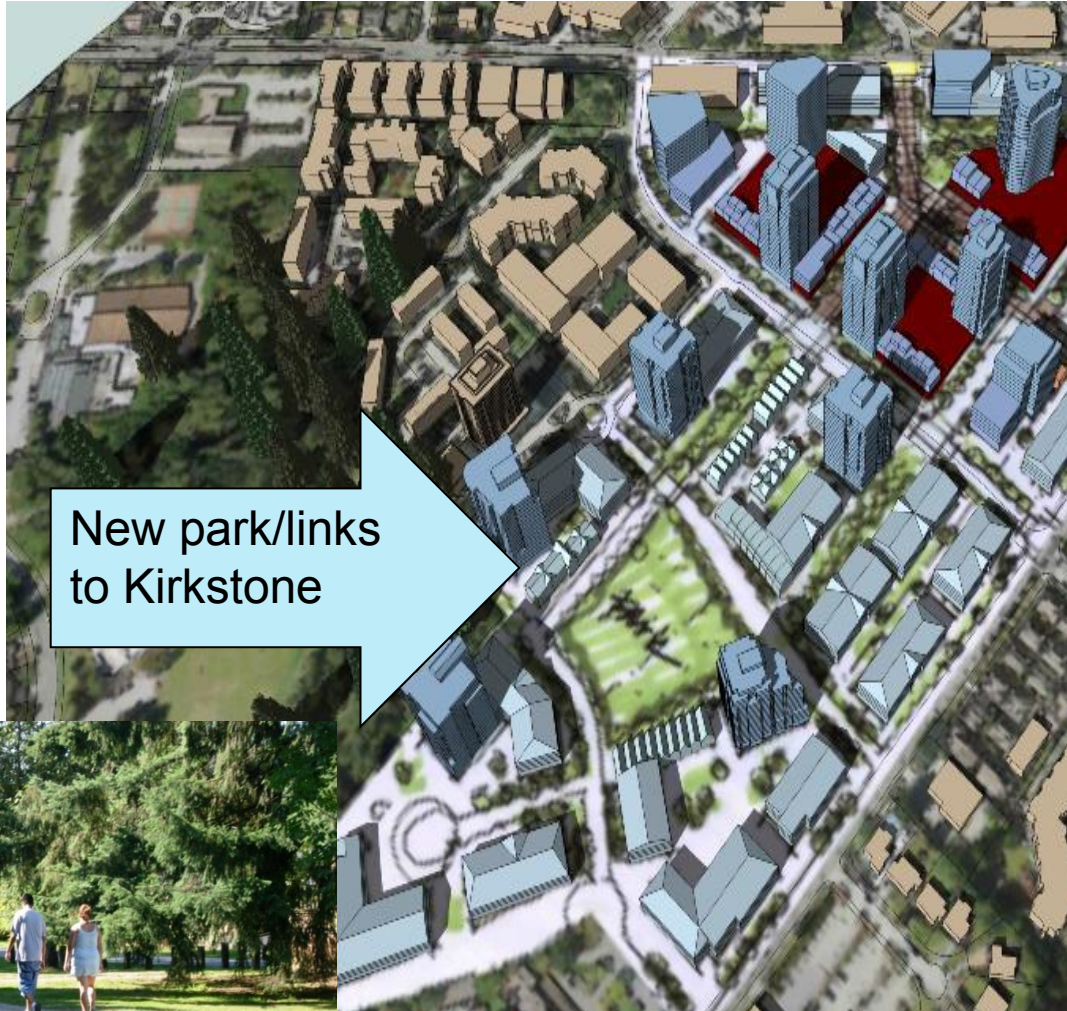
## Maplewood

- Maplewood Farm
- New neighbourhood park/playground
- Greenway Trail ( Seymour Greenway)
- Natural Parkland





# Lynn Valley Centre



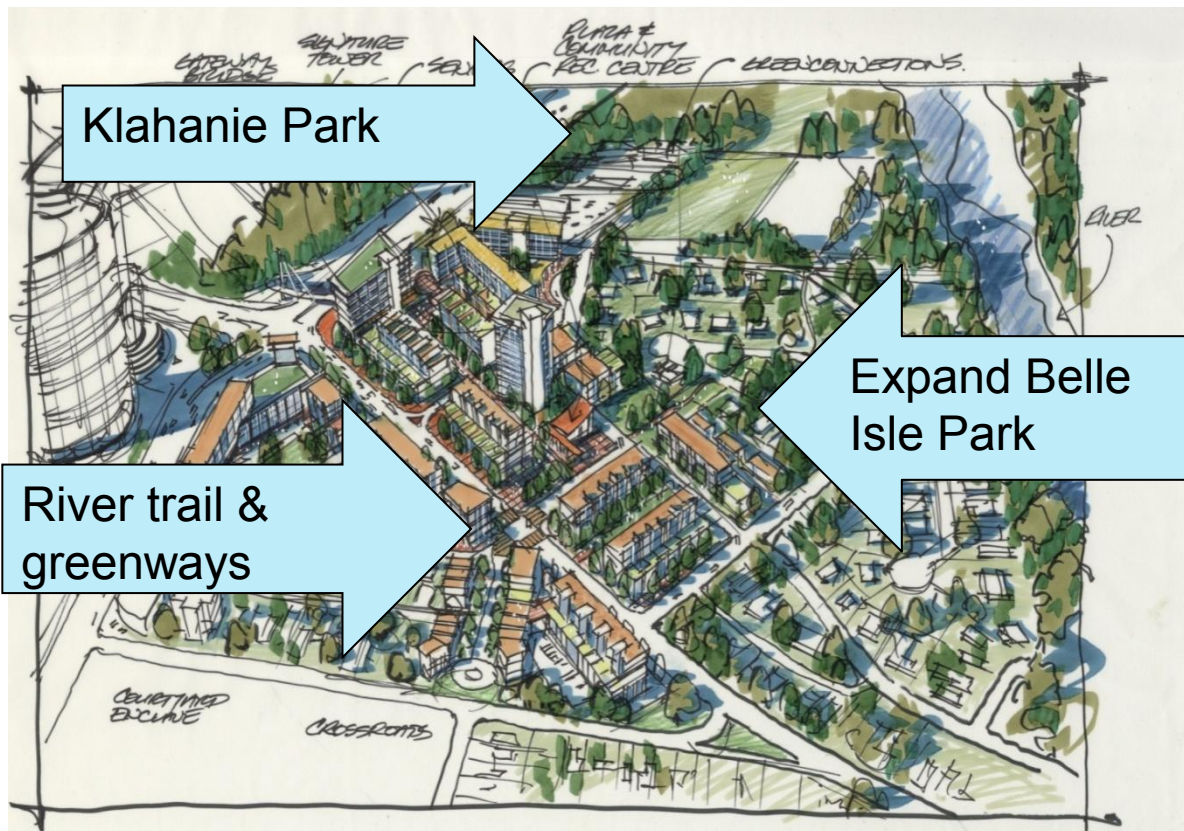
New park/links  
to Kirkstone

New greenways/links  
to Hastings Creek





# Capilano Centre





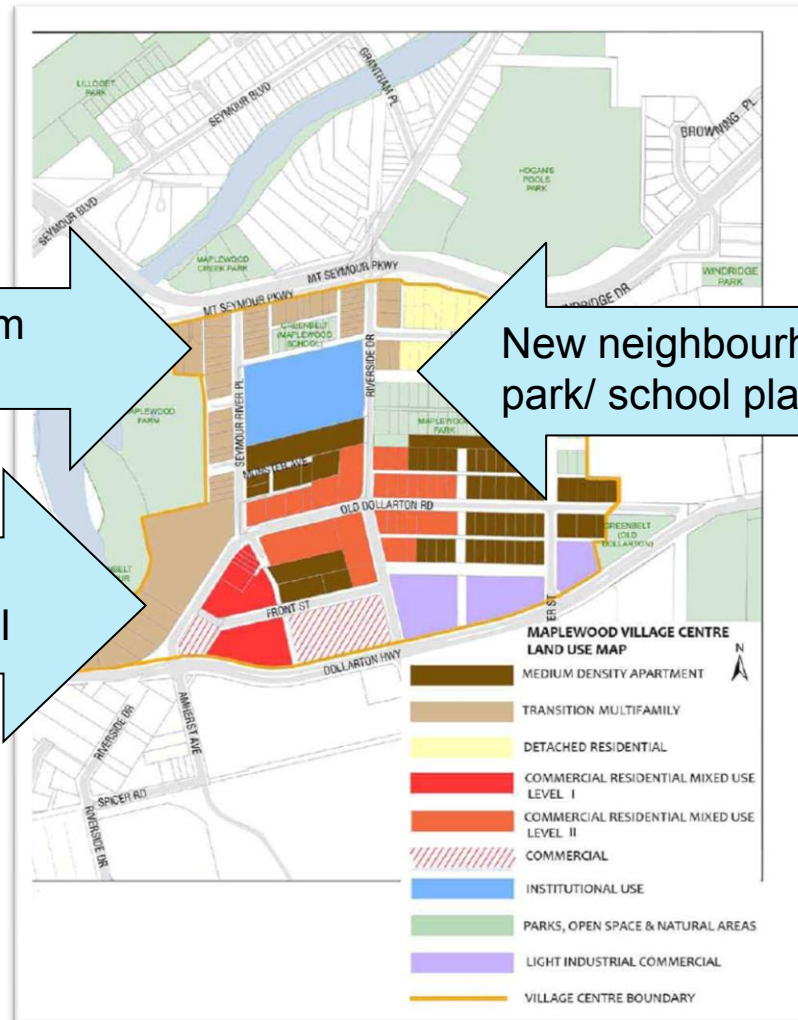
# Maplewood Centre



Maplewood Farm  
Revitalization

Seymour River  
Greenway & Spirit Trail

New neighbourhood  
park/ school playground





## Complete river trail & new Crown Street bridge



## Possible new parkette



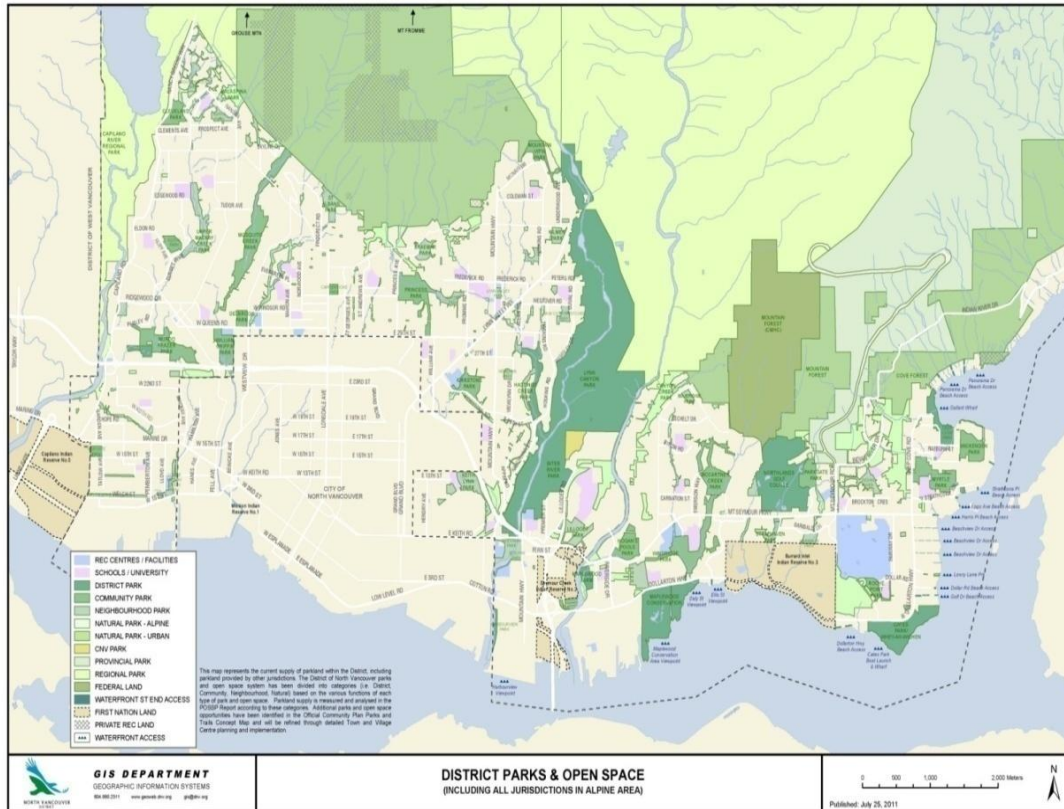


# Focus #2 - Park Revitalization

## District of North Van Parks

### Snapshot

- over 150 parks
- 70 ha grassed areas
- 40 sportfields
- 39 Ball Diamonds
- 80,000 m<sup>2</sup> landscape
- 110 trail bridges
- 200 km of trails
- 53 playgrounds
- 22 washrooms
- 336 ha natural parkland



# Park Revitalization – OCP

## Asset Management & Life Cycle Planning



- Sportfields renovation program
- Play facilities – playgrounds, sports courts, tennis courts
- Buildings & Structures
- Trails & Signage
- Horticulture & street trees
- Forest management & restitution, invasive

# District wide – New Park Additions



- Sports fields - 2 additional ATF Field
- New Buildings - Inter River Pk Tournament Centre, William Griffin, Norgate, Delbrook
- District wide greenway linkages – ie Spirit Trail
- Alpine trail systems – Seymour & Fromme
- Waterfront access & recreational boating
- Cates Park/Whey-ah-Wichen Feast house/Concession/Washroom
- Lillooet Neighbourhood Park





# Interlinking Trails & Greenways





## Focus # 3 - Natural Parkland - Align sustainability & stewardship with OCP Goals:



“Protect & improve ecological health of natural systems”

- Community stewardship
- Protect forest character & enhance health of trees – forest restitution planting:
  - Manage watersheds/foreshore area
  - Preserve sensitive zones
  - Invasive plant program
  - Dog management
  - Environmental management/rangers
  - Integrate Ecology Centre



# Strengthening Partnerships

- Connect to regional & provincial parks
- Partner with environmental organizations
- Nurture relationship with private & non profit
- Managing eco-tourism
- Volunteer citizen engagement
- Private/public partnerships
- Sponsorships





## Focus # 4 - Implementing Park Acquisition & New Capital Projects



### *Acquire through:*

- Development
- Grants
- Partnership / Sponsorship
- User Fees
- Tax Base



# Implementation Plan

## Helping to Determine Priorities?



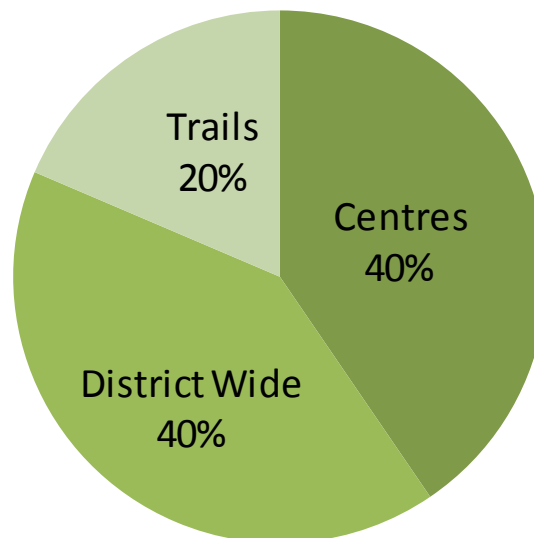
- OCP – 4 Growth Areas
- Partnering opportunities
- Meets parkland or park infrastructure deficit
- Intensity of Use
- Cost Efficiencies



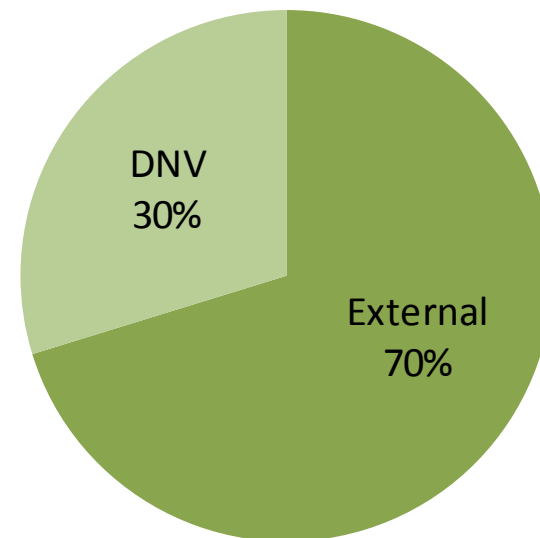
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Estimate \$20-30 million over next 20 years

**Capital Plan**



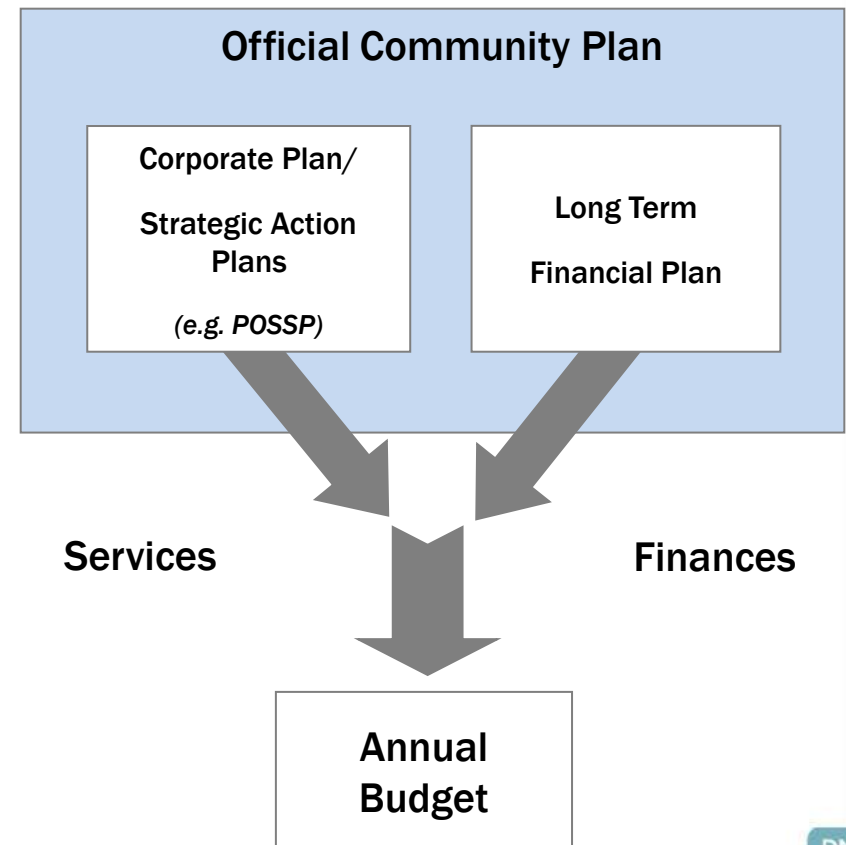
**Funding Plan**



*Total in line with last five years but assumes more development revenue, plan is a preliminary forecast*

# Financial Impacts

- ✓ Priorities OCP driven
- ✓ Centres financial plan allocations
- ✓ Capacity to fund early investments
- ✓ Tracking affordability







# Next steps

- Council endorsement
- Focus on growth areas
- Focus on asset management
- Focus on natural parkland

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more info on POSSP