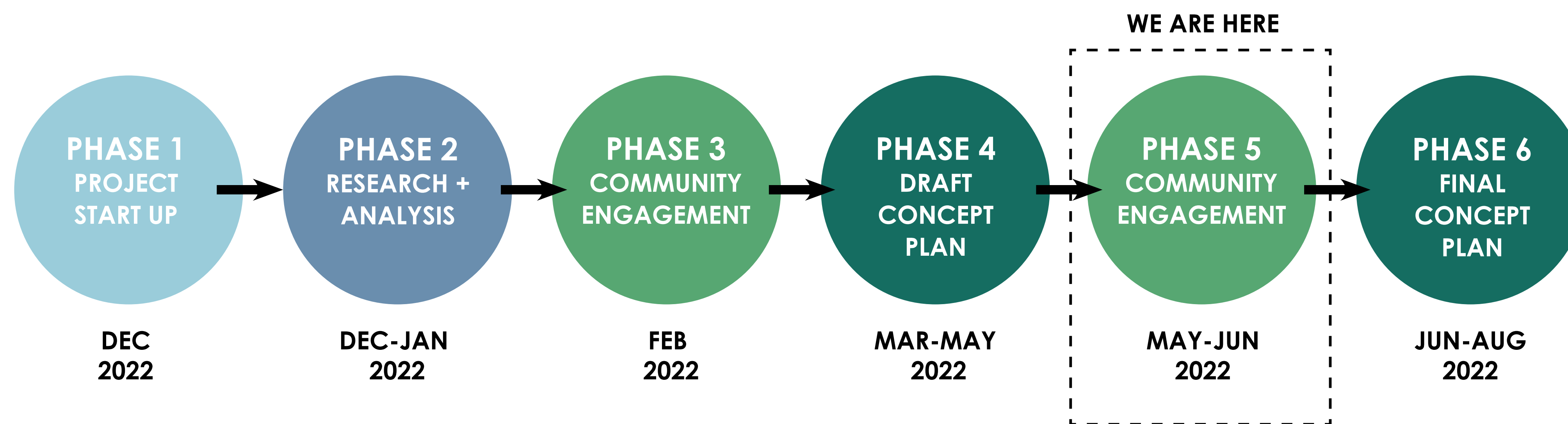


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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Summerland's waterfront is a highly valuable part of the community's quality of life, culture, and identity. Based on recommendations from the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the District of Summerland is developing a Waterfront Concept Plan to set the future course of stewardship for park land, beaches, amenities, swimming and water activities, and infrastructure spanning from Peach Orchard Beach Park boat launch to the south end of Rotary Beach, plus 'Horse Beach' (16997 Lakeshore Drive).

The project team has developed draft recommendations for park improvements and management strategies. This Open House is an opportunity to tell us what you think about the recommendations and to help us set priorities.



The **online survey** is another opportunity to tell us what you think with questions related to the overall waterfront, each park, as well as an opportunity for open comments at the end of the survey. The online survey can be accessed by the QR code or by visiting www.summerland.ca/waterfront-concept-plan. The survey will be open until Sunday, June 26th.



Centre your phone's camera on this QR code to link to the online survey



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WHAT WE HEARD

TOP ACTIVITIES:

Rotary Beach

1. Swim (88%)
2. Relax on the beach (80%)
3. Socialize with family + friends (77%)
4. Bring guests + visitors (66%)
5. Picnic (57%)

Peach Orchard Beach Park

1. Walk + Run (80%)
2. Socialize (65%)
3. Picnic (60%)
4. Bring guests + visitors (58%)
5. Bring dog(s) to Dog Beach (51%)

'Horse Beach'

1. Relax on the beach (50%)
2. Swim (49%)
3. Take dog(s) off leash (42%)
4. Canoe, kayak, paddleboard (58%)
5. Spend time alone (36%)

TOP IMPROVEMENTS/ CONSIDERATIONS:

Rotary Beach

1. Shelter from the sun (51%)
2. More trees (45%)
3. Fire pits (38%)
4. Amenities for food trucks (36%)
5. Larger open water swim area (30%)

Other key findings:
Improved boundaries between swimming areas and motorized boating areas

Peach Orchard Beach Park

1. Expand/ improve beach (52%)
2. More trees + habitat (39%)
3. Amenities for food trucks (31%)
4. Shelter from the sun (29%)
5. Accessibility at the Dog Beach (28%)

Other key findings:
Boat launch needs improvement, reduce conflict between water users, upgrades to amenities

'Horse Beach'

1. Keep it as it is - keep it natural and quiet, as a local's beach (58 open ended responses)
2. Ensure horse access (52 responses)
3. Improve parking especially for trailers (27 responses)

Other key findings:
Protection and enhancement of the natural shoreline, concerns about the landslide hazard, dog owners use the beach

OTHER KEY FINDINGS:



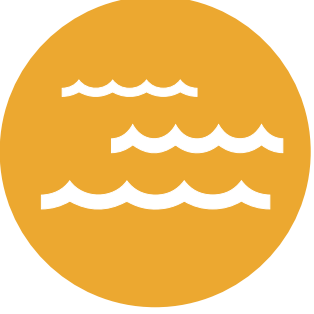
- Access**
- Better active transportation connections along Lakeshore Dr and to town
 - Parking is a challenge, but keeping park space is more important
 - Improved bike infrastructure is needed



- Accessibility**
- Improving universal accessibility was important to many people, especially to the water, washrooms, and seating areas



- Design + Amenities**
- In the overall feedback from the survey, improving amenities and the landscape, improve trails for walking and biking, connectivity to town, and enhancing the environment



- Water Recreation**
- Improve swimmer safety
 - Reduce conflict between water recreation users (boaters, swimmers, etc)



- Environment + Sustainability**
- Waterfront environment should be protected and enhanced
 - Desire for more canopy trees and native planting



- Animal Access + Management**
- Maintaining opportunities for horses and dogs to enjoy the beaches and water is important
 - Provide appropriate signage with animal management expectations

Top Washroom Upgrade Priorities

1. Fully accessible
2. Year round use
3. Family wash/ change rooms

80%
of survey respondents chose **keeping park amenities and green space as more important than additional parking**

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SUMMERLAND WATERFRONT

VISION:

Summerland's waterfront invites the community and visitors to enjoy the unique natural setting and small-town character of a variety of lakefront experiences. The waterfront reflects the importance of the social, health, and environmental benefits to the community.

GOALS:

Create memorable experiences for everyone

The waterfront provides a range of experiences for all ages, encourages active living, and is inclusive and accessible.

Improve access, safety and resilience

Enhance and upgrade the waterfront while maintaining the existing character of these well-loved beaches, parks and pathways.

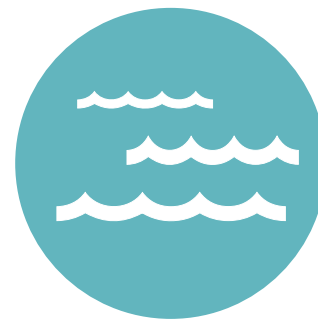
Protect the environment

Protect and enhance native riparian ecosystems to help the waterfront adapt to climate change.

OBJECTIVES:



Improve and Upgrade Existing Amenities



Improve the Safety of Water Recreation Users



Improve Connections to the Waterfront



Improve Universal Accessibility



Protect and Enhance the Waterfront Environment



Direct and Manage Animal Use of the Waterfront

WHAT ELSE IS IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER?



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ROTARY BEACH



VISION:

Rotary Beach provides a beloved sandy beach experience to enjoy with friends and visitors of all ages in and around the water.

KEY ACTIONS:



- Upgrade the washrooms
- Update the Kiwanis Pier
- Provide a seasonally designated space for 2 food trucks
- Provide shade structures



- At minimum, provide the requirements for an equipped waterfront including standard swim markers and signage, and rescue equipment



- Better connection from the crosswalk to the park along Lakeshore Drive



- Ensure there are sufficient accessible parking stalls
- Accessible beach mat to the water



- Create a designated shoreline planting area
- Plant more canopy trees

ROTARY BEACH



WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES FOR THE FUTURE OF ROTARY BEACH?

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PEACH ORCHARD BEACH PARK



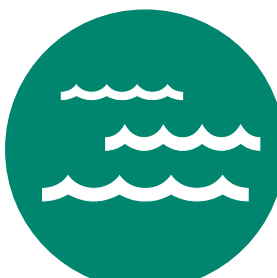
VISION:

Peach Orchard Beach Park provides a multifunctional waterfront park experience to have fun, gather with friends and family, and get out on the water.

KEY ACTIONS:



- Upgrade the washroom to be accessible and winterized with a family wash/ change room
- Replace the playground and surrounding seating
- Bring in better sand for the volleyball court
- Provide shade structures



- Track boat launch use and develop clear etiquette for use



- Create a more inviting entrance edge
- Increase parking along the grass field with appropriate barriers for safety



- Increase accessibility at the Dog Beach with a beach access mat and accessible seating



- Incorporate more native planting



- Provide temporary fencing for off-season (Oct 1 - May 1) use of the grass field by dogs off-leash

PEACH ORCHARD BEACH PARK



We are exploring ways to make Peach Orchard Park a more attractive destination to reduce crowding at Rotary Beach.

**WHAT FEATURES WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO COME TO
PEACH ORCHARD BEACH PARK MORE OFTEN?**

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'HORSE BEACH'



VISION:

'Horse Beach' is a small beach nook tucked along the waterfront for quiet, casual access for locals.

KEY ACTIONS:



- Ensure there is a sufficient signage about any risks associated with the bluffs

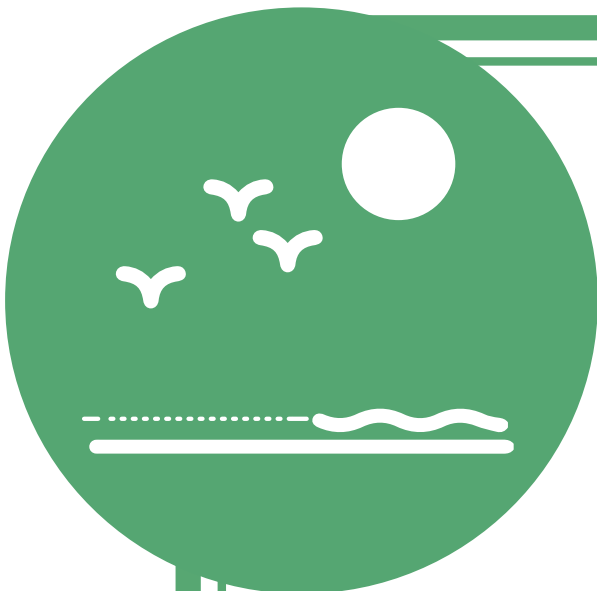


- Remove all invasive species and plant additional native trees and riparian planting



- Continue to provide restricted access for horse use of the beach
- Pending further analysis, provide signage consistent with existing animal bylaws, which restrict dogs from beach use

'HORSE BEACH'



WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES FOR THE FUTURE OF 'HORSE BEACH'?

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

KIWANIS PIER

What We Heard on the Future of the Pier

1. Rebuild the Pier as close to the same as possible (63%)
2. Add new play features like a rope swing or slide (55%)
3. Add platforms for diving (36%)
4. Add features for fishing (19%)



The Kiwanis Pier is in need of replacement, as it is at the end of its functional life. There is limited waterfront space at Rotary Beach for restoration and the breakwater surfacing is not ideal for recreation or habitat value. Because of these factors, we are exploring the possibility of moving the Pier over the breakwater to provide more space for habitat restoration. A rebuilt Pier proposal will include additional features such as lighting, benches, and play features regardless of the location.

We are proposing two options:

Option 1: Replace the Pier in the existing location

Option 2: Move the Pier over the breakwater

WHAT OPTION DO YOU PREFER? WHAT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE FUTURE OF THE PIER?

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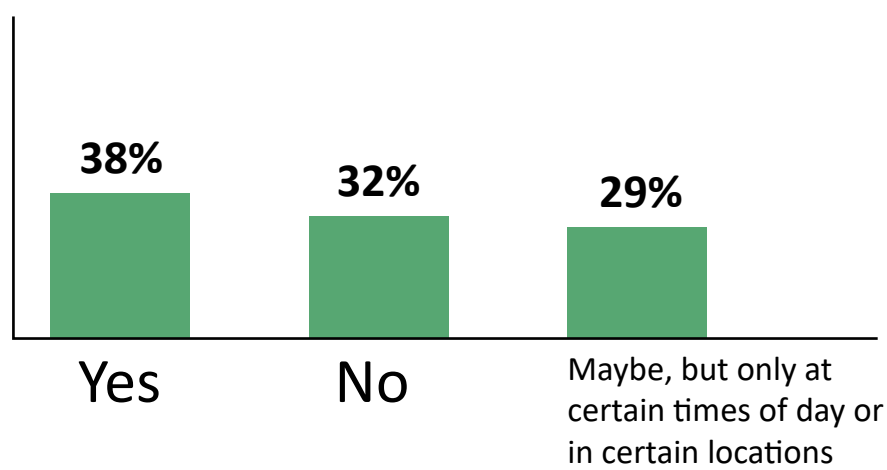
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

DOGS AT 'HORSE BEACH'

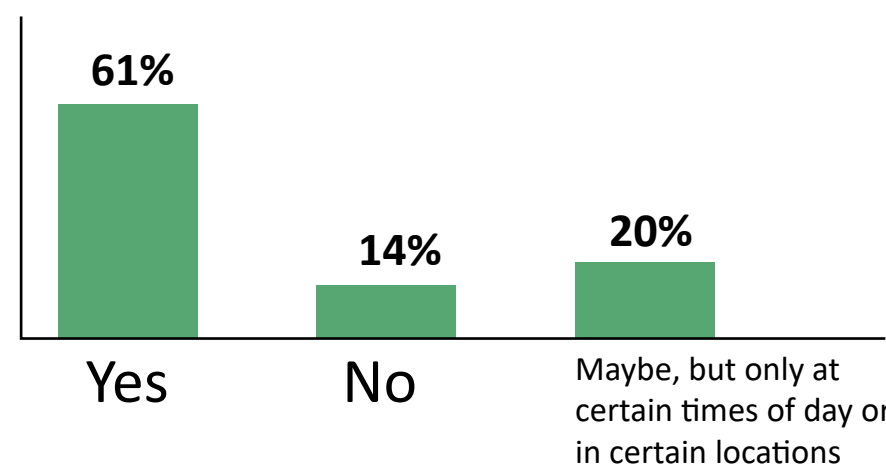
What We Heard about Dogs at 'Horse Beach'

Respondents were split about allowing off-leash dogs. 61% said they would like on-leash dogs to be allowed. Of the 168 dog user respondents, 33% said they take their dog to 'Horse Beach' weekly.

Would you like dogs to be allowed off-leash at 'Horse Beach'?



Would you like dogs to be allowed on-leash at 'Horse Beach'?



Proposed Animal Management Recommendation.

The consulting team is recommending **not allowing dogs** at 'Horse Beach', in line with the District's bylaw for no dogs on beaches.

Reasons include:

- There are conflicts with neighbours and horses
- The beach area is too small to separate dog uses from other activities
- There are potential environmental impacts
- If dogs are allowed, this location would become a destination, which would bring the need for additional infrastructure such as washrooms, parking, and waste management

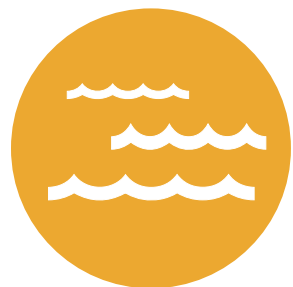
DO YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROPOSED ANIMAL MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS?

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?



SWIMMING AMENITIES



We are exploring an expanded swimming area spanning from Rotary Beach all the way to Peach Orchard Beach Park. It would be protected with buoys to exclude motorized boats. Non-motorized recreation like paddle boards and kayaks would be allowed. This area could be used for recreational and competitive activities like triathlons and open-water swimming.



1 Expanded Protected Swim Area



2 Separate Protected Swim Areas

How important is the expanded swimming area for the waterfront compared to two separate swimming areas (one at each park)?

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

ANYTHING ELSE WE SHOULD CONSIDER?

