

Sandy Hook Community Association

5916 Skookumchuk Road,
Sechelt, BC, V0N 3A4
Email: sandyhook@sechelt.net
Web Site: <http://sechelt.net>



August 10, 2004

District of Sechelt
2nd Floor 5797 Cowrie St.
PO Box 129, Sechelt, BC
V0N 3A0

Dear Sirs,

Re: Parks and Open Space Plan
Suggestions from SHCA

We wish to thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the referenced plan and we have studied particularly those sections directly impacting the Sandy Hook community. Our Parks Director, Michael Davidson, presented a report at our recent board meeting and it was accepted unanimously with the instruction that the report's contents be sent onward to you. He reported as follows:

P. 16. 2.5.2 Age Distribution by Neighbourhood

The graph of Sandy Hook's population shows the largest concentration in the 45-60 year old age group. Because of the prevalence of expensive view properties, fewer younger families are moving into the area. The ageing of our local population shifts the need away from playing fields (as recommended on page 21, 3.3.5) towards natural parks with walking trails (Such as the Hidden Grove, p.53, 4.8.19), which are identified as the "most often used park and open space facilities in the District of Sechelt." (p.10. 2.4) Younger residents' needs could be met by the proposed mountain bike park in the northern portion of the Hidden Grove proposal, as well as the playing fields attached to the future elementary school that forms part of the Terraces development.

p. 21 3.3.5 Sandy Hook

The idea that undeveloped park land on Skookumchuk Rd., near two mini-parks might be sold for other parkland in Sandy Hook is an interesting idea, but would benefit from broad consultation with the community before proceeding.

P.50 4.8.11 Sechelt Heritage Forest Trail This trail begins at Inlet Road as it bisects the Sechelt Heritage Forest. Unfortunately, it immediately runs into a steep escarpment which makes it inappropriate for cycling, although a hiking trail does switch back up the grade. The only real option is to use the paved roads (Inlet to Sandy Hook Road) for this portion of the proposed route.

p. 53 4.8.19 Hidden Grove D.L. 3006 Please note that we are the Sandy Hook Community Association (not "rate payers").

We look forward to progress with parks and open spaces development and thank you again for this opportunity.

Yours truly,
Sandy Hook Community Association

Per:

The following to comply with process from the District website.

The District of Sechelt is currently developing a Parks Master Plan. The purpose of this plan is to guide the location and level of development of parks and open spaces within the District of Sechelt for the next 10 - 15 years. The development of the plan will rely greatly on the input of local residents. As a resident of the District of Sechelt your input is vital to the creation of an effective plan. Any ideas you can offer with regard to: future park locations, facilities needed or types of parks required would be greatly appreciated. Please send suggestions by completing the Park Plan Suggestion Form so that your ideas can be taken into consideration.

Additional public consultations will occur as the plan is developed.

Name:	Sandy Hook Community Association
E-mail:	sandyhook@sechelt.net
Place of Residence:	Sandy Hook - Sechelt
Suggestions/Comments:	See letter please. this form completed for compliance with process.