



Bellevue Creek Linear Park

Lower Mission Neighbourhood



AT A GLANCE

350+ people attended open houses (Thank you!)

215 completed surveys:
representing 171 households

- 55% favour the entire linear park
- 30% favour parts of the linear park
- 11 % oppose the linear park

TOP THREE ACTIVITIES

- Walking / jogging
- Cycling
- Wildlife viewing

TOP THREE AMENITIES

- Trash containers
- Benches
- Compact gravel surfacing

TOP SPECIAL FEATURES

- Waterfalls / canyons
- Natural areas
- Wildlife

iPod WINNER

- A. Stevens

FOR MORE INFO . . .

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Open House Summary

The Parks Division hosted three open houses in the fall of 2006 to solicit public input regarding Bellevue Creek Linear Park.

The most common reasons for opposing the linear park were loss of privacy, decreased property values and increased litter and noise. Other concerns included negative impact on the environment, street congestion and cost to tax payers. Several alternative trail alignments were received for specific sections, in effort to reduce privacy and acquisition issues.

The most common reasons for supporting the project were protecting natural areas, providing public access between Okanagan Lake and Myra Canyon, increasing recreational opportunities and creating a legacy for future generations.

The highest priorities identified for linear park development were the upper sections of the park (Woodhaven Preserve to City Limits/Myra-Bellevue Provincial Park - Sections 7 through 9). For additional information, please refer to the on-line map at www.kelowna.ca, Residents, Parks, Bellevue Creek Linear Park.

Next Steps

The draft Master Plan document is currently being prepared using the information provided by the public, other City departments and environmental consultants.

We will seek public input once the draft master plan is complete and prior to Council's consideration of the final Master Plan. The final Master Plan will:

- Identify a preferred route(s) for public access
- Describe strategies for land acquisition and phasing
- Define standards for trail development
- Identify construction costs and propose construction phasing.

If adopted by City Council, the Master Plan will allow the City to identify, protect and secure land for future park use.

The draft Master Plan is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2007; the final Master Plan is expected to be presented to City Council in late 2007 for their consideration. Implementation is long-term in nature (10 - 20+ years) and is contingent upon Council and budget approval, and property acquisition, as land becomes available.