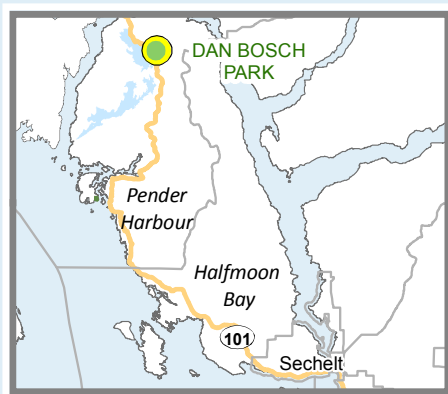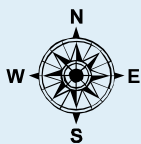# Dan Bosch Regional Park

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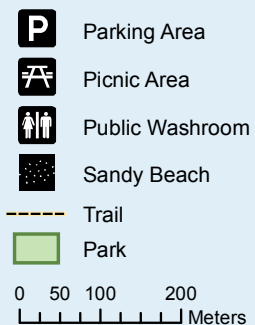

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Dan Bosch Park

A popular family park and swimming area located on Ruby Lake.
The park has a sandy beach, 3 picnic tables, public toilet facilities,
and a 400 m rustic trail to rocky bluffs and the shoreline.

- Dogs are welcome, but please keep them on a leash at all times and use waste bags
- Fires are not permitted
- Bears and other wildlife are known to frequent the park, so please be bear aware
- Unmarked hazards may exist in parks and on trails
- Trail conditions vary and can be affected by wind and other weather conditions

P Parking Area

🅿 Picnic Area

🚻 Public Washroom

░ Sandy Beach

- - - Trail

▢ Park

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A relatively flat trail runs along the lakeshore for 800 metres.

Dan Bosch Park

Proposed expanded parking area and path to cartop launch and approx area of expanded beach

Legend

Google Earth

Image SCRD

100 m

Proposed Expansion of Parking and Water Access at Dan Bosch Regional Park

This project is supported by the Pender Harbour and Area Residents Assn, and the Pender Harbour and District Chamber of Commerce.

Objectives:

- 1) To alleviate the serious overcrowding of the beach area in the park. This is especially important safety issue during the Covid epidemic. Last summer, there was little if any social distancing due to the park's popularity. In addition, the small existing beach area is one of the only accessible lake accesses on Ruby Lake, despite only a very small portion of the total park area being utilized.

- 2) To reduce the vehicle and pedestrian safety issues in connection with overflow parking on Highway 101. Cars park along the highway right of way and often on the actual highway causing an extremely dangerous situation. The RCMP should be able to speak to this concern.

- 3) To reduce pressure on the oversubscribed parking and launching facilities at the Ruby Lake boat launch (at base of Ramp Road) by providing a separate launch area for SUPs, kayaks, rowboats and other non-motorized cartop vessels.

Description
The project would involve two phases

Phase 1

Using the existing access off Highway 101, to double parking area (approximately 30 new spaces). This would be done by clearing an appropriate area adjacent to the current parking area and surface it with packed gravel. A new outhouse would be added to increase capacity for visitors.

Summary of costs for Phase 1

Project Costing: 2021/04/13		
Budget Summary		
Project Management	$2,033.00	2%
Labour	$2,802.86	2%
Administration	$240.00	0%
Equipment	$3,503.00	3%
Materials	$35,705.00	28%
Additional Contracts	$63,250.00	49%
Sub-Total	**$107,533.86**	
Contingency	$21,506.77	20%
Project Total	**$129,040.63**	
GST	$6,452.03	
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Phase 2

- Make one or more short paths from the new parking area to the lake. The shoreline could be cleared of woody debris to provide additional beach/swimming areas for family use.

- One of those paths would lead to an area suitable for launching non-motorized watercraft (kayaks, paddleboards, inflatable toys).

- Additional picnic tables would be added where appropriate.

Summary of costs for Phase 2

Project Costing: 2021/04/13		
Budget Summary		
Project Management	$2,113.00	3%
Labour	$2,272.86	3%
Administration	$160.00	0%
Equipment	$2,860.00	4%
Materials	$26,695.00	39%
Additional Contracts	$23,600.00	34%
Sub-Total	**$57,700.86**	
Contingency	$11,540.17	20%
Project Total	**$69,241.03**	
GST	$3,462.05	

Phase 3

- Improvement of existing 700 metre (approx.) waterfront trail to the north end of the park.

Summary of costs for Phase 3

Project Costing: 2021/05/11		
Budget Summary		
Project Management	$3,398.00	5%
Labour	$16,688.57	26%
Administration	$3,200.00	5%
Equipment	$7,892.00	12%
Materials	$3,485.00	5%
Additional Contracts	$18,700.00	29%
Sub-Total	**$53,363.57**	
Contingency	$10,672.71	20%
Project Total	**$64,036.29**	
GST	$3,201.81	

SCRD Ongoing Maintenance and Costs

- The costs of this project for Phase 1 would be limited to clearing the appropriate areas and levelling and surfacing the expanded areas. With appropriate funding (though outside grants such as the Gas Tax fund), there would be no capital cost to the SCRD, other than perhaps adding an outhouse and a few more picnic benches.

- As the SCRD owns the park area and maintains it, the expansion should have little ongoing budgetary impacts for the SCRD. Existing maintenance personnel would be able to clean/maintain the expanded area.

Criteria and Timing

- This project could be accomplished in short order as there should be no complications from MOTI or other agencies as this proposal would take place entirely within the existing Dan Bosch Regional Park.

- This project meets requirement of Gas Tax funding as the asset is already owned by the SCRD.

- Meets criteria of "renovation/construction of a capital asset of SCRD providing services on an ongoing basis."

- Meets the criteria that a Regional District must have an established service under which an eligible project can be undertaken.

- Meets Gas Tax Eligible Project Categories 13: Recreational infrastructure—recreational facilities or networks; and 15: Tourism infrastructure—infrastructure that attract travelers for recreation, leisure, business or other purposes.

Potential Obstacles

- As part of the proposed Phase 2 paths, those paths, near where they meet the water may have to be improved to deal with "wet" areas and built with riparian area experts input to avoid environmental damage.

- The Sechelt Nation would have to support the project. However, the parking area was expanded a number of years ago and we presume the Nation was consulted and approved the expansion at that time. We also presume they would have been consulted regarding any important cultural areas.

Meets SCRD Criteria

- This project clearly fills the objectives of the Area A OCP, most notably under Section (2.6.1)
- (a) To recognize the need for park opportunities at neighbourhood, community, regional and provincial levels to fulfill the recreational needs of residents and visitors.
- (c) To increase public access to the waterfront of both lakes and the ocean, for example, by pursuing the development of road rights-of-way.
- (e) To enhance public access and use of water resources in a manner that minimizes detrimental effects on the environment and adjacent land uses.

Community Benefits

- Reduces illegal overflow parking along Highway 101
- Provides more area for visitors and residents to enjoy the park
- Allows for more social distancing with expanded beach and picnic areas
- Upgrades to vault-type outhouses
- Cartop launch would relieve pressure on the existing, overcrowded and dangerous Ruby Lake boat launch (Hallowell Road) by offering a separate launch for non-motorized kayaks, SUPs and such