

# What We've Heard

Parks and Recreation hosted a public meeting at the Lake Echo Community Centre on October 15, 2018 for the community to discuss future wants and needs for the park.

A summary of public feedback is found below,

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<b>Pathway development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Path or steps from the south-western corner at Highway 7.</li><li>• Better connection between LECC and Orenda.</li><li>• Better connection between upper lot and beach.</li><li>• Outdoor fitness and walking trails throughout forested area by Orenda.</li><li>• Stabilize, but keep paths natural from beach to dry hydrant entrance.</li><li>• Pathways looping entire site.</li><li>• Establish walkway for pedestrians to bypass Highway 7 bridge.</li><li>• Establish a connection to Circle Drive Park on the old road R.O.W.</li></ul>
<b>Boat launch</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More robust launch needed away from beach location.</li><li>• Improve and expand the depth on the existing boat launch.</li><li>• Develop a new boat launch and park area on opposite property.</li><li>• Look at lake Charlotte as an example.</li><li>• Current boat launch is too shallow and is too close to swimmers and small boats.</li><li>• Current boat launch is damaging to boats due to rocks off-shore.</li><li>• Move launch to wooded area behind LECC.</li></ul>
<b>Driveway/ parking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Better parking layout for the property.</li><li>• People double park during large events.</li><li>• Gravel in shared parking lot is too big, smaller aggregate needed.</li><li>• Make entrance driveway wider.</li><li>• Improved traffic flow needed.</li><li>• Better separation needed between cars and people.</li><li>• Drainage issues at bottom of Orenda driveway and upper parking lot.</li><li>• Relocate driveway to upper gravel lot.</li><li>• Improve traffic flow to Canada Post box.</li><li>• Pave upper parking lot.</li><li>• Remove old signage base from former gas station.</li><li>• Remove chain-link fencing in upper lot.</li></ul>
<b>Playground</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop a play space adjacent to beach.</li><li>• Install play features that allow for climbing, for upper body strength.</li><li>• Install inground trampoline.</li><li>• Consider universal access.</li><li>• Install all ages climbing rock wall.</li></ul>
<b>Seating/gathering</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establish a permanent outdoor seating area with game boards.</li><li>• Install benches throughout the property.</li><li>• Install fire/BBQ pits with seating.</li><li>• Use the beach slope for an amphitheater.</li><li>• Retain an open area for events.</li><li>• Allow food trucks to park in the park.</li><li>• Establish a sheltered picnic area.</li><li>• Restore open views to the lake.</li></ul>
<b>Beach improvements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improve water flow, water quality, and reduce plant growth.</li><li>• Increase the size of the beach area.</li><li>• Get approval from the Province to clear eel grass, depth of beach.</li><li>• Outdoor platforms in the lake so people can swim to them.</li></ul>
<b>Landscaping</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establish shrubs, plants, and trees.</li><li>• Develop a more inviting park appearance.</li><li>• Establish a landscaped buffer along Highway 7.</li></ul>
<b>Improved services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Better access to washrooms</li><li>• Install outdoor portable washrooms close to the beach.</li><li>• Include an outdoor electrical hook-up in the plans.</li></ul>
<b>Site safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Limb up trees around trails for sightlines, but allow for shade and shelter.</li><li>• Install landscape lighting to improve park visibility.</li><li>• Vandalism is an issue on site. Visibility and security presence is important.</li></ul>
<b>Community initiatives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue the operation of the community garden.</li><li>• Terrace gardens into slopes.</li><li>• Community recognition in public art, for example, recognize Steve Giles.</li><li>• Keep the spruce tree by beach as permanent community Christmas tree.</li><li>• Rename the park to "Open Hearth Park".</li></ul>
<b>Site maintenance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Install garbage cans throughout the park.</li><li>• Carry out an annual site clean up.</li><li>• Clean up the Orenda property.</li></ul>

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