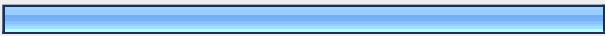

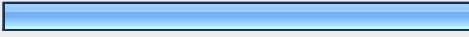
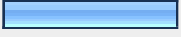
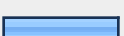

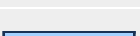
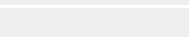
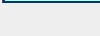
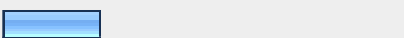


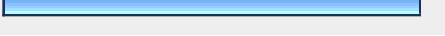
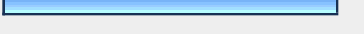

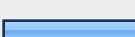


REGIONAL DISTRICT PARKS AND GREENSPACE PLAN

Parks and Greenspace Survey

The Regional District Parks and Greenspace survey obtained a broad sample of community values, desires and concerns with respect to areas or lands in our region that people think are important and want to see protected. The survey was offered to residents online and in a household mail-out. The survey closed on March 15, 2010 and was completed by approximately 500 Powell River Regional District residents.

1. Indicate all types of recreation you have used within the past year. (check all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
WALKING, RUNNING, CYCLING		92.5%	458
DOG WALKING		49.7%	246
DAY HIKES		71.7%	355
EXTENDED HIKES		26.3%	130
BACKCOUNTRY MOUNTAIN BIKING		17.4%	86
HORSEBACKRIDING		8.5%	42
SKIING/SNOWSHOEING		19.8%	98
MOTORIZED RECREATION ACTIVITIES		28.5%	141
PARTICIPATING IN ORGANIZED SPORTS		14.3%	71
WATER ACTIVITIES (kayaking, canoeing, sailing)		61.6%	305
PICNICING		64.0%	317
CAMPING		51.1%	253
ENJOYING NATURE/BIRD WATCHING		67.9%	336
VISITING A PROVINCIAL PARK		55.4%	274
NONE		0.2%	1
Other (please specify)		19.8%	98
		answered question	495
		skipped question	4

2. Results are not included due to the wide margin of error (44%) in the answers to this question.

3. Do any of the following limit your use of parks or greenspaces? (check any that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
LITTLE OR NOTHING		37.6%	159
TOO FAR AWAY		14.4%	61
LACK OF INFORMATION		21.7%	92
LACK OF ACCESS		44.4%	188
INADEQUATE FACILITIES		14.9%	63
Other (please specify)		23.9%	101
		<i>answered question</i>	423
		<i>skipped question</i>	76

4. How important do you think each of the following are in a parks and greenspace system? Please rank each item on the list from least to most important.



	Least important				Most important		Response Count
ACCESS TO THE SHORELINE	5.5% (26)	5.5% (26)	10.0% (47)	17.1% (80)	61.8% (290)		469
OPPORTUNITIES FOR WILDERNESS RECREATION	6.1% (28)	7.4% (34)	14.1% (65)	24.8% (114)	47.6% (219)		460
TRAIL LINKAGES & ACCESS	2.6% (12)	2.8% (13)	15.7% (73)	22.4% (104)	56.5% (262)		464
PROTECT TRADITIONALLY USED AREAS	8.3% (38)	8.7% (40)	13.3% (61)	17.9% (82)	51.9% (238)		459
PROTECT ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS	2.8% (13)	6.9% (32)	8.2% (38)	13.1% (61)	69.0% (321)		465
	<i>answered question</i>						473
	<i>skipped question</i>						26

**5. How satisfied are you with the availability of recreational opportunities in the Powell River Regional District?
Please rank each item on the list from least to most satisfied (leave empty if you do not participate in the activity).**

	Least Satisfied				Most Satisfied		Response Count
CAMPING	3.4% (12)	9.0% (32)	33.7% (120)	32.0% (114)	21.9% (78)		356
WATER ACTIVITIES (e.g. kayaking, diving, etc.)	2.3% (8)	7.2% (25)	20.6% (71)	34.8% (120)	35.1% (121)		345
SNOWSHOEING	8.1% (14)	12.7% (22)	36.4% (63)	27.7% (48)	15.0% (26)		173
MOTORIZED RECREATION	3.9% (9)	11.4% (26)	34.5% (79)	24.0% (55)	26.2% (60)		229
PARK/WATERFRONT ACCESS	10.8% (46)	12.9% (55)	27.6% (118)	29.3% (125)	19.4% (83)		427
TRAILS	2.8% (12)	5.6% (24)	27.8% (118)	35.8% (152)	28.0% (119)		425
DAY USE PARKS	3.9% (15)	8.7% (33)	31.1% (118)	36.3% (138)	20.0% (76)		380
CYCLING	17.6% (49)	16.2% (45)	30.6% (85)	22.3% (62)	13.3% (37)		278
	<i>answered question</i>						464
	<i>skipped question</i>						35

6. Results are not included due to the wide margin of error (41%) in the answers to this question.

7. Are there places in the regional district that people have traditionally used for recreation that should be preserved for public use? (IF NO, PLEASE SKIP TO QUESTION #9)


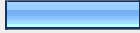
		Response Percent	Response Count
YES		84.5%	350
NO		15.5%	64
		<i>answered question</i>	414
		<i>skipped question</i>	85

8. If yes, please tell us which places:

TOP 20 ANSWERS

Places in the regional district that people have traditionally used for recreation that should be preserved for public use	Number of responses
Eagle River	34
Stillwater Bluffs	33
Willingdon beach/trails	25
Duck Lake and trails	25
Goat Lake Main	21
Davie Bay	19
Old golf course (townsite)	13
Sunshine Coast Trail	12
Penticton St Trails	12
Van Anda Wharf	10
Eldred Valley	9
Haslam Lake	9
Mahood's Beach	8
Emma Lake	8
Dinner Rock	8
Powell Forest Canoe Route	8
Triple Peaks	7
Alfred Valley/Mt. Alfred	7
Myrtle Rocks	7
Okeover area	7


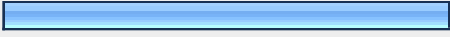

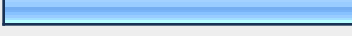
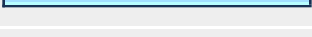
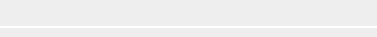


9. Are there places in the regional district that should be protected in order to protect sensitive ecosystems? (IF NO, PLEASE SKIP TO QUESTION #11)

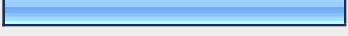
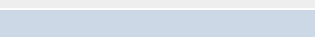
		Response Percent	Response Count
YES		79.9%	290
NO		20.1%	73
		<i>answered question</i>	363
		<i>skipped question</i>	136


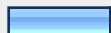
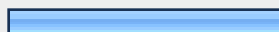
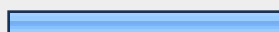
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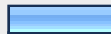
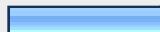
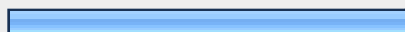
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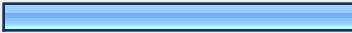

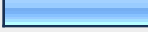


Places in the regional district that should be protected in order to protect sensitive ecosystems	Number of responses
Davie Bay	22
Stillwater Bluffs	18
Eagle River	18
Myrtle Creek	13
Old growth sites	12
Savary Island ecosystems	11
Lang Creek	7
Wildwood Bluffs	6
Penticton Street Forest	6
Inland Lake	6
Haslam Lake	5
Duck Lake	5
Dinner Rock	4
Okeover	4
Granite Lake	4
Cranberry Lake	3

11. Which topics do you think are the most critical to address in the Parks and Greenspace Plan?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
CREATING MORE GENERAL USE PARKS		30.9%	144
PROTECTING SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL/ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS		68.5%	319
IMPROVING FORESHORE ACCESS		55.2%	257
IMPROVING REGIONAL TRAIL SYSTEM		53.6%	250
IMPROVING COMMUNITY TRAILS		47.0%	219
MAINTAINING EXISTING DEVELOPED PARKS		57.3%	267
AGREEMENTS FOR BACKCOUNTRY ACCESS		57.1%	266
Other (please specify)		12.9%	60
		<i>answered question</i>	466
		<i>skipped question</i>	33

12. What is your gender?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Female		52.3%	240
Male		47.7%	219
		<i>answered question</i>	459
		<i>skipped question</i>	40

13. Which age group are you?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
UNDER 18		0.6%	3
18 – 39 YEARS		15.3%	72
40 – 59 YEARS		41.9%	197
60 OR OLDER		42.1%	198
		<i>answered question</i>	470
		<i>skipped question</i>	29

14. How long have you lived in the Powell River Regional District?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
LESS THAN 5 YEARS		15.7%	72
5 – 15 YEARS		23.0%	106
MORE THAN 15 YEARS		61.3%	282
		<i>answered question</i>	460
		<i>skipped question</i>	39

15. Where do you live?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
CITY OF POWELL RIVER		53.6%	251
NORTH OF THE CITY (including Sliammon, Lund and Savary Island)		9.6%	45
SOUTH OF THE CITY (including Paradise Valley, Black Point, Lang Bay, Stillwater and Saltery Bay)		22.4%	105
TEXADA ISLAND		12.0%	56
LASQUETI ISLAND		0.0%	0
OTHER (please specify)		2.4%	11
		answered question	468
		skipped question	31

16. Do you have any other comments or suggestions regarding the development of the Parks and Greenspace Plan?

Thanks to the 225 respondents that took the time to provide written comments. Due to the large number of responses to question 16, they will not be posted online. All comments will be considered in the development of the draft plan.