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NEWS RELEASE

Help Shape the Future of the TNRD Parks and Trails System

Kamloops, BC – September 24, 2024 – The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) is developing its first ever Parks and Trails Strategic Plan, and is inviting residents to take a short survey to share their experiences at TNRD parks and share their thoughts for the future.

The Parks and Trails Strategic Plan will evaluate existing TNRD parks and trail assets, designate assets as community or regional parks, identify opportunities for future development, investigate potential partnerships, determine prioritization of projects, and more.

This survey has been open since September 6 and the deadline for responses is October 7, 2024. To take this survey online, visit: surveymonkey.com/r/TNRDparkstrails. If you would like a paper copy of this survey or additional support to complete this survey, contact TNRD Community Services at csadmin@tnrd.ca.

Following this survey and engagement with stakeholders during the fall of 2024, a draft of the Parks and Trails Strategic Plan will be developed and shared with the public to receive feedback during public engagement. This Plan is expected to be fully completed in 2025.

Currently, the TNRD park system includes 12 Community Parks and Trails, three Regional Parks, and 19 undeveloped parks, which are primarily parcels of land dedicated as park space within subdivisions. Parks range in size from 0.09 hectares to 109 hectares.

TNRD Community Parks are funded mainly by taxation in specific Electoral Areas where these parks are located. Separately, Regional Parks are funded equally by all TNRD Electoral Areas and Member Municipalities. Due to the Regional Park system being largely undeveloped, taxation for this service is \$0.06 or \$0.07 per \$100,000 of assessed value in 2024 for all TNRD properties.

Previously, TNRD parks have been developed as stand-alone projects, often at the request of specific community groups. Many of these parks are located in the North Thompson valley. Having a TNRD-wide Parks and Trails Strategic Plan will ensure there is a strategic approach and adequate resources to developing parks and recreation infrastructure across the entire region. Additionally, this Strategy would support future grant funding applications for capital projects for new or existing parks.

For more information about the Parks and Trails Strategic Plan, visit: tnrd.ca/parks-strategy.

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