



# Village of Clinton **Parks & Recreation** **Master Plan** Draft

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# Executive Summary

The Village of Clinton has identified the need for, and has prioritized the achievement of, a clear and comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The plan will consolidate a variety of plans and policies in one document, gather community input, and provide an achievable long-term plan for our parks, trails, and recreational facilities and services. This will help to improve the quality of life for residents of the Village and the region and further promote tourism growth.

This is Clinton's first Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP). The PRMP will guide Village Council and staff on the planning, design, and decision-making related to parks, trails, and recreation facilities and services to best meet the needs of the community over the next 10 years.

Hearing from the residents of Clinton about their parks and recreation needs and perspectives was a key objective of the PRMP process. There was a community survey, youth survey, focus group workshops, and interviews with stakeholders and potential partners. This draft master plan will be made available to the community before it is completed to confirm that it is consistent with the input provided.

Based on the input received, the following is the vision for parks and recreation in Clinton:

- 
- Meet the needs of all residents'— seniors, adults, and young families
  - Improve our mental and physical well-being
  - Embrace the community's outdoor lifestyle and unique features
  - Promote and draw tourism

To help achieve this vision, the following are the objectives of the PRMP:

- ▲ Promote a healthy and active community with year-round outdoor and indoor recreation opportunities
- ▲ Provide inclusive and welcoming access to recreation opportunities for everyone
- ▲ Enhance access to and connectivity of trails
- ▲ Promote and enhance opportunities that will draw tourists
- ▲ Link parks and recreation to the Indigenous and settler history and culture of the region
- ▲ Upgrade infrastructure to improve its condition and safety

There are 25 recommendations that are summarized, with relative phasing and costs, in the implementation plan. The implementation of the PRMP will involve the following:

- ▲ Incorporating recommendations into annual capital planning
- ▲ Operational planning to ensure funding is in place to maintain new facilities
- ▲ Seeking grants
- ▲ Establishing partnerships
- ▲ Planning to support the development of new facilities, with community engagement
- ▲ Evolving service delivery to meet community needs

This PRMP will need updating prior to the 10-year planning horizon.





# 1. Introduction

The Village of Clinton is a small, friendly community surrounded by a relatively pristine natural environment. Clinton is located on Highway 97, 45 kilometres north of Cache Creek and 88 kilometres south of 100 Mile House, within the Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD). The Village is nestled in an agricultural valley surrounded by hillsides that are a mixture of grasslands and forest. Midway between Vancouver and Prince George, Clinton serves as a centre providing amenities to residents and the travelling public.

Two Indigenous nations have long called the Clinton area their home. The High Bar First Nation, known as the Llenlleny'ten, is a First Nations government of the Secwepemc (Shuswap) Nation. It was created when the government of the then – Colony of British Columbia established an Indian Reserve system in the 1860s. The Whispering Pines/Clinton Indian Band, also called the Pellt'iq't First Nation, is a member of the Secwepemc (Shuswap) Nation and is also a member of the Shuswap Nation Tribal Council. Its main reserve is located at Clinton.

Part of Clinton's strategic plan is to hold government-to government forums with these Indigenous nations. The Village is working on establishing open dialogue and identifying opportunities for partnerships on parks, recreation, and other initiatives.

Clinton was founded on resource opportunity – first gold, followed by cattle, and then timber. The Village was a critical transportation and communication hub and was supported by these industries until the 1960s. As local timber processing facilities diminished through the 1970s, the value and diversity of Clinton's economy declined. Today, Clinton's economic base is still being driven by the forest industry along with the public sector, retail trade, and tourism.

“Where History Meets Adventure” aptly describes the blend of heritage and outdoor activities.

Clinton frequently welcomes visitors from North America and around the world. The 2016 OCP envisions the future of Clinton as a more resilient and sustainable community.



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There are three parks within the Village – Reg Conn Park, Elliot Park, and the Clinton Off Leash Dog Park. These have generally met community needs for sport, recreation, events, and general enjoyment. Improvements are needed to increase public safety, address drainage concerns, expand social and recreation/sport opportunities, and enhance aesthetics so the parks can be a greater source of pride and attract more use.

There are trails within the Village and a diverse network of trails and trail uses in the surrounding area. Because of the many opportunities, Clinton is becoming a hub for gravel and mountain biking. The trail system would benefit from more coordinated planning to improve infrastructure and connectivity, and to designate trails for specific uses.

The recreation facilities have similar opportunities and challenges. They have met basic needs over the years, and upgrading of the facilities would improve the customer experience.

With the aging population in Clinton, it is also important to address spaces and trails that support healthy aging-in-place lifestyles. This approach to the design of parks, facilities, and trails can benefit many residents and tourists.





## 1.1 Purpose

This is Clinton's first Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP). The PRMP will guide Village Council and staff on the planning, design, and decision-making related to parks, trails, and recreation facilities and services to best meet the needs of the community over the next 10 years.

## 1.2 Context

The following are the key Village documents that provide context and direction for the PRMP.

### Official Community Plan

The 2016 Official Community Plan (OCP) is based on the following vision:

Clinton is a lively resilient community, proud of its rich heritage while building a sustainable future with local Secwepemc and neighbouring communities.

The following are some of the key strategies and policies that are relevant to the PRMP:

### Sustainable Growth

The Integrated Community Sustainability Plan envisions a population of 1,500 that embraces historical roots, promotes a healthy lifestyle, and has a diverse local economy.

### Social, Cultural, Education and Recreation

Reg Conn Park and Elliott Park (the community baseball field) are the Village-developed park/recreational areas. Schedule B designates an extensive area as Parks Space north of the railway and south of the reservoir. This area is intended undeveloped, passive open space for the public's use and enjoyment. There is also crown land south of the community that is used for open space recreation (e.g., former ski area). While these lands are designated for Rural and Agricultural Use, they also support recreational values. Lands designated for public and institutional use include school sites, church sites, community centre, community hall, cemeteries, and Municipal Hall.

Policies include the following:

- ▲ Liaise with School District
- ▲ Improve existing parks and recreational facilities to a level that will serve the needs of the community and visitors adequately
- ▲ Work with the province to formalize public use (trails) on Crown lands north and south of the community. Agreements may include assigning trail responsibilities to local trail associations
- ▲ Promote opportunities to educate and raise awareness of diversity
- ▲ Embrace partnerships to promote heritage, arts and culture as important industries that
- ▲ provide stable and diverse revenue sources
- ▲ Work on strategies to support food security

## Economic Development

- ▲ Recognize the social and cultural value of continuing longstanding community events (e.g., Clinton Ball).
- ▲ Encourage grass root development and operation of key community activities (e.g. Farmers' Market).
- ▲ Recognize Clinton as an age-friendly community with a place for everyone from cradle to grave.

## Natural Environment

- ▲ Retain natural areas linked as habitat corridors and trail and recreation networks (if potential environmental impacts can be mitigated).

## Climate Action: Greenhouse Gas Reduction

- ▲ Promote pedestrian and cycling facilities and routes as alternative transportation options.



## Village of Clinton Strategic Plan (2020)

Each year, Council prepares a Strategic Plan to focus their priorities. The mission of the 2020 plan is:

To increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for all citizens.

A Parks Master Plan is identified as a priority item. Other projects related to parks, trails, and recreation include the following:

- ▲ Trail development, trail brochure
- ▲ Reg Conn Park splash park and other projects for funding, including bandshell upgrade
- ▲ Bridge safety
- ▲ Kelly Lake Road road/trail plan
- ▲ Elliot Park plan
- ▲ First Nation trail to Village
- ▲ Curling Club review
- ▲ Arena usage
- ▲ Signage
- ▲ Playground and equipment review
- ▲ Develop heritage (Clinton and Secwepemc)
- ▲ Pond dredge

## Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan (2019)

The Economic Development Plan is a comprehensive but practical strategic document that outlines and prioritizes the community's economic development policy tools. The action plan consists of goals, strategies, and actions. The plan identifies 29 recommendations for action over the next three to five years, six quick win items which can be accomplished in a short time frame (three months or less), and 11 priority items targeted for the first year's implementation. Some of the recommendations are for regional tourism initiatives to jointly expand and encourage tourism visits.

## Community Trail Network Masterplan (2018)

The Village of Clinton Community Trail Network Masterplan outlines the existing trails and describes future trail projects. It presents economic impact figures and shows the need for future trail development.

The primary goal of this report was to inventory existing trail infrastructure and identify new trail alignments that will aid in developing Clinton as a recreation destination for tourism and residents alike. The secondary goal of this project was to promote a positive outdoor recreation experience through trail opportunities and to provide recommendations for trail standards.

Implementation of the masterplan was scheduled to start in 2018. The plan recognized that the Village of Clinton and its partners may not be in a position to implement all the proposed development stages immediately. With increased capacity and over time, exceptional trails for locals and visitors can be built by aiming to implement the described strategies.

The masterplan notes the specific growth and opportunities of mountain biking, suggests multiple partnerships, and provides a phased plan with cost estimates for implementation. It notes the following benefits of trails:

- ▲ Non-economic benefits of trail – health and fitness, recreation, environment
- ▲ Economic benefits of multi-use, motorized and non-motorized trails; pedestrian trails; mountain bike trails; all-terrain vehicles; equine trails; GeoTourism opportunities associated with trails

The Trail Network Masterplan is consistent with the Trails Strategy for British Columbia, which was developed in partnership with multiple government and non-profit organizations ([http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/documents/Trail-Strategy-for-BC\\_V6\\_Nov2012.pdf](http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/documents/Trail-Strategy-for-BC_V6_Nov2012.pdf)). That plan addresses trail management and use, recognizing health, social, environmental, economic and cultural values. The Trails Strategy's vision is to develop:

A world-renowned, sustainable network of trails, with opportunities for all, which provides benefits for trails users, communities and the province.

## Regional Growth Strategy

The Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) guides development, growth, and decision-making on a broad regional basis; accordingly, it relies on member municipalities to consider the greater context and ensure their plans reflect the regional vision. The Village of Clinton's strategies include broadening the economic base through diversification and expansion, protecting and enhancing the environment, protecting the open space and rural character of the region and unique heritage features, and preserving open space and park land within the municipality.

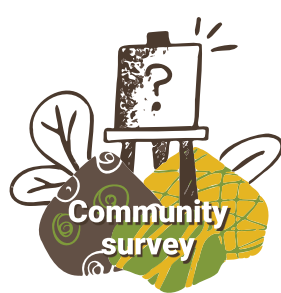


## Land and Buildings Plan (2017)

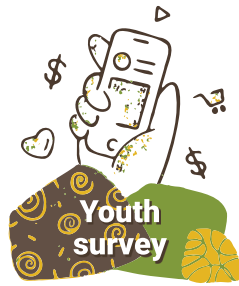
This document provides an inventory of the Village's land and buildings, and recommendations for improving these assets. The recommendations for the parks and facilities related to this plan are noted in the relevant subsections of sections 4 and 5.

### 1.3 PRMP Process

Hearing from the residents of Clinton about their parks and recreation needs and perspectives was a key objective of the PRMP process. Community consultation methods included the following:



**89 respondents**  
including online  
and hard copy



**22 respondents**



**16 participants**



**with stakeholders and  
potential partners** in parks  
and recreation, including  
School District 74, the TNRD,  
and CADOSA

A draft master plan will be presented to the community before it is completed to confirm that it is consistent with the input provided.



## 1.4 PRMP Format

**Section 2: Community Profile and Trends** provides background and describes community input.

**Section 3: Vision and Objectives** provides guiding direction for the PRMP.

**Section 4: Parks and Outdoor Recreation** addresses the parks, trails, and amenities that comprise outdoor recreation in Clinton. Each sub-section contains a description of existing conditions, an analysis of strengths and challenges, and recommendations.

**Section 5: Indoor Recreation** addresses the recreation facilities and programs in Clinton. Each sub-section contains a description of existing conditions, an analysis of strengths and challenges, and recommendations.

Recommendations are divided into three categories:

- ▲ planning and design – includes planning processes, studies and design work
- ▲ capital development – includes construction projects
- ▲ service delivery – includes programing, operations and maintenance, and other services provided by the Village

**Section 6: Implementation** summarizes all recommendations in tabular format and organizes them into timeframes for implementation and relative cost.







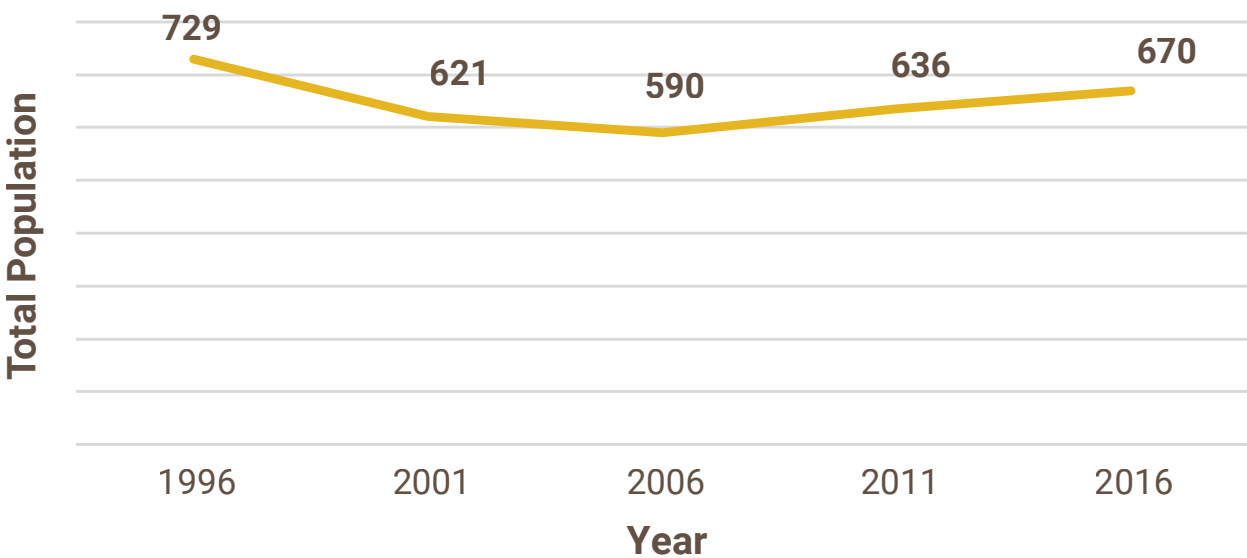
## 2. Community Profile and Engagement

### 2.1 Demographic Analysis

#### Population

Clinton’s population has had minor fluctuations over the past 25 years (**Figure 1**). From a high of 825 in 1981, it declined to a low of 590 in 2006. Since that time, it has increased by around 1.2% annually to 670 in the last census of 2016. The Village’s Housing Needs Report, completed in February 2021, anticipates the population of Clinton will decline gradually over the next five years to 640 by 2026.

FIGURE 1: CLINTON POPULATION TRENDS (1996 - 2016)

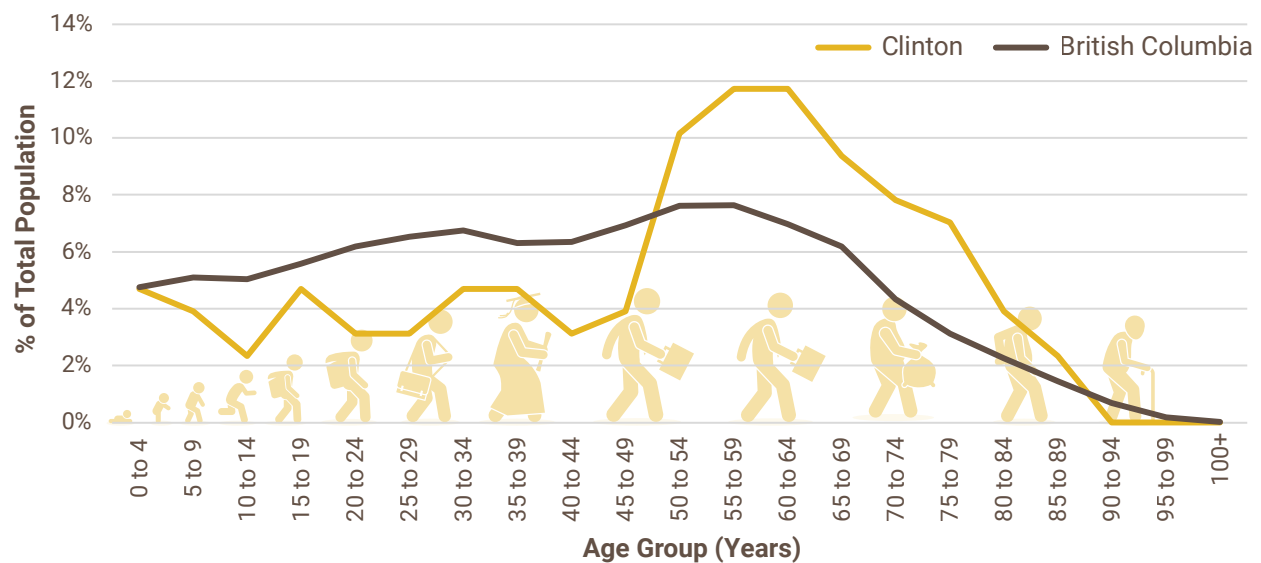


Source: Statistics Canada Age Distribution

## Age Distribution

In 2016, two thirds (63%) of Clinton's population was 50 years of age and older which is significantly higher than the provincial average of 40% (**Figure 2**). Correspondingly, the proportion of younger age groups in Clinton is lower than the provincial average - the 0 to 19 age bracket represents 15.6% of the total population of Clinton and the 20 to 49 age group represents 22.7%, compared to the provincial averages of 20.5% and 39.1%, respectively. As a result of this population age distribution, the median age of Clinton's population in 2016 was 57.6. The Housing Needs Report projects this trend to continue and forecasts the median age to further increase to 60.8 in 2026.

**FIGURE 2: AGE DISTRIBUTION (%) OF CLINTON AND BRITISH COLUMBIA (2016)**



Source: Statistics Canada

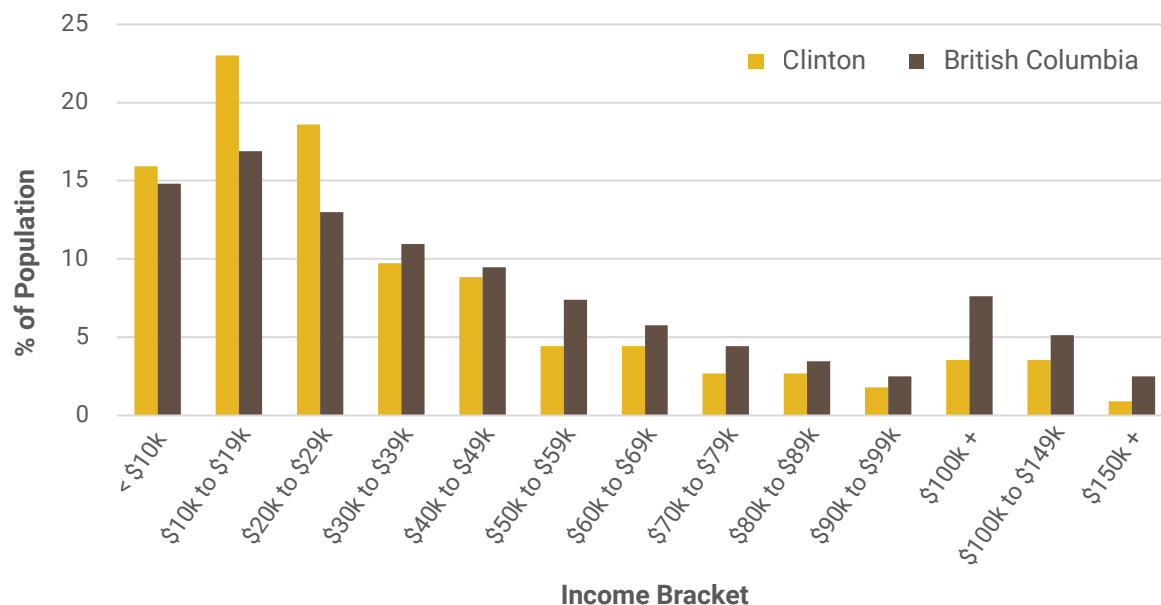




## Employment and Income

Clinton has a high percentage of people within low-income brackets (i.e., less than \$30,000 per year) compared to the Province, as shown below in Figure 3. This distribution is particularly noticeable in the \$10,000 to \$29,999 income bracket, as over half (57.5%) of Clinton's population falls within this range. This trend is also apparent in the Village's median household income rates which are well under the regional and provincial averages. This may be partly due to large numbers of older residents, some of whom may be retired.

**FIGURE 3: INCOME DISTRIBUTION (%) OF CLINTON AND BRITISH COLUMBIA  
(2015, BASED ON 2016 CENSUS DATA)**



Source: Statistics Canada

Clinton's median before-tax household income grew 9% from 2005 to 2015 to \$40,828. However, this is still much lower than the median household income in BC, which was \$69,995 in 2015. The cost of living in Clinton, especially in terms of property values, is much lower than in larger centres, so this may help to attract residents with lower incomes.

## Ethnic Diversity

Clinton has a small immigrant population of about 10%, most of whom immigrated to Canada prior to 1981 and the majority from Europe. Most residents in Clinton identify as being of European origin (77.8%) and 28.6% identify as Canadian in origin.

The village has a high Indigenous population compared to the provincial average, with 13.5% of Clinton's residents identifying as First Nations and 7.1% as Metis (the provincial averages are 4.8% and 2.0%, respectively). Since 2006, the Indigenous population in Clinton has increased by 40%. According to the Village's Housing Needs Report completed in 2021, Indigenous peoples represent a significant proportion of Clinton's younger population, specifically the 15 to 24 age bracket where over half of those in that age range identify as Indigenous.

## Community Characteristics

Clinton's population is comprised of a mix of long-term residents and those who have recently moved to the community. Housing in Clinton is considerably more affordable than nearby communities (e.g., Cache Creek, Ashcroft, 100 Mile House), which may make it an attractive place for those looking to relocate to a small community. This may have occurred particularly in the short-term as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic as employers became more flexible and allowed for remote work.

The ability to work remotely could also create a shift in the Village's primary employment industry, which is currently trades, transport and equipment operations.

Retention and attraction of a younger demographic is a key focus for the community moving forward in order to ensure economic stability and to support enhanced municipal service provision. It is also important to acknowledge that the community's large population of seniors is expected to continue to increase in the short-term.







## Implications for the PRMP

The following are the implications of the demographics in relation to the PRMP:

- ▲ It is important to offer opportunities that help to attract a more diverse population to the Village, particularly young families.
- ▲ Parks and recreation facilities should be designed with an accessibility lens to accommodate the growing senior population.
- ▲ The population's relatively low household income imposes limitations on increasing tax funding for parks and recreation facilities so the focus should be on low-cost, low-maintenance recreation opportunities.
- ▲ Consideration should be given to the local Indigenous heritage and culture when designing new recreation amenities.

## 2.2 Community Input

### Community Survey

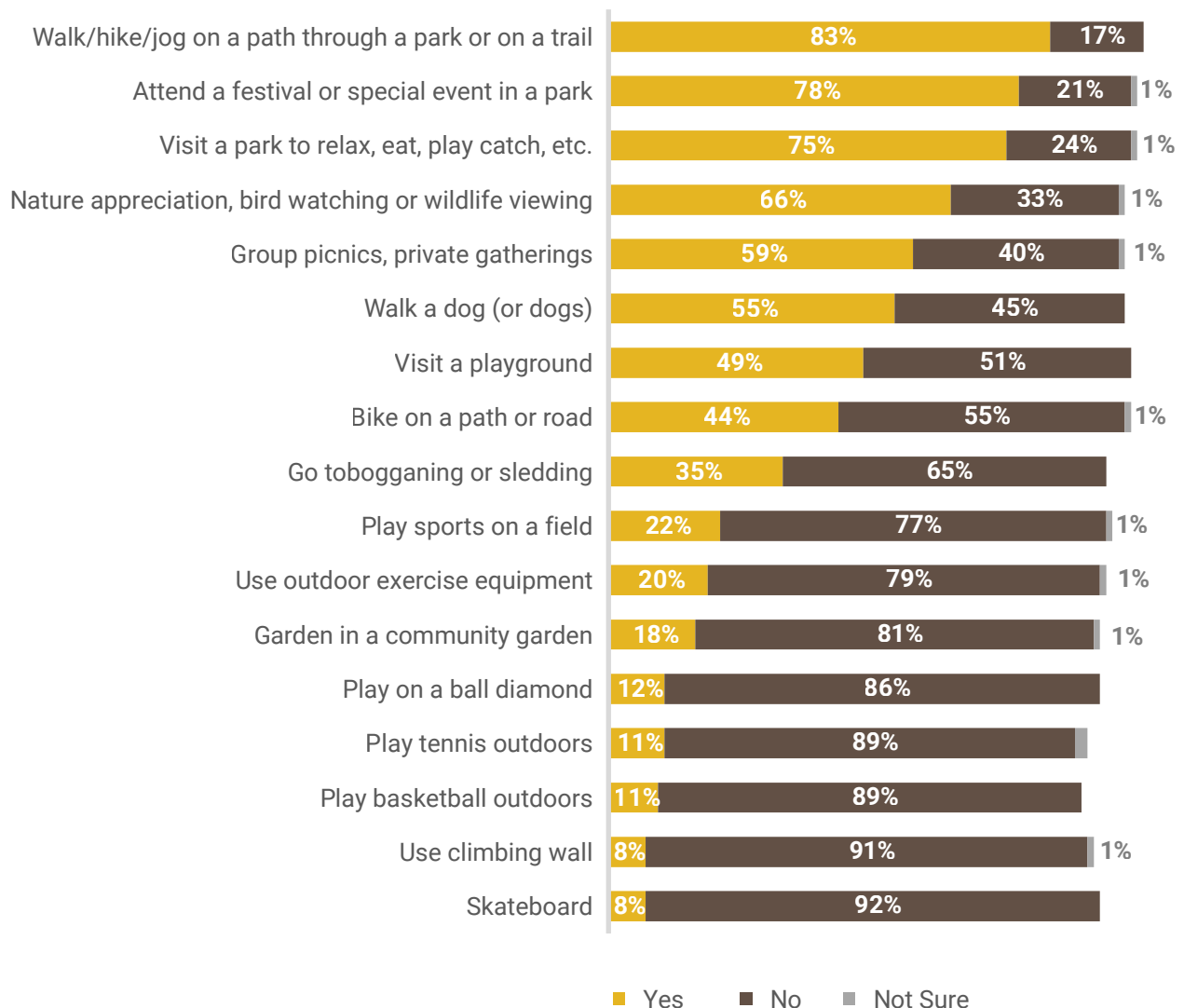
The community survey was used to collect input on participation and satisfaction with existing facilities and activities, as well as priorities for the future. There were 89 responses to the community survey, completed between April 21 and May 15, 2021, in response to a request for one survey per household. The survey was mailed as a hard copy to all households and posted online. It was advertised on the Village of Clinton's social media.

The following is a summary of the key findings of the survey (see Appendix A for more information).

## Outdoor Recreation

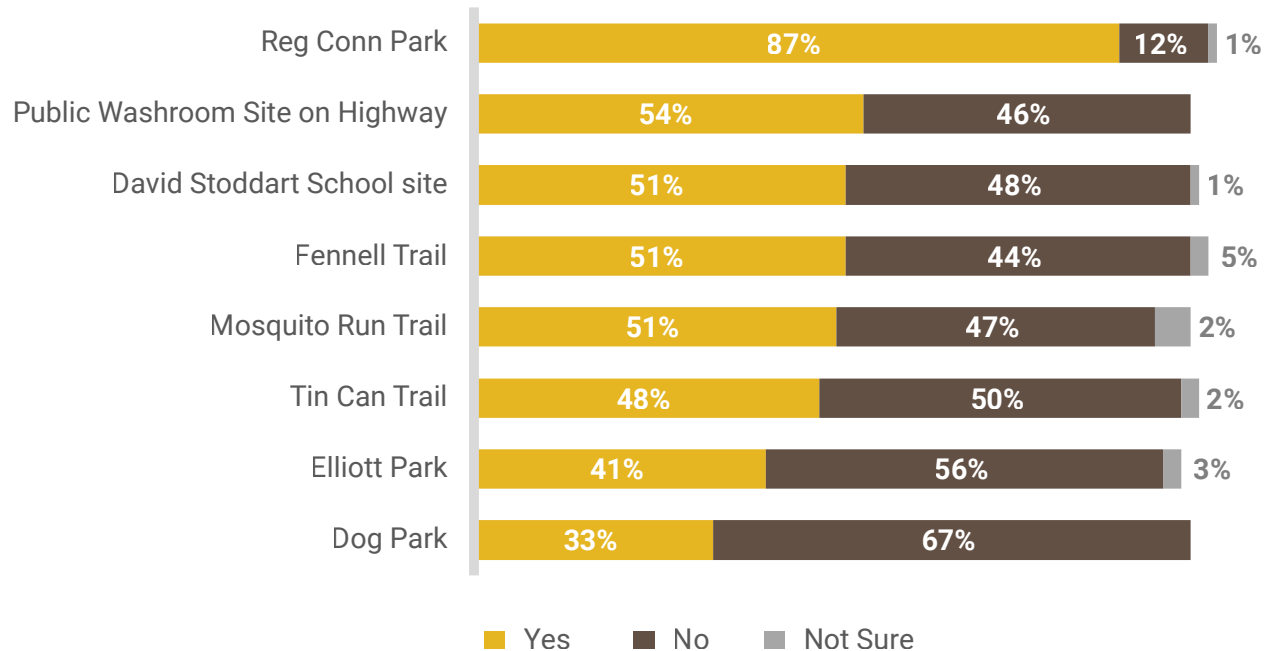
### Participation

**PRIOR TO COVID-19, DID YOU OR ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AT A PARK OR TRAIL IN THE VILLAGE DURING A TYPICAL YEAR? (THIS QUESTION INCLUDES THE DAVID STODDART SCHOOL SITE)**





**PRIOR TO COVID-19, DID YOU OR ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD VISIT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PARKS OR TRAILS IN THE VILLAGE DURING A TYPICAL YEAR?**

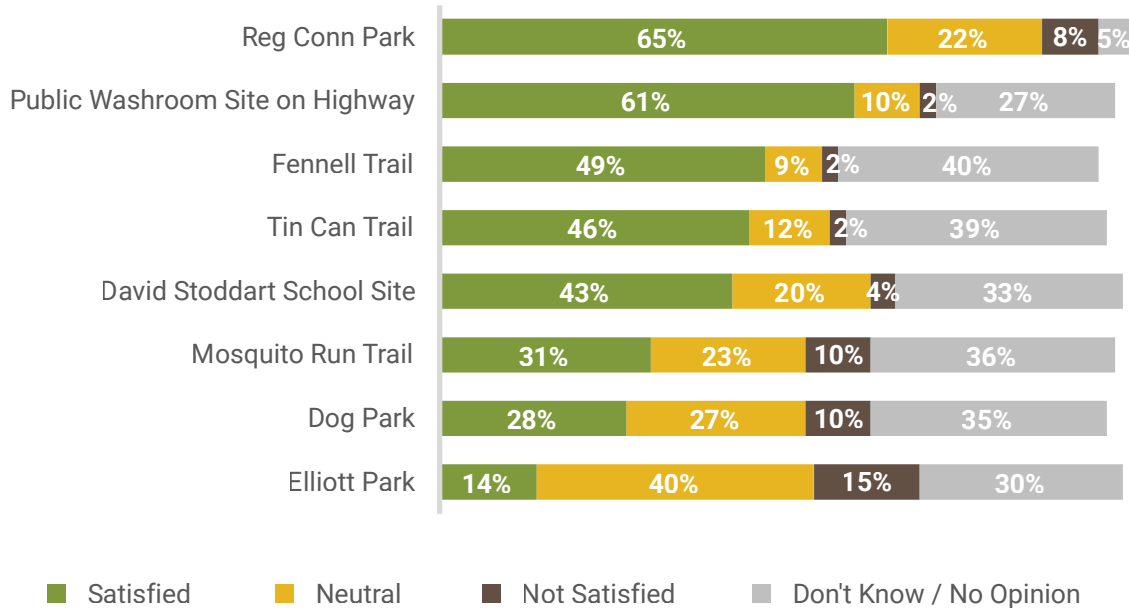


In response to a question about household use of parks and trails during COVID-19, 42% of respondents said their household's use of parks and trails has remained the same throughout the pandemic. Thirty-one percent (31%) indicated that their use has decreased, and 27% indicated that their use has increased.

In response to a question about anticipated household use of parks and trails when there is no longer a pandemic, the majority (55%) stated that their use will remain the same as it was before the pandemic, while 44% indicated that it would increase.

## Satisfaction

### WHAT IS YOUR LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WITH THE FOLLOWING PARKS AND TRAILS?



## Ideas

Participants were asked if there is anything they would like to see the Village improve in parks, trails, and outdoor recreation in the next 10 years? The following are the responses stated five times or more to this open-ended question (numbers in brackets indicate the number of comments for each topic):

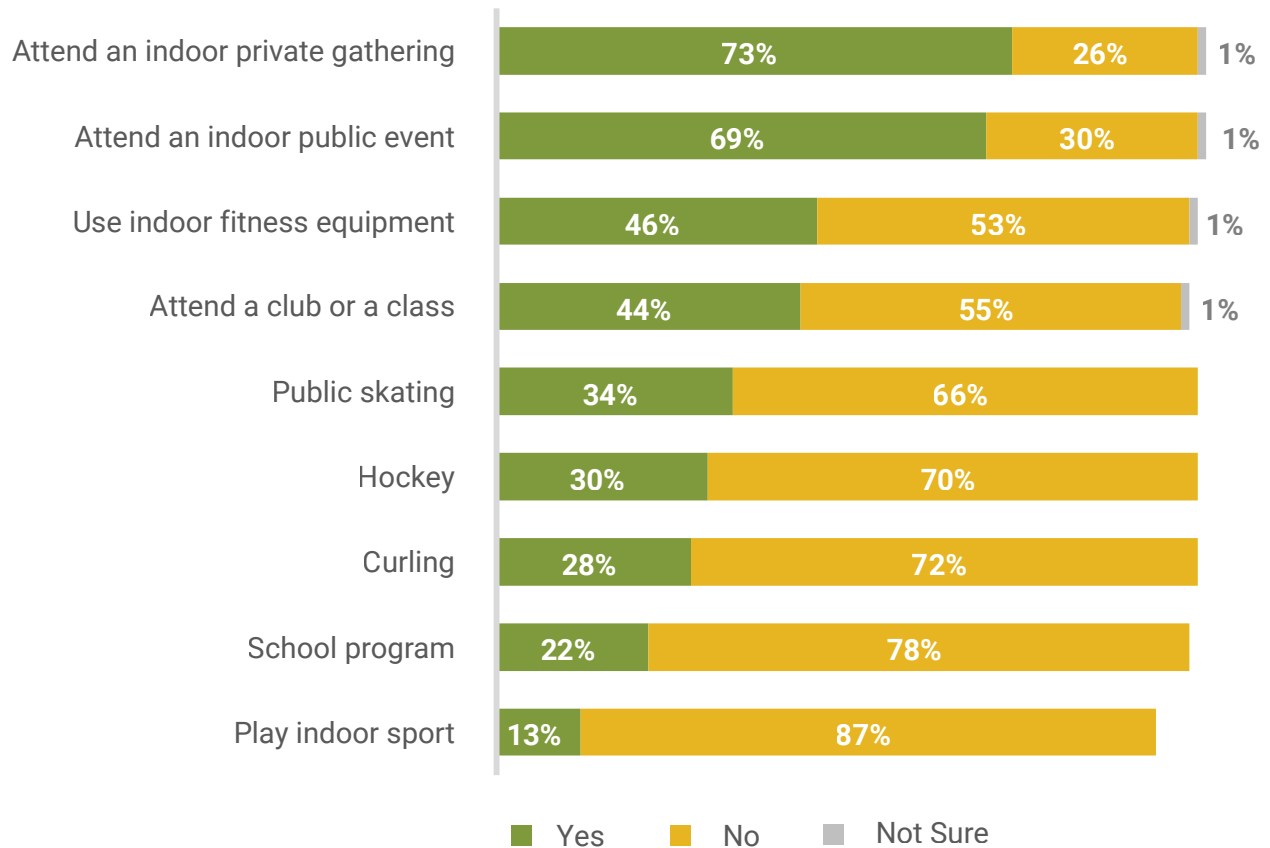
- ▲ Trail network improvements (22)
- ▲ More recreation opportunities for youth (22)
- ▲ More recreation opportunities (13)
- ▲ Reg Conn Park suggestions (12)
- ▲ Water/splash park (11)
- ▲ Improve trail signage and maps (9)
- ▲ Improvements to Elliott Park (7)
- ▲ Revive the pond in Reg Conn Park (6)
- ▲ Skate park (6)
- ▲ Better local promotion (5)



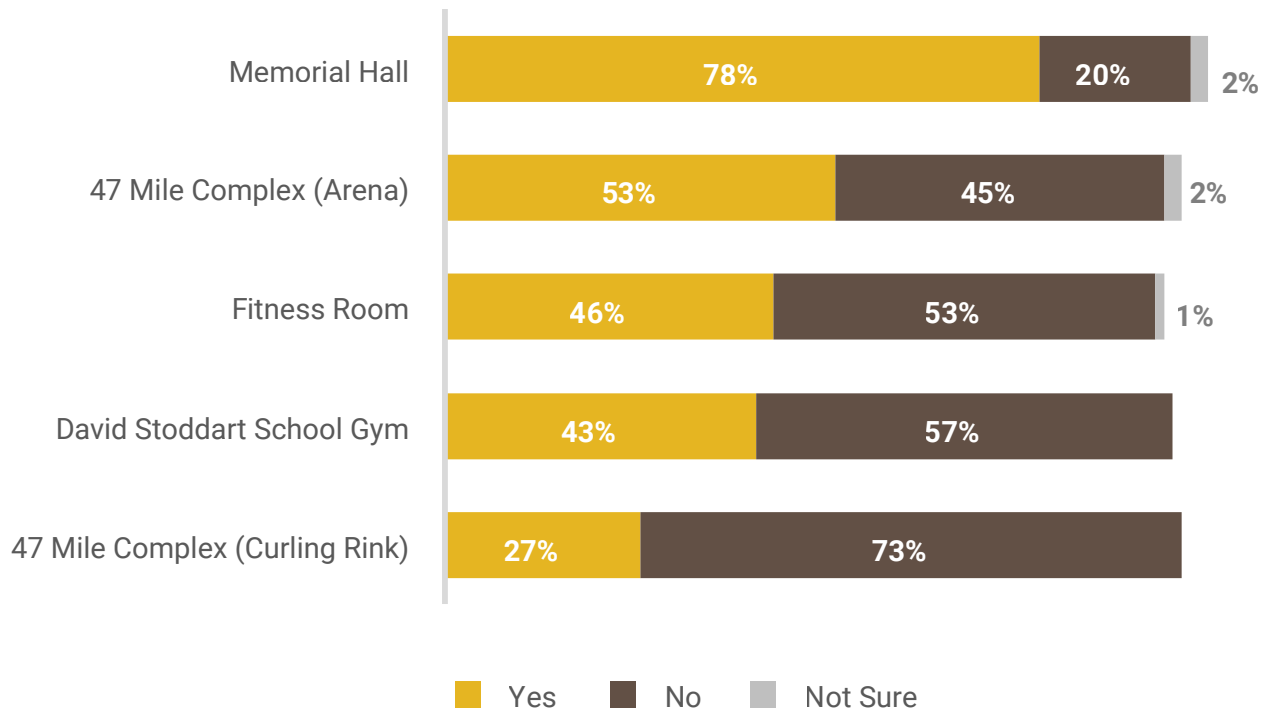
## Indoor Recreation

### Participation

**PRIOR TO COVID-19, DID YOU OR ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING INDOOR ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS OR EVENTS AT A VILLAGE FACILITY DURING A TYPICAL YEAR?**



**PRIOR TO COVID-19, DID YOU OR ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD PARTICIPATE IN OR ATTEND ACTIVITIES OR EVENTS AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES DURING A TYPICAL YEAR?**

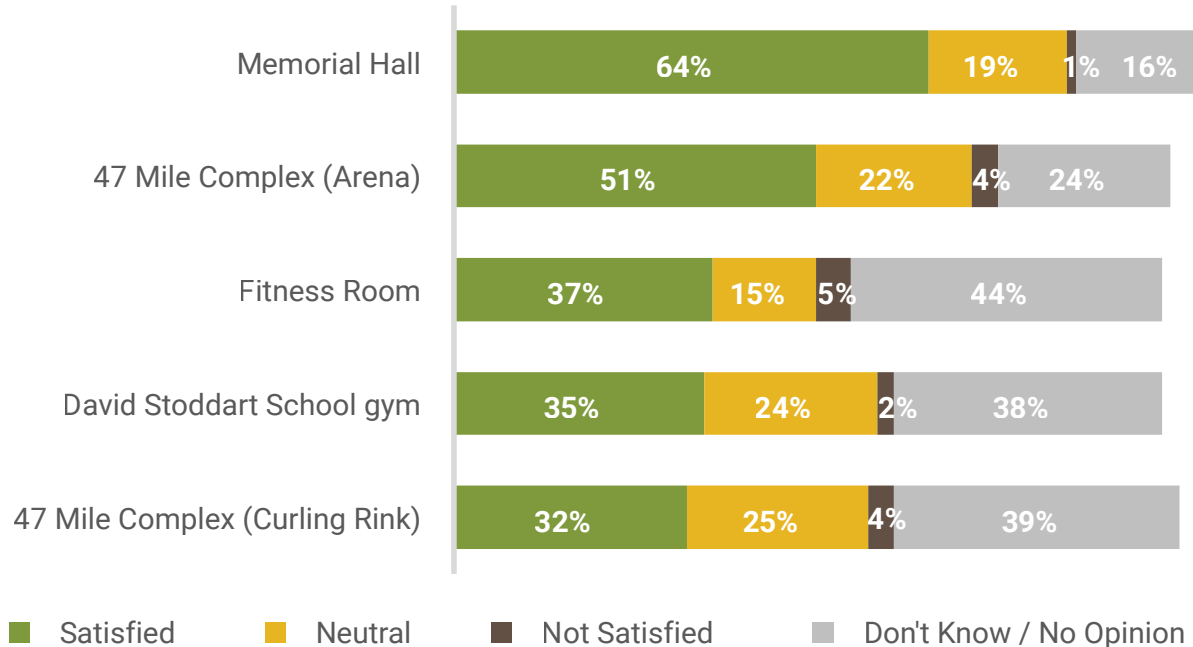


There was no question about household use of indoor facilities during COVID-19 because the facilities were closed. In response to a question about anticipated household use of indoor facilities when there is no longer a pandemic, the majority (69%) stated that their use will remain the same as it was before the pandemic, while 31% indicated that it would increase.



## Satisfaction

### WHAT IS YOUR LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WITH THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES?



## Ideas

Participants were asked if there is anything they would like to see the Village improve in indoor facilities and events in the next 10 years?

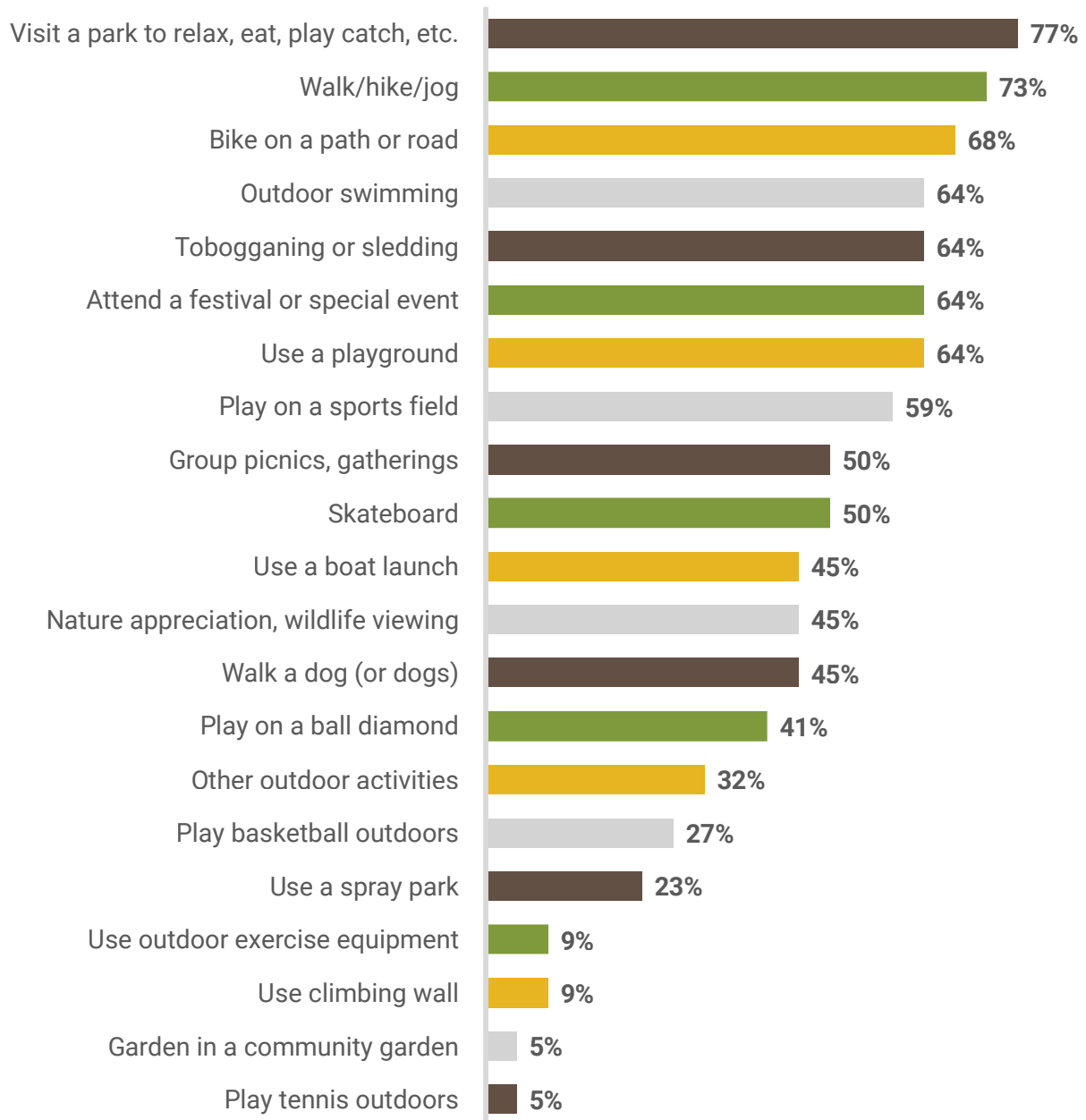
There were 30 responses to this question, but no similar comments by more than five people (**Appendix A**). A final open-ended question about the project received 38 responses, of which the following was mentioned by more than five people:

- ▲ Promote local outdoor recreation – walking/hiking/biking/horseback riding/skiing/camping (7)

## Youth Survey

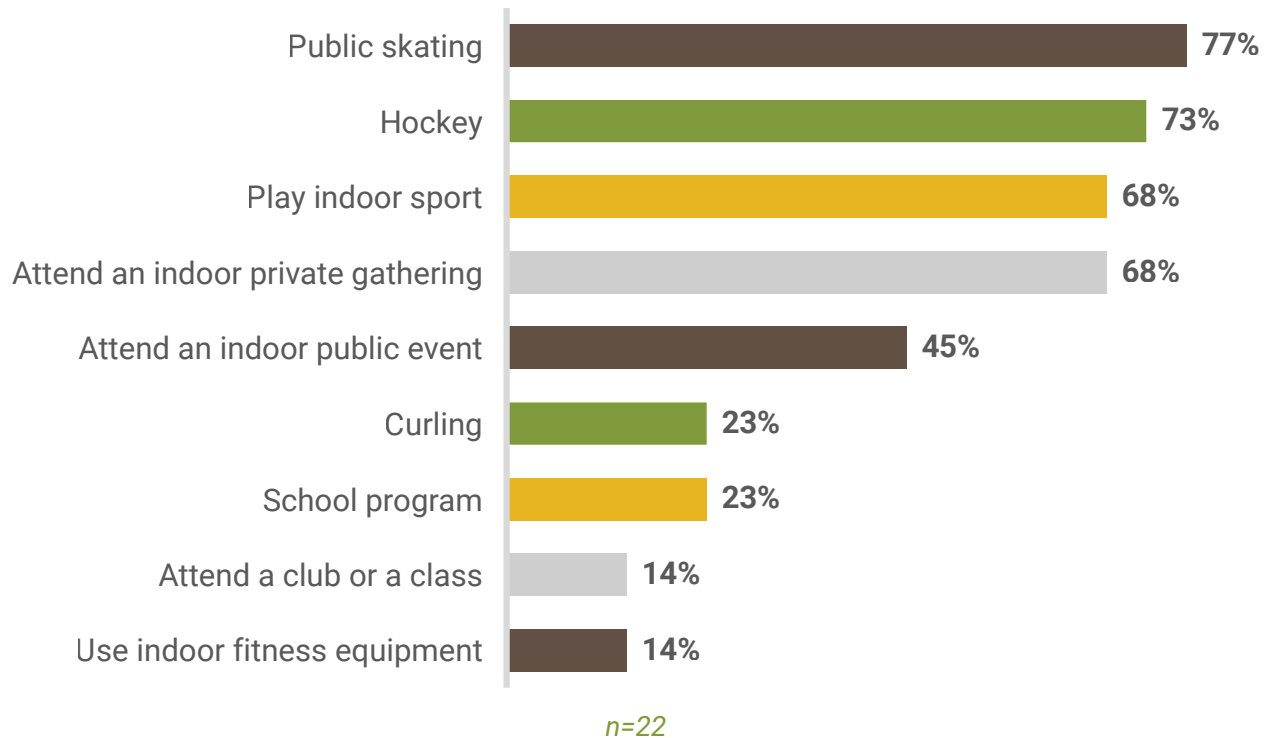
As part of this project initiative, a youth survey was circulated between May 19<sup>th</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. In total, it received 22 responses from local students in grades 7 to 12. The following is a summary of the input received.

### WHAT ARE YOUR TYPICAL OUTDOOR RECREATION ACTIVITIES IN CLINTON IN A NON-COVID YEAR (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)?





**WHAT ARE YOUR TYPICAL INDOOR RECREATION ACTIVITIES IN CLINTON IN A NON-COVID YEAR (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)?**



**WHAT DO YOU THINK IS GREAT ABOUT PARKS AND RECREATION IN CLINTON?**

In total, there were 21 responses to this question (numbers in brackets indicate the number of comments for each topic):

**Sense of Community (7)**

- ▲ A place where youth can go hangout with their friends (3)
- ▲ They give youth something to do (2)
- ▲ A sense of freedom (2)

**Accessibility (6)**

- ▲ They are open to everyone (2)
- ▲ They are easy to access (2)
- ▲ They are close to school (1)
- ▲ A safe place to bring siblings (1)

**Nature (5)**

- ▲ The trees (2)
- ▲ The streams (2)
- ▲ Not too urbanized (1)

**Other (6)**

- ▲ Well-maintained (3)
- ▲ Clean and quiet (1)
- ▲ They draw in people from out of town (1)
- ▲ Their size (1)

**IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE VILLAGE IMPROVE OR ADD NOW OR IN THE FUTURE?  
(THIS COULD BE A NEW OR IMPROVED PARK, TRAIL, FACILITY, OR A NEW TYPE OF ACTIVITY OR EVENT)**

**Recreation Opportunities (24)**

- ▲ Skate park (11)
- ▲ Dirt bike tracks (5)
- ▲ Basketball courts (2)
- ▲ A new pool (2)
- ▲ More structures to climb at the playgrounds (2)
- ▲ Batting cage (1)
- ▲ Badminton court (1)
- ▲ Off-road horseback riding trail, with a space to saddle horses and park trucks and trailers (1)

**New Events (7)**

- ▲ Drive-in movies (3)
- ▲ More community events (3)
- ▲ Music shows (1)

**New Infrastructure / Development (6)**

- ▲ An arcade (2)
- ▲ More fast-food restaurants (2)
- ▲ More stores (1)
- ▲ Elliott Park improvements (1)

## Workshops

Community members were invited to attend one of two interactive workshops. A remarkable aspect of the workshops was the passion that many long-time residents expressed about the community, including comments like “God’s country”, “best place on earth”. The following is a synthesis of input and a full recording is in **Appendix B**.

**What is great about parks and recreation in Clinton? (strengths)**

- ▲ Beautiful greenspaces, views, and nearby mountain ranges
- ▲ Access to outdoor recreation (e.g., hiking, biking, boating, fishing, swimming, cross country skiing, ATVs, snowshoeing, horseback riding)
- ▲ Child-friendly activities (e.g., playgrounds, sports fields, hockey, the arena, parks)
- ▲ Local events, festivals, and sports at the parks
- ▲ Many facilities are well used
- ▲ Accessibility and walkability of the town
- ▲ A unique hall



### What is not great about parks and recreation in Clinton? (challenges)

- ▲ All facilities are aging (e.g., washrooms, arena, hall)
- ▲ Low utilization of parks, clubs, and the bandshell, including Elliott Park
- ▲ More trails are needed for all user groups, and better signage on trails
- ▲ Improvements are needed in Reg Conn Park, e.g., playground
- ▲ Larger gym is needed
- ▲ Clinton needs more community gathering spaces (e.g., benches, outdoor checkers game, community gardens, Yoga, Zumba, Tai Chi, Pickleball, Disc Golf)
- ▲ Tennis courts are in poor shape
- ▲ Dog park needs more benches and shade
- ▲ Curling club does not have enough members, need to draw in youth
- ▲ The creek is not stocked and has been taken over by underbrush

### What vision should guide the Master Plan?

1. Meet all residents' needs – seniors, adults, young families
2. Promote and draw tourism
3. Embrace outdoor lifestyle
4. Accessibility
5. Unique features
6. Mental and physical well-being
7. Upgrade infrastructure
8. More information on town / history

### What would you like to see considered in the Master Plan?

1. More trails
2. Signs and maps
3. Reg Conn Park upgrades
4. Splash park
5. Elliott Park upgrades
6. Upgrade Hall
7. Improve and book more use of the arena
8. Bigger fitness room
9. More places to sit and eat
10. Improve Dog Park



## 3. Vision and Objectives

The vision and objectives represent what Clinton would like to achieve through the PRMP. They are based on community input and alignment with existing Village policy.

### 3.1 Vision

Parks and recreation in Clinton:

Meet the needs of all residents' – seniors, adults, and young families.

Improve our mental and physical well-being.

Embrace the community's outdoor lifestyle and unique features.

Promote and draw tourism.

## 3.2 Objectives

To help achieve this vision, the following are the objectives of the PRMP:

- ▲ Promote a healthy and active community with year-round outdoor and indoor recreation opportunities
- ▲ Provide inclusive and welcoming access to recreation opportunities for everyone
- ▲ Enhance access to and connectivity of trails
- ▲ Promote and enhance opportunities that will draw tourists
- ▲ Link parks and recreation to the Indigenous and settler history and culture of the region
- ▲ Upgrade infrastructure to improve its condition and safety







# Mosquito Run

## 4. Parks and Outdoor Recreation

### 4.1 Parks

Parks are the heart of outdoor recreation and social activities, also offering green space and natural areas within the community. The Village has three official parks, which are described here (Map 1).

#### Reg Conn Park

Located in the heart of Clinton, Reg Conn Park is Clinton's premier park. In 1967, it was deeded to the Province by Lloyd West and Cedric Dorrell for public park use, after which the ownership was transferred to the Village. At 2 hectares (5 acres), the park contains a blend of manicured treed spaces and more rural and natural areas. The natural focus of the park is a central pond and creek.

Residents and tourists visit Reg Conn Park for the play features, picnic areas, paths, and attractive setting. It is also a hub for community events such as Canada Day, Music in the Park, and Jamboree, and private gatherings such as weddings, picnics, and graduations. Trails within the park connect to David Stoddart School and surrounding neighbourhoods.

In 2014, a Working Group was established, based on a recommendation from Council, to prepare a Park Plan for Reg Conn Park. The following were the short, mid-term, and long-term goals:

#### ▲ Short Term Goals

- New entrance at Smith Avenue with signage
- Acquire SD #74 property tennis courts and staff parking lot (completed)
- Replace vehicle barriers
- Dredge pond
- Install weir dams (preventative measure for ecosystem sustainability)
- Signage to promote park on highway (completed)



### ▲ Mid-term Goals

- Redesign parking area to flow with new entrance
- Extend walking trails
- Upgrade gazebo
- Upgrade bandshell
- Upgrade washrooms
- Covered walking bridge at Cariboo Avenue
- Evaluate playground
- Replace playground pea gravel and wood edging

### ▲ Long-term Goals

- Construct new parking area
- Purchase portable sound system for bandshell to be shared with arena (completed)
- Upgrade fencing
- Spray park
- Improve drainage

In 2018, the Working Group reconvened to explore opportunities for a spray park in Reg Conn Park. They compiled information on spray parks in other small communities.

Cutoff Valley (47 Mile) Creek flows through the park and has deposited its sediment into a constructed pond along the creek. The pond has previously been dredged and it needs dredging again if it is to remain a viable pond with fisheries values. Families used to enjoy fishing in the pond for eastern brook trout, and downstream there are rainbow trout. Farther away, the creek flows into Clinton Creek and the Bonaparte River, which supports other salmonid and non-game fish species.



In 2015, a feasibility study for pond restoration was prepared by Ken MacKenzie of Iverson and MacKenzie Biological Consulting Ltd. The proposal was to restore the pond volume to 2 acre-feet (2,467 cu m), which is the annual volume permitted under the water license held by the Village of Clinton. The cost estimate for construction, allowing for environment protection practices and all regulations, was just over \$175,000.

The following are the outstanding recommendations from the Land and Buildings Plan (2017): removal of the playground equipment based on a risk assessment, adding an overhang to the bandshell, adding memorial benches, and updating of the Park Plan, considering the addition of properties, locations for benches, pond dredging, and entrance issues.

The following features are located within the park, along with construction dates where known:

#### **Recreation Amenities**

- ▲ Playground with pea gravel surface and raised wood edging (2006 and older)
- ▲ Picnic tables on concrete pads
- ▲ Composite benches on concrete pads
- ▲ Asphalt trail with timber edge
- ▲ Picnic shelter with power (1995)
- ▲ Bandshell / stage (2003)
- ▲ Two tennis courts
- ▲ Memorial benches on concrete pads

#### **Infrastructure**

- ▲ Parking lot – paved, for 30 – 40 vehicles
- ▲ Washroom building – seasonal, ramps up (2009)
- ▲ Three bridges over creek
- ▲ Flagpole for Canada Day
- ▲ Irrigation on west side of park
- ▲ In-ground recycling/garbage receptacles

## **Analysis**

The following are the key strengths and challenges of Reg Conn Park:

#### **Strengths**

- ▲ Beautiful setting
- ▲ Great mountain views
- ▲ Cool in hot weather
- ▲ Central location

#### **Challenges**

- ▲ Some recreation amenities need upgrading or replacement – small climber, tennis courts, playground edger
- ▲ Some infrastructure needs upgrading or replacement - parking lot, some picnic tables, one bridge
- ▲ Pond is filling in over time



## Community Requests

- ▲ Dredge pond
- ▲ Upgrade playground
- ▲ More paths, benches, and trees
- ▲ Make paths more accessible
- ▲ Repair tennis courts
- ▲ Improve parking

## Elliott Park

Located on the west edge of the Village, Elliott Park has two ball diamonds and a rough parking area. It is located within the Agricultural Land Reserve. At 4 hectares (10 acres), the park was busy with softball tournaments and beer gardens in the 1980s, but there is not currently much use. An outdoor movie theatre has been run in the park by a volunteer group, there are occasional drop-in slo-pitch games, and it is sometimes booked for other uses such as family gatherings or camping in the lower area.

The following are the outstanding recommendations from the Land and Buildings Plan (2017): removal of the old building and fenced area at the northwest, replacing the water tank when park use increases, relocation of the public works yard to this site (in progress), and preparing a park plan that establishes the park as a staging area for the trail system.

The Village is planning to relocate its public works yard to the southeast corner of the park. This location will not interfere with recreation facilities or use, and it will free up valuable land in the centre of the Village.



The following features are located within the park:

#### Recreation Amenities

- ▲ Two ball diamonds with dugouts and wood bleachers
- ▲ Washroom / concession / announcer's box

#### Infrastructure

- ▲ Parking lot – gravel/mud for 60 – 70 vehicles
- ▲ Pumphouse
- ▲ Sand storage shelter
- ▲ Park sign
- ▲ Electrical service
- ▲ Irrigation system (not used)

## Analysis

The following are the key strengths and challenges of Elliott Park:

#### Strengths

- ▲ Quiet location surrounded by nature
- ▲ Large site
- ▲ Ball diamonds
- ▲ Facilities are operational

#### Challenges

- ▲ Distance from the Village
- ▲ Low use
- ▲ Some infrastructure is deteriorating
- ▲ Grass is poor quality

## Community Requests

- ▲ Add more recreation amenities, e.g., walking track, archery, sports field (for soccer, football)
- ▲ Hold drive-in movies, concerts
- ▲ Improve infrastructure, e.g., bleachers, washrooms, dugouts



## Off Leash Dog Park

Located in the Village on Cariboo Avenue, the Dog Park is 0.2 hectares (0.5 acres). The site is leased from Suncor Energy and provides a space for residents and travellers to safely exercise their dogs. The following features are located within the park:

### Recreation Amenities

- ▲ Benches (3)
- ▲ Waste station for dogs
- ▲ Water fountain/basin for dogs
- ▲ Mounded planting beds (5)
- ▲ Trees and shrubs
- ▲ Self-watering planters (3) planted by Communities in Bloom
- ▲ Pedestrian gate

### Infrastructure

- ▲ Perimeter fence – wood and chainlink
- ▲ Maintenance gate
- ▲ Information sign
- ▲ Entry sign

## Analysis

The following are the key strengths and challenges of the Off Leash Dog Park:

### Strengths

- ▲ Central location
- ▲ Fairly well used

### Challenges

- ▲ Not irrigated (use sprinklers for trees)
- ▲ Not very attractive
- ▲ Lacks shade

## Community Requests

- ▲ More benches
- ▲ More shade
- ▲ More activities



## Future Parks

Based on demographic projections, it does not seem likely that any new parks will be needed in the 10-year time frame of this plan. A trigger for future parkland would be the location of at least 200 new residents at a location that is more than 1 kilometre from Reg Conn or Elliott Parks.

## 4.2 Other Sites with Park Values

Two other sites in Clinton have spaces that offer some of the functions of parks, as described below. There are also forests, parks, and other protected areas in the region that are used by Village residents. For tourists, Clinton can serve as a staging area to these locations.

### Robertson Square and Public Washrooms

Robertson Square and the public washrooms are on adjacent properties, owned by the Village, along Cariboo Highway. The square is an open space of concrete pavers with a picnic table and some planting, backed by a timber faux façade with historic mural and a wood deck in front. Travellers frequently stop here for lunch. The Village's Land and Buildings Plan of 2017 recommended selling the Robertson Square property.

The public washrooms are in a trailer that is open year-round; it is used frequently, especially in the summer. Next to the washrooms is a community garden run by Communities in Bloom. It is a popular venue for gardening and socializing, and it includes 11 plots, a shed, picnic table with a roof, compost area, greenhouse, lattice fence, and a water hose.

### David Stoddart School

This is the only public school in Clinton, since the elementary and secondary schools were combined at David Stoddart School due to declining enrollment. The school site is large and contains the following recreation amenities, which are available for public use after school hours:

- ▲ Three playgrounds for different age groups in two locations
- ▲ Basketball court
- ▲ Swing set
- ▲ Climbing wall
- ▲ Sledding slope down to the field
- ▲ Large grass soccer/ multiuse field and smaller ball diamond with bleachers
- ▲ Outdoor exercise equipment
- ▲ Picnic table
- ▲ Playhouse
- ▲ Storage shed
- ▲ Recently installed concrete "accessible" sidewalk

## Clinton Community Forest

The community forest\* covers over 62,000 hectares of land within and surrounding Clinton. The Clinton Community Forest gives back a significant portion of its profits to the municipality and to non-profit organizations in the Clinton area. Some of the community forest goals speak directly to recreation use:

- ▲ Encouraging partnerships
- ▲ Local focus on conservation
- ▲ Enhancing forestry education
- ▲ Respect First Nation access to their traditional lands

### What Is a Community Forest?

A community forest can be described as any forestry operation managed by a local government, community group, First Nation, or community-held corporation for the benefit of the entire community. Community forestry involves the three pillars of sustainable development: social, ecological, and economic sustainability. At its core, community forestry is about local control over and enjoyment of the monetary and non-monetary benefits offered by local forest resources. Planning requirements are flexible enough to accommodate broadly based community objectives and allow for innovative and unconventional forest management practices.

## Parks in the Region

Clinton and the surrounding region are home to many parks and trails with extensive opportunities for outdoor recreation activities. These include hiking, biking, fishing, swimming, geocaching, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling. Some of the key destinations within a 30-minute drive of Clinton include the following:

- ▲ Big Bar Ski Trails with 60 km of marked cross-country ski trails
- ▲ Marble Range Provincial Park offering outstanding scenery, unique karst topography and landscape features, and a population of California bighorn sheep
- ▲ Chasm Ecological Reserve, a bedrock canyon 1.5 km in length and 120 metres deep
- ▲ Clinton Creek Falls, a trail to a series of three falls
- ▲ Downing Provincial Park (Kelly Lake) with a popular lake and outstanding views
- ▲ Edge Hills Provincial Park (Cougar Point) with river canyon vistas, gentle forested slopes, and grassy benchlands and ravines

## 4.3 Park Amenities

Parks are important as green and natural spaces within a community, and for the amenities they provide. Because Clinton is so small and surrounded by natural areas, there is no deficiency of green space within the Village. The amenities support recreation activities and social interactions.

The following table presents an analysis of the supply and quality of existing outdoor recreation amenities in Clinton, and commentary on opportunities.

Amenity	Supply	Quality	Opportunities
<b>Sports fields</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ School field meets needs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Acceptable</li> </ul>	
<b>Ball diamonds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Oversupply as Elliott Park ball diamonds are rarely used</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Acceptable at school</li> <li>▲ Diamonds at Elliott Park need work, one in particular</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Consider a new use for one of the Elliott Park diamonds</li> <li>▲ Encourage more softball use</li> </ul>
<b>Playgrounds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Reasonable supply</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Some of the play equipment is in good condition and some is aging</li> <li>▲ Edging and surfacing of Village play areas are not accessible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Replace equipment as needed</li> <li>▲ Upgrade surface and accessibility of playground in Reg Conn Park</li> <li>▲ Consider natural/creative play environments as equipment is upgraded</li> </ul>
<b>Picnic tables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Residents enjoy the existing picnic tables</li> <li>▲ Residents requested more picnic tables</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Picnic tables are older and most concrete pads are cracked</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Replace and upgrade picnic tables and concrete pads over time</li> <li>▲ Add more picnic tables</li> </ul>
<b>Benches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Residents enjoy the existing benches</li> <li>▲ Residents requested more benches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Most benches are newer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Add more benches</li> </ul>



Amenity	Supply	Quality	Opportunities
<b>Picnic shelter</b>	▲ Reasonable supply	▲ Picnic shelter is older	▲ Upgrade picnic shelter as needed
<b>Bandshell</b>	▲ Good supply	▲ Reasonable condition	▲ Potential to add an overhang
<b>Tennis courts</b>	▲ Two tennis courts may be an oversupply; they are not used and condition has deteriorated	▲ Poor condition ▲ Location not central to the park ▲ Not obvious to park visitors	▲ Consider options – new tennis courts, tennis/pickleball, or multi-sport court ▲ Adding more uses near the courts to create a hub
<b>Pond</b>	▲ Popular park feature	▲ Poor condition – pond is filling in	▲ Dredge pond
<b>Dog off-leash area</b>	▲ Good supply and location	▲ Dog park could be more attractive and comfortable	▲ Add more planting, features, and benches to dog park
<b>Outdoor exercise equipment</b>	▲ Supply is good ▲ Location at school reduces potential community use, especially those with limited mobility ▲ Not available during school hours	▲ Quality is good	▲ Work with School District to encourage more use, potentially through programming, or to relocate one or more pieces as part of an agreement
<b>Basketball court</b>	▲ Supply is good ▲ Location at school may reduce potential community use	▲ Quality is good	
<b>Community gardens</b>	▲ Community garden appears to be meeting the demand	▲ Quality is very good	

The following are potential new outdoor recreation amenities in Clinton:

- ▲ **Spray park** – this is an expensive amenity, most suited for Reg Conn Park, it would be a major summer amenity, can be built to support outdoor skating in winter
- ▲ **Skate park** – this is an expensive amenity, most suited for Reg Conn Park, it would be a major amenity for youth
- ▲ **Disc golf** – very inexpensive to install and could engage youth and tourists, could be a good use for Elliott Park
- ▲ **Dirt bike tracks** – this was requested by youth, but more likely to happen outside the Village
- ▲ **Bike skills area** – this is a popular trend that enables children to learn bike skills in a safer environment
- ▲ **Multi-sport courts** – accommodating various activities such as tennis, pickleball, basketball, ball hockey, and more, these can be social and recreation hubs for a broad range of age groups

## 4.4 Park Planning and Design

Clinton's parks have evolved over time through the work of Village staff and volunteer groups in the community. This works well and is standard practice for small rural communities. As use increases, and particularly as the parks become an attraction for tourists, it will become more important to plan and design the parks more deliberately.

The following is a typical process for preparing park master plans:

- ▲ Inform Village residents of the process and invite them to participate in engagement opportunities, potentially including surveys, workshops, and open houses
- ▲ Conduct a thorough site inventory and analysis, including potential environmental, archaeological, geotechnical, and transportation analyses depending on the location
- ▲ Obtain input from park users and stakeholders on their patterns of use, interests, needs, etc.
- ▲ Conduct workshops to discuss park strengths, challenges, vision, objectives, and potential recommendations
- ▲ Prepare a park vision, objectives and program of amenities and activities (could include options)
- ▲ Prepare optional park concept plans
- ▲ Obtain Village, and potentially community, input on the park concept plan options
- ▲ Prepare a draft Park Master Plan and obtain input
- ▲ Prepare final Park Master Plan with implementation strategy (phasing and costs)

The following are some typical design guidelines for parks:

- ▲ Use universal design\* principles to welcome all park visitors, including some pathway loops that are fully accessible
- ▲ Include gathering places, with seating and spaces appropriate for picnics and group activities according to the type and size of the park
- ▲ For parks that include parking areas, design the parking efficiently, minimize the amount of hard (or gravel) surface, and keep the parking as close to the perimeter of the park as possible
- ▲ For large parking lots, include trees, planting and rain gardens during upgrading projects or new construction
- ▲ Plant trees in parks to the degree possible for shade, visual, and environmental benefits
- ▲ Use Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles, balancing these with the need to protect and enhance natural vegetation
- ▲ Provide seating in all parks and along multi-use trails
- ▲ Design parks with the goal of increasing creativity and interest, e.g., more interactive play environments and equipment, allow children to experience more nature in parks, and provide options for all ages and abilities of children, youth and adults
- ▲ Consider life cycle cost analysis and water and energy consumption
- ▲ Design parks with consideration for protection and enhancement of environmental resources and include rainwater/stormwater infiltration where possible
- ▲ Celebrate local artists in parks, with public art such as murals, mosaics, and sculptures

Universal Design involves designing spaces so that they can be used by the widest range of people possible. Universal Design evolved from Accessible Design, a design process that addresses the needs of people with disabilities. Universal Design goes further by recognizing that there is a wide spectrum of human abilities. Everyone, even the most able-bodied person, passes through childhood, periods of temporary illness, injury and old age. By designing for this human diversity, we can create things that will be easier for all people to use. Universal Design makes places safer, easier and more convenient for everyone.



## 4.5 Trails

Trails are critical component of outdoor recreation, supporting fitness, social connections, active transportation, and opportunities to explore nature. There are three trails within the Village, which are described here (Map 1).

### Mosquito Run Trail

Mosquito Run Trail follows the southeast edge of the Village linearly from Reg Conn Park to McDonald Ave. Following a utility easement, this is a 0.45 km, level trail with a meandering granular surface around 1.5m wide. It runs between two fence lines and can support multiple uses. It has trail markers on short posts. The trail is popular, particularly with dog walkers. There are currently no waste receptacles.

### Tin Can Trail

Tin Can Trail is a popular hiking and mountain biking trail within the Village. It is accessible from a few locations – at the east end (off of Fennell Trail), the west end (above Carson Road), and from the centre of the trail (off of Clinton Station Road). The trail is approximately 4km in length, with a 200m elevation range, and it is considered an easy trail per typical standards. It is a singletrack trail with a surface of native ground. A logging arch and old equipment are historic features along the trail and they are explained on interpretive signs.

### Fennell Trail

Fennell Trail is a 2.5km loop that was installed and operated by Clinton and District Outdoor Sportsmen Association (CADOSA). The Fennell Trailhead is located on the north end of the Village accessible from the gas line parking lot . The trail is open for hiking, walking, horseback riding, and mountain biking (no motorized vehicles). The loop connects with the Tin Can Trail. Benches at the top of the loop provide views of the valley and farmlands below. It is a singletrack trail with a surface of native ground. The trail entrance has a sign panel with a map.

### Village Paths

Two trail-related documents have been commissioned by the Village of Clinton in the past years. In 2007 the Clinton Walking Trail Plan was authored by Sharpe Image Consulting, followed by the Downtown Clinton Walkway Network document. The purpose of these is to attract tourists to walk through the Village and learn about the history of the area.

### Gold Rush Snowmobile Trail

The Gold Rush Snowmobile Trail (GRST) begins within Clinton and goes to Horsefly with many stopping points along the way. It is an initiative of the British Columbia Snowmobile Federation (BCSF) on behalf of the clubs local to the GRST. Five snowmobile clubs, in conjunction with Recreation Sites and Trails BC, maintain the GRST.

## Trail Standards

Two types of trails are appropriate for Clinton:

### Nature Trail

- ▲ 0.5 – 1.5 m wide
- ▲ natural surface
- ▲ standards for nature trails and mountain bike trails are detailed in the Community Trail Network Masterplan
- ▲ Examples: Tin Can Trail, Fennell Trail

### Multi Use Trail

- ▲ 1.5 – 3 m wide
- ▲ Granular surface
- ▲ May move toward some being paved with asphalt to improve accessibility and support more use
- ▲ Examples: Mosquito Run Trail, village paths and sidewalks

## Analysis

The following is an analysis of the key strengths and challenges related to trails in Clinton.

### Strengths

- ▲ Trails are very popular and well-used by residents year-round (activity with the highest participation)
- ▲ Trails serve a variety of recreation interests
- ▲ Trail users have high satisfaction with Fennell and Tin Can trails

### Challenges

- ▲ Lack of signage on trails for identification and wayfinding
- ▲ Trails are not all connected with each other
- ▲ Few benches along trails
- ▲ Mosquito Run Trail would benefit from a smoother surface and waste receptacles
- ▲ Conflicts with equestrian use
- ▲ Some residents would like routes designated by bylaw for use by off-road vehicles

## 4.6 Parks and Trails Management

Most of the parks and trails in Clinton are planned and maintained by Village staff. Volunteer groups and other organizations also provide major contributions to the development and management of parks, trails, and green spaces.

### School District 74

The Village has a close relationship with School District 74. Minor soccer uses the school field for its programs and the school grounds are used informally by community members, especially for sledding on the hill. Outdoor exercise equipment on the school site was funded by a grant but it does not receive much use. It is not accessible to the public during school hours.

The school focuses on experiential learning and has a forest project and other outdoor activities. The School Board is always reviewing the sustainability of the school and grounds and will likely pursue other projects. The two-level site is a challenge, and options are being considered to make the lower field more accessible. The PAC is very dedicated and raises substantial funds to support the school.

### Communities in Bloom

The Communities in Bloom group in Clinton is very active within the organization. The following are some of the group's activities and accomplishments:

- ▲ Established and operate the community garden behind the public washrooms on the highway
- ▲ Planting of self-watering planters at the Dog Park
- ▲ Annual Seedy Sunday event and sharing seeds and produce year-round
- ▲ Support for environmental and horticulture efforts by the students at David Stoddart school
- ▲ Community anti-litter awareness program
- ▲ Support for the Adopt-a-Highway program
- ▲ Support for the Good Neighbour Bylaw
- ▲ Participation in regular Clean Up Weeks/Work Bees with other groups

### The Clinton and District Outdoor Sportsmen Association (CADOSA)

CADOSA supports work on new trails in the village of Clinton and supports the continuing development of trail systems outside of town boundaries. The association is a non-profit society, whose goals are to enhance fish and wildlife populations, the protection and enhancement of their habitats, and to educate the public on conservation. They support the enforcement of game laws, while encouraging fair chase and wise use of our fish and game resources. They have also worked with B.C. Parks and Recreation Sites BC on implementing and maintaining recreation sites for the use and enjoyment of all.



CADOSA has helped to implement some of the trail projects in Clinton by getting grants and providing volunteer work. A primary goal of the group is now to have off-road vehicle trail routes established through the Village. This would give snowmobiles and ATVs better access to trails on Crown land. Currently residents must trailer their machines to the trailheads. CADOSA is also working with the Community Forest to establish legal access to quadding terrain southeast of the Village.

### Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD)

The TNRD recognizes the importance of Clinton as a staging area for the outstanding outdoor recreation opportunities in the region, particularly the Marble Range. There are opportunities to partner with Clinton by providing gas tax funds to support community projects such as trails or recreation amenities. This would be accomplished through Clinton's Electoral Area Director.



## 4.7 Recommendations for Parks and Trails

### Planning and Design

1. Prepare a Master Plan for Reg Conn Park.
2. Prepare a Master Plan for Elliott Park.
3. Use the process and design guidelines in section 4.4 for park master planning.
4. Design a signage system to include wayfinding, regulatory, and interpretive signs for all Village parks, trails, and facilities.

### Capital Development

5. Improve Reg Conn Park in accordance with the Master Plan. The following are potential improvements:
  - a. Dredge pond
  - b. Spray park
  - c. New playground surfacing and edging
  - d. New playground equipment in natural/creative play environments
  - e. Multi-sport court(s)
  - f. Skate park potentially near courts
  - g. Bike skills area potentially near courts
  - h. More trees
  - i. New and more picnic tables
  - j. More benches
  - k. Improve entry and parking
  - l. More paths
  - m. Upgrade bandshell
  - n. Upgrade picnic shelter
  - o. Improve drainage
  - p. Relocate some or all of fitness equipment from David Stoddart School (in collaboration with School District 74)

6. Improve Elliott Park in accordance with the Master Plan. The following are potential improvements:
  - a. Upgrade one softball diamond and associated infrastructure and remove infrastructure at the second ball diamond
  - b. Add a perimeter walking loop with distance markers and benches along it
  - c. Consider a disc golf course
7. Improve the Off Leash Dog Park. The following are potential improvements:
  - a. Add more trees in groups
  - b. Add low shrubs in groups along the fence lines
  - c. Add more benches
  - d. Add some dog agility features
8. Establish more trails to connect existing trails with each other, forming loops around the Village (see Map 2).
9. Construct signage system to include wayfinding, regulatory, and interpretive signs.
10. Add more benches along existing and any new trails.
11. Improve Mosquito Run Trail with a smoother surface and waste receptacles.
12. Explore the option of having routes designated by bylaw for use by off-road vehicles to reach trailheads.

## Service Delivery

13. Continue to form partnerships with School District 74, Indigenous communities, the TNRD, CADOSA, Communities in Bloom, and others on park and trail planning.
14. Establish agreements with community groups for construction and ongoing maintenance of trails.





## 5. Indoor Recreation

### 5.1 Facilities

Indoor facilities are important to all sizes of municipalities, offering opportunities to learn and participate in fitness, recreation, and social activities that are not possible outdoors, especially in cold winter climates. The Village of Clinton has four indoor recreation facilities, which are described below.

#### 47 Mile Sports Complex

The original indoor rink built in 1991 was natural ice. In 2006 the surface was converted to artificial ice. The arena has the following features:

##### Recreation Amenities

- ▲ One artificial ice surface (100 by 233 feet)
- ▲ Four changerooms – with two sets of showers (shared by two changerooms each), wood benches, private toilets, rubber mat flooring
- ▲ Warming room for spectators
- ▲ Small kitchen/concession
- ▲ Two team benches, penalty box

##### Infrastructure

- ▲ Refrigeration system is Freon, maintained by staff and Fraser Valley refrigeration; ice plant also serves the curling rink
- ▲ Building heat is natural gas
- ▲ The ice resurfacers are electric
- ▲ There is a new score clock
- ▲ Sound system available for use

The building is in fairly good condition as it has been well maintained. There have been capital improvements over the years – lighting upgrade in 2014, a new timeclock in 2015 and new speakers in 2016. Other interior upgrades are needed.



The following are the outstanding recommendations from the Land and Buildings Plan (2017):

- ▲ Install moisture shields to protect speaker
- ▲ Repair and maintenance of the showers
- ▲ Review bleacher heating (in progress)
- ▲ Review heating system for changerooms
- ▲ Install dehumidifier (in progress)

The facility is rented out during the ice season (November to March) at an hourly rate of \$75.00. The daily rate is \$750.00 and weekend rate is \$1,200. The local school may use the facility free of charge.

Event rentals in the facility are typically birthday parties, private skates, weekend tournaments, hockey practices, and exhibition games. The 2020/2021 ice uses were the following:

- ▲ Public skating
- ▲ Men's hockey
- ▲ Youth hockey
- ▲ Co-ed hockey
- ▲ Women's hockey
- ▲ Recreational Skating – offered by the Village as a pay-as-you-go activity

The facility is also available to rent for “ice-out” events.

The arena usage is fairly low and has been declining over a number of years. The Village has a Minor Hockey Club; however, there is no official minor hockey association, nor a skating club.

The following are the key strengths and challenges of the arena:

#### Strengths

- ▲ Mechanical systems are well maintained
- ▲ Equipment has been upgraded as needed - arena now has gas heating, reducing the utility costs

#### Challenges

- ▲ Interior needs upgrading of dressing rooms, in particular the washrooms and showers (fixtures, floor mats, stall partitions)
- ▲ Viewing area/ skate changeroom needs new benches and upgrading of players benches
- ▲ Concession/kitchen area needs “window” access and improvement of appliances, counters
- ▲ Usage is low

## Community Requests

- ▲ Heat
- ▲ Benches
- ▲ Better washrooms

## Clinton Curling Rink

The Clinton Curling Rink, now part of the 47 Mile Sports Complex, opened in 1989. The facility is operated by the Village of Clinton, with the support of volunteers. The curling rink has the following features:

### Recreation Amenities

- ▲ Two lanes of ice
- ▲ Viewing gallery
- ▲ Concession
- ▲ Upstairs lounge area with an extensive historical mural and photos on the walls

### Infrastructure

- ▲ Shares the ice plant (installed in 2006) with the arena
- ▲ Lighting and ice surface upgraded in 2014
- ▲ Interior was painted in 2016
- ▲ Heating system currently being upgraded from electric to natural gas

The facility has been reasonably maintained by staff; however, the interior furnishings are showing their age and the curling facility needs upgrading indoors.

The following are the outstanding recommendations from the Land and Buildings Plan (2017):

- ▲ Painting and maintenance on the outside landings and stairs
- ▲ Replace the flooring in the men's washroom and review the rest of the flooring needs

The Curling Club has an annual lease agreement with the Village of Clinton to operate the facility, for which the club pays an annual fee. Volunteers flood the rink and build the ice surface once the ice plant is activated.

During the off-season, the curling rink is available for rent to host events such as smaller parties, training sessions, and meetings. The lounge area upstairs can accommodate 50 to 75 participants.

Participation in curling is very low. The Club only has 30 members and numbers are declining. The curling rink could potentially be repurposed for another use such as indoor fitness classes or fitness training/workouts).

The following are the key strengths and challenges of the curling rink:

#### Strengths

- ▲ Mechanical systems are well maintained, with a new ice plant in 2006
- ▲ Facility will soon have gas heating, reducing utility costs
- ▲ Significant amount of indoor space available

#### Challenges

- ▲ Interior needs upgrading
- ▲ Usage is very low

#### Community Requests

- ▲ General upgrading

## Memorial Hall

The Clinton Memorial Hall is more than 100 years old. It was built in 1920 by volunteers as a memorial to area residents that did not return from the Great War, and to honour all WWI veterans.

The hall has the following features:

#### Recreation Amenities

- ▲ Large main room with a good-sized stage
- ▲ Green room
- ▲ Kitchen
- ▲ Small bar facility

#### Infrastructure

- ▲ Sound and lighting system
- ▲ Large storage area for the tables and chairs
- ▲ Two natural gas convection stoves, a commercial dishwasher, fridges, and dishes and cutlery to accommodate 180 guests

The Memorial Hall has undergone many upgrades over the years. In 1989 the stairs to the basement were improved to provide access to the washrooms for the Public Works building, and in 1997 an exterior landing and stairs were upgraded. Between 2008 and 2016, improvements included: new flooring, a dropped ceiling, enlarged and improved stage with curtains, updated sound and video system, Wi-Fi capacity, structural enhancement of the lower level, a new green room, electrical upgrades, and stairs from the stage to the basement.

The following are the outstanding recommendations from the Land and Buildings Plan (2017):

- ▲ Replace the toilets, and taps in bathrooms
- ▲ Replace the shingles on the front entrance
- ▲ Replace the tables and chairs
- ▲ Deal with the large cracks in the cement walls in the basement
- ▲ Upgrade the power supply for the hall
- ▲ Complete an assessment (for grant purposes) to restore the ceiling in the hall

The hall is now an event space. Seating capacity in gallery style is 263, and 180 guests for table seating. The hall is used for weddings, dances, craft shows, bake sales, family parties, and other events.

The hall rental rates are \$50.00 hourly, \$250 daily, or \$600 for a weekend. The sound system is available for \$40 per day.

The following are the key strengths and challenges of the Memorial Hall:

#### Strengths

- ▲ Hall is very well maintained
- ▲ Many renovations and enhancements
- ▲ Kitchen is well equipped
- ▲ Lower level can be used for storage and potentially a small, usable program space
- ▲ Hall is an important venue for the community

#### Challenges

- ▲ Hall needs some upgrading

#### Community Requests

- ▲ New tables and chairs for easier set up and take down



## Village Fitness Room

The Village Fitness Room is located within the Clinton Municipal Hall, which appears to be in good condition (per the 2017 Land and Buildings Plan). The fitness room was created in 2012-2013 and is about 18 feet by 40 feet. The fitness room has the following features:

### Recreation Amenities

- ▲ Stationary bikes, treadmill, stepper, rowing machine, universal weight machine, and free weights

### Infrastructure

- ▲ Relatively new flooring, paint, window coverings and furnace

The following are the outstanding recommendations from the Land and Buildings Plan (2017):

- ▲ Extend the roofing over the fitness centre and other entrances to the building

The facility is open to members seven days a week, 24 hours a day. It is based on a card lock system, with a membership fee of \$20 per month. A drop-in rate is also available from 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday for a fee of \$2 per use. Members must be a minimum of 17 years of age, and 16-year-olds are permitted with adult supervision.

The highest level of dissatisfaction from the community survey was the fitness room. The youth of the community do not have full access to the facility and have no other options for fitness training or workouts.

The following are the key strengths and challenges of the fitness room:

### Strengths

- ▲ Village provides access to fitness equipment

### Challenges

- ▲ Facility needs is small
- ▲ Age restrictions
- ▲ No other fitness facility in Clinton

## Community Requests

- ▲ Larger fitness area
- ▲ Better and more equipment, including more cardio equipment

## 5.2 Programs

The Village of Clinton does not offer organized, instructor-led municipal recreation programs. The Village's role is to operate the facilities and rent or provide the spaces for community use. The Village does support community-based organizations and activities by offering reasonable facility fees. There are a few sport organizations that use the Village's indoor facilities, including youth hockey and dance.

The Village of Clinton offers recreational skating in the arena throughout the fall and winter. This activity is very popular with the youth in the community. It was the number one activity listed in the youth survey, with 77% of the respondents indicating their participation. The community survey indicated that 53% of the respondents participated in an activity or event at the arena.

The fitness centre supports community participation by offering drop-in fitness work-outs for adults and teens over the age of 17 (16 if accompanied by an adult). Fourteen (14%) of those responding to the youth survey indicated that they used the fitness centre. The community survey indicated that 46% of the respondents used the fitness centre.

The curling rink was used by 23% of the youth survey participants, and by 27% of the community survey respondents.

The Memorial Hall was the most used facility, by 78% of the community survey participants.

### Community Requests

- ▲ Fitness classes



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## 5.3 Recommendations for Indoor Facilities and Programs

### Planning and Design

15. Assess the future viability of continuing to operate the curling rink, including review of current and potential future participation, revenues, and maintenance and operating costs.
16. Explore options for a new fitness facility in a new location. The following are the proposed steps:
  - a. Identify and evaluate potential locations for a new fitness facility, including repurposing the curling rink or another site or facility owned by the Village of Clinton
  - b. Once a location is identified, prepare a concept plan and a high-level cost estimate
  - c. Prepare a design, with detailed costing
  - d. Identify source(s) of funding, including grants, fund-raising, corporate sponsorship, municipal support
17. Complete an assessment of the ceiling in the Memorial Hall to support a grant application.

### Capital Development

18. Until a new fitness centre is established, upgrade the equipment in the fitness centre with equipment that would also work in a larger, more contemporary facility.
19. Build a new fitness facility.
20. Develop and implement a multi-year plan for upgrades to the 47 Mile Sports Complex to modernize the facility and improve accessibility. The following are potential improvements:
  - a. Renovate changerooms, washrooms and showers
  - b. Proceed with bleacher heating
  - c. Review and repair/upgrade heating system in changerooms
  - d. Install dehumidifier and install moisture shields if needed to protect speaker
  - e. Improve accessibility for all ages and abilities

**21. Make improvements to the Clinton Memorial Hall.**

- a.** Replace the toilets and taps in washrooms
- b.** Replace the shingles on the front entrance
- c.** Replace the tables and chairs
- d.** Conduct electrical upgrades
- e.** Open up a section of the ceiling to expose the original punched-tin ceiling

## **Service Delivery**

- 22.** Gauge interest in and if there is interest, develop programming that encourages residents to skate on a more regular basis and provide children and youth an opportunity to learn to skate at the arena.
- 23.** Gauge interest in and if there is interest, offer programs/drop-in activities for youth at Memorial Hall.
- 24.** Gauge interest in and if there is interest, offer fitness training and fitness classes outdoors, and in the future, offer indoor programs in a larger facility.
- 25.** Investigate opportunities for government funding of facilities, potentially in partnership with the TNRD.
- 26.** Pursue grants for new/improved parks and facilities, e.g., from Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).
- 27.** Explore opportunities for partnerships with the private sector for funding new capital initiatives or programming subsidies for those with financial barriers.
- 28.** Collaborate with Indigenous nations and integrate their interests into the implementation of the PRMP





## 6. Implementation

### 6.1 Implementation Table

The following table summarizes all recommendations in tabular format and organizes them into timeframes for implementation with relative costs.

Recommendation	Phasing			Cost						
	SHORT 1–5 years	MED 5–10 years	LONG over 10 years	N/A	Under \$50K	\$50 – 100K	\$100 – 250K	\$250 – 500K	\$500 – 1,000K	Over \$1,000K
1 Prepare a Master Plan for Reg Conn Park	✓					✓				
2 Prepare a Master Plan for Elliott Park	✓				✓					
3 Use the process and design guidelines in section 4.4 for park master planning	✓			✓						
4 Design a signage system to include wayfinding, regulatory, and interpretive signs for all Village parks, trails, and facilities	✓				✓					
5 Improve Reg Conn Park in accordance with the Master Plan										
a. Dredge pond	✓							✓		
b. Spray park	✓								✓	
c. New playground surfacing and edging	✓						✓			
d. New playground equipment in natural/creative play environments	✓						✓			
e. Multi-sport court(s)		✓						✓		
f. Skate park potentially near courts			✓						✓	
g. Bike skills area potentially near courts		✓			✓	✓				
h. More trees	✓				✓					
i. New and more picnic tables	✓				✓					
j. More benches	✓				✓					
k. Improve entry and parking	✓				✓					
l. More paths	✓					✓				
m. Upgrade bandshell		✓				✓				
n. Upgrade picnic shelter		✓			✓					

Recommendation	Phasing			Cost						
	SHORT 1–5 years	MED 5–10 years	LONG over 10 years	N/A	Under \$50K	\$50 – 100K	\$100 – 250K	\$250 – 500K	\$500 – 1,000K	Over \$1,000K
o. Improve drainage	✓					✓				
p. Relocate some or all of fitness equipment from David Stoddard School (in collaboration with School District 74)	✓				✓					
<b>6 Improve Elliott Park in accordance with the Master Plan</b>										
a. Upgrade one softball diamond and associated infrastructure and remove infrastructure at the second ball diamond		✓				✓		✓		
b. Add a perimeter walking loop with distance markers and benches along it		✓				✓				
c. Disc golf course	✓				✓					
<b>7 Improve the Off Leash Dog Park</b>										
a. Add more trees in groups	✓				✓					
b. Add low shrubs in groups along the fence lines	✓				✓					
c. Add more benches	✓				✓					
d. Add some dog agility features	✓				✓					
<b>8 Establish more trails to connect existing trails with each other, forming loops around the Village</b>	✓	✓	✓		✓					
<b>9 Construct signage system to include wayfinding, regulatory, and interpretive signs</b>	✓					✓				
<b>10 Add more benches along existing and any new trails</b>	✓	✓			✓					
<b>11 Improve Mosquito Run Trail with a smoother surface and waste receptacles</b>	✓				✓					

Recommendation	Phasing			Cost						
	SHORT 1–5 years	MED 5–10 years	LONG over 10 years	N/A	Under \$50K	\$50 – 100K	\$100 – 250K	\$250 – 500K	\$500 – 1,000K	Over \$1,000K
12 Explore the option of having routes designated by bylaw for use by off-road vehicles to reach trailheads	✓			✓						
13 Continue to form partnerships with School District 74, Indigenous communities, the TNRD, CADOSA, Communities in Bloom, and others on park and trail planning	✓	✓	✓	✓						
14 Establish agreements with community groups for construction and ongoing maintenance of trails	✓	✓	✓	✓						

Recommendation (Recreation)	SHORT 1–5 years	MED 5–10 years	LONG over 10 years	N/A	Under \$50K	\$50 – 100K	\$100 – 250K	\$250 – 500K	\$500 – 1,000K	Over \$1,000K
15 Assess the future viability of continuing to operate the curling rink, including review of current and potential future participation, revenues, and maintenance and operating costs.	✓			✓						
16 Explore options for a new fitness facility in a new location										
a. Identify and evaluate potential locations for a new fitness facility, including repurposing the curling rink or another site or facility owned by the Village of Clinton	✓				✓					
b. Once a location is identified, prepare a concept plan and a high-level cost estimate	✓				✓					
c. Prepare a design, with detailed costing	✓				✓					
d. Identify source(s) of funding, including grants, fund-raising, corporate sponsorship, municipal support	✓			✓						



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	SHORT 1–5 years	MED 5–10 years	LONG over 10 years	N/A	Under \$50K	\$50 – 100K	\$100 – 250K	\$250 – 500K	\$500 – 1,000K	Over \$1,000K
17 Complete an assessment of the ceiling in the Memorial Hall to support a grant application		✓			✓					
18 Until a new fitness centre is established, upgrade the equipment in the fitness centre	✓				✓					
19 Build a new fitness facility	✓							✓		
20 Develop and implement a multi-year plan for upgrades to the 47 Mile Sports Complex to modernize the facility and improve accessibility. The following are potential improvements:										
a. Renovate changerooms, washrooms and showers	✓					✓				
b. Proceed with bleacher heating	✓				✓					
c. Review and repair/upgrade heating system in changerooms	✓				✓					
d. Install dehumidifier and install moisture shields if needed to protect speaker	✓				✓					
e. Improve accessibility for all ages and abilities	✓					✓				
21 Make improvements to the Clinton Memorial Hall										
a. Replace the toilets and taps in washrooms		✓			✓					
b. Replace the shingles on the front entrance		✓			✓					
c. Replace the tables and chairs		✓			✓					
d. Deal with the large cracks in the cement walls in the basement		✓			✓					
e. Conduct electrical upgrades		✓			✓					

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22 Gauge interest in and if there is interest, develop programming that encourages residents to skate on a more regular basis and provide children and youth an opportunity to learn to skate at the arena.	✓				✓					
23 Gauge interest in and if there is interest, offer programs/drop-in activities for youth at Memorial Hall	✓				✓					
24 Gauge interest in and if there is interest, offer fitness training and fitness classes outdoors, and in the future, offer indoor programs in a larger facility.	✓				✓					
25 Investigate opportunities for government funding of facilities, potentially in partnership with the TNRD.	✓			✓						
26 Pursue grants for new/improved parks and facilities, e.g., from Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)	✓			✓						
27 Explore opportunities for partnerships with the private sector for funding new capital initiatives or programming subsidies for those with financial barriers.	✓			✓						

## 6.2 Next Steps

This PRMP provides guidance for future decision-making and actions by the Village. It does not commit the Village to any particular tasks. The implementation of the PRMP will involve the following:

- ▲ Incorporating recommendations into annual capital planning
- ▲ Operational planning to ensure funding is in place to maintain new facilities
- ▲ Seeking grants
- ▲ Establishing partnerships
- ▲ Planning to support the development of new facilities, with community engagement
- ▲ Evolving service delivery to meet community needs

This PRMP will need updating prior to the 10-year planning horizon.

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## **APPENDIX A**

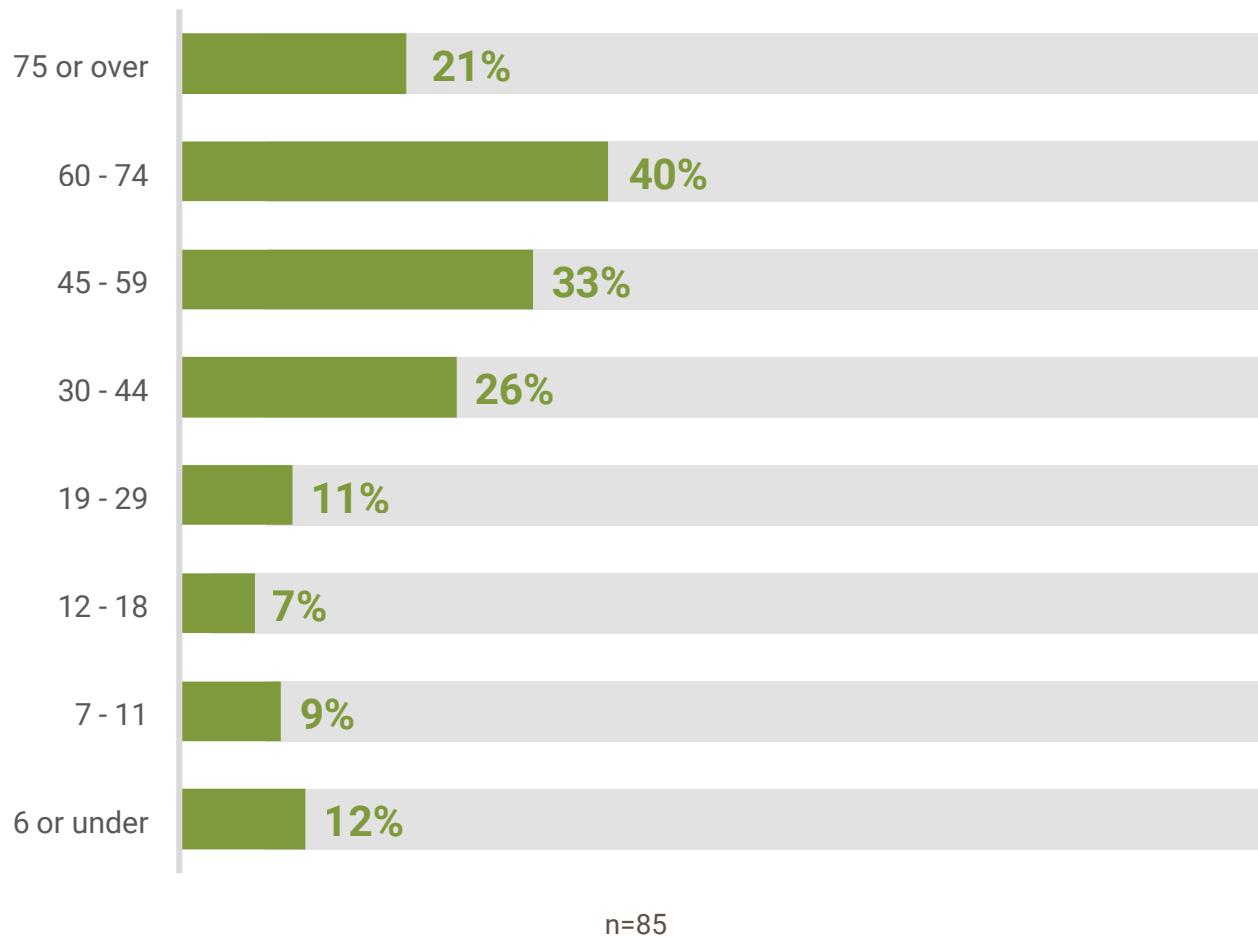
# **Community Survey Input**

## Appendix A: Community Survey Input

### Community Survey

The following is additional information from the community survey.

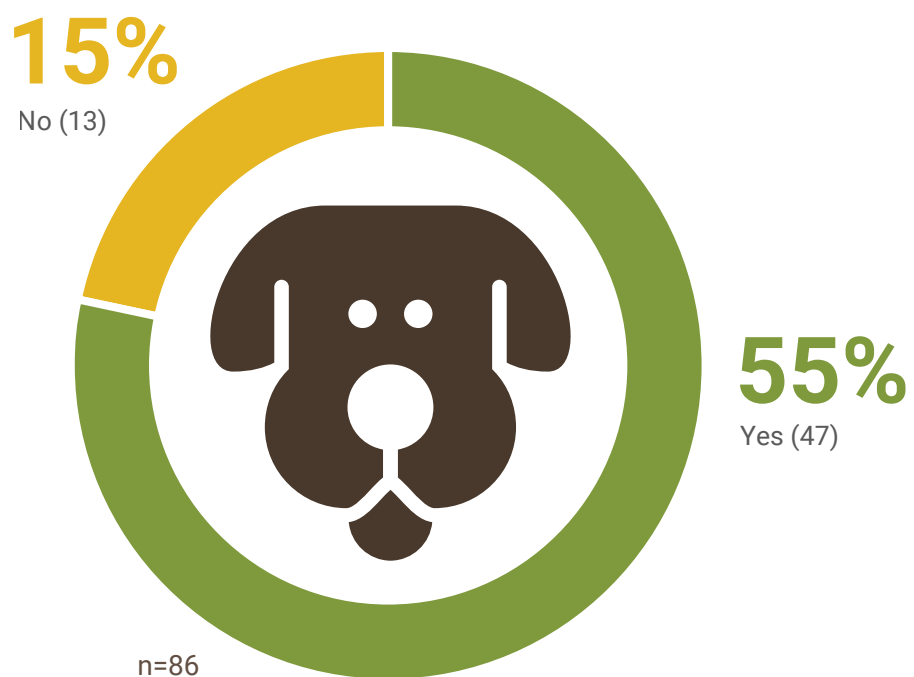
Which age brackets live in your household?



### Where do you live?



### Do you own at least one dog?



Participants were invited to comment on any other outdoor activities that they participated in. There were 30 responses as follows:

- ▲ Cross country skiing (9)
- ▲ Horse back riding / Horse activities at the rodeo ground (6)
- ▲ Mountain biking (5)
- ▲ ATV/Quads (5)
- ▲ Walking (3)
- ▲ Tennis (1)
- ▲ Remote control flying (1)
- ▲ Baseball (1)
- ▲ Golf (1)
- ▲ Fishing (1)
- ▲ Yoga (1)
- ▲ Feeding animals on a farm (1)
- ▲ Snowmobiling (1)
- ▲ Relaxing at Kelly Lake (1)
- ▲ Motorcycling (1)
- ▲ Ski Trails (1)

The following is a list of all suggested improvements to parks, trails and outdoor recreation.

There were 58 responses to this question. The following are the comments organized by topic.

## Location Comments

### Reg Conn Park (12)

- ▲ Revive the pond (6)
- ▲ Extend walking path (around the edges of the park, around the lagoon) (2)
- ▲ Fix sidewalk, make it accessible (1)
- ▲ More benches and trees (1)
- ▲ Better signage (1)
- ▲ Improve parking (1)

### Elliott Park (7)

- ▲ Improve Elliott Park (3)
- ▲ Outdoor drive-in movie theatre (1)
- ▲ More recreation (1)
- ▲ Keep it as a park (1)

- ▲ Improve bleachers and washrooms (1)

### Mosquito Run Trail (4)

- ▲ Make more accessible (smoother, more level path) (2)
- ▲ Garbage can for dog waste (1)
- ▲ Clean creek (1)

### Tin Can Trail (3)

- ▲ Expand the trail (1)
- ▲ Benches to enjoy the view (1)
- ▲ Clean up the glass (1)



## General Comments

### More Recreational Opportunities for Youth (22)

- ▲ Water/splash park (11)
- ▲ Skate park (6)
- ▲ More recreation opportunities for kids (2)
- ▲ Mini golf (1)
- ▲ Arcade (1)
- ▲ Playground equipment for older youth (1)

### Trail Network Improvements (22)

- ▲ Improve trail signage and maps (9)
- ▲ Expand the trail network (5)
- ▲ Add more benches (2)
- ▲ Make trails more accessible (2)
- ▲ Extend existing trails (1)
- ▲ Add more garbage cans (1)
- ▲ More equestrian trails (1)
- ▲ More ATV trails (1)

### More Recreational Opportunities (13)

- ▲ Develop more biking trails (4)
  - Cross country biking trails (2)
  - Mountain biking trails (2)
- ▲ Improve the Dog Park (2)
- ▲ A pool (1)
- ▲ A boardwalk around the entire town (1)
- ▲ Recreation site north of the tracks that CADOSA put in (1)
- ▲ Basketball court (1)
- ▲ Tennis (1)

### Better Local Promotion (5)

- ▲ A stronger focus on tourism (3)
- ▲ Better town promotion (2)

Participants were invited to comment on any other indoor activities that they participated in. There were 17 responses as follows:

- ▲ Walking in memorial hall (4)
- ▲ Yoga (2)
- ▲ Swimming (2)
- ▲ Zumba (1)
- ▲ Dance lessons (1)
- ▲ Karate (1)
- ▲ Kids Night at the School Gym (1)
- ▲ Workshops at the hall/school (1)

Is there anything you would like to see the Village improve in the next 10 years?  
(this could be a new or improved facility or a new type of activity or event)

There were 30 responses to this question. The following are the comments organized by topic.

**Indoor Recreation Improvements (22)**

- ▲ Yoga (3)
- ▲ Paint classes (2)
- ▲ Badminton (2)
- ▲ Use the arena as a theatre/music venue (2)
- ▲ Indoor pool (2)
- ▲ Fitness classes (2)
- ▲ Indoor roller blading (2)
- ▲ Indoor pickle ball (1)
- ▲ Indoor tennis (1)
- ▲ Car shows (1)
- ▲ Community kitchen classes/activities (1)
- ▲ Winter archery (1)
- ▲ Dance classes (1)
- ▲ More bingo (1)

**Outdoor Recreation Improvements (15)**

- ▲ More trails (2)
- ▲ Soccer in Elliott Park (2)
- ▲ Outdoor tennis (2)
- ▲ Outdoor pool (2)
- ▲ Pickleball (2)
- ▲ Short walking loops for seniors (1)
- ▲ Outdoor archery (1)
- ▲ Football in Elliott Park (1)
- ▲ Softball (1)
- ▲ Volleyball (1)
- ▲ Meditation classes in the park (1)
- ▲ Outdoor music events (1)
- ▲ Tai Chi (1)

**Facility Improvements (4)**

- ▲ Mechanical upgrades to the curling rink (1)
- ▲ Reliable working equipment in the gym (1)
- ▲ More cardio equipment in the gym (1)
- ▲ Make all facilities more appealing and user friendly (1)

## Do you have any final comments or suggestions about parks and recreation in Clinton you would like to share?

There were 38 responses to this question. The following are the comments organized by topic.

### Invest in more recreational opportunities (16)

- ▲ More recreation opportunities for youth (4)
- ▲ Focus on hiking opportunities in Marble Range (2)
- ▲ More mountain biking trails (2)
- ▲ Tennis courts (2)
- ▲ More horse back riding trails (1)
- ▲ Skate park (1)
- ▲ Baseball diamond (1)
- ▲ Archery (1)
- ▲ Soccer (1)
- ▲ A route for OHVs to travel into town for food (1)

### Protect and expand trails and parks (15)

- ▲ Elliott Park should be kept a park and not used for Public Works (4)
- ▲ Expand trail network (2)
  - Developing access to Hart Ridge, a trail network in the watershed, trails that tie into existing high country trails
- ▲ Greenspace improvements in Elliott Park (3)
  - Archery, baseball diamond, soccer field, rec centre, walking track
- ▲ Clean up glass on Tin Can trail (1)
- ▲ Add garbage cans to Mosquito Run Trail (1)
- ▲ Bring a water park to Reg Conn (1)
- ▲ Allow memorial benches and picnic tables in parks (1)
- ▲ More dog-friendly spaces (1)
- ▲ Make more trails wheelchair/scooter accessible (1)

### Focus on adventure tourism and promotion (11)

- ▲ Promote local outdoor recreation (7)
  - Walking/hiking/biking/horseback riding/skiing/camping
- ▲ Invest in more tourism opportunities (2)
- ▲ Promote local fishing lakes (1)
- ▲ Promote local Provincial Parks (1)

### Improve wayfinding and mapping (2)

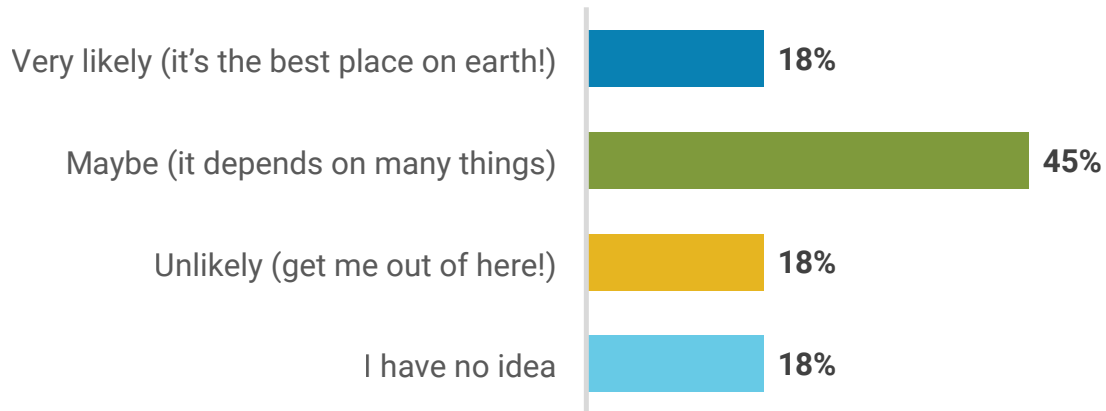
- ▲ Better signage would promote trail utilization and local tourism (2)

### Other (5)

- ▲ More community events like music and theatre (1)
- ▲ Places to wash ATVS and boats are needed (1)
- ▲ Look into more grants for park and recreation projects (1)
- ▲ Excessive snow clearing at the arena- use these resources for side-streets (1)
- ▲ Dog Park is a waste of money (1)

## Youth Survey

After you have completed your education, how likely are to you live in Clinton, if you have the choice?



n=22

Respondents were invited to provide examples of any other outdoor activities that they participate in. There were 7 responses.

- ▲ Dirt biking (3)
- ▲ ATVing (1)
- ▲ Hunting/Fishing (1)
- ▲ Rodeo (1)
- ▲ Gardening (1)
- ▲ Horse back riding (1)

### What is great? (strengths)

- ▲ The potential to accomplish amazing things in the future of parks and recreation in Clinton
- ▲ Access to outdoor recreation (hiking, biking, boating, fishing, swimming, cross country skiing)
- ▲ Child-friendly activities (playgrounds, sports fields, hockey, the arena, parks)
- ▲ Local events, festivals, and sports at the parks
- ▲ Many facilities are well used
- ▲ A unique hall
- ▲ Accessibility and walkability of the town



### What is not great? (challenges)

- ▲ The playground equipment and Reg Conn Park
- ▲ All facilities are aging (washrooms, arena, hall)
- ▲ The dog park needs benches and shade
- ▲ Low utilization of parks, clubs, and the bandshell
- ▲ More trails are needed for all user groups which would minimize conflict (especially with horses)
- ▲ The loss of the school and the tennis courts
- ▲ The creek is not stocked and has been taken over by underbrush

### What would you like to see considered in the Master Plan?

1. Signs and maps (7/7)
2. More trails (6/7)
3. Reg Conn Park upgrades (6/7)
4. Splash park (5/7)
5. Elliott Park upgrades (4/7)
6. Upgrade Hall (3/7)
7. More use of the Arena (3/7)
8. New Playground (0/7)
9. Tours (0/7)

### What vision should guide the Master Plan?

1. Meeting residents' needs (7/7)
2. Draw tourism (6/7)
3. Information on town / history (5/7)
4. Outdoor lifestyle (3/7)
5. Accessibility (3/7)
6. Young families (2/7)
7. Unique features (1/7)
8. Seniors (0/7)

Do not compete with existing businesses in the Village (not part of voting)

## Workshop 2 - 8 participants

### What is great? (strengths)

- ▲ Beautiful greenspaces, views, and nearby mountain ranges
- ▲ Trail facilities are in good shape
- ▲ The public washrooms uptown
- ▲ Access to outdoor recreation (ATVs, walking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, biking, horseback riding)
- ▲ Long outdoor season compared to more northern regions

### What is not great? (challenges)

- ▲ Improvements are needed in Reg Conn Park (children's park, could bring in exercise equipment as it is not well used at David Stoddart)
- ▲ Facilities such as the hall and arena need upgrades (heat, benches, and better washrooms)
- ▲ Larger gym is needed
- ▲ Clinton needs more community gathering spaces (benches, outdoor checkers game, community gardens)
- ▲ Parks could attract more people through Yoga, Zumba, Tai Chi, Pickleball, or Frisbee Golf
- ▲ Elliott Park is underused
- ▲ Tennis courts are in poor shape
- ▲ Dog park needs more benches and shade
- ▲ Curling club does not have enough members, need to draw in youth
- ▲ There is a need for clear signage that marks the trails and washrooms

### What vision should guide the Master Plan?

1. Support more trail uses (6/7)
2. Promote tourism (5/7)
3. Mental / physical well-being (4/7)
4. More information (4/7)
5. Upgrade infrastructure (4/7)
6. Focus on adults and seniors ((3/7)
7. Accessibility (2/7)
8. More on history (0/7)

### What would you like to see considered in the Master Plan?

1. More non-motorized trails (6/7)
2. Improve Reg Conn Park (6/7)
3. More signs (5/7)
4. More benches (5/7)
5. Improve Elliott Park (4/7)
6. Bigger fitness room (3/7)
7. More places to eat (3/7)
8. Improve Dog Park (1/7)
9. Improve arena (1/7)
10. Improve hall (1/7)

## **APPENDIX B**

# **Workshop Input**

# Workshops

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan workshops were held on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. In total, 16 people joined the workshops to discuss parks and recreation in the Village of Clinton, and their hopes and ideas for the future.

Participants were first asked to talk about what they felt was great, and not great, about the current state of parks and recreation. Participants were also asked for input on the vision for the Master Plan and ideas for improving parks and recreation in the Village. The vision and ideas were synthesized and the groups completed polls on those to identify their priorities.

The following is a summary of the input received.

## Workshop 1 - 8 participants

### What is great? (strengths)

- ▲ The potential to accomplish amazing things in the future of parks and recreation in Clinton
- ▲ Access to outdoor recreation (hiking, biking, boating, fishing, swimming, cross country skiing)
- ▲ Child-friendly activities (playgrounds, sports fields, hockey, the arena, parks)
- ▲ Local events, festivals, and sports at the parks
- ▲ Many facilities are well used
- ▲ A unique hall
- ▲ Accessibility and walkability of the town

### What is not great? (challenges)

- ▲ The playground equipment and Reg Conn Park
- ▲ All facilities are aging (washrooms, arena, hall)
- ▲ The dog park needs benches and shade
- ▲ Low utilization of parks, clubs, and the bandshell
- ▲ More trails are needed for all user groups which would minimize conflict (especially with horses)
- ▲ The loss of the school and the tennis courts
- ▲ The creek is not stocked and has been taken over by underbrush



### What vision should guide the Master Plan?

1. Meeting residents' needs (7/7)
2. Draw tourism (6/7)
3. Information on town / history (5/7)
4. Outdoor lifestyle (3/7)
5. Accessibility (3/7)
6. Young families (2/7)
7. Unique features (1/7)
8. Seniors (0/7)

Do not compete with existing businesses in the Village (not part of voting)

### What would you like to see considered in the Master Plan?

1. Signs and maps (7/7)
2. More trails (6/7)
3. Reg Conn Park upgrades (6/7)
4. Splash park (5/7)
5. Elliott Park upgrades (4/7)
6. Upgrade Hall (3/7)
7. More use of the Arena (3/7)
8. New Playground (0/7)
9. Tours (0/7)

## Workshop 2 - 8 participants

### What is great? (strengths)

- ▲ Beautiful greenspaces, views, and nearby mountain ranges
- ▲ Trail facilities are in good shape
- ▲ The public washrooms uptown
- ▲ Access to outdoor recreation (ATVs, walking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, biking, horseback riding)
- ▲ Long outdoor season compared to more northern regions

### **What is not great? (challenges)**

- ▲ Improvements are needed in Reg Conn Park (children's park, could bring in exercise equipment as it is not well used at David Stoddart)
- ▲ Facilities such as the hall and arena need upgrades (heat, benches, and better washrooms)
- ▲ Larger gym is needed
- ▲ Clinton needs more community gathering spaces (benches, outdoor checkers game, community gardens)
- ▲ Parks could attract more people through Yoga, Zumba, Tai Chi, Pickleball, or Frisbee Golf
- ▲ Elliott Park is underused
- ▲ Tennis courts are in poor shape
- ▲ Dog park needs more benches and shade
- ▲ Curling club does not have enough members, need to draw in youth
- ▲ There is a need for clear signage that marks the trails and washrooms

### **What vision should guide the Master Plan?**

1. Support more trail uses (6/7)
2. Promote tourism (5/7)
3. Mental / physical well-being (4/7)
4. More information (4/7)
5. Upgrade infrastructure (4/7)
6. Focus on adults and seniors ((3/7)
7. Accessibility (2/7)
8. More on history (0/7)

### What would you like to see considered in the Master Plan?

1. More non-motorized trails (6/7)
2. Improve Reg Conn Park (6/7)
3. More signs (5/7)
4. More benches (5/7)
5. Improve Elliott Park (4/7)
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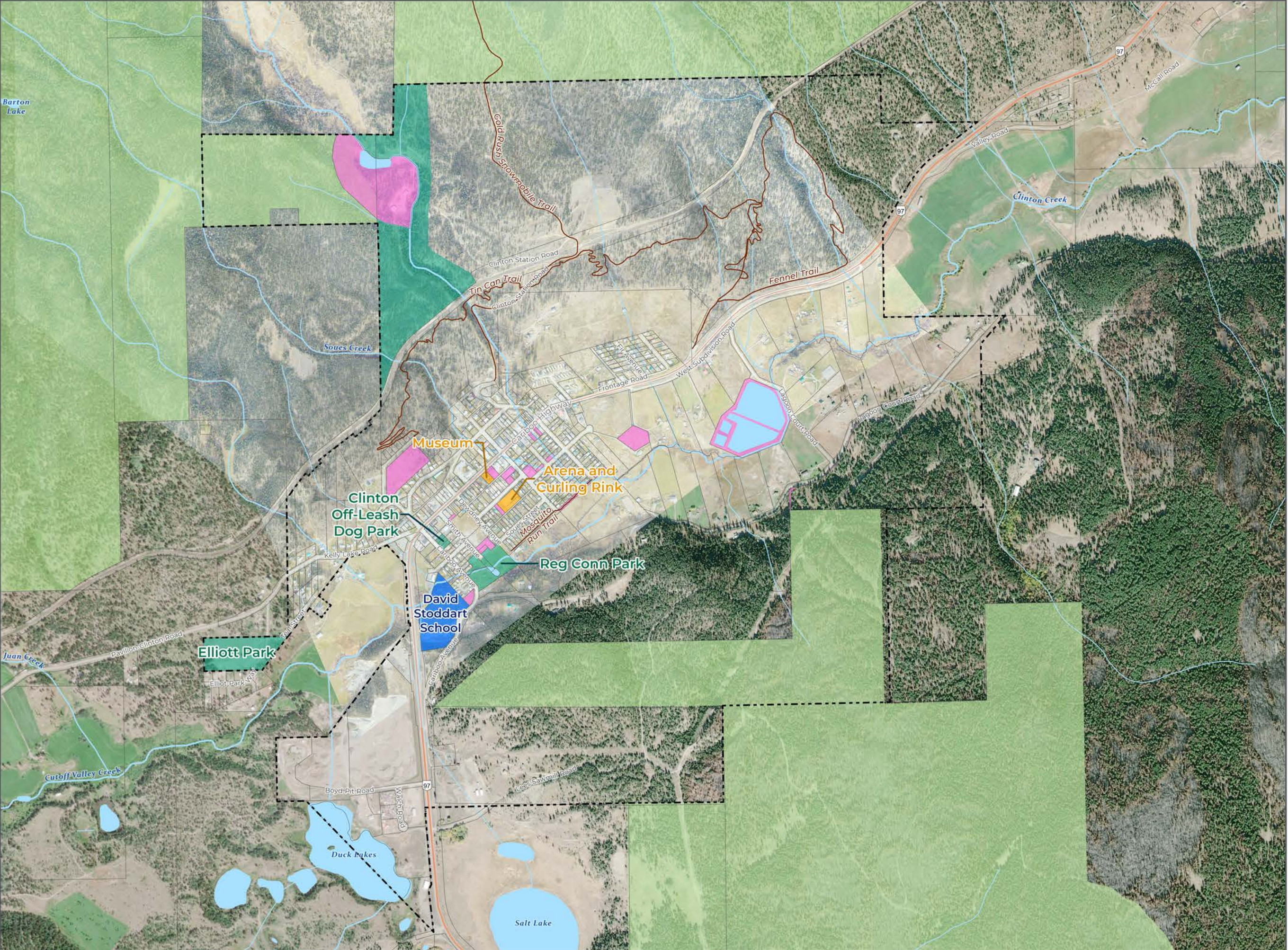
Participants noted that motorized trails are also an important consideration for the Village of Clinton, as they could support tourism and minimize illegal ATVs on current non-motorized trails such as the Fennel Trail.

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**Maps**







### Parks and Recreation Master Plan Existing Parks and Trails

**Legend**

- Municipal Boundary
- Trails
- Parks
- School Grounds
- Recreation Facility
- Other Municipal Lands
- Community Forest

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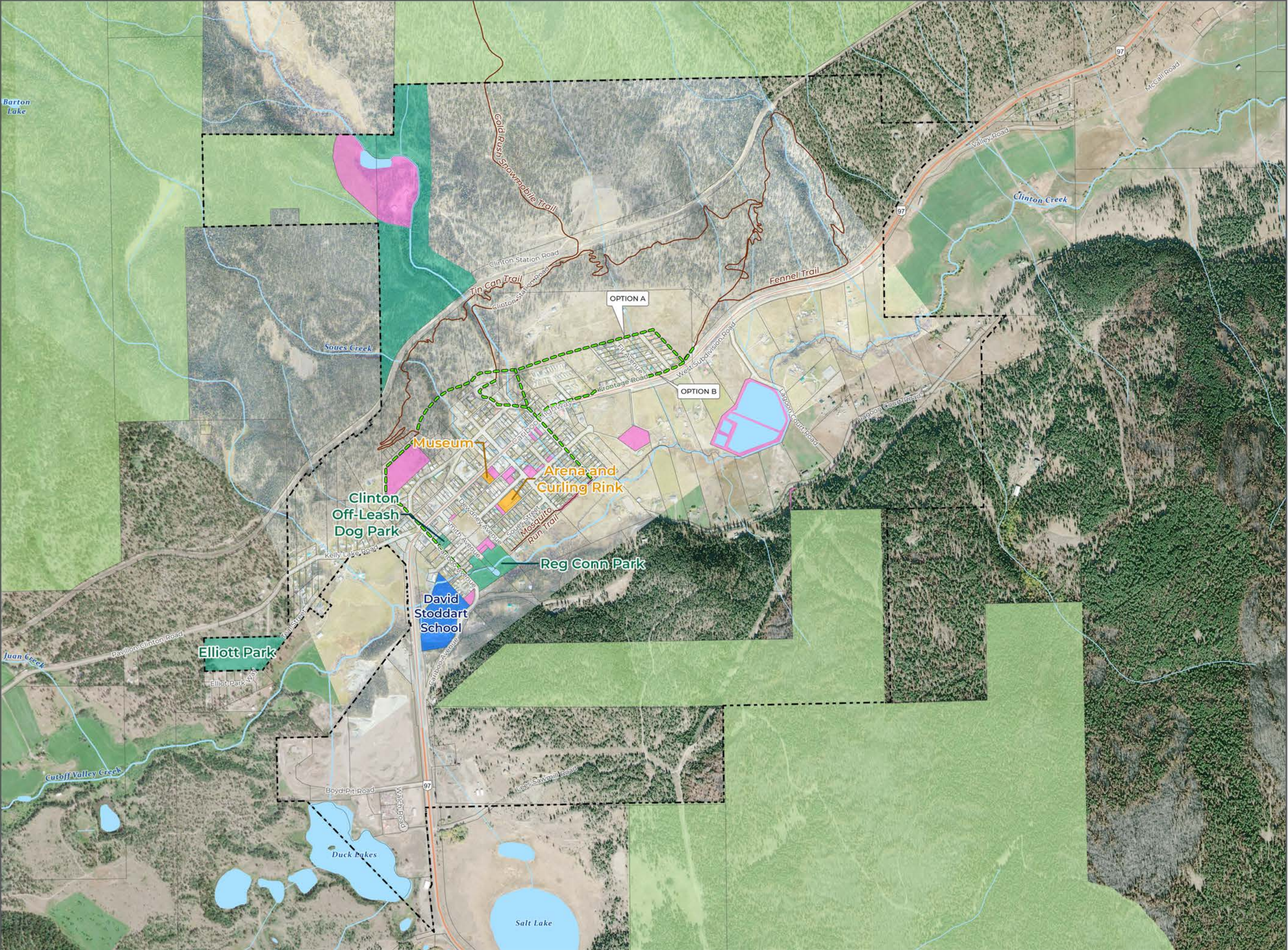



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### Parks and Recreation Master Plan Proposed Trails

**Legend**

- Municipal Boundary
- Existing Trails
- Proposed Trails
- Parks
- School Grounds
- Recreation Facility
- Other Municipal Lands
- Community Forest

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