

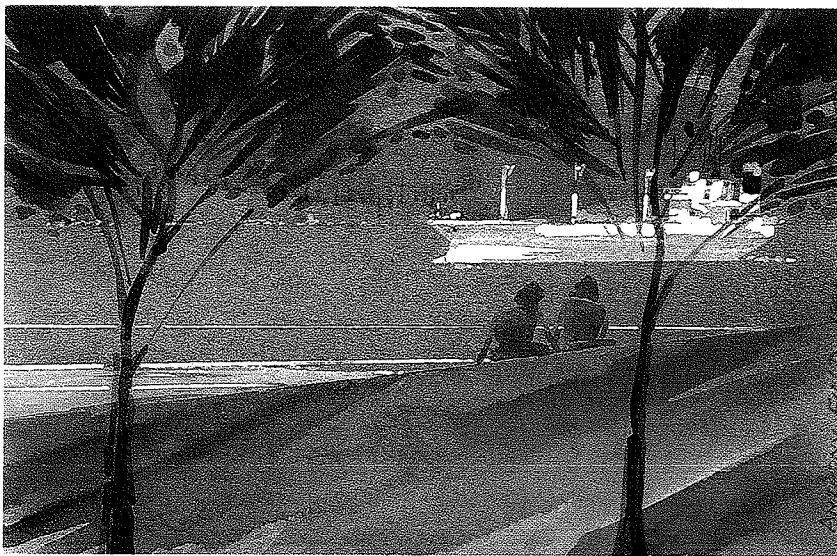


## 8 PARKS & RECREATION

District residents have access to thousands of hectares of municipal, regional and provincial parks. Within the urban areas, a civic park system has been established offering a wide variety of parks, playing fields, and special attractions such as the Maplewood Farm and the Ecology Centre. District parks are operated by the municipal Parks Department. These District parks play an important role, separate from organized recreation, in conserving the natural beauty of North Vancouver and enhancing its urban landscape.

In the future, emphasis will be placed upon: expanding the parks system further to meet the demands of a growing population; increasing access to the waterfront; and improving pathway and trail systems. Special efforts will be made through the park system to increase public awareness of both our natural and cultural heritage.

Most public indoor recreation facilities are owned by the District and operated by the City and District of North Vancouver through a joint Recreation Commission. Other indoor recreation facilities are also made available to the public through School District 44 (North Vancouver). This plan calls for a review of the present system of delivering recreation services and a better distribution of services to all age groups and those with special needs. Because of the changing popularity of different forms of recreation, the plan recommends that flexibility of use be incorporated into all recreation buildings.





## **OBJECTIVE 8.1**

**To provide for the community's present and future park needs.**

**POLICY 8.1.1** Establish new parks and develop park facilities in parallel with residential growth, and in response to the needs of different age groups and those with disabilities.

**IMPLEMENTATION 8.1.1.1** Adopt a Parks and Recreation Master Plan which recommends size and management standards and identifies various specific projects to meet these needs.

**POLICY 8.1.2** Work with other park agencies, municipal, regional, and provincial, toward a coordinated system of park services, trails, and facilities.

**POLICY 8.1.3** Integrate civic heritage sites into the parks system where appropriate.

**POLICY 8.1.4** Retain the natural setting and maintain high standards of park development and maintenance as a measure of the community's public image.

## **OBJECTIVE 8.2**

**To increase the community's awareness of its rich natural heritage and interdependence with the natural environment.**

**POLICY 8.2.1** Provide interpretive programs through the municipal Ecology Centre and Maplewood Farm.

**POLICY 8.2.2** Include, protect and maintain municipally owned natural areas, such as, river and creek ravines and wilderness recreation lands, within the overall park system.

**IMPLEMENTATION 8.2.2.1** The Lynn Canyon Park lands with expanded boundaries will be established as a District park to include the Inter River Area as directed by Council.

**POLICY 8.2.3** Establish, in co-operation with other jurisdictions, linear park and trail systems along the major rivers and creeks from the mountains to the sea.

**POLICY 8.2.4** Co-operate with other jurisdictions and landowners to maintain an east-west hiking corridor from Horseshoe Bay to Deep Cove.



### **OBJECTIVE 8.3**

**To preserve and create, for the benefit of present and future generations, public access opportunities to the District's waterfront.**

**POLICY 8.3.1** To create an extensive system of public parks, viewpoints and seawalks on the District's waterfront.

**IMPLEMENTATION 8.3.1.1** A detailed study will be undertaken to identify specific projects in all waterfront neighbourhoods; the means by which these projects can be carried out; and, proposed action schedules.

**IMPLEMENTATION 8.3.1.2** Additional land shall be acquired for park purposes to the west of Cates Park.

**POLICY 8.3.2** Work with other agencies towards the reservation of upper Indian Arm exclusively for marine recreation purposes.

### **OBJECTIVE 8.4**

**To provide recreation facilities for the physical and social well-being of the community as a whole.**

**POLICY 8.4.1** Provide appropriately located land for public and commercial recreation land uses as identified by local area official community plans.

**POLICY 8.4.2** Develop new recreation facilities in parallel with residential growth.

**POLICY 8.4.3** Recognize the responsibility of the recreation system to assist in meeting many of the specialized recreation needs of the elderly, youth, and those with disabilities.

**POLICY 8.4.4** Incorporate flexibility of use into recreation facilities to meet the changing needs of the community.



## **OBJECTIVE 8.5**

**To provide recreation buildings and services on the basis of a fair and cost effective distribution.**

POLICY 8.5.1 With the City of North Vancouver, re-evaluate the present system of jointly providing public recreation facilities which serve both municipalities.

POLICY 8.5.2 Cooperate with School District #44 (North Vancouver) in providing joint programs utilizing municipal and school recreation facilities.

POLICY 8.5.3 To provide recreation facilities on the basis of needs identified in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.