

Appendix B

Neighbourhood Park Concept Narrative

Cheakamus Phase 2 Park

The Cheakamus Forest Park is a naturalized area in Phase 2 of the Cheakamus Crossing Neighbourhood expansion. The park is located between lots B/C and D2 and across the road from Lot D1. The park is intended to offer an area for play, exercise and emersion in nature, functioning as well as a node on the trail network. The west side of the park runs along Mt Fee Road and can be easily accessed at road level. Immediately adjacent to the road, the natural terrain could offer an open area with a level space in a clearing by thinning and removing the scrubby understory trees. This will provide light and space for playing catch, or sitting in the sun, picnicking and other relaxed activities.

As the terrain naturally rises and falls, terracing may be used to create visual interest as well as allowing for the division of space or 'outdoor rooms' within the park. These different spaces could allow for more singular or solitary play or gathering of small group. Open spaces, trails and natural draws could allow for different sized groups or pass-through activities for those on the trail system.

An existing trail network will continue to run through the park and connect it to the existing Riverside Trail and throughout the Cheakamus Crossing neighbourhood.

Venturing toward the established forest from Mt. Fee Road, the park offers natural obstacles, downed trees and large rock features that create a magical play land. The trees are covered with moss and grandfather's beard and with just the right amount of thinning; the additional light will shed a numinous glow at different times of the day and season, creating a living landscape that will change depending on the elements. Selective thinning of trees creates openness in the forest while continuing to allow for sheltered play among the trees, rocks and understory.

Running along the back of the parcel, there is a natural drainage that in the winter time could be a lazy sledding slope similar to the one already found in Cheakamus Crossing that has proven to be well utilized, popular and a safe winter activity. The sloping track leads in and out of what feels to be the oldest and most established area of the parcel, with signature old growth trees and would be the 'natural play' spot, with downed trees and a singular large boulder.

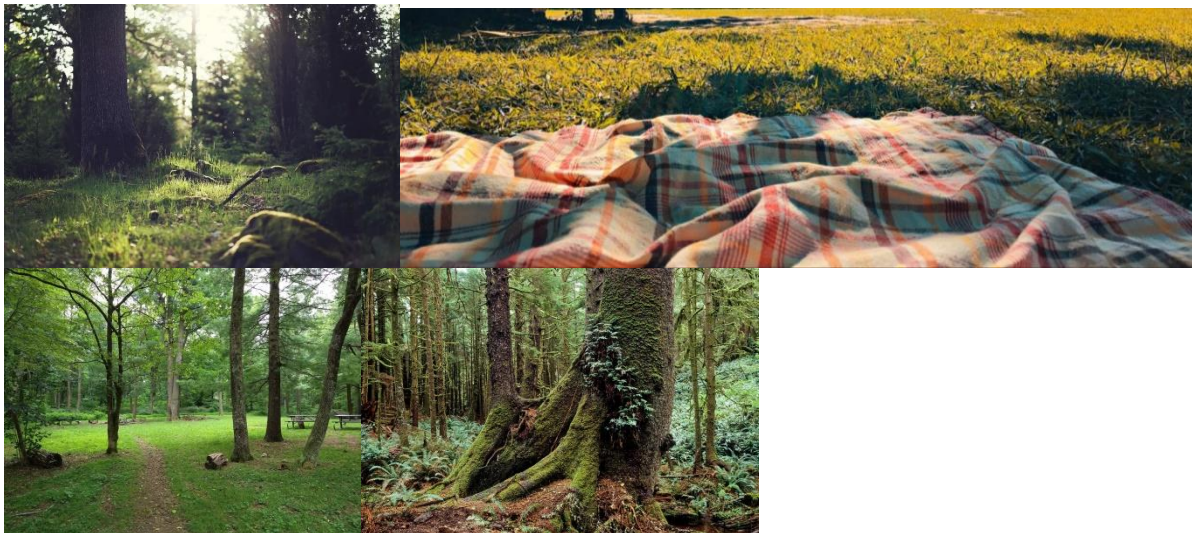
The farthest parts of the park will be retained a natural forest, with the only improvements being continued connectivity via single track or double track trail, connection into the neighbourhood and the existing and recently upgraded Riverside Trail system.

Views from the surrounding development will be into the upper story of the forest and the park will provide a buffer between the developments.

Potential Design Inspiration



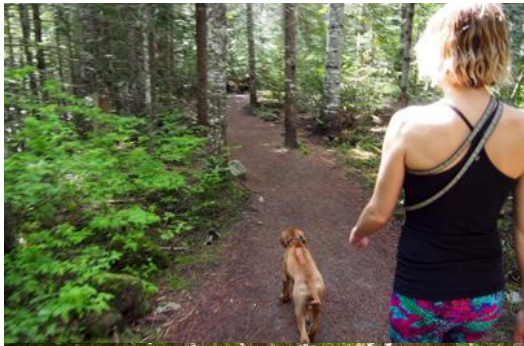
NATURAL PLAY



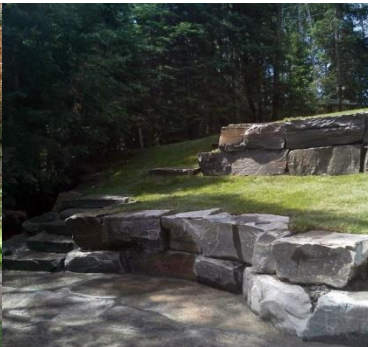
RELAXED ACTIVITIES/FOREST BATHING



WINTER ACTIVITIES



TRAIL CONNECTIVITY



NATURAL TERRACING