



Notice of Meeting and Meeting Agenda Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

9:30 AM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

J. Brownoff (Chair), L. Szpak (Vice Chair), C. Coleman, S. Goodmanson, G. Holman, M. Tait, S. Tobias, K. Williams, R. Windsor, C. McNeil-Smith (Board Chair, ex officio)

The Capital Regional District strives to be a place where inclusion is paramount and all people are treated with dignity. We pledge to make our meetings a place where all feel welcome and respected.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [26-0352](#) Minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of February 25, 2026

Recommendation: That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of February 25, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

Attachments: [Minutes - February 25, 2026](#)

4. Chair's Remarks

5. Presentations/Delegations

5.1. [26-0377](#) Delegation - Tanelle Bolt; Resident of North Saanich: Re: Agenda Item 6.1.: Waive the Daily Additional Vehicle Fee at Regional Parks Campgrounds for Persons with Disabilities

6. Committee Business

6.1. [26-0246](#) Waive the Daily Additional Vehicle Fee at Regional Parks Campgrounds for Persons with Disabilities

Recommendation: The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
1. That staff report back with amendments to Bylaw No. 3675, "Capital Regional District Regional Parks Services and Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 2010" to eliminate the additional vehicle charge for people with disabilities at CRD Regional Park campgrounds; and
2. That staff collaborate with the T'Sou-ke First Nation to identify feasible options for implementing the program at Spring Salmon Place Campground in Sooke Potholes Regional Park

Attachments: [Staff Report: Waive Vehicle Fees at RP CampGrds for PwD](#)

6.2. [26-0281](#) Enhanced Visitor Information by using the Google Maps Street View Platform

Recommendation: There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

Attachments: [Staff Report: Enhanced Visitor Info using Google Maps Street View](#)
 [Presentation: Google Street View Accessibility Information](#)

7. Notice(s) of Motion

8. New Business

9. Adjournment

The next meeting is April 22, 2026.

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

9:30 AM

**6th Floor Boardroom
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Victoria, BC V8W 1R7**

PRESENT

Directors: J. Brownoff (Chair), C. Coleman, S. Goodmanson (9:39 am), G. Holman (EP), M. Tait (EP), M. Wagner (for L. Szpak) (EP), K. Williams (EP), R. Windsor (EP), C. McNeil-Smith (Board Chair, ex officio)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Jones, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Environmental Services; M. MacIntyre, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; N. Elliott, Manager, Parks Planning and Development, Regional Parks; J. Mooney, Manager, Park Operations, Regional Parks; M. Miklea, Manager, Legislative Services; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: L. Szpak (Vice Chair), S. Tobias

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Coleman provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Coleman, SECONDED by Director McNeil-Smith,
That the agenda for the Regional Parks Committee meeting of February 25, 2026
be approved.
CARRIED**

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [26-0214](#) Minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of January 28, 2026

**MOVED by Director Coleman, SECONDED by Director McNeil-Smith,
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of January 28, 2026
be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED**

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Brownoff noted it was Pink Shirt Day and thanked those who wore pink.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [26-0200](#) Feasibility of Reconstructing the Marine Access Ramp at Island View Beach Regional Park

L. Jones and N. Elliott presented Item 6.1. for information.

Discussion ensued on the regional park boundaries and zoned land use.

6.2. [26-0154](#) Regional Parks Trail Repair Program Update

L. Jones and J. Mooney presented Item 6.2. for information.

Director Goodmanson joined the meeting in person at 9:39 am.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- park management plans, interests and prioritization of trail uses
- volunteer programs, plans and park stewards
- erosion, design, and usage of trails
- trail types and education surrounding difficulty levels of trails
- trail repair timelines and signage
- climate change and rainstorm implications
- accessibility grant programs

Director Windsor left the meeting at 9:59 am.

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Coleman, SECONDED by Director Goodmanson,
That the Regional Parks Committee meeting of February 25, 2026 be adjourned
at 10:29 am.
CARRIED**

CHAIR

RECORDER



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REPORT TO REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026

SUBJECT **Waive the Daily Additional Vehicle Fee at Regional Parks Campgrounds for Persons with Disabilities**

ISSUE SUMMARY

Capital Regional District (CRD) staff seek approval to improve accessibility to CRD Regional Parks campgrounds by waiving the additional nightly vehicle fee for persons with disabilities who require a second accessible vehicle.

BACKGROUND

At the May 20, 2025, CRD Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting, the following Motion with Notice was carried:

That the CRD Parks waive parking fees for people with disabilities where they require an extra accessible vehicle, similar to BC Parks parking policy.

This motion was carried at the July 9, 2025, CRD Board meeting, with direction that staff report back on the implications of waiving parking fees for persons with disabilities who require an extra accessible vehicle.

Following clarification with the AAC, staff understand that this motion relates primarily to the additional vehicle fee at CRD Regional Parks campgrounds. The CRD currently owns three frontcountry campgrounds: Jordan River Regional Park (year-round, first-come, first-served, with a self-pay vault); Spring Salmon Place (KWL-UCHUN) (seasonal, operated by the T'Sou-ke First Nation, first-come, first-served, with fees collected by T'Sou-ke staff); and Island View Beach Regional Park (seasonal, online reservations, additional fees collected by CRD staff and a self-pay vault). These campgrounds provide 137 sites: 101 RV/tent sites and 36 tent-only sites. Campground fees are \$25 per night, with a \$10 per night charge for an additional vehicle. The intent is to waive the \$10 per night additional vehicle fee for disability-related accessibility needs.

BC Parks does not charge parking fees at provincial parks. The program referenced in the initial AAC motion is the BC Parks Social Services Camping Fee Exemption Program, which waives the camping fee for persons with disabilities who receive income assistance, aside from a \$6 transaction fee. Eligibility is based on participation in an income-support program. BC Parks has noted that the program has administrative challenges for both staff and applicants.

Within CRD Regional Parks, paid parking is in effect at Thetis Lake Regional Park and Sooke Potholes Regional Park from May 1 to September 30. Parking costs \$2 for two hours or \$4 for the day. Since 2024, parking for people with a valid parking permit for persons with disabilities has been free when they are parked in a designated accessible parking space.

If the recommendation is adopted by the CRD Board, staff will proceed to work through the necessary bylaw updates to remove the \$10 parking fee for additional vehicles required by campground users with disability-related accessibility needs.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That staff report back with amendments to Bylaw No. 3675, "Capital Regional District Regional Parks Services and Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 2010" to eliminate the additional vehicle charge for people with disabilities at CRD Regional Park campgrounds; and
2. That staff collaborate with the T'Sou-ke First Nation to identify feasible options for implementing the program at Spring Salmon Place Campground in Sooke Potholes Regional Park.

Alternative 2

That this report be referred back to staff with alternative direction.

IMPLICATIONS

Alignment with Existing Plans & Strategies

Goal 5 of the Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan 2022-2032 focuses on making regional parks and trails inclusive and accessible. Additionally, Goal 1 of the 2024 CRD Accessibility Plan aims to improve physical accessibility of CRD facilities and services, ensuring persons with disabilities can access, participate in, and gain employment with the CRD.

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Implications

The CRD Accessibility Advisory Committee, an advisory committee of the CRD Governance Committee created under the *Accessible British Columbia Act*, was established to provide recommendations on reducing barriers across CRD policies, programs, services, infrastructure, and outdoor spaces. Recommendations, such as the one being considered in this report, are grounded in lived experiences.

Financial Implications

Camping opportunities within regional parks are a subsidized recreational activity, with annual operating costs exceeding revenue. Revenue and operating costs vary by campground due to differing service delivery and operation models. In 2025, 68 additional vehicle bookings were made at the Island View Beach Campground, generating revenue of \$680. Data on the number of second vehicles with a persons with disabilities designation was not collected; however, staff reasonably estimate that approximately 10–20% of these vehicles may have carried this designation. Implementing a program to waive the additional vehicle charge for persons with disabilities may result in a small reduction in annual campground revenue. System-wide, implementation of this program should result in less than \$1,000 in lost revenue.

First Nations Implications

Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan 2022-2032 identifies Priority Action 1-2d—Support business relations with First Nations that provide value-added and compatible services in regional parks and regional trails, such as campground operations.

The Spring Salmon Place (KWL-UCHUN) campground in Sooke Potholes Regional Park is operated on a first-come, first-served basis by the T'Sou-ke First Nation under an operating agreement. Implementation at this location will require collaboration with the Nation to assess operational and revenue implications. To ensure fulsome collaboration with the T'Sou-ke First Nation, if deemed feasible, this program would not be implemented prior to May 2027 at the Spring Salmon Place campground.

Service Delivery Implications

Should the CRD Board endorse the recommendations in this report, staff are prepared to implement the changes for the 2026 camping season at Island View Beach and Jordan River campgrounds. This work would include updating public information (e.g., park signage, park webpages, and self-administered camping permits, etc.) and training staff responsible for ensuring that those receiving the waived fee have a valid parking permit for people with disabilities.

CONCLUSION

At the July 9, 2025, CRD Board meeting, CRD staff were asked to report back on the implications of waiving parking fees for people with disabilities who require an extra accessible vehicle. Staff researched the BC Parks program and identified a feasible option for CRD campgrounds that will not have a significant revenue impact. Staff are seeking Board approval to implement a program to waive the \$10 additional vehicle fee for people with disabilities at CRD campgrounds. Once Board approval has been obtained, staff will work towards implementing the changes for the 2026 camping season.

RECOMMENDATION

The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That staff report back with amendments to Bylaw No. 3675, "Capital Regional District Regional Parks Services and Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 2010" to eliminate the additional vehicle charge for people with disabilities at CRD Regional Park campgrounds; and
2. That staff collaborate with the T'Sou-ke First Nation to identify feasible options for implementing the program at Spring Salmon Place Campground in Sooke Potholes Regional Park.

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Concurrence:	Luisa Jones, MBA, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Environmental Services
Concurrence:	Kristen Morley, J.D., Corporate Officer & General Manager, Corporate Services
Concurrence:	Ted Robbins, B. Sc., C. Tech., Chief Administrative Officer



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REPORT TO REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026

SUBJECT Enhanced Visitor Information by using the Google Maps Street View Platform

ISSUE SUMMARY

To provide the Regional Parks Committee with information on the use of Google Maps Street View to enhance accessibility and inclusion in Capital Regional District's (CRD) regional parks.

BACKGROUND

One of the main barriers for people with disabilities in using regional parks is the availability of detailed accessibility information. A national survey, conducted in 2023, identified that for people with disabilities, a lack of information was the single largest barrier to accessing trails and that details such as trail width, slope, and surface are critical for potential park visitors.

Building on the successful *CRD User-Friendly Trail Guide*, staff developed accessibility information resources in 2023 for four high-visitation regional parks: Thetis Lake, Elk/Beaver Lake, Francis/King, and Island View Beach. Recognizing the importance of providing information, staff have been working with several popular third-party websites and applications to share key information with park visitors.

Google Maps Street View is a widely used, free, and familiar feature of Google Maps that allows park visitors to preview terrain and facilities on desktop and mobile devices. Within a regional park context, Street View enables users to visually explore the overall terrain, facilities, and trails, which supports the critical planning phase of the visitor experience. Although Street View is not a source of comprehensive accessibility information, it enhances the range of details available to potential visitors and enables them to make more informed decisions aligned with their abilities and the physical characteristics of a location.

In 2025, staff used a 360° camera to capture Google Maps Street View imagery for 13 parking lots and day-use areas and approximately 20 km of park trails within eight regional parks (shown in Table 1). This imagery is now live and publicly accessible on Google Maps Street View. Regional parks were prioritized based on visitation, existing accessibility features, and the presence of user-friendly trails identified in the 2013 *CRD User-Friendly Trail Guide*. All imagery was captured in public outdoor spaces, and Google applies its standard privacy protections, including automatic blurring of faces and license plates. No personal information is collected or retained by the CRD as part of this process. Street View links for regional parks can be found on the CRD website <https://www.crd.ca/parks-recreation/regional-parks-trails/park-usage-and-rules/accessibility-regional-parks-and-trails>.

Table 1: Regional Park locations available on Google Maps Street View

Regional Park	Parking Lots, Day-Use Areas & Features	Trails
Coles Bay	Parking lot Day-use area	Nature Trail & Beach Trail
East Sooke	Aylard Farm: Parking lot Day-use area Pike Road: Parking lot	Creyke Point Trail Pike Road Trail
Elk/Beaver Lake	Beaver Beach Eagle Beach Filter Beds Fishing dock Hamsterly Beach Boat Launch Waterski Beach	10 km Trail
Francis/King	Parking lot & day-use area	Elsie King Trail
Island View Beach	Parking lot Day-use area	Coast Loop Trail
Mount Work	Durrance Lake: Parking lot Day-use area Fishing dock	Durrance Lake Trail (north of Durrance Lake)
Thetis Lake	Main Beach: Parking lot Day-use area	
Witty's Lagoon	Tower Point: Parking lot Day-use area	Tower Point accessible Trails Teaching Shelter access Trail

Continuing into summer 2026, staff will expand the Google Maps Street View imagery to include the parking lots, day-use areas and key trails within Sooke Potholes, Matheson Lake and Jordan River regional parks. In addition, staff are developing detailed accessibility information documents for Coles Bay, Jordan River, Matheson Lake, Sooke Potholes and Witty's Lagoon regional parks.

IMPLICATIONS

Social Implications

Outdoor recreation opportunities in regional parks contribute significantly to physical, mental, and emotional well-being, enhancing happiness and overall quality of life for those who can access them. However, many people face barriers—physical, environmental, social, and systemic—that limit their ability to experience and enjoy these spaces. The CRD is committed to identifying and reducing these barriers and to actively advancing a more inclusive and accessible regional parks system for all community members.

Alignment with Existing Plans & Strategies

Goal 5 of the CRD Board-approved Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan 2022-2032 identifies: *Regional parks and regional trails are inclusive and accessible*. The provision of detailed information about the accessibility of regional parks supports individuals to make informed choices before they arrive at a park. Although physical barriers exist in regional parks, providing detailed information about those barriers addresses a key issue identified by people with disabilities and supports their ability to confidently visit regional parks.

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

Statistics Canada estimated that in 2018, 20.5% of BC's population aged 15-64 were living with one or more disabilities and that 41.7% of BC adults aged 65+ were living with disabilities. Based on current population statistics and projections, staff estimate that there may be up to 95,000 people aged 15 years or older in the CRD living with one or more disabilities.

Service Delivery Implications

With 34 regional parks in the system, a phased approach is essential to guide the development of additional information and the collection of Google Maps Street View imagery. Parks with high visitation, existing accessible features, or favorable topography have been prioritized in the initial phase. As the project advances, additional parks and trails will be identified using this same criteria-based approach. All work is being completed with existing staff resources and budgets, and no additional funding is currently required.

CONCLUSION

CRD staff are undertaking several projects to improve the information available to park visitors and helping to reduce barriers faced by people with disabilities in accessing regional parks. Enabling Google Map Street View in regional parks allows the public to visualize the terrain and environment before arriving at these parks and supports informed decision making based on personal abilities and desired experiences. This initiative complements the CRD's broader accessibility work and strengthens the availability of information that supports inclusive access to regional parks.

RECOMMENDATION

There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

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ATTACHMENT

Presentation: Regional Parks Google Street View Accessibility Information

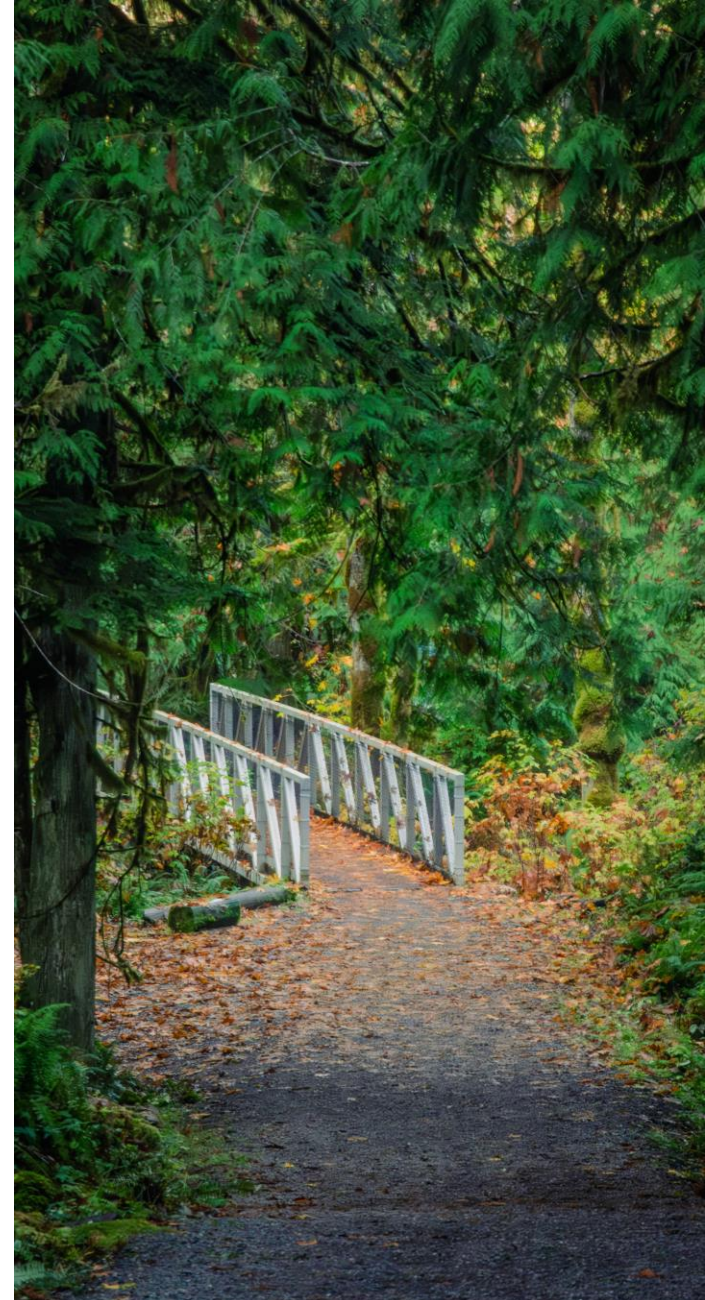
The background of the slide is a photograph of a park beach. In the foreground, there is a sandy beach with some people and equipment. In the middle ground, there is a body of water, possibly a lake or a large pond, with a fence along the edge. In the background, there are many tall, green trees under a clear blue sky. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

Regional Parks Google Street View Accessibility Information

Regional Parks Committee
March 25, 2026

Agenda

1. Background
2. What is Google Maps Street View?
3. How will this help visitors?
4. How did we do it?
5. What's next?
6. Examples



Background

- It is estimated that approximately one fifth of the population between 15 and 64 is living with one or more disabilities.
- A significant barrier that prevents people with disabilities from accessing regional parks is a lack of detailed information about the trails, terrain and facilities.



Background

- Detailed accessibility information is available on the CRD website for four regional parks.
- Staff are working with available third-party platforms to share detailed information. One of these platforms is Google Maps Street View.

Accessibility Information

Below is an outline of what to expect with regards to accessibility. View the image slideshow below, or download the [Website Accessibility Info Guide \[PDF/1.8MB\]](#) (PDF Screen reader friendly).

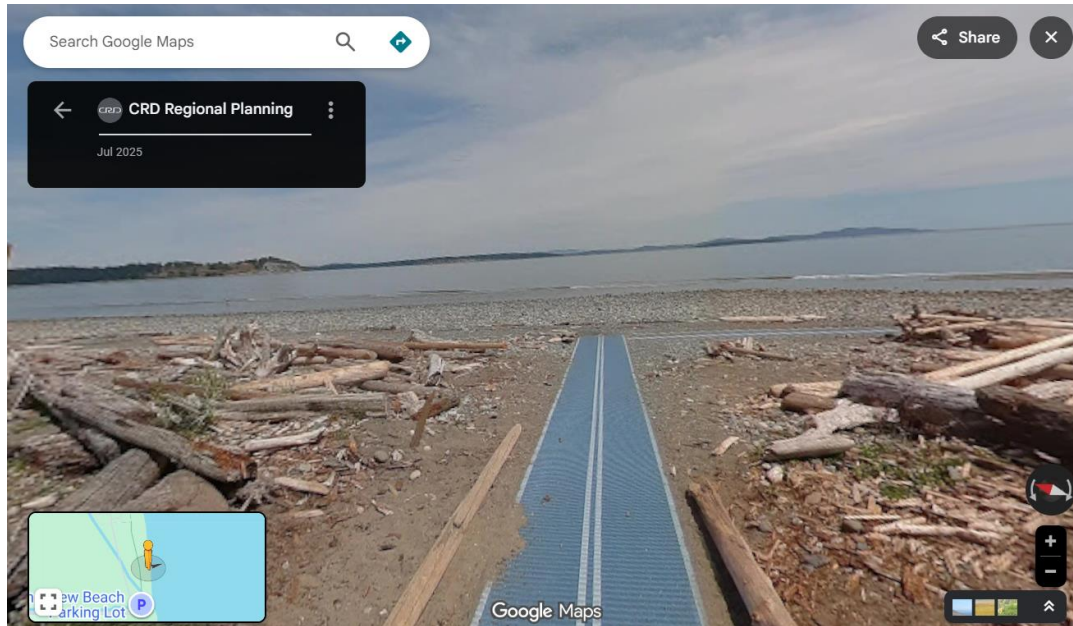


Parking Stalls

Two accessible parking stalls are located at West Beach. The surfacing of these stalls is asphalt.



What is Google Maps Street View?



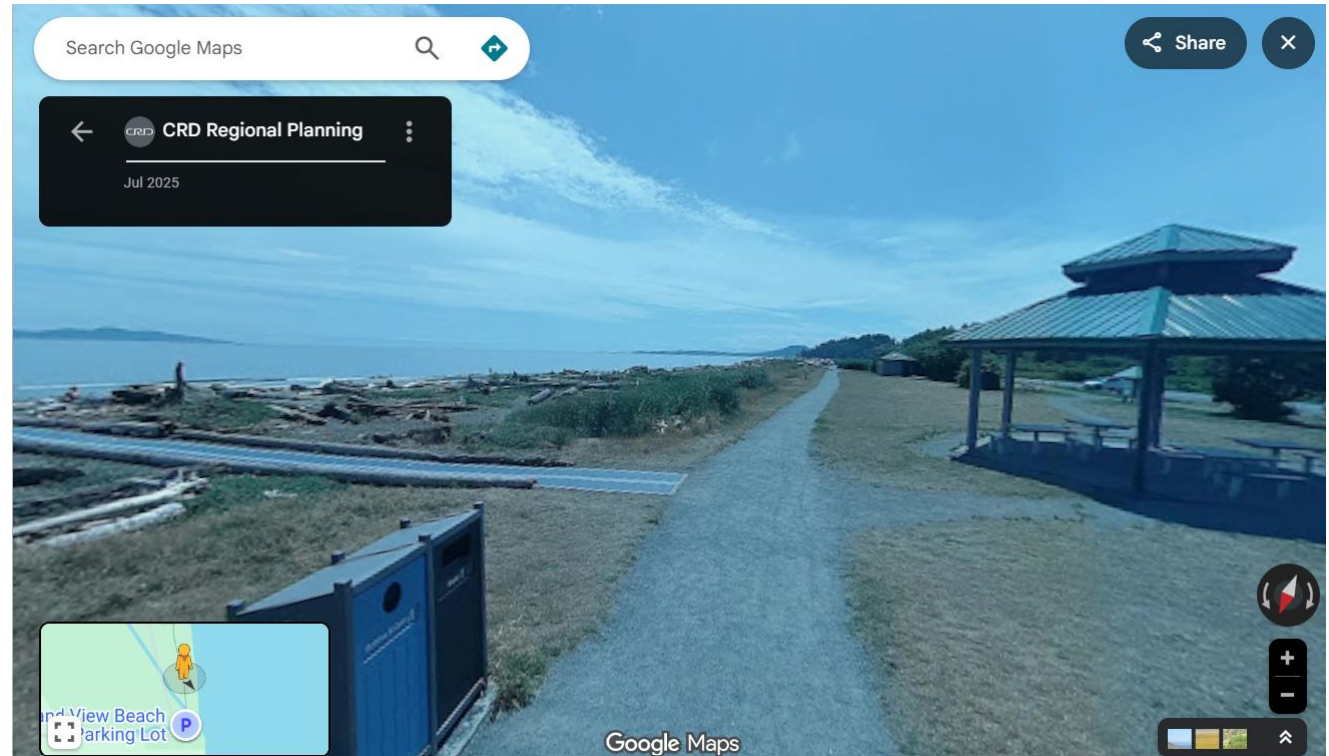
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Bringing your map to life, one
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Street View stitches together billions of panoramic images to provide a virtual representation of our surroundings on Google Maps. Street View's content comes from two sources - Google and contributors. Through our collective efforts, we enable people everywhere to virtually explore the world.

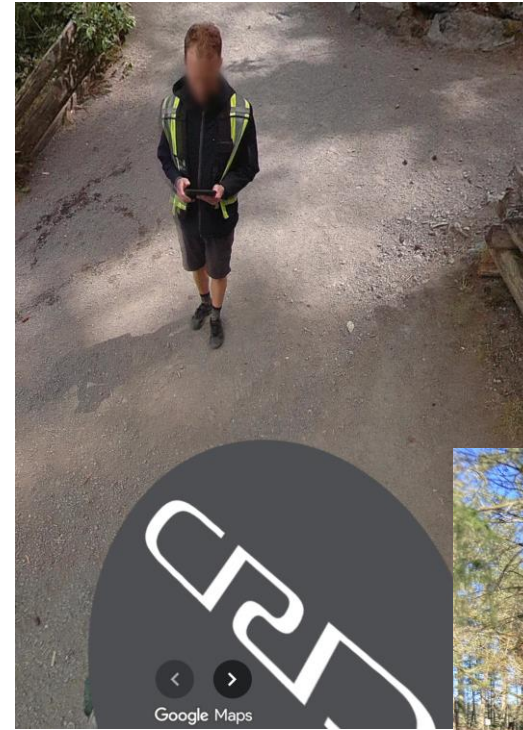
How will this help visitors?

- Street View imagery allows visitors to visualize the overall terrain, facilities and trails.
- It also allows visitors to make informed decisions based on their own abilities.



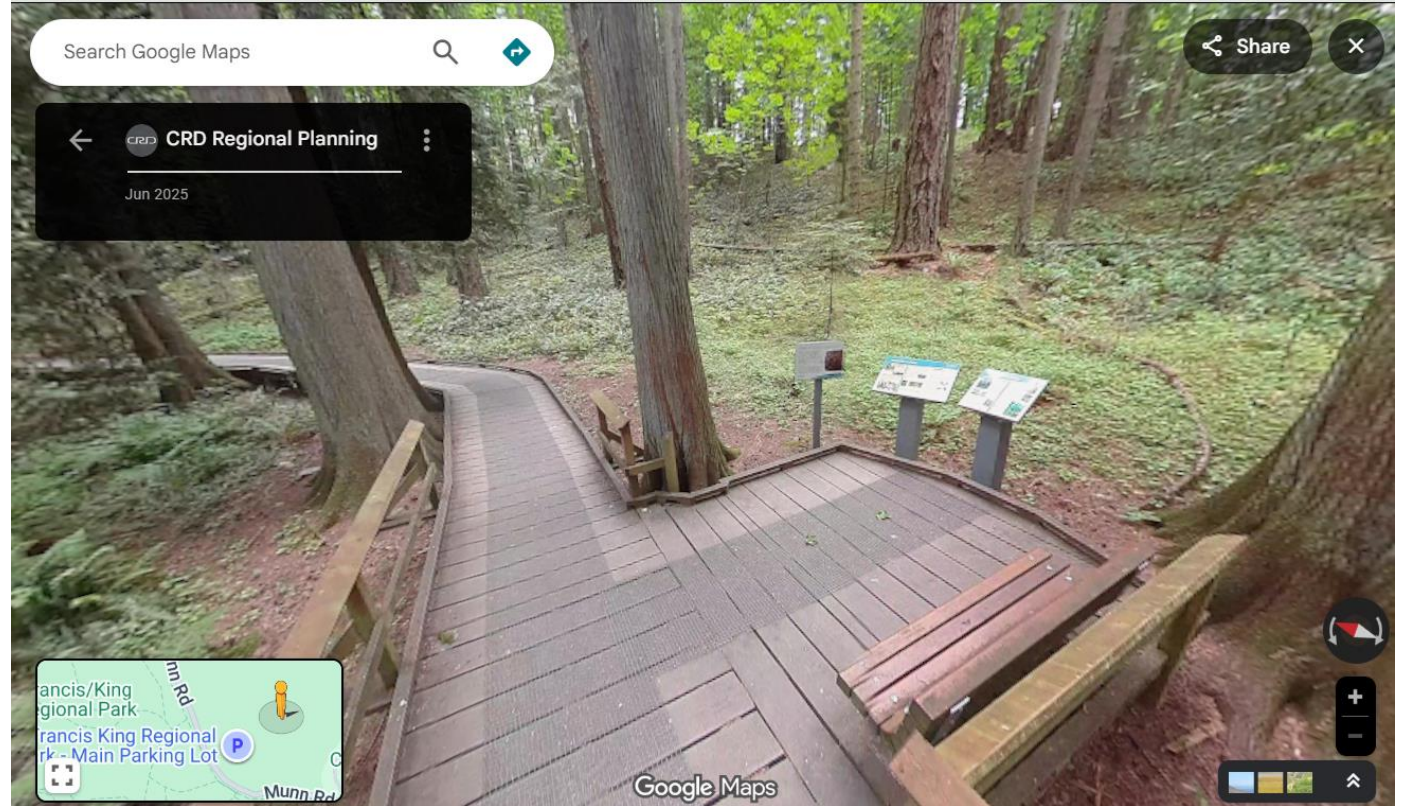
How did we do it?

- Street View imagery is captured using a 360° camera. The images are stitched together by Google to create a virtual representation of the surroundings.
- So far, the following has been added to Street View:
 - ✓ 14 parking lots and day use areas
 - ✓ 20 km of park trails
 - ✓ 8 regional parks
- Regional parks were selected based on visitation and the current accessible or user-friendly opportunities.

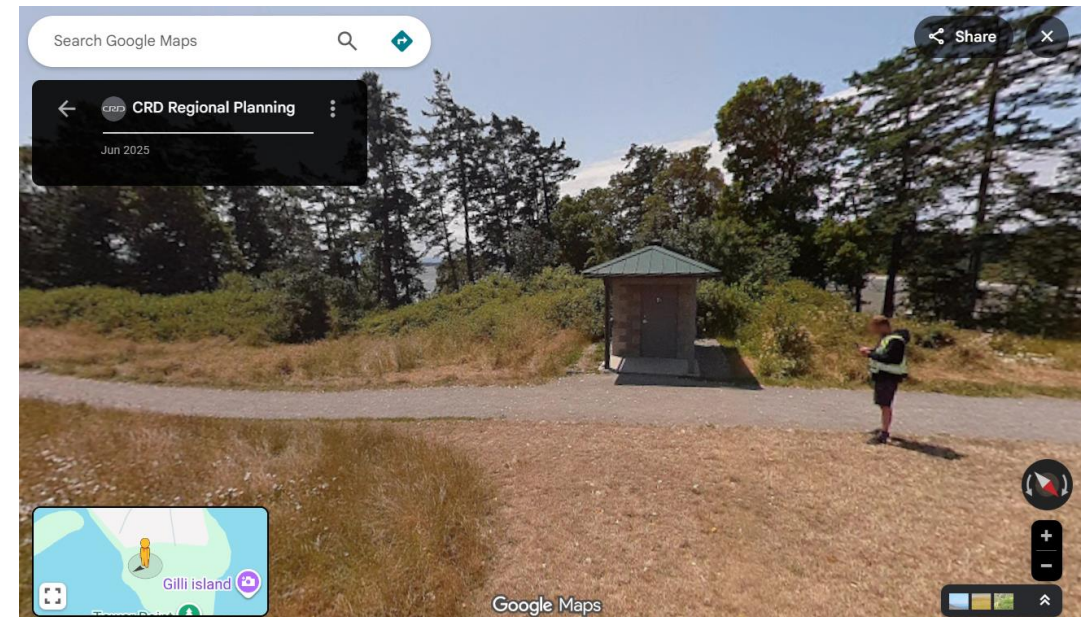
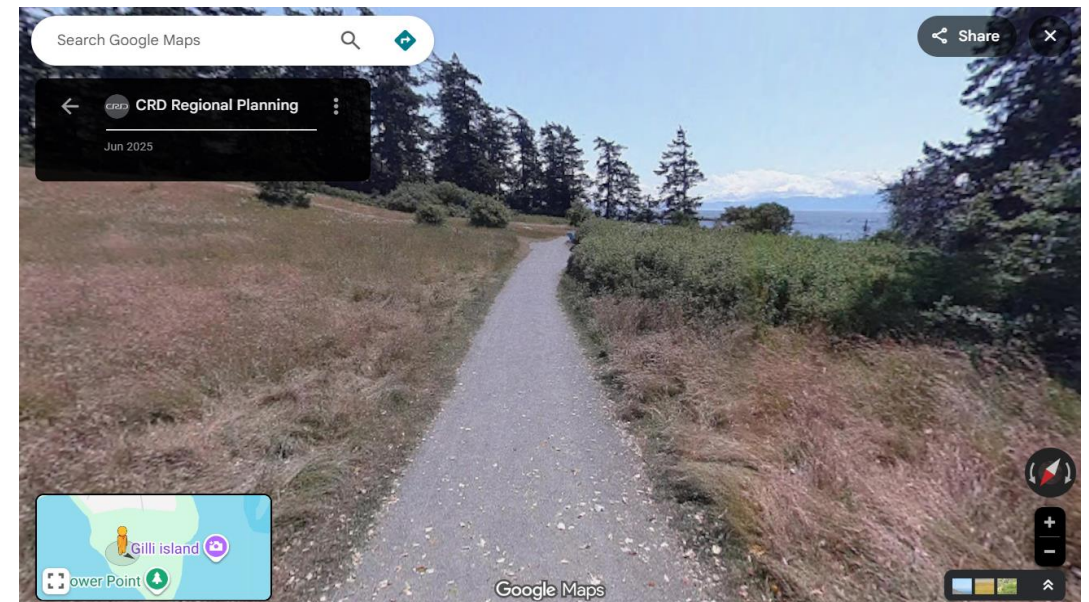
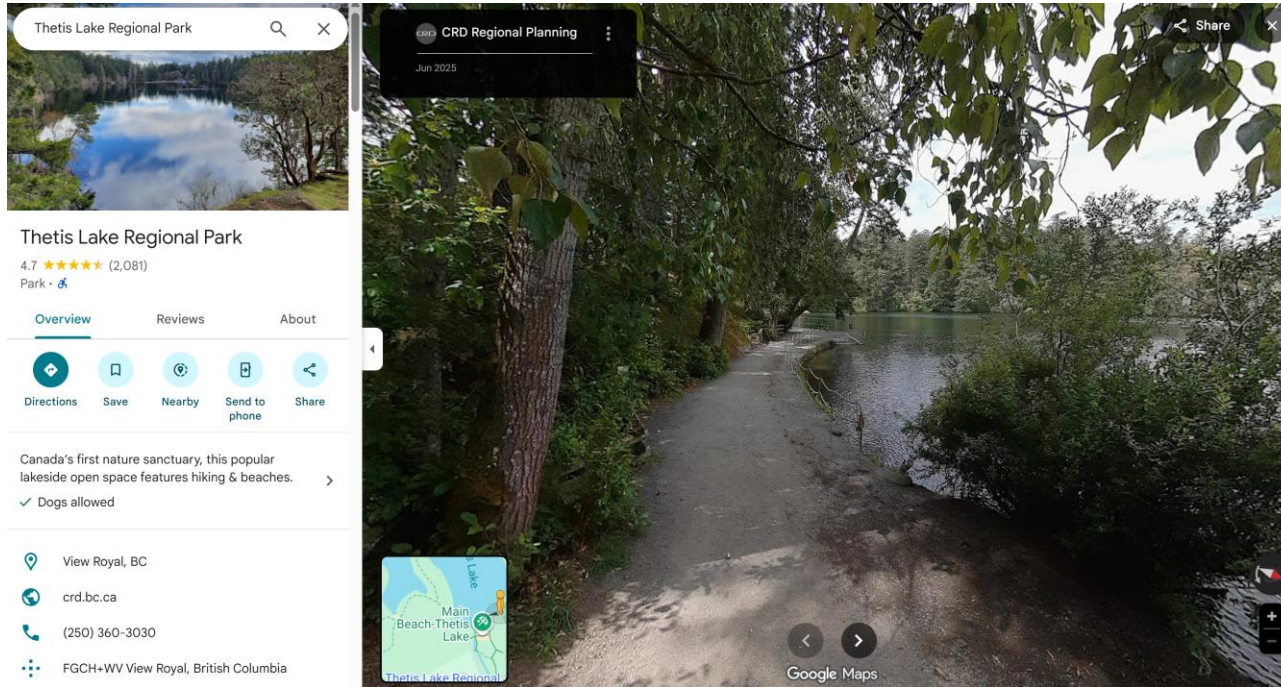


What's next?

- Throughout 2026, imagery from additional regional parks will be captured for Google Maps Street View.
- In addition, staff will also add new detailed accessibility information online for several more regional parks.



Examples:





Questions?



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