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You are receiving this email because you have indicated you are interested in learning more about Metro Vancouver's plans to preserve a forested and waterfront landscape at Cape Roger Curtis on Bowen Island as a new regional park.

We Are Looking Forward to Engaging with You!

Metro Vancouver is committed to meaningful engagement during park planning and development.

The park would preserve a large area of ecologically important and sensitive dry coastal bluff ecosystem and provide opportunities for local and regional residents to connect with nature. The proposed 97-hectare park would include day-use picnic areas, trails, viewpoints, access to the beach, and overnight tent camping areas.

We are planning a three-phase public engagement process to inform the park design, management, and the Bowen Island Municipality rezoning process.

Engagement Timeline

First Phase of Engagement

Winter/Spring 2023

Listen & Learn

Second Phase of Engagement

Spring/Summer 2023

Draft Design

Final Phase of Engagement

Fall 2023

Final Proposed Design

Plan Approvals

Fall 2023

Early FAQ

Leading up to our first phase of engagement, we are gathering questions and interests of residents like you and adding information to the [project webpage](#).

While many things will develop over the course of the next year, we have provided responses below to some of your most commonly asked questions.

How will the park be managed?

Metro Vancouver would manage the land with park staff, patrols, bylaw enforcement, fire and emergency planning and

resources, and natural resource specialists to manage the area so as to conserve natural values while providing opportunities for people to connect with nature.

How will the risk of forest fires be managed?

Open campfires will not be permitted at the park. All Metro Vancouver Regional Parks have a Fire Preparedness and Response Plan in place to manage wildfire risk.

How will camping at the site be managed?

Camping would be supervised and bylaws that apply in Metro Vancouver regional parks, including around dogs and campfires, would be enforced. Providing supervised, legal campsites would prevent illegal camping, which is already taking place on the island and poses safety and fire hazards.

Will land be disturbed to create campsites?

Proposed camping areas would occupy land that is already cleared and serviced, and disturbed areas that are in excess of Metro Vancouver's needs for camping would be restored.

How will this affect traffic on Bowen island?

Park access would focus on active transportation, including development of the cross-island greenway, public transit, and a possible shuttle service. A detailed traffic study will inform park design and management.

About the Project

Metro Vancouver plans to preserve 97 hectares of forested and waterfront property at Cape Roger Curtis on Bowen Island as a new regional park. The park would preserve a large area of ecologically important and sensitive dry coastal bluff ecosystem and provide opportunities for residents of the region and the Bowen Island community to connect with nature.

The park would include day-use picnic areas, trails, viewpoints, access to the beach, and overnight camping areas. The project initiated in August 2022 and will go through three phases of public engagement.

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