



Phase Two: Inventory

**Parks, Natural Areas, Trails
& Playing Fields**



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About the BCRPA

The British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association is a not for profit organization dedicated to building and sustaining active healthy lifestyles and communities in BC. Established in 1958, the Association is a central resource agency for members and stakeholders of the parks, recreation, physical activity and culture industry, providing leadership, training and support to help meet national, provincial and local priorities. Through a diverse network of partners and extensive programs and services, BCRPA actively advocates accessibility and inclusiveness to recreation and physical activity and strives to help integrate sport and recreation opportunities.

Our Vision

The recreation, parks and culture sector is an essential partner for building healthy individuals and communities, as well as fostering economic and environmental sustainability.

Our Mission

BCRPA is committed to leading the parks, recreation and culture sector in building and sustaining healthy active communities, including fostering economic and environmental sustainability. We inspire and support community leaders and practitioners through advocacy, communication, education, resources and other services.

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Executive Summary

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This section of the report provides a summary of the key aspects of phase two of the facility inventory study process and database.

1.1 Background

The scope of the study was to produce an inventory, in the form of a database, of four types of outdoor community recreation infrastructure owned and/or operated by local municipalities in British Columbia. This work is the second phase of a multi-phase project intended to provide accurate information on the state of community recreation facility infrastructure throughout the province.

Project Objectives:

- 1 To provide assistance to communities throughout British Columbia in evaluating the status of their recreation infrastructure
- 2 To provide guidance and information to these communities related to the upgrading, maintenance or replacement of existing their recreation infrastructure
- 3 To ensure that British Columbians have access to the facilities they need in order to live healthy, active lifestyles.

1.2 Key Findings

In total, 185 surveys were distributed and an 88% response rate was achieved. From this data, a total of 414 facilities were identified and incorporated into the inventory. Following is a summary of each outdoor recreation infrastructure type:

Table 1.2a

Facility Type	Total Area (hectares)	Total Length (km)
Parks	64,576	
Natural Areas	111,968	
Off-Road Trails		9,096
Total	176,544	9,096

As well, the inventory contains information pertaining to a wide variety of playing fields. Further information, and greater detail, is contained in Section 4 of this report.

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Background

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This section of the report provides background on the principles established by the project steering committee, a commentary on the benefits of recreation facilities, a discussion of the study process and methodology as well as the context of this report.

2.1 Terms of Reference

During the winter of 2004, The British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) commissioned the production of an inventory, in the form of a database, of four types of outdoor community recreation infrastructure owned and/or operated by local municipalities. This work is phase two of a multi-phase project intended to provide accurate information on the state of community recreation infrastructure throughout the province.

2.2 Project Objectives

The project objectives were as follows:

- To provide assistance to communities throughout British Columbia in evaluating the lifecycle stage of their parks and recreation infrastructure
- To provide guidance and information to these communities related to the upgrading, maintenance or replacement of existing infrastructure
- To ensure that British Columbians have access to the facilities they need in order to live healthy, active lifestyles.



Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area



2.3 Benefits of Recreation

Underlying the importance of this inventory is a firm belief in the wide ranging societal benefits provided by community recreation facilities and the corresponding need for stable and sustainable provision of these services. According to the Canadian Parks / Recreation Association, a brief summary of the benefits of recreation¹ is as follows:

- Recreation and active living are essential to personal health – a key determinant of health status.
- Recreation is a key to balanced human development – helping Canadians reach for their potential.
- Recreation and parks are essential to quality of life.
- Recreation reduces self-destructive and anti-social behavior.
- Recreation and Parks build strong families and healthy communities.
- Pay now or pay more later! Recreation reduces health care, social service, and police/justice costs.
- Recreation and parks are significant economic generators in your community.
- Parks, open spaces and natural areas are essential to ecological survival.

Accepting these key benefits, the importance of ensuring the long term sustainability of a healthy stock of community recreation facilities becomes clear.



¹ The Benefits Catalogue - Canadian Parks/Recreation Association, 1997

2.4 Current Context

Factors affecting the construction of new facilities as well as upgrading of existing facilities are many and widespread. However a few key industry trends are important to note. The following issues all have contributed to the current condition of British Columbia's stock of recreation facilities as well as to the challenges faced by the industry:

- Recreation programming has shifted from structured to non-structured (i.e. user dictated). With this has come a greater emphasis on outdoor recreation.
- High usage places a significant environmental burden on outdoor infrastructure.
- The number and quality of sport playing fields is a significant community issue.
- The lack of consistent and widespread funding mechanisms for community recreation infrastructure.



White Rock, BC

2.5 Study Scope

This work summarized by this report provided an inventory of the following types of community recreation facilities:

- Parks
- Natural Areas
- Off-Road Trails
- Playing Fields



Como Lake Park, Coquitlam

Test Survey Participants:

- City of Abbotsford
- City of Prince George
- City of Fernie
- City of Colwood
- City of Terrace
- District of Chetwynd
- District of Tumbler Ridge
- District of West Vancouver
- Town of Creston
- Resort Municipality of Whistler
- Village of Kaslo

2.6 Study Process

The process utilized to compile the facility inventory involved a detailed two stage survey. The first stage of this process was the creation and distribution of a test survey. The test survey was distributed to a cross section of communities with the intent of testing the effectiveness of the questions and the resultant data. Based upon input received during the test survey process, a final survey was produced. It was during this phase that the inventory database was developed and tested.

The second stage survey involved distributing the final survey to all municipalities and Regional Districts in British Columbia. Data from the completed surveys was then added into the inventory database (compiled in MS Access format).

The survey methodology relied upon self-reporting by organization and accordingly the data was not verified. In situations where organizations did not have or maintain the information requested, the corresponding section of the database was left blank.



Darts Hill, Surrey

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Parks and Natural Areas

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The assumptions governing the inventory for Parks and Natural Areas differ from that utilized in other phases of the study. It was determined that specific facility based information, as was gathered during phase one, would not be practical nor relevant for future analysis. Instead, it was decided to compile data on each organizations system of outdoor recreation infrastructure. For this reason, the data contained in the inventory is somewhat different from that for phase one. Furthermore, it was decided that questions on maintenance budgets were relevant for the challenges facing this sector of the recreation industry.



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The results of the survey have been consolidated into a facility inventory database. Using this data, a variety of analyses are possible. This section of the report highlights some of the key findings of the survey.

4.1 Study Participants

In total, 185 surveys were distributed and an 88% response rate was achieved. In cases where the surveys were returned incomplete, the survey participant was contacted by telephone in order to obtain the missing information. A list of survey participants is contained in the Appendix.

The following table provides a summary of the types of organizations surveyed as well as the response rate.

Table 4.1

Type of Organization	Surveys Issued	Surveys Complete	% Completed
Municipality	145	132	91
Regional District	36	28	78
Other	4	2	50
Total	185	162	88%

Detailed data was gathered for outdoor recreation infrastructure where the surveyed organizations own, operate or provide services to their communities through the use of some form of long term agreement.



Vedder Trail, Chilliwack

4.2 Facility Type Summary

The following table summarizes the total number of outdoor recreation infrastructure of each of the four facility types included in the survey.

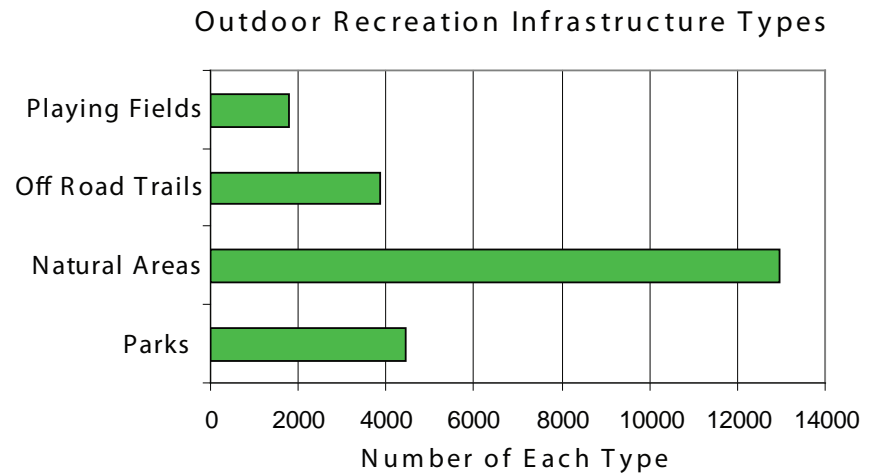
Table 4.2a

Facility Type	Total Number
Parks	4,458
Natural Areas	12,951
Off Road Trails	3,874
Playing Fields	1,767
Total	23,050

These totals include all infrastructure that is either municipally owned, operated as well as that which is not municipally owned but where services are provided on the basis of a long term operating agreement.

The following summarizes the total number of each facility type.

Figure 4.2b





4.3 Facility Size Summary

The following table summarizes the approximate total magnitude of each of the four outdoor recreation infrastructure types included in the survey.

Table 4.3

Facility Type	Total Area (hectares)	Total Length (km)
Parks	64,576	
Natural Areas	111,968	
Off Road Trails	n/a	9,096
Playing Fields	n/a	n/a
Total	176,544	9,096

4.4 Maintenance Budgets

Survey participants were asked to identify their yearly maintenance budgets for parks, natural areas, trails and playing fields. Of the 162 respondents, 113 provided data on this. The total value of the reported maintenance budgets was over \$109,500,000.

Of the 143 respondents who answered the question, 50 indicated that they had adequate funding to maintain their outdoor recreation infrastructure while 93 felt that they did not have adequate funding. Survey participants were then asked to provide greater detail on a series of budget items and in particular to comment on whether or not they have particular budgets for the following items.

Table 4.4a

Budget Items	Have Annual Budget	Do not have Annual Budget
Parks Acquisition	54	76
Parks Development	76	51
Capital Renewal of Facilities	69	55
Maintenance	126	5

Respondents were then asked to comment on whether or not these budget items have increased or decreased over the past five years.

Table 4.4b

Budget Items	Increased	Decreased	Stayed the Same
Parks Acquisition	30	1	30
Parks Development	44	3	34
Capital Renewal of Facilities	38	8	29
Maintenance	69	8	51

4.5 User Satisfaction

Survey participants were asked to identify if their organization has conducted a user satisfaction survey in the past five years. Of the 145 organizations that responded to this question, 48 indicated that they had conducted a user satisfaction survey, while 97 did not.

4.6 Facility Usage

Survey participants were asked to identify if their organization has collected data on usage of their outdoor recreation infrastructure. Of the 142 organizations that responded to this question, 26 indicated that they had collected usage data, while 116 did not.

4.7 Accessibility

In many cases, outdoor recreation infrastructure presents challenges for people with physical mobility, visual impairment and hearing impairment disabilities. Survey participants were asked to subjectively rate their infrastructure in terms of access for users. The results of this are summarized in the following tables.

Table 4.7a – Accessibility for Users

Facility Type	Poor	Good	Very Good
Parks	50	83	11
Natural Areas	72	51	2
Off Road Trails	66	56	3
Playing Fields	37	86	9
Total	225	276	25
Percentage	43%	52%	5%

Although not the result of detailed facility analysis, this data indicates that there are a significant amount of outdoor recreation infrastructure that does not adequately provide access for community members that are physically challenged.





4.8 Parks Specific Data

Several specific questions pertaining solely to Parks were asked in the Survey. These findings are summarized below.

Number of Playgrounds that meet current CSA Standards

In many cases, existing playgrounds do not meet current CSA Standards. Survey participants were asked to provide an estimate of the percentage of their playgrounds that meet current standards. The results of this data are summarized below.

Table 4.8a – Playgrounds that meet CSA Standards

Percentage of Playgrounds that Comply	Number of Organizations
0 to 25%	21
26 to 50%	12
51 to 75%	19
76 to 100%	80

From the data, it is possible to calculate and approximate average for all of the playgrounds identified in the inventory. Based upon this calculation, for the 132 reporting organizations, approximately 72% of all playgrounds meet current CSA standards.

4.9 Off Road Trails Specific Data

Several specific questions pertaining to Off Road Trails were asked in the Survey. These finding are summarized below.

Off Road Trail Surface

Survey participants were asked to provide data on the various types of trails surfaces. The results of this data are compiled and summarized below.

Table 4.9a – Summary of Off Road Trail Surfaces

Surface	Total Length (km)
Paved	415
Gravel	1,145
Wood Chips	383
Native Soil	1,566
Other	219
Total	3,728



User Specific Trails

Survey participants were asked to identify the length of user specific trails in their inventory. The results of this data are compiled and summarized below.

Table 4.9b – User Specific Trails

Use	Total Length (km)
Multi-use	2,212
Walking / Hiking	492
Bicycle	231
Off-Leash Dogs	72
Horse	61
Other	1
Total	3,069

Note that in both of the above tables, the total length is much less than the combined total identified previously. This is due to many respondents not providing detail on the types and surfaces in their inventories. However, the above tables do provide an indication of the relative proportion of trail types.

4.10 Playing Fields Specific Data

Several specific questions pertaining to Playing Fields were asked in the Survey. These findings are summarized below.

Types of Playing Fields

Survey participants were asked to summarize the types of playing fields in their inventory. The total number of each type of playing field identified in the inventory is summarized below.

Table 4.10a – Summary of Playing Field Types

Surface	Total Number
Baseball Diamonds	693
Softball Diamonds	1,127
Soccer Pitches	1,180
Football / Rugby	143
Field Hockey	62
Running Track	85
Lacrosse Box	62
Ultimate	74
Lawn Bowling	49
Bocce Ball	44
Cricket	31
Other	28
Total	3,578



Baseball and Softball Diamonds

Of the 1,820 Baseball and Softball Diamonds identified in the inventory 433 are adult regulation sized and 167 of the total number are lit.

The following table summarizes the number of each type of playing surface.

Table 4.10b – Summary of Baseball and Softball Field Surfaces

Surface	Total Number
Grass	1,138
Artificial Turf	3
Gravel	239
Other	90
Total	1,470

Sport Fields

Of the 1,385 Sport Fields identified in the inventory 469 are adult regulation sized and 202 of the total number are lit.

The following table summarizes the number of each type of playing surface.

Table 4.10c – Summary of Sport Field Surfaces

Surface	Total Number
Grass	837
Artificial Turf	35
Gravel	166
Other	10
Total	1,048

Running Tracks

Of the 85 Running Tracks identified in the inventory 23 are lit.

The following table summarizes the number of each type of surface.

Table 4.10d – Summary of Running Track Surfaces

Surface	Total Number
Synthetic	32
Gravel	24
Asphalt	3
Other	15
Total	74

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This study process has resulted in the compilation of a detailed and comprehensive database summarizing outdoor municipal recreation infrastructure in the Province of British Columbia. The information contained in the inventory provides the following key benefits:

- Basis for further analysis of recreation facility infrastructure condition across the Province.
- Through future updates, the ability to track trends in facility construction and condition.
- Ability to study and compare major facility amenities
- Ability to study regional disparities in the provision of municipal recreation facility infrastructure
- Provides a framework for the comparison with other facility types, both indoor and outdoor.

5.1 Next Steps

As noted previously, the facility inventory is the second phase of a multi-phase project. The next stage, phase three, is adding four additional indoor facility types to the inventory. Subsequent stages should provide additional analysis on the data and in particular, provide comparisons between facilities types surveyed in all three completed phases of the study.

In order to protect the relevance of the data, the BCRPA will develop a database maintenance strategy which will address issues such as additions, revisions, updates and access.



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Survey

Following is a copy of the survey utilized in this study.

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INTRODUCTION

The results of this study will be added to the previously collected data on pools, ice arenas and curling rinks. The database may be expanded in the future to include other indoor as well as outdoor facilities.

The survey is set up with the following five sections:

- Part One General Questions
- Part Two Parks Questions
- Part Three Natural Areas Questions
- Part Four Off Road Trails Questions
- Part Five Playing Fields Questions

**Completed questionnaires should be faxed to 604-732-6695
Attn: Nancy Burton by September 23rd, 2005.**

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PART 1 – GENERAL QUESTIONS

1.1 Name of Organization: _____

1.2 Organization website: _____

1.3 Name and position of person filling out survey: _____

1.4 Telephone Number: (____) _____ Date: _____

1.5 Type of Organization: **(Please circle one)**

- 1) Municipality
 2) Regional District
 3) Other (please specify) _____

1.6 What is the approximate population served by your parks and outdoor facilities? _____

1.7 What is the average annual population increase/decrease over the last 5 years? _____

1.8 What is the area of your municipality? (in hectares) _____

1.9 Please indicate the type and number of each park and outdoor facility type that your organization provides: (i.e. owns, operates or provides through a long term operating agreement):

How many of this type?

- 1) City or District wide, Community or Neighbourhood Parks
 2) Natural Areas
 3) Trails (off road)
 4) Playing Fields

1.10 What is your yearly maintenance budget for parks, natural areas, trails and playing fields?
_____1.11 Do you have an annual budget for the following? **If so, indicate whether it has generally increased, decreased or stayed the same over the past five years? (Please indicate with a check mark)**

Type:	Yes	No	Increased	Decreased	Stayed the Same
1) Parks Acquisition	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2) Parks Development	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3) Capital Renewal of Facilities	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4) Maintenance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

1.12 Do you feel you have enough funding to adequately maintain your parks? **(Please circle one)** Yes / No1.13 Has your organization done a satisfaction survey in the past 5 years? **(Please circle one)** Yes / No1.14 In your new developments have you been making improvements for people with disabilities? **(Please circle one)** Yes / No1.15 Have you applied for grants? **(Please circle one)** Yes / No.1.16 Were you successful obtaining any grants? **(Please circle one)** Yes / No**END OF PART 1 OF 5**

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PART 2 – PARKS (1 page)

Please complete Part 2 providing data on your entire system of parks. If the park includes natural areas, off road trails or playing fields, please include information for those outdoor facilities on the separate Part 3, 4 or 5 forms in addition to Parks information on this Part 2 form.

2.1 Number of Parks:

2.2 Total combined area (in hectares) of Parks: _____

2.3 Do you collect data regarding **usage** in terms of visits? **(Please circle one)** Yes / No
If yes, in what form do you collect it?

2.4 Please identify the quantity of amenities that are provided in conjunction with your parks system.

Number of each type in your
system

- | | |
|---|-------|
| 1) Play Areas | _____ |
| 2) Picnic Areas | _____ |
| 3) Washrooms | _____ |
| 4) Community Gardens | _____ |
| 5) Water Park | _____ |
| 6) Youth Park (skateboard, stunt, etc.) | _____ |
| 7) Concession Stands | _____ |
| 8) Changerooms | _____ |
| 9) Tennis Courts | _____ |
| 10) Basketball/Hard Court | _____ |
| 11) Swimming Area (beach) | _____ |
| 13) Off Leash Areas | _____ |
| 14) Other _____ | _____ |

2.5 What approximate percentage of your playgrounds meet CSA Standards? ____ %

2.6 How would you rank your existing developed parks in terms of overall accessibility for people with disabilities (including such limitations as physical mobility, visual impairment, and hearing impairment) **(Please circle one)**

- 1) Poor
- 2) Good
- 3) Very good

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PART 3 – Natural Areas (1 page)

Please complete part 3 providing data on your entire system of natural areas. If the natural areas includes parks, off road trails or playing fields, please include information for those outdoor facilities on the separate Part 2, 4 or 5 forms in addition to Natural Areas information on this Part 3 form.

Using the following definition as a guide: Natural Areas often contain trails, but do not include active play and sports areas. They may also include cemeteries, dykes, etc.

3.1 Number of Natural Areas:

3.2 Total combined area (in hectares) of Natural Areas: _____

3.3 Do you collect data regarding **usage** in terms of visits? **(Please circle one)** Yes / No
If yes, in what form do you collect it?

3.4 How would you rank your existing natural areas in terms of accessibility for people with disabilities (including such limitations as physical mobility, visual impairment, and hearing impairment) **(Please circle one)**

- 1) Poor
- 2) Good
- 3) Very good

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PART 4 –OFF ROAD TRAILS (1 page)

Please complete part 4 providing data on your entire system of off road trails. If the trails include parks, natural areas or playing fields, please include information for those outdoor facilities on the separate Part 2, 3 or 5 forms in addition to Trails information on this Part 4 form.

4.1 What is your total combined length (in km) of off road trails? _____

4.2 Please indicate the combined length (in km) of each type of off road trail surface:

	<i>Length (km)</i>
1) Paved	<input type="text"/>
2) Gravel	<input type="text"/>
3) Wood Chips	<input type="text"/>
4) Native Soil	<input type="text"/>
5) Other (please specify)	<input type="text"/>
Total	<input type="text"/>

4.3 Please indicate the number of your off road trails that are user specific:

	<i>Number of Trails:</i>
1) Multi-use	<input type="text"/>
2) Walking / Hiking	<input type="text"/>
3) Bicycle	<input type="text"/>
4) Off Leash Dogs	<input type="text"/>
5) Horse	<input type="text"/>
6) Other (please specify)	<input type="text"/>
Total	<input type="text"/>

4.4 Do you collect data regarding **usage** in terms of visits? **(Please circle one)** Yes / No
If yes, in what form do you collect it?

4.5 Please identify the quantity of other amenities that are provided in conjunction with your off road trail system.

	<i>Number of each type in your system</i>
1) Washrooms	<input type="text"/>
2) Parking	<input type="text"/>
3) Picnic Areas	<input type="text"/>
4) Viewing Facility/Rest Area	<input type="text"/>
5) Interpretive Signs	<input type="text"/>
6) Directional Signs	<input type="text"/>
7) Other	<input type="text"/>

4.6 How would you rank your trail system in terms of accessibility for people with disabilities (including such limitations as physical mobility, visual impairment, and hearing impairment). **(Please circle one)**

- 1) Poor
- 2) Good
- 3) Very good

Comments: _____

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PART 5 – PLAYING FIELDS (2 pages)

Please complete part 5 providing data on your entire system of playing fields. Please include facilities located on school board property in this data. If the playing fields are associated with a park, natural areas or off road trail, please include information for those outdoor facilities on the separate Part 2, 3 or 4 forms in addition to Playing Fields information on this Part 5 form.

5.1 Please indicate the number of each type of playing field:

If an outdoor facility is used for more than one sport please indicate for each sport that uses the field.

	Number of each type in your system	Please indicate with a check mark if you charge booking fees for any of these fields
1) Baseball Diamonds	_____	_____
2) Softball Diamonds	_____	_____
3) Soccer pitches	_____	_____
4) Football / Rugby	_____	_____
5) Field Hockey	_____	_____
6) Running Track	_____	_____
7) Lacrosse Box	_____	_____
8) Ultimate	_____	_____
9) Lawn Bowling	_____	_____
10) Bocce Ball	_____	_____
11) Cricket	_____	_____
12) Other	_____	_____

5.2 Provide the following detailed information on **Baseball and Softball Diamonds**:

- 5.2.1 How many are lit? _____
- 5.2.2 Are any Adult Regulation size? Yes / No **(Please circle one)** If Yes, how many? _____
- 5.2.3 Please indicate how many of the ball diamonds are on each of the different playing surfaces
- 1) Grass _____
- 2) Artificial Turf _____
- 3) Gravel _____
- 4) Other _____ (please specify) _____

5.3 Provide the following detailed information on **Sport Fields**:

- 5.3.1 How many are lit? _____
- 5.3.2 Are any Adult Regulation size? Yes No **(Please circle one)** If Yes, how many? _____
- 5.3.3 Please indicate how many of the soccer pitches are on each of the different playing surfaces
- 1) Grass _____
- 2) Artificial Turf _____
- 3) Gravel _____
- 4) Other _____ (please specify) _____

5.4 Provide the following detailed information on **Running Tracks**:

- 5.4.1 How many are lit? _____
- 5.4.2 Please indicate how many of the Track Facilities are on each of the different playing surfaces
- 1) Synthetic _____
- 2) Gravel _____
- 3) Asphalt _____
- 4) Other _____ (please specify) _____

5.5 In what form do you collect data regarding usage?

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5.6 How would you rank your playing field system in terms of accessibility for people with disabilities (including such limitations as physical mobility, visual impairment, and hearing impairment). **(Please circle one)**

- 1) Poor
- 2) Good
- 3) Very good

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Appendix 2

Survey Participants

Following is a list of survey participants.

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
Bowen Island Municipality
Burnaby Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
Campbell River Parks & Recreation
Canal Flats Rec Commission
Capital Regional District Parks
Cariboo Regional District
Central Coast Regional District
City of Abbotsford
City of Chilliwack
City of Coquitlam
City of Courtenay
City of Cranbrook
City of Dawson Creek
City of Duncan
City of Fort St. John
City of Greenwood
City of Kamloops
City of Kelowna
City of Kimberley
City of Langford
City of Langley
City of Merritt
City of Nanaimo
City of North Vancouver
City of Parksville
City of Penticton
City of Port Alberni Parks & Recreation
City of Port Coquitlam
City of Port Moody
City of Prince George
City of Prince Rupert
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City of Revelstoke
City of Richmond
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City of Surrey
City of Terrace
City of Victoria
City of Whiterock

City of Williams Lake
Columbia Shuswap Regional District
Corporation of the District of Saanich
Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt
Corporation of the Village of McBride
Cowichan Valley Regional District
Cumberland Recreation Society
District of 100 Mile House
District of Chetwynd
District of Fort St. James
District of Highlands
District of Hope
District of Houston
District of Hudson's Hope
District of Invermere
District of Kent
District of Kitimat
District of Lake Country
District of Lantzville
District of Lillooet
District of Logan Lake
District of Mackenzie
District of Maple Ridge
District of Mission
District of New Hazelton
District of North Cowichan
District of North Vancouver - Parks
District of Peachland
District of Pitt Meadows
District of Port Edward
District of Port Hardy
District of Sechelt
District of Sicamous
District of Sooke
District of Sparwood
District of Stewart
District of Taylor
District of Tofino
District of Tumbler Ridge
District of Ucluelet - Recreation Dept.
District of Vanderhoof
District of Wells
District of West Vancouver
Fraser Valley Regional District
GVRD Parks Dept
Islands Trust
Kitimat-Stikine Regional District
Kootenay Boundary Regional District
Nelson and District Community Complex
New Westminster Parks & Recreation
Northern Rockies Regional District

Oliver Parks and Recreation Society
Peace River Regional District
Powell River Regional District
Recreation Oak Bay
Regional District Mount Waddington
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
Regional District of Central Kootenay
Regional District of Central Okanagan
Regional District of East Kootenay
Regional District of Nanaimo
Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Resort Municipality of Whistler
Sechelt Indian Government District
Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District
Slocan Valley South Regional Parks & Recreation Comm.
Squamish Lillooet Regional District
Summerland Parks and Recreation
Sunshine Coast Regional District
The Corporation of Delta
The Corporation of the District of Central Saanich
The Corporation of the District of Powell River
The Corporation of the Village of Lytton
The Corporation of the Village of Pemberton
The District of North Saanich
Thompson Nicola Regional District
Town of Comox
Town of Fort Nelson
Town of Gibsons
Town of Golden
Town of Ladysmith
Town of Lake Cowichan
Town of Osoyoos
Town of Port McNeill
Town of Princeton - Recreation Dept.
Town of Sidney
Town of View Royal
Township of Langley
Township of Spallumcheen
Vancouver Park Board
Village of Alert Bay
Village of Anmore
Village of Ashcroft
Village of Belcarra
Village of Burns Lake
Village of Cache Creek
Village of Chase
Village of Clinton
Village of Fruitvale
Village of Gold River
Village of Granisle
Village of Hazelton

Village of Kaslo
Village of Keremeos
Village of Lions Bay
Village of Lumby
Village of Masset
Village of Midway
Village of Montrose
Village of Nakusp
Village of New Denver
Village of Port Alice
Village of Port Clements
Village of Pouce Coupe
Village of Radium Hot Springs
Village of Salmo
Village of Sayward
Village of Silverton
Village of Tahsis
Village of Telkwa
Village of Warfield Recreation
Village of Zeballos

Appendix 3

Response Page

This page has been provided so that participating organizations can provide data revision information or other general comments on the facility inventory. Please fax comments to the BCRPA at (604) 629-2651.

PART 1 – ORGANIZATION

Name of Organization: _____

Organization website: _____

Name of person responding: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Date: _____

PART 2 – OUTDOOR RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE COMMENTS

Name of facility: _____

Address of facility: _____

Comments: _____

PART 3 – GENERAL COMMENTS

Comments: _____



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