



PARKS AND CIVIC LANDS

AT A GLANCE

With 7.47 hectares of parkland per thousand residents, Gibsons has well over the national average number of parks per capita.

Park assets include:

- 3 Community Parks
- 15 Neighbourhood Parks
- 2 Greenbelts
- Seawalk
- Tennis Courts
- Skate Park
- Benches
- Garbage Cans

Total parkland = 34.94 hectares

Civic lands include:

- Aquatic Centre/Curling Rink
- Charman Creek Lands
- Holland Lands & Civic Precinct*
- Public Works Yard

Total civic lands = 11.34 hectares

* Civic Precinct includes: Town Hall, Library, School District Building, Arts Building and Sunshine Coast Museum & Archives

All residents live within a 10-minute walk of park space and most live within a 5-minute walk.

COMMUNITY GOALS

- Ensure that residents and visitors of all ages and abilities have access to a variety of parklands and open spaces, including forested lands
- Designate sufficient park and open space areas to meet the long-term requirements of the community as it grows and changes
- Create a system of linked parks and trails to provide opportunities for both active and passive outdoor uses

RELIABILITY AND RISKS

As the Town grows from the 2016 level of 4,605 residents, increased demand for services will mean heightened pressure for the effective management of the Town's green spaces.

It is critical to plan the parks system in concert with growth and development, in order to ensure that the high quality of life experienced in Gibsons today remains for generations to come.



View of Armours Beach, following 2018 rehabilitation

ASSET MANAGEMENT

Operations & Maintenance

- 5 full-time staff and 3 part-time Parks staff work to maintain the Town's 28 parks and civic properties, beach accesses, trails, playing fields, playgrounds, tennis courts and natural areas
- Est. Annual Maintenance Costs: \$770,000

Planned Capital Projects

2018

- Armours Beach - improved park's accessibility and usability via terracing, landscaping, washroom upgrades and the addition of new park furnishings, trees and other plantings: \$186,000

2019

- Armours Beach - improve swimming area: \$100,000
- Parks Master Plan/Feasibility Study: \$29,000

