

**Attachment 1**  
**Proposed Amendment Bylaw No. 1540.04, 2022**

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**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO  
BYLAW NO. 1540.04**

**A BYLAW TO AMEND REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO ELECTORAL AREA 'G'  
OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW NO. 1540, 2008**

The Board of the Regional District of Nanaimo, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- A. This Bylaw may be cited as "Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Area 'G' Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1540.04, 2022".
- B. The "Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Area 'G' Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1540.04, 2022" is hereby amended as set out in Schedule 'A' of this Bylaw.
- C. By amending Map No. 4 Parkland, Greenspace, Natural Areas, Institutional, Schools, and Cultural Facilities as shown on Schedule B, which is attached to and forms part of this bylaw.
- D. By amending Map No. 8 Mobility Options as shown on Schedule C, which is attached to and forms part of this bylaw.

Introduced and read two times this 27th day of September 2022.

Considered in conjunction with the Regional District of Nanaimo Financial Plan and any applicable Waste Management Plans this 27th day of September 2022.

Public Hearing held pursuant to Section 464 of the *Local Government Act* this 23rd day of November 2022.

Read a third time this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20XX.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20XX.

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CHAIR

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CORPORATE OFFICER

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO  
BYLAW NO. 1540.04**

**Schedule 'A'**

1. "Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Area 'G' Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1540, 2022" is hereby amended as follows:
  - a) by deleting Section 9.4 Walkways, Bikeways, and Trails section and replacing with the following:

**9.4 Walkways, Bikeways, and Trails**

The Plan identifies a strategy for bicycle routes on road rights-of-way as well as a strategy for trails and a walkway network linking neighbourhoods with parks and recreational opportunities, as well as waterfront areas, community focal features, and neighbourhood centres.

***Objectives:***

1. Provide safe pedestrian, wheelchair, and bicycle trails and linkages throughout the community.
2. Link neighbourhoods to community focal features, schools, churches, shops and services, public transit, parks, greenways and the waterfront.
3. Ensure linkage to bikeways and trail systems in the City of Parksville and the Town of Qualicum Beach.
4. Provide suitable and safe trail crossings of French Creek, Englishman River, and Little Qualicum River.

***Policies:***

1. The bicycle and trail routes as illustrated on Map Nos. 4 and 8 of this Plan and the French Creek Active Transportation Plan are supported in Electoral Area 'G'. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is encouraged to provide a safe place for cycling and pedestrian passage along bicycle and trail routes that are adjacent to public roadways.
2. The priority for bicycle and trail routes will be to link neighbourhoods with parks, schools, waterfront areas, community focal features, neighbourhood centres, and mixed use areas.
3. Proposed walking and bicycle routes/trails on Map No. 8 (Mobility Options and Road Network Plan) and the French Creek Active Transportation Plan are deemed vital to Electoral Area 'G'.

Any development proposals which propose to omit the provision or construction of walking routes/trails where identified pursuant to Map No. 8 are not supported.

4. The development of a walkway adjacent to and connecting with the French Creek Bridge is supported.
5. The development of an underpass under the French Creek Bridge or other connection to facilitate cyclists and pedestrians crossing across the highway is supported.
6. The Regional District of Nanaimo will work in conjunction with the City of Parksville and the Town of Qualicum Beach to ensure that bicycle routes and trails are linked with the trails and bikeways in adjoining urban areas and are constructed to compatible standards.
7. A mixed use linear corridor connection within the Transportation Corridor (E&N Railway) is supported.
8. The establishment of bicycle stands for securing bicycles in parks and neighbourhood centres is supported.
9. A pedestrian boardwalk/walkway to provide sufficient public access along the shoreline and estuary is required for development adjacent to the French Creek Harbour and estuary. The boardwalk/walkway must be developed in an environmentally responsible way and must not have a negative impact on French Creek and the associated riparian vegetation.
10. The Regional District of Nanaimo will pursue opportunities with the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to upgrade the existing French Creek bridge pedestrian crossing to a safe and comfortable active transportation crossing.
11. Development occurring adjacent to French Creek, Englishman River, or Little Qualicum River will be subject to consideration for provisions of additional active transportation connections across these waterways.

***Advocacy Policies:***

1. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is requested to improve roadside conditions for cyclists and pedestrians during roadside maintenance and improvements, particularly on a walkway and bicycle route or part of a route connecting with the French Creek Active Transportation Network.
2. The Provincial Approving Officer is requested to require improved roadside conditions for cyclists and pedestrian at the time of subdivision, particularly on a walkway and bicycle route or part of a route connecting with the French Creek Active Transportation Network.

#### **9.4a French Creek Active Transportation Network**

As the British Columbia Active Transportation Design Guide describes, “active transportation most commonly refers to people walking or cycling, but can also include people rolling, using winter-based modes, or using water-based modes.” Active transportation can promote a more sustainable transportation network by providing safe and comfortable facilities for residents and visitors to use. In turn, the designation and construction of such facilities has implications for economic stability, community health, and greenhouse gas emissions associated with local transportation. The purpose of this section is to provide those travelling within French Creek in Electoral Area ‘G’ with enhanced provisions for future active transportation facilities throughout the community. To this effect, recommendations for appropriate objectives, policies, and implementation actions of the French Creek Active Transportation Plan are provided below and in Section 11.

##### ***Objectives:***

1. Provide active transportation facilities that are safe for all ages and abilities between French Creek neighbourhoods and community features.
2. Ensure linkage to active transportation networks in the City of Parksville and the Town of Qualicum Beach.
3. Build the active transportation network with infrastructure to improve the user experience.

##### ***Policies:***

1. The Regional District of Nanaimo will pursue opportunities with the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to provide safe and comfortable active transportation facilities adjacent to public roadways along proposed active transportation routes as illustrated on Map No. 8 of this Plan, the French Creek Active Transportation Plan, and other community trail connections identified by RDN Parks.
2. Active transportation routes will be prioritized to link neighbourhoods with parks, schools, waterfront areas, community focal features, neighbourhood centres, and mixed use areas as per Map No. 8 of this Plan, the French Creek Active Transportation Plan or other community trail network.
3. Development proposals are to include provisions for active transportation facilities along their frontage and community trail connections. Those omitting the provision for, or construction of, active transportation infrastructure are not supported. The acceptance of the proposal will be at the discretion of the RDN and is based on the ability to maintain the infrastructure.
4. The Regional District of Nanaimo will pursue opportunities with the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to provide safe crossings for active modes along proposed

active transportation routes as illustrated on Map No. 8 of this Plan and the French Creek Active Transportation Plan.

5. Facilities for active transportation should consider the goals, objectives, and design guidance of the French Creek Active Transportation Plan, as well as the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Active Transportation Design Guide.
6. Prioritize the installation of active transportation infrastructure along the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Links.
7. The Regional District of Nanaimo will encourage the City of Parksville and the Town of Qualicum Beach to continue active transportation facilities along the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Links in those communities.
8. Wayfinding is to be provided throughout Electoral Area G French Creek in alignment with the French Creek Active Transportation Plan.
9. The establishment of active transportation infrastructure adjacent to proposed routes indicated on Map No. 8 of this Plan and the French Creek Active Transportation Plan, including but not limited to bicycle stands, secured bicycle parking, electric bicycle chargers, and public seating is supported.

- b) by deleting 11.0 Official Community Plan Implementation Strategy – Section 9.0 Improved Mobility section and replacing with the following:

The following shall be recognized as the key actions required, the parties responsible for key actions, and the timing of each key action, with respect to improving mobility within the Plan Area:

<b>SECTION 9.0: IMPROVING MOBILITY</b>				
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Responsible Parties</b>			<b>Timing</b>
	<b>Senior Governments</b>	<b>RDN &amp; Municipalities</b>	<b>Individual Neighbourhoods</b>	
Seek new modes of transportation and ways of increasing the use of new modes of transportation.	✓	✓	✓	Continuous
Review secondary and local road standards.	✓	✓	✓	Continuous
Cooperate with the City of Parksville and the Town of Qualicum Beach to ensure bicycle routes and trails are linked with the trails and bicycle routes in adjoining urban areas and are compatible in standard.	✓	✓		Long Term
The Regional District of Nanaimo will explore funding mechanisms for the construction and maintenance of the proposed active transportation network provided in the French Creek Active Transportation Plan and other trail connections.	✓	✓		Ongoing
The Regional District of Nanaimo will pursue opportunities with the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to reduce the posted speed limits on Island Highway W to 50 km/hr where it passes adjacent to schools.	✓	✓		Immediate
The Regional District of Nanaimo will pursue opportunities with the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to reduce posted speed limits on local roads to 30 km/hr where they pass adjacent to schools.	✓	✓		Immediate
The Regional District of Nanaimo will pursue infrastructure improvements with the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure that align with the goals, objectives, and design guidance of the French Creek Active Transportation Plan, as well as the BC Ministry of Transportation and	✓	✓		Short Term

Infrastructure Active Transportation Design Guide.				
The Regional District of Nanaimo will adopt or amend regulatory bylaws to include provisions for rights of way dedications and establish road and trail standards for active transportation facilities throughout Electoral Area 'G' French Creek where development occurs adjacent to the proposed active transportation network illustrated in the French Creek Active Transportation Plan or other community trail connection to the network.		✓	✓	Long Term
The Regional District of Nanaimo will amend Land Use and Subdivision Bylaw No. 500, 1987 to reflect revised development permit area guidelines for residential, industrial, and commercial form and character in Electoral Area 'G' French Creek. In particular, revised guidelines are to reflect the responsibility of development to provide future active transportation facilities indicated within the French Creek Active Transportation Plan or other community trail connection to the network.		✓	✓	Short Term
The Regional District of Nanaimo will explore funding mechanisms for constructing the proposed active transportation network illustrated in the French Creek Active Transportation Plan and other community trail connections, including grant funding and local service area charges.		✓	✓	Ongoing
Opportunities to upgrade the existing pedestrian components of the French Creek Bridge will be pursued with the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.	✓	✓		Short Term



ELECTORAL AREA G  
OFFICIAL  
COMMUNITY PLAN

Map No. 4  
Parkland, Green Space, Natural Areas,  
Institutional, Schools, and Cultural  
Facilities

Legend

- Electorat Area G
- Electorat Area / Municipality Boundary
- Municipality
- Morningstar Golf Course
- Crown Federal (may not be complete)
- Crown Provincial (may not be complete)

- Conservation Lands
  - National Wildlife Area
  - The Nature Trust
  - Conservation Lands
  - Parkville / Qualicum Wildlife Management Area

- Regional Park
- Community Park
- Desired Park / Conservation Lands
- Acquisition Areas

Dedicated Access to Water

Accessibility

- Accessible
- Not Accessible
- Accessibility Unknown

SOURCE: Information received from Community Workshops

Community Facilities

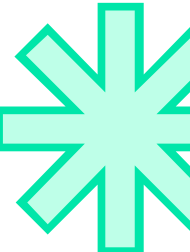
- Fire Hall
- School
- Church
- Community Hall / Recreation / Civic Centre
- Municipal Hall

Trails

- Proposed Existing Trail Type
- Pedestrian
- Multi-Use (Walk, Cycle, Horse)
- Roadside (Walkway and Bicycle Route)
- Highway Dedicated Lane
- E & N Railway Corridor Multi-Use
- Foreshore Walking Route

Bridges

- Proposed Existing Bridge Type
- Pedestrian
- Cyclist / Pedestrian
- Multi-Use (Walk, Cycle, Horse)
- Road



Regional Trail Corridor (Concept)

Municipality Electoral Area

SOURCE: Regional District of Nanaimo  
Regional Parks and Trails Plan - March 2005

Proposed Trail

While some trails exist in the Parkville - Qualicum Beach area, most trails and urban paths shown here are proposed only. These proposals are intended to generate discussion before final plans are made and landowners approached regarding access.

Proposed Routes may be shown crossing Private Lands. Where a proposed trail crosses private land, the Regional Trail System is not implying that private landowners have agreed to a trail on their land, or that they should be expected to make such a commitment. However, we would like to discuss the possibility with them and invite them to join the Regional Trail System partnership.

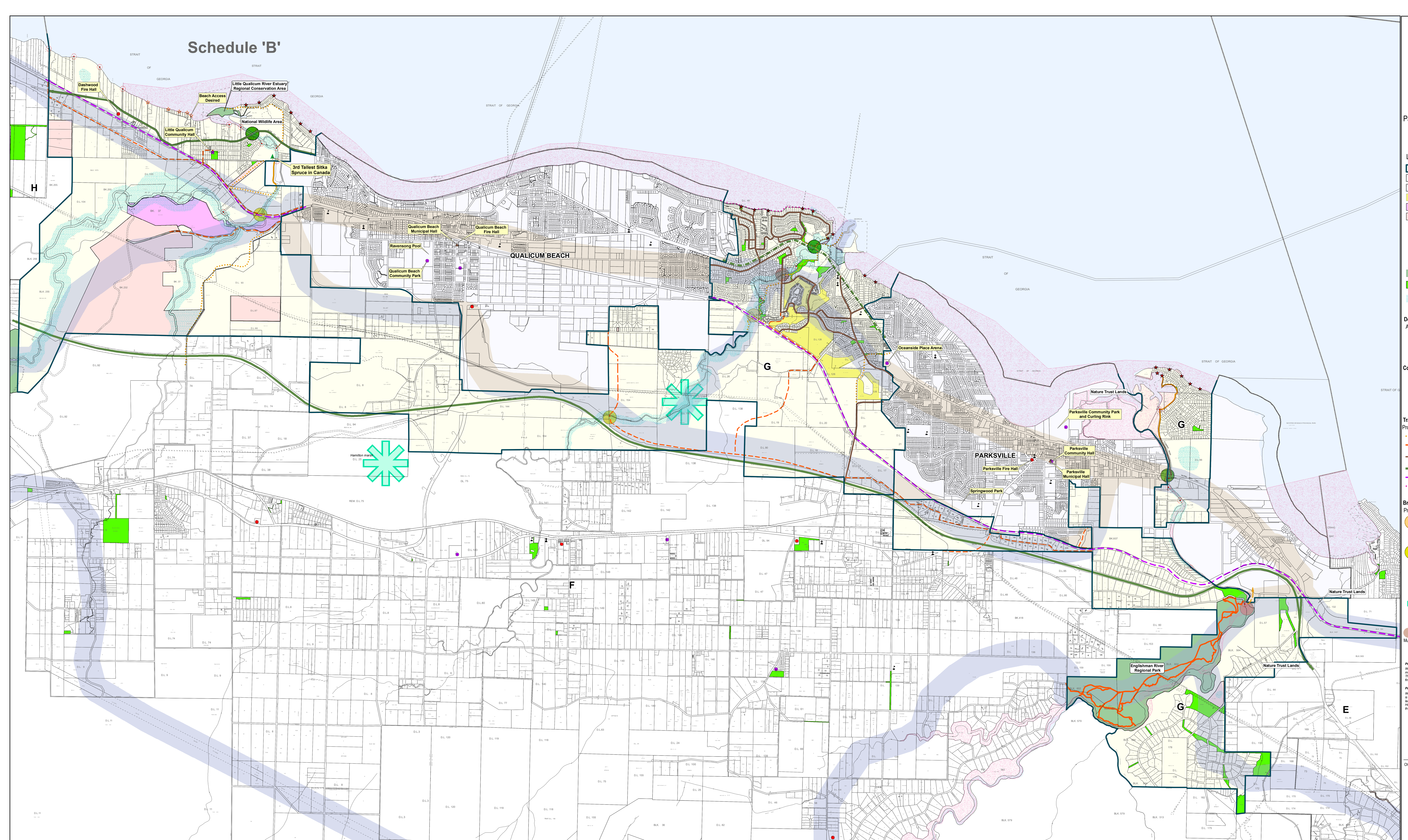
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Schedule 'B'





Schedule 'C'



ELECTORAL AREA G  
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COMMUNITY PLAN

Map No. 8  
Mobility Options and  
Road Network Plan

Legend

- Electoral Area G
- Electoral Area Boundary
- Municipality

Transportation

- Highway
- Major Network Road
- Secondary Road
- Railway
- Principal Stop for Transit
- Future Principal Stop for Transit
- Boat Harbour
- Airport

Traffic Lights, Interchanges

- Existing
- Potential
- Existing Interchange
- Potential Interchange

Trails

- | Proposed | Existing | Trail Type                           |
|----------|----------|--------------------------------------|
|          |          | Pedestrian                           |
|          |          | Multi-Use (Walk, Cycle, Horse)       |
|          |          | Roadside (Walkway and Bicycle Route) |
|          |          | Highway Dedicated Lane               |
|          |          | E & N Railway Corridor Multi-Use     |
|          |          | Foreshore Walking Route              |

French Creek Active Transportation Network

- Proposed Spot Treatments
- Proposed Multi-Use Pathway Network
- Proposed Shared Street Network

Bridges

- | Proposed | Existing | Bridge Type                    |
|----------|----------|--------------------------------|
|          |          | Pedestrian                     |
|          |          | Cyclist / Pedestrian           |
|          |          | Multi-Use (Walk, Cycle, Horse) |
|          |          | Road                           |
- Vancouver Island Highway Corridor

Municipality Electoral Area

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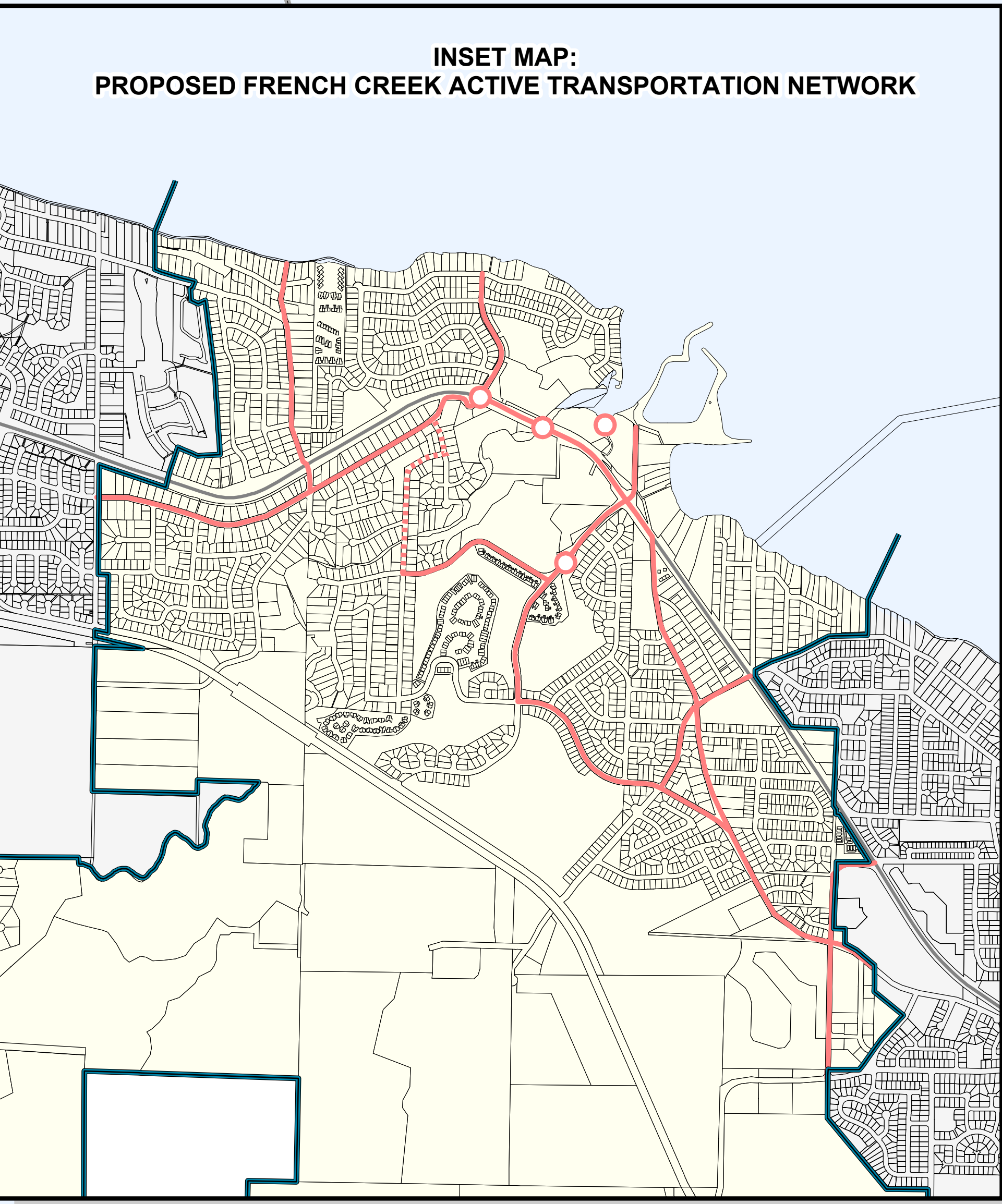
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June 2022



INSET MAP:  
PROPOSED FRENCH CREEK ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

See Inset Map

FRENCH CREEK BRIDGE  
POTENTIAL UNDERPASS

QUALICUM BEACH

PARKSVILLE

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