

RDN Budget Talks
Q&A

AWGabriola
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Q. I would like to see the cost of just the skatepark at Huxley Park (Phase 2 of Huxley park). A break down of cost of actual build of skatepark and cost of parking lot.

A. Huxley Skateboard Park Construction is included in the Proposed 2019 Financial Plan with a budget of \$773,700. This includes \$540,540 for the Skatepark and \$233,160 for Parking, Landscaping, and Skatepark Sitting Area.

Richard
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Q. Area B - 11% tax increase. I have noted that the biggest driver of this increase is Community Parks and Recreation. The Nanaimo News Bulletin reports that \$773,700 is budgeted for construction for a skateboard park at Huxley Park. I would like to know the detailed capital plan for this project. There have been considerable local fundraising initiatives on Gabriola in this past year. I want to know how much of the budget is coming from property taxes and how much has been contributed locally. Thank you.

A. Huxley Skateboard Park Construction is currently included in the Proposed 2019 Financial Plan. It has a budget of \$773,700 funded by \$564,800 Grants, \$55,000 Reserve Contribution, \$30,000 Donations, and \$123,900 from Property Taxes. Further details on this, and other proposed RDN capital projects can be found in Appendix A of the 2019 Proposed Budget Overview Report from December 4, 2018. Please visit [https://www.rdn.bc.ca/events/2018-12-4-8539/\(External link\)](https://www.rdn.bc.ca/events/2018-12-4-8539/(External%20link)) to view a copy of the report.

JakeRussell
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Q. 11%. For a skate park? Not a core service. Not many people got an 11% raise this year. Is there a reason why we can't wait a few years for the skate park and keep tax increases inline with inflation?

A. The estimated increase for Electoral Area B for an average home in 2019 is \$39/year. Of this, \$30.39 relates to Community Parks, and the increase in service provided. The process for the creation of the Huxley Community Park Conceptual Master Plan began in 2013, was reviewed by POSAC on April 2, 2013, November 5, 2013, June 3, 2014, and March 16, 2015. It included a skateboarding open house and questionnaire on May 16, 2013, open houses on

July 13, 2013 and March 29, 2014 and online surveys from July 13-September 7, 2013 and March 29-April 14, 2014. It was approved by the Board on April 28, 2015. From there, skatepark workshops were held on February 22, 2017 and September 13, 2017, the plan was reviewed by POSAC on April 9, 2018 and adopted by the Board on May 22, 2018. The above process has led to the Huxley Skateboard Park being added to the 2019 Proposed Budget.

The RDN is also currently conducting a survey entitled “How do you want to learn about and shape input on the Regional District of Nanaimo budget in the future?” The survey is open until December 31, 2018 and can be located on the RDN Budget Talks section of Get Involved RDN on the RDN’s website or by following this link <https://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rdn-budget-talks>.