

What type of activities do you like to do in the park or in the general land area?

Swim in the lake, walk, enjoy the area

Running, dog walking, canoeing and swimming.

Hiked all over it including the new portion of the park. Getting older now, so not able to do as much as I used to. Enjoy public beach with company in Cosens Bay. Use the road to access the rock climbers parking lot and to access the private properties in D.L. 4679 and D.L. 1272.

Hiking, walking, kayaking, water skiing, paddleboarding, fishing

Hike and swim in bay.

Mountain Bike and hike/walk dog

Hiking and biking. We enjoy the beach at Cosens Bay for swimming. However the access is very difficult fro older people and young families.

Walking/hiking, swimming, boating, observing nature, relaxing. I own property in Cosens Bay so I travel Cosens Bay Road frequently.

We take long hikes daily [2 to 5 hours] 5 to six days per week in Kal Park and have done so for the past ten years.

hiking, nature observation, showing off our local gem to visitors, sometimes biking

Hiking

I Hike, walk, swim, drive, observe wildlife and spectacular scenery, share the enjoyment of this area with friends and family, take pictures, relax, savour and enjoy the natural environment either alone or with others.

hiking, swimming and biking

Hike/jog several times per week.

Mountain bike, hike, snowshoe

Beach, boating, hiking

I have been an avid park user since even before it was a park, mountain biking is my main interest, including being a trail boss and maintaining and building trails. I also love to hike and enjoy the wildlife which is found in abundance in this beautiful park.

Trail riding & walking

walking, running, mountain biking, swimming

Nature walks/hikes

Hiking, photography, bird watching, swimming, paddle boarding

Swim, hike and bike.

Walk- Swim.

I spend a lot of time walking/hiking with my dogs in low use areas where possible and at time few people will be encountered.

Hike and watch wildlife.

Mountain bike, hike and kayak to the beaches and along the shore. I also drive thru the park on Cosens Bay Rd almost daily from May-Oct to get to my home

Hiking. Bike riding. Running. Beach use at Cosens Bay.

Hiking, Photography, Nature Observation

Hike and snowshoe. Canoe and swim.

hiking, mountain biking, kayaking, swimming

I hike about 5-10km daily, swim in the warmer months, meditate year round.

Camping, boating, water sports, paddle boards, enjoying time with friends and family, hiking and taking scenic photos of the beautiful water.

Hiking in the park and swimming in the lake.

mountain biking, running and hiking

I like to hike and swim

Drive through on roadway to cabin . We also enjoy hiking in the park and swimming at the beach.

Hiking and enjoying vistas of park and surrounding areas and lake. Use Cosens Bay Road to access our property and Park parking lots.

Hiking, Swimming, walking, photography, bird watching,paddle boarding, small boating.

Mountain biking,hiking, cottage life, fishing

Mountain biking (3 x /week when snow free); hiking or trail running, (1-2 x/ month), snowshoeing (a few times each winter, fat biking (a few times each winter. Taking visitors to the beaches and to rattlesnake point.

Mountain biking,

Hiking

Swimming.

Using the park for physical and spiritual recharging.

Observing the abundant wildflowers and wildlife at various times of year.

mountain biking, swimming, hiking

Mountain Biking
Hiking

Swimming, Kayaking, Sailing, Walking, Hiking

Hiking, Running, Kayaking, Sailing

Hiking, bike riding, swimming, bird watching

Recreational, enjoy the lake, mountain bike & hike

Hike, Visit Cosens Bay Beach, Visit Cougar Canyon

hiking, bicycling, climbing, swimming

Travelling to and from our recreation property of which we pay high taxes for and get nothing in return but a very unsafe road to travel.

water sports, cycling , walking the road, beach

Mountain biking, hiking and formerly a lot of trail running (until injury). My wife and I are very regular visitors to the park (2-3 times per week or more) except during the snowy months (we spend our time in Silverstar Provincial Park then). I also do volunteer trail maintenance in the park (clearing dead fall from trails, brushing, limbing of trees impinging on trails, improving drainage to prevent erosion, participating in NOCS trail days).

Biking, Hiking, walking my dog, swimming, picnicking, snowshoeing

Hiking, walking, swimming, kayaking, photography, bird watching

Walk/cycle the road and paths, swim at the beach.

I am a regular user of this magnificent protected provincial park called "Kalamalka Provincial Park"

I visit this park on a daily bases, approximately 360 times a year, day, night, winter, summer ,spring or fall. Hot or cold, snow, rain, smoke, sleet or fog. Nothing deters me.

The activities I love to do here is hiking, swimming, meditating, enjoying the animals, the trees, flora & fauna, rocks . Experiencing stillness & silence, visiting friends while sitting on a log by the shoreline, photography and composing music & writing poetry.

Walking, running, mountain biking, photography, swimming, kayaking/canoeing, botany, bird watching, ecological monitoring

Visit family at their cabin.

Hiking, photography. bird watching, animal watching (many deer in the park 12 months a year. Add Swimming and boating in the summer months

Running, Walking, Snowshoeing, Swimming

Fish, boating, tubing, kayak, swim, hike, picnic, camp.

visit friends who have places on the lake

hike, bike, snowshoe, swim

Hiking, Mountain Biking, Swimming

Mountain Biking

Biking

Hiking, rock climbing, mountain biking and the swimming

Hiking, birdwatching, botany, mountain biking, swimming, snowshoeing, picnics, canoeing, dog walking with family.

walk, hike, swim, relax on the beach, study and draw/paint plants

Mountain biking, fat tire biking, hiking, running, swimming

Mountain Biking, hiking and swimming

Mountain biking, running, climbing

Hike and bike

Mountain bike, hike, swim, picnic

Mountain Bike, Hike, Swim and spend time with family.

Our family hikes and uses Cosens Bay Beach.

Mountain biking

Mountain biking, hiking, swimming

Mountain biking, trail running, hiking, swimming, paddling

Walking..hiking..biking

Mountain Biking, Hiking and swimming

Mountain biking, trail running, swimming

We live on Coldstream Creek less than 1Km from the Cosens Bay Gate to Kal Park. My family uses the park extensively year round for cross-country mountain biking, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, swimming and paddle boarding. My daughter uses the Cougar Canyon area for rock climbing. We use a large area of the park for our activities, from Kal Lake, Jade and Juniper beaches, the Cosens Bay beach and the full extent of the trail system for hiking and biking.

Mainly use the trails for mountain biking.

Mountain biking, hiking & snowshoeing.

mountain bike and hike

Mountain biking, trail running, hiking, swimming, paddling

Mountain biking is my primary use, but we hike, run and climb in Kal Park as well!

Riding mountain bikes and trail running in that order of preference

Mountain biking

Mountain bike

Hiking, bird watching, plant identification

Mountain Biking/Hiking

Biking hiking swimming

Mountain biking, hiking, running, swimming, picnics

We hike the trails, use the beaches and travel the road to the houses in the area

Hiking

Hiking, Mtn biking

Walking, swimming, bird watching, photography

Hiking, mountain biking, swimming

Hike; walk and enjoy wildlife

hiking, picnicking

Hiking, including Photography Canoeing, landing on shore to swim from the shore

Hike and swim.

Our family of four enjoy hiking, swimming and mountain biking in Kalamalka park. Kicking

Hiking, driving through the Park to my family's cabin

Passing through, walking, swimming, boating

Hike, boating, cycling

Mountain biking hiking

In this park I really enjoy the hiking as it is a wonderful location.

Hiking, Biking, and photography, in addition to swimming at the many Kalamalka lake access points

I love to hike in the park and have picnics

1. Mountain biking (95%)
2. Hiking with my family (5%)

Mountain bike, hike, run, snowshoe, spend time during the summers at the lake shore with my family

The park is amazing for hikers, bikers, and horseback riders! I generally go there to mountain bike, and with help of NOCS, this amazing trail system stays safe and well maintained!

I believe the less car traffic there is in the park the better! However, expanding the Cosens Bay Road or Red Gate Parking Lot would be the ideal option if more parking is necessary.

Mountain biking! What a great trail system.

Mountain biking and hiking

running, hiking, snowshoeing, swimming

Hiking, photography and swimming

Hiking, bird watching, snowshoeing and swimming at the beach (mostly Cosens Bay).

Walk the dogs

Hiking, beach

hike, botanize, teach, photography

Hike.Swim. Occasional bike.

Walk/hike/swim

My main activities are and have been for over 35 years almost daily, as I live on Cosens Bay road approx 200 meters from The parking lot. Hiking,walking my dogs, biking and swimming.

Hiking, swimming

While I used to jog the 9.8km loop from the water towers either cw or anti-clockwise, I now mostly hike and mountain bike in the park, and rock climb closer to Cougar Canyon. Many parts and outlooks in the park during summer and winter are suitable for quiet comtemplation and meditation. There are also a number of geocache sites in the park for young and old; I'm sort of in between but it's a fun game. I've swum from Turtlehead point to the west shore of Kalamalka lake, a little over a kilometre round trip, during a wavy wind-storm in early fall which found not any power boats using that piece of water (this would be more difficult in the middle of summer). My family likes having beach days and swimming/snorkelling in the Cosen's Bay swim area. I've hiked the High Rim trail from above Oyama (did an overnight south of the cell tower). I snorkel and will soon scuba dive along the steeper underwater slopes near the rocky points. Finally, I use the beaches at Jade and Juniper Bays as launch sites for standup paddle boarding. The park is a jewel which epitomizes what we identify with an active, outdoor Okanagan lifestyle. I am most pleased that the previous owners of the Coldstream Ranch saw to it to preserve this vital land as a park, and am also happy that there is a means to provide some

feedback on-line as I was not able to attend the public meetings. I use all entrances to the park and enjoy the improvement to the trail system a decade or so ago, as well as the upgrading and establishment of new mountain bike trails. We must think of self-propelled activities which we can participate in as we age, and this park provides the land base for many of them

Anything that is low footprint activity, putting very little pressure on the park, ie. hiking, nature walking, wildlife viewing. I have visited this park on occasion as a tourist visiting this area.

Hiking , walking, picnics, swimming

I enjoy quiet walks in the park and simply enjoying the beauty of the hills and lake and the sights and sounds of the natural world - birds, marmots, deer, coyote, the occasional bear. Alas, that enjoyment has been seriously curtailed by the mountain bikers, who make it dangerous to walk without either being run down or who holler at me to jump out of their way.

I am an avid user of Kal Park. I hike, snowshoe, swim, picnic, photograph. I do drive my car or at times ride my bike and lock it at the Red Gate. I have seen what some cyclists do...they have created 'new paths' that will eventually have a negative impact on the fragile vegetation. There are many thing to do in the park without adding cycling to it.

I walk, watch wildlife (when I can find it), enjoy the natural world as best as I can given the deteriorating state of wildlife landscapes, and I gain considerable benefit from thinking about the beauty and value of public lands, wildlife, and public ownerships of said resources.

My family and I love hiking and biking in Kalamalka provincial park during all seasons. We savor the occasions when we spot birds and other wildlife. We especially enjoy spring with the wildflowers blooming in the grasslands. We much prefer Cosens beach over the more accessible Jade and Juniper beaches because it still retains some elements of a wilderness setting which is otherwise very difficult to find in other North Okanagan parks. My sense is that this is similarly shared by many locals and visitors who similarly frequent Cosens Bay.

I spend considerable time in the Park hiking, rock climbing, ice climbing and cycling.

Hiking and picnic's with family and grandchildren. (I am a member of the Vernon Outdoors Club.)

Hiking and nature study

Hiking, swimming, cycling, snowshoeing.

Nature study and peaceful walking. Learning about the rich biodiversity of the area. NO MOUNTAIN BIKES or restrict them to 2 trails only.

hiking and biking and horseback riding

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Walk, run, bike, family time, swim, climb, meditate, yoga

Walking, cross-country skiing, visiting with friends, sun-bathing and swimming, picnicking, reading, nature study (botany, ornithology), photography

vehicle camping, boating, hiking, fishing, bike riding.

Hike, toboggan, ski, swim, canoe.....explore nature, enjoyed y the wildflowers and birds

I've known and loved this place for over sixty years. I hiked and picnicked in what is now Kalamalka Lake Park since I was a young child. Our family fought to preserve the area as a park in 1972 and have supported its protection and restoration up to the present.

nature walks, access to cabin, photography, swim

Hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, swimming

Hiking in an unspoiled and beautiful park where quiet contemplation and escape from a world gone mad with technology are possible.

mountain biking, swimming, bird and wildlife viewing, general appreciation of this unique landscape

We walk here frequently and do short hikes in the Park with our visitors. We used to go swimming at Jade/Juniper but no longer do that as we are now members of Kal Lake Club. We have participated in the annual Christmas Bird Count in December each year and parts of Kal Park were in our route.

I hike, run and most of all mountain bike!!!!

Bike hike walk and meditate. I love the nd parks!

Biking, hiking

I love mountain biking in our beautiful park and also enjoy hiking, dog walking, swimming and trail maintenance. Through NOCS I help coordinate a program called Trail Ninjas which gives our youth chance to get involved in mountain biking, trail maintenance and trail building in the park. The objective is to increase park stewardship and meaningful connections in the community through involvement in the mountain bike community.

Strolling, walking and hiking

hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, skiing

Hike, snowshoe, swim, bike, boat, meditate, enjoy some nature peace and quiet.

Primarily Mountain Biking on the Cosen Creek side of the Park 3 seasons of the year. In the heat of the summer the Rattle Snake Point and the Jade and Juniper Bays are my only swimming location I go to in the North OK

Hike, picnic, swim, walk dog

Hike and bicycle ride plus enjoy nature and peace and quiet.

(note: it would be interesting to see responses had this question been 'what do you value in Kal Park?', rather than based on human activities) We are active seniors, and enjoy most forms of outdoor recreation in and around my community of Coldstream (hiking, cycling, easy mountain biking, nature appreciation, photography). We raised our family approx 1/4 km from Kal Park, so have used it extensively over past 30 years (dog walking, horseback riding, school trips, beach uses, motor boating, canoeing, plein air painting, nature therapy). As with many people here, Kal Park is always among the top places to bring visiting friends and family.

My value for the park is not only my recreational use of it, but in the appreciation of this park's place in our provincial Park system, and as a core area of protection in an otherwise rapidly developing region. My everyday view of the park is a subtle reminder that my everyday activities can affect a functioning but delicate ecosystem. It is the place where my children learned about the wonder of nature and species at risk.

I am a retired park planner, and have experience with the Protected Area Strategy, LRMP process, Sensitive Ecosystem Inventories, and other grassland provincial parks like Lac du Bois, Churn Creek, South Okanagan Grasslands. This background makes me feel like a Parks elder, along with others like Derek Thompson (who vigorously defended the value of protecting Cousins Bay and grasslands from development.)

I am a member of the Coldstream Tourism Committee. Over the last year, this Committee has been discussing the value of refocusing tourism/recreation use at the north end of Kalamalka Lake to respect its growing role for non-motorized recreation (SUP, hiking and cycling along rail trail and other local trails) and sustainable tourism.

I am also a member of Okanagan Rail Trail Initiative and Ribbons of Green Society. This background helps me realize how extensive our trail system is outside of Kal Park. For example, this year the rail trail will open up 50 km of trail from Coldstream to Kelowna. This may relieve some of the pressure on trails in Kal Park, but over the longer term (especially as the Armstrong to Sicamous rail trail is developed) it is expected to bring more active tourists to our area, which may spill over into Kal Park. Another great trail, the Grey Canal Trail, might be complete this year as well, adding over 20 km continuous trail encircling Greater Vernon. We have a lot of trail opportunities in our community and on Crown land surrounding our community, including Ellison Park. No more of Kal Park needs to be sacrificed to additional trail construction.

I am also a director for Friends of Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park and have shared my feedback with the group.

Hiking, walk our dog, mountain biking, geocaching, swimming, cross country skiing

Mountain Biking & Hiking.

Hiking, running, MTB and fat/snow biking

Hiking, trail running, mountain biking, occasional picnics.

Mountain biking. I would like to see more intermediate biking trails. I feel they are mostly advanced trails currently.

Hike, snowshoe, mountain bike and winter fat bike.

I drive through the Park often, as my daughter has a home past the Park. The road is too narrow for 2 cars to pass in several places.

Also there are several blind corners that are very dangerous. I also feel the road could be graded more often in the summer.

Hike, swim, bicycle, kayak. Very regular user of Kalamalka Park throughout all seasons.

Access the lake for swimming. Hike in Cougar Canyon

Ride bike, visit at cabins

swimming, hiking, biking, photography, walking, wildlife viewing, paddleboarding, kayaking, running and 4x4ing...ok, just kidding on the last one!

Mountain biking, winter fat biking, hiking, swimming

Mountain bike, run, hike, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, beach occasionally

Running on the mtb trails. Also biking on the green and easier blue mtb trails. The opportunity to swim at Cosens Bay after a multihour trail run is one of the reasons I moved to Vernon.

hike, kayak, swim

I like to mountain bike, and walk my dog in the park. I especially like to mountain bike with my dog.

I also like to swim with my dog from the dog beach

Hiking and Mountain Biking

Mountain biking, hiking, swimming and wildlife enjoyment.

Hike, jog, swim, bird watch, explore, listen to nature- alone or with friends and family since 1979! It's great for cross country running, trained there with cows in high school!

Mountain biking, hiking, climbing, swimming

Mountain biking

I like to explore Kal Park on a mountainbike.

Mtn Biking
Hiking/Walking
Swimming

Mountain bike, hike and swim

Walking/Hiking, Swimming, Cycling/Mountain Biking

Mountain biking, hiking, swimming

Swimming and hiking with our dog

Trail Run and Bike

I manage a local bike shop. I ride my bike in the park roughly 5 days a week. I also lead weekly group rides throughout the park. I also climb in cougar canyon a few times per month.

Mostly enjoy a walk with a destination at the end. In this case it would be Cosins Bay Beach. The problem with the area now is that you have to park your car in a very small parking area outside the park boundary which is approx. 3 kilometers away. The path is all down hill to the water and all uphill back to the parking area. A family with children that want to go for a picnic at Cosins Bay Beach really have a struggle to get there and back.

Mountain biking

I like to hike, mountain bike and swim and kayak

Mountain bike mostly but also hike and swim.

Hiking, mountain biking, running, swimming.

Mostly hiking and biking. My property is adjacent to the park. I use the park a lot.

Mountain bike, snowshoe, hike, swim, run, with dog on most days

Walking , water sports and living

Landowner. Hiking, climbing, boating, fishing, snowshoeing, cycling

Mountain Biking, Rock Climbing, Hiking

run, bike and hike

Mountain bike, fatbike, hike

My family and I regularly mountain bike and hike in the park. We also access thru the park to swim in the lake in the summer. The park is an incredible resource and we are deeply grateful to be able to ride and hike there. I especially appreciate the cooperation between our local Mountain bike club (NOCS) and the Province, and the willingness of the Province to work with mountain bikers as a user group.

Hiking, mountain biking and climbing

Mountain Biking and Hiking

Biking

Swim, boat, hike

Mountain biking, walking/hiking with my dog

Mountain biking.

First thing: I would like a form that I can read fully on the mobile phone. IT needs to have a session on this page.

I love mountain biking in Kal Park. I also enjoy the drive through the park, there is a beach at the very end of the road outside of the park that I love, and the drive is always my favourite part of going to that beach.

Hiking, Mountain Biking and going to the beach.

Hiking, trail running, bird-watching, mountain biking, fat biking, swimming at Cosen's Bay. Simply enjoying the natural beauty of Kal Park - particularly Cosen's Bay. No cars, no fumes, just bluebirds, meadowlarks, red-winged blackbirds, etc. Just pure simple beauty.

Mountain bike swim

Hiking, swimming, and being in nature away from vehicles and noise pollution - something that is a healthy inclusion for any community - for physical and mental health.

Mountain bike swim

Hiking, swimming, snowshoeing, enjoying the peace and beauty of nature.

This park is an amazing place to go hiking, rock climbing, and swimming. I frequent this park as a local resident. It is my favorite place to go especially in summer and to show guests/tourists that are visiting. The landscape is great for meditation and photography. It is also a gateway into the Cougar Canyon Eco Reserve.

Mountain Biking, Hiking, Running, Snow Shoeing, Swimming

Hiking, biking and spending time at the beaches.

mountain biking, hiking, swimming

Mountain Biking and Hiking Walking, relaxing, swimming, birdwatching

Mountain Biking, Hiking and Easy Family Walks ie Corral Trail or other wide gravel trails with easy walking grades for little kids.

Walk, cycle and swim

Hike, bike, swim, jog.

Hiking, swimming, climbing, cycling

Mountain bike and hike mostly with some swimming in the lake from the beaches

Hike, run, bike, relax in silence, swim, swim/walk with dog, bird watch, launch non-motor boats like canoes and paddle boards.

I like to walk there and mountain bike.

What do you see as being key management issues in the park?

Having a safe road access, for drivers, bikes, and walking patrons. Parking is very limited, there needs to be better parking available and better access to the beach area for all people not just the young physically fit.

Trail and beach maintenance, and protecting the park from inappropriate uses such as beach fires and vehicle access.

I would like to see areas that ATV's could follow the road to be able to access and see the beautiful views particularly on the area above the Cougar Canyon reserve. With an aging population, this would be a very popular mode of travel if a route were set aside to accommodate people wishing to site who come to visit the park and area. Signs and rules, must keep people on trails. The dangerous road is Number 1 issue for all park users and private property owners. There have been many accidents and one day in the near future, there could be a serious accident with a propane truck. Why would anyone want to be part of creating that problem.

Risk of fire and death to park users is real. One lightning strike in a storm with high winds, and it will not be controllable. Fire breaks are absolutely necessary. Parking lots could help create fire breaks as well as the road and cutting the grass on both sides of the road.

Widening Road - additional maintenance on the road. In addition side of the road parking is getting bad and enforcement of existing no parking zones is required.

Making the road safe for two way traffic

As more and more people use the park, controlled development that meets the needs of all user. Safety and better access will be key. The road through the park is very narrow to cougar canyon. The blind corners are a safety concern

Road safety - there are so many cars on the road now and lots of blind corners, some areas where 2 cars cannot travel at the same time safely, cars and walkers and horses and dogs all sharing a narrow road. The road needs to be widened, blind corners need to be cut off and sight lines improved, more parking is needed and places to pull over to take photos, more separation between walkers/joggers, horses, and cars Better access/parking at the beach - A parking lot and ramp to launch non-motorized watercraft (kayaks, canoes, paddleboards) is needed at the beach. It is impossible for a disabled person on a wheelchair or scooter to enjoy the beautiful beach. It should not just be limited to those who can walk several km.

More parking at the Cougar Canyon Parking Lot - there are often overflow cars along the road
More parking at the Cosens Bay Road Park entrance, especially for horse trailers and RVs which take up more room. Cars are often parked down Cosens Bay Road for 3-4 blocks because not enough parking in the summer. The gate is also too narrow for 2 cars to pass and unsafe for the pedestrians and horses that are also going through this small, congested area.

Bigger and more sanitary washroom facilities at the Cosens Bay Road Park entrance - the outhouse is overused and not cleaned enough.

Better signage advising Park visitors where they can park, stop, camp, launch boats (or where they cannot do all of these activities). So many visitors travel the length of Cosens Bay Road only to find they cannot access the beach, launch a boat or camp.

Lack of "boots on the ground" by Park's staff patrolling and enforcing.
Lack of adequate parking where Cosens Bay Road (CBR) enters the park as well as down towards the beach. Vehicles are continually parked along the road. The road is not wide enough to accommodate this parking. I believe a parking area should be established close to the beach.
Lack of accessibility/facilities for people with disabilities.

Road safety improvements are necessary along CBR. The new management plan should recognize and facilitate MoTI's responsibilities with respect to CBR.

Wild fires are a major concern. Prevention by banning smoking, restricting campfires, banning motorized vehicles other than on public roads, and providing adequate parking so people don't park off in the grass.

More and better signage.

Safety of all users. Better parking options and safe unloading for horses.

We know the trails and wildlife intimately and have observed the changes that have taken place through the passage of time. Too much vehicular traffic and bike traffic, the rattlesnake population is being decimated. This past year we observed the fewest rattlers ever, but did see many large and small run down on the roads. There has always been a poaching problem. Certainly, signage indicating where park boundaries start and stop plus clear "no hunting" markers would be a big assist. As to the biking, it is wonderful what the NOCA has done for trail opportunities on the park's south side. However, I think they should be restricted to the south side of the roadway] [where the bulk of their trail system is anyway] This is a very small park and the intensity of use is becoming worrisome.

- vegetation management for habitat, weed control, and fuel management. Controlled burns.
- unregulated expansion of trail system. Control of erosion on existing trails.
- more parking at red gate
- communications, interpretation and awareness so that park visitors will be more aware of value of park for nature, and how to minimize their impact

Fire management â Iâ d like to see debris cleared throughout areas mainly traveled by park and area users. The likelihood of a forest fire in Kalamalka Park is regrettably inevitable considering that so many other southern interior areas have recently been devastated by fire. Stewardship to keep this area safer is mandatory in my opinion. How will people get out if the road is impassable? How will first responders be able to enter/exit if vehicles canâ t pass as is the case now on many stretches of the road.

Road safety â Road Safety including clear lines of sight, safe passage of pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Erosion prevention â Water flow management throughout area to maintain integrity of road and trails to prevent erosion.

Waste Management â Garbage/recycle Bins / Litter â provision of bear-proof recycle and garbage containers at Cougar Canyon and parking areas with regular pickups for park visitors. Waste management services to Cosens Bay property owners.

preserver the park in its natural state

Protection from wildfire occurrence.
Erosion control & trail repairs.
Maintaining the park's natural 'wilderness'.

A year round well maintained road. Winter use is important. Also the road through the park is very narrow and dangerous.

1. Lack of adequate parking on Cosens Bay Road entrance, creates a safety issue with illegal parking just outside the Park; 2. Fire prevention; inadequate signage regarding smoking and campfires; 3. Cosens Bay Road safety improvements, particularly blind spots; 4. Inadequate signage relative to dead end road and no vehicular beach access; 5. Increased traffic demands on safety and enforcement; and 6. Lack of facilities at Cougar Canyon.

I think one of the main issues is vehicle traffic and the speed they travel, mostly from cabin owners who travel through the park at unsafe speeds and running over small animals such as snakes (have seen too many dead wildlife! Also there is still hunting allowed in this very busy and well used park, conflicts are happening between hunters and park users. There also needs to be more barriers to keep off road trucks off the grasslands!

the parking lot for vehicles & horses trailers is too small at the Cosens Bay site !! Weekend parking is a nightmare!! so much parking along the road allowance ! People block trailers in.
Thank you

-minimizing or eliminating off-trail activity
- off-leash dogs and waste left on trails -maintaining good relations between the variety of users

Erosion by bikes and people going off trail. Too many people at once, i.e. in some of the races and events held there. The natural environment, peace and tranquility is being 'commercialised' so to speak so the things that attract people and what they go to the park to see is disappearing. Unsure how to control this but maybe let up on the bike races, etc.
Must find a way to stop the smoking especially during fire season. Not easy but perhaps a few large fines would help with this.

Maintenance of the road including winter access through park.

Parking enforcement within park, more ranger presence needed.. Road maintenance, particularly on hill going up to cougar canyon parking lot. Noise level on the waters at head of Cosens Bay. Bay is being used as a float plane training area where float planes take repeated landing and takeoffs for up to an hour at a time. Wake board boating causing a lot of damage to shore line with wash from boats. Loud music playing on boats wake boarding and water skiing. More marine police presence required in summer months.

One of the most attractive features of Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park is that it is largely undeveloped thereby offering limited recreational opportunities to the public. I would like to see this same level of activity maintained, the intent of which would be to preserve the unique features of the park, i.e. grass lands and rare, at risk and endangered wildlife species. However well intentioned, increased human activities invariably takes its toll on ecosystems by encroaching on limited resources. I would like to see park management tipped in favour of wildlife habitat and the environment in general with passive and limited human activities. I see conservation as the most important issue in the park ensued by (a) policies specifically directed toward conservation of landscapes, wildlife and wildlife habitat; (b) more conservation officers able to effectively monitor all activities in the park and the power to enforce rules backed by the strength of rules and regulations.

The risk of a fire. Next summer may also lack rain. Smokers do not obey warning signs. They leave their butts as evidence.

People are in the Twin Bays area of the park after ten pm. From my kitchen window I can see the cars leave.

The gate on Kidston road at the Twin Bays area is very difficult to control. Park personnel are aware of this.

Crowd management at high use or sporting events with porta potties at back areas and not just parking areas. Washrooms are also needed at major trail areas where they cross. This park should be a no smoking of anything all year. Yes that would be almost impossible to monitor but it is where you start change behaviour. Set an expectation that a responsible park user is expected to protect the park. An adequate parking area at the red gate is imperative! Passing there several times a day I wonder why there has not been a serious accident. Cyclists should be prohibited from using trails when wet, chewing them into slush.

absence of by-law officer enforcement of dogs off leash, dogs swimming in prohibited areas, vehicles parked on road, overnight camping in parking lot (cougar canyon). unsafe road with blind corners and narrow road

Expansion of parking at Cougar Canyon and allowing mountain biking has significantly increased vehicles driving through the park. This is putting visitors and wildlife at risk. We have witnessed bikes crossing roads without any regard for vehicles or people walking. Cars , trucks @nd motorhomes now use the road to park at cougar canyon which results in garbage and risk of fire. Vehicles often park on grasslands and areas designated as no parking. There is little or no enforcement of parking or speed which is restricted to 30kmph

Safe travel to our home at Cosens Bay. Upgrades, widening and PUBLIC SAFETY of the public road through the park!!

Dogs off leashes!

Trees encroaching on grasslands Invasive species, particularly plants Vehicles onto grasslands, illegal parking, dumping Unsafe parking at Red Gate Dogs off leash and at large at public beaches

Before a preliminary discussion BC Parks representatives in March, 2017, I drew up a list of issues for consideration. Keith Baric has a copy of those issues. I consider all of them as important management issues.

Looking back at the list after the experience of the summer I give top priority to the following issues: reduction of fire fuel, especially in the interface zones; preservation and restoration of grassland habitats; enforcement of existing prohibitions on activities such as off-road usage, night access and smoking when a ban is in place.

Travel safely to my property within Cosens Bay. If the rail fence is to remain it should be maintained and not be an eyesore to drive by. The road is far too narrow to allow vehicles to park on the side of the road throughout the park. More parking lots are desperately needed for the general public and the overall road needs to be wider, with better sightlines and signage. Far too many people drive all the way into the cottages looking for access to the lake because of non-existing signage. If the road to Jade and Juniper Bay can be paved why not Cosens Bay Rd as well. This would be better for all the fauna as well.

I note over the years the number of users of the park has increased tremendously, which is positive. A key issue to me is to ensure the park remains pristine, particularly Cosens Bay. Please keep access to Cosens Bay only by foot or water.

Washrooms, litter, keeping motor vehicles out to be continued. Maintaining the natural environment without any more development or infrastructure. Keep it natural. We have enough parking and the Cosens Bay road is fine and safe now, don't mess with it. I walk 100's of times a year on it and it is safe as safe can be. I can hear a vehicle way before they are anywhere near.

Parking lots are too small. There should be a bigger parking lot at the cosens bay parking area as it is very congested at peak times. It is even unsafe as people park their cars along the road which is already quite narrow, so the drive aisle becomes narrow. There should be a second parking area built in this area that is an overflow parking area that could be closed during the winter.

The dirt road into Cosen's Bay is a DISASTER waiting to happen!

The road is very narrow and has many blind spots. While I think keeping the road narrow on the straight stretches will act as traffic calming, the narrow curves desperately need improvements as do the narrow parts with no shoulder that would allow safe passing of two vehicles.

The road is too narrow around the curves and many other areas. Too hard for bi-directional traffic to get around each other on the road.

Possibly more hiking trails in the wooded area near cougar canyon (in the shade).

Safety on the road . Use of the park for everyone .

Identifying Cosens Bay Road as the legal road it is and the support Parks has provided to road safety by issuing the existing PUP to MOTI so they can do identified safety improvements.

Parks needs to ID this in the plan to properly identify the road and demonstrate its support to road safety. The use of the road is increasing every year by all types of park users and road safety issues will continue to rise.

Road serviced and accessible, and maintained. Parking addressed. Trails maintained

Forest fire risk.

Development... impacting the serenity, and natural beauty of the park. Increasing the parking density and population in the park will impact the natural flora and fauna of the species in the park. No doubt increase the noise with motor bikes, RVs, and cars. It must be kept as a day use park to control the risk of forest fires which will dramatically increase as we have already seen in the valley with global climate change. There needs to be an increase in enforcement of park rules already in the park with illegal parking. and camp fires.

Beach access at Cosens Bay. I'm not a beach person personally, but almost every time I park at the Cosens Bay lot, tourists ask me how to get to the water and I send them around to the other side. It's too far for families to walk to Cosens Bay, especially the uphill to get back to the lot. If parking could be put closer, more people could enjoy the park. However, the road would have to be widened to accommodate two-way traffic (or perhaps a one-way loop road would work).

There is nowhere to get water (that I know of). Consider putting water taps or drinking fountains in a few locations throughout the park.

Dogs chasing wildlife.

No garbage cans at Cosens Bay and Cougar Canyon lots. Garbage cans won't stop littering entirely but they might help.

Fire risk from park users ignoring the rules. Please do not allow camping as overnight users as it would open the door for rule-breaking 24 hours per day.

1. Ensure that the park is kept in its natural state and not developed into a paved pathway park like Stanley Park. I agree that more parking is required for hikers, bikers and horse riders and the proposed parking plan is reasonable.
2. Continue the excellent relationship with NOCS and Friends of Kal Park to maintain and build hiking and mountain biking trails.
3. Please do not pave the road to Cousins Bay as this will only encourage more development in that area and put more pressure on BC Parks Management to continue to improve the road and add utilities through the park.
4. Managing the growth of non indigenous plant species to ensure the park remains a true grassland area.

Parking - Bathrooms

parking, down tree removal, traffic through grasslands

Road safety and general up-keep

Road safety and Water purity. The road through the park from Cosens Bay Road is too narrow and has too many blind corners. A management priority that includes widening the road so that 2 cars can pass safely is essential. There are too many cars parked along the road during the summer season further narrowing it. Therefore managing parking for hikers and swimmers should also be a priority. Modern toilet facilities in the park would address the needs of the many people who congregate on the beach in the summer and would surely help keep the water clean.

Road safety - road not wide enough with too many blind corners, and people who drive too fast
Fire safety - too many cigarette butts in the park
Water run off from the road - not enough well placed culverts, so there was significant damage in 2017

Road safety and parking with respect to environmental concerns.

Road safety improvements

The road needs to be safer by widening to two lane so meeting an oncoming car is not so dangerous.

More hiking trails with the odd park bench and picnic table.

road safety particularly for some of the 'blind' corners. Road width is generally fine but a bit more sightline on some corners would really help to avoid the sudden appearance of oncoming vehicles. Continued improvements on the road surface would also be much appreciated

Allowing MOTI to do improves to the road which could mean using some parkland to straighten dangerous corners and widen narrow sections.

improving road safety

Parking is the big issue as you have identified in your background materials. Also, as a Provincial Park located in close proximity to a good sized communities, I think that better access to the water should be available to the general public as you currently have to hike a ways to reach the water (particularly Cosens Bay but even to some extent at Twin Bays). For those who are active, this is not a problem but for many in the general population, it is too far. I believe that this would be very popular (please note I am not a beach person so this is not something I would take advantage of).

The other thing that would be good would be the addition of more intermediate mountain bike/trail running loops on the Stone Free side of Bear Valley. Even within the mountain bike community, I have observed that there are many either are not fit enough or have the time to do a big climb starting from Cosens Bay parking to Stone Free and further up. I make extensive use of the Cougar Trap trail (an excellent addition) to access Stone Free (another excellent addition) but there is only one loop with an intermediate trail available from this parking area (Stone Free/Twisted Sisters/Crash of 08). If there were more intermediate shorter loops, I think that this parking area would get utilized more pulling traffic away from the other lots (my opinion). When I ride the trails on the south side of Bear Valley, I see many mountain bikers and trail runners so it is a very conducive to a variety of activities though you do not see hikers (even with the High Rim Trail).

Another potential issue (and I am not sure that this is a current problem) and one I have seen often in other recreational areas is the braiding of trails. This impacts flora and fauna but also often can create problems with drainage for existing trails and can create confusion for those not familiar with the trail network. This is something that must continually be monitored. So far, it seems that users have respected the park from this perspective so I hope that continues but increased volumes of visitors may increase the potential for braiding.

I agree that parking is an issue at both our provincial parks in Vernon. I have looked over the proposed parking lot management plan.

Twin Bay parking: Can the trees between the two existing lots be joined to create one parking lot instead of cutting a new parking lot? if not, then I would choose Option A over Option B as Option B encroaches too far into the park.

Red gate suggestion: Love the Red Gate solution of providing 2 designated handicap access spots and agree with this proposed parking management plan.

Cosens Bay parking: Probably the most controversial of the 3 lots. I highly dislike the idea of a visible parking lot in the middle of the park therefore think that West lot idea is not a good fit for our park. In my opinion, it degrades the beauty of the park.

This parking lot is not mentioned but I do not want to see any increase to cougar canyon parking in the future because the cabin owners are already complaining about too much traffic and are lobbying to have the road widened. Choosing West Lot parking contributes to this same issue. I do not want to see any widening of the existing road access into the park.

Water pollution from excessive numbers of power boats, destruction of habitat by overuse of park, destruction of park due to cyclists and hikers going off the marked paths, irresponsible dog owners not picking up feces on beaches and along pathways, and family time in nature being disrupted by alcohol consumption, foul language and loud music during busy summer months.

Road safety for all users (cyclists/vehicles/walkers/joggers). Recreational/civilian/park vehicles require room to pass oncoming vehicles in a safe manner; wider roads would increase safety margins. There are some blind corners to the road where mirrors/improved signage would help.

1) Manage the PROTECTION of Kalamalka Park so it is preserved for at least 7 generations into the future.

This plan would include maintaining MINIMAL FOOT PRINTS in this natural reserve comprised of magnificent wildlife, flora & fauna not found anywhere else on the planet, as well as Preserving the silence & stillness that nature has to offer.

As we are now into the year of 2018 where all across the Earth preserving the land, air, water & wildlife is the world's number one concern. Very assertive measures are being implemented on the sustainability of our Earth and all that it is comprised of. Throughout most countries in the world this is the utmost importance. It is our responsibility as the Human race and Canadian citizens to address the protection and preserving of Mother Nature in our Country, our Province, our neighborhood and local regions. This planet can not & will not sustain itself without our help in preserving what is left from the ruins of excessive development. Unless we Rise Up and take a stand for this beautiful land that we have been blessed with, there will be nothing left for the present and future generations. This responsibility includes deterring any developments on pristine land that belongs to all of us, ie: Kalamalka Protected Provincial Park from being exploited by Weapons of Greed ! and Power of Need.

We must all Rise up for the Earth, for Humanity, and the greater good in our Integrity and dignity.

2) Management of Speed Limits in Kal Park.

Enforcing the speed limit that is posted for 30 km on Cosens Bay Road.

Pedestrians are not the issue on this road, it is the drivers that use this road back & forth on a daily basis that demonstrate no respect for people walking through this provincial parkland that belongs to all of us.

3) Management of posted signs for no motor vehicles allowed on walking trails.

Increase BC park staff presence to enforce the posted signs that do not allow any type of motor vehicle on any of the trails within the park. These vehicles; such as trucks cars, motor-cycles and ATV's are allowed on the road only.

Often I have come across motor cycles driving on the trails & down to the shore-line and let them know that they are not allowed. People in half ton trucks driving down to the bottom of the lake and ripping up the beach, fish tailing & spinning donuts in the sand, destroying the

trails, plants & disrupting the animals as well as the people. Throwing beer cans out the window & starting camp fires in the middle of the fire season.

4) Management of Boat and Jet Ski control

Enforcing boat patrol on the lake & on the shore. Too many times I have had a conflict with boaters that refuse to park in the area for boats & park in the swimming area with several people swimming. I have been threatened by many of these individuals trying to protect this environment myself. I have made several reports of this activity to the RCMP, too many times to count.

Many Jet ski drivers demonstrate a level of responsibility similar to that of a small child that is out of control. They operate this machine as close to the shoreline, as fast as they can go, driving through the swimming area while swimmers are swimming in close proximity.

5) Parking lot management concerns

There are 4 parking lots accessing 3 entrances to Kal Park. Two large well established parking lots on the west side connecting to a paved walking trail approximately a 5 min walk to the shoreline of Jade and Juniper Bay. which is Kalamalka Lake. Visitors that are not interested or inclined to walk more than a short hop can access beautiful Kal lake on a paved trail to the beach.

There is a paved road that connects the parking lot and the main road for easy access to this area.

On the North end is a smaller parking area that links many trails as well as an easy 2.5 km walk to Cosens Bay. Short & Sweet !

At the East side of the park there is a large well established parking lot that links up to the entrance of the Cosens Bay road and several trails. From this gate Cosens Bay is an easy 3.1 km walk on a superb trail. All hiking trails are maintained & kept in perfection.

There is no reason to cement over this precious land near Cosens Bay for another parking lot & destroy more of the parkland. Destroying this land to bring the motor vehicles closer to the water edge is a recipe for more destruction to animals, plants, polluting the land, water and noise factors.

Lets hold the intention to keep the park a park, not a parking lot.

6) Road Management

Daja vu ! The year 2016 comes to mind. 5000 people stood up for the protection & preservation of Kalamalka Provincial Park and because of us, the people that care, we do not have a 30 meter wide highway through this sacred area.

The cabin owners at the end of Cosens Bay road instigated a deal with the Ministry of Transportation to build them their dream road to satisfy there every needs, pleading & trying to prove that it was a very dangerous road & that a highway through the park was a solution. This was overturned proving that there was no danger, and the future was to do a few adjusts on the road to make it more friendly.

Now it is 2018 & the same scenario is being instigating using a different approach knowing that the last time it didn't work for them. This time they are pleading that pedestrians are at risk walking down Cosens Bay Road, and the parking is not ample enough for the thousands & thousands of people that come in masses to visit this park.

I visit this park everyday as I mentioned earlier, and never have I experienced thousands of people in Kal Park. This is another ploy to build more roads, parking lots, thus leading to more real estate development in the future for a very small neighborhood and their portfolios of investments.

â This lame strategy of greed and power reminds me of the â Wolves dressed up like sheep knocking on the back door this time, hoping no one will notice or remember them knocking on the same door two years ago.â

7) Dog Poop Management

As new technology advances so does the opportunity to identify the dog poop with the dog owner. This tremendous advancement will help clean up all the owners of dogs that refuse to take responsibility of there pets. As I walk through this incredible space of pristine perfection, â Kalamalka Parkâ I am bombarded by plastic dog poop bags streaming from branch to branch, laced on the sides of the trails & blatant dog poop left in the middle of the trail for people like me to either step in it or dodge around it. In the heat of the Okanagan sun beaming down there is a disgrace of complacency in the air, in the winter it shines on the sparkling snow light a brown flashlight.

This company that provides this service links the DNA of the dog from a sample of the dog poop to match the dog to the registered owner & thus the owner is identified as the culprit. This operation of sorts should awaken the sleepy head pet owner to their actions of consequence. I say they should be hired immediately for Kal Park.

Degradation of native grassland/savanna communities due to establishment of invasive alien species (e.g. Scotch thistle, sulfur cinquefoil, St. John's wort, dalmatian toadflax); loss of native grassland habitat due to ongoing conifer encroachment; loss of natural fire regime and resulting buildup of fuel loads; fire interface management; smoking by park users esp. during summer dry season; trail erosion; late night access and parking at Twin Bays parking lot; unregulated recreational trail construction; commercial interests in park development; management of Cosens Bay Road.

Control o motor vehicles on the road. Beach facilities. Toilets and showers need upgrading. off road parking near the beach and adjacent to trails

Road Safety!!

Dog poop left on the rail trail, general increase in litter with the presumed traffic increase along the shoreline.

Cars are constantly broken into in the parking lot. There are inadequate security measures in the parking lot to deter vehicle thefts.

Dogs are allowed to run free in areas which dogs are not allowed. There is little or no enforcement of dogs.

The parking lot is often not sufficiently plowed after a snowfall in winter making it hard not to get stuck.

vandalism and lack of dog friendly areas

Fire control, erosion, Trail development

Drainage issues
Fallen trees

Losing tourism and highly valued recreational natural terrain.

With mountain biking becoming more popular, the trail network will continue to see and increase usage. I would like to see an increased effort to build more trails, with proper drainage that cater to all ability levels. Some proper DH trails off of Big Ed forestry road would be a welcome improvement. The park trails are currently lacking jumps and man-made features. The original ones are rotten and have fallen apart and haven't been replaced. Generally speaking, the bike trails are old and out of date and they need an overhaul. More hiking trails and rock climbing routes would also improve the park.

Too many vehicles crossing through the park at Cosens Bay to get to cabins Dogs off leash and out of control Not enough parking at Red gate Need a pit toilet at Red Gate Conflicts between mountain bikers and hikers on same narrow trails.

Preserving the unique environment of the park -- protecting the animals and plants that live in the park in the face of ever more use from the public. Also, many dogs are still off leash and on beaches, posing a hazard for both wildlife and children.

Protecting the lake water quality and peace from the impact of more and more power boats

Even though Kal Park is not a wilderness area, how much of the park should be treated as "front country"?

Whether to allow "selling" in the park

There needs to be a reexamination of the whole trail system and recreational use. Take a look at the mix of hiking and biking on the same trail. Although it seems to be working this issue needs to be addressed in the plan.

Keep the Cosens Bay parking area where it is now but expand it. I disagree with moving this parking area into the park as is outlined in the document attached to the planning process. Bad idea!

1) The bike club's attempt at having a new trail built in Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park was not successful. There is a growing need for a new intermediate flow trail to redirect traffic and offer riders an intermediate level option further up the trail system. Unfortunately an environmental assessment was completed at the beginning of the spring. The bike club would like to know how to proceed in order to make this trail a reality. There is mounting pressure from our membership to have progress on the trail demonstrated.

2) Members within the mountain bike community and other trail users have voiced their objections to paving the whole kalamalka lake road for the few that live along the bay in boat access only territory. Widening and paving the road beyond the new parking lot will create extensive and long lasting grassland damage.

3) Despite the amount of trail maintenance and advocacy the bike club does for Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park, the positive work by members of the cycling club continues to be overlooked by other trail users and trail user clubs. This is evident in editorial columns calling out bikers for siding with paving Kalamalka Lake Road and misunderstandings on other park controversies. This could not be further from the truth. It may be of value to release annual reports to trail user clubs/groups which details the amount, type and quality of work each club has put into park projects (physical and administrative). This would provide user groups with a shared sense of care for the parks and hopefully inspire group collaboration on projects with common goals

4) The North Okanagan Cycling Society is proud to be an integral part of providing the passion of mountain biking to our community. We are excited to extend the benefits of being a member in our club with the addition of a fat tire trail grooming program. This new and budding area will

allow trail users of all disciplines, ages and ability to continue to advance their biking skills and enjoy recreating in the beautiful Okanagan through the winter. We would hope that BC Parks can give our club permission to move forward with this incredible opportunity.

5) Perhaps out of the jurisdiction of BC parks, in the King Eddy plateau recreation shooting takes place. Unfortunately unsanctioned shooting areas are within close proximity of our mountain biking trails. This may be an isolated issue but may require further attention if continued reports are made.

Horse trailers in the Cosens bay parking lot. Everyone else parks fine but the horse trailers park diagonal or across 5 spaces taking up too many spaces in the parking lot on weekends and during busy times which is really frustrating for everyone else. Also horse poop on multi-use trails is an issue, mandatory bags for the horses would be great so people don't have to walk or ride through it on the trail. Another issue is holes in the trails created by horses. When the ground is saturated after the rain and equestrians use trails, large hoof holes are created in the trail making the trail rough and susceptible to further erosion. Many of the trails are fine to use when they are wet by hikers and bikers, though the weight of a horse creates lots of trail damage on trails such as gingerly after rain. Therefore I think equestrian use in the park needs to be revisited.

Trail development and management. Separated downhill mtb routes from running/hiking and mtb climbing routes to avoid user conflict.

Biggest key management issue is definitely the road safety(we continue to see more and more people in the park and the current road is NOT capable of handling any more traffic ...

Trail maintenance, parking

Excessive road use, unauthorized parking in the park on the road, excessive speed on the road, horse back riders impacting bike trails, lack of participation in trail maintenance by horse enthusiasts. Fuels management should be undertaken more often included reintroducing prescribed burning.

A key management issue for the Park that I hope BC Parks addresses in their new plan is to identify the many users of the Park both local and province wide.

I am concerned that Parks has not identified enough that they have many stakeholders who use and enjoy the Park. The Park is not a single purpose use Park that one organization seems to think it should be. Every year we see more and more users of the Park be them cyclists, horseback riders, rock climbers, Army cadets, hikers, etc.

We also see an expanding use of the Park by people outside the province and country.

We are encouraged by discussion of parking increases as it can become darn dangerous with the amount of non regulation parking taking place on the Cosens Bay side of the Park solely due to lack of proper parking lots being developed. One very vocal party has no problem supporting parking on the red gate side of the park but inputs constantly about not providing any support for the Cosens Bay side instead promoting false messaging and headlines that paving planning is underway???

In the plan it would be great to identify there are more stakeholders and users than just the Friends of the Park so that balance can be achieved. FOP have some good ideas but this Parks use is increasing year by year and it is not going to stop and the Park must adjust to this increased use and implement changes that are going to benefit all and not just one user group.

Parking, road safety for all and expanding the parks facilities help to address this increasing demand.

Vehicle traffic on cousins bay road, needs to be limited and slowed down. Additional parking should be positioned with minimal impact on the park.

Trail maintenance, controlled vehicle accesss, unauthorized trail use by horseback riders and on occasion motorized vehicles (atv's , automobiles and motorcycles)

We need more parking so more people can enjoy the park responsibly.

Leave it alone..it is perfect

Making sure the park embraces a wide range of activities and not just a select few

Need more parking, but keep parking out of the park grounds.

Restricting motor vehicles and specific activities from causing damage which impacts other users. A few years ago I passed someone who had driven their Jeep right down the walking path from Cosens Bay Road to the beach and was parked on the beach and launching a SUP. Cycle groups have put significant effort into trail design, construction, maintenance, mapping & signage. Other user groups, specifically equestrian trail riders occasionally cause significant trail damage which can be hazardous to other user groups. In recent years wildfire hazard has become a significant concern and fire-proofing the park so poses less risk to neighboring houses.

Maintaining the multi use trails and keep all user happy

Horses appear to do the most damage to trails. Compared to hikers, runners & mountain bikers, they are an incredibly small number. Despite this, they take up the most parking space, & do the most damage. They also ignore the "No Horses" sign on Gingerly. There was another trail along the fence line, but as it's not maintained by them, it has overgrown. Unfortunately they appear to feel the most entitled, yet willing to do nothing to help.

Driving on the road into Cousins Bay and further on down the road has to be minimized by more parking at the park entrance and have people travel from there. Traffic has to be kept at the slow speed by NOT upgrading the road! Horse people need to stay off mountain bike/hiking trails when the surfaces are soft such as new trails that many volunteers put hard labour into (I have yet to see a horse person working on a trail) their erosion is damaging. The Cousin bay parking lot needs to be made larger a suggestion is to purchase the property across the road to the south of the existing parking lot. Horse trailer. take considerable extra room and they are less than .02% of Kal park users.

We need more parking so more people can enjoy the park responsibly.

Parking is an issue for sure

Trail building to access new areas of the park is the key issue on my family' s mind. We love to volunteer to expand the trail networks but we get seriously disheartened by arrogant users of

the trails we build from the equine group...their disrespect for volunteer efforts is sometimes dumbfounding!

Approval processes for new mountain bike trails and re-routes seem to take too long. There is a broad spectrum of rider abilities and Kal Park needs for green and blue rated trails as soon as possible to cater to this population.

The second and less important concern is of horse trailer parking at the Cosens Bay Lot. They will park diagonally across the parking lot taking up 3-5 spots where regular vehicles could have parked. There should be signs asking them to parallel park on the road.

Trail maintenance for mountain biking

Massive infestation of invasive weeds, forest encroachment, priority given to human recreation desires over conservation and habitat protection.

Safe Parking

Parking is a challenge. The red gate parking lot should be bigger even if it means moving the fence in towards the park a little bit. Cousins bay parking lot is often full and horse trailers are often parked on the road and the lot is full in the summer.

Keeping the mountain bike trails as a top priority is really great for the community and encourages healthy living. We have some of the best trails anywhere and will become a cycling centre with the rail trail and the bike path to Vernon. Great work!!

Upgrade and maintaining the road for the safety of all park users and homeowners

Managing all the users interests so we can all enjoy this beautiful Park. It is for all people to enjoy not just certain groups.

Trying to keep it as natural as possible

Limiting use to a level that does not destroy the natural beauty of the park, and its lands, mainly grassland habitat. This park is relatively small but one of BC's gems. Over the course of 50 years I have experienced it in its many phases from cattle grazing, to the BC government acquiring it, and thankfully preserving it and allowing it to recover to its natural state. Please put some regulation on the mountain bike traffic which has been ever increasing, and frequently do not travel on the marked trails. Also illegally parked cars and enforce the rules. The park requires full time rangers in the spring, summer, and fall. Also, please limit the number of commercial companies using the park for rock climbing tours. The value of this park being kept in pristine state far out-weighs using it for monetary gains.

The Cosens Bay road needs to be wider. It is very dangerous now and needs to be updated, Secondary, I would suggest a larger parking lot on the east side of the park and some garbage cans.

Management has sold out to the mountain bike organization and has allowed mountain bikes to have unfettered access to the park. The trails conflict with animal habitat and endanger park hikers vehicles; and users. Limiting the number of vehicles accessing Cougar Canyon is also required. There is little or no park management ... Parks does a very poor job of managing this park.

Ensuring property owners at Cosens Bay have safe access to their property is also required. Allowing vehicles to park at Cougar Canyon is a mistake. Hikers should be required to park outside the park and walk in on trails.

Maintenance and preservation of the grassland areas and perhaps even expansion of that grassland. Pressure will continue to increase and so the challenges will obviously become more complex. However preservation should be a core objective in the face of these pressures and therefore further encroachment must be avoided. Expansion of parking lots into the current boundaries is a very disturbing idea which I oppose strongly. The answer to increased pressure on the park environment is not easier access.

Conservation under high usage is the number one concern. The park is a treasure. All other concerns are secondary

Control of erosion, particularly that induced by mountain bikes on and off official trails. Shoreline erosion and disruption of habitat due to the wake of Power Boats, particularly in environmentally sensitive areas.

UXOs. Unofficial word is that a magnetometer sweep of the Kal Park Cosens Bay area produced evidence of a significant amount of metallic debris.

Overuse of the road going through the park to the cabins first established on the basis of access by water only. On a trip walking along this road to the point where it crossed Cosen's creek, an incredible amount of abandoned beer cans and bottles and other debris were found off the bank of the road.

Road safety due to increased traffic and narrow winding road. Parking is an issue as people ignore the do not park signs in the park and cause traffic congestion at the gate where the parking is dismally small.

Allowing multi users (equine, hikers, walkers, mountain bikers) equal opportunity to use trails. Provide adequate parking a rest room facilities while preserving grassland areas. Using power line right of way may minimize potential impacts.

Improved road safety and ongoing maintenance. That road is so dangerous with all the blind corners and it is too narrow.

Clear access to safe road for cabin owners.

Maintain the road in the park. Make it accessible to all.

Lack of parking . Parking areas required to enlarge to acomodate use. Proposed parking within the park on Cosens Bay road would greatly improve access to those less mobile users . For example elderly and young toddlers .

We need more conservation and NOT more development in this park. Do not add more parking or develop the roads, control numbers of people and a ban on mountain biking which is causing a lot of damage.

Fire is a huge risk in Kal park and the park needs a stronger fuel management plan.

There needs to be some parking areas near the Cosens bay and high rim trail access points. The lack of parking in this area of the park is extremely annoying.

I have a problem with to proposed plan of putting additional parking in the park. It seems that every time a proposal comes forward regarding the park, said proposal will take away from the park sanctuary. In my opinion we should not add any parking inside the park , The reason for this is that it would add more traffic and noise thus taking away from the tranquillity of the park itself which I and my family have enjoyed for the last 40 years.

I would ask that you reconsider any motorised vehicle activity that is allowed in the park and leave park as quiet as possible.

Trail maintenance, and trail development. There were Somme fantastic trails in Kal Park, but most are accessed through one main Tamil which can lead to the trails getting a lot of wear.

1. Motorized vehicles going off the road and damaging the vegetation.
2. Conflicts between older people who don't like change and younger people participating in new emerging activities (e.g. fat biking).
3. Parking as the local population grows
4. How to plan for e-bikes and their use of the park (e.g. are they considered a "motorized" vehicle even though they don't have a motor? Maybe "motorized" vehicle should be changed to say "power" vehicle in case people consider a dirt bike powered by a battery to be the same as a mountain bike using pedal power? The dirt bike would obviously do far more damage to the trail system)
5. Misinformation about who is using the park, how, and the impact to it.

A new parking lot closer to the beach would only increase vehicle traffic with people looking for easier access to the lake, and bring more dust along with this. This would cause issues for people hiking or biking near the road, increasing dangerous situations with vehicles.

I do not think a new parking lot closer to the beach is needed, however.

Maintaining the multi use/user openness of Kal Provincial Park.

minimizing impacts to wildlife and plants while providing public use and access.
dogs off leash and non-pickup of dog droppings

1. Protecting the natural plant life and bird nesting grounds
2. Mountain bike use in the park

Increasing Use

My observation is that more people are using the park. This will probably continue to occur as the Vernon area grows. The plan needs to be clear about the environmental baseline for the park and what conditions will be maintained or improved and the type and level of use that will be permitted.

Mountain Biking

The mountain biking trails need to be examined and redesigned. Most of the trails are for advanced riders. More trails need to be green and blue and more of a flow without technical challenges. This would provide opportunities for more people. Otherwise it is only for a select few people. I have mountain biked throughout western North America and more trails are now being developed for people who can ride green and blue trails and have an easy flow.

Parking

All parking needs to be developed on the periphery of the park. No development of a parking area from the Cosens Bay Road. I am okay with expanding the Red Gate and Cosens Bay parking areas.

Dogs

I would prefer all dogs on leash.

Mountain biking with no consideration redestroying grassland

Mountain bikes are completely destroying the Park! It's full of trails now and dangerous to hike anywhere without fear of getting run over. The hills are being torn apart by riders sliding down steep slopes, creating dust and erosion. Slopes are being cut with machines, the trails are obvious from a distance and a complete eyesore!

rare species and ecosystem conservation, parking, balancing recreation with protection of priority features, maintaining connectivity between Kalamalka Lake park to other parks.

Parking

Mountain bikes scarring the grasslands specifically the new Gingerly switchbacks. I cannot see why this was allowed in the first place. Ugly, ugly, ugly.

Cars- horrible to be enjoying a quiet walk and be disturbed by the noise and dust of passing cars. Some drivers heading to their cabins drive unsafely. Would be so disappointed if a parking area was put closer to the lake. In my opinion the park would lose, completely, what is left of its rural, natural feel. I've been a regular park user for decades and the addition of bikes has been detrimental to the environment and has made walking some trails down right dangerous as groups come blazing around blind corners. Multi use- Ok- but maybe a special area exclusively for bike use. We have a gem here. Please resist impacting it more.

The use of the park has increased substantially over the past 10 years. Obviously parking has been under pressure especially At Cosens parking lot. My concern is that any new parking facilities should not be the least intrusive within the park itself. I agree with additional lot at Twin bays option A, and increase at Red Gate proposal. However I am very concerned about Proposal of new lot option West. Reluctantly would be ok with lot East. I would prefer you approach land owner adjacent To existing lot and possibly the purchase of 3-5 acres for more parking but also a day use grass area with picnic tables And proper bathroom facility (as water line close by) and possibly a kids play ground area. Any major lot development Deeper within the park will have huge impact on wild life, Although it is a long hike to Cosens Bay, my feed back from people is that they like wilderness part of this side that attracts them to come. Please give careful consideration that once you have Intruded deeper with development you will never be able to go back and that would be a shame for our next generation. The mistery and beauty with its wild life during the seasons would be lost forever.

Mountain bikes going off the designated trails, thus creating new ones which is an eyesore and reduces the natural land. Dog owners not cleaning up after their pets. Some owners leave the full bags on the trail and then don't pick them up.

Two key management issues in my opinion are: 1) limiting the number of motor vehicles in the park, and 2) managing the flora as best we can. When I jogged the trails in the summer, the long plumes of dust brought up by vehicles transiting the park was a frequent annoyance. It's unknown how many endangered rattlesnakes were killed or threatened by large cement trucks lumbering towards construction sites further along Cosen's Bay road. Though I understand the Ministry of the Environment does not have unlimited legal funds, I was not in favour of opening the CB Gate when that was ordered in the 1990's. That said, I understand that limited vehicle access is necessary and a compromise has been reached which seems acceptable to most. It's a long walk to the climbing area from the existing CB parking lot and I'm glad one was built closer to Cougar Canyon. It's good we are addressing parking and I especially like the proposal at the Red Gate, also improving the curve of the road there. If residents have concerns then there could be a yellow gate put in place like for the Jade bay parking lots. With regards to those, if

we did have to build a third lot, then one to the south would be better than the hillside to the east as I often see deer in the latter. For the CB lot expansion, yes I see that horse trailers take up a fair bit of space: how about some long-shaped spaces similar to campground pull-throughs for fifth wheels? The best place is at the top of the hill south of the existing CB lot. There can be some handicapped spots too as it's a bit closer to Cosen's Bay (with rear-view mirror handicapped person proof). I think the trailer drivers would appreciate not having to navigate the square CB lot, and the horses might appreciate not having dogs and bikes close by. Used to have a concern about the horse droppings on trails when I jogged, but experience shows it biodegrades much more rapidly than dog's and is mostly grass-based. I definitely oppose a parking lot near the trail section down to Cosens Bay as I feel it will be overused, plus more cars travelling along the road. To reduce car traffic to the CB cabins, issue a limited number of "park transit passes for cars" (which should be bought: a yearly renewal fee) for residents and their guests. It's my understanding talking with the former ranch manager's relatives that the title deeds of the CB cabins does not include the right to land access, so they shouldn't abuse that privilege/favour. When the gate opened in the 90's, I used to worry about off-road vehicle vandalism but that doesn't seem to be happening much, and the entire road in fact could be fenced or more of the large rocks put up. Finally: management of the flora. Knapweed is the most common invader to the native grasses. Again, consult with the former owners on that point: apparently cattle grazing can reduce this weed while encouraging grasses, as long as they don't over-graze. Controlled/prescribed burns would keep the!

tree numbers down and I'm happy about the removal and burning of the beetle kill trees a decade ago. Don't know whether cattle or burning is the best way to eradicate the knapweed. I am concerned about fuel load esp under the pine trees and it's been some time since the last prescribed burns. I know the Coldstream mayor has some concerns about potential fire risk from smokers and cosen's bay boat users and their fires.

Planning procedures like this one, ignoring the elephant in the living room like mountain bikers and other ORV's in the park, thinking that they can manage any of these sports. Better to ban them altogether, since trying to manage mountain bikers is more like trying herd squirrels... Managing mountain bikers, et al. is just one huge headache. Please BAN them from the park. They revel in breaking the rules, which is an inherent part of this off-road sports mentality.

Creating more parking lots is NOT the answer. There are enough parking lots already in Kalamalka. Build it and there will be more mountain bikers, etc. coming into the park, not less.

this park seems to be fairly well maintained, maybe more patrols for people that disrespect the land by littering , not picking up after dogs etc

I wasn't aware there was any management of the park as the mountain bikers seem to be free to carve up new paths wherever it suits them and to generally do as they please.

This park wasn't meant to be a mountain bike park, it was established as a sanctuary for the flora and fauna unique to this part of the Okanagan Valley.

Proposed new parking lot enlargements! This will be a problem especially with regards to the Conservation Values and Conservation opportunities. Why would we encroach on the fragile/RARE systems to make it easier for people to park? Let's really think about the negative impact having more motor vehicles in the park....when did conservation include the paving over of the very thing we want to conserve? Red Gate??? Why not have Coldstream widen the road and establish parking of the road? Same for Cousin's Bay and Twin Bays? WHAT????

Eliminating inappropriate and destructive use like vehicle use (specifically mountain bikes) and dog use; The equally critical issue is limiting human overrun of the park ; the nonsense mentality that everyone has some sort of entitlement to invade and exploit parts (public lands) has to be countered, and essentially shed. BC Parks staff / mentality are a big part of this failure to limit use to non destructive levels.

Of course, you have not done an environmental assessment, but you ought to or you can not claim any moral or scientific prerogative to manage these lands well.

I believe the key management issue in Kalamalka Park is to preserve its unique ecosystem. Important to this is to not further fragmenting the grasslands with a parking lot halfway down the Cosens Bay Valley. Conservation and habitat protection should continue to be the priority, especially in the most vulnerable grassland areas and open ponderosa forests. Proposed parking lot B would be a tremendous mistake; devaluing the grasslands and inviting problems that the Cougar Canyon parking lot and Cosens Bay parking lot face daily (break and enter, vandalism, fires etc).

I have serious concerns about the way the Park is being developed/ over-developed into a mountain biking park. It is the jewel of the North Okanagan and land managers in Penticton (who are mountain bikers) are allowing for it's over-development for that activity. The trails are negatively impacting the environment in many ways, including impacts of habitats, erosion, water diversion and just an overall increase of people in the Park. As a result of all the new trails (some mechanically built), the traffic has increased exponentially and the parking lots are being overwhelmed. What was once a quiet climbers parking lot is now being used to take the pressure off the other parking areas. Everyone else's access and interests are being sidelined to accommodate the mountain bike community.

Far too many trails have been out in by mountain bikers.

You need to remove bicycles! They have no business being on unpaved trails. And stop building trails! Trail building destroys habitat!

Continued multi-user trails and well marked specific use trails to prevent the wrong users on trails.

Allowing mountain bikes in this environment is a tragedy. These park users have a long history of building illegal bike trails and damaging habitat. MB trail networks tend to be greater than hiking trail networks. Please visit www.trailforks.com and see where extensive networks are being built all over the Province where none had been 15 years ago. Bike trails are everywhere in your park and other Provincial parks and they must be contained and building illegal bike trails must be enforced. While the larger mammal species actually use man-made trails, smaller species of mammal and amphibians treat trails as barriers because trails create open areas for predation. They become confined to pockets, islands or habitat fragments which restrict breeding and gene flow.

Removal of CWD (coarse woody debris) and living trees for trail construction from the forest results in another micro-habitat being lost. Intensity of use of MB trails (speed, noise, high energy and frequency) is much greater than for hiking trails. This drives wildlife out of the area and deprives it of quiet refuge areas for breeding, particularly the larger species such as deer. The combination of speed of mountain bikes and use of trails by larger wildlife, hikers and horses increases risk of collision which can result potentially in serious injury or death e.g.

risk of fire by those using the park inappropriately illegal activity at parking lots i.e.: vehicle break-ins, drinking and use of substances destruction of the grass lands due to vehicles going off road risk to wildlife i.e.: dogs being let off leash littering illegal dumping

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PLEASE buy farmers field for extra parking and maintain the natural beauty protect the grasslands and open forests PLEASE no cars in park

Most especially the harm done to ecological integrity and the beauty of the park by inappropriate human activities.

I have been appalled in recent years to watch the rapid and apparently unchecked growth of mountain biking trails in the park. And to see the road across the park become a throughway for real estate developers along the east shore of the lake. And to watch the beach at the head of Cosens Bay turn into a summertime parking lot for power boats. And so on and on.

Invasive species. Many of the lower meadows are badly infested with invasive (often alien) plant species. That situation is rooted (so to speak) in abuses (overgrazing, uncontrolled vehicle traffic and so on) that occurred before the park was established, but it seems to be developing, with the arrival of ever more aggressive invaders and heavier visitor traffic. I think that some sort of intervention will be required to reverse the process and, indeed, I think there is a very great opportunity here for some significant research and experimentation in grassland rehabilitation using native species.

In a somewhat similar vein, the ingrowth and encroachment of forest into grassland areas of the park, is an obvious issue, also rooted, I think, in previous disturbance and abuse of grasslands, and here again some sort of intervention is probably needed. I think that mechanical removal (by hand) of young invading trees is the way to go. (I know that BC Parks has wrestled with this issue before and came up against real opposition, which did not, perhaps, fully understand the ecological need to control the rapid spread of young trees.)

And the above is related to another management issue, the fire hazard posed by young forest which has grown up next to real estate developments along the borders of the park. My own interests are with maintaining the ecological integrity and beauty of the park, that's what's important to me, and as I see it, the needs of home-owners should not automatically take priority over the needs of the park, but fire-hazard is a real issue and I'd like to see it dealt with in a way that does not compromise the beauty or integrity of the park. Perhaps a solution can be found that enhances the park rather than diminishing it.

access to beaches, more vehicle lake front access sites. access to east side of lake with comprising wildlife management issues.

Restoration of native habitat, invasive removal, thinning Ponderosa pines or ecological burning.

Keeping parking lots from growing. Purchasing private land near the Cosens Bay entrance for parking lot.

road conditions, width of road in places, speed management

I believe some key management issues include keeping important ecosystems protected, and managing park usage and traffic.

Although I have done mountain biking and see its attraction, certain areas of the park are at times over run by bikers, many of whom do not obey the request to give the right of way to those on foot. Some of the mountain bike trails are well situated in that they are away from hiking areas, but other trails have damaged the environment and caused friction between bikers and hikers.

Kalamalka Park is a small, precious gem; it is a place where one can feel and understand what the Okanagan must have been like before the onslaught of white settlers, it is a place of great beauty that should be protected for generations to come. As there are many places for activities such as mountain biking, camping, hunting, etc., there is no need to lay Kalamalka Park upon the altar and sacrifice it to the whims of special interest groups. When it is gone it is gone.

preservation and protection from increasing incursions by vehicles, roads, and parking lots

interface fire risk (increased I believe by encouraging parking and vehicular traffic in the park)

limitations on vehicle traffic

High usage of existing and popular trails is a key issue. Climate change (longer and hotter summers) and the threat of fire anywhere in the Park would be key factors for a new management plan.

Right now the management and maintenance of the trails that are used by hikers, bikers and runners is done by a volunteer group called NOCS. While this is OK it isn't reasonable to put on a group of people who just want to enjoy the park. Also, the brushing that is done in the summer is also managed by a group outside BC Parks. But the biggest is parking!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Especially at Cosens bay.

Nothing

I love mountain biking in our beautiful park and also enjoy hiking, dog walking, swimming and trail maintenance. Through NOCS I help coordinate a program called Trail Ninjas which gives our

youth chance to get involved in mountain biking, trail maintenance and trail building in the park. The objective is to increase park stewardship and meaningful connections it the community through involvement in the mountain bike community.

1. Continued reduction of funding for regular, ongoing maintenance of the Park (particularly monitoring and enforcement of appropriate use of the Park, and trail maintenance).
2. Degradation of the Park ecosystem by overuse by bicycles. Mountain bike use must be either eliminated from the Park, or effective means of limiting bike use to a few designated trails must be found. The grasslands are being desecrated by thoughtless use of bikes.
3. Inconsiderate and/or unsafe use of mountain bikes, making pedestrian users feel uncomfortable or unsafe.
4. Minimizing the encroachment of automobiles into the Park
 - (a) continue to keep the footprint of the existing road through the park as it is - NO expansion or upgrading of the existing right-of-way (in 2014 we fought hard to prevent widening etc., and with increasing population pressures on the Park this is increasingly important);
 - (b) there should be absolutely no intrusion of parking lots within the Park (park vehicles OUTSIDE the Park, keep the park for foot use only).

Keep parking out of the park.

The over development of bike trails without public knowledge. The constant fight to stop the paving and development of the park in the name of what is best for man. What about what is best for nature. Stop catering to the north okanagan cycling society to the building of trails where ever they want without any input from others who use the park. This organization is supposed to maintain ALL the trails in the park in yet they only take care of the ones they choose to. Do we have to destroy all nature just so man can leave his foot print. When do we preserve nature first. When it is all paved over?

Parking is number 1 issue in my mind. I like the Red Gate option, along with the East Lot option in Cosen Bay. The West lot option is not good as it will increase the traffic on the rd. If people did drive down to the lower lot and it was full they would park on the rd, in the grass lands or be forced to drive all the way back out, increasing unneeded traffic.

Second is conflict with equestrians. I have spent hundreds of hours with volunteer efforts maintaining and building trails in the park. I have never had the equestrian community come out to any of those trail days. The horses are very hard on the trails and riding my bike through their droppings in unpleasant.

Keeping bikes out of the Rattle Snake Point area of the park is important. The conflict between hikers and bikers is being mitigated by forcing the bikes to the Cosens Creek side of the Park. Keep this up.

I would like to see a long loop trail on the Power Line Ridge overlooking the Kal Lake and Cougar Canyon. The views from that ridge are spectacular, both of the Lake and the Canyon. Please keep traffic out of the Canyon but I think allowing people a chance to view the beauty of this conservation area from the ridge is underrated! It would be a drawing card for the Park.

I see the need for more camping in the North OK, but have reservations about campers in this park. People seem very sensitive to the conservation of Kal Park and I feel campers would put undo wear on Kal Park.

Secure paid parking with attendant, some free parking Off leash dogs dangerous for other dogs, dog waste clean up Provide doggie bags and garbage containers for waste in many places Ban dogs if rules not followed Mountain bikes limited to certain paths only - dangerous for walkers

1. Potential for over development of the park.
2. Excessive use of beach areas by motorized boats during the summer season creating noise, litter and dangers due to boat operation close to swimmers.
3. Horseback access creating disgusting feces everywhere (even on the beach in swimming areas) and excessive use of parking space with huge rigs servicing only 1 or 2 park visitors. Banning horse back access would fix a lot of the parking problems at Cosens Bay.
4. Significant erosion caused by creation of unauthorized hiking and mtn bike trails.
5. Complete and total lack of enforcement of regulations by BC Parks within the park.

Underfunding: Chronic underfunding of BC Parks is an overarching issue affecting this, and all other provincial parks. There needs to be a higher presence of staff and contractors for public education, monitoring and enforcement.

Vegetation Management: The biggest issues are the broad scale ecological changes affecting all natural areas (e.g. Vegetation encroachment on grassland and forest openings, and other ecological changes due to absence of natural fire cycle; spread of invasive plant species, etc.). Balancing fuel hazard management and ecological objectives may present a challenge. Ecological issues are exacerbated by the park's situation adjacent to a growing community, and it's popularity for recreation.

Loss of identity and vision: The biggest issue unique to Kal Park is the risk of losing it's identity: it's role in the provincial park system, and respect for this unique role by park visitors. Over the past few decades, the incremental expansion of the trail system (authorized or not), and road improvements have changed the character of the park experience, and affected park ecology. The more that this continues, the less that visitors value the park for it's provincial significance,

and role as a protected area. The management plan is an important communication tool, and I hope that it will clearly remind us of the unique ecosystems protected and the limited extent of these ecosystems. It should also convey the unique value of a large, quality beach that is not vehicle-accessible.

One management strategy might be to refresh the interpretive approach to the park. So much more could be done to share the stories of this park, its role and values, including the people who were historically part of this landscape. Note: we could refresh or expand the 'Friends' brochure to include engaging interpretive messaging

Conservation/recreation Balance: The management plan needs to strongly state that Kal Park cannot be all things to all people everywhere in the park. It needs to remind people of the precautionary principle, and that restoration is much more difficult than protection. The balance between conservation and recreation needs to strongly favour conservation, and I hope to see that clearly reflected in the plan.

I am looking forward to seeing how the plan can bring in enhanced protection through new zoning (special natural feature zones?) I like the way that the South Okanagan Grasslands PA s used strong conservation zoning, but recognize the differences with near-urban Kal Park.

Development pressures: Given that the plan needs to respond to changes, trends, and demands in recreation use, I would like to see a sequence of steps that first considers whether the demand can be accommodated outside of the park. A good example is parking. Could an area outside of the park be used to accommodate horse trailers? There must be areas where a pull off could be developed within a road allowance for the small number of trailers that need to be parked at any one time. If parking must be accommodated in the park, I would expect the use of conservation ecology principles that would discourage any new parking area in the park core.

Proposed parking: I sincerely hope that the proposal for a parking area above Cousins Bay is not being seriously considered, since that would simply escalate demands for more facilities and development in that area. The proposed new parking just inside the park on Cousins Bay road would diminish the visitor experience with the Cousins Bay grasslands. Of any of the conceptual new parking areas, I would favour the District's proposal for parking at Red Gate since it has the least impact on the park environment, and is located at an area of high, year round demand. In the future if additional parking is required, I would favour expanding into the band of vegetation between the 2 pods of parking at Twin Bays vs a new pod.

Relationship with First Nations: I hope that BC Parks is continuing to build a relationship with OKIB/ONA to enhance their participation in the stewardship and interpretation of Kal Park. You are likely aware that there used to be a reserve at the north end of Kal Lake.

Future park additions: I also hope there is on-going dialogue with Coldstream Ranch, which holds significant lands adjacent to the park. The long term vision of the park should include acting on any opportunity to acquire and add the Deep Lake area.

The need for a safe road (poor sight lines, not wide enough to maintain properly), the need for more parking (especially at the Cosens Bay parking lot & the Red Gate parking lot, perhaps

adding an additional parking area closer to Cosens Bay), managing the increasing risk of forest fire within the park and balancing all the above with the need to protect the wildlife and landscape.

Parking
Sustainable trail building and maintenance.

Parking, out-house, picnic, shelter facilities

Parking, access to Cosens Bay beach, picnic shelters, toilets, increased number of intermediate mountain bike trails on the south side of Bear Valley. Parking is the main issue. Plans for expanded parking are excellent particularly those on Cosens Bay side. Would like to see both potential lots built. One would likely be primarily used by mountain bikers, hikers, horse back riders. One close to Cosens Bay would increase access to lake for all users of the park, not just those fit enough to make the long hike in, however, if this lot is built, would have to widen road from parking lot to existing parking lot as it is very narrow and increased traffic would cause a lot of issues. Some picnic shelters would be great in any area near the water as these would provide shelter from the sun and increase the ability to use the park and beach areas for larger groups. Added outhouses would be great as there are very few currently. As for mountain bike trails!

(which also are multi-use, you see many trail runners and some hikers as well), would like to see several more intermediate descent trails that you could access from various points on Stone Free, Stone Free Again or Pali Gap as right now, most trails are "double blue"(such as Twista or Twisted Sisters) or black/double black diamond (pretty much everything else). Beginner intermediate riders basically go up Stone Free and back down again. The terrain can easily support more intermediate level trails in my opinion. For hiking, it appears to me that there are sufficient trails currently as there are nice view trails, access trails to the water and loops around the park. The only thing I would consider is some shorter loops for less-fit people to walk from the main parking lot. I can't speak for horse trails and though I have experienced no conflicts with any horse riders, it wouldn't surprise me if they would like some dedicated trails (which I would support).

Needs more habitat enhancement, ie way more burns. As you are well aware the grasslands are shrinking as it is. I don't think grasslands should be utilized for parking lots. Would like to see a bikers parking lot under the powerline by the Kiosk rather than on the grasslands where your new west park lot is proposed. That would ruin the park viewscape and the grassland. I would also recommend widening the road by the existing Cosens Bay parking lot to allow for better street parking, especially for horse trailers.

PARKING: Fully appreciate that parking areas should be enhanced to accommodate a larger number of vehicles, however I am absolutely against the establishment of any parking that is well within the central area of the park (Cosen's Bay West Lot Option). I believe that such a parking strategy would dramatically damage the integrity of the park. The Cosen's Bay East Lot Option, while still well within the park boundaries, is much more palatable IF parking is going to be added to the Cosen's Bay entrance. The option as presented for Red Gate is quite suitable; the addition of parking at Twin Bays may not be as necessary as some would argue, as I have only rarely witnessed the current lots to overflowing. The vast majority of the time there is ample parking at this site. IF parking is added, Option A (in my opinion) is preferable.

CAMPING: I would discourage the adoption of any camping within the park, especially boat accessed camping. Again, I firmly believe that the adoption of allowing camping within the park will result in egregious damage to the park at worst and a general deterioration of the parkland at best. In particular, increased boating activity/beaching would deteriorate one of the most beautiful fresh-water bays in Canada. As a regular user of the park, I have personally witnessed a plethora of irresponsible behaviors by boaters accessing the beach, from numerous large parties with booming music systems on the boats, excessive drinking, garbage left behind, boats driving through the safe swimming zone, fires set on the beach and large fireworks being set off (!). The ignorance and audacity of many boaters accessing Cosen's Bay is well known to regular hikers, bikers and horse-riders also accessing Cosen's Bay. It's a whole other crowd with an entirely different mindset (often mindless, !

or woefully selfish and disrespectful) from the more respectful and conscientious park users on foot, bicycle or horseback. To add camping to the park will exacerbate the decline of the park, and I would caution the sad likelihood that some of the park would be lost to fire caused by irresponsible users.

Road safety due to some blind corners. General road maintenance.

Road width and lack of maintenance

balancing wildlife and conservation efforts as well as an exponential growth in usage in the park...i think we need a new parking lot and i think the west lot option as i seen in the NOCS email would be best as its the least intrusive to wildlife...if we could just expand the existing lot at cosens bay that would be great however i don't see that as being very feasible as the lay of the land makes that difficult...i would love to see a bit more patrolling done on the hot summer days where there is also a ton of underage drinking and partying near the turtle head cliffs...i also love the fact that bc parks has allowed us the expansion and continued support for mountain biking in the park...this has allowed us to enjoy the park immensely over the last 20 years! the cooperation between NOCS, Friends of Kal and other organizations are great! I would love to see poop bags on horses like several hiking areas in other areas have...there is quite a bit of equestrian activity and we always come across massive horse poops on the trail...if my dog poop has to be picked up (i have 2 small weiner dogs) then i think something like a big horse

poop should also be taken care of...they do dry out and all but when you're following a group of horses from cosens bay parking lot to the lake it's like trying to play dodgeball with poops!

Parking, additional funding for trail maintenance and new trail development.

Keep motorized vehicles to a bare minimum inside the park.

Balancing increased visits with a quality experience and environmental protection. Protecting the environment as much as possible without eliminating human powered recreation.

use sharing between hikers, bikers, horse riders, rock climbers, campers, boaters, boarders, canoe & kayakers, swimmers preservation of plants and animals of the natural ecosystem keeping cars on the cousin's bay road (and not in the grasslands) environmental degradation - human caused, pine beetle, invasive plants fire and fire suppression water quality re: power boats parking off leash dogs - introducing invasive plants and disturbing native animals

invasive species
interaction between users - horses, bikes, dogs and wildlife

Limiting number of vehicles driving within the park. More vehicles now than ever are using the road. Building additional parking lots deep within the park as proposed in the plans will have a terrible impact on the park's natural beauty. It will become more urban in nature and the sheer number of people that will park to get close to Cosens Bay will significantly detract from the overall natural setting it currently has. If you must increase parking, enlarge the current parking lot at Cosens Bay.

Providing organic access growth, but keeping all interest holders happy. Keeping future incremental parking on the perimeter of park and not in the interior of the park. For example, the potential, West Cousins Bay parking lot Would not be a good plan....this will mean more fire risk (more cigarettes flicked, more hot cars in the interior), more dust, easier access for night time parties at Cousins Bay and possibly more night camping.

Cars, dogs, boats

The pop. Of Vernon is not going to grow quickly, we do not have to accommodate high population levels like in the lower mainland. Adding any of the suggested parking a the Cosens Bay end will spoil the natural area and sounds well into the park. Also there is a vernal pond to consider below Gingerly trail that could be impacted.o. The other parking additions look good. Get a farmer to donate some land at the Cosens Bay end, and get permission re: ALR or work around it. That valley at the east end towards deep lake is precious and so quiet at times.

Invasive plant management, proposed parking lots (east and west lots)

Car traffic and dust on the road

With the increased use of the park, I don't think hunting should be allowed anymore. From the climbers parking lot I have run into hunters while families were hiking and people were biking. Because of the ban on motorized vehicles it also doesn't make sense to go hunting there, hunters would have to drag their kill for kilometers.

But with the whole Aberdeen plateau above Kal park, which is all crown land and therefor open for hunting, I don;t see any added value to have hunting allowed in Kal Park, it's only a safety issue.

I see that the largest park use besides walking/hiking on the west side of the park is mtn biking on the east side of the park. I feel that management decisions should positively impact the main park uses i.e. Hiking/walking/mtn biking.

Future development of biking and multi-path routes on the east side of Cosens bay. The planning and development of parking. Track setting for winter fat biking and cross-country skiing would be nice too.

I would like to see Kal Park kept in as pristine condition as possible while allowing people to enjoy the park. I would not like to see any motorized activities or high impact activities like camping allowed in the park. I think day use is perfect and understand that additional parking is required due to the increased use. I would like to see more signage identifying the recognized trails and other signs requesting people keep off or out of sensitive areas. We love having a specific pet beach area in the summer and the ability to walk additional places with our dog during the winter months (seasonal restrictions for certain areas work well for us).

Not allowing any further vehicle traffic into the park. If the proposed increased parking is approved at Cosens Bay this will result in a significant increase in noise, pollution, and vehicles damaging sensitive areas. While there is a need for more parking the new parking sites need to be located on the outside boundaries of the park.

Parking is an issue at the red gate. Otherwise I think parking should be kept the same. I don't think parking should be constructed closer to Cosens Bay. We need to preserve the park much the way it is now. More parking and access will result in greater use and impact on the environment.

Parking and increasing the volume of people able to enter the park could be detrimental to its current greatness

From my perspective as a member of the cycling community, I see the sport growing dramatically over the coming years. We are only really in the infancy of being a true mountain bike destination and I believe we have a lot of growing coming in the next few years! Opportunities exist to improve the infrastructure for cycling and winter cycling. I also believe that with the growing number of visitors, education for, and protection of our delicate environment needs special care. And of course the parking issue is only going to get worse.

The park is huge with very limited access to the public. Increase access foremost to Cosens Bay with some sort of dust control.

Parking on the Cosens Bay Road access side

too much vehicle traffic going through park to residences and possible increase if the Cosens Bay west parking lot is allowed

keeping motorized things out of the park -allowing a reasonable amount of new trails in the less used forested area beyond Bear Valley -continuing to work with NOCS to provide new trails and maintain current ones -maintaining a balance of the users of the trails (it seems to be a pretty

good balance now but I have seen in other areas where horses do a lot of damage to trails- even in Kal there is horse damage)

Prevent easier access for cars. The beach is beautiful and easier access for vehicles will only increase traffic, garbage and noise. If a new parking area is needed, the further from the beach, the better.

Making sure that the park will continue to be available to people and wildlife for many generations. It is a wonderful park and is used by all types of people.

More people using the park. Pressure to make park more accessible may be detrimental to keeping its' natural beauty. I have reviewed the documents about the park. I am in favour of the parking lot closest to the existing lot at Cosen's. I do not support the West option as I am sure the easier access will promote the accessing of Cosen'ts Bay by partiers who will be able to manage the 1/2 distance to the beach walk in the night. That's more risk of fire, littering and damage to the park infrastructure and vegetation, I also support the increased parking at the Red Gate. Jade and Juniper area is sufficient access for those less inclined to make a big trek,

Enough man power for maintenance

Road safety. Existing road is too hazardous particularly in winter.

Trail building and maintenance is falling behind at cougar canyon for accessing the rock climbing crags. As this becomes more popular in the area, it would be good to have clearly marked access to the crags to prevent shortcuts/braiding etc.

Crowd control, parking and maintaining the "nature" of the park. It would be great to see the park grow.

parking

Parking is becoming inadequate.

As e-bikes become more prevalent, I am concerned that impact on our singletrack Mountain Bike trails will be increased. It is my opinion that E-bikes should be strictly prohibited on all singletrack trails in the park.

Existing trail maintenance, expansion of parking areas while maintaining the ecological integrity of the park as best as possible.

Parking and damage to the trails in wet seasons done by horses.

Managing how popular mountain biking has come with expanded trail network.

Safety of the road!!!

Parking, building of additional mountain bike trails

Parking access in the park. The proposed West Lot location would be an excellent addition and greatly increase ease of use for both the walking and mountain bike communities. It would also make it much easier to access the beach, especially for our local retirement community and for parents with young families as the walk in and back out to the existing parking lot is a lot more than many can handle.

I will start by saying I think the park space and general management of our parks here in Vernon is great. I've never lived in a city where I felt so comfortable using every park within the city proper. Well done.

However the biggest issue in Kal Park is definitely available parking spots and location of the existing parking lots. Added parking is definitely needed ASAP with the increased use from all user groups. A large parking lot with the same amount of spots as the one to access Jade and Juniper is needed in the proposed WEST LOT LOCATION. This location will not only give more spots for parking it will give better access for hikers/walkers looking to use Cosens Bay beach. I have older parents that would love to see and use Cosens Bay but the walk from existing lots is just to far for them. I can not stress enough, the WEST LOT LOCATION would be ideal along with some work to widen the gravel road to it.

With increasing usage by multiple user groups there will be increased pressure to 1) create better access to Cosens Bay; closer parking lot, handicap (paved path) access, bigger parking lot to facilitate horse crowd, and 2) open to ATV's and camping/RV. I believe that Kal Park has maintained it's natural beauty and lure BECAUSE it is inaccessible, or accessible only to those who want to work a bit for it. NO good will come from allowing ATV's, widening roads, or creating easier access to Cosen's Bay. Any motorized vehicle increases the risk of wildfire. This notion seems counterintuitive to ecosystem restoration work to maintain the natural integrity of the park which i believe is necessary to reduce fire risk (through thinning and removal of ladder fuels), and reduce ecosystem stress by reducing densities and ensuring that the system is within it's carrying capacity. I believe that ecosystem restoration must take into consideration climate change with a slight shift in paradigms from 'restoring to historical conditions' to 'restoration and adaptation'.

I leave in close proximity to the park and wildfire is a HUGE concern. The more users the greater the likelihood of a wildfire, particularly if vehicle access increases via more parking lots! I understand that the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Wildfire Branch calls the shots on closures with regards to wildfire. I find this insane as their closures are at at REGIONAL Level and each park has it's odd wildfire risk and fire weather index hazard. Kal Park was ready to burn by mid-June last year. I think that BC Parks should seek an exemption for some parks, particularly ones like Kal which are in close proximity to homes. This would allow BC Parks, in consultation with Regional Districts or Municipalities, to make decisions around park closures based on local knowledge and local fire risk. If a fire occurred at Jade and Juniper Bay or at Red Gate parking lot the people in the adjacent community (around Ponderosa Road) may not have a way out. !

A better wildfire risk planning is required for parks such as Kal. A fire will happen one day. We've just been very lucky so far.

Cosens bay parking congestion too far a walk for seniors and children to walk to Cosens bay . In favor of West Cosens bay parking lot

Lack of monitoring of cigarette (or any kind of smoking) on the trails and beaches is a significant oversight. With fire hazard risks every summer, I am always surprised to see the free and reckless smoking each and every time I am at Kal park. (I grew up in Coldstream and have 40 years of comparison to draw on and I've never seen such rampant smoking as I have in the last few years). Litter is another issue but without the urgency that smoking poses. Monitoring and fining smoking would be a great way to protect our park.

Cosens bay parking congestion too far a walk for seniors and children to walk to Cosens bay . In favor of West Cosens bay parking lot

Keeping all motorized vehicles out of the park, keeping motorized boats and jet skis off the lake. Would like to see this as a kayak / canoe only lake with all motorized boats/jet skis directed to Okanagan Lake instead.

Public access. I do not believe this park needs anymore accessibility! This park is a gem because you really need to want to go to access the area. This is especially true for the beaches that you cannot drive right too. This keeps the beaches less busy and needing less maintenance. The gates closing at night are a huge deterrent because the trails and beach access are such a long walk for the general public.

My household (3 people) strongly disagree with the east parking option in Cosens Bay. Keep it hard to access! Its a good thing there is a primary boat beach or that its a commitment to walk to Cosens Bay beach. If people want to they can go to the plentiful public access beaches you can drive right too, like Kal Beach.

However the parking lot expansions in general are a great idea. The red gate is a hazard and the Twin Bays lots get dangerous because people think they can park where they want when it gets so full. Making a second lot access at Cosens Bay is required because there is not enough parking for horse trailers. But DO NOT make it farther in the park, have it as close as possible to the existing lot.

I believe this park is one of the few left in the Okanagan that does not allow 'truck' camping and I whole heartedly never want to see it become a campground. I do think backpacking access camping might be doable on a backcountry permit basis like what is currently established at Revelstoke National Park (which itself is slated for hook up campgrounds). But if it comes down to any camping or no camping. PLEASE keep this park day use only.

I am worried that the road through the park will be widened which would have a very negative affect on the park. I believe we need a larger parking lot at Cosen's Bay parking area as it is often clogged with cars on weekends. I think the existing rules prohibiting parking in the par other than at lots needs to be enforced. The NOCS organization and the BC Trails groups should be supported for their great stewardship of the park and trail building and maintenance of ecologically sensitive, well built trails.

Safrely of the road. It is a liability waiting to happen both for vehicles and pedestrians. So many blind corners and narrow through ways

1. Parking will eventually need to be addressed; I feel that the proposed "West Lot") for Cosens Bay access should be abandoned; it is too close to Cosens Bay. I personally feel easy access to

Cosens Bay would destroy Cosens Bay. Easy access would create more risk for fire, more litter, more noise and harm to the sensitive environment. Please leave it as pristine as it now stands.

2. I don't want to see overnight camping anywhere within Kal Park. 3. I don't feel there is the need for any further shelters or washrooms. I like the ruggedness of the Park.

3. Horses should have designated trails. horses damage mountain bike trails. Over the years the biking and running communities have worked together to build and maintain bike trails; the horse community does not contribute to building or maintaining trails. Horses should have to stay on the High Rim Trail in the Cosens Creek area; off the single track bike trails.

1. Parking.

2. Better management of dog owners (not clearing up after dogs, dogs off leash)

Too many people and too many dogs. Erosion due to folks not sticking to established trails.

Dogs off leash, owners not in control of dogs, dog waste left behind, etc. Nearly impossible to walk with your dog on leash, as you will be constantly assaulted by other dogs not on leash and by owners who don't give a crap (nor take away their dog's crap, apparently!).

Designated dog beach also rife with problems - how many times have I encountered irresponsible owners? Every time I have been there, and it's now to the point where I am no longer comfortable going there with my dog, as the space is too small to get away from the bad owners and their dogs.

Access deeper into the park for mountain biking activities. I would like to see a second parking area near the intersection of Cosens Bay walking trail and the gravel road. The Cosen's Bay (Yellow Gate) parking area is often full. This proposed parking area would service the existing mountain biking trails, as well as, shorter walking distance to Cosen's Bay.

I would also like to see continued development of mountain bike trails on a whole but particularly easier Green and Blue rated trails for kids and families.

I would also like to see continued development of walking trails.

continued thinning of ground cover to aid in preventing fires.

Road safety and upkeep

Safety for both road-use and path-use.

Road safety...outright dangerous en route to Cougar Canyon.
Also road not wide enough for foot or bike traffic.

I would say parking is a large issue in the east side of the park. Bike path planning would be a second

Human wildlife interaction, hooligans causing risks such as fires, protecting watershed, developers trying to get in because it is waterfront

To keep the park special: quiet, natural, no noise.

Is there any additional information that you feel would assist this management planning process?

Over the last year I have seen an increase of cars parking inside the park on the grasslands. The park is not patrolled so this happens all the time. I feel that it is due to the fact that there is no parking available and when temperatures are extreme people can not hike down to the beach area. It is not IF but WHEN one of these cars will cause a grass fire . Also the road thro the park is very unsafe, driving it on a regular basis we have had many close calls. It is great to say well drive slower etc but I cannot control the other vehicle that I meet.

Use of the road, that was originally for emergency access for the cabins that were water access only, needs to be minimized. Vehicle speeds need to be slow enough to reduce the threat to pedestrian and bicycle users, and to reduce the amount of dust spread into to the adjacent park area.

Be honest with the plan this time. The last time the whole planning process was a political fiasco which is not what way park planning was ever handled before. This park has a public highway to the shores of Cosens Bay beach. Create a way that people who are seniors or with small families or handicapped can access this beach and park within reach of the sand with coolers etc. This beach has so much potential and natural beauty. Surely there is a way this can be used and then cleared out by 11 p.m. to stop fires and reckless behaviour.

We live at our cabin in the Cosens Bay Community during the summer months. We are sorry that we cannot make the information meeting in Vernon in Jan. to submit our suggestions in person.

We love sharing the beauty of Cosens Bay with Park visitors and want to do whatever we can to protect the environment and share it with as many people as possible. We are very glad you are undertaking this process as the Park is now enjoyed by so many more people than when it was first created. It needs attention to infrastructure to accommodate the greater numbers of people (road safety, parking, facilities). We also believe a Park Ranger needs to have a better presence to enforce rules - there are people lighting fires during fire bans, camping where no camping is supposed to be permitted, parking and stopping in unsafe areas of the road, etc. Thanks for allowing us to give feedback.

Summer months are very busy in the park and the presence of Forest Rangers is required. Last summer I witnesses several illegal overnight campers on beaches.

I believe what has been done in the past by having open house meetings is key. What is important is that we find a balance.

Increasing usage of the Park is inevitable as surrounding population grows and the Park's attractions become better known both locally and regionally. Management needs to encourage human enjoyment while protecting natural flora and fauna. I believe you do that by providing paths, trails, parking, signage, and facilities, as well as, enforcement of Park rules. Park usage should be encouraged.

- There should be plans for future expansion of park to include Deep Lake area, should opportunities arise in the future.
- Include a public info component to this planning process to help community better understand park values and issues.

Cosens Bay Road does not meet Parks guidelines for road safety and proper park management. Compare it to the road going to Jade and Juniper Bay parking lot. Very wide and properly ditched with good visibility. The same guidelines did not seem to be used with Cosens Bay Road parking lot and road. I would like to see more balance in what the community wants to see in the park and not just doing things that Friends of the Park approve. Time to realize this park is for all of Canada not just a few locals. Cougar Canyon climbing area has people coming from all over the world to use based on license plates. We have an incredible park with a wide variety of activities that must be available for all to appreciate. Thus wheel chair access to Cosens Bay beach would be good. I have seen a school bus waiting in the parking lot for grade 1 or 2 kids summoned to come pick them up because the teachers had not estimated the long hike for the children. Bus driver was smart!

enough to go up to cougar canyon and turn around without children before returning to pick them up because road was unsafe. People should not be making choices based on safety with regards to any road in a provincial park.

Please allow visitors to the protected area of Kalamalka Park including Cosens Bay property owners and Kal Lake Estates the right to be able to safely access this general area by providing the services other parks and property owners throughout our province are rightly provided.

Recent significant increase in traffic requires a higher standard of road maintenance and enforcement (no parking).

many articulate reports have been written about preserving the natural environment of Kal Park, beyond anything I could send you, so let me say preserve the park as it is against those who want to further take advantage of its beauty for their self interest.

A management plan starts by preserving in tact the thing being managed.
Kal park is a wilderness & recreational destination for thousands of urban users. Every summer, it is threatened by smokers.
My wife & I collected 100s of discarded cigarette butts daily along Kal Park's paths last summer. More in the picnic areas.
Casual & addicted smokers are not dissuaded by occasional 'No Smoking' signs at sporadic times of 'Extreme Danger'.
Kal Park needs a posted seasonal ban on smoking from April 1 to October 31.
This time coincides with the dog ban in areas of the park.
Dogs may be a nuisance in the park. Wildfire threatens to destroy the park.
There is no good reason to smoke.
All other management initiatives will be useless; safety & enjoyment non existent, if the park is ravaged by fire.

Because of the many people enjoying this asset, there has to be better parking at the main gate, potential danger from people parking down the access road on very busy weekends!

the park if really well maintained and a joy to everyone who uses it. Everyone very courteous with trail usage .

-this is a lovely spot to have within our community and my hope is that we can all share and maintain this area

In general I think there has been a lot of good planning and smart decisions on trail locations. I feel with the population increase in Vernon and the Okanagan there needs to be more presence of park rangers enforcing park rules and more police presence in the summer in the Cosens Bay area where park interfaces with the lake. I think wake boarding should be limited to the main arm of Kal Lake in the middle so waves will be broken down before they reach shore. I also think that there should be much more emphasis put on forest fire safety with a good advertising campaign. We have a lot of new Canadians that have come from other countries that do not have the forest fire risks we have, particularly in the Okanagan, so need to be educated on best practices. ie. ban smoking in the park.

While it is important to seek public input as part of the planning process, I would hope that most important issue remains protecting the natural environment - soil, water, trees, wildlife, etc.. and that the economic benefits of the parks not over shadow the value of the park for it's own sake.

In the Spring the park trails are very muddy. Deep ruts cause erosion. Bikers and others create new trails causing more erosion.

Scotch Thistle is difficult to control.

Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park is unique and heavily used. When the risk of fire is great it could be closed and monitored by volunteers. The closure could be applied to this park only.

Employ environment students in the summer to supervise parking areas , direct people and explain what a remarkable resource the park is and why they should use it gently.

Restrict the number of vehicles parking in the main parking area and in cougar Canyon. Vehicles often park on the road outside the main gates which results in conflicts between those walking down the road; horse trailers and vehicles trying to access the park. Include the Cosens Bay property owners in any planning process to ensure any changes do not impact their legal right to access their property. As residents they have a stake in how this park is managed.

Do the right thing and protect the public and respect the property rights of owners in the 2 subdivisions beyond the park boundary and UPGRADE THE SAFETY AND ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF THE ROAD THROUGH THE PARK!!

Enlarging the parking areas at the Cosens Bay, Red and Watertower gates would possibly increase use of the park, which may not be a good thing. However, improvements could be made in these locations to improve safety as vehicles maneuver. Roadside parking is an issue at Cosens Bay and when that occurs it is difficult and hazardous for horse trailers to be turned around.

Unless a tree is dangerous, let all trees grow including the small ones on Red Gate Trail.

It would be useful to have the annual numbers of vehicles/park users from the counters at Twin Bays, Red Gate and Cosens Bay Gate.

If a chart was created showing the increase in numbers over the last decade it would help in planning for expected increases.

Give more credit to the property owners for the continuous clean-up of garbage left by so called other park users. We have personally cleaned up and hauled a trailer load of lumber to the landfill from someone illegally dumping in the park not to mention seeing others throwing clothing, liquor bottles, etc out of their vehicle right under the power lines where people like to park. It is not only the Friends of the Park that look out for illegal activities but they get all the air time.

I live across the road from Kalamalka park on Juniper Drive. I mountain bike between 4 and 6 days per week during the spring, summer and fall periods. It is a great place to mountain bike. Thank you for including mountain biking in the management plan and please support continued maintenance of the existing trails as well as new trails within the park. I will do my best to attend the session you are holding at the Prestige Inn on January 18.

First of all thank you for taking the time to listen to the community about our trails. My wife and I both ride the trails at Kal park and Ellison park a lot (over 2,000 km each this year, 90% at Kal Park) so we pretty much know every rock on every trail. In my opinion parking is only really an issue in the spring and fall when Silverstar isn't open and more of the mountain bike community is riding in the local trails. I know when we can't find parking at the Cosens Bay gate we always just drive down to the cougar canyon lot and park there. I feel that the Kal park trails are amazing and continuing to build on this trail network would only be a bigger asset to this community as more people would come to Vernon just to ride these trails. My only concern for Kal park would be better signage for certain trails about horses on the trails. There are some trails (Gingerly for example) that are marked "bike or hiking trail only, No Horses" because they are very narrow trails yet I see horse tracks on these trails all year long. The reason this concerns me is as I said they are very narrow trails and the horses are wearing away the edges of the trails as they are not wide enough for them.

I feel as a Mountain Bike community NOCS has done a fantastic job promoting the sport as well as maintaining and building our local trail network.

I was pleased to receive a notice from the N Okanagan Cycling Society regarding your request for input from mountain bikers.

I'm an avid cyclist who loves cycling in the park and have several suggestions and comments.

First, BC, unlike AB for example, does not have a set of road rules specific to bicycles, so it would be to all park users benefit to set some basic safety rules. In particular I'd like to see it mandatory that all bikes have and use a signalling device such as a bell to alert others of their presence. Many times, both while hiking and biking I've been startled by approaching bikes. If you are approaching people with children or dogs this is extremely important as they are easily startled and unpredictable.

Secondly, it's a multi-use park, not a race track, and bikers should keep their speed down to a level that is safe for all.

Thirdly, I find it disturbing that some cyclists use the park when the trails are wet and muddy which creates ruts that impact the quality of the park for everyone else.

Lastly, there was mention of providing additional parking in the park. I've never been unable to find a parking space so I'm not sure that is necessary with the exception of perhaps expanding the parking area at the Cosens Bay Gate.

Thank for the opportunity to provide some input, and good luck.

Thank you for including mountain biking in the management plan and please support continued maintenance of the existing trails as well as new trails within the park.

The local and greater mountain bike community benefits enormously from the access to these high quality trails.

Thank you so much for considering us as you plan the future of Kal Park and the other Park's that host trails to explore our incredible backyard.

I think there should be more mountain bike trails in the park. Let NOCS present trail options and have them build the trails so there would be no expense on BC Parks. From what I understand, NOCS is willing to take this on.

Additional signage would be very good as I've encountered several groups over the years that are from out of town and they find the trail network sparsely signed.

Thanks for including mountain biking in the management plan and i think it is very important that parks continue supporting maintenance and construction of mountain bike trails. This is a great asset to the region and has been getting noticed in the biking community. Lets continue developing and growing this asset

Each and every time I have had to drive into Cosen's Bay, it has caused me great fear and anxiety. Parts of the road are no wider than the width of my vehicle with sharp turns and hidden turns and roadways. Trying to find an area that is safe enough to pull over and allow an oncoming vehicle pass is impossible. On a few occasions, I have been forced to nearly go off the road. Huge holes in the road in the early spring and summer have caused damage to my vehicle. This road needs to be better maintained so that we can travel without the fear of bodily injury and vehicle damage. To make this backroad wide enough for 2 vehicles to travel and pass, removing overgrowth of trees and shrubs and ensuring that it is without potholes and bumps that scrape the underside of my CRV is a minimum in ensuring that we can enjoy the trip into Cosen's Bay.

There seems to be more and more cars using the road every year, which is great, but the road needs to be safe.

The road seems to be getting more busy in the last few years so improving it for safety reasons is needed.

Safety and speed on the roadway failure to yield to traffic coming up hills etc .

The minute more motorized vehicles are allowed in the park, the fire risk would dramatically escalate with all the natural dry grass land. Stick with the day use only policy as I feel it is the only way to control the risk and rule enforcement in the park. RVs and camping I feel would be a deathnell to the park as we know it. Personally I think people are seeking out a natural experience when they come to the park to get away from all the usual noisy distracting things humanity insists on owning. By all means improve the day use facilities, and disabled access. The Cosens Bay area is already being ruined by all the boat traffic and loud music blaring from speakers. We have the bay being used as a float plane flight training area which I think should be outlawed. Usually an hour of landings and take offs in the morning and afternoon in the summer. I have been using the park for 55 years and it saddens me to see this unrelenting drive for furth!

er development in the park. It is a place where you can experience quietness, take time to take in the natural beauty of the very human sized scale of the park, watch animals and birds in their natural habitat and enjoy the fresh air and scents in the park. It is your responsibility to retain this and not be pressured by groups who have there own agendas. Minimize the vehicle traffic in the park other than through traffic and this park can be kept as the world renowned gem that it is..... and please..... no tour buses!!

I love the mountain bike trails and hope expansion of the trail network will continue. The trails attract tourists as well as locals.

I think it's smart having a few areas that are for foot traffic only, like the rattlesnake point area. On the rest of the trails, walkers, riders, and dog walkers share the trails effectively.

I think toilets are adequate.

I camp frequently and I think BC needs more lakeside campgrounds. However, I'd rather see Ellison park or other parks expanded rather than adding camping to Kal. Part of the beauty of Kal is that is quiet and well suited to day use. A subset of campers will insist on having fires, candles, cigarettes, parties. The risks are too high for such a beautiful park that borders is surrounded by residential areas.

This piece of land is an absolute gem with stunning views from almost every vantage point. I feel privileged to have the use of it. Development in the park should be kept to a minimum. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Thank you for including mountain biking in the management plan and please support continued maintenance of the existing trails as well as new trails within the park.

As a new person to the area, I am impressed that parks has allowed mountain biking and is willing to listen to club concerns. Thank you.

To those of us enjoying the park regularly, it appears that there are more and more people using it every year. If usage were tracked, maybe the park's infrastructure could be updated in accordance with the increased usage. Obviously there is a balance between keeping this an area of natural beauty and ensuring that all these people using the park have a safe road for access and adequate facilities for hygiene.

Would be good to have short term, medium term and long term strategic plans that address these problems going forward.

The Park should work with MOTI actively to address known road safety concerns.

The park has had a substantial growth in public usage over the years. The park put in a parking lot at the far end of the park but did no improvements to the road to handle the increased traffic or make the road safe to access the Cougar Canyon parking area. As well there have been trails built all around the park. The parking areas are not adequate to handle the volume of vehicles. There are not parking areas where people want to park so they illegally park anywhere they want. This increases the risk of vehicle exhaust starting a grass fire when cars park on the grasslands. Not to mention it's only a matter of time until a vehicle goes off the unsafe road and catches fire and or someone dies. The road is too small and unsafe to drive and there are pedestrians all over it. I'm not sure why people don't walk on the walking paths but they seem to want to walk all over the road. They often don't want to move out of the way of vehicles. They seem to get

angry at the fact that they have to. The road needs improvements to make it safe for all park users.

This road is dangerous to drive, walk, cycle or be on due to the narrowness and blind corners involved. Removing some vegetation that encroaches on the road would also be helpful.

making sure the roads are up to standards, more parking at the entrance!!!

For parking, I would like to see both the proposed east and west Cosens Bay lots developed. The east lot would be good for the horse riders and mountain bikers. Planning of a short connector trail to hook into existing Bear Valley trails would be needed.

The west lot should be put closer to the beach and would get a great deal of use in the summer. Even if this is not possible, I still feel that this lot is an excellent idea and would greatly improve access to the water front as I mentioned in Section 1.

Overall, Kalamalka Park is a great resource for both the local community and those from elsewhere. I have met many people who have specifically come to Kal Park from out-of-town for mountain biking, trail running, rock climbing and to a lesser degree, hiking. I have not observed any trail conflicts, people are considerate and always seem to be so happy to be in the park regardless of their activity. Prudent management of additional facilities (i.e. parking) and trails should allow the park to user growth while continuing to support the current eco-systems and look (it's a gorgeous park in a spectacular setting!).

Thank you for soliciting input.

Thank you for including mountain biking in the management plan and please support continued maintenance of the existing trails as well as new trails within the park.

With increase of park usage by many different people, I am curious/ concerned what BC Parks views are on using E-Bikes or electric bikes in Provincial parks especially the 2 in Vernon? My husband and I were recently in Utah where there are signs stating NO E-BIKES on trail. I fully agree that there should be certain trails and signage to support which trails allow Ebike use. For example, Trails with single track use and concern of erosion should not support EBikes and therefore should have a sign up at the entrance of the trail. Would love to hear what Parks views are on this.

Unfortunately my family of 4 will be unable to attend the public information session on the 18th. We ride within Kal Park as a family on a regular basis.

Thank you for including mountain biking in the management plan and please support continued maintenance of the existing trails as well as new trails within the park.

Mountain biking is a growing and significant tourist attraction for people world wide. It would be great if you could step up and support the individuals, predominantly in their 30s - 50s, who get out and enjoy the trails here in BC. Please consider us in the management planning that goes in making our BC Parks enjoyable to visit and recreate.

Thanks for your time!

Kalamalka Provincial Park was voted as one of the top 10 most beautiful natural places on Earth today.

Why do you think that is ?

It's remained in it's natural state, implementing key solutions that reduce the foot print to a minimum. Examples of this is not allowing motor vehicles on the trails, no real estate development and not changing the perfect place that it is.

Because us Canadians take great pride & care to preserve this country that we have been blessed with & now one of the few places in the world that still have trees, wildlife and fresh water woven within stillness, silence & bliss.

Let's keep this country of Canada like this forever. Start in your own back yard. " Kalamalka Provincial Park".

I understand that BC Parks is open to receiving input from the public into the management plan for Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park. I am writing to add to the discussion, please.

My family moved to Vernon five years ago and were immediately impressed with the range of recreation options provided within easy reach of the city.

We enjoy regular visits to Ellison Provincial Park as well as to Silver Star Provincial Park, but for us, the jewel for Vernon is Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park.

I want to thank BC Provincial Parks for its part in the setup and running of all parks under its remit, but especially for keeping Kalamalka Provincial Park as healthy and vital as it is.

While we have enjoyed visiting Kalamalka Provincial Park year-round for hikes (including showing off the best of the area to visitors), we have also played in its waters for swimming and paddling (where permitted), as well as cheering on athletes who have participated in the annual Dirty Feet events.

What I would most like to thank BC Provincial Parks for is its work with local clubs, most notably with respect to the mountain biking community through the North Okanagan Cycling Society (NOCS).

If you are considering additional parking at the Cosen's Bay lot, that work would be welcomed by hikers, runners, nature enthusiasts, bikers and horse riders alike.

I would like to end with thanks again for your support of mountain bike trails and would hope BC Provincial Parks can continue to work with NOCS on the maintenance of existing trails as well as new trails within Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park.

Keep up the great work and I look forward to learning more of how BC Provincial Parks have incorporated mountain biking into the management plan for Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park.

Since the 1986 publication of "A Guide to the Natural History of Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park," there has been no comprehensive update made to the current status of flora and fauna (both native and non-native) inhabiting the protected area. As a professional plant ecologist living adjacent to the park, I would like to see BC Parks undertake a reassessment of the park's ecological condition, including a comprehensive botanical and wildlife inventory, so that any significant losses to native biodiversity (or gains in non-native diversity) over the past 30 years can be properly documented, and to ensure the existence of an adequate baseline of ecological status moving forward.

Park needs environment friendly garbage disposal plans

If the roads were paved, or better maintained, it would be a much more enjoyable and SAFER visit to the lake more often. It is such a beautiful part of the province and we would appreciate being able to visit without the dreaded fear of an accident when we go.

North Okanagan Cycling Society

Kalamalka park is an amazing and special place, and it is could truly become world class mountain biking and rock climbing destination with the proper development of trails and routes.

With reference to Kalamalka Lake Park, please read your mandate as published on line:

As a public trust, BC Parks' mission is to protect representative and special natural places within the province's Protected Areas System for world-class conservation, outdoor recreation, education and scientific study.

BC Parks is committed to serving British Columbians and their visitors by:

protecting and managing for future generations a wide variety of outstanding park lands which represent the best natural features and diverse wilderness environments of the province.

providing province-wide opportunities for a diversity of high quality and safe outdoor recreation that is compatible with protecting the natural environment.

Inherent in this mandate is the requirement to maintain a balance between BC Parks' goals for protecting natural environments and outdoor recreation.

BC Parks is also responsible for the management of the provincial system of ecological reserves, established under the authority of the Ecological Reserve Act. The purpose of the Ecological Reserves System is to:

maintain British Columbia's ecological diversity through the preservation of representative, and special natural ecosystems, plant and animal species, features and phenomena.

Ecological reserves offer long-term research and educational opportunities as well as limited, non-consumptive public uses, such as nature photography and bird watching.

With this in mind, I would like to encourage you to protect this diverse wilderness environment which represents some of the best natural features of the Okanagan landscape. As it stands now, the ratio of people to nature is just about in balance. The introduction of more parking lots inside the park boundaries, or encouraging motor boat access may tip this to the detrimental side of protection.

High quality and safe outdoor recreation suggests keeping motor boats out of Cosens Bay which is a disaster waiting to happen, as are the speed boats and jet skis on the lake. And as for recreation that is compatible with protecting the natural environment, the scourge of gas powered boats, barbecues and blaring sound systems in Cosens Bay and jet skis tearing up shorelines, is anything but compatible.

This is a precious jewel of the Okanagan and every single thing that can be done to preserve its uniqueness and natural beauty must be done.

Keep it wild. No more parking lots in the park at Cosens Bay, restrict vehicle access there. This park has been a go to area for our entire extended family for decades. It is the jewel of Vernon and there aren't any other easily accessible hiking trails in the area that have the length and scope these trails have. It is important bird habitat and features many wildflowers. It is home to many wild animals. These needs conservation protection while allowing for human uses.

Please make the swim areas much larger, so people who want to swim for exercise may do so. This would also keep noisy and smelly watercraft further away from swimmers.

Signage at all trail heads regarding dogs needs to be much larger and firmer. I suggest the wording be something like this: "This unique environment is not a dog park. Please keep your dog(s) on leash at all times. Loose dogs disturb wildlife and other people. Thank you."

I do not appreciate people selling things in the park (e.g. - being approached to buy smoothies at the beach)

Eroded trails are not being fixed promptly or at all. An area near the highly used Red Gate comes to mind. I believe it would be better to keep the main corral trail well maintained (properly graded, fresh crush etc.) than to pave it, but I do support wheelchair access to the park in this area. I'd also like to see a bench or two along this main trail so that older walkers may rest. When we took my elderly mother-in-law to enjoy the spring flowers on this trail, we needed to carry lawn chairs. The corral trail at least could be treated as a "front country" area of the park.

I support mountain biking in the park, but perhaps cautionary signage is needed in some areas to protect both people and plants. Maps that show preferred biking areas might help too?

I support controlled burns in the park and/or invasive plant species management. I don't support closing the park during times of high fire risk, even though I live near the park.

Thanks for the chance to provide input!

The importance of the park as a significant regional landscape feature needs to be recognized in the plan. The park helps defines the Vernon area (this includes the City of Vernon and Coldstream) its' naturalness, open space and the opportunities for outdoor recreation. The park also plays a significant role in tourism for the Vernon area and this needs to addressed in the plan.

The park is one of the best near urban/suburban parks/protected areas in North America.

As with many near urban/suburban parks conservation and use and the big issues. My expectation is that use will continue to increase because of population growth in the Valley and that Kalamalka PP is the only significant land base/natural park in the immediate area. What is needed is another large protected area in the North Okanagan. Otherwise use will continue to increase and the negative impact on conservation values will intensify.

Continuing to consult with stakeholders on important planning and management will be much appreciated. Thank you for everything that you do for the parks.

I think the continued collaboration and partnership with the community and local organizations will create an effective land use plan now and in the future. I think the park has lots of potential and that the continued development of mountain biking trails will have a positive impact on the community by bringing people together through recreation and create economic growth in the tourism sector.

The current trail system is pretty incredible, a real asset to the active community!

I think we need to keep the park as natural and preserved as possible . ! The more people that access the area , increases the fire hazards , litter, damage to vegetation, disruption of wildlife .. definitely not a campground ... !!

If possible, consideration should be given to improving parking outside and adjacent to the park. There is definitely a conflict between the hiking/biking users and horsemen. This needs to be managed somehow. I'm so glad that the expanded road ROW was not approved, managing traffic and in particular speed needs to be addressed.

Please add to the plan that there is a legal road through the park to the Cosens Bay community on the Oyama side of the park as well as a BC Parks issued PUP for this road to allow road safety improvements. These two facts should be added to the plan as Park details.

Thanks for the opportunity to provide input.

NOCS is a great society that puts many hours of work into maintaining the trails, and developing new trails. BC Parks should work very closely with NOCS as I believe they are their best advocate.

This park is a great community resource and we should do all we can to preserve it in its natural state

Control the dog problem

I am of the opinion that the Cosens Bay road should remain as is and neither the road or its right-of-way should be enlarged. It is unfortunate that the 72-74 transmission line already cuts right through the middle of the Park as it definitely has a negative impact and any further development should not be considered unless it promotes recreation and relaxation within the park.

Trial etiquette signs would help instruct users. Designated horse trails.

Kalamalka & Ellison are both fantastic areas where numerous user groups can enjoy the outdoors.

A huge amount of work by the local mountain bike group, NOCS, ensure that trails remain safe & weed free for ALL user groups.

If NOCS stopped maintaining trails for 1 yr, I would venture to say that many of the routes used by hikers, horses & runners would become impassible.

Hikers & runners alike have benefited greatly by the hard work of NOCS.

The argument put forth by some that Kalamalka is a wilderness is very weak. It is a beautiful place, but a necessary place for all to use & enjoy the outdoors.

Stories in the paper about mountain bike riding through the grasslands are a complete fabrication. While hiking, I have had nothing but pleasant interactions with bikers.

Kal Park is becoming a world class mountain bike destination bring many tourists into the Vernon area. Economically this has a huge impact on this area. The trails are built by volunteer labour mainly the mountain bike association with some help from the local hiking groups. More funding needs to come to the builders to maintain trails from wear and erosion plus new trails/areas need to be opened up to accommodate the influx of riders/hikers coming into Vernon in the future. This sport is still in it's infancy and will continue to grow. We need to be ahead of this growth. Maintaining the park to it's current spectacular state needs to be the forefront of all development.

The local mountain bike community has been extremely instrumental in both maintaining and lobbying for trail maintenance so I hope that NOCS has been factored into the discussion process

We understand trails and trail networks can not be built or maintained to satisfy all user groups. However, we ask the Parks to set priorities as a key guide to the various user groups (e.g., new trails need to identified as Mountain Bike only for the first season so they can get a ridden in and develop a surface before horse hooves destroy the newly exposed soil).

No! I think BC Parks is doing a great job in working closely with our cycling society as we continue to see mountain biking grow in Greater Vernon.

Support for local groups like nocs is essential for a healthy park. The groups are 100% volunteer and it is a huge commitment to keep the trails in good condition.

Please put conservation and habitat protection in priority over more roads/trails, etc. Kal Park is valued because it is in a very natural state - please keep it that way.

Please don't make cosins bay a campground. Ellison is so developed and I would hate to see that happen to cosins bay beach.

Please don't limit bikes from going anywhere. No cycling signed trails are not necessary and is a bad direction for Kal park to be going (like rattlesnake point). Call it a multi-use trail and put up signs encouraging respect for other trail users

Long term strategic plan produced by MOTI and BC Parks to effectively address the long term safety and maintenance of Cosens Bay Road

I have just read the Friends of the Park submission and several things bother me. That letter makes reference to "the original management plan in 1984". The original plans for the park put forth by BC Parks the government body that purchased the land called for a paved road to Cosens Bay and a focus on the Cosens Bay side of the park. It called for camping and many other uses. This land was purchased by the province, not Coldstream or this group Friends of the Park, yet they have managed to hijack the original intentions of this park and what the money was spent for. This groups biases is disturbing. When the decision to have Jade and Juniper bay parking lot inside the park was made, which was against the wishes of Ray Worley the lead on the Public Advisory committee he writes a minority report asking for the road to that parking lot to be paved. Why? Because he lives there and does not want the dust. Where was the studies to see the impact of paving that road or the path to Jade and Juniper bay? None have ever been done because Friends of the Park wanted them. Friends of the Park answer to parking issues along Kidston road is, sure increase the parking lots, but when it comes to Cosens Bay road the answer is people can go elsewhere to other parks in the area. Parks, needs to take back control of this park. It was paid for by the province with every tax payers money. Not just Friends of the park. They mention fuel accumulation and it leaving the park and adjacent neighbourhoods at a risk of catastrophic wildfire yet they block every chance they have for 100 properties to have a two-lane wide road to exit the park if this was to ever happen. They have gone on record requesting upgrades to Kidston Road from the District of Coldstream because it is the only road out if there was every a fire. Well Cosens Bay road is the only road out for 100 property owners and yet Friends of the park block it ever becoming capable of handling two way traffic. They want you to put strong messaging in the management plan that if you want to bike, climb or do anything other than walk you need to go elsewhere. Come on, that is right up there with take the High powered transmission lines out of the park request they made in 1984.

The Province of British Columbia bought this park with tax payers money with a vision they had for the park. I would like to see BC Parks take it back and start running it with all user groups in mind. That is what I would like to see from this management plan.

Don't distroy the natural environment. Keep the natural grasses. The parking lots you are suggesting are terrible! Keep the parking out of the park as much as possible. Why not enlarge the cousins bay lot outside the park by buying some property for sale beside the present lot. I do think the red gate parking lot expansion is a good idea.

One of my main worries is the higher risks of forest fires being started by allowing too many people in the park. All it takes is one irresponsible person to ruin this delicate environment.

I can't think of any additional info needed at this time. I do drive the road fairly often in the summer and it is really dangerous

Parks should establish a community committee to provide guidance and make recommendations on park use and future changes. Cosens Bay Community should be included.

Control of fires --- as a youngster, a friend and I were boating down the lake from Vernon to Oyama. On the east shore of the lake, about ¾ of the way to Oyama, we found a fire burning on the beach, presumably left by a previous powerboater having a picnic/hot-dog roast on the beach. My friend and I thought we had successfully extinguished the fire - the only tool available was the bailing bucket from the powerboat. We left, satisfied that the fire was out. The next day, the whole side of the mountain was ablaze. A major fire fighting effort was required to put out this fire. I used to have a picture of the mountainside, however I cannot currently find the picture. This was about the 1967 time frame, and must have been in the summer months as both my friend and myself were students at Vancouver universities. The point is that the fire was started by an irresponsible boater (and survive attempts to put it out.) This and other incidents are described in my book Growing up in the Okanagan available on www.Amazon.com, author V.E. Merchant (that's me!)

My wife and I and our kids, aged 9 and 14 enjoy the park doing multiple activities. I would like to see increased mountain bike trails, including the weightless trail come to be reality. Winter fatbike grooming would be a great addition to an already excellent park. Don't listen to the haters. Kal Park is big enough, with variety enough for everyone!
Thanks!

There needs to be more signs telling people they can't park at the beach. There needs to be better maintenance and improvements on the road.

We have 4 generations who use our cabins on Kalamalka lake and need good safe roads for access. (Ages 80 to 2 years. :)) Please make our access safe.
Mother of 2, Grand mother of 4, Great Grandmother of 6

Parking availability for cousins bay beach.

Please add small parking areas to Cosens bay road area through the park. Numerous small parking lots would be nice in this area at the various points that the trails access the roadway.

no.

It is an amazing park to be amazing park to have and has turned Vernon into an international mountain bike destination.

Please don't let the "squeaky wheel" determine the future direction. Older people who have been in the area a long time find it particularly difficult to accept change, but with a growing population and new recreational activities appearing, it's more important than ever to ensure facts are the basis for planning and management decisions, not people or groups who complain the most.

I've been using the park for the past 22 years and while I've seen an increase in traffic obviously, I mostly see a lot of consideration and respect among the many users. I hope all current activities continue to be accepted and encouraged in the park. My biggest concern personally is how to have a management plan for the various types of ebikes that are starting to appear.

Building a new parking lark would only promote the excess usage of the beach and attract larger gatherings, partiers, and people who aren't really there to enjoy the actual park and trail system, but rather to take advantage of the convenient access to the lake. This is already provided at the Twin Bays location.

Some of the most amazing mountain biking available, anywhere, thank you for the use of the park for mountain biking.

It is nice to encounter the equestrians and hikers in the park, great people, they are always friendly to me and my out of town guests.

- I would like to see enforcement of dog on leash requirement and pickup of dog droppings.
- I support packing of snow on the outer trails (e.g., Stonefree, High Rim Trail) in winter to allow them to be used year-round.

- I am not a mountain biker but I support the trail building activities of North Okanagan Cycling Society. It is great to see so many people enjoying physical activity in the outdoors by mountain biking. I have always found the bikers to be friendly and courteous. The trails also provide great access for use by non-bikers.
- I like keeping the park as day use only
- as an open water swimmer, I would like a 200 m no-wake zone along entire shore. I hate it when I see speed boats or ski boats traveling at high speed where swimmers may be present.
- I don't want to see any hunting allowed within 400 m of park boundaries. I don't feel safe on the trails if any hunters are present.
- I don't mind some expansion of parking areas if the subsequent increased use of the park still meets requirements for ecosystem protection.
- entire park should be non-smoking

I feel that mountain biking needs to be controlled within the park. There are far more â bikingâ trails now than ever before. Too many bikers encroaching on the wildlife.

The park is a very important landscape in the Vernon area and part of the life of many residents. The landscape and sense of place really help define living in the Vernon area. The park is important to the physical and mental health of people in the region. This needs to be highlighted in the plan. The plan also needs to recognize why the park was created and the vision of BC Parks and residents who helped protect the land.

I don't mind some biking in the Park, it's just taken over as the primary activity. There needs to be a more balanced approach to consider all interests, not just the bikers. I'd suggest a moratorium on all mountain biking in the park until this mis-management gets sorted out.

Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program has been working with local governments and researchers at UBCO to assess ecosystem connectivity in the valley, and prioritize areas to pilot wildlife corridor protection. This year we have been working with the District of Lake Country, who have agreed to acknowledge their portion of a regional corridor between Okanagan Mountain Park and Kalamalka Lake Park in their Natural Environment Development Permit Area, which will be defined in the upcoming revision of their Official Community Plan. Their portion of this pilot regional ecological corridor feeds into the southern portion of Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park.

We are interested in connecting with you to discuss how this project can best support your Kalamalka Lake Park Management Plan, and how this regional pilot corridor could be acknowledged and informed by your planning.

Red gate. Good idea, not too invasive. Could it be increased to 0.8 ha ? This is a very popular parking area.

Twin Bays. Seems under utilized. Good idea to put horse trailers there but I don't think it would work as most riders are from Coldstream/ Lavington. I do not think it warrants expansion at this time.

Cosens Bay. Do not like either suggestion...both very invasive. Coming into the park and seeing a parking lot on the crest of the hill does not appeal. Can the existing lot be expanded back parallel to the road or west towards the biffies similar to the Red Gate idea? What about row parking close to the boundary fence to the left of the gate ? Purchase a strip of farmland opposite the present parking lot ? (that farm was for sale I believe) share cost between Coldstream and BC Parks. .

Leave the park alone. Extend parking lots, if necessary, next to existing lot at Cousins Bay. I feel extremely protective of this unique , semi wilderness park. Perhaps like the West Coast Trail, Lake O'Hara, Cathedral Mountain, etc- where use is limited to protect the environment and wildlife- our roll is to realize that by encouraging much greater use, we will lose what is special about this park.

Any additional lots created and the existing ones will require security and closure at night time hours. There would be
More funding required which has not been in place now. Thank you.

Future goals could include tying the features found in the park with regional initiatives. Three good examples are: The High Rim Trail, which begins in the park and continues south. At the very least better signage/maps there. Could expand the walk-in camping but have to monitor that abuse/long-term use doesn't happen. Also we should try and tie in with the Okanagan Rail Trail which is just across the lake. We could put signage up on ORT to indicate there is a provincial park to the east with lots of amenities. Finally, though it doesn't involve the park directly but the lake on which it sits, I would like to see a non-motorized zone on the lake from Turtlehead/Rattlesnake point in towards Kalamalka Beach. Last year spring 2017 with the high flood water, the lake was calm, quiet and wake-free for the enjoyment of lake-front residents and stand-up paddle boarders and swimmers alike!

Please do not ask RSTBC to make any agreement for trail "maintenance" with the mountain bikers and others. It is akin to allowing the foxes to guard the hen house. The RSTBC agreements with mountain bikers are not worth the paper that the agreement is printed on... Shameful! i have seen mountain bikers jump through the gaping loopholes in these awful agreements. It saddens me to think that the public are being scammed by this.

I have seen mountain bikers, locally, jump through large loopholes in these agreements with RSTBC, allowing mountain bikers to continue doing what they do best -- degrading the natural environment further --- not respecting anything near to environmental stewardship and care. Many of the RSTBC folk who manage this seem to be avid mountain bikers themselves. So they allow this to happen. It is disgusting!

we don't need to destroy any more park land/green space for parking, perhaps a shuttle bus to take people to and from the park, we seem to be in an age where we just destroy more and more of the little bit of green space we have to enjoy, there are animals that need to live here too, the more green your destroy the more of them are forced out too

I think that mountain biking or any other vehicular use in the park should be banned. It's bad enough that that road to the Cosens Bay cottages remains open. Let's put nature first in Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park .

Silverstar mountain has amazing trails for mountain bikers. Not really that far away in the big scheme of things. Let them go up. The rail trail, while not a mountain bikers dream, is another venue for cyclists....let's preserve what we have in Kal Park firstly for the flora and fauna, our heritage but more over for our future generations. We are too quick to make room for more cars, more bikes more of many 'modern' things that denigrate/destroy nature.

I've mentioned the environmental impact assessment that is ESSENTIAL to sound public land management decision making.

Second, you have to expand the search area , or the inclusion area, for comment. And you ought to be holding several regional public hearings - no, not public info sessions, or targeted outreach lobbying, but PUBLIC HEARINGS to which you invite all regional citizens, and any other citizen that cares to attend, to provide their opinion about the publics expectations and vision for Parks

What makes Kalamalka special is its location and size - especially as the North Okanagan keeps growing in popularity and population. We owe it to future generations to keep the park in its pristine form - meaning less vehicles and no parking lots. As the need for more parking space is inevitable, the farm field across the road from the existing Cosens Bay parking lot may be most suitable. Underground would be even better!

Park managers need to do a better job of communicating with all users, identifying key values and managing to meet a balanced management strategy (recreation, environment). The last five plus years of exponential growth in mountain bike trails has been irresponsible and not serving the broader interests of the Park and it's users. Hopefully a revised approach can reverse some of the damage and set the Park's management in a more responsible direction.

Too much attention and weight is given to the so-called economic benefit of attracting mountain bikers to the area. In reality the majority of mountain bikers using Kalamalka Park are locals. They should be given their own area similar to the area that has been taken over by dirt bikers up the Noble Canyon area and the area up off Bear Creek Main which has been set aside for motorized recreation. There is more than an adequate number of trails for them at Silver Star and Silver Star appears to be trying to attract this type of business. Mountain bike use has already resulted in deep run-off channels on many trails in the park that results in one having to straddle the rut with a foot on each side. Mountain bike use is not compatible with hiking and it is very sad to see a park such as Kalamalka that was originally set aside for walking, hiking and the quiet enjoyment of nature being ruined by a thoughtless few. If you wish to be shown the deep run off channels caused by mountain bikes contact me

Bicycles should not be allowed in any natural area. They are inanimate objects and have no rights. There is also no right to mountain bike. That was settled in federal court in 1996: <http://mjvande.info/mtb10.htm> . It's dishonest of mountain bikers to say that they don't have access to trails closed to bikes. They have EXACTLY the same access as everyone else -- ON FOOT! Why isn't that good enough for mountain bikers? They are all capable of walking....

A favorite myth of mountain bikers is that mountain biking is no more harmful to wildlife, people, and the environment than hiking, and that science supports that view. Of course, it's not true. To settle the matter once and for all, I read all of the research they cited, and wrote a review of the research on mountain biking impacts (see <http://mjvande.info/scb7.htm>). I found that of the seven studies they cited, (1) all were written by mountain bikers, and (2) in every case, the authors misinterpreted their own data, in order to come to the conclusion that they favored. They also studiously avoided mentioning another scientific study (Wisdom et al) which did not favor mountain biking, and came to the opposite conclusions.

Those were all experimental studies. Two other studies (by White et al and by Jeff Marion) used a survey design, which is inherently incapable of answering that question (comparing hiking with mountain biking). I only mention them because mountain bikers often cite them, but scientifically, they are worthless.

Mountain biking accelerates erosion, creates V-shaped ruts, kills small animals and plants on and next to the trail, drives wildlife and other trail users out of the area, and, worst of all, teaches kids that the rough treatment of nature is okay (it's NOT!). What's good about THAT?

To see exactly what harm mountain biking does to the land, watch this 5-minute video: <http://vimeo.com/48784297>.

In addition to all of this, it is extremely dangerous: http://mjvande.info/mtb_dangerous.htm .

For more information: <http://mjvande.info/mtbfaq.htm> .

The common thread among those who want more recreation in our parks is total ignorance about and disinterest in the wildlife whose homes these parks are. Yes, if humans are the only beings that matter, it is simply a conflict among humans (but even then, allowing bikes on trails harms the MAJORITY of park users -- hikers and equestrians -- who can no longer safely and peacefully enjoy their parks).

The parks aren't gymnasiums or racetracks or even human playgrounds. They are WILDLIFE HABITAT, which is precisely why they are attractive to humans. Activities such as mountain biking, that destroy habitat, violate the charter of the parks.

Even kayaking and rafting, which give humans access to the entirety of a water body, prevent the wildlife that live there from making full use of their habitat, and should not be allowed. Of course those who think that only humans matter won't understand what I am talking about -- an indication of the sad state of our culture and educational system.

Some recent comments in the community have shed a negative light on mountain biking as an activity. As a multi-sport family we find mountain biking in Kal Park to be a fantastic opportunity to spend time together. Continued support by B.C. PARKS to facilitate responsible mountain biking in Kal Park is a high priority for us.

BC Parks has time after time given mountain bikers who build illegal trails the right to push their agenda. This has sent the message to thousands of young people in fact a whole new generation that building illegal bike trails is just fine and then they will let you have them. There has never once been a fine for illegal bike trails. Governments listen to the loudest most aggressive voice because there is tourism dollars behind their voice. Natural history interpretation is so much more important than recreation, especially to retired seniors. Multi-use trails are also a huge risk for safety and for horses, but you keep building them. . Recreation Sites and Trails BC do not even do environmental assessments for Crown Land before they approve bike trails, and I mean the litany of illegal bike trails all over the province. Just visit www.trailforks.com and look how many there are. The biggest risk to our species at risk is mountain bikers. T!

o build a parking lot for more bikes will just bring more bikes and more illegal trail building. . We need government that takes natural history and its study and preservation into consideration for once! Just for once!

As a resident of Cosens Bay Road for 32 years we have seen with our own eyes, the risks and destruction in Kalamalka Lake Park. There are so many incidents but here are a few of the worst:

- we chose to live on Cosens Bay Road, because of the proximity to the Park but much of the beauty and pleasure we should have had were taken away by following incidents:
- Weekend nights and some weekday nights were ruined by noise, drinking, destruction, fires and cars racing down Cosens Bay Road to congregate at the Cosens Bay parking lot to party. Those closest to the gate would call the RCMP, who would come out, break up the parties, dump out the alcohol being consumed, and send these people on their way. Sometimes those residents closest to the parking lot were retaliated against i.e.: one house was paint balled, horses were let of our field, intentional racing or vehicles with boom boxes blasting. Everybody in the immediate area was consistent though in reporting to the RCMP and after a few years the Cosens Bay Parking lot became known as not a place to congregate and party and now there are very few noisy parties. There is however constant littering left at the parking lot. My husband cleans it up on his own time, over and over.
- with our 5 acre property on Cosens Bay Road we spend a lot of time outdoors and have seen so many incidents of unsafe driving on Cosens Bay Road, we saw a person on horse back narrowly missed by a speeding car, we saw a biker throw himself in the ditch to avoid a speeding car in fact Cosens Bay Road is no longer a safe place to ride a bike, horse back ride or even walk. The road is narrow, there are telephone poles too close to the edge, there is a blind hill, sharp corners, and many blind driveways and one very bad blind corner.
- We have seen people with a whole load of pruning, yard waste and garbage drive to the Park and dump it all right at the parking lot in broad daylight and then drive away. We have picked up more than one load of refuse and dealt with it. Some people feel it is ok to dump anything they don't want at the Parking lot : i.e old furniture like a couch or table or bags of garbage.
- Car alarms are constantly going off at the Cosens Bay Parking lot and many times we have seen cars with broken windshields and damage
- We see a lot of traffic late at night, coming and going from the Park which is always a worry especially in the dry fire season when just one cigarette but could send the entire park up in flames
- We have seen motor bikes and quads, (even when there was a ban due to fire risk) running rampant through the grass lands

My point is, if a new parking lot is opening, above Cosens Bay, it will be a disastrous situation, as that area is too secluded and will be a magnet for illegal activity and party goers where they can do what they want with no nearby housing or residents to report such activity. There will also be those who are innocent enough, but will camp overnight at a secluded parking lot. There will be vehicle brake-ins galore in a secluded parking lot and a can't even imagine the amount of litter.

There have been many, many close calls with fires being started in the past at Kalamalka Lake Park. I'm begging BC Parks not to open a secluded parking lot above Cosens Bay. The Park will be no good to anyone if a fire gets started. Cabins further in will be at risk as well as the many homes on the perimeter of the park. Please, keep the parking lots near residential areas where activity can at least be monitored. With climate change fire risk is going to become critical in all parks. Several years ago, Friends of Kal Park, enlisted people to help monitor cars going into Kal Park off Cosens Bay Road, when conditions were so dry and dangerous. Many folks sat in their cars for 4-5 hours shifts, simply to try and protect this beautiful park. In closing, I can only hope that someone at BC parks will read these comments and re-think ever putting a parking lot in the Park above Cosens Bay.

I understand that more parking area is required to meet the needs of people wanting to use the Park, but any new parking lots should be where surrounding residents can see what is going on and protect the park.

What makes Kalamalka special is its location and size - especially as the North Okanagan keeps growing in popularity and population. We owe it to future generations to keep the park in its pristine form - meaning less vehicles and no parking lots. As the need for more parking space is inevitable, the farm field across the road from the existing Cosens Bay parking lot may be most suitable. Underground would be even better!

Perhaps it's worth emphasizing the ecological significance of Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park as a protected area, especially with regards to grasslands. Grasslands, of course, are among British Columbia's most endangered ecosystems. Grasslands have always been of limited extent in this province and they are among the most thoroughly developed of all ecosystems--occupying, as they do, those parts of the landscape that are most attractive for agricultural, suburban and urban development.

Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park represents one of the very few substantial areas of grassland that have been protected in this province. And further it represents a particularly generous form of grassland, characterized by a biological richness and biodiversity that develops, with increasing soil moisture, at higher elevations.

Support Friends of Kalamalka Lak Park and listen to them. They have highly reputable professional biologists among them, and are well-versed in good restoration practices.

We live in Victoria and hike in Kal Park whenever we are able to. It is a precious and beloved place.

Kalamalka Lake Park is a beautiful setting with much to enjoy for any participant. It must take a great deal of planning and care to maintain this pristine setting, thank you to those that take on the tasks of doing so. I find myself caught between the desire to keep nature undisturbed and the wish for a road that allows cars/trucks to pass each (oncoming) safely. I do find at times there is opportunity to create a passing location versus widening the road.

While I understand the parking lot expansion ideas are to accommodate the large influx of park visitors, I cannot stress enough how important it is to keep this very little and perfect piece of paradise as it is. If red gate is full, Twin Bays parking is just down the street and often has parking space as it is the largest. As for parking at Cosens Bay Road, please do not add additional lots. This park has incredibly important ecological interfaces, home to many species, some of

which include species at risk. Although a parking lot itself may not seem like a huge impact to the area, impacts from adding an additional parking lot would be devastating to this beautiful and SMALL area. More parking areas will increase park usage at Cosens Bay (which is so wonderful as it is because it takes effort to get there), on the trails, and of course on the road itself which has already been a debate in the past. More park usage could increase demand for other infr!

astructure and development in the future; it might essentially just move the already existing issue down the road. I am so thankful to live near such a peaceful and breathtaking park- where I am able to enjoy the activities I love and let nature nurture. I want Kalamalka Park to be enjoyed by many, however, I do not believe that adding additional parking space within the park is the way to allow for future generations to enjoy this space, and protect the real residents who live there and depend on the habitat they have left.

Sometimes resistance can be the best form of change. If there isn't a parking spot left, maybe I will ride my bike or walk a little further because I certainly don't want the reasons I come to the park to be the reason there is more dirt and less trees & grass.

Also, please if possible ensure all of the current parking lots have disabled parking available.

Roads and parking lots are forever. They will ultimately beget bigger roads and more parking spaces as traffic increases . A line should be drawn now..

There are relatively few days, and few times during a day, the parking is busy enough to be a problem. Even then, for mountain bikers there is lots of parking in neighbourhoods nearby. A 10 minute ride up and 5 down makes a wide area available . Of course there are exceptions due to available time etc... but if there was simply an ethos among bikers that you don't drive to the park when you don't need to, and generally among all park users to be mindful of the parking issue at busy times . I believe a promotional/informational effort, in cooperation with the bike shops, bike groups, and other user or park related groups would reduce the parking problem as most people would want to participate indirectly in preserving the park. Less parking issues = less parking lots.

I have reviewed all on-line documentation and would provide the following comments. I support the District of Coldstream recommendation to expand parking at Red Gate as shown on the plan. I also support the 'east lot option' for additional parking at Cosens Bay and would hope that the west option NEVER sees the light of day. I think there is no need to expand Twin Bays parking lot for 4 or 5 weeks of summer use. There is adequate parking there for locals and visitors alike for rest of the year.

Extreme mountain biking/cycling is great exercise (I don't do it!) but I do wonder about its impact on vegetation, trails, wildlife if it becomes more popular and/or opportunities are expanded. I guess I support more passive uses in the Park and interpretive signage that encourages walking, hiking and life-long learning.

Thank you.

I don't feel that an additional parking lot at Cosens should be put close to the beach. What has been nice about this beach is that if you want to go into it you have to work for it with a bit of a walk.

Also, volunteers have mentioned they would like to groom a few trails in the winter for fat biking. I think this is a great idea to utilize the trails more in the winter time and increase the quality of trail network close to town.

More bike trails!

I have had a chance to review some of the proposed parking solutions and the Red gate expansion looks good, it is well placed by the road and increases traffic safety. I am opposed to the lower Cosens bay parking lot as it will take away from the integrity and beauty of a large natural, low traffic area of the park. On a separate note- I work with a population group that is largely on a limited fixed income and I hear over and over again that there should be bus routes to our local parks. Thank you BC Parks for including mountain biking into your Park Planning! Also Thank you for hosting a public planning event in the evening, I was so happy to be able to attend after work, learn about this process and submit feedback.

Additional parking areas are needed outside of the park. Cousins Bay, Red Gate, Jade and Juniper.

I am absolutely against the development of the park. This has been a jewel in this area and it is wonderful to take friends and family where they can actually view wildlife, find serenity, enjoy relatively undisturbed nature. Not sure why the government is wanting to pave over and develop and destroy our natural areas. Leave the park pristine. It is under enough pressure already. It would be a crime against nature and the area if the cousins bay area becomes a parking lot or private beach for campers. There are many other areas the government can choose to destroy in the name of man made progress. Leave our park alone. Thank you.

I respect the views of conservation, but if managed properly I feel people can enjoy the park and still recreate in the Park. Avoiding the conflict with different user groups is the challenge. As a mountain biker having the ability to travel deeper into the Park is a great way to avoid some of those conflicts.

We have had problems in the past with theft from our cars in the parking lot, trunk pried open and our out of town visitors were robbed.

We ran into unleashed dogs at the Juniper Beach Park with belligerent owners who would not leash their dog. Small children and our dog frightened.

We have had to jump out of the way for mountain bikers who came down walking paths at a dangerous speed.

Dog waste is a real and disgusting problem especially in the spring. Doggie bags and waste containers in several places might help.

Management of the trees and trails has been good. If additional trees need to be cut for fire or insect control please keep it at a minimum.

The park is a jewel we need to protect.

Thank you!

1. Work with surrounding municipalities to improve transit service at peak times such as summer weekends from downtown Vernon.
2. I prefer the east parking option at Cosen's Bay to the west option.
3. The red gate lot should simply be closed. Expansion for a handful of cars is a waste of money and land for the benefit.
4. I'm strongly against further development in the park including any consideration of motorized camping or support for motorized marine access. This park should be focused on self propelled activities only.

Looking forward to see your draft plans Keith!

I would like to see the continued maintenance and development of new mountain biking trails.

We love the park and use it in all 4 seasons!

Very much in favor of additional parking on Cosens Bay Road East Option and Red Gate.

I don't feel that the nature of the park should change which means to mean simply enhancing the types of facilities and activities already supported, particularly improving access to the water. I would not want to see a campground of any kind as this would dramatically change the nature of the park and there are already good campgrounds in the area (I would rather see those expanded, particularly Ellison campground as I believe that area can easily accommodate more campsites, is a high demand campground and is in a spectacular spot with trees!).

Thank you for providing an opportunity to provide input.

On a previous submission I forgot to add that I would like to see a low elevation intermediate single track bike trail (multi use also) from Cosens all the way to Oyama, with a backcountry camping/beach area on the lakeshore. Combined with the Rail Trail would also make a nice loop around Kal Lake.

On the Cosens Bike Trails I would like to see a new machine built intermediate downhill flow trail near Stone Free/Twisted Sisters trails.

Would love to see winter machine trail grooming for fat bikers (and other users). I do my part by snowshoeing the Wall and Lookout Trail on occasion but it is not enough. This would be extremely low impact on the park yet very beneficial for users.

While I am not a fan of restrictions, I wonder if horse use in the winter is appropriate. A week or so ago someone rode the Wall/ Lookout Loop and post holed the entire trail. Some real ankle twisters.

Thank you for encouraging input

Seems like lots of diverse users of the general land area from day trippers to permanent residents to summer cottages.

Therefore, road safety and maintenance should be top priority.

No

NOCS is very very committed to doing the best job they can when it comes to trail management and using the best trail building techniques they can so i would love to see them continue to get the support they need to continue with the great job they're doing building and maintaining trails! i would love to see expansion of the trail network above stone free and stone free again so if they have plans to do so it would be awesome to have bc parks on board with this! :)

Funding

Parking will likely need to be expanded as our population increases. Expand twin bays parking for general use and horse trailers. Expand Red gate as shown in the parking plan. Cosens Bay parking should be expanded, but not at either the East or West location. I would prefer the Cosens Bay existing parking area be expanded to the south and north. Keep motorized vehicles of all kinds out of the park as much as possible. We must hold back motorized vehicle intrusion as long as possible inside the park. This must be a key tenet for park planning. We absolutely do not need camping in this park. Camping will dramatically increase the cost of park operations. Even if there is a camping fee to offset cost why introduce the possibility of increased fire danger. Toilet facilities addition at The Kiosk would be excellent. Short distance to existing road for maintenance. Upgrading park trail signage would be helpful. Make signs to be easily changed !
when required (if economical).

The horses cause a lot of wear on the trails. Improving access for horses should therefore be combined with creating trails that stand up to horse traffic.

Parking is a problem, but increasing parking space will also increase crowding and therefore damage to the park. If we need more parking, it should be close to existing parking lots.

The Twin Bays area is the "urban" part of the park and should be where most visitors go.

Cosens Bay should remain less accessible to preserve the "natural" experience. If Cosens Bay must have more parking, it should be as close to the current lot as feasible. I don't think trailer and RV parking are appropriate for Cosens.

NOCS has been building trails that are well designed and manage run-off well. Over the last five years, I have changed my mind and now believe NOCS should be allowed to continue building and maintaining trails.

E bikes are motorized bikes. They should be treated as motor vehicles. The argument that they just add fitness to unfit people is misleading. More power generates more trail damage.

Camping is NOT a good fit for this park.

users need to be respectful of the natural ecosystem, minimizing the introduction of invasive plants and disruption of native animals. dogs need to be controlled, and mountain bikers need to stay on existing paths and be respectful of other users and native animals. parking needs to be appropriate and respectfully used. the cousin's bay road needs to be respectfully used and not widened. as far as I am concerned it would be ideal if cousin's bay road was not a public road, but that is most likely not an option. the public needs to understand the need for controlled burning to protect the ecosystem. as far I am concerned Kalamalka Lake is a public water supply and there should be no power boat access, but that is probably not an option either. the establishment of volunteer park monitors who have the authority to give 'tickets' to abusers could be useful.

I feel that the reasons that people head to Kal Park have changed over the years and the users are different. I understand that wildlife is an important part of the parks management plan,

however with the increased recreational use it may be time to designate offleash areas for pets (under control of course) If we are looking at one of parks goals - to get users in to the parks, then we recognise that people bring their pets to exercise in the park. The dog beach is often full. Is there potential to open a second beach for dog use? (Jade Bay?) Secondly having a dog on a leash with a bike is hazardous, so I would love to see the mtn bike trails be offleash. These users are generally away from walking trails, (so less interaction with walkers). There is potential to see bears in Bear Valley or down Twisted Sister, but again, I definitely wouldn't want to be attached to my dog for that interaction.

Kal park is meant to be used by all and it should have some organic growth of some new trails (biking and hiking). What is the use of a park if we can not get in there and enjoy it. More trails on the Stone Free side and up to Big Ed area would be nice. Arizona and Utah in the US are great examples of the government filling the need of bikers and hikers as well as road bikers. So many trails to please residents and attract tourists.

BC Parks are doing a very good job as is with local interests. Please keep up the good work!

Why me and my people go to the park: to get out of town, enjoy nature, away from traffic sounds as much as possible.

The proposed east and west Parking lots will spoil all this for any hikers at the Cosens bay gate at park. Law enforcement needs and fire risk needs will sky rocket. For/instance, today, a chilly day in Jan. 2018, there were many Park user in the Cosens bay Rd lot. There was also a car with people actively using drugs and one truck with a driver who had clearly spend the night in the park and was planning to stay there. This is a slow time of year for those kinds of activities in the parking lot. I saw hikers, fat bikers and loose dogs and dog excrement. I saw and heard predator birds working hard! I could barely hear Hwy 6, and rarely Hwy 97 . people will drive further if those east end of park lots are added. The uniqueness of this park has always been its limitations. We cannot make all of nature accessible to everyone, that spoils it. To lose the ability to nature hike into a quiet bay where no one can drive, and so close to town. Crying shame!

In regards to the proposed parking lots:

- I do not support the parking lot on the West Lot (closer to Cosens Bay).
- I do support to East Lot option, closer to the existing parking area.

I think it's important to keep Cosens Bay accessible only via hike or bike from the existing parking lot, or the proposed East Lot option to keep disturbance as low as possible. Jade and Juniper Bay have parking lots close to the beach and that should be the option for people who do not want to hike or bike down to Cosens Bay.

Cosens Bay is beautiful and we should do all we can to keep it that way.

Please do not expand parking above Cosens Bay. It would only serve to increase the car traffic on the road leading to dust, noise and higher collision danger to bikers, walkers and wildlife. Furthermore, the soil on the park trails seems to erode easily when wet and during the hot, dry part of the summer. The long ride in to the steeper trails in that area of the park serves to keep the number of riders down during extremely wet and dry periods. Thank you for hearing the concerns of our community.

I feel Parking expansion should be limited to the existing parking areas, i.e. no new parking areas just expand the existing. I feel the current locations limit trail use and user numbers to Cousin Bay Beach.

Parking! the west lot option would be nice but I feel that it would be full all the time and secondly it would be a big black eye sore in the middle of the park. One option would be to have some disabled parking and/or a drop off lot there and then do a large east lot parking option.

selfishly I would love to see a parking lot right in the middle of the grassland. Access to the beach would be easier, trails would be easier to get to... However I believe it would be the wrong decision. The parking problem would only be moved from Cousin's. Unless the lot was huge, I and everyone else would load it up and then park along the side of the already narrow road. I would hate to see us damage the grassland for that. I think a better choice would be the other proposed location just above the current Cousin's lot. It would serve more as an overflow like the Twin Bays parking lots. I'm not sure if it would be feasible but I have heard talk of expanding the current lot to the north, slightly up "coming around the mountain." I feel as though these would be better overall choices in the short and long term.

The other thing that would be great to see is some more signage around the park informing visitors that they are in an increasingly rare and valuable ecosystem. Places that are already resting spots like John's Jump or at the bottom of No Boats and Crosstown traffic would be great spots.

I feel as though we have a major opportunity for many user groups if winter grooming is to be allowed in the park. There are already precedents set in other communities like Kamloops and throughout the Kootenays. These are trails that already exist, that are already being used by trail runner, snowshoers, and fatbikers. They are already getting packed by these user groups. Our hope with machine grooming these trails is that we will be able to make these activities better and more accessible to more people. While also clearing winter deadfall and allowing the trails to be clear for spring. Vehicles and chainsaws are already allowed for maintenance in the park. All we are asking for is an extension of what is already happening.

These are the things that I believe are most important for the park in the next few years.

Thank you

The beach area at the head of Kal Lake is so congested to the point of saturation. by opening up Cousins Bay to some parking closer to the beach area will ease the congestion at Kal Beach by allowing more access to other areas of the park. It will provide a more enjoyable outing for everybody. The parks are owned by the people for the people.

I see the 2 options that you are looking at for East and West parking lot. I would like to put my vote in for the West Lot Option. Mountain bikers do some pretty big loops in there especially when doing the full climb trail to big ed. It really brings down the riding experience when you have been out for 3-5hrs and then want a rewarding swim in the lake and have the last ride out up the access road back to the current parking lot. Have a parking lot at the West Lot Option would really enhance the experience of the area. I think this would also go for beginner riders that want to do a fun loop in there without having to add in that extra climb out at the end of each ride to current parking area!

I feel the west parking option for Cousins Bay would add to the traffic already accessing their cabins at Cousins Bay. This has been a very contentious road over the years and many people do not want increased traffic cutting through the park and this west parking lot would greatly increase the traffic with cars going back and forth daily to use the parking lot. The east option would be better as many people enjoy hiking down to Cousins Bay and kayaking and boating to get to a beach that isnt overcrowded like it would be if there was a parking lot close to it. That is the beauty of the Cousins Bay beach please don't destroy this gem!

If at all possible, please keep it as simple as possible. The park should be available to anyone who respects it. I.e bikers, horseback riders, hikers, from babies to elderlies. Keep up the good work!!!

The only thing that is disappointing to me is the amount of boat traffic in Cousen Bay.

Please protect our park as it is and do not allow development pressure to destroy the feeling of wildness and tranquility that we can now access and experience so close to home. Thanks!

Limited camping sound like a nice idea but how would they access the lake? This would bring too much traffic into Cosens

The needs of all stakeholders need to be considered. Landowners, casual users, and special interest groups. Not just the ones making all the noise.

I think if you build a new parking, the east lot option is better. Lets avoid more traffic on this road. trucks already go too fast down this road making dust.

Although the proposed West Lot would provide better access to the beach and mountain bike trails, I feel that will simply move the parking problem inside the park. That lot will fill and people will park on the road inside the park. One of the things I enjoy about the Cosens Bay Beach is that it's quieter than other beaches because it's more difficult to access. I love that it is quieter there. Truthfully, I'd even love to see the boats off the beach. The East option seems like a better option. What about extending the existing lot further down the road with a second driveway near the gate to have a full pull through lot?

I also support the idea of opening up more trails in the winter months for park users by machine grooming trails. This is something that is becoming more and more common. It is already in place or in the implementation process in areas such as Rossland, Revelstoke, Bragg Creek, Kamloops, and more.

Regarding expansion of the red gate parking area, I would suggest consideration of design features which discourage break-ins, which are a common occurrence at this lot.

Regarding expansion of parking in the cosens bay area, I am in favor of the east lot option, as it contains parking in a smaller area, creating less visual impact. The location of the west lot would be jarring visually and would negatively impact the beauty of the area.

All lots would benefit from camera surveillance to discourage crime and break-ins.

I reviewed the parking information provided. I am in favour of an expansion to the Red Gate parking.

I would also like to comment on the two options for the Cosens Bay area. I urge you to keep in mind the visual effects that the East lot option would have on the views within the park. I know the area outlined in the associated documentation is conceptual but it shows the lot going up the hill perpendicular to the road. Adding a parking area on top of that hill, i believe, will greatly affect the landscape views for this valley. Having the lot parallel the road instead could limit the

visual impact a parking area would have. For this the West lot options is more ideal but this option would also increase car traffic through the park which also presents issues. Not an easy decision but an expansion of parking in this area is greatly needed.

I love the red gate and east lot idea to add to parking.

I would love to see groomed fat biking trails in the winter. The park is so beautiful in the winter and underused.

Also I defenitley support Nocs master trail plan.

I would love a parking area down closer to cozens bay. This is a fantastic shuttle pick up point for mountain bikers, a great access point for hikers and beach goers alike. This is always an area of congestion, and the road/ natural areas could use some care, and possible excavation to meet our needs. I realize balance between destruction of this beautiful area and creation of much needed parking/ pathways is tough to manage, but I believe more parking space can only increase the use of the park, and raise awareness of the natural diversity and wonder thispark holds.

I think continuing this type of easy online communication with all the major user groups using the area and working along with them is the right management planning process. In today's hectic times is hard to get to a planned meeting at a location. This is a great way to hear from the many, not just the few.

Kalamalka Park is a gem, truly a magnificent park. Although there are some user conflicts i doubt they will ever go away; that's just human nature. I have been using the park since 1995 and in that time have seen immense increased usage, especially in the last few years. With the exception of a few individuals, all users i have witnessed are respecting the space, and respective of each other.

The more user groups we have the more likely we will have increased user conflicts. Let's maintain the natural beauty of Kalamalka Park by maintaining the status quo. No tent camping, no RV's, no hunting, No ATV's, no road widening, no BIG parking lots, no parking lot closer to Cosen's Bay - BIG NO - that will increase vehicle traffic so much as people will go see if there is a parking spot and have to turn around as it will ALWAYS be full. YES to ecosystem restoration (restoration and adaptation). Yes to trail building for hiking and biking (provided ecosystem integrity not compromised), yes to an extended parking lot for Cosen's Bay ONLY if it extends eastward from the existing parking lot towards the park boundary, not to the west in the

Grasslands. Horse trailers should make use of Twin Bays Parking lot. NO to anything that will change the serenity of the park. One can't hear birds over ATV's!
In addition Cosen's Bay Community should have no say on what the road that runs through the park should look like; they are just passing through, not using the park per se. If they don't like the road hazards they have the option of getting to their cabins by boat (and i understand that was suppose to be the case for cabin owners since they were built). Kekuli Bay is there for RV/camper crowd, main beach at Alexanders, or paved path to Jade and Juniper for handicap or for those unable to walk big distances.
Thank-you for the opportunity to comment. This is a Provincial Park preserved for it's natural beauty - let's keep it that way.

More parking at the red gate would be helpful.
A non-motorized cosins bay would be an improvement.

I think as long as people can get to the outskirts of the park (whether at cosins bay, red gate, or juniper/jade bay), they can enjoy the natural setting of the park for biking, hiking, and any non-motorized way of enjoying the park. There are so few areas left undeveloped and un-motorized. Leaving this space for the quiet, clean nature that it is - I don't think that's asking too much. Those who enjoy motorized and camping options have ample places to enjoy in the Okanagan - far more places than those who could use unspoiled nature for a healthy component of their lives.

Another entrance and parking lot somewhere in a currently less accessible area to spread the people out in the park a bit more, so everyone isn't congregated in the same area.

This park currently has many invasive species present but it is still at a state of being manageable. This should be a prominent issue in the management strategy. If we do not make this a top priority soon the grasslands will be unmanageable. Knapweed along the beach trails is probably the worst culprit. Then there is Scotch Thistle encroaching along Kidston Road that should be in cooperation with RDNO and Coldstream to control. The Rush skeleton is encroaching along the Cosens bay boundary and should be cooperatively controlled with the adjacent land owners. if the main focus is always people oriented then Parks in general will no longer be stewardship opportunities for the environment and natural landscape. The less development within this park the less ground disruption, which in turn helps reduce opportunity for invasives! Expanding parking lots is a necessity because of safety but do not make it for more accessibility to areas of the park!
Thank you for your time.

Kal Park is a gem. It is a significant value to the in Vernon/ Coldstream community drawing people from all over the Okanagan

Widen and improve visibility of the road The road can not sustain the amount of traffic on this road. You built a parking lot at cougar canyon to attract people and now that they come the road can not keep up with all the vehicles.

Additional parking needed at existing parking areas (especially Cosens Bay lot). I do no want to see additional parking added inside the park.
More Parks wardens walking the trails ticketing dog owners.

Even our local Vernon MorningStar newspaper is promoting OFF leash dogs inside the park - a photo of a dog off leash inside the park illustrates the article advertising tonight's public meeting! Could we please get our local media to highlight APPROPRIATE behaviour, instead of continuing to post images of contraventions?

<https://www.vernonmorningstar.com/news/public-meeting-on-kal-lake-park-tonight/>

Thank you for your efforts to conserve this land.

Kalamalka Provincial Park is a jewel and can be/is a major tourist destination for outdoor activities. Active growth in recreation access to the park will provide great economic potential for Vernon and Coldstream. Please spend the appropriate time to study and plan the growth, but, please also ensure that the growth of recreation access continues at a steady pace to ensure the park remains an exciting tourism destination.

Making the road wider would add to greater safety for all. Mirrors set at particularly dangerous bends would be a great help. A stable road bed is also necessary. More frequent grading would also be helpful.

Notice a lot of vehicles parked along roadway illegally during summer hours.
Need better access to Cosens Bay Beach for vehicles.

The fact that BC Parks is open to comments from local clubs

I think it is bad planning to have a bunch of houses inside the park on the waterfront. The house sizes seem to be getting bigger and bigger. I thought it was suppose to be just cabins? The houses need to be regulated better. and downsized

Yes, you are totally focused on cars, on car traffic, on parking.

In another decade we are stuck with all those parking lots which we then want to bring back to nature again.

Are you professional, informed, planners or just automatically applying planning principles from a previous century?

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What type of activities do you like to do in the park or in the general land area?

Observation of natural things – flowers, animals
Hiking – is spoiled by bikers

Hiking, biking, beach use with our 4 young children.
THANK YOU for making the hiking and biking trail network so accessible.
I believe more biking trails are needed to keep up with demand and wear/tear of existing trails.

Walking, hiking, swimming, bird watching

Access through park to home/property south of the park
Mountain biking, hiking and lake activities.

Hiking, swimming, mountain biking

Horseback riding
Hiking

Hiking, biking & swimming

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Walking, snow shoe, swim, biking

I ride my mountainbike on average twice a week from April to November (weather dependent)

Hiking – all year. Biking. Dog walking & swimming.

Hiking, dog walking.

Horse riding, mainly, but also running & biking

Birding, hiking, running

Walking – birding, botanizing, bugging

Walk, hike

Mountain biking #1
Hiking #2
Snow shoeing #3

Mountain biking, swimming, trail running

Mountain bike, hike, walk the dog, swimming

Hiking, swimming

Hiking, swimming, biking, bird watching & wildlife, snowshoeing

Mountain biking / hiking / backpack on High Rim trail.

Mountain biking & hiking, beach access

Hiking
Mt Biking – most avidly
Swimming

Hiking, swimming, X-country skiing, fishing, kayaking

1 biking trails, hiking, swimming, etc.
2 enjoy my quiet time

Hiking

Hiking and flower, vegetation, animal and bird observations

Walk/hike

Mountain biking and trail running/walking.

Hiking, birdwatching, winter walks

Hiking/biking in more “natural” (pristine) (little human impact/development) conditions
Kayak/swimming in rel. clear/clean water.

Nature observation, hiking, viewing, photography

As much as enjoyment for activities, I treasure that this area is protected for future generations!

Hiking, bird watching, winter walks, swimming, picnic

Snowshoeing, walking, swimming, picnicking and school runs.

Occ biking

WALKING/HIKING/Running

Park is already well used – no need to encourage ↑'d traffic – especially in the winter

Walking, hiking, swimming, picnicking, boating, sleigh riding, bird watching, photography, especially the wildflowers, some like cliff climbing, biking (not motor biking), not even sure about the need for horseback riding, ATVing, etc.

What do you see as being key management issues in the park?

KEEPING IT in a pristine state. When it was owned by COLDSTREAM RANCH I was able to get a key to take my girl guides into the park for nature study. Those activities are no longer possible with too many people going into the park.

- Better parking at Cosens Bay – I don't support Cosens Bay Beach parking – keep this beach isolated and quiet.
- ** Support NOCS trail master plan **
- Keep Cosens Bay Road quiet – not a major road – no expansion
- No boats on Cosens Bay Beach and other beaches

At this moment one issue is prominent at a personal level for me. I completely disagree with developing Cosen's Bay Road parking – West Lot Option and East Lot Option. The walk down to Cosen's Bay provides an open non man-made view where one can imagine thousands of years ago. Putting a parking lot in either of those places will also increase the ecological pressure on Cosen's Bay itself and there may be many user conflicts as more people "squeeze" on a small beach access (especially with rising lake levels). The primary role of the acquisition of Kal Park was for preservation from development pressure. I believe maintaining as much as possible the natural beauty and non-development of as many large areas as possible.

Building and maintaining a safe road through the park with parking for park users so they don't illegally park along the road. Making a safe path beside the road for pedestrians so they aren't walking on the vehicle space.

Patrolling regularly for bad/unlawful behaviour. Cars/bikes, beach traffic and boaters mooring on beach.
No camping
No hunting

PARKING – big horse rig parking – need drive through spots for horsetrailer @ east end twin bays, parking areas
Controlling traffic through park – speed, off-road
Conflicts between bikers & horse riders – some bikers think they own the trails and horse should be banned

Keeping as much of the park undisturbed & undeveloped as possible. Recognizing that popularity & use has increased & more parking is desirable. Minimize impact to park. Not in favour of “west lot” option for increase parking at Cosens Bay access. “East lot” option much preferred for this access.

Dog use in park & owners persistent lack of respect in picking up after dogs. Maybe more garbage cans in first 200 – 300 m of trails will facilitate better use by owners. Also some (any) patrols & enforcement of dogs & owners would improve behaviours.

Minimizing vehicle access to the park
Provide separated trail systems for hikers and bikers, particularly on steep sections and at blind curves (to the extent possible)
Wildlife – human interactions, public education program
Minimizing parking within the park – prefer option of expanding Twin Bay parking to option of new parking lot(s) on Cousins Bay Road

Visitation, traffic and parking. I believe that it is important to balance & sufficient (*illegible word*) parking, while not making access to beaches too easy, which will invite the beach going party crowd.

I am very focused on access for my dog – very focused on running & swimming with him. Pet beach and access in Cosens Bay are much appreciated. Would like to see more access to lake for pets.

I live in the interface – fire is of great concern in July and August – can the park be closed if we have a dry summer
I think the park is beautiful as is – lots of parking at the yellow gate. Parking OK at Red Gate except on long weekends.

Lack of parking especially for horse trailer.
East lot option is the best so far.

Restricting bicycle activity to trails. Game trails that intersect can lead cyclists astray. Low barriers should be in place to confine cycling activity to designated trails.

Smoking during dry season should not be allowed. Should also have a program to reduce the fuel on the ground.

Expanding parking – NO! NO! NO!

Mountain biking – out of control. The habitat in Park has been decimated – no hope of recovery unless bikes are banned & hiking paths controlled

Managing intensity of use of park (i.e. limiting intense)

Focus should be on non-mechanized uses (encourage activities that depend on physical exertion!)

If cycling is to continue, it must be controlled or limited before the park is overrun with cycling trails

Motorized vehicular access into the park should be absolutely limited.

Horses damaging MTB trails.

We need more MTB trails.

Adding mountain bike trails (low & high elevation)

Increase parking near Cosen's Bay lot

Parking at red gate & Cosens Bay can get very congested.

Trail signage is non-existent and maps at hubs are very outdated. Improvements to signage would encourage people to stay on appropriate trails.

Parking lot management – re-locate for the plan of the Cosens Bay Parking lot near the Cosens Bay. It would destroy the ecological reserve, pollution of the water, air, noise, land, carbon – monoxide poisoning would increase & the destruction of animals dens & migration.

Conflicts in user groups – some want full vehicle access, while others want no vehicle access. Keep parking lots away from open flat grass land as much as possible.

Preserve space for wildlife

Clear brush/fallen trees to mitigate fire
Enforce regulations to keep dogs on leash
We were perturbed to see the logging right on the High Rim trail, really was devastating!

Parking at Cosens Bay, use of multi-use trails

Parking access
Toilet access
Future expansion & use of the park for everyone's benefit.

Managing the increased number of users and their impact on the park.
Managing boater (powerboats) at beaches.
Dealing with fire risks. Reducing fuel loads to prevent a catastrophic fire.
Improving parking while maintaining the environment.

1 road improvement & maintenance
2 dead tree control
3 continued access to private properties

Controlled burn in Cosens Bay
Road issues

Allowing bikes in the park. They are negating the natural aspects.
Spoke to "name removed" who had suggested that possibly bikes could use the powerline right of way – that's 13 km to the s. end of Kal Lake

Road safety
Blind corners a safety concern.
There should be more areas to pull over so two vehicles can pass safely or the road should be wide enough for two vehicles.
The traffic has increased due to bikers, rock climbers, and cabin owners.

Maintain the natural park – no camping and minimizing expansion into the natural aspect such as widening roads or extensive parking. Planning for future is necessary but please don't cave to "residents" who purchase cabin property knowing their land was purposed as boat access property. Reasonable parking for day use.

Neglect by BC Parks. Park is degraded.
Restrict use
Do tree thinning – grasslands can then return
Restrict use of mountain bikes & their trails
No further parking lots in the park
Keep the existing roadway within present boundaries.
No camping.
Erosion especially from biking trails.

* preserve/conservate to more "wild" nature of the park
- "passive" interpretation – signage not tours or buildings
- minimal vehicle access (no mechanized vehicles) – no major roads
I do not see need for responsible parking enhancement – your proposed @ Twin Bays & Red Gate are ok – not Cosens Bay.

* further (continued) public input at each step of management plan

Maintaining conservation values in the face of growing pressures for trail expansion, parking, etc. There should be "no net loss" of habitat. Need more "boots on ground" for mgmt / enforcement. More funding / priority on ecological restoration. Control of dogs & more focus on poop-scooping. Parking – need to minimize any further footprint and look at options outside of park. No new parking in interior of park. Expand parking on edge of park only. The Districts plan to expand parking at red gate is great. Very much needed & minimal footprint on park habitat. The west option on Cousins Bay should be discarded. There will never be enough parking capacity at that location (always pressure to expand) & the "carless" nature of that part of the park is of high value to recreation & conservation.

1. Invasive species management!!! (I know cinquefoil is almost unsolvable)
2. Erosion & degradation from off trail use – specific concern of biking trails, bikers using wildlife trails. Are biking trails monitored for use, erosion, conflict with hikers???
3. Dog use – off leash & feces control
4. Parking – Red Gate and Cosens Bay should be increased but do not like "west lot" option at Cosens Bay as 90% of visitors would want to park there. Increase existing lot at Cosens Bay

Parking at existing site or near it would be better. Twin Bay Parking – I think Option A is better as this is an area not utilized by many people and would also be closer to Red Gate. Option B very poor site and in a highly graded & in area of prime use through all seasons.

Limited documentation of winter use.

Wildlife protection

Conflict between hunting and hiking

Recreation for hikers, climbers, swimmers, walkers, horse riders & bikers.

Preservation of wildlife habitat. Habitat destruction.

Preservation of flora and fauna. Destruction of some Invasive species.

Human/wildlife safety

Keep roads at 30 km/hours

Parking uncongested

Financial resources limited

Snow clearing done by highways

Conflict between external property owners / park users for other than pass through

Interministerial priorities such as transportation, environment, parks

Need to maintain parking lots year round

Destruction of habitat in spring / fall (late) by bikers, etc.

* enforcing NO SMOKING BAN (prevention of forest fires which will continue to be an issue in upcoming years)

* car break ins in parking lot

* DO NOT NEED MORE PARKING except maybe the red gate due to volume & safety risk

* in Twin Bays → use the green area between the 2 lots – do not go into new land

Sufficient picnic tables, a little more changing rooms, drinking water, garbage pick up – I love all the marked and named trails with well maintained outhouses – I understand the danger of fires, but wish there was the possibility of campfires at Cousin's Bay – parking is not sufficient – needs video surveillance – gravel is adequate though dusty – no need for the expense of pavement. The main road through does not need much improvement . We don't need the National Park level of pavement, etc. Let's not put so much more into improvements that we lose the ambience of "natural". Park beach is more than sufficient. Actually I would prefer "NO DOGS" PERIOD!!!

Is there any additional information that you feel would assist this management planning process?

KEEP BIKERS and ROWDY people out of the park or bikes confined to their own trails not to use hiking trails.

Support the increase in mountain bike usage!

I highly advocate and recommend contacting and working with landowners that border the park to access more parking space at Cousin's Bay.

The park has been growing continually in use and popularity. The Park built a parking lot at Cougar Canyon which increased the traffic on the road. They however did not improve the road. Blind one lane corners are not safe with the unpredictable drivers coming the other way.

Would be happy to interact with you in future for horseback riding issues.

Is there a breakdown of user types by time of year?
If parking is expanded, would new spaces be maintained year round or just during the summer?

My opinion is that an expansion of the "red gate" parking lot, and an expansion of the Cosens Bay lot by the "yellow gate" is warranted but that any additional lots, or parking will only invite non-basic user groups.

More parking is good.
More toilet facilities is also good.

Willing to assist in any possible.

More young rangers should have a presence at the park. They can report concerning activity to admin.

Perhaps meet with more environmentalists.
I dare you to call!!!

To vehicles travelling to the private lands south of Cosens Bay – no parking of any kind beyond existing lots on outeperimetre (this would be one straight-forward way of limiting intensity of park use)

Keep parking as far away as possible from Cosen's Bay Beach.
It's the last beach not thrashed by Alberta tourists.

Give the highest priority to nature reserve & preserving the animals and plants.

Invasive weeds – Can a test area be allocated to restore the native grasses – then start expanding. There is no easy solution – just bold & innovative!

Kal Park is a real treasure. While parking expansion & campsite/other "improvements" are desirable – maintaining a usable space for wildlife should be top priority.

I would like to see the park kept as day use only – no camping.
I prefer the location of the "east" parking lot proposal over the "west" at Cosens.

Investigate the possibility of purchasing the Deep Lake area and rangeland as an additional user area for hiking, biking and fishing.

Fair consideration to property owners, bikers, climbers, hikers, etc. Park should be for all to use.

Elderly people & people with young children find it difficult to get to the water in the extreme heat – a parking lot below or at least a drop off area close to the water.

I feel that you are giving up on managing it and letting overuse negate what we have tried to preserve for future generations. Soon there will be no pristine areas left.

More parking should be provided within the park e.g. a parking lot (above the beach & below the road)

This park is a beautiful place of Vernon and iconic destination for hiking, trail running and mountain biking. Please maintain this park

The Deep Lake area should be added to the park to add significant conservation values, recreation & to better distribute use.

1. No camping please, even from boaters! This opens a big can of worms and uses a lot of land area that would then be inaccessible to other users.
2. More boating buoys for day use only – in both bays.
3. Cosen Bay washrooms would be a great asset proper flush & septic, and drinkable water.
4. Who maintains biking trails against erosion, invasive species?
5. Maintain Cosens Bay roadway within present boundaries.
6. Tree thinning – is park losing grassland to the trees? Plan control needed – will goats work?

Seems to be lack of awareness of use of park during winter months.

On the Cosens Bay Trail, there are snowshoers, cross country skiers, joggers & dog walkers. Lots of families.

Weekend sample – 1 hour time period 330 – 430 – 48 people passed Sat / 53 people passed Sun. All around the park the wildlife habitat is being destroyed by development – wildlife need the park.

- * No ↑'d motor boat use – need to preserve Kal Lake without contamination
- * No ↑'d mountain biking – danger to park conservation with trails being damaged when still wet & danger to plant life
- * poor animals → they would enjoy the peace in the winter – no (*illegible word*) from ↑'d activity OR NOISE from equipment
- * put bike riding in rail trail @ SS
- * that's enough!!

I totally understand and agree with controlling the road and trail ways, but a gravel parking lot to service Cousens Bay Beach (behind the trees where the slough areas are. Re the widening of the road to the “lots” (summer homes area – a well graded two lane dirt road that is snow plowed for 365 day use would be wonderful – the owners should be responsible for their own garbage services – unless they are prepared for such services by user taxes. None of this is Public Park responsibility. Owners take care of yourselves!

Thank you for encouraging my input. Loved the presentation at the Prestige. Thank you. Have appreciated so much encouraging public input. As little money expenses as reasonable. Thank you.

My Dad, Mom and Aunt were original lot owners. I grew up on Kal Lake. This was one of the best things I inherited – only sad to say I never got to inherit the lot, but every summer I spend as much time on the lake, in the park as possible. I was born and raised in Vernon and of all the places I've travelled to there is “no place like home!”
