

# Montney Centennial Regional Park Development Plan

2021-2025



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## **Interim Vision and Goals (focused on recreation amenities)**

### **Montney Centennial Regional Park Vision**

Montney Centennial Regional Park offers unique and rustic recreational experiences on Charlie Lake that invite people to stay and enjoy leisure and relaxation in a lakefront forest. The park will become increasingly well-used as new opportunities to play are added.

### **Goals**

- 1) Attract a Wider Range of Visitors
  - Expand potential recreational pursuits in the park to attract a broader range of park visitors
  - Encourage unique experiences that are not readily available in the surrounding area
  - Support partnerships with clubs and organizations to develop recreation amenities and add amenity to the park
- 2) Plan for Economic Sustainability
  - Work to establish strategic partnerships and grants that help manage capital and park operation costs
  - Plan and manage improvements incrementally, minimizing maintenance and operational costs, while still providing a higher quality experience

**EXISTING IMPROVED CAMPSITES - 7 Sites**

- ▶ 6 Unserved Back-in Sites
- ▶ 1 Unserved Group Back-in Site

**POTENTIAL NEW CAMPSITES - 6 Sites**

- ▶ 5 Unserved Back-in Sites
- ▶ 1 Unserved Group Back-in Site

**POTENTIAL FUTURE CAMPSITE AREA B - 11 Sites**

- ▶ TBD based on future demand

**POTENTIAL FUTURE CAMPSITE AREA C - 8 Sites**

- ▶ TBD based on future demand
- ▶ Potential for horse-camping (in partnership with clubs/organized groups)

**PROGRAM**

Given the varied camping options already existing on Charlie Lake, it is anticipated that Montney will remain a rustic, modest campground in the foreseeable future. However, improvement and expansion of day-use activity areas, along with support for local clubs and groups to consider the park for development of new recreation amenities is encouraged to help expand the park's recreational value.

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## Upgrades by Area

*\*Upgrades are subject to regulatory approval and may change based on provincial or other requirements.*

*\*\* Costs are Class D estimates only*

### Lakefront Recreation Area:

This plan would see the current lakefront access area improved with the addition of a boat launch, fishing dock, new outhouse, a parking area for boat trailers and the removal of the existing 'campsite' amenities.

- Plan for and install new concrete boat launch	\$78,000
- Add a new outhouse	\$17,000
- Develop small parking area for boat trailers	\$17,000
- Remove current 'campsite' including fire pit and picnic table	\$1,000
- Develop and install fishing dock	<u>\$29,000</u>
	<b>\$142,000</b>

### (New) Forest Activity Zone:

New activity area developed in the forested area east of the current outhouses. This space is relatively flat and would be used to encourage natural and outdoor inspired education for non-profits, school districts, etc.

- Playground	\$65,000
- Group picnic area (shelter) with seating for up to 30	\$40,000
- Information kiosk	\$2,500
- Interpretive signage and games	\$5,000
- Develop adjacent day use parking	<u>\$17,000</u>
	<b>\$129,500</b>

### Trail Staging Area:

This area is located at the southernmost end of the current camping area. This will be the starting point to recreational trails loops and will include a picnic area, improved parking, outhouse, signage and pinch point to restrict motorized vehicle access.

- New Outhouse	\$17,000
- Small picnic shelter or hut	\$25,000
- Pinch point	\$1,000
- Develop a 'key-hole' turn-around and day use parking	<u>\$21,000</u>
	<b>\$64,000</b>

### Recreational Trail Loops:

Trails would be installed that traverse the natural areas of the park. A small loop trail would be developed to be accessible for people of varying abilities, with the larger loop hiking trail developed for more moderate and/or physically active individuals. Trails could be used in the winter, if desired, for non-motorized recreation, such as for cross country skiing or snowshoeing.

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| - Small Loop & Connection Trails   | \$7,000         |
| - Large Loop Hiking Trail  | \$21,000        |
| - Map signs and distance markers   | <u>\$5,000</u>  |
|  | <b>\$33,000</b> |
| - Optional - Mountain biking or horseback loop   |                 |
| o 3 to 5 km of trail   |                 |
| - Optional - 18 hole course Frisbee golf course within treed area.                                     |                 |
| o Potential for Frisbee golf course to double as cross country skiing or snowshoe route during winter. |                 |

### Tobogganing/Winter Activity Area

It may be possible to use the natural terrain of the property to find an appropriate tobogganing hill for winter use. Given that winter in the Region can last for over half the year, providing winter activities would draw people to the park for the 'off-season' months.

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| - Tobogganing/tubing activity area for winter use | \$20,000 |
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### Other

A number of upgrades are recommended for inclusion in this Park Development plan, but that do not fit into the other 'areas'.

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| - Replace Park Entry Sign                           | \$9,000         |
| - Create an accessible path to access the outhouses | \$10,000        |
| - Improve Existing or Replace Outhouse              | \$20,000        |
| - Update regulatory signage                         | <u>\$6,000</u>  |
|   | <b>\$17,000</b> |

# PHASED PLAN

## Summary of Costs by Proposed Phase

Phase 1 (2021)	Area	Class 'D' Estimated Cost
Stairs & Trail Improvements	Other	\$10,000.00
Update Regulatory Signage	Other	\$6,000.00
Replace Park Entry Sign	Other	\$9,000.00
		\$25,000.00

Phase 2 (2022)	Area	Class 'D' Estimated Cost
Improve Existing or Replace Outhouse	Other	\$20,000.00
Develop and Install Fishing Dock	Lakefront Recreation Area	\$29,000.00
Remove current 'campsite'	Lakefront Recreation Area	\$1,000.00
		\$50,000.00

Phase 3 (2023)	Area	Class 'D' Estimated Cost
Small Loop & Connection Trails	Recreational Trail Loops	\$7,000.00
New Outhouse	Trail Staging Area	\$17,000.00
Large Loop Hiking Trail	Recreational Trail Loops	\$21,000.00
Small picnic shelter	Trail Staging Area	\$25,000.00
Pinch point	Trail Staging Area	\$1,000.00
Map Signs and Distance Markers	Recreational Trail Loops	\$5,000.00
		\$76,000.00

Phase 4 (2024)	Area	Class 'D' Estimated Cost
New Outhouse	Lakefront Recreation Area	\$17,000.00
Develop 'key-hole' and Day Use Parking	Trail Staging Area	\$21,000.00
Playground	(New) Forest Activity Zone	\$65,000.00
Group picnic area	(New) Forest Activity Zone	\$40,000.00
Day Use Parking	(New) Forest Activity Zone	\$17,000.00
Interpretive Signage and Games	(New) Forest Activity Zone	\$5,000.00
		\$165,000.00

Phase 5 (2025)	Area	Class 'D' Estimated Cost
Concrete Boat Launch	Lakefront Recreation Area	\$78,000.00
Parking Area for Boat Trailers	Lakefront Recreation Area	\$17,000.00
Tobogganing/tubing activity area	Winter Activity Area	\$20,000.00
		\$115,000.00

<b>TOTAL estimated</b>	<b>\$431,000.00</b>
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