

# WELCOME

## Electoral Area B - Shawnigan Lake Village Park Playgrounds Review

We are here to review the playgrounds within Electoral Area B - Shawnigan Lake Village and consider priorities for community investment in new playground infrastructure. Here are six ways to provide feedback:

- ▶ **INTERACTIVE PANELS**
  - Place a sticker or sticky note and share your thoughts and ideas.
- ▶ **SURVEY SHEET**
  - Fill out a survey and leave it with us or fill it out online at Place Speak at the link provided below.
- ▶ **TALK TO US**
  - We are here to discuss, listen, and provide information.
- ▶ **EMAIL**
  - Email thoughts and ideas to:  
[parks@cvrld.bc.ca](mailto:parks@cvrld.bc.ca)
- ▶ **WEBSITE**
  - Engage online at the CVRD Website:  
[www.cvrld.bc.ca/96/About-Parks-Trails](http://www.cvrld.bc.ca/96/About-Parks-Trails)
- ▶ **PLACE SPEAK**
  - Engage online through Place Speak. Review all the information about this topic including the panels, maps and background information and provide feedback through comments and the survey.

[www.placespeak.com/shawniganplaygrounds/](http://www.placespeak.com/shawniganplaygrounds/)



# OVERVIEW

## Shawnigan Lake Park Playgrounds

As highlighted on the following information panels, playground trends for more rural areas (i.e. parks in Electoral Areas) versus urban city parks is to focus on establishing destination community parks that have a broader reach and provide a variety of amenities and activity opportunities for residents.

The goal is to ensure a general distribution of park amenities, such as playgrounds, across the overall community, with minimal overlap or duplication of similar type parks serving one area or neighbourhood.

This approach aims to provide for a diversity of park experiences and activities that serve the interests of the community balanced with the limitations of taxpayer funding to develop and maintain local parks.

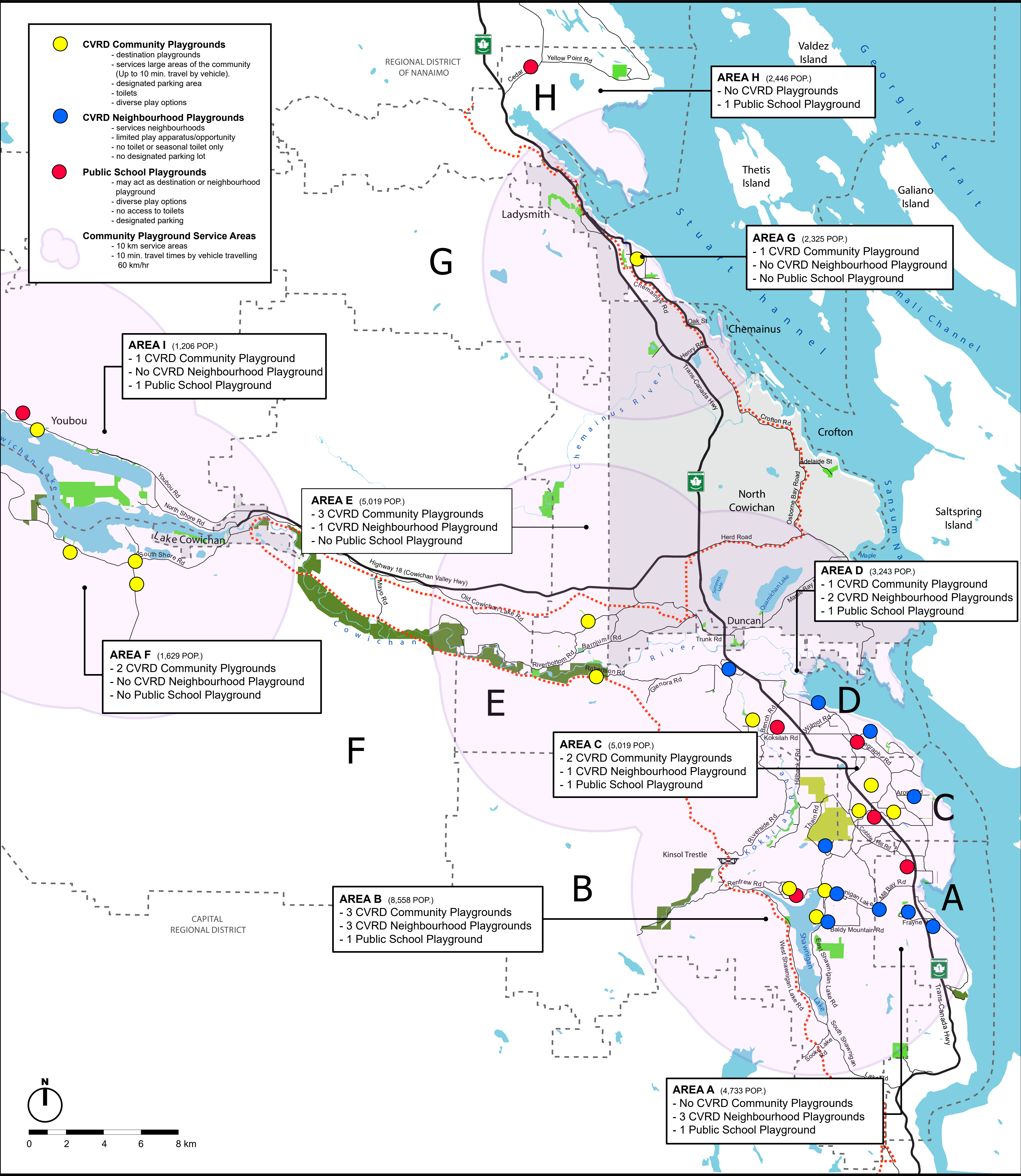
For the Shawnigan Lake Village area, there are currently four parks with playgrounds, two of which are considered destination community parks (Elsie Miles Park & Old Mill Park), and two are considered neighbourhood parks (Gibsons Park and Galland Park). By comparison, as highlighted on the information panels, remaining areas of the Shawnigan Lake community are served by a limited number of parks with playgrounds, one of which is located within the Shawnigan Beach Estates (Shawnigan Hills Park) and the other located in the northeast Shawnigan area (Melrose Park).

With the recent unanticipated closure of the Galland Park playground due to age/condition and remaining playground apparatus at Old Mill Park and Elsie Miles Park also approaching end of service life, community input is being sought as to what and where new playground development should be focused to best serve the Shawnigan Lake Village community for the next 15 to 20 years.



# CVRD PLAYGROUNDS

## LOCATIONS MAP





# PARK PLANNING

## GUIDING DOCUMENTS AND PRIORITIES

### SHAWNIGAN LAKE PARKS AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN

#### PLANNING A FUTURE COMMUNITY PARKS & TRAILS SYSTEM

Section 4 of the Area B Parks & Trails Master Plan provides a list of factors and considerations that are key in park planning and setting priorities for applying community funding:

- More People Demanding Recreation Amenities
- Changing Household Composition
- Aging Population
- Fewer People Participating in Sports
- Children & Youth Inactivity
- Public Stewardship
- Social Services
- Volunteerism
- Recreation Tourism
- Ability to Respond to Demand
- Aging Infrastructure
- Local Finances
- Partnerships

The Area B Parks and Trails Master Plan references playgrounds with the following statement:

***“Because of Shawnigan Lake’s rural nature, it is difficult to provide child play spaces within 0.81 km (0.5 miles) to all residents. A practical approach is to provide centralized areas which would have maximum utilization by all neighbourhoods. Consider the following suitable locations for playgrounds:***

- 1. Old Mill Park/Dougan Park expansion***
- 2. Discovery School (school playground with adjacent tot-lot)***
- 3. Elsie Miles School (school playground with adjacent tot-lot)***
- 4. Ceylon Road Park***
- 5. Wilmot Road Park (now Gibsons Park)”***





# AREA B

## SHAWNIGAN VILLAGE AREA PLAYGROUNDS

### CURRENT CONDITIONS



#### ELSIE MILES PLAYGROUND

**TYPE:** Community Destination, Manufactured

**LOCATION:** Next to Shawnigan Lake Community Centre. CVRD owned property.

**INSTALLED:** 2005 (14 years old)

**TARGET AGES:** 5-12



#### GALLAND RD. PLAYGROUND

**TYPE:** Neighbourhood, Manufactured

**LOCATION:** Galland Road on private Strata owned property used by the CVRD under an agreement that expires in 2030.

**INSTALLED:** 2002 (17 years old )

**TARGET AGES:** 5-12

\* Closed for removal due to age/condition.



#### OLD MILL PLAYGROUND

**TYPE:** Community Destination, Manufactured

**LOCATION:** South end of Old Mill Park. CVRD owned property.

**INSTALLED:** 1997 (22 years old)

**TARGET AGES:** 3-5

\* Several playground components have been removed over the years due to age/condition.



#### GIBSONS PLAYGROUND

**TYPE:** Neighbourhood, Manufactured

**LOCATION:** Between Wilmot Avenue and Shawnigan Mill Bay Road. CVRD owned property.

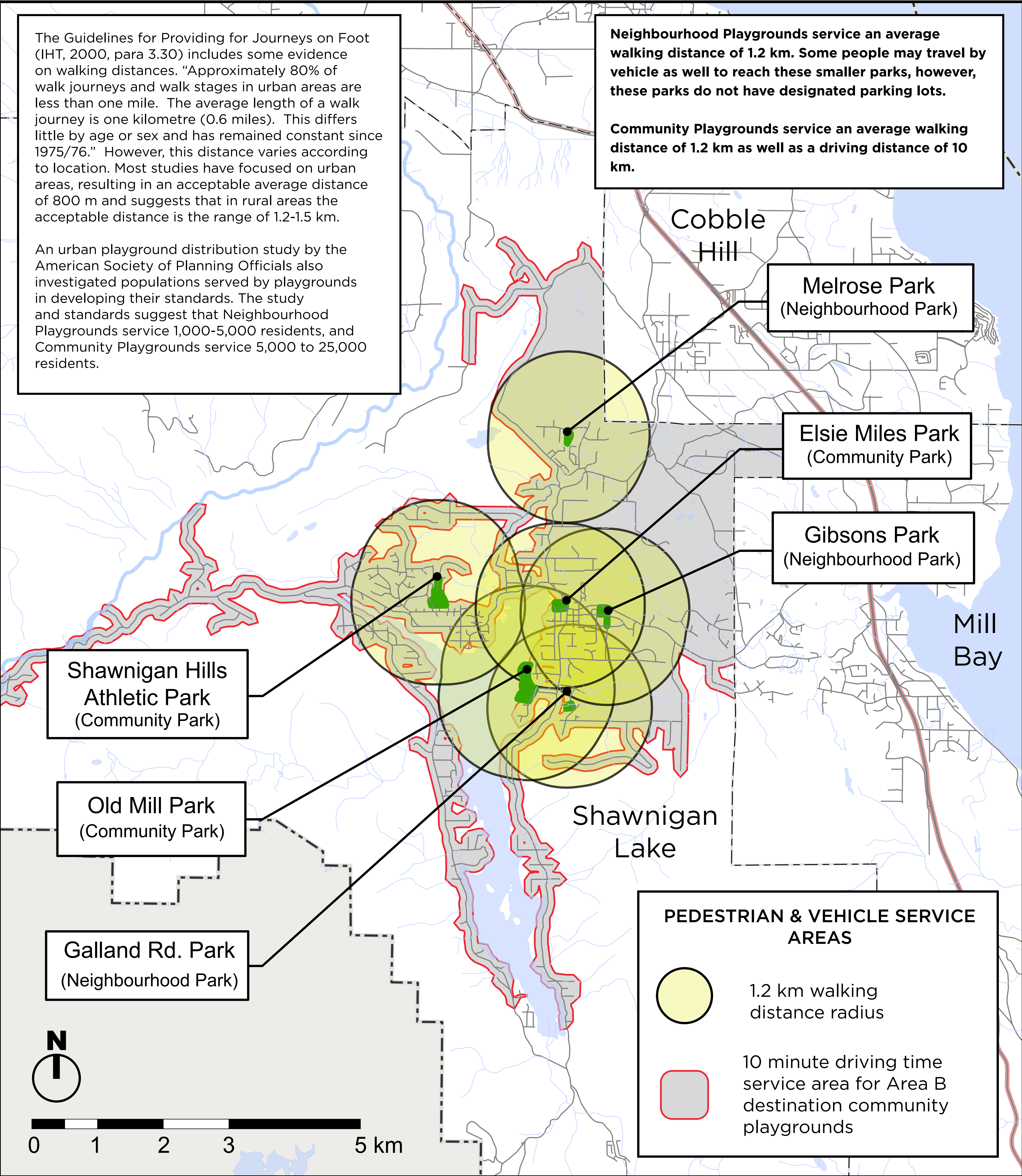
**INSTALLED:** 2015 (4 years old )

**TARGET AGES:** 5-12



# PLAYGROUND SERVICE

## SHAWNIGAN LAKE VILLAGE AREA





# PLAYGROUND STYLES

## TRENDS IN PLAYGROUND DESIGN

While trends for the type of play are continually changing as new equipment is designed, increasingly children want more challenging play equipment that stimulates physical and mental activity. Communities have also expressed a desire for a diverse network of play experiences that caters for all ages and is designed to suit the location and local community needs.

What are the interests of the Shawnigan Lake Village area community for playgrounds?



**1a NATURE-SCAPE**  
All elements are natural within a wood fiber safety area.  
Costs: \$ - \$\$\$



**1b NATURE-SCAPE**  
All elements are natural with focus on diverse vegetation.  
Costs: \$ - \$\$\$



**2a PLAY-SCAPE**  
Combination of natural and traditional play materials within an undulating and vegetated landscape.  
Costs: \$\$ - \$\$\$\$



**2b PLAY-SCAPE**  
Combination of natural and traditional play materials within an undulating and vegetated landscape.  
Costs: \$\$ - \$\$\$\$



**3 Parkour/Obstacle Course**  
Custom designed Parkour play and exercise combination for all ages.  
Costs: \$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$\$



**4 Engineered Play - Natural Elements**  
Custom designed play elements constructed of natural materials.  
Costs: \$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$\$



**5a Traditional Play - Rope Climber**  
Manufactured play equipment within a custom designed landscape.  
Costs: \$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$\$



**5b Traditional Play - Rope Climber**  
Manufactured play equipment within a custom designed landscape.  
Costs: \$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$\$



**5c Traditional Play - Climber & Play Unit**  
Manufactured play equipment within a wood fibre safety area.  
Costs: \$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$\$

Playground costs are dependant on many factors inclusive of size, access, materials, and tupe/style of playground. A large nature-scape can be as costly as a small manufactured playground. However, per square metre of finished playground area, nature-scapes tend to be the most inexpensive and traditional or custom design playgrounds are the most expensive.



# AREA B

## SHAWNIGAN VILLAGE PLAYGROUNDS

### Issues Summary and Opportunity for Input

Past decisions for playgrounds within the Shawnigan Lake Village core area resulted in very similar “off the shelf” traditional metal/plastic play structures being installed. As we move forward with new opportunities for playgrounds within the Village area and the broader community, thought needs to be given to:

- Avoid duplication of playground styles to increase diversity of play experiences.
- Reduce/eliminate overlap of neighbourhood playgrounds within the community.
- Cost implications of the various types of playground styles, inclusive of components, installation, annual maintenance and life-expectancy.
- Destination parks are identified in the Shawnigan Lake Parks & Trails Master Plan as priority for community investment.
- Emerging walkability opportunities within the Shawnigan Lake Village area.
- The core Shawnigan Village area has roughly 1,050 residences with an estimated population of 2,650 people.
- Old Mill Park, as a destination park, has been the focus for playground re-development in 2019.
- Elsie Miles Park, as a destination park, supports activities of the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre inclusive of the licensed daycare and after-school programs.
- The agreement to maintain Galland Park as a neighbourhood park on the private strata property ends in 2030.

**Please take the time to complete the feedback form as your input on the future for playgrounds within the Shawnigan Lake Village area is important in helping to shape the play experiences for those of all ages and abilities over the next 15 to 20 years.**

Community input received through this process will be shared with the Shawnigan Lake Community Parks Advisory Commission and CVRD Elected Officials towards establishing decisions on replacement of playgrounds and the types/styles of playground apparatus. This process will be inclusive of ensuring the community remains engaged and informed.