

Spirit Trail

SUNRISE PARK TO LYNNMOUTH PARK

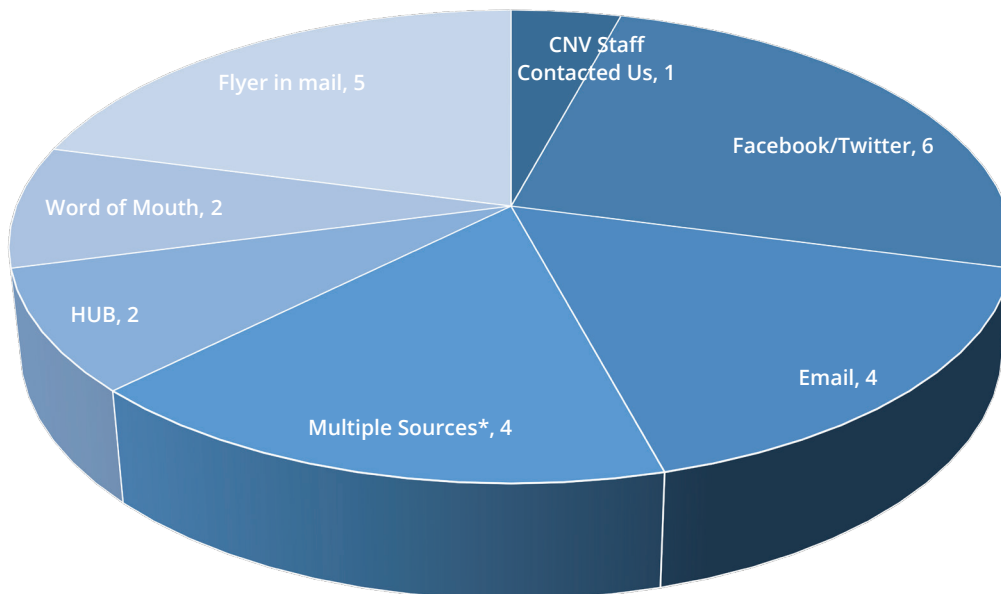
Open House #1 Results

Open House #1 was held at the North Shore Neighbourhood House (225 E. 2nd Street) on February 16th between 5:00pm-8:00pm. 44 people attended the Open House. City staff and consultants from R.F. Binnie and Associates were present to discuss and answer questions about the design and process. A two page survey was provided to the public (both online and hard-copy), to collect information about their current use of the Spirit Trail, as well as comments regarding the proposed design. The following pages show all of the responses to the survey questions.



1) How did you hear about the Open House?

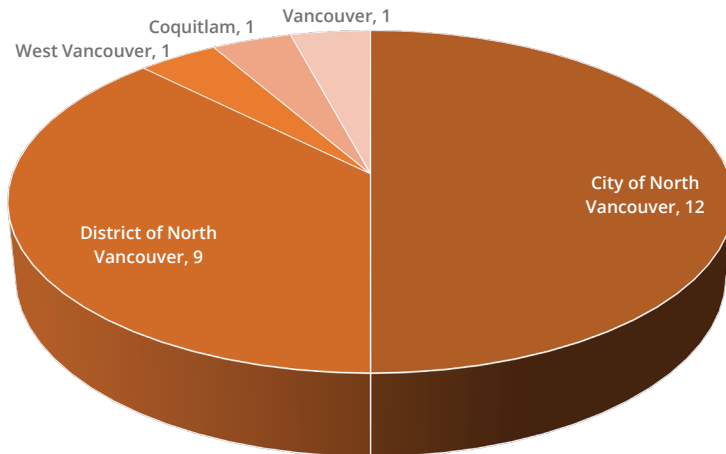
Results represent the # of people who selected each category



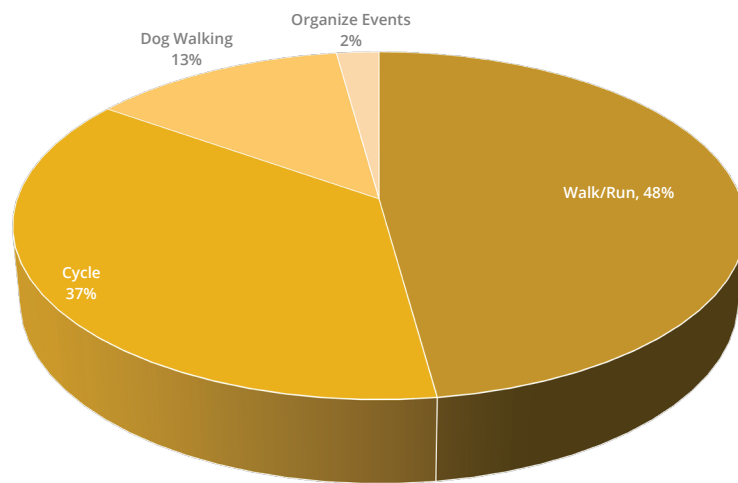
*Multiple Sources:

- Site Signage; Newspaper Ad; City Website
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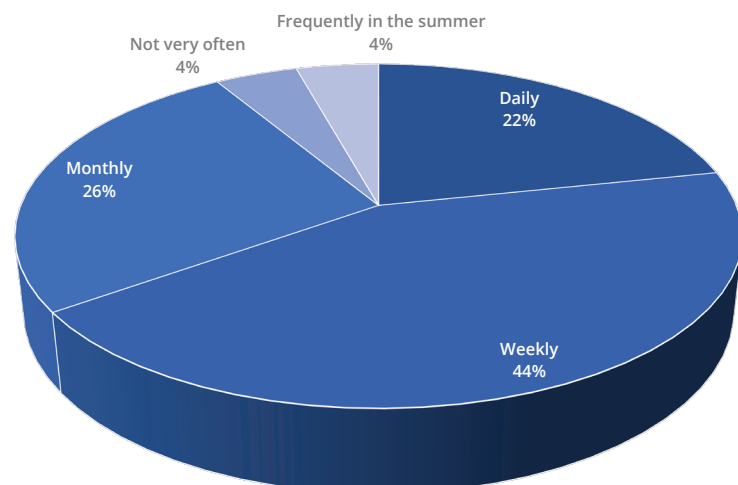
2) Where do you live?



3) How do you use other sections of the Spirit Trail?



4) How often do you use the Spirit Trail?



The following questions have been tabulated to reflect a categorization of the responses, for example “3 Pleased with overall design” signifies that there were three comments of a similar nature expressing the person’s satisfaction with the proposed design. Full responses to the survey can be found at the end of this report.

5) What do you like best about the proposed concept for this section of the Spirit Trail?

- 9 Safety: safer road crossings for pedestrians and cyclists, and separation from vehicle traffic by a physical barrier
- 6 Connections: Shortcuts created and connection to existing routes
- 5 Rehabilitation of vegetation, planting of new trees, removing invasive species
- 4 Pleased with the route location, as it passes by stores that they frequent
- 3 Separation of walkers and cyclists along Lynn Creek
- 2 Design successfully integrates the grade change
- 2 Fencing along creek to protect fish habitat
- 2 Pleased with overall design
- 2 No comment
- 2 Narrowing existing path at Lynn Creek
- 2 Lighting along Lynn Creek
- 2 Soccer field gravel issue to be resolved
- 1 Multi-use trail
- 1 Pleased to see this project is moving forward
- 1 Narrower unpaved trail for dog walking
- 1 Seating areas at Lynn Creek
- 1 Healthier route to travel, as trail is away from smoggy roads



6) What suggestions or concerns do you have?

- 6 Potential conflict between dog walkers and cyclists, especially if dogs are off-leash. It is recommended to have separated trails for these user groups
- 3 No answer entered
- 3 Crosswalk markings should be highly visible (ie. bright green paint, not just circles)
- 3 Would like more connections to be made to existing routes
- 2 Disagree with trail route and have suggestions for changes
- 2 No comments
- 2 Suggestion to add pedestrian overpasses
- 1 Signage and pictures of fish
- 1 Crosswalk markings made of non-slippery material when wet
- 1 Use of bollards on path could be dangerous especially for seniors and children
- 1 Gravel field at Sunrise should have a gate wide enough for a 40ft truck to enter, for the film productions that use that area in the summer
- 1 Proposed works by MOTI and DNV for the Mountain Hwy Interchange will make Brooksbank a busier arterial and truck route.
- 1 Ensure there is seating at reasonable distances and facing the most pleasing direction
- 1 Loss of parking across from MEC
- 1 Hold a joint open house with the District of North Vancouver so we have continuity
- 1 An educational campaign on how to use a multi use path



7) How do you presently use Sunrise Park and Lynnmouth Park?

- 6 No answer entered
- 5 Leisurely walking
- 5 Running
- 3 Walking the dog
- 2 Cycling
- 2 Use trails as shortcut to get to desired roads
- 2 Commuting to work
- 1 Film industry use
- 1 Walking to shops
- 1 Monthly use
- 1 I use Harbour View Park to see the port
- 1 Sometimes swim in Lynn Creek at Lynnmouth Park
- 1 Doing habitat restoration and fish releases
- 1 Place to have lunch

8) Are there any other comments you wish to share with us?

- 5 No answer entered
- 4 This is a positive project for the neighbourhood, looking forward to it
- 3 Suggestions made to change route to minimize conflicts, and for convenience
- 2 Pleased with overall design
- 2 North Vancouver in general should be more bike friendly, so people are less reliant on cars
- 1 I am looking forward to the proposed improvements for Lynnmouth and hope it will connect with what the District plans for Bridgman.
- 1 Could not make it to the open house, but the boards are great and very clear
- 1 Lynnmouth Park should remain off leash for dogs
- 1 Ensure trail is a barrier free ramp. Steps in Sunrise are a barrier.
- 1 Keep making walking and cycling safer for all ages and abilities
- 1 Seating is important to have. Do not place trash cans too close to the seating so you have the smell of doggy bags, and threat of wasps that hover near the trash cans. A few sheltered spots to get some shade, and usable when it rains, as seats will still be dry.
- 1 Involve N.S. Streamkeepers
- 1 Impressed with the proposed design through the steeper sloped section off Heywood. The proposed route will allow safe wheeled access.
- 1 Improvements to safety are great
- 1 Lights installed for all of Lynnmouth Park
- 1 We need a proper master plan for the whole North Shore
- 1 Keeping things as simple as possible will accommodate heavy use the most effectively
- 1 Support habitat fencing in all parks along Lynn Creek
- 1 Support off leash dog walking where it is allowed now, except in the District at the highway bridge underpass.
- 1 The on leash regulation at the border of Bridgman and Lynnmouth needs to be better marked



The following are the verbatim responses from the surveys:

5) What do you like best about the proposed concept for this section of the Spirit Trail?

- *The improvements in front of the gravel soccer field opposite Rona. Always a real mess with the sand/gravel washing onto the path and road. Also really pleased to see the pedestrian improvements crossing from 4th to Gladstone at the corner of the North Shore Studios and Rona.*
- *Route from Heywood to Lynn Creek (not so much going north along the creek, should cross the creek at Crown). Separation of walkers and cyclists along Lynn Creek. New intersection design at Gladstone. Full signal at Brooksbank. Narrowing existing path at Lynn Ck and moving Spirit Trail away from creek. Narrower unpaved trail for dog walking. Fencing at creek for habitat protection. Connection to Lynnmouth Ave. Lighting at Lynn Ck. Planting of new trees near RONA and at end of 3rd St. Seating areas at Lynn Ck*
- *[No Answer Entered]*
- *Continuity - it will help shortcut from Hendry street to the mall*
- *I like the connection to Lynn Creek and that it runs parallel and close to Main St. I bike on Main but it is quite dangerous with large trucks and much traffic. I would rather bike the Spirit Trail to Second Narrows bridge. At Lynn Creek I like that walkers have a separate path. At Ambleside the Spirit Trail is shared and it isn't safe with so many people using the trail at different speeds.*
- *Traversing grade down from Heywood Street to Kennard Ave.*
- *I like the lighting, the safe crossing at East 3rd and a multi-use path*
- *Better access and walking areas connected*
- *Route from Heywood to Lynn Creek (not so much going north along the creek, should cross the creek at Crown) - Separation of walkers and cyclists along Lynn Creek - New intersection design at Gladstone - Full signal at Brooksbank - Narrowing existing pat*
- *Continuous flow with existing trail system. Removing invasive species*
- *Layout looks good*
- *That it goes by MEC :)*
- *Safety for cyclists, safety for parents sending their children to S.T. to cycle*
- *Away from smoggy roads, safer too*
- *The fencing alongside of our very important fish habitat of Lynn Creek. I am a stream keeper and it is crucial that we protect this spawning and wildlife area for us and our children. Please also use descriptive signage to show the value of preserving these resources and what kind of fish, wildlife we see! Thank you*
- *Gets a much needed connection to existing creek trails. Provides for rehabilitation of park areas. Good balance of design and safety features.*
- *Allows me to shop by bike while avoiding Main Street traffic as much as possible*
- *Separated from vehicle traffic by a physical barrier - important for kids, families and encourages those less comfortable to ride*
- *Pleased to see that it is moving ahead. CNV is certainly doing its part. Many thanks*
- *[No Answer Entered]*
- *8% Grade from 3rd street bridge to Park and Tilford. Vegetation rehab in Lynnmouth Park.*
- *[No Answer Entered]*
- *That the soccer field gravel issue will be taken care of*

6) What suggestions or concerns do you have?

- *[No Answer Entered]*
- *Crosswalk markings with circles and no green. Many drivers do not look for bikes. The crosswalks should be green like on the Central Valley Greenway in Vancouver. The circles are slippery when wet, not safe for cycling. They should be a different material, like the sticky green paint used on bike lanes. Lack of separation between cyclists and pedestrians on the path between Brooksbank and Lynn Creek. I think this section will be quite busy and the lack of separation will lead to conflicts. Do not use bollards on the path. They are really dangerous when cycling, especially for seniors, children.*
- *Design fails to incorporate interconnections with the promised bike/walk bridge over Lynn creek at Crown street.*
- *Can the Gravel field at Sunrise have a gate wide enough for a 40ft truck to enter please (for the film productions that use that area in the summer - it is pure City revenue!)*
- *It looks like the trail will go north at Lynn Creek away from Main instead of across the creek or south. It would be good if there was a connection to Second Narrows. On 3rd Street I would rather see separate walking and biking paths (from Brooksbank to Lynn Ck). It is more important than having 4 parking spots on the street. I would prefer if the street crossings were painted green, not just with the white circles. On the other Spirit Trail sections cars often don't stop or seem to expect cyclists. I don't think anybody knows what the circles mean. They look nice but don't add to safety.*
- *Proposed works by MOTI and DNV for the Mountain Hwy Interchange will make Brooksbank a busier arterial and truck route. Connections should be made from Spirit Trail to DNV's Salop Trail.*
- *An educational campaign on how to use a multi use path*
- *Ensure there is seating at reasonable distances. Not everyone can do a block at a time. When putting in seats, have them face into the park and not the street. When sitting to rest, want to see the nature, not the traffic.*
- *Dogs especially off leash, interacting with runners and bike riders. Off leash dogs MUST be separated from riders and runners with a solid fence they cannot get through. It is too dangerous not to have them separated.*
- *None*
- *Loss of parking across from MEC*
- *Dog walkers / Dogs a damper to cyclists*
- *[No Answer Entered]*
- *Signage and pictures of fish*
- *Thruway of Park and Telford Mall poses a challenge. The fencing will result in some dog owners complaining.*
- *Hold a joint open house with the District of North Vancouver so we have continuity*
- *Shared bike and pedestrian trail - depending on utilization, conflicts can arise. Suggest going around Park and Tilford, using North Side of Marine*
- *[No Answer Entered]*
- *There should be a pedestrian overpass north of 4th ave connecting with a bridge connecting with Crown St. This would allow for vehicle traffic to cross as well. Using the crosswalk at MEC will further impede traffic flow south. Don't forget all the traffic from the new Mountain Hwy interchange*
- *The route around MEC. The path going right in front of JJ Bean, Movie theatres, Starbucks, Subway, Flying Wedge, Golden Pearl and Moments Gift Shop.*
- *There needs to be an/some/? Pedestrian overpass(es) - tiny area, crowded now, soon to be more so - keeping traffic and people moving will be an issue*

7) How do you presently use Sunrise Park and Lynnmouth Park?

- *[No Answer Entered]*
- *Walk Sunrise Park, with and without dog. Walk and run in Lynnmouth Park, rarely bike (poor connection at south end at intersection with Main St)*
- *[No Answer Entered]*
- *There is a lot of filming in that locality!*
- *I walk to the shops, walk the dog or run.*
- *I use Harbour View Park to see the port. A connection under the Cotton Road/ Main Street bridge would be nice. Sometimes swim in Lynn Creek at Lynnmouth Park.*
- *[No Answer Entered]*
- *Just a short leisure walk*
- *Run commuting to work as a connector between 4th Street and Park and Tilford*
- *Running*
- *Monthly*
- *Running and walking*
- *Run and cycle in Lynnmouth*
- *[No Answer Entered]*
- *Doing habitat restoration and fish releases*
- *Walk through Sunrise using existing Spirit Trail (Moodyville, etc.). Frequently walk Lynn Creek Trails.*
- *I use Lynnmouth to access the Keith road bridge to get to East Seymour*
- *Traveling between Lynnmouth area and Main Street. Would use to access Lonsdale with safer connection across the Lynn Creek*
- *[No Answer Entered]*
- *[No Answer Entered]*
- *Summer for lunch, commuting, test rides on bikes, I have a bicycle tourism business on 4th*
- *People from out of town use it to commute.*
- *For walks - to 'get away' from noise, crowds of people*
- *For dog walks*

8) Are there any other comments you wish to share with us?

- *Loving the Green Necklace and the Spirit Trail. Keep up the good work!*
- *I support habitat fencing in all parks along Lynn Ck. I also support off leash dog walking where it is allowed now, except in the District at the highway bridge underpass. There is poor visibility, lots of noise and with shared use with cyclists it would be better to move the off leash point north of the highway. The on leash regulation at the border of Bridgman and Lynnmouth needs to be better marked - maybe with a low fence or hedge and an 'entryway' between parks to make the transition obvious. I am looking forward to the proposed improvements for Lynnmouth and hope it will connect well with what the District plans for Bridgman.*
- *[No Answer Entered]*
- *Sorry I could not make it to the open house - but the boards are great and very clear.*
- *I hope Lynnmouth Park will remain off leash for dogs. Maybe a low fence or shrubs can be planted between the walking trail and the Spirit Trail so dogs don't run accidentally onto the Spirit Trail.*
- *Make graded trail a 'Y' trail up to existing Kennard Trail (from Heywood Street to Shavington Street). Existing Kennard Trail is a barrier free ramp. Steps in Sunrise are a barrier.*
- *Keep making walking and cycling safer for all ages and abilities*
- *Seating for seniors who may want to walk, but can only do shorter distances. Do not have trash cans too close to the seating so you have the smell of doggy bags, and threat of wasps that hover near the trash cans. A few sheltered spots to get some shade, and usable when it rains, as seats will still be dry.*
- *[No Answer Entered]*
- *[No Answer Entered]*
- *Still waiting anxiously for Mosquito Creek section. Glad to hear it is still coming.*
- *Looks awesome*
- *Keep up the great work. Let's make NV easier to travel in on bike!*
- *[No Answer Entered]*
- *Involve N.S. Streamkeepers*
- *I am impressed with the proposed design through the steeper sloped section off Heywood. The proposed route will allow safe wheeled access. Other safety design features are great e.g. eliminating the 'island' crosswalk, and installing stop lights at Brooksbank crossing.*
- *If we can build a pleasant and enjoyable trail east-west, more people like me will ditch the (2nd) car and use primarily a bike for the shorter trips. If we promote electric assist cycling as a solution to 4 wheel congestion, we will be happier and healthier for it.*
- *Cars, bikes and pedestrians should each have their own path to ensure conflicts are minimized. Bike path through a parking lot should NOT be done - too much potential for accidents and injuries from inattentive drivers*
- *[No Answer Entered]*
- *We need a proper master plan for the whole North Shore!*
- *I would like to see the path go around the south side of MEC. It would be best to light all of the Lynnmouth path and use the existing traffic light. There seems to be a lot of room to bring it around south park and Tilford gardens.*
- *I think keeping things as simple as possible will accommodate heavy use the most effectively. The least amount of lights etc.*
- *I think this is a positive project for the neighbourhood. Looking forward to it.*