


# Kings Community Nature Green Space “KCNGS”

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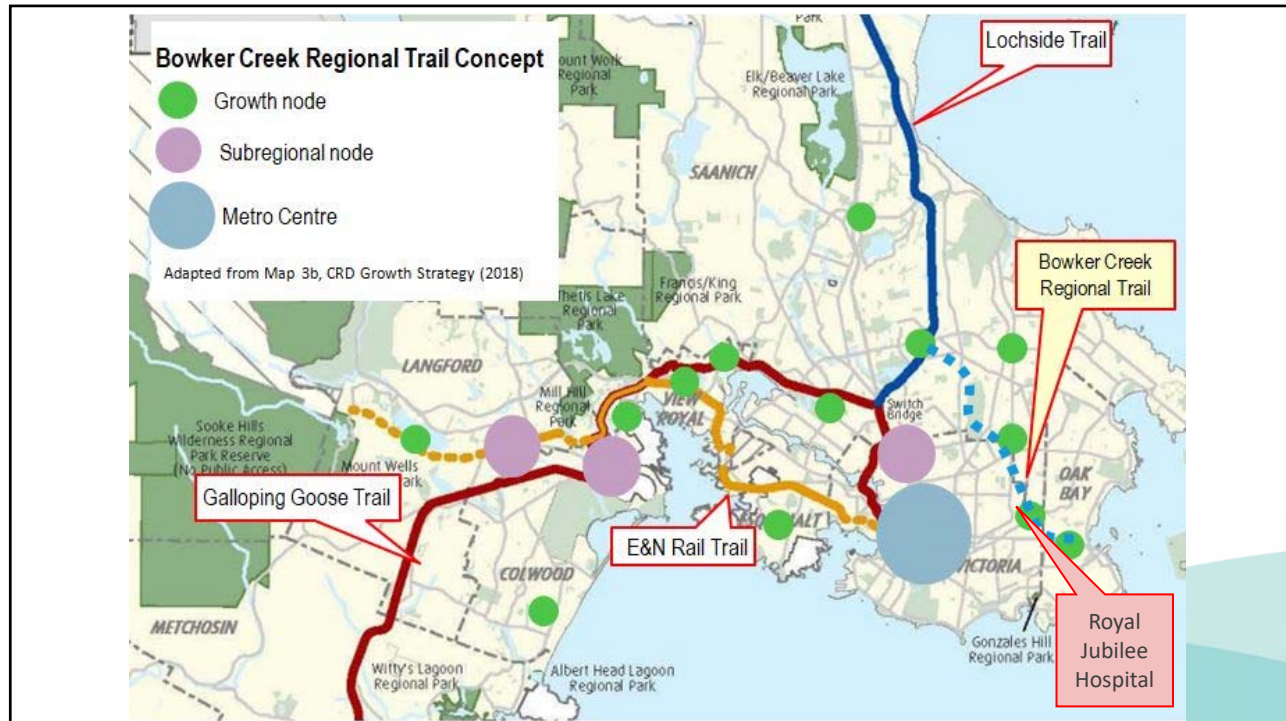


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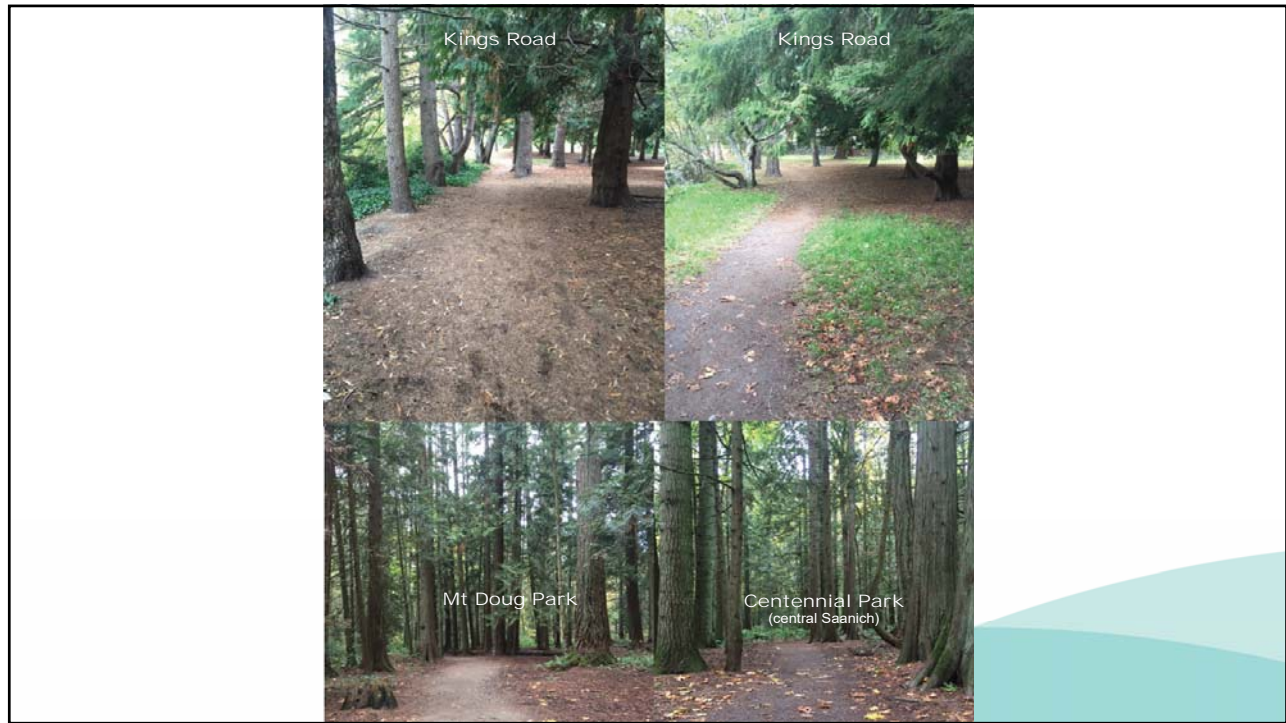


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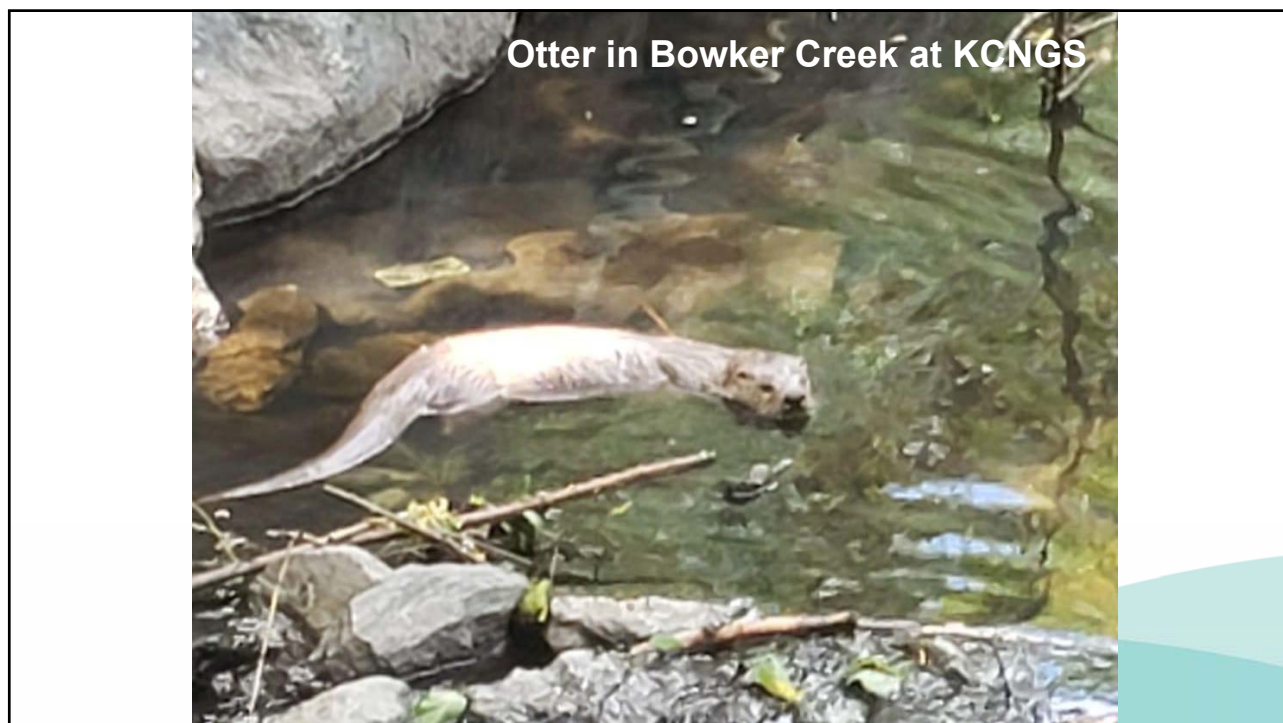
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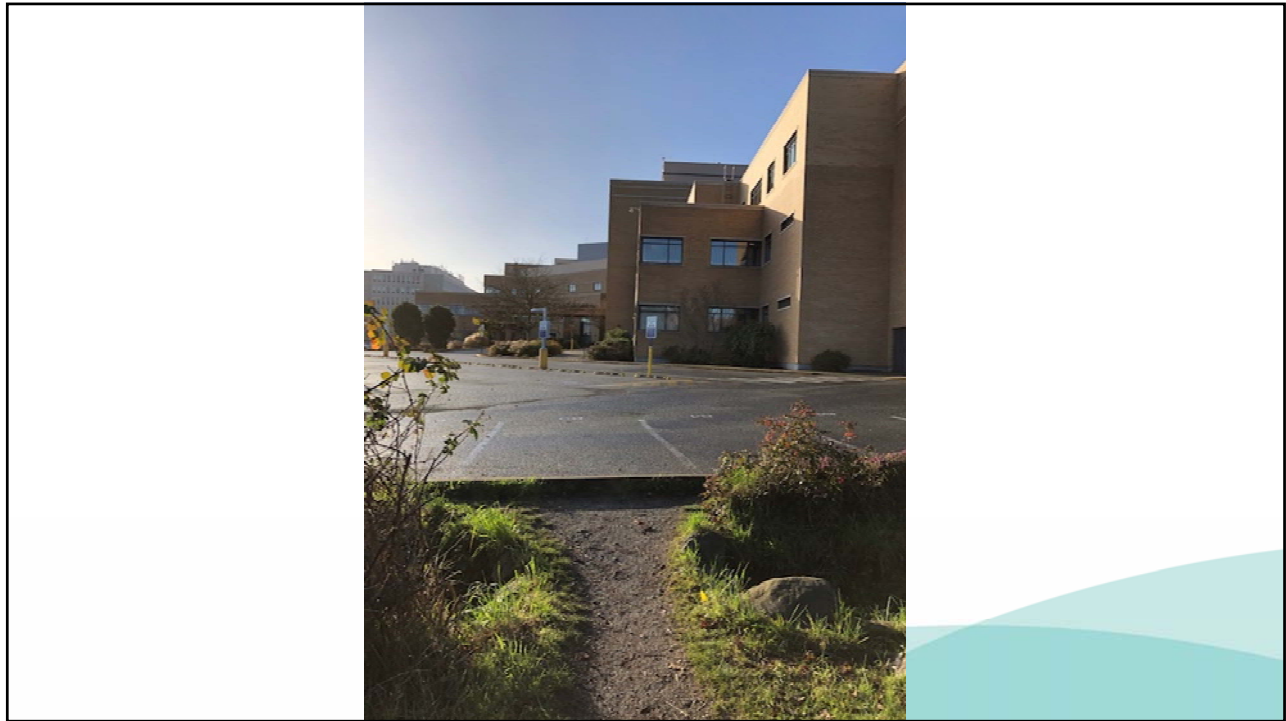




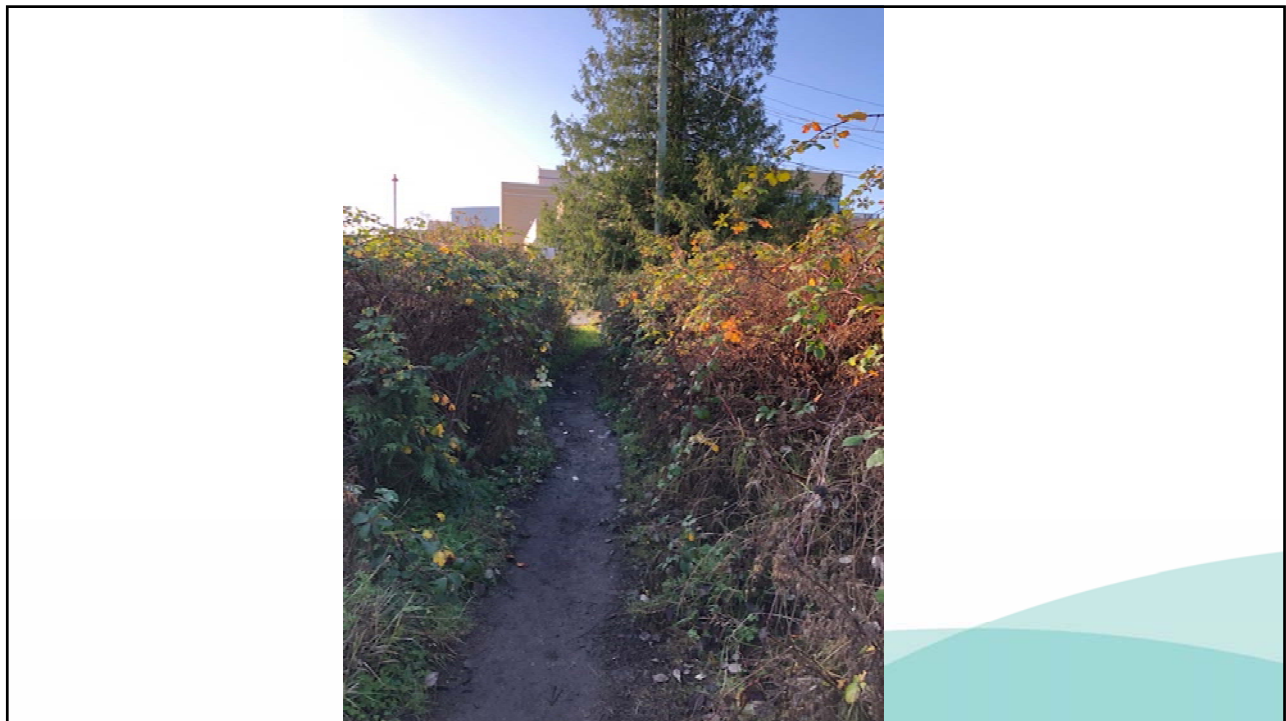
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Oak Bay High student Maia Green wants to preserve park between Haultain Street and Kings Road.

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## Student fights parking lot

By Louise Dickson  
Times Colonist staff

Oak Bay high school student Maia Green is trying to save a neighbourhood park from being plowed into a temporary parking lot for employees at Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Green, a Grade 11 student and a representative of the school's environmental club, is circulating a petition protesting the proposed conversion of the 2.2 hectare park between Kings Road and Haultain Street into more than 400 parking spaces.

"I'm upset the politicians decided to choose the easiest way to deal with the problem," Green said Sunday. "I think they should have been more creative to benefit more people."

So far Green and several friends have collected about 600 signatures. She is hoping to encourage Victoria-Hillside MLA, Steve Orchardson to find other ways of finding parking for about 500 cars which will be needed when construction begins on the new Vancouver Island Cancer clinic at RJH in April.

In December, local politicians said construction of the clinic could start if con-

struction of an \$8-million parkade was put on hold, and if a temporary solution to the parking problems at the hospital could be found.

One of the key options being looked at by the B.C. Building Corp., which has overall authority to first-track the clinic, is converting the park — on land owned by B.C. Hydro — into temporary parking spots.

Since the announcement, Orchardson has attended two meetings with community associations. A final meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Begbie Hall.

Orchardson said he will examine every option at the Wednesday meeting.

"But tied to each option is the number of parking spots that could be provided and the cost associated with it,"

The MLA said he is considering creating additional parking spots at Royal Jubilee Hospital. He is also studying park-and-ride and park-and-carpool proposals.

In the past week, Orchardson has canvassed people in the neighbourhood to see if anyone has a parking spot in their driveway that could be used by hospital staff.

"I've talked to a hundred people and they're clear they don't want us to use the

Hydro land. But I have to be clear as well. I don't want to see another delay in the building of the cancer clinic," said Orchardson.

"The priority is health care, but the stumbling block for the past eight years has also been temporary parking. It's crazy. We have to move forward."

Orchardson said he will make his recommendations on how to solve the parking in the first week of February.

"It may be a combination of options. I'll try to decide what is the least irritant to the people in the community. But I don't think I'll be able to please everybody."

Meanwhile, Green is canvassing local churches to see how many spaces they might have available for hospital staff parking on weekdays. She also believes more hospital staff should make use of the transit system.

"The first time I saw the park, I thought it was a totally magical place. I had no idea it was there," said Green. "It's just so beautiful. It has a meadow, a mini-forest and a creek right next to it. You can walk under an archway of trees on the path next to the creek."