

Asset:
Community Trail System

Location: Fort St. John

Ownership: City of Fort St. John

Rating: 5.0 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite.

Strategic value: Linear trail system connects northwest to northeast, to southeast.

Description: 2-metre wide paved linear park trail on the north and east sides of the city. Trail 3 to 4-metres wide clear, usually with bushes and trees flanking. Open part of path follows 119 Avenue to Eastern Bypass Road.



Typical trail view

Year built/improved: 2000's to 2010's. 2012 most recent expansion.

Site Area: Currently 23.5 kilometres long ergo easement area approximately 20.0 sq. acres.

Utilization: Used by students, dog walkers, seniors and parents with strollers at different times of day.

Inventory: Signage, benches.

Groundcover: 2-metre paved path, 1-metre grass buffer on either side.



Trail signage

Site furniture: Signage, benches, waste bins, dog waste bag dispensers.

Access to washrooms: None.

Code compliance: n/a.

Handicapped access: Largely accessible to handicapped or limited ambulatory. Some transition edges and roads may need improvement.

Appearance: Very good.

Site amenities: Path goes by UNBC / Northern Lights College, Kin Park and near eventual proposed new SD60 Junior Secondary school (near 100 Street).

Parking: Street.

Site secured: n/a.

Capital interventions anticipated: Improved signage and safety provisions, possible extension of trail south, possible widening of trail for two lanes for cyclists and pedestrians.

Additional observations:

Trail is more a functional designated urban route and less a nature trail.

Asset:
Fish Creek Community Forest

Location: Fort St. John (north)

Ownership: City of Fort St. John

Rating: 7.0 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite.

Strategic value: Valuable as an interpretative forest and relief for urban residents.

Description:



Typical path

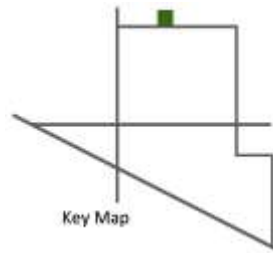
Year built/improved: Estimated 1990's.

Site Area: Estimated 179.0 acres (72.4 ha) including 4.75 kilometres of trails.

Utilization: Popular. Moderate use.



Typical site furniture



Inventory: Trails, bridges, fences.

Groundcover: Asphalt trails, natural groundcover.

Site furniture: Benches, waste bins, signage.

Access to washrooms: Outhouses.

Code compliance: n/a.

Handicapped access: No

Appearance: very good.

Site amenities: Near post-secondary institution and sport parks.

Parking: Gravel and paved (college).

Site secured: No.

Capital interventions anticipated:
On-going trail maintenance and addition of educational interpretative signage.

Additional observations: Observed park used by many young families and limited mobility seniors that would not otherwise be able to access natural habitat.

Asset:

Goodlow Campground and Ball Diamond

Location: Former Moose Creek Gymkhana grounds in Goodlow

Ownership: Crown license to PRRD, sub-leased to Goodlow Recreation Commission

Rating: 1.0 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite.

Strategic value: Adaptive re-use of a community asset.

Description: Community group undertaking to redevelop the defunct gymkhana into a campground with playground and to develop a ball diamond.



Campground view with outbuildings

Year built/improved: Redevelopment starting in 2014

Site Area: Approximately 2.0 acres

Utilization: n/a.

Inventory: Two small dilapidated outbuildings.

Groundcover: Gravel, grass, bush.

Access to washrooms: Outhouses.



Playground and picnic area

Site furniture: Residential quality playground equipment, picnic tables and fire pits.

Code compliance: Not CSA conforming.
Handicapped access: No.

Appearance: Too early to assess.

Site amenities: None.

Parking: Gravel in campsites.

Site secured: No. Some previous fencing retained.

Capital interventions anticipated:

Money being spent on chain-link backstop for ball diamond. Future additional funds will be spent clearing and developing additional campsites and infrastructure.

Additional observations:

This is a very modest volunteer-driven effort in the small rural community. Aspirations and expectations are low and likely attainable. Additional funding support may be requested.

Asset:
Peace Island Park and Campground

Location: Taylor

Ownership: District of Taylor

Rating: 5.5 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite.

Strategic value: High value. A tremendous natural asset to the entire region.

Description: Park includes nature trails, picnic areas, a campground on the island (40 sites), an overflow/RV campground (60 sites), playgrounds (2), a general store and group camping sites (15). Peace Island park includes Peace Island and an equally large area south of the river. Road through park connects to Big Bam Ski Hill.



Trailhead

Year built/improved: History and staged development unknown. New caretaker's house constructed in 2014.

Site Area: Estimated 200 acres.

Utilization: Extremely popular during summer months (almost 100% subscribed), marginally used in shoulder months. Opens may, closing depends on weather.



Campground entrance

Inventory: Boat launches, general store, caretaker's house, various support buildings, shelters with cookhouse, outhouses, maintenance buildings and various sheds and lock-ups. 115 serviced and unserviced campsites, playgrounds (2).

Groundcover: Gravel roads and campsites, grassy areas including playgrounds, natural groundcover and trees.



Main campground playground

Site furniture: Directing and interpretive signage throughout.

Access to washrooms: Outhouses distributed throughout the campgrounds.

Code compliance: Playground equipment is newer CSA conforming.

Appearance: A very visually appealing setting and a very attractive and inviting park. Rated very good.

Handicapped access: No.

Site amenities: Big Bam Ski Hill.

Parking: Gravel.

Site secured: Park zones are gated.



Typical group site entrance

Capital interventions anticipated:

Continued investment in maintaining campgrounds and habitat areas.

Additional observations:

Annual hosted events including sand carving competition, gold panning competition and jet boat racing.

Asset:
Participation Trail (District of Taylor)

Location: Taylor

Ownership: District of Taylor

Rating: 4.0 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite

Strategic value: Another recreation opportunity for residents living on the east side of the highway.

Description: A four-kilometre walking trail encircling the Lone Wolf Golf Course, connecting with the outdoor exercise equipment and tennis courts (south of clubhouse).



Trailhead



Typical trail surrounding golf course

Year built/improved: Estimated 2000's with upgrades in 2013

Site Area: 4.0 kms of trail (3.6 sq. kms.)

Utilization: Moderate, especially popular with seniors and stroller walkers.

Inventory: Entry arbour, signage, benches and bins.

Groundcover: Asphalt trail about 4-feet wide.

Site furniture: Benches, dog bag dispensers, waste bins

Access to washrooms: Golf clubhouse.

Code compliance: n/a.

Handicapped access: Yes.

Appearance: Very good.

Site amenities: Lone Wolf Golf clubhouse (food and beverage).

Parking: Paved, shared.

Site secured: Visible from golf course.

Capital interventions anticipated:
Annual maintenance as required.

Additional observations: Walking circuit with visual attractions, a pleasant alternative to walking or running on roads.

Asset:

Charlie Lake Campground

Location: Charlie Lake

Ownership: City of Fort St. John

Rating: 3.5 (scale of 1-10)

Remaining service life: Indefinite.

Strategic value: High value.
Underdeveloped and under-utilized amenity.

Description: Park includes campsites (60+ sites), outhouses, open field, playground equipment and picnic areas, on a 65-acre site (a portion of a larger park land reserve). Not actually linked to lake.



Aerial view of campground

Year built/improved: Unknown.

Site Area: Estimated 29 acres 11.8 ha.

Utilization: Popular during summer months especially by Alaska Highway travelers, marginally used in shoulder months and closed in late fall / winter.

Inventory: Cleared gravel campsites (60+), outhouses, playground equipment, maintenance buildings and sheds.

Groundcover: Partial paved and gravel roads and campsites, grassy areas including playground, natural groundcover and trees.

Site furniture: Information signage at entrance; locking gate.

Access to washrooms: Outhouses distributed throughout the campgrounds.
Code compliance: Playground equipment is older but conforming.

Appearance: Campground set back from highway and noise but not obviously linked to the lakeshore. Rated fair.

Handicapped access: No.

Site amenities: None.

Parking: Gravel.

Site secured: Park zones are gated.

Capital interventions anticipated:
Need for proper washrooms and showers building(s), upgrade of playground and site amenities. Access to lake via road now, need for a walking trail connection.

Additional observations:

None.



Charlie Lake aerial view, campground shown lower left near Alaska Highway

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