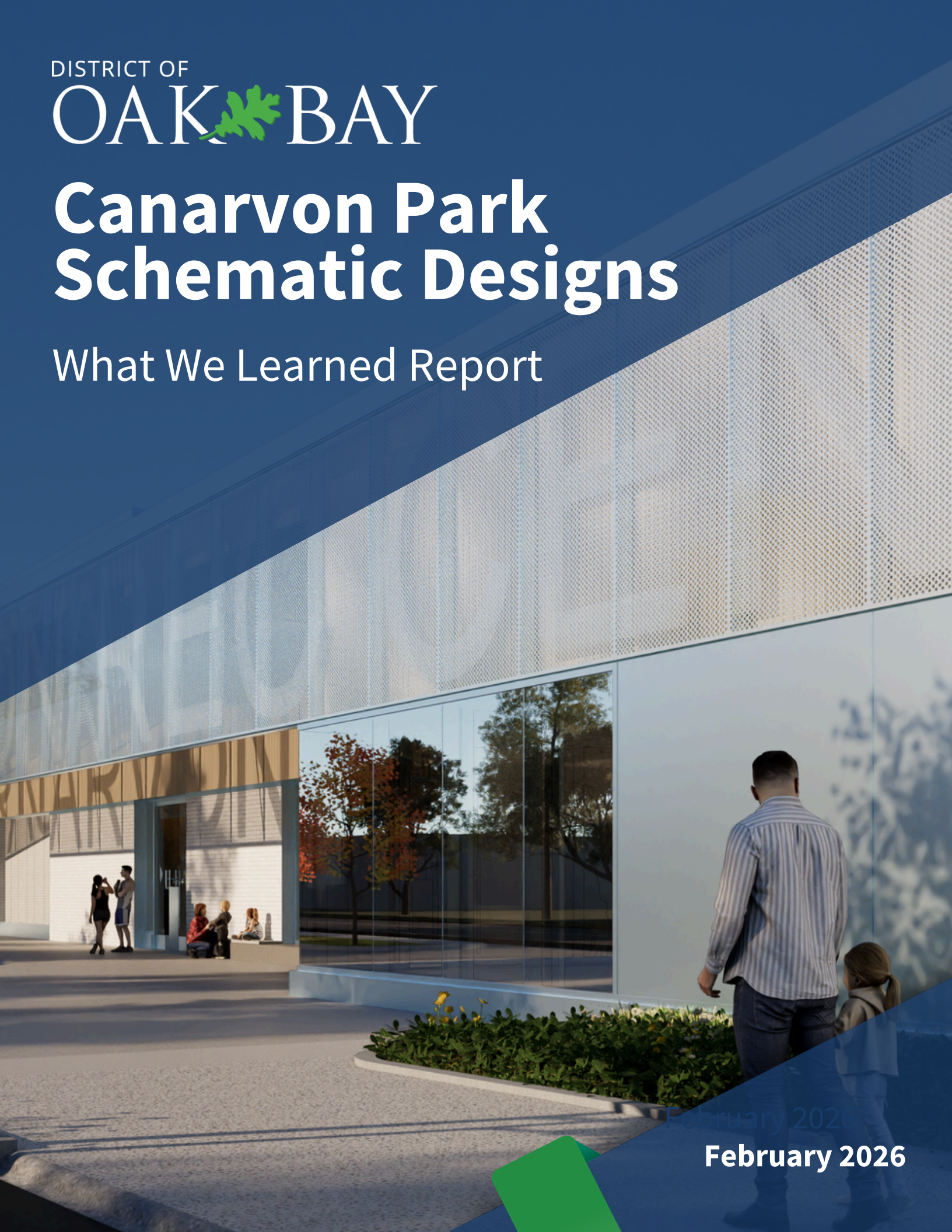


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Canarvon Park Schematic Designs

What We Learned Report



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Territorial Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the land on which we live and work is the traditional territory of the Coast and Straits Salish Peoples. Specifically we recognize the lək̓ʷəŋən people, known today as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, and that their historic connections to these lands continue to this day.

Thank you for your feedback

To all our residents, community members and organizations alongside staff and Council, thank you for sharing your experiences, knowledge and guidance throughout this project. We're especially thankful for members of the community for taking time out of their busy schedules to share input on the future of Carnarvon Park.



Reporting and Accountability

As noted in the [Oak Bay Community Engagement Framework](#), we will share what we learned from each community engagement process to stay open, respectful and true to the principles of this framework. A “What We Learned” report will be developed after every engagement process to provide Council and the community with an overview of the engagement process and a summary of what was learned during community engagement. It is important to note that we report on the consolidated engagement program and not on each individual engagement activity.

Executive Summary

In January 2026, the District undertook a public engagement process to share progress on the Carnarvon Park redevelopment project and collect community feedback on the updated designs.

A public information session was held on January 8, 2026, followed by an online and paper questionnaire available until January 22.



Open House Attendees

107 Adults
19 children



Feedback Forms

237 feedback forms and
emails received

Project Overview

Council approved the Carnarvon Park Master Plan in December 2024, establishing the recommended park amenities, building program elements, and an example site layout. An accompanying cost consultant report outlined the recommended overall project budget.

Following this approval, Council directed staff to proceed with the next project phase, including hiring a full architectural and engineering team to begin detailed design work.

Throughout the design process, staff engaged various park user groups and conducted technical analyses, leading to updated redevelopment plans and renderings. These were presented to Council on November 10, 2025, after which Council directed staff to conduct a public information session and return with community feedback prior to next steps.







Community Engagement Goal and Objectives

Goal

To inform the community about the progress of the Carnarvon Park redevelopment project and gather feedback (Consult) on the updated design plans.

Objectives

-  Increase public awareness of the project’s current stage and design evolution.
-  Provide accessible opportunities for residents to ask questions and share feedback on designs.
-  Collect qualitative feedback to help assess community perspectives and identify any concerns.
-  Determine whether any significant adjustments to the proposed designs are required prior to advancing design development.

Engagement at a Glance

A public open house was held on January 8, 2026 at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre (Sports View Lounge). Attendance included 107 adults and 19 children.

Engagement opportunities were promoted through:



Oak Bay News Advertisements

Five mentions in weekly ads from Dec. 18 - Jan. 15



District Social Media

12 posts across networks (FB, LI, Bluesky, LinkedIn, Twitter)



Connect Oak Bay Emails

Three e-newsletters sent to 1,600+ subscribers each issue



On-Site Signage

at Carnarvon Park



Community Groups

Emails to Community Associations and Oak Bay Neighbourhood Network



Connect Oak Bay email to 1,600+ subscribers

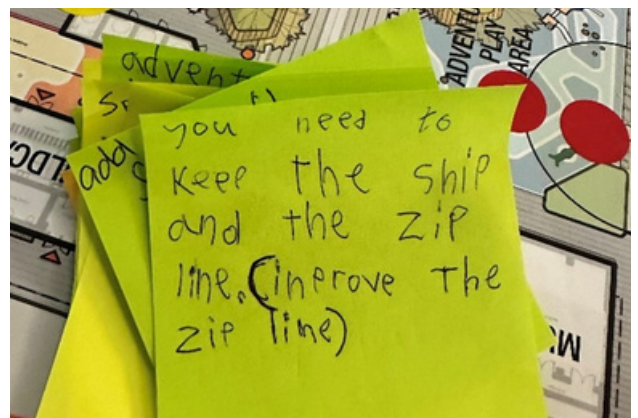


Social media post highlighting the information session

To reduce barriers for families with young children, the open house included a **supervised child-minding service**. This pilot feature was well-received by attendees.

The engagement process also included a questionnaire available online and in paper form, between January 8 and January 22, 2026.

The questionnaire was comprised of open-ended questions providing space for feedback on the designs, with a few standard questions on participant demographics.









Key Findings and Themes

Themes

Due to the open nature of the comments received, staff have reviewed the feedback but have conducted no additional analysis on the results and provided them in their entirety.

Staff did include a breakdown to separate those that reported living in the District and those residing outside the District. Based on the information received in January, no major changes to the designs presented to Council in November are proposed by the project team.

Key Findings

-  Community interest and engagement levels were high.
-  Feedback did not identify any major issues requiring significant design revisions.
-  Participants expressed general support for the redevelopment direction.
-  Separating input from Oak Bay residents and non-residents did not reveal notable differences in themes.