

MACKENZIE SIGNATURE TRAIL, PARK AND HILL UPGRADES

What is Happening

The District of Mackenzie is seeking to expand its connection to the already extensive outdoor recreational opportunities in and around the community.

Mackenzie is on nature's door step and the proposed amenity will take advantage of Mackenzie's prime location and attract people who want to experience the natural beauty of British Columbia.



What are the goals

There are four main goals to this proposal. They include a range of new facilities that ultimately connect throughout Mackenzie. Facilities include the upgrade of Little Mack and Ski Chalet upgrades, proposed park upgrade, the Mackenzie Connection Trail and Proposed Spirit Square relocation/upgrades.

The upgrades that will be taken to improve Little Mack Ski Hill will work to create better all-season access and provide for a more diverse user group. The Park upgrades will provide an improved public amenity space and work to reconnect residents and visitors in to the heart of the commercial district. The Mackenzie Connection trail will improve pedestrian/bicycle connectivity from the perimeter trail through the centre of Mackenzie. Finally the proposed relocation of the Spirit Square will provide a node on the new trail for the community to gather and serve as the heart of celebrations within the District.

Goal 1

Little Mack



The proposed Little Mack upgrades will improve the public amenity surrounding the chalet which will allow more members of the public to be in and around the space for longer periods of time.

The proposed upgrades will include upgrades to the chalet, a screened-in gazebo for gatherings, and designated fire pit location for people to come together for social interactions. These upgrades will improve the usability in both the winter and summer periods.

The feasibility of this aspect of the project will come down to the outcome of the erosions control remediation works.



Goal 1

Ski Chalet



In the proposal, The Chalet will also get a minor upgrade to match the style of the gazebo and possibly a rollup door.

Also, as part of the erosion control we will be seeding the hill with native meadow flowers to create a beautiful natural display in summer.



Goal 2

Park Upgrade: Part 1

The park upgrade works to create a key commercial node in the District that will encourage users to explore the surrounding nature from the centre of town as opposed to its edges. We imagine this space to be an active off-road cycling hub and potential indoor/outdoor commercial space that will welcome both residents and visitors.

The amenity will include space for either a permanent commercial space or temporary permitted commercial spaces for festivals and events. This commercial space will have a direct relationship to adjacent trails and the proposed park providing users a “starting point” to their outdoor adventure.



Park Upgrade: Part 2

The second amenity will be a Bike park that will consist of a Pump Track and a Jump Track woven through the existing site trees. This will enhance the ultimate connection to the **Morfee Mountain Biking Master Plan** and will create a family friendly hub of outdoor activity for people of all ages and skill levels.

What is a Pump Track

Pump Tracks are a circuit track that consists of: Rollers, banked turns and features designed to be ridden by 'Pumping' (generating momentum by up and down body movements). It was originally designed for the mountain biking and BMX, and caters to riders of all levels.

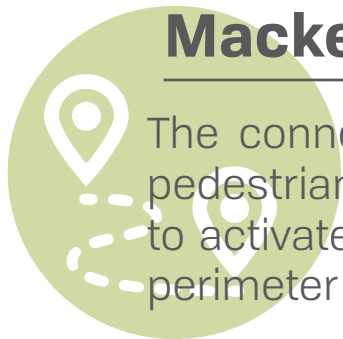
What is a Jump Track

Jump Tracks are similar to Pump Tracks in that they were designed for mountain biking and BMX. However they differ as the jumps are usually much larger and are designed to allow the rider to get more air. Additionally the goal is not to complete the course with the fastest time but rather to perform the best tricks.



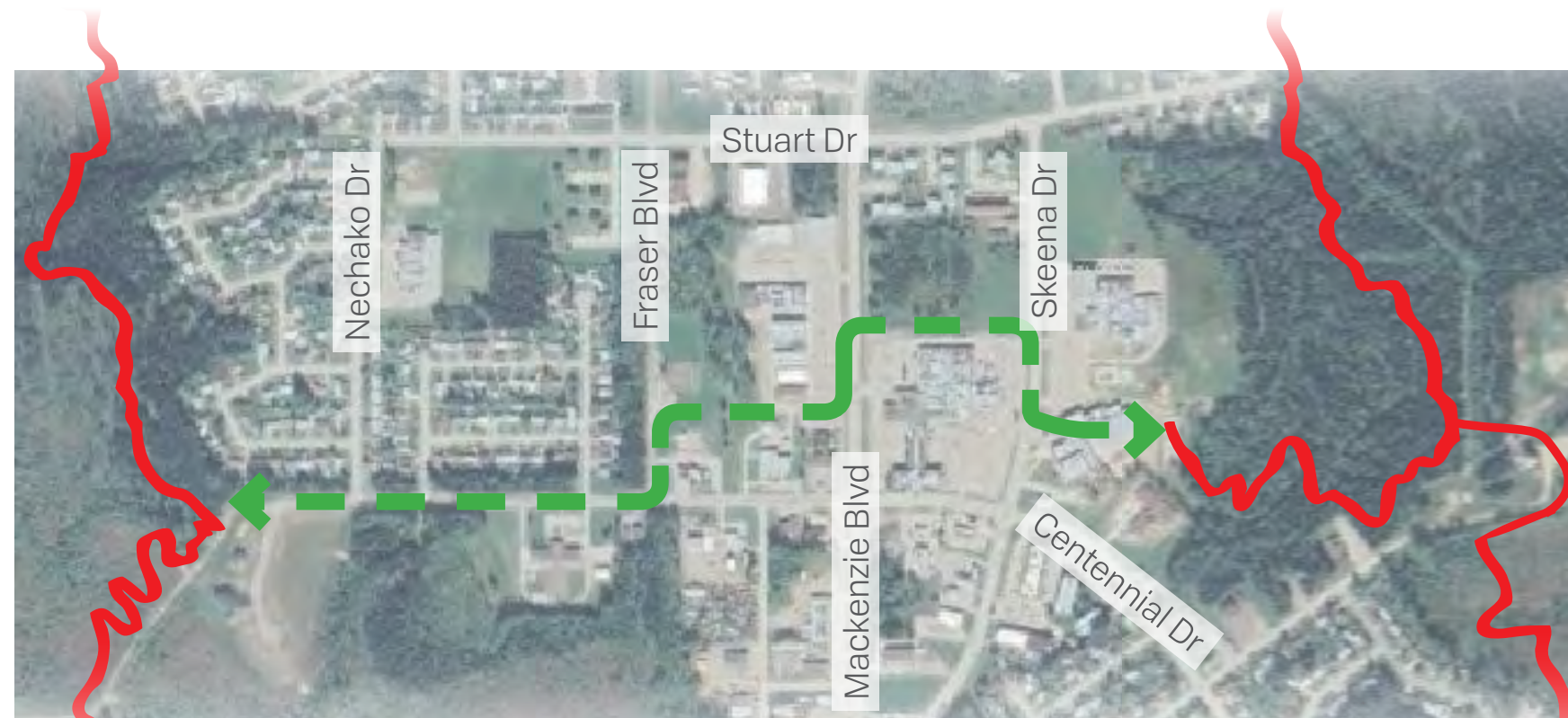
Goal 3

Mackenzie Connection Trail



The connecting trail will lead people through the centre of Mackenzie via a bicycle/ pedestrian trail. This will increase both resident and visitor interactions while also working to activate the commercial core. Our key focus here is to ensure the investment in the perimeter trail ultimately supports the key locations within the District.

Our team believes this trail can be either a separated path or can work within the existing infrastructure with signage to create this linking trail.



Preliminary Trail Layout

The path will connect to the perimeter trail at the western side of Centennial Dr. It will turn left onto Fraser Blvd and then run through the block and tie in behind the existing commercial space. It will then turn left and continue north along Mackenzie Blvd until it reaches the proposed park location. From here it will turn right and run through a forested section until it reaches Skeena Dr. It will turn right and run south down Skeena until after the secondary school where it will cross the road and tie into the proposed Spirit Square Location. From here it will run behind the Recreation centre and join up to the John Dahl Trail system, eventually leading to the Little Mac Ski Hill.



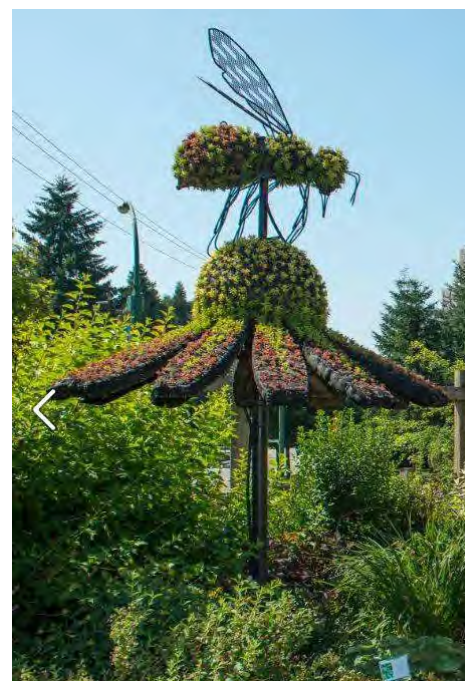
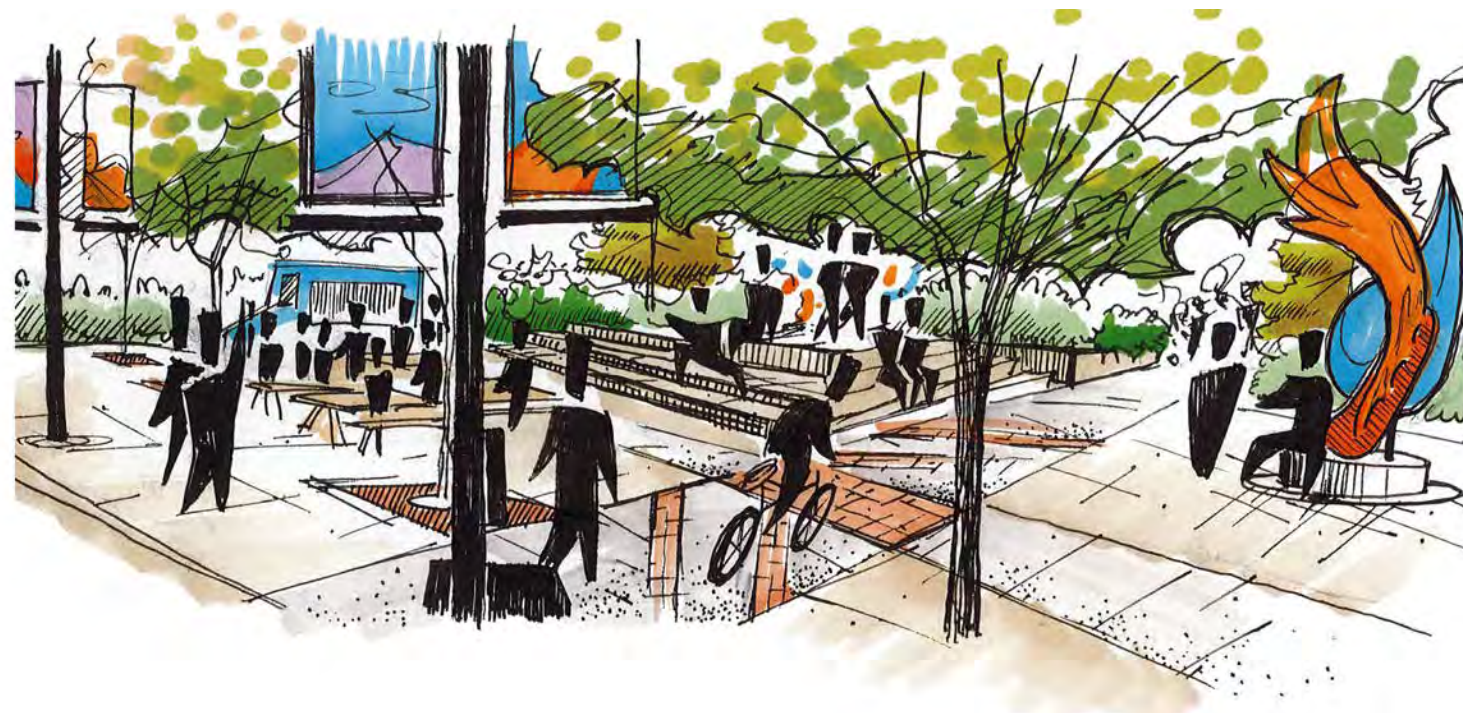
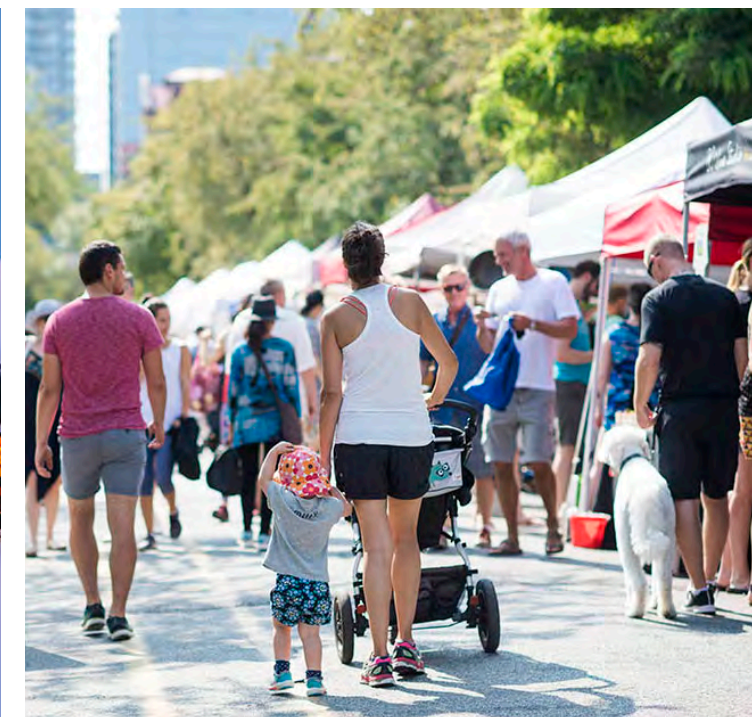
Goal 4

Spirit Square

The proposed Spirit Square location will act as a central landmark in the heart of Mackenzie. It will provide a key meeting point that will allow people to connect to the signature trail and the rest of the community.

The Spirit square will feature public art pieces to highlight Mackenzie and the beautiful surrounding nature. This will make the proposed Spirit square a key landmark in the community.

The proposed upgrade will also allow for Community Concerts, space to host Holiday and other seasonal events.



Mackenzie Analysis



Legend

- 1 Proposed Bike and Community Park
- 2 Existing Perimeter Trail
- 3 Proposed Connecting Signature Trail
- 4 Little Mac Ski Hill
- 5 Morfee Lake Trail
- 6 Morfee Lake Picnic Area

Concept

The map of Mackenzie to the left shows the current Perimeter trail and Morfee Lake Trail and their location in relation to the town and the proposed site.



Bubble Concept



Legend

- 1 Proposed Pump and Jump Track
- 2 Proposed amenity space with food trucks
- 3 Proposed Green Connection
- 4 Proposed Signature Trail
- 5 Potential Outdoor Green Space Connected to Commercial Space
- 6 Existing Skate Park
- 7 Secondary School
- 8 Recreation Centre
- 9 District Museum and Arts Centre
- 10 Future Connecting Loop
- 11 Future Corner Plaza
- 12 Seniors Garden



Conceptual Site Plan

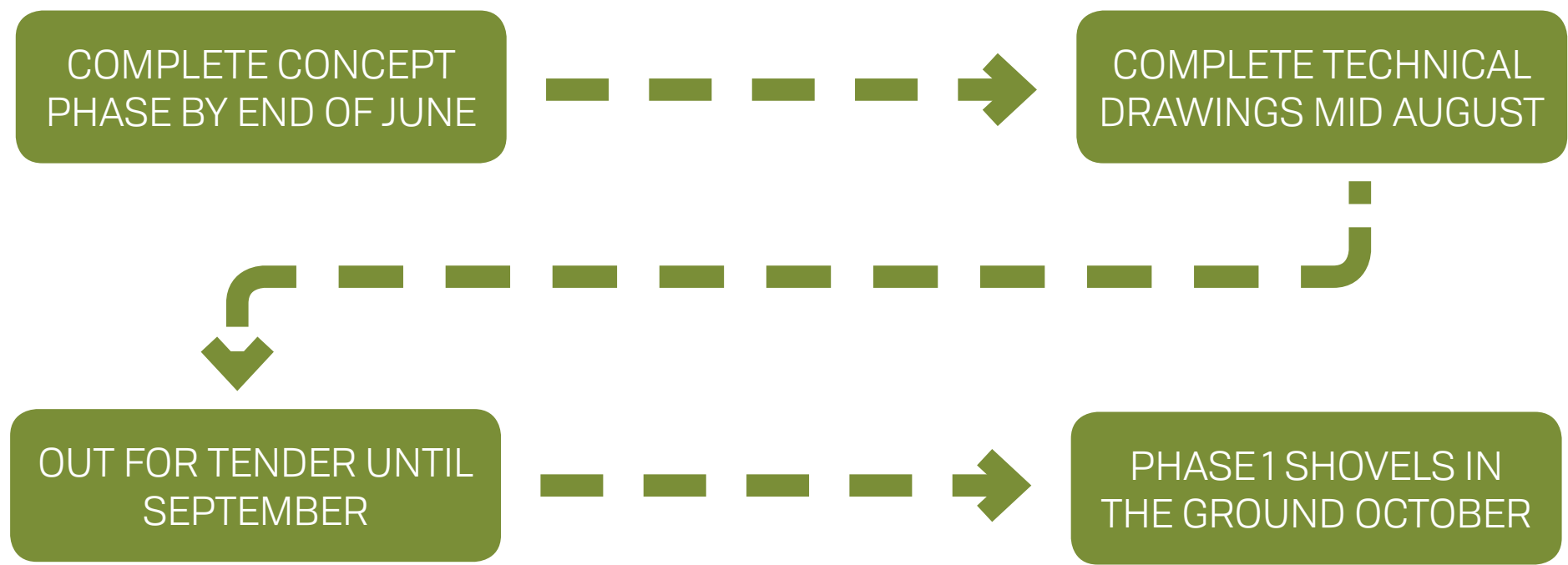


Legend

- 1** Proposed Pump and Jump Track
- 2** Proposed amenity space with food trucks
- 3** Proposed Green Connection
- 4** Forest trails with public art
- 5** Adjacent Commercial Business
- 6** Open Community Space



TIME LINE AND PROPOSED PHASING



PHASE 1:
LITTLE MACK & PUMP/
JUMP TRACK
OCT '21 TO JULY '22

PHASE 2:
CONNECTION TRAILS
JUNE '22 TO NOV '22

PHASE 3:
REC CENTRE & EBCC
LANDSCAPE
JULY '23 TO JULY '24

PHASE 4:
DOWNTOWN GREENS-
PACE AND CONNECTION
TBD



Thank You For Listening

Any Questions?