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Metro Vancouver has now finalized the purchase of 24 parcels of land at Cape Roger Curtis on Bowen Island.

Protecting the ecological sensitivity of the site and managing public safety are priorities for Metro Vancouver. At this time, the land is not open to the public for day or overnight use. Metro Vancouver will continue to work closely with Bowen Island Municipality on the park planning and municipal rezoning process before opening the park to public access.

To ensure the ecological sensitivity of this land is protected, and public safety is prioritized, Metro Vancouver will:

- Initiate site monitoring and oversight: Metro Vancouver staff will patrol the site and carry out operational maintenance, bylaw compliance, and wildfire risk monitoring.
- Implement a wildfire protection plan: A comprehensive wildfire management plan will be developed and initiated. Metro Vancouver has an extensive network of highly trained staff, resources, and equipment.
- Ensure continued access to municipal trails: Whitesails, Roger Curtis, Waterfall, and Huzsar Creek trails cross the proposed park. All trails will remain open and available for public use. Local municipal bylaws will continue to apply.
- Restrict unauthorized vehicle access: Temporary barriers will be installed in two locations to prevent unauthorized vehicle access and support patrol and site safety. These will not restrict access to public roads.

We Look Forward to Continuing Engagement With You

The park planning and municipal rezoning process is ongoing. Currently, we are working to complete technical studies to address questions, concerns, and aspirations we heard in the first phase of engagement.

We are planning to start the second phase of engagement in summer 2023.

We are working with Bowen Island Municipality to coordinate engagement alongside the rezoning process to ensure Metro Vancouver is also addressing interests and concerns from the Bowen Island Municipality.

[Read the Phase One Engagement Summary](#)



Proposed Regional Park at Cape Roger Curtis

Engagement Summary



37
media articles

Over **11 million** media reach



285,000
social media reach



Over **2,000** social media likes, comments, and shares

Respondents from Metro Vancouver

54% Bowen Island Municipality

46% Elsewhere in the region



5,000+
Regional Parks
monthly newsletter
subscribers



25,158
feedback form questions answered



Over **350** attendees
at public open houses

2,364
feedback form starts



To learn more about the proposed park, visit the [project webpage](#).

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