

My Report

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1. 1. Please rank the 3 different concepts based on preference. Rank using numbers 1, 2, and 3. 1 = most preferred to 3 = least preferred.

#	Answer	1	2	3	Total Responses
1	Concept A	49	41	80	170
2	Concept B	74	92	3	169
3	Concept C	47	36	86	169
	Total	170	169	169	-

Statistic	Concept A	Concept B	Concept C
Min Value	1	1	1
Max Value	3	3	3
Mean	2.18	1.58	2.23
Variance	0.73	0.28	0.74
Standard Deviation	0.85	0.53	0.86
Total Responses	170	169	169

2. 2. Out of the following activities and programming options, please indicate which concept you feel conveyed it best in accordance to your vision of the park.

#	Question	Concept A	Concept B	Concept C	Total Responses	Mean
1	Swimming	55	54	61	170	2.04
2	Fishing	63	66	41	170	1.87
3	Boating	57	62	51	170	1.96
4	Trails	59	59	52	170	1.96
5	Gathering (Picnic Tables, Amphitheater, Pavilions)	41	63	66	170	2.15
6	Parking (# of Spaces)	48	67	55	170	2.04

Statistic	Swimming	Fishing	Boating	Trails	Gathering (Picnic Tables, Amphitheater, Pavilions)	Parking (# of Spaces)
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	3	3	3	3	3	3
Mean	2.04	1.87	1.96	1.96	2.15	2.04
Variance	0.69	0.60	0.64	0.66	0.61	0.61
Standard Deviation	0.83	0.77	0.80	0.81	0.78	0.78
Total Responses	170	170	170	170	170	170

3. 3. Additional Comments:

Text Response

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I think Concept C is too much for the size of the property. In addition, it has too much emphasis on boating and parking areas--both of which take up a lot of space, pollute the area, and exceed a reasonable proportion of the land use. The DNR will also be addressing boat usage and more parking. Outside showers for swimmers are desirable as is shared ownership of the bathroom facility with the DNR. The beach area should provide for a sandy beach above the OHW which means cutting back the bank and retaining it. Some dredging and import of washed sand will be necessary for the beach and swimming area itself. Trails should be paved to allow bike use, and to keep them from spreading or getting muddy. Bike racks should be provided by the rest room, the picnic area and by the swimming beach. Bike and walking access should be enhanced as much as possible and driving access de-emphasized.

I do not have the background as far as the research done on anticipated use of the park, but when considering all the lakes and existing campgrounds, resorts, etc, in the area it seems like concepts B & C are overly optimistic as to the use that will be made of the park. I question whether the increased with concepts B & C is warranted at this point. If heavy usage materializes, perhaps the park could be expanded in the future.

I feel it is important that the trails be paved. I think Concept C is too much for only 2.1 acres. 40 parking spaces would take away from areas that could be used for enjoyable activities. Bike racks would be helpful. Park needs to be handicapped accessible.

There are enough other entertainment types of area for outdoor music, catering etc. in this area that businesses are already trying to make a decent living at. I would hate to see this project impede upon their dreams and livelihood by costing monies to become a competition to them. I feel the least amount of development is the best and providing an area for those tourists and locals to simply enjoy the beautiful nature this park could provide is the best idea. If you value the other like businesses that make this area great, then I hope that you would respect them.

I think #3 is excellent for family reunions, concerts all kinds of things. If going to do the park might as well as do it right the first time!

I love the idea of a dedicated swimming area for children.

As a school staff I see it as an educational opportunity. If we would bring a grade level over we would need to accommodate 55 students and about 4 staff.

I really like Concept C minus the "kitchen" idea.

We like the addition of the children's area in concept 3.

I think that while Concept B might ultimately be the best end result, I would prefer to begin with Concept A to see how it functions and how it is used by the public before continuing with additional development.

I think it would be wise to use the area that would benefit locals and economy the most. Option c could be used to generate revenue for park upkeep and local businesses through ceremonies,

receptions, reunions, work picnics etc. also may be a good area to do concerts and family movie nights. Nisswa does not utilize evening time well to their advantage. They need to be intentional and creative to make the area thrive. Also the area is great to come vacation at but quite boring if you live here (especially for younger families where finances are often an issue) and don't have access to lakes, docks, and boating areas unless you have the right connections. Create an area that would benefit both local families and tourist friendly events can occur. Let's make the draw to our town even better or more desirable. I can go to lots of overgrown looking parts but they are often buggy and not kid friendly. Having a more open concept allows kids to be better seen and hopefully more air flow as well.

I don't think there should be swimming or fishing at this spot in the lake

A children's splash pad!!

This area draws so many tourists yet we have very little public swimming areas and even less for kids. Having a nice public beach and kids area would draw more lower/middle class families and increase our tourist draw to the area!

Can we start construction yet in 2015?

A playground with a splash pad would be amazing! A great place for everyone in the community to come and enjoy the outdoors. Not many places to go with young children around this area. I see this as a popular place to go so having enough parking is key.

Good to have some public outdoor rec facilities in the area.

I think that specifying a safer area for young children to swim would create a safer beach area. I think adding the kitchen etc. for larger events would lead to needing to reserve the space etc. and would create additional requirements that would need to be overseen by park board.

I feel that this development remain as minimal as possible thereby preserving the most number of trees. More aggressive development pretty much guarantees noise and visual pollution, increased boat traffic which would put our lake in further danger of invasive species pollution, disrupt our waterfowl . We live on this narrow corridor of lake and increased boat traffic endangers the peaceful solitude that we love. Since the completion of 371 we are already experiencing more traffic noise and visual pollution-- stop and go lights, lights from town. Please No amphitheater . Plan C looks like an event center !!

I also think wifi access for the kids and a splash pad for the kids would be nice instead of a larger ampitheater

We enjoyed each concept for different reasons. The fewer boat spaces felt right to avoid problems with our children's safety swimming or fishing. A larger gathering area could bring family concerts ect to the area which would be lovely! Great planning of the trails and use of the area. Thank you for the info!

I am VERY concerned about the increase in traffic on Hazelwood Drive and would suggest making Hazelwood Drive a one way from the stop light to the Lower Roy Lake Road intersection. This would direct traffic to Hy 371 rather than on Hazelwood Drive, which is a residential area and also home to a day care at the church.

I would love to see areas for picnics with larger groups... Covered and with grills.

What is your basis for studying multiple concepts? A facility similar to the one being proposed should be designed to enable future expansion by stages (if warranted by usage). In my opinion, committing to the construction of a park with features beyond those proposed by Concept A would constitute questionable planning. Constructing a full blown Concept C without factoring in actual need (future park usage) could turn out to be a costly misuse of public funds. In addition, the more elegant concepts as proposed will almost surely require increased maintenance costs, which could be a significant expense to future tax payers.

GREAT WORK, GREAT PLAN

They all look good, have to fit into budget. Would like a copy of the slide presentation that was at the "history" table. You can email to SAVESTA@wsn.com. Thanks Steve & Alex, I am on the Gull Lake Association BOD

Too many unknowns to really "vote" for option

Build the best!

Suggestion for wintertime: groom the trails for skate skiing please!

Great start! Looking forward to seeing this project move forward.

Concern about tunnel and park entrance road. What accommodations are being made for safety in this area?

The swimming area is a very big spawning area for crappies in the spring time! what is your plan for that?

Water fountains around park maybe (2), shower at beach, standing grills, recycled or composite materials for tables + such

need more gathering

the park should be minimally developed as possible. keep it natural with as much trees and brush and natural landscape as possible. it is a small lake. the more trees you take down the more road noise from the hwy. those of us that live on the lake do not want to see the highway or hear more noise, nor do we want our property values to go down. I invite the committee to come over and visit my property and see what your thoughts are from across the lake. Noise travels! Tons of boats also are dangerous on a small lake. lets keep it small and beautiful and peaceful. Give people a place to come and park their boat, have a small picnic and relax. people that come from the cities want peace and quiet and nature. They don't want it to be like the cities. The more you develop it the more money to maintain it also. So upsetting!

get rid of swimmer platform. make covered picnic area larger. This is great! Go for it!

docks are important. bathrooms are important. Don't spend \$ on amphitheater! Catering building not needed. Keep it simple + clean. Easy to manage.

No amphitheater!! Park should be as minimally developed as possible. Scenarios B and C

encourages and permits undesirable noise and pollution. more development predicts a decline of property values to those living on this lake. Boat slip area promotes more boat traffic on our small lake there by increasing noise pollution. Park should remain as peaceful as possible. picnic tables okay. enjoy the natural beauty and solitude of the lake and the wildlife. waterfowl living on the lake. the larger the development the more costly the maintenance. More boat traffic will result in increase invasive species pollution

please please please cut as few trees as possible

I like all plans but i think we should start with A and if it proves to be popular with tourists and locals then expand the plans. Try to avoid local residential tax increases

swim first and trails, beach + swimming, including children's area boats and parking for boats lowest interest and priority. Keep it natural and for swim we have 3 DNR ramps now with no beaches for swimming.

Has anyone considered the cost of insurance/ what happens when the friends disbands and the park expense still exists? does the taxpayer just get to pay or will the city sell the park?

Suggestions: I could see concerts in the summer. Bike racks necessary for all. docks available for boaters. A beach would be ok - not for swimming. a splash pad would be great for young children. nice picnic areas for families. Also plenty of seating to enjoy the lake. walking paths are also nice.

Picnic area, shelter, and or gazebo. Walking trail, splash pad for youngsters - no swimming area in lake. bike racks, boat ramp, docks.

Nisswa already has a park. Option A - less intrusive

Since Nisswa already has a park - I only see the lake as the benefit to this park. I love it - but let's keep it simple.

benches along boardwalk. scenario C seems too busy. b is a good compromise.

All parking should go in immediately no matter the selected design. Do the combo bathroom picnic shelter in phase 1. Think about a bike rental kiosk at the lake, automated. No weddings, or private parties.

minimum swimming use needed, small fishing ok. small amphitheater nice. catering kitchen unnecessary.

I liked "C" for the overlook area right between city and DNR property. Not a big fan of the kitchen in "C"

I would rather see a mature park with a few picnic tables and restrooms.

as many significant healthy trees as possible should be saved with the parking area and trails working around the trees. This would mean an arborist and an ecologist should be involved. I think a landscape architect should design this, not an engineer.

I don't think we need another DNR boat launch on the chain

I would not add the amphitheater with initial build.

parking and boating are important options no matter which solution is chosen., but a gathering and swimming area would be more focused to locals and would be welcomed by community.

concerned about tunnel bikers/walkers needing to cross roadway to park.

No swimming beach or disturbing the bottom of the lake. No area for gatherings. Minimal walking trails. Leave as natural as possible, with minimal tree removal. Release to the public what procedures are in place so the tax payers never have to pay for construction or maintenance.

I like the idea of a kitchen area to rent out with the gathering area

A place to dock, sit, and relax in a quiet park and walk to town for shopping, eating etc. is all i see at this point as a value to the community.

How best to control people parking and going downtown - takes up parking for the park.

ample parking is always necessary - i still think it should be planned, but not completely implemented - maybe done in stages. Having a kitchen is nice but maybe a little extravagant -- already a community center.

Looks like a beautiful scenario for the citizens of Nisswa and a beautiful use of 2.5 acres. I feel that if there is a day use hour limit there would be no problem with keeping it pristine and quiet at night. I grew up in Nisswa. My husband grew up on Gull Lake. Some people tend to overreact initially . I think the objections will be proven wrong.

please add a splash pad for the children! the children's swimming beach area is great but a splash pad provides a meeting place for moms and their young kids. Love the amphitheater concept too.

Thanks for your hard work. we are excited about this project.

I am concerned that that part of the lake is very weedy and might not be a good swimming area
leave the brush, no grass.

make walking up and down the hill to the lake level as easy as possible.

Leave as many trees and brush as possible. No amphitheater, no weddings

less is best

a small amphitheater in A would be nice and picnic areas could be moved to the north of trail to allow it.

No indication of value to community for expenditure. why is park needed? no lights, close at sunset. No amphitheater. Lots of hard work done, but too much, unrealistic thinking.

the amphitheater should go in the current park, not on the lake. Trails keep unpaved, wood chips. This should be as natural as possible. less manicured. No buildings, perhaps small 20 person shelter away from the lake. put the fishing dock with the boat landing. Nisswa is a small lake, don't overwhelm it.

no lights, no swimming -- too costly.

close at sunset, no lights, no amphitheater - noise concern. prefer trees and trails and bike paths. swimming area is a liability and it is all muck. limited auto parking, plan C is overkill!

limited auto parking, close at sunset, more bike trails, no lights, no amphitheater, swimming area is a liability. No plan C.

trails and benches with lake views are a key docks like Bar Habor would be great (large, sturdy)-- just not that many make sure the trail surfaces are something that will work for strollers (and walkers)

start small, add on as \$\$ available

I'd like to see you start with A with the ability to increase to option C as funds become available. However I dislike a boardwalk close to shoreline.

I love option B. I also like the size of the amphitheater and the kitchen facilities from option C.

I think they are all good scenarios - just a nice addition to the city of Nisswa :) I don't think showers are important at all

nature programming would be great

Adding an interpretation center/program would be great for residents and tourist population :)

Add interpretive nature center. nature programming

Scenario B is about perfect to provide a great gathering place for families - it'll be a place to reconnect!!

lockers, option for food truck/trailer style vendors, mosquito control, well lit parking and trails, and public boat docks w/ lighting.

please include facilities for launching kayaks/canoes. DNR landings are not always suitable.

my only regret is I won't be here to see it done.

All scenarios have the parking lot access road crossing over the foot path immediately after the tunnel. Pedestrian safety should be higher and not have the road cross over the pedestrian/bike path accessing the park.

Start with scenarios B, work towards C in steps

Start with A, then B, then C. Lighting plans/ planned regular maintenance? look for the sunken boat.

All the scenarios are good, and any would help our property values. Parking important for senior access.

I think just doing something with public swimming and boating would be great!

I feel A is too small, B retains green space, and allows amenities. C is too big - might look like central park.

All should be considered and developed over time. once DNR develops their boat landing and parking, the private access on hazelwood needs to be closed even though it is private property.

I prefer none of the above...horrible idea for those of us who live on Nisswa Lake And respect the uniqueness of our shoreline. It is the one lake on the chain that retains some sense of beauty and so far has not been spoiled by trash, loud noise, etc. I hope you will all rethink this idea that will NOT do one single positive thing for Nisswa.....

Where is the space for the splash park? Splash pad? We need to include this and perhaps make it adjacent to the swimming area. These are very popular with all ages, and it is such an amazing place to take children and keep an eye on them without worry of drowning. With our world warming trends this should be a priority.

I disagree with all three projects, it would be better to add a swimming pool near the park/ball park in down town Nisswa!!!!!! Greg Larson 40 year resident of Nisswa. I currently live at Lazy Brook Town Homes on Nisswa Lake. This project is not favable to property owners on Nisswa Lake or Roy Lake. I can't believe Nisswa spent money on this project prior to getting some sense of approval from the resident of Nisswa Lake!

Will be a much-needed and lovely addition to Nisswa, no matter which option is chosen.

I know people think a swimming area is desired but this is no area to have a designated swimming area. The bottom is mucky and no amount of dredging and filling is going to fix it. Your questionnaire is very limiting and although I am in favor of the park cannot fully support the project with a swim area included. I marked concept "A" but your survey will not let people "not" select those portions of the concept they disagree with. I ended up with a take of leave it feeling. Facilities can always be expanded but maintenance and up keep needs to be kept to a minimum until the public starts to use the park and then will wish to expand services. I would also encourage the use of groups like the Boy Scouts for trail work and structures. John Ryan

I think the new park in Nisswa would be an ideal place to have a children's splash pad!

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	112