



Land Use Bylaw Amendment Application

Referral Form – RDCK File Z2601B

Amendments to Electoral Area 'B' Comprehensive Land Use Bylaw No. 2316, 2013

Date: March 4, 2026

You are requested to comment on the attached Bylaw Amendment for potential effect on your agency's interests. We would appreciate your response WITHIN 30 DAYS (PRIOR TO APRIL 3, 2026).

PURPOSE OF THE BYLAW AMENDMENT:

The subject property is the location of Kitchener Valley Park, however the existing zoning/land use are not aligned with the existing and proposed use of the site.

The property owners are seeking a bylaw amendment to rezone the subject property from Community Services (CS) to Park and Recreation (PR) and to redesignate the property from Community Services (CS) and Rural Residential (RR) to Park and Recreation (PR) in order to better reflect the existing and long-term use of the property as a community park and outdoor recreation space.

This land use bylaw amendment is required to authorize planned improvements that include the demolition and reconstruction of aging park structures, construction of a picnic shelter, storage buildings, and the refurbishment of sport courts and trails.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION & GENERAL LOCATION:

6253 Kitchener Road, Kitchener, Electoral Area 'B'
 LOT A DISTRICT LOT 4592 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN NEP79222 (PID: 026-457-261)

AREA OF PROPERTY AFFECTED	ALR STATUS	ZONING DESIGNATION	OCP DESIGNATION
1 hectare (2.52 acres)	n/a	Community Services (CS)	Community Services (CS) and Rural Residential (RR)

APPLICANT:

Katie Kendall, Columbia Basin Trust on behalf of Friends of Kitchener Society

Please provide your response via email.

If your agency's interests are 'Unaffected' no further information is necessary. In all other cases, we would appreciate receiving additional information to substantiate your position and, if necessary, outline any conditions related to your position. Please note any legislation or official government policy which would affect our consideration of this permit.

If you are an RDCK commission member, do not respond via email. Your response is the commission's recommendation which staff will collect from the meeting minutes.

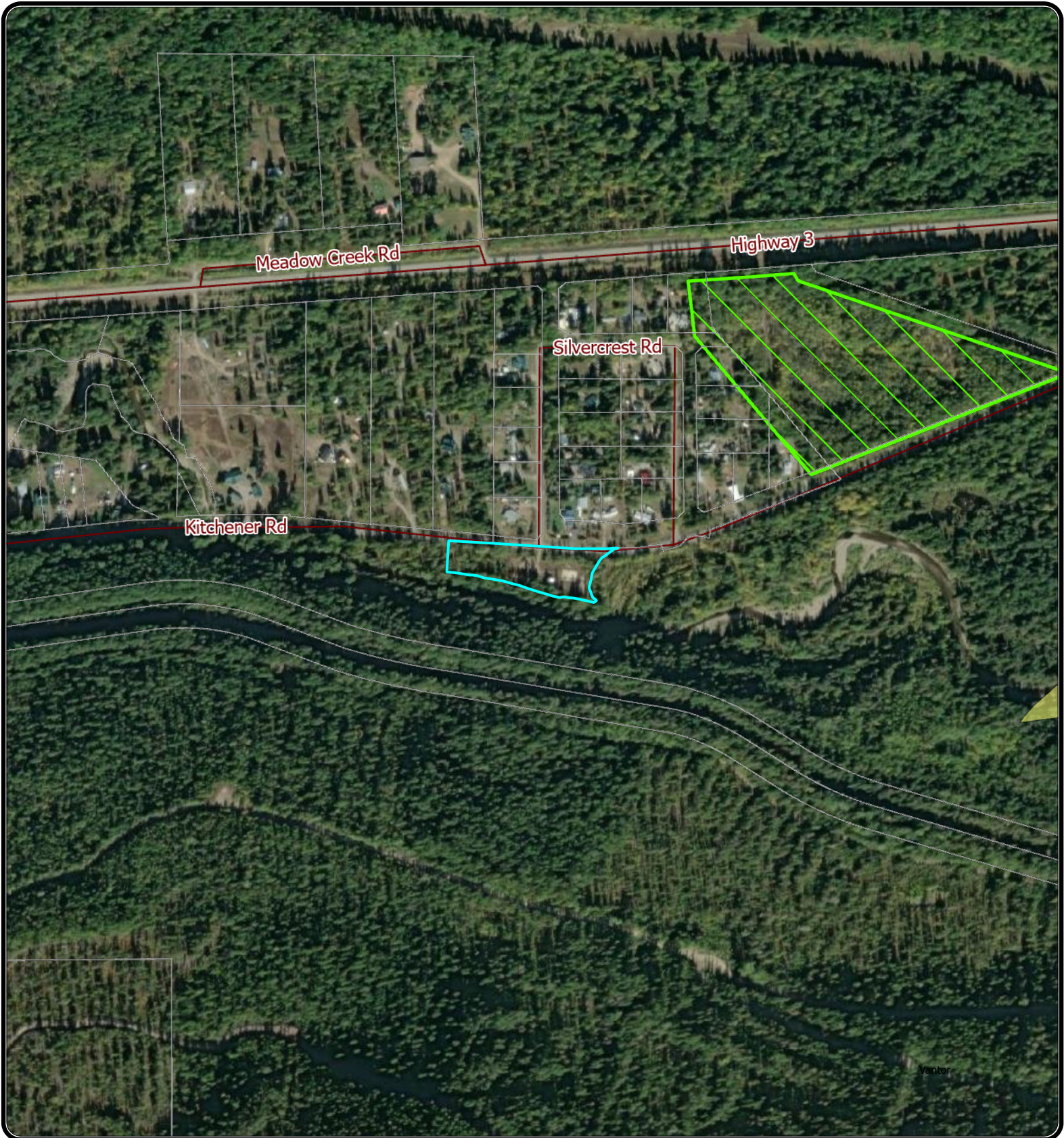
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- RDCK Streets
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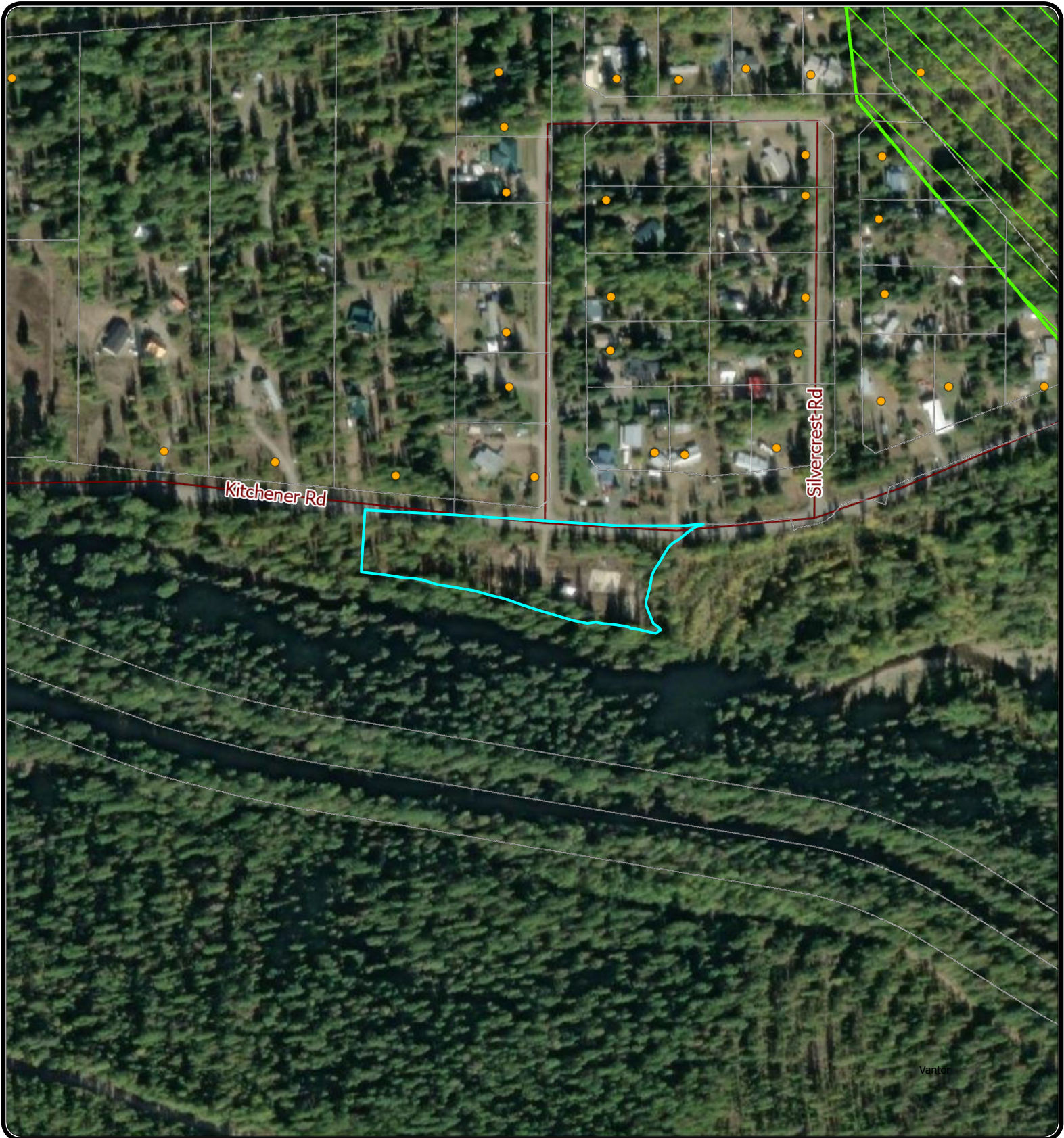
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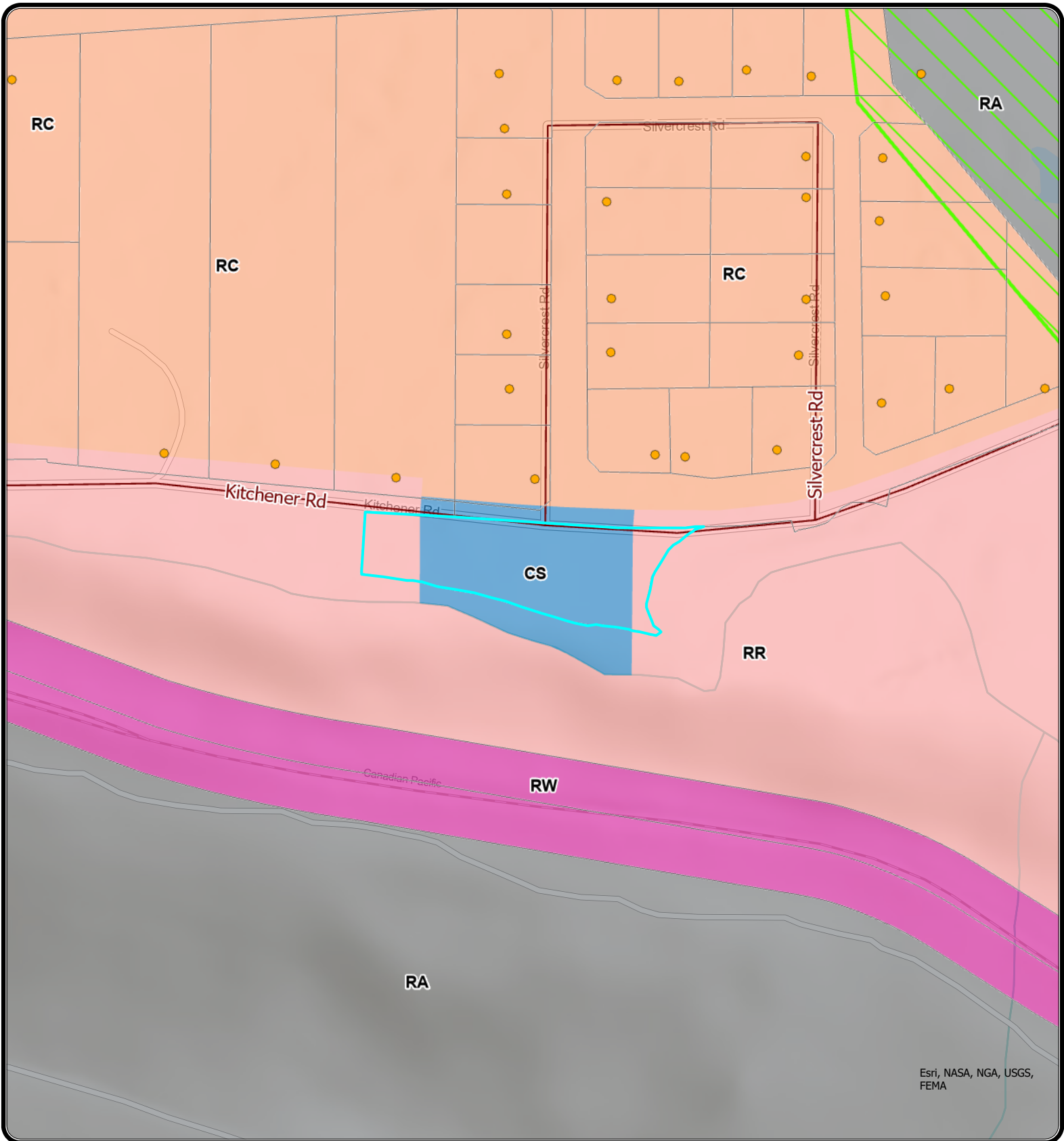
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Official Community Plan

- Community Services
- Country Residential
- Resource Area
- Rural Residential
- Utility, Railway and Transportation

Legend

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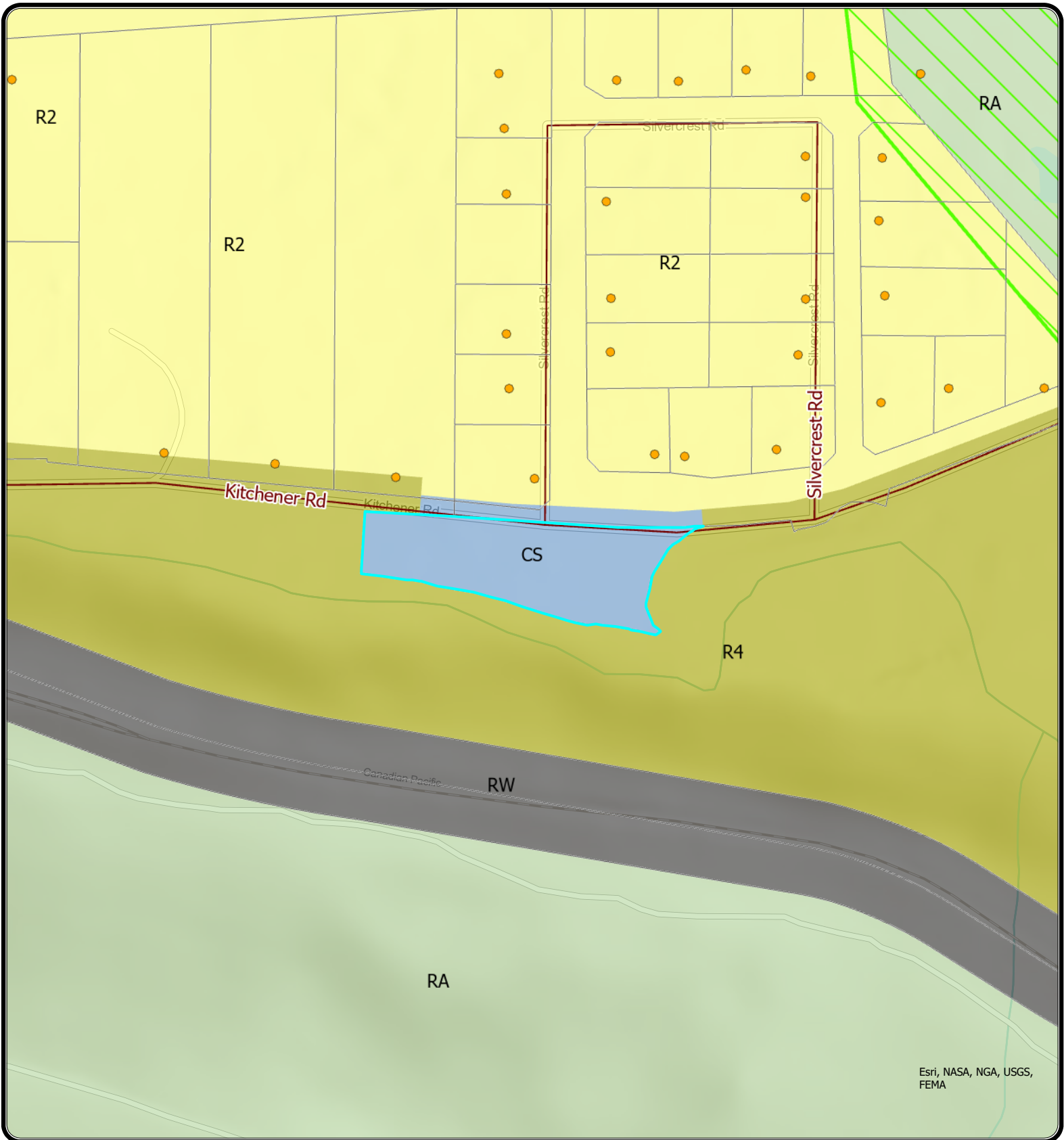
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| Zoning Class | Legend |
| Agriculture Land Reserve | Residential 4 |
| Community Services | Resource Area |
| Railway | Electoral Areas |
| Residential 2 | RDCK Streets |
| | Cadastre - Property Lines |
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Prepared by applicant

KITCHENER VALLEY PARK BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL SUMMARY

February 5, 2026

- **Existing Bylaw:** Electoral Area 'B' Comprehensive Land Use Bylaw No. 2316
- **Current Zoning:** Community Services (CS)
- **Current OCP Designation:** Rural Residential (RR) & Community Services (CS)
- **Proposed New Zoning:** Parks & Recreation (PR)
- **Proposed New OCP Designation:** Parks & Recreation (PR)

This application proposes to amend the zoning and Official Community Plan (OCP) designation of Kitchener Valley Park from Community Services (CS) to Parks & Recreation (PR) to better reflect the existing and intended long-term use of the property as a community park and outdoor recreation space.

The proposed Parks & Recreation (PR) zoning will allow for the development and enhancement of park-related infrastructure, including a picnic shelter, stage/storage building, pathways, parking space, playground features, refurbished sport court, seating areas, and open green space. These uses are consistent with the current function of the property and align with how the park is used by residents today.

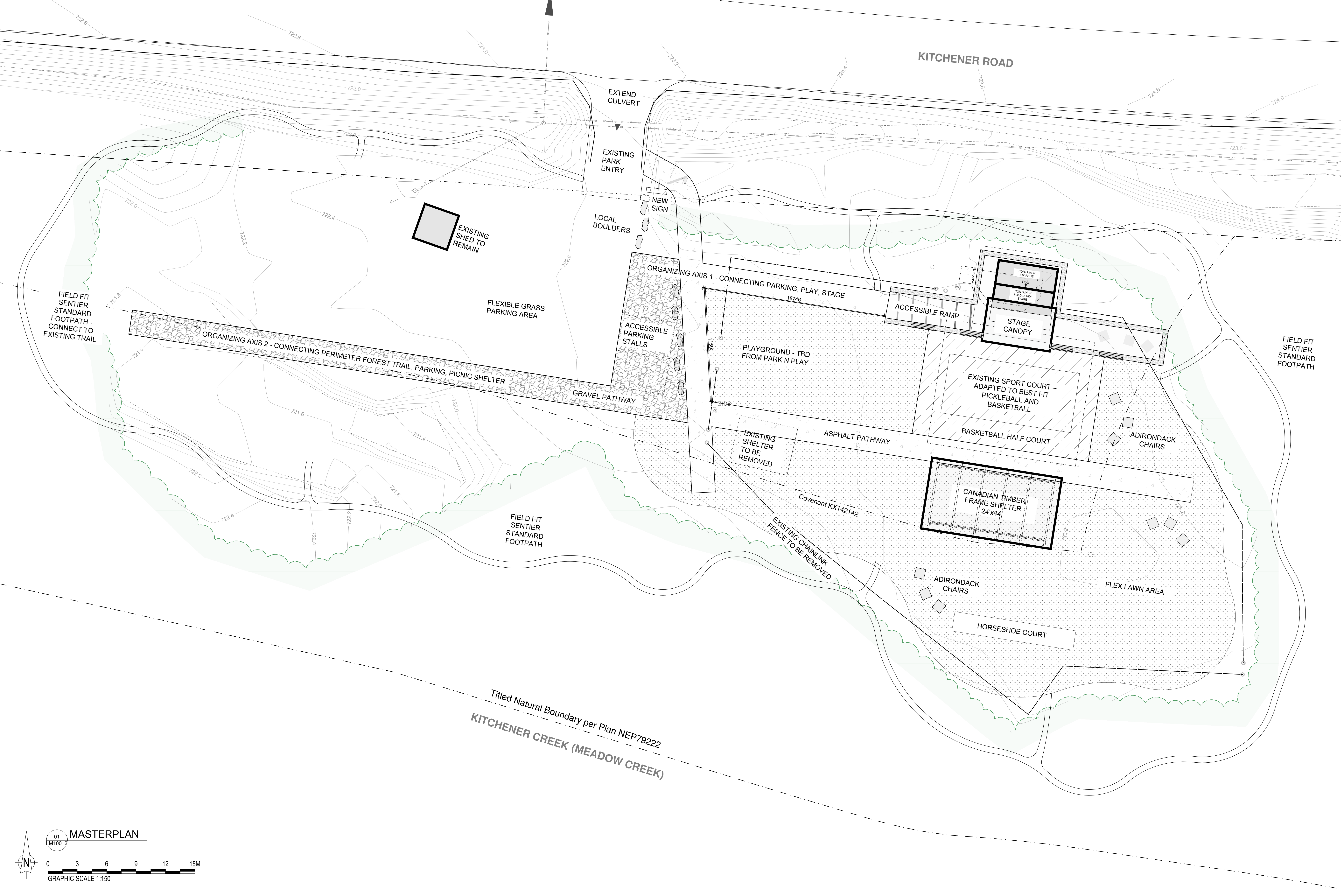
This project originated from a community meeting facilitated by Columbia Basin Trust (the Trust) staff with the community of Kitchener in November 2024, where residents identified a range of desired enhancements for Kitchener Valley Park. The park is a key community asset owned and maintained by The Friends of Kitchener Society and plays an important role in supporting outdoor recreation, informal gathering, and community events.

Planned improvements include the demolition and replacement of aging park structures that are at end of life, construction of a larger picnic shelter and expanded stage/storage structure, installation of accessible pathways connected to a perimeter forest loop footpath, refurbishment of the existing sport court, addition of playground features and seating, a welcome sign, and enhanced green space. Additionally, accessible parking spaces are to be provided in accordance with the recommendations in the Building Accessibility Handbook 2020.

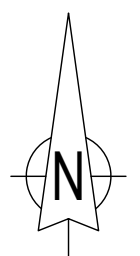
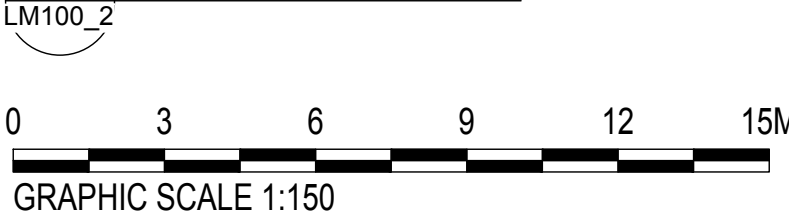
Improvements such as enhanced landscaping and upgraded facilities will improve the visual appearance of the park and views from nearby homes, while providing Kitchener residents with improved access to outdoor recreation and gathering opportunities. Some increase in local traffic and activity is anticipated during events or peak use periods; however, the park is primarily intended to serve local residents, and any increases in traffic, noise, or visitation from outside the community are expected to be minimal and consistent with the park's existing role.

Trust staff submitted an Archaeological Information Request to the Ministry of Forests' Archaeological Branch, which confirmed that, according to Provincial records, there are no known archaeological sites recorded on the subject property and no archaeological study or Provincial heritage permit(s) required at the time of the request (January 14, 2026).

Overall, the proposed zoning and OCP amendments will bring the land use designation into alignment with the established and planned future function of the property, supporting a well-maintained, accessible, and community-oriented park.



01 MASTERPLAN



Current Land Use Designation

6.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION

Background



The Community Services and Administration land use designation generally refers to public, non-profit or utility uses such as schools, churches, recreation facilities, community centres, public health facilities, community care facilities, fire halls, libraries, post offices, and local government and improvement district buildings. The Plan recognizes that administrative and institutional development will generally be directed to existing settlement areas; which are central and better able or already provide for this service function. In addition, the Plan recognizes that many of the community services and administrative activities available to residents of the Plan area are centrally located in the Town of Creston or provided through regional partnerships.

The Plan area contains three elementary schools, one in Erickson and one in Canyon-Lister under Kootenay Lake School District No. 8 and a private facility in the community of Bountiful. The Lower Kootenay Band also has an elementary school, Yaqan Nukiy, as does the community of Yahk, outside of the Plan area. Secondary school education is provided in the Town of Creston. There is also a strong home school community within and surrounding the Town of Creston. There are three community halls, several churches, two fire halls and local postal facilities within the Plan area. Fire service is also provided through the Town of Creston. Zoning types applicable to this section include Community Services (CS) and lands under the Lower Kootenay Band (LKB) which fall outside of local government jurisdiction.

Community Services and Administration Objectives

1. Encourage coordination of planning and service delivery among the Regional District, Town of Creston, the Lower Kootenay Band, and senior levels of government to ensure that costs are minimized and services provided in an effective and efficient manner.
2. To direct administrative and institutional development to areas where services and amenities are more readily available and where they best serve the needs of the community.
3. To work with the Province and Kootenay Lake School District 8 to ensure public education needs are being met in the Plan area.
4. To investigate options for enhanced service delivery through regional partnerships where services or activities can not be sustainably supported within the rural areas.
5. To attract a diversified age demographic to ensure the long term sustainability of school and health care services.
6. To pursue opportunities for senior's home care to enable senior residents to comfortably continue residing in their respective communities.

7. To ensure that land use decisions accommodate emergency response through provision of adequate access to developments and facilities for fire protection services and emergency first response.
8. To provide for an adequate level of fire protection within the Plan area.
9. To encourage the cooperation and coordination with and among utility companies for the provision of public utilities that service existing and future developments.
10. To recognize the variety of spiritual and cultural activities important to residents of the unincorporated communities within Electoral Area 'B'.
11. To investigate options for enhanced access to high speed internet service throughout the Plan area.

Community Services and Administration Policies

The Regional Board:

12. Supports the location and development of fire halls, indoor recreation amenities, and community halls in the rural area as development requires and the needs of the community change.
13. Supports the Province, senior governments, aboriginal communities, individuals, and interest groups in identifying and protecting features and sites of scenic, architectural, historical, spiritual, archaeological and ecological significance within the Plan area.
14. Encourages the development of childcare services and facilities within existing and new developments and supports the establishment of home based child care facilities.
15. Supports and will work with appropriate agencies and regional partners in the maintenance and expansion of health care and social services within the Plan area.
16. Supports the enhancement and creation of greater opportunities for children, youth, and adult recreational, educational, and leisure activity.
17. Supports multi-purpose use of school facilities and other buildings that serve multiple interest groups or multiple community needs.
18. Supports that emergency response organizations are provided the opportunity to comment on emergency access and safety issues when considering new developments in the Plan area.
19. Will consult with the local fire department(s) to determine needs for access to new developments and for the filling of tankers to support local fire service to unincorporated communities within the Plan area where appropriate.
20. Encourages that RDCK, Town of Creston and Improvement Districts water systems utilize the same utility standards so as to support emergency response whereas fire equipment can be interchanged and critical repairs made.
21. Will ensure that adequate lands are set aside to allow for churches, cemeteries, libraries, youth organizations, service groups, community halls and non-commercial retreats within the Plan area.

22. Will continue to support the use of public and private lands for local community events, provided that such events are supported and do not negatively impact on neighbouring properties.
23. Supports and will work with appropriate agencies and regional partners in the maintenance and expansion of high speed internet service throughout the Plan area.

Current Land Use Designation

Suburban Residential (RS) Policies

The Regional Board:

14. Directs that the principal use shall be single-family or two-family dwellings.
15. Supports medium density residential development with lot sizes for subdivision purposes being determined by the level of available or proposed servicing, with density increasing with the provision of community water and/or waste water disposal.
16. Encourages directing development of this type to municipalities or existing or proposed residential nodes where infrastructure services are available or can be provided.
17. Encourages mixed use development that builds upon existing infrastructure.

Country Residential (RC) Policies

The Regional Board:

18. Directs that the principal use shall be single-family or two-family dwellings.
19. Supports low density residential development with lot sizes for subdivision purposes being determined by the requirements of on-site servicing, such as ground or surface water and Type 1 waste water disposal.
20. Provides for property owners or residents to diversify and enhance uses secondary to 'Country Residential' uses with home based business, agri-tourism, home occupations, or bed and breakfast opportunities, provided that they are compatible with the character of the surrounding area.

Rural Residential (RR) Policies

The Regional Board:

21. Directs that the principal use shall be single-family or two-family dwellings.
22. Supports rural residential development with lot sizes for subdivision purposes that generally exceed 2.0 ha (4.94 acres).
23. Provides for property owners or residents to diversify and enhance uses secondary to Rural Residential uses with home based business, agri-tourism, home occupation, or bed and breakfast opportunities, provided that they are compatible with the character of the surrounding area.

Multi-Unit Residential (RH) Policies

The Regional Board:

24. Directs that the principal use be single-family, two-family or multi-unit residential.
25. Supports that Multi-Unit Residential includes developments consisting of more than five (5) units per hectare in manufactured home parks, seniors housing developments, co-operative housing, apartments, fractional, strata and row housing developments.
26. Directs that multi-unit residential developments be restricted to a maximum of two-stories and be subject to the provision of community water and/or waste water disposal.

Proposed Land Use Designation

7.0 PARKS AND RECREATION, CULTURE AND HERITAGE

Background

Public recreational trails and public spaces of all types exist informally or are managed by local interest groups on Crown lands or public lands throughout the Plan area. Coordination and partnership with the RDCK and other government agencies ensures that land development does not inhibit the potential of establishing and maintaining an integrated trail network.

Electoral Area 'B' is rich in recreational infrastructure, well preserved community buildings and community events. Many of these amenities are owned and maintained by volunteer community groups. There are three community halls, two fire halls, playgrounds, beaches and public camping facilities.

There are a multitude of significant cultural and heritage sites within the Plan area, including buildings and non-structural features. The area is also rich in First Nation cultural heritage sites. Zoning types applicable to this section include Parks and Recreation (PR).



Parks and Recreation, Culture and Heritage Objectives

1. To provide for the protection, enhancement or adaptive use of building and sites of cultural, historical or archaeological value where identified.
2. To ensure the provision of recreation facilities are directed toward community needs first.
3. To provide local recreational opportunities for tourists that do not stress existing facilities, services, and resources; or generate undue cost to local taxpayers.
4. To work toward the development of a comprehensive trail system that is consistent and complementary with other trails in the RDCK.
5. To support cultural activities and facilities throughout the Plan area.

Parks and Recreation, Culture and Heritage Policies

The Regional Board:

6. Recognizes the Town of Creston as a cultural and social centre for the Plan area.
7. Encourages private and public commercial recreational development provided that such proposals are compatible with adjacent land uses.
8. Supports the existing network of public recreation sites and trails, as well as the creation and extension of a connected network of trails and public corridors to access community parks, recreation areas, public open space and amenities, where feasible.

9. Proposes the establishment of a recreation system in the Plan area based on the following categories:
 - a. community parks or open space greenbelts that provide for watershed protection, access to lake and creek shorelines, and dispersed low environmental impact recreational facilities, such as walking, cycling and equestrian trails;
 - b. community parks should be centrally located, and if possible located in association with schools and contain playgrounds, ball fields, tennis courts and/or other recreation activities; and
 - c. recreation facilities within the Town of Creston.
10. Recognizes and supports the RDCK Regional Parks Strategy.

Current Zoning

35.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES (CS)

Permitted Uses

1. Land, buildings and structures in the Community Services (CS) zone shall be used for the following purposes only:
 - Cemeteries
 - Churches
 - Community Care Facilities
 - Community Halls
 - Convention Facilities
 - Day Care Centres
 - Educational Facilities
 - Group Care Facilities
 - Historic Interpretative Facilities
 - accessory uses (heritage restaurants, retail sales of heritage products, small scale manufacture of heritage products)
 - Hospitals
 - Quasi-Governmental Offices supporting permitted uses
 - Recycling Depot
 - Retreat Centre
- Accessory Uses:
- Accessory Buildings or Structures
 - Caretaker Suite

Development Regulations

2. The minimum site area for each permitted use shall be one (1) hectare.
3. The maximum site coverage shall be 50 percent of the lot area.
4. The maximum size of accessory use structures for Historical Interpretative Facilities shall be 300 square metres.
5. Landscaping shall comply with all requirements of section 16.0 (94 to 107).

Proposed Zoning

36.0 PARK AND RECREATION (PR)

Permitted Uses

1. Land, buildings and structures in the Park and Recreation (PR) zone shall be used for the following purposes only subject to compliance with the *Agricultural Land Commission Act, Regulations and Orders* where applicable:
 - Agriculture on lands within the ALR
 - Campgrounds
 - Community Recreation Centres
 - Community Wharves and Boat Launches
 - Golf Courses
 - Natural and Historic Interpretation Facilities
 - Parks
 - Recreation Facilities
 - Shooting Range (archery, firearms)

Accessory Uses:

 - Accessory Buildings or Structures
 - Caretaker Suite
 - concession booth
 - club house(s)
 - storage facilities

Development Regulations

2. The minimum site area for each permitted use shall be two (2) hectares.
3. The minimum site area for a Shooting Range shall be fifteen (15) hectares.
4. No person shall establish a rifle, archery or trap and skeet range less than 25 metres from any lot line.