

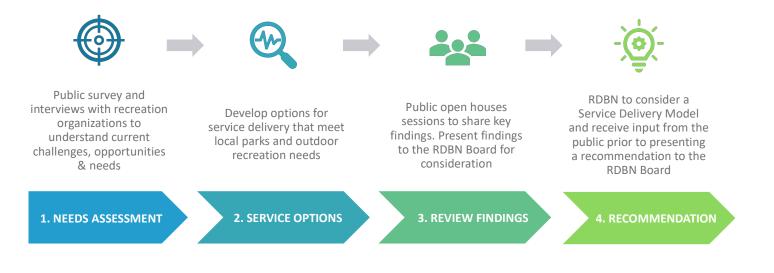
## **About the Study**

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako recognizes the important role of parks and outdoor recreation in the overall quality of life and sustainability of the region. Currently, the Regional District does not provide any parks or outdoor recreation services in rural areas, beyond financial contributions to municipal recreation activities. Existing parks and services in the rural areas are provided primarily by volunteer-societies, Recreation Sites & Trails BC and BC Parks.

In response to increased public demand for outdoor recreation opportunities and challenges faced by volunteer groups to upkeep existing parks, trails, campsites, boat ramps, and other outdoor amenities, the Regional District has retained a consulting team to complete a Parks and Outdoor Recreation Services Study.

The project focus is on needs, demands and service options for parks & outdoor recreation in rural areas (outside of towns and municipalities). The project is not focused on developing a detailed inventory of existing parks and outdoors recreation assets. The project represents a start of a conversation (feasibility stage) on the role the RDBN could play in efficient and effective parks and outdoor recreation service delivery. The Study seeks to answer the following questions:

- What type of parks and outdoor recreation areas do RDBN residents value and want to see improved?
- What is working well for existing volunteer recreation clubs and what are their challenges?
- What could a parks and outdoor recreation service in the RDBN look like? What would it cost?



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