



*photos by Rand Rudland*

# Cascade Green Park Butterfly Garden

5669 Cook Place, West Sechelt, BC

Cascade Green Park, a 1.4 hectares park located at Emerson Rd. & Tyler Rd., is a natural neighborhood park that includes wild flora and fauna, walking trails, and seating areas. The Park is frequently used by residents of the local community, dog walkers and the West Sechelt Elementary School.

In partnership with the District of Sechelt and the Sechelt Garden Club, the proposed Cascade Green Park Butterfly Garden, is a multi-year project to create, preserve and maintain habitat for native pollinators and to protect existing flora in the park. It will address the following components:

- *Plan, design and implement a wild, native, drought tolerant Butterfly Garden. The Butterfly Garden will be located in the south east corner of the park using a variety of butterfly host and nectar trees, bulbs, bushes, perennial flowers and grasses. This will create a colorful, fragrant bounty for birds, bees, butterflies and beneficial insects.*
- *Enhance and protect existing native flora.*
- *Repair, replace and create new signage for the park and the Butterfly Garden.*
- *Establish a local volunteer group for long term monitoring of the park.*

For such an ambitious project, and when applying for grant funding, it is important to engage the community and show support both on a voluntary basis and through community donations.

- *Organize volunteer work groups to participate in the preparation of the Butterfly Garden site.*
- *Secure a local business, individual or foundation as a sponsor for the Butterfly Garden.*
- *Apply to appropriate funding organizations to help supplement related costs, ie: plants, soil, mulch, an outdoor informational kiosk and new signage.*

If you would like to contribute; \$20 will buy 5 butterfly plants, \$40 will buy the plants, soil, and mulch. Please make cheques payable to Sechelt Garden Club, P.O. Box 1492, Sechelt, BC, V0N 3A0, or by *etransfer* to [muguettem@shaw.ca](mailto:muguettem@shaw.ca)

If you would like to volunteer, plant a plant, grow a plant or donate a plant please send a note to [suzessie@telus.net](mailto:suzessie@telus.net)