

# Appendix 3

## VANCOUVER ACTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE

### City of Vancouver

The City of Vancouver spans 11,467 hectares and in 2001 had a population of 545,671. In the past five years, the City's population has grown 6.2%. Over a 20 year period, the City's population has grown 31.7%. The direction and vision for the City is contained in "CityPlan: Directions for Vancouver's Future". [[CityPlan: Directions for Vancouver](#)]

### Vancouver Park Board

#### *Strategic Plan for the Park Board*

The Vancouver Park Board has a number of Master Plans and policies to address the Active Communities needs of citizens. The Strategic Plan for 2005-2010 outlines the overview strategy goals and vision of the Park Board. This document emphasizes the key themes of: Greening the Park Board; Engaging People; Working Together; Managing Resources and Meeting Future Challenges. [[Strategic Plan](#)] -May 6, 2005 [[Appendix A](#)]

#### *Current Park Board Infrastructure*

The Park Board has developed a series of master plans to support Vancouver residents and visitors becoming more active. These policy reports are available to the public on the Park Board's public web site at [[Park Board Meetings and Reports](#)]

The primary recreation infrastructure initiatives are implemented through the Park Board Capital Planning process which occurs in three year cycles. Attached are the past and current Park Board Capital plans.

[[Draft Allocation - 2006-2008 Capital Plan](#)] June 23, 2005  
[[Appendix A](#)] Council report: 2006 - 2008 [[Appendix B](#)] -Capital Plan Public Feedback Summaries  
[[Appendix C](#)] - Park Board Capital Plan 2006 - 2008  
[[2003 - 2005 Capital Plan](#)] October 1, 2002 [[Appendix 1 - 2003-2005 Capital Plan](#)]

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## **Parks**

There are over 200 public parks in the city of Vancouver. The Park Board maintains approximately 400 playing fields and sports courts, 150 playgrounds structures, 200 tennis courts, 130,000 street trees and several hundred kilometres of walking and jogging trails. The Vancouver Park Boards Master Plan policies for public parks are outlined in the following reports:

### **Park Land Acquisition Strategy**

There are over 200 parks in Vancouver with a total area of 1,295 hectares. This amounts to 11% of the total land area in the City. The goal of the Park Board land-acquisition strategy is to maintain 1.1 hectares of park space for every additional 1,000 new residents. The Staff report dated January 23, 2006 recommended that the Board receive the report entitled "Park Land Acquisition Strategy for Vancouver - Draft for Discussion" and instruct staff to undertake a public consultation process to obtain feedback on the draft strategy. [[Park Land Acquisition Strategy](#)] [[Appendix A](#)]

### **Playing Fields**

There are 285 public playing fields and 358 diamonds in the City of Vancouver. The VPB has 124 fields and 143 diamonds while the VSB has 161 fields and 215 diamonds. The Park Board Playing Field Renewal Plan dated July 2, 2002 outlines the inventory, maintenance and development strategies for these resources. The Playing Field Renewal Plan is a reference for future capital funding opportunities, and for decision-making in relation to field maintenance and allocation. [[Playing Field Renewal Plan](#)] [[Plan - Part I](#)] [[Plan - Part II](#)]

### **Community Gardens**

Vancouver Park Board provides many gardening opportunities at selected local parks. The gardens are operated in cooperation with local gardening organizations that partner with the Park Board to maintain the gardens.

[[Community Gardens Policy Review and License Agreement Renewals](#)] (Sept. 2005)  
[[Appendix 1](#)] - Community Gardens Policy (Approved 1996)  
[[Appendix 2](#)] - Community Gardens in Vancouver Parks  
[[Appendix 3](#)] - Community Gardens Policy (Revised September 19, 2005)

### **Off-Leash Dog Areas**

The Park Board has developed several park locations where people can exercise with their dogs off-leash. These areas have been contentious for the Park Board over the past seven years. The initial pilot project was conducted in November 1997 and the most recent report was in October 2005. During that time, there have been 15 Park board reports about the expanding dogs-off leash program.

[[Improvements to Dog Offleash Program](#)] Oct. 18, 2005 [[Appendix A](#)]- Criteria for Off Leash Dog Sites  
[[Dogs Off Leash in Parks](#)] April 26, 1999  
[[Dogs on Parks Pilot Project](#)] November 13, 1997

### **Skate Board Facilities**

The Park Board has developed several skateboard facilities in Vancouver. Current skateboard sites include Balaclava, China Creek, Hastings, Quilchena, and Downtown.

[[Development of a Downtown Skateboard Facility - Quebec and Union Streets](#)]  
[[Appendix A](#)] Skateboard facility location and connecting route to Skytrain  
[[Appendix B](#)] - Skateboard facility site; [[Appendix C](#)] - Skateboard 'plaza' concept plan

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## **Facilities**

The Vancouver Park Board administered 23 community centres, nine indoor and six outdoor swimming pools, eight ice rinks, three 18-hole golf courses and three pitch-and-putt courses. The Master Plans for the development and maintenance of these facilities are outlined in the following Park board Master Plan reports:

### **Community Centres**

There are 23 community centres in Vancouver and the Park Board has developed a comprehensive Long-Range Community Centre Renewal Plan to address the needs of this aging infrastructure. The Staff report dated November 6, 2001 is one component of a more wide ranging commitment to longer range capital planning:

[\[Long-Range Community Centre Renewal\]](#) [\[Community Centre Renewal Plan\]](#)

The Vancouver Park Board works with local community association partners to jointly deliver local recreation services. This partnership is encompassed in the Joint Operating Agreements with each local association. The report on June 13, 2005 reviews the scope of this partnership: [\[Joint Operating Agreement Task Force Final Report\]](#)

### **Ice Rinks**

The eight ice rinks in the City are guided in their policy development, long range capital planning and management structure by the following Ice Rink Policies:

[\[Centralized Ice Allocation\]](#) May 27, 2004 [\[Appendix 1\]](#)

[\[Ice Allocation Policy - Financial Sustainability\]](#) March 2, 2004 -Ice Rink Fees and Charges

[\[Appendix A and B\]](#) -Ice Rental Schedule

[\[Ice Allocation Policy\]](#) July 11, 2003 - Ice Allocation Report

[\[Appendix A\]](#) - Rink Task Force 2003 Report; [\[Appendix B\]](#) - Proposed Ice Allocation Policy

[\[Appendices C & D\]](#) - Ice Rink Programming Policy (1989) and Ice Allocation

[\[Ice Rink Policy Review\]](#) February 6, 2001

[\[Ice Rink Subsidized Rates and Programming Policy\]](#) February 12, 1999

### **Swimming Pools**

There are eight public swimming pools in Vancouver. The Park Board aquatic facilities are guided by the Aquatic Services Reviews of Nov. 11, 2001, Feb. 25, 2002 and April 1, 2005. These reports outline the comprehensive strategy to reconfigure the City's aquatic services and facilities:

[\[Aquatic Services Renewal Plan Update\]](#). Oct 31, 2005

[\[Aquatics Program Study - Indoor Pools\]](#) April 1, 2005

[\[Aquatics Services Review\]](#) February 25, 2002 .

[\[Appendix A - Executive Summary\]](#) Appendix B [\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)

[\[Aquatic Review\]](#) November 11, 2001 [\[Appendix A\]](#)

## **City Greenways and Bikeways**

The City of Vancouver through the Engineering department has developed a comprehensive system of transportation corridors to facilitate movement throughout the municipality. The City's Bikeways and Greenways are well documented on the attached web sites. [\[Bikeways and Greenways\]](#) Popular Vancouver walking tours are also featured. [\[City Walks\]](#)

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### ***Future Infrastructure Projects Supporting Active Communities***

The Park Board is currently developing additional master plans to support residents and visitors in achieving and maintaining healthy lifestyles. Future plans include development of master plans for local neighbourhood parks and a comprehensive plan for the maintenance and development of the seawall walk around English Bay.

The neighbourhood park master plan will serve as a guiding policy when the Park Board engages local communities in the process of local park improvement. This report will establish and outline the key parameters and guidelines that should be considered when developing or redeveloping local park sites.

The Vancouver seawall walk is the single most popular recreation amenity in the city. The forthcoming master plan will review the history, maintenance and future development of this popular destination facility.

