



Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
 Regular Board Meeting

March 10, 2008
 Park Board Main Office, 2099 Beach Avenue

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Draft 2009 - 2011 Capital Plan

Recommendation

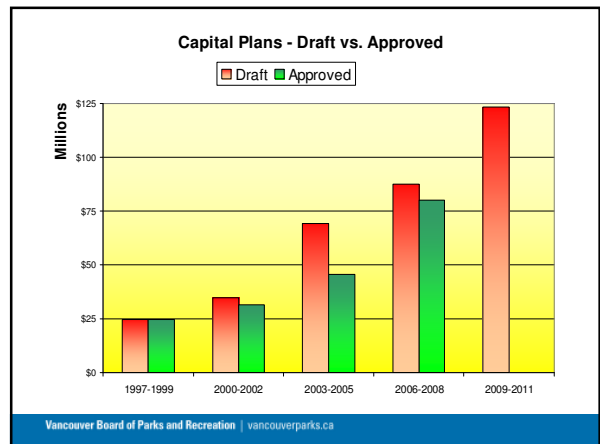
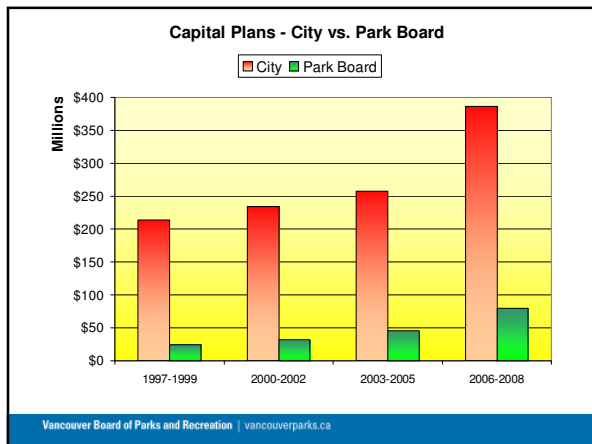
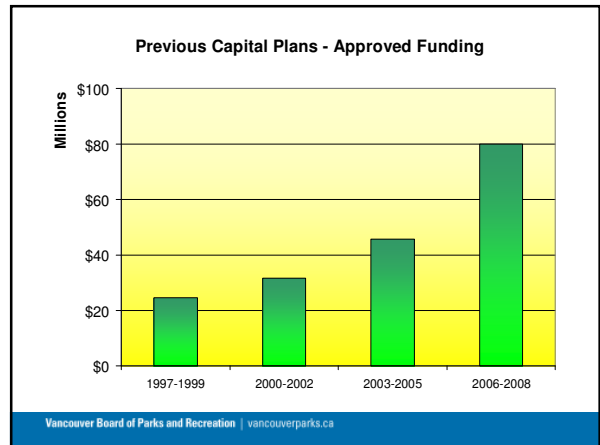
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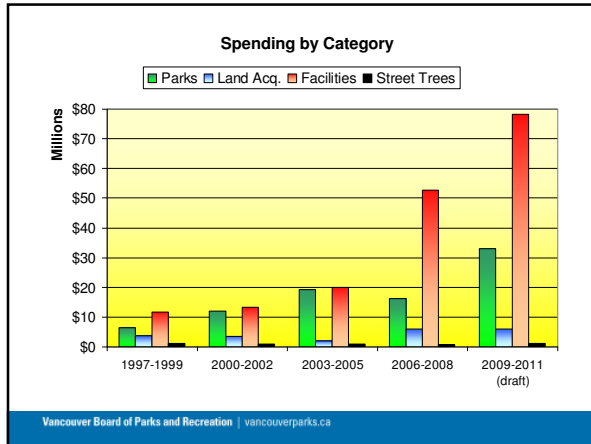
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Parks & Recreation Draft Capital Plan 2009 - 2011




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Priorities

- Olympic readiness and legacy conversion
- Environmental and fiscal sustainability
- Growth and density demands


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Categories

- Parks
- Land Acquisition
- Facilities
- Street Trees

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Parks


- Park Renewals
- Walking, Cycling and Universal Access
- Playgrounds
- Playfields
- Sport Courts / Active Uses
- Other Park Improvements / Upgrades
- Waterfront
- Environment/Conservation
- Park Infrastructure
- Planning and Public Involvement

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Park Renewals



Completion of Projects

- Hillcrest
- Mount Pleasant
- Oppenheimer



New Projects

- Grandview
- Fraserview
- Norquay
- Renfrew Community and Renfrew Ravine Parks
- Carleton

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Walking, Cycling and Universal Access

- Existing Pathways
- New Pathways
- Cycling
- Wayfinding & Barrier Removal






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Playgrounds



- Replacements
- Partial replacements
- New playgrounds




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Playfields

- Synthetic turf
- Grass fields

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Sport Courts / Active Uses






- Basketball
- Running Tracks
- Tennis
- Wading Pools and Sprayparks

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Park Improvements / Upgrades

Minor Upgrades & Unforeseen projects



Dog Off-leash Areas





Q.E. Park: Tree Management



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Waterfront

- Marinas
- Seawall

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Environment/Conservation

Stanley Park Forest Management



Stanley Park Rock scaling and Cliff Stabilization



Everett Crowley Park



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Park Infrastructure

- Golf Courses
- Roads and Parking Lots
- Small park structures
- Bridges
- Jericho Marginal Wharf
- Stanley Park: Brockton Point
- Electrical, sewer and water infrastructure



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Planning and Public Involvement

- Neighbourhood Matching Fund
- Community Consultation



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Parks Summary

	NET
Park Renewals	\$6,500,000
Walking, Cycling and Universal Access	\$1,635,000
Playgrounds	\$930,000
Playfields	\$7,250,000
Sport Courts/Active Uses	\$2,600,000
Other Park Improvements/Upgrades	\$1,100,000
Waterfront	\$3,750,000
Environment/Conservation	\$560,000
Park Infrastructure	\$8,300,000
Planning and Public Involvement	\$425,000
TOTAL	\$33,050,000

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Land Acquisition & Development

- Land in park deficient neighbourhoods
- Access to waterfront
- Land of unique merit (e.g. natural areas)



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Land Acquisition - Summary

	NET
Land Acquisition	\$5.0 M
New Park Development	\$1.0 M
TOTAL	\$6.0 M

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Facilities


- Major Renewal / Replacement
- Improvements / Renovations
- Building Infrastructure
- Conservation Initiatives
- Technical Upgrades

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Major Renewal / Replacement

Completion of Project

- Trout lake CC Renewal
- VanDusen Garden: Building Renewal
- Renfrew Pool change rooms
- Nat Bailey Stadium
- Cost escalations
- Improvements



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Improvements / Renovations

New Projects
Malkin Bowl improvements

Planning Studies



- Washrooms
- Concessions

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Building Infrastructure

- Community Centres
- Pools
- Rinks



- Other Facilities
- Roof Replacement
- Painting
- Floor Replacements
- Abatement




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Conservation Initiatives / Technical Upgrades

- DDC Upgrades
- Conservation Projects



- Updating drawing inventory



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Facilities - Summary

	NET
Major Renewals/Replacements*	54,720,000
Improvements/Renovations	\$1,450,000
Building Infrastructure	\$5,400,000
Conservation Initiatives	\$750,000
Technical Upgrades	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$62,420,000

* Possible Additional Non-City Funding = \$15,760,000

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Street Trees



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Street Trees And Overhead	
	NET
Total Street Trees	\$1,000,000
Total Overhead	\$5,000,000

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Summary Table	
	NET
PARKS	\$33,050,000
LAND ACQ.	\$6,000,000
FACILITIES	\$62,420,000
STREET TREES	\$1,000,000
OVERHEAD	\$5,000,000
TOTAL	\$107,470,000

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- ### Next Steps
- City staff review
 - Public process
 - Council envelope
 - Hard choices
 - Plebiscite in November
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Delegation

**Friends of Grandview Park
Presentation**

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“Friends of Grandview Park”

- Group of concerned homeowners living directly across from Grandview Park
- Formed to request the relocation of the “Tuesday night chili wagon,” but unsuccessful
- Long-time residents of the neighbourhood
- Distressed over the visible, rapid decline of Grandview Park

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Park Increasingly “Owned” by Drug Dealers

- The sheltered areas of Grandview Park make it a Mecca for drug dealers
- The open use and sale of drugs is an everyday occurrence
- Hard drugs are a growing problem




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Park Chronically Overrun by Illegal Inhabitants



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The Chosen Location of Illegal Protestors



- Park is plagued by unauthorized events and demonstrations
- Protests run after hours when bathroom facilities are closed
- Noise bylaws are violated without recourse
- No consultation regarding frequency, timing, and type of events

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Grandview Park Tennis Courts Appropriated by Bicycle Polo Group



- Tennis players driven out by unsanctioned use of tennis courts
- Tennis courts no longer available for parents to teach their kids how to ride bikes

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Overuse and poor drainage leads to persistently poor/unusable lawn:



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Playground Appearance & Safety

- Playground area is unfenced
- Children are unprotected from unleashed dogs
- Playground design promotes loitering by groups other than families



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Entire Park Suffers from ‘Broken Window Syndrome’: Graffiti, Garbage, Aging Facilities



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Grandview Park Needs Saving!

- Commercial Drive needs a park commensurate with its reputation as one of Canada’s best and ‘coolest’ neighbourhoods
- Potential jewel of Commercial Drive
- Safe, clean, and quiet
- A place that promotes community and physical health
- Attractive to neighbourhood residents, young families, all Vancouverites
- Destination for shoppers and tourists

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“Friends of Grandview Park”: What the Group *Wants* to Accomplish

- To bring order, safety, and new functionality to the park
- Secure \$\$\$ for needed improvements (capital plan allocation, fundraising)
- Act as link between neighbourhood residents and funding/planning agencies
- Generate support from other stakeholders
- Participate in and support park planning process
- Create a public space worthy of acclaim and notoriety

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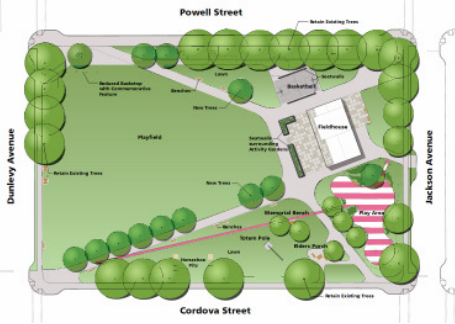
Oppenheimer Park and Field House Upgrade: Concept Plan Approval

Recommendation

THAT the Board approve the concept plan for the proposed upgrade of Oppenheimer Park and Field House as described in this report and illustrated in Appendix 1.

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**Oppenheimer Park and Field House Upgrade:
 Concept Plan Approval**



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MOTION

Motion

WHEREAS International Women's Day has been celebrated annually on March 8th since 1909 to recognize women as makers of history and is an occasion marked through celebrations in communities and countries throughout the world;

WHEREAS the United Nations designated 1975 as International Women's Year and governments began to recognize March 8th as the official date of celebration;

WHEREAS cities in Canada also recognize the important contributions of women to their communities and to their society as a whole by recognizing IWD;

WHEREAS the Vancouver Park Board has spearheaded many celebrations throughout the City to honour the diversity of its citizenry through arts and cultural and recreational activities; and

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Vancouver Park Board request staff to work with its community partners to recognize and celebrate International Women's Day city-wide in the year 2009.

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WHEREAS Commissioner Korina Houghton appeared before Council on February 26th to speak to issues related to EcoDensity in her capacity as Chair without consultation with the entire Board;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board support a motion of non-confidence in Commissioner Korina Houghton in her role as Chair of the Vancouver Park Board; and

THEREFORE be it further resolved that the Board respectfully request that Commissioner Houghton step down as chair of the Vancouver Park Board immediately.

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