



Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

Sport Field Amenity Improvements Project

June 9, 2014

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Recommendation

THAT the Board approve the allocation of \$3 million in capital funding to implement the priority sport field amenity improvement projects identified in this report.



Background

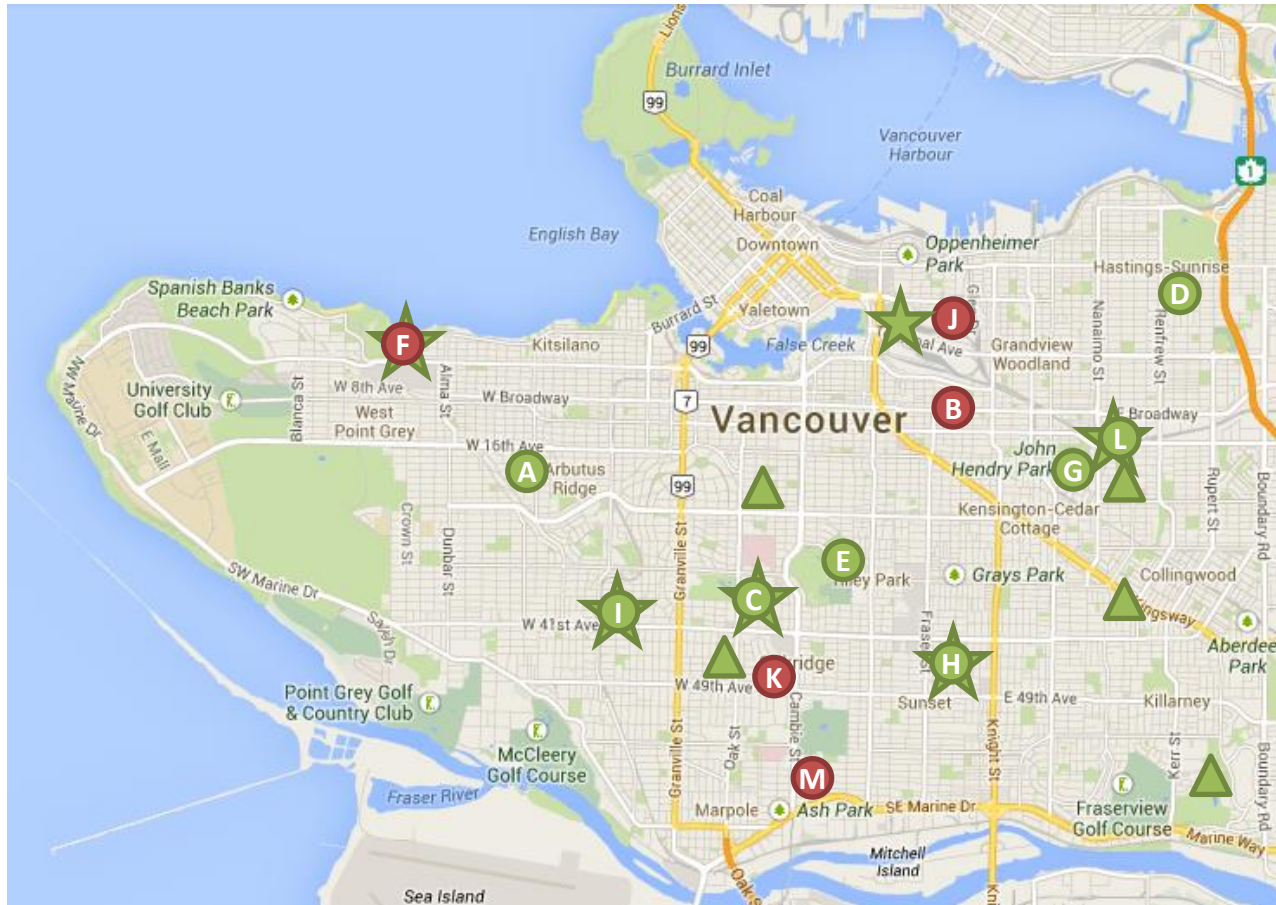
- Park Board operates and maintains over 150 sport fields
- Facilities/amenities at many locations do not adequately meet user needs or requirements
- In December 2012, as part of the 2013 Capital Budget Report, Council approved \$3 million in funding for sport field facility additions, improvements and upgrades
- Park Board tasked with identifying and evaluating improvement opportunities and making funding recommendations by June 2014



Project Identification & Evaluation

- Several key actions undertaken:
 - Conducted a RFEOI to enable community sport partners to present ideas and explain their ability to assist in funding
 - Completed internal analysis and research to identify deficiencies and recommend sport field amenity improvements/upgrades
 - Engaged in a comprehensive engagement process with community sport partners to obtain feedback/input and support for the proposed project recommendations
- 16 projects identified for funding consideration

Project Identification & Evaluation



Legend:

- A Carnarvon
- B China Creek
- C Eric Hamber/Oak Meadows
- D Hastings Community
- E Hillcrest
- F Jericho Beach
- G John Hendry
- H Memorial South
- I Point Grey/Kerrisdale
- J Strathcona
- K Tisdall
- L Vancouver Tech
- M Winona
- ★ Player shelters
- ▲ Benches at softball fields
- Backstops at non-softball fields

Projects in **green** to be implemented; **red** not funded



Recommended Projects & Funding Allocations

- 10 projects selected and recommended for implementation based on available City/Park Board and partner funding
- Recommended projects received strong endorsement from community sport partners and provide:
 - Strong alignment with Park Board priorities
 - Balanced distribution across sports and geography
 - Address service gaps in the City’s sport field network
 - Leverage available partner funding



Recommended Projects & Funding Allocations

Projects Recommended for Implementation	Estimated Funding Requirements		
	City/Park Board	Partner	Total
1) New build: Eric Hamber/Oak Meadows field house	\$642,000	\$70,000 (Vancouver Hawks)	\$712,000
2) New build: Van Tech washroom facilities	\$407,000		\$407,000
3) Refurbishment: Carnarvon field house	\$388,000	\$100,000 (Jericho/West Side)	\$488,000
4) Refurbishment: Memorial South field house	\$571,000		\$571,000
5) Refurbishment: Hastings Community field house (washrooms only)	\$240,000		\$240,000
6) Park development: Hillcrest Challenger baseball field	\$256,000	\$30,000 (Vancouver Canadians)	\$286,000
7) Park development: Point Grey/Kerrisdale rink access, lighting and way-finding signage improvement	\$35,000		\$35,000
8) Park development: John Hendry storage solution	\$10,000	\$5,000 (Scribes)	\$15,000
9) Park development: Benches at softball fields (Beaconsfield, Champlain Heights, Douglas, Montgomery, Norquay)	\$25,000		\$25,000
10) Park development: Player shelters at artificial turf fields (Hamber, Jericho, Memorial South, Point Grey, Trillium and Van Tech)	\$275,000		\$275,000
Total for 10 Projects	\$2,849,000	\$205,000	\$3,054,000

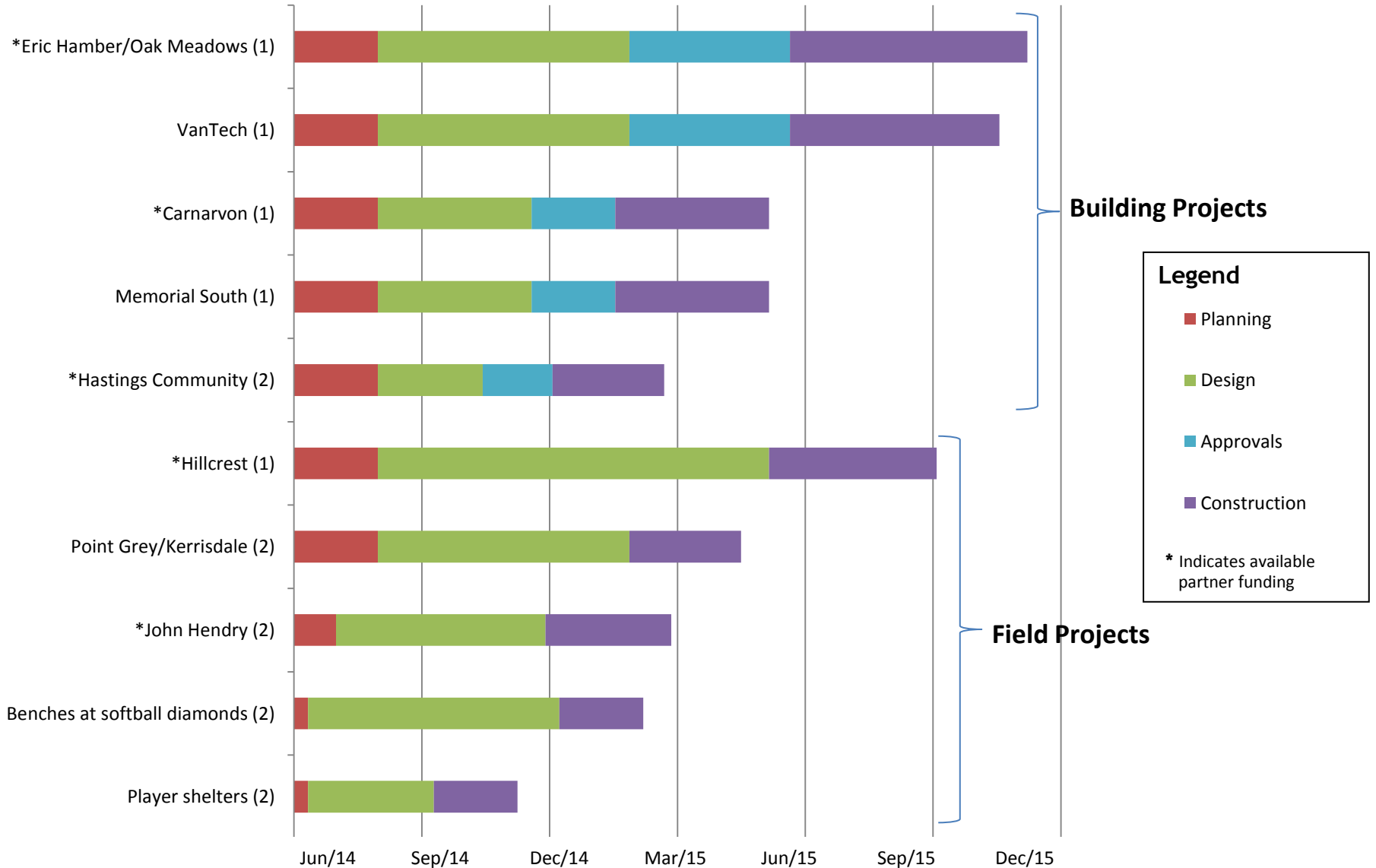


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- City/Park Board will contribute \$2.849 million in funding to support improvements/upgrades
- Community sport partners will provide \$205,000 to assist in funding four of the initiatives
- Remaining \$151,000 in available City/Park Board funding will be set aside as a contingency



Project Implementation Schedule





Other Considerations

- Some of the new facilities may cause nominal increases in facility maintenance and operating costs
- If realized, these additional expenses will be absorbed by existing Park Board operating budgets
- Six projects will not be implemented at this time due to budget constraints



Summary

- The recommended projects:
 - Meet the goals and objectives of the Sport Field Amenity Improvements Program
 - Directly address a number of key Park Board priority areas
 - Provide sport field user groups with some much needed amenity improvements at key sport field locations
 - Align strongly with City/Park Board strategic goals and directions



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