



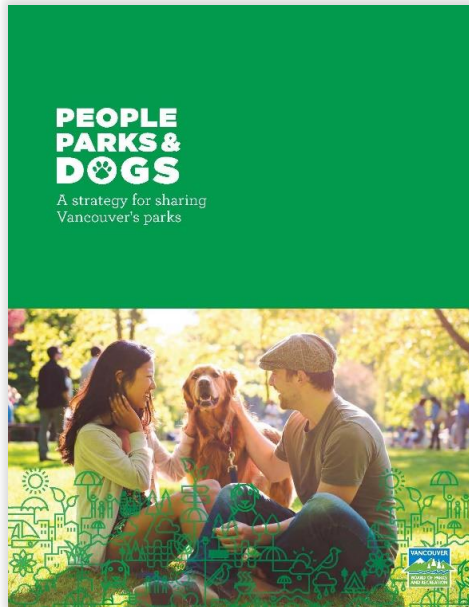
EMERY BARNES, HEATHER AND GRANVILLE PARKS DOG OFF-LEASH AREA Concept Plans

Park Board Committee Meeting
Monday June 26, 2023



- Share the findings of the public engagement processes
- Seek Board decision on the proposed concept plans for the renewal and expansion of the existing dog off-leash area at Emery Barnes Park and;
- Seek Board decision on the proposed ‘change-of-use’ concept plans for new dog off-leash areas at Granville & Heather Parks so that staff can proceed with detailed design

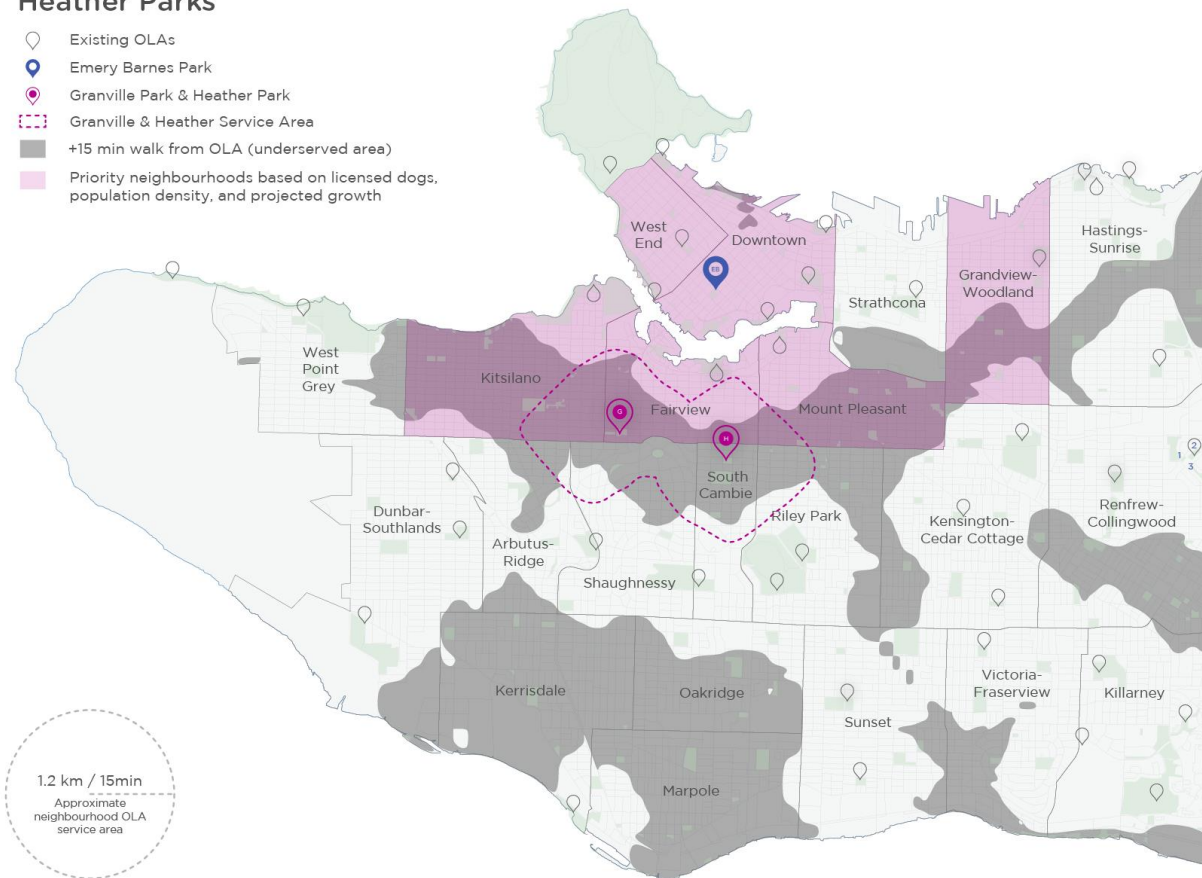
The proposed concept plans for these projects are supported by principles and policies outlined in the following plans and strategies:



People Parks and Dogs Strategy (2017)

Emery Barnes, Granville, & Heather Parks

- Existing OLAs
- Emery Barnes Park
- Granville Park & Heather Park
- Granville & Heather Service Area
- +15 min walk from OLA (underserved area)
- Priority neighbourhoods based on licensed dogs, population density, and projected growth



Emery Barnes Park

Dog Off-Leash Area
Renewal & Expansion



Emery Barnes Park OLA Renewal & Expansion

Background

- 0.9 ha park
- Second highest number of licensed dogs living within 1 km of an OLA
- Priority neighborhood
- Expansion could help with the growing number of dogs in this area



Emery Barnes Park OLA Renewal & Expansion

Background

- Renewal needed to address:
 - Surfacing issues
 - Odor
 - Accessibility
 - Noise
 - Wear and tear



Emery Barnes Park OLA Renewal & Expansion

Public Engagement

- *Round 1*
 - 395 survey respondents
 - 80% support expansion
 - 67% would value a separate space for small/shy dogs
- *Round 2*
 - 424 survey respondents
 - 79% support design concept
 - 78% support balance of spaces



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| 1 Double-gated accessible entry | 3 Secure fencing | 5 Drinking Fountain | 7 Seat wall | 9 Shade structure |
| 2 Accessible walking path | 4 Waste bins | 6 Seating decks | 8 Enhanced planting | 10 Synthetic turf mounds |

Draft Concept Plan

Emery Barnes Park OLA Renewal & Expansion

Final Concept

- More useable open space
- Agility features
- Durable materials
- Diverse seating opportunities
- New plantings
- Accessible pathway
- Signage



Final Concept Plan

Emery Barnes Park OLA Renewal & Expansion

Synthetic Turf

- Piloting pet specific synthetic turf at Emery Barnes OLA and Coopers' OLA
- Durable for high-use setting
- Will help to address maintenance concerns
 - Pea-gravel migration
 - Odor



Heather & Granville Parks

Proposed New
Dog Off-Leash Areas



Heather & Granville Parks - Proposed New OLAs

Heather Park

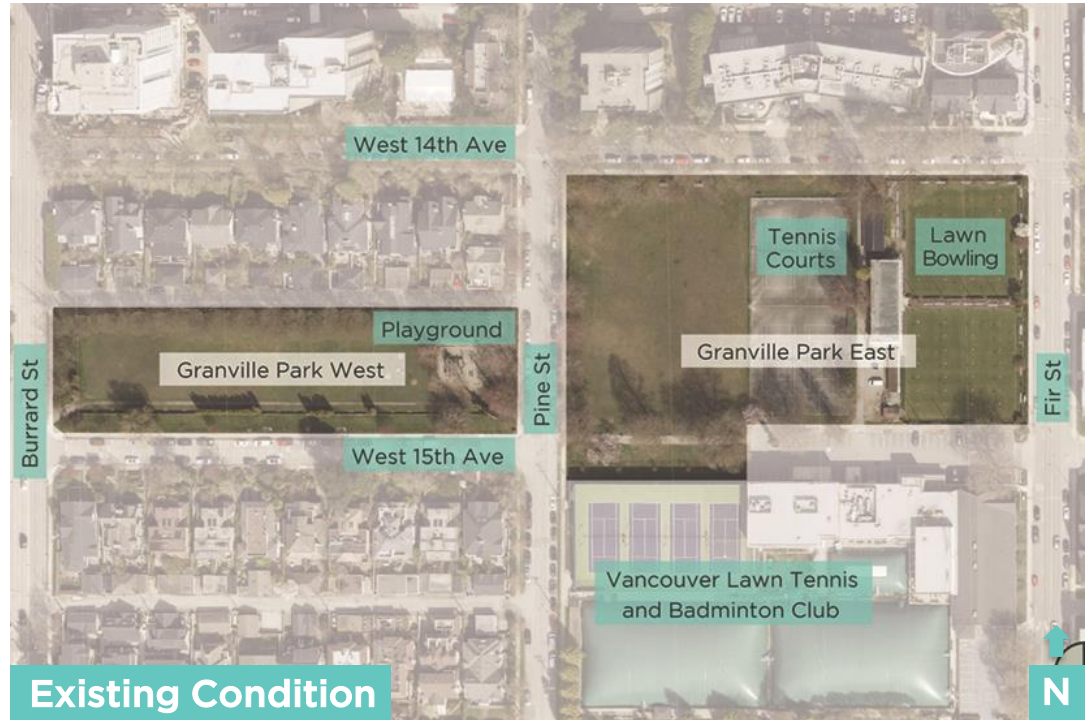
- 0.97 ha park
- Lawn, playground, tennis courts
- Underserved area, would serve 2 priority neighbourhoods
 - Fairview
 - Mount Pleasant



Heather & Granville Parks - Proposed New OLAs

Granville Park

- 1.9 ha park
- Playground (west), lawn, tennis courts, bowling greens, washrooms
- Underserved area, would serve 2 priority neighbourhoods
 - Fairview
 - Kitsilano



Heather & Granville Parks - Proposed New OLAs

Engagement Round 1

- Heather Park 833 respondents
- Granville Park 660 respondents

Engagement Round 2

- Heather Park 537 respondents
- 83% supportive of overall concept
- Granville Park 464 respondents
- 85% supportive of overall concept



Agility Features



Seating



Drinking Fountain



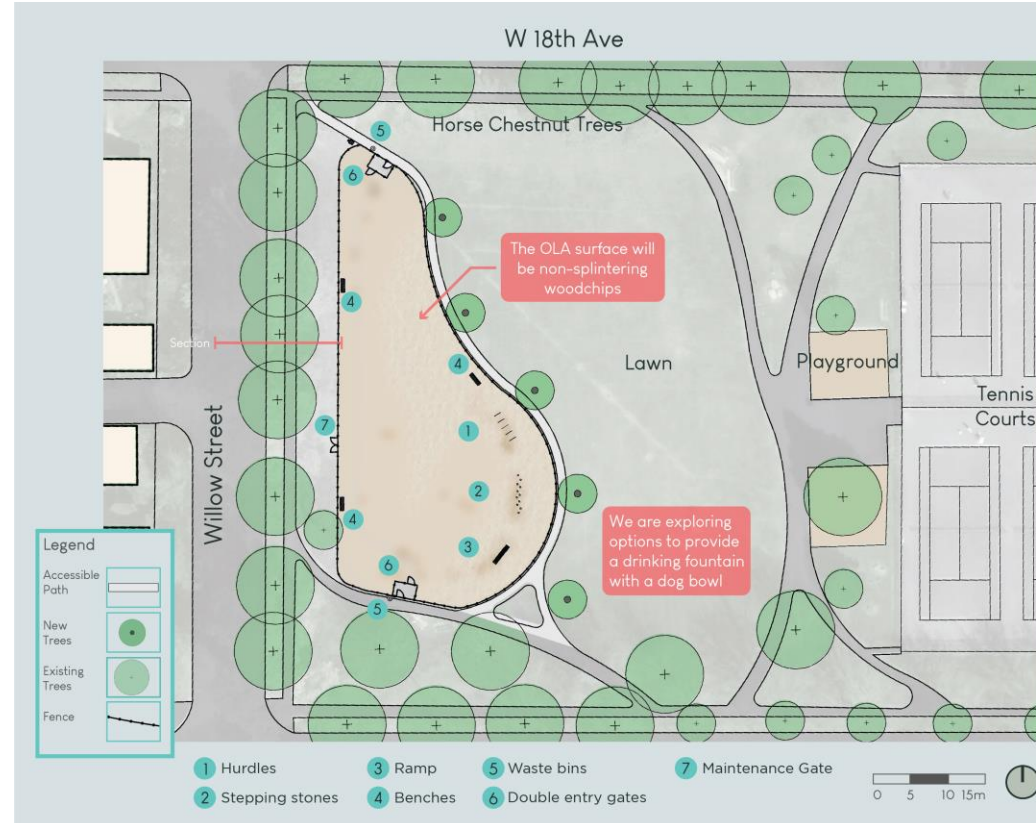
Shade

Requested amenities

Heather & Granville Parks - Proposed New OLAs

Heather - Final Concept

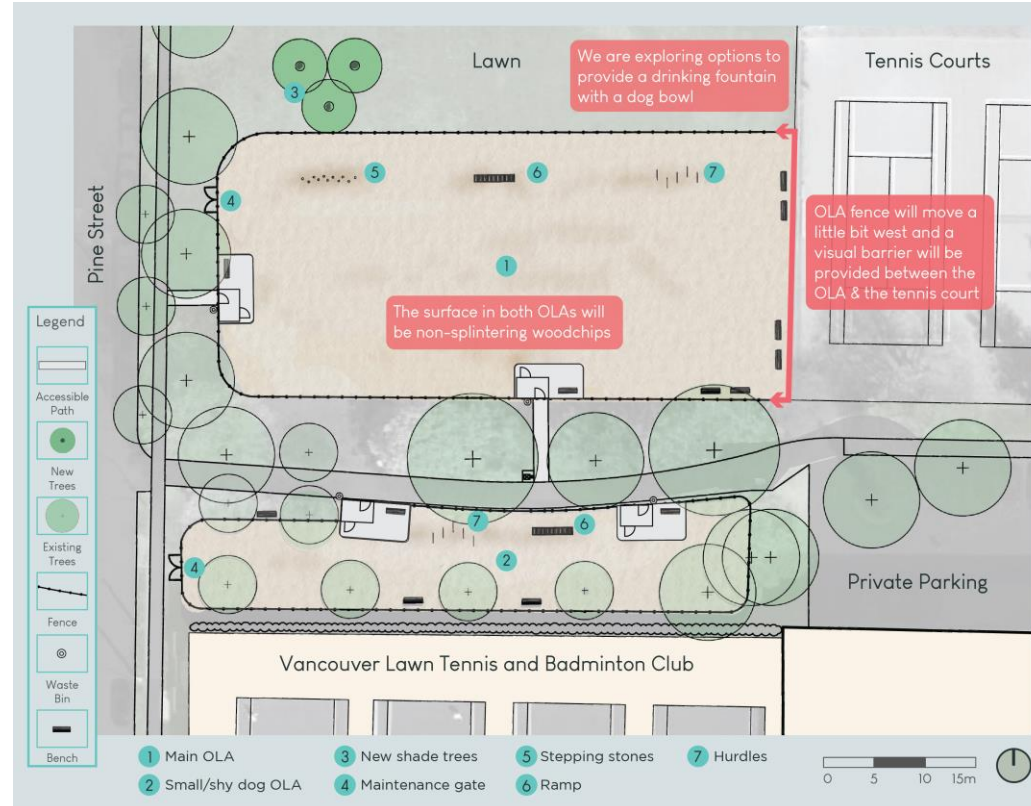
- Neighbourhood Dog Run size
 - 0.12ha
- Amenities include:
 - Open space for running
 - Agility features
 - Seating opportunities
 - Woodchip surface
 - Water access
 - Improved drainage



Heather & Granville Parks - Proposed New OLAs

Granville - Final Concept

- Neighborhood Dog Run size
 - Primary OLA 0.16ha
 - Small/shy OLA 0.06ha
- Amenities include:
 - Open space for running
 - Agility features
 - Seating opportunities
 - Woodchip surface
 - Water access
 - Improved drainage



Final Concept

Funding Summary

Project	Capital Cost Estimate	Operating Budget Estimate
Emery Barnes Park Renewal and Expansion	\$1.13M	\$42,000
Heather Park Proposed New Off-Leash Area	\$560,000	\$23,000
Granville Park Proposed New Off-Leash Area	\$720,000	\$31,000

**Operating budget estimates based on 5% of estimated construction costs*



Subject to the Board's decision on the recommendations outlined in this report, next steps include:

- Prepare detailed design and construction tender packages
- Inform Board of contract awards in Q1 – 2024
- Inform community of construction timelines
- Emery Barnes OLA targeted construction timeline
 - Q2 2024 – Q1 2025
- Heather and Granville OLAs targeted construction timeline
 - Q2 2024 – Q4 2024



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- D. FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to report back on the pros and cons of time-of-use restrictions to increase availability of authorized off-leash areas in selected parks.

