



WASHROOMS AND FIELDHOUSE

Update

Regular Park Board Meeting
Monday, July 10, 2023



PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION



- Provide an update on the Parks Washroom Strategy implementation
- Introduce and seek feedback on the draft Fieldhouse Strategy & Management Plan



RECONCILIATION MISSION, VISION & VALUES

MISSION

Decolonize the Vancouver Park Board

The Park Board recognizes the institution's colonial history and upholds the Board's commitment to the 11 Reconciliation Strategies.

VISION

An evolvable organization in which every employee and Commissioner recognizes the humanity in themselves by recognizing and respecting the humanity of First Peoples; and an organization that sets a worldwide example in treating Reconciliation as a decolonization process.

VALUES

These values are your compass to help guide the way you work, interact with colleagues, external partners and the public.



PATIENCE

Colonialism didn't happen overnight. Untangling it takes time. We will pace ourselves for the marathon, not the sprint. We will adjust deadlines to ensure things are done well and respectfully.



CLARITY

We will focus on how colonialism functions to exclude, not on how to include.



PRAGMATISM

All staff are inheriting a system not of our making. The Park Board Reconciliation Team (PBRT) is here to assist colleagues with examining the ways colonialism continues to damage others. Blame is unproductive.



LEADERSHIP

We will nurture and sustain each other, demonstrating Indigenous principles in the way we function as a team.



LEARNING

We consent to learn in public. We will make mistakes. We will sit with those mistakes, be transparent about them, and use them both to learn and to teach. Our mistakes will be diagnostic tools.



Background

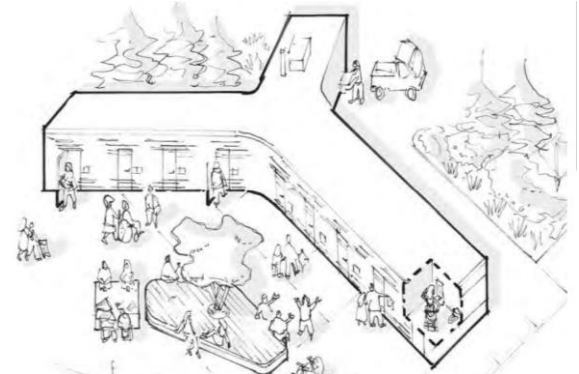
Washroom Strategy (2020) Implementation Update

- Capital improvements
- Operational improvements

Fieldhouse Strategy & Management Plan (underway)

- Project drivers & outcomes
- Plan components
- Summary of engagement
- Proposed fieldhouse uses

- Approximately 240 buildings are under Park Board jurisdiction 40% are washrooms & fieldhouses
- VanPlay includes Asset Target for washrooms and an Initiative for fieldhouses
- Washroom Strategy (2020) purpose: to provide safe, clean, and accessible washroom facilities to enhance the park experience for all
- Fieldhouse Strategy & Management Plan (*underway*) purpose: to develop an overarching strategy for the use, renewal, maintenance and operations of fieldhouses



Example design (Washroom Strategy)



Trillium Park

Washroom Strategy Implementation Update



Grandview Park

- To enable **safe, clean, and accessible** washroom facilities to enhance the park experience for all
- Driven by need to align renewals, growth, changing needs, and VanPlay targets
- Strategy contains:
 - 16 Short Term Recommendations
 - 16 Long Term Recommendations



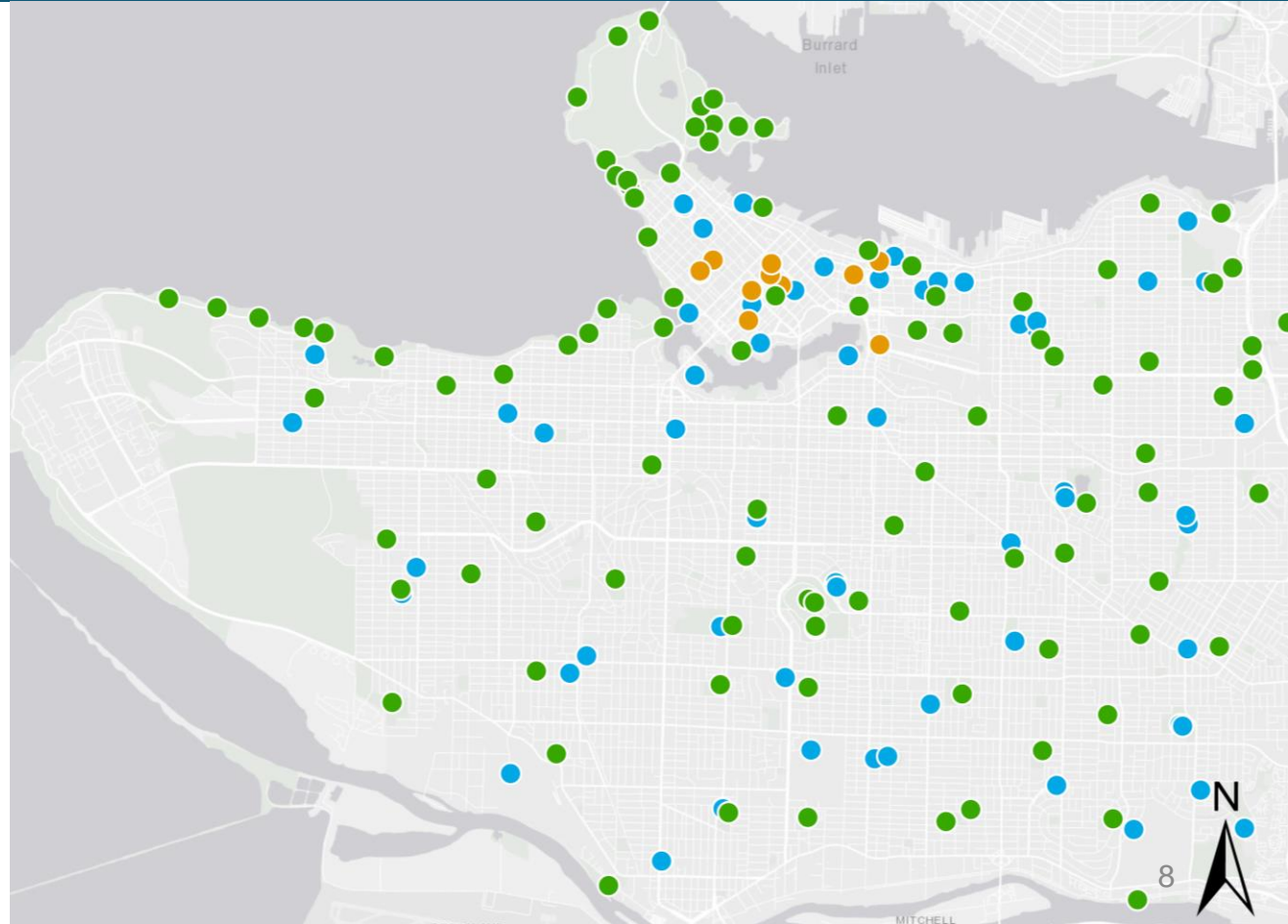
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PARKS WASHROOM STRATEGY

WASHROOMS IN VANCOUVER

Existing Public Washrooms in the City of Vancouver

- 96 ● Washrooms in Parks
- 66 ● Washrooms in Public Facilities
- 11 ● Automated Public Toilets



Capital Improvements

- Building renovations & new construction
- 4 new Portland Loos
- Accessibility Upgrades
- Fieldhouse Roof Replacements

Operational Improvements

- Expanding building worker staff team
- Providing seasonal portable toilets
- Supplying free menstrual products

Capital Improvements



WASHROOM RENOVATIONS & NEW CONSTRUCTION – PLANNED PROJECTS

5 Washroom Renovations

- Winona Park (\$1.5M)
- Granville Park (\$1M)
- Collingwood Park
- Second Beach
- Kerrisdale Arena

1 New Washroom

- Tisdall Park

2019-2022 Capital Plan

- \$8.7M New washrooms & fieldhouses
- \$8.3M Renewals of washrooms & fieldhouses

2023-2026 Capital Plan

- \$3.3M New washrooms & fieldhouses
- \$5.0M Renewals of washrooms & fieldhouses



Second Beach

PORTLAND LOOS

- Located at three sites:
 - CRAB Park, Coopers Park, and Columbia Park
- Piloting feasibility of stand-alone washrooms
- Complex location challenges, Loos holding up well
- Public engagement on use and impact to come



Columbia Park Portland Loo

ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES

Select **minor accessibility upgrades** completed at 10 destination and community parks:

Jericho Beach	Stanley Park (5)
Kitsilano Beach	Vanier Park (Marina)
QE Pitch and Putt	John Hendry Park
QE Lookout	Strathcona Park
Spanish Banks East Park	Hadden Park

Upgrades include grab bars, toilet backrests, hooks, dispensers and lighting



Stanley Park Information Booth

ROOF UPGRADES

- 2023 – 2026 Capital Plan scheduled to deliver approximately 14 fieldhouses roof replacements.
- \$810,000 allocated from capital maintenance



Nanaimo Park

Operational Improvements



INCREASE BUILDING WORKER STAFF

- 40% increase in staff cleaning washrooms since 2019
- 2023 budget request approved to maintain enhanced cleaning levels



Hastings Park

SEASONAL PORTABLE TOILETS

- High demand for washrooms in the busy season, from May long weekend to mid-September
- Approximately 30 temporary portable toilets are currently deployed
- Sites determined primarily through Washroom Strategy prioritization



Spanish Banks

FREE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS

- 3-month pilot in 11 women's and universal washrooms
- Products are fully utilized
- Next step to install ~ 260 units estimated completion Q1 2024
- Operating funds pending approval for future years



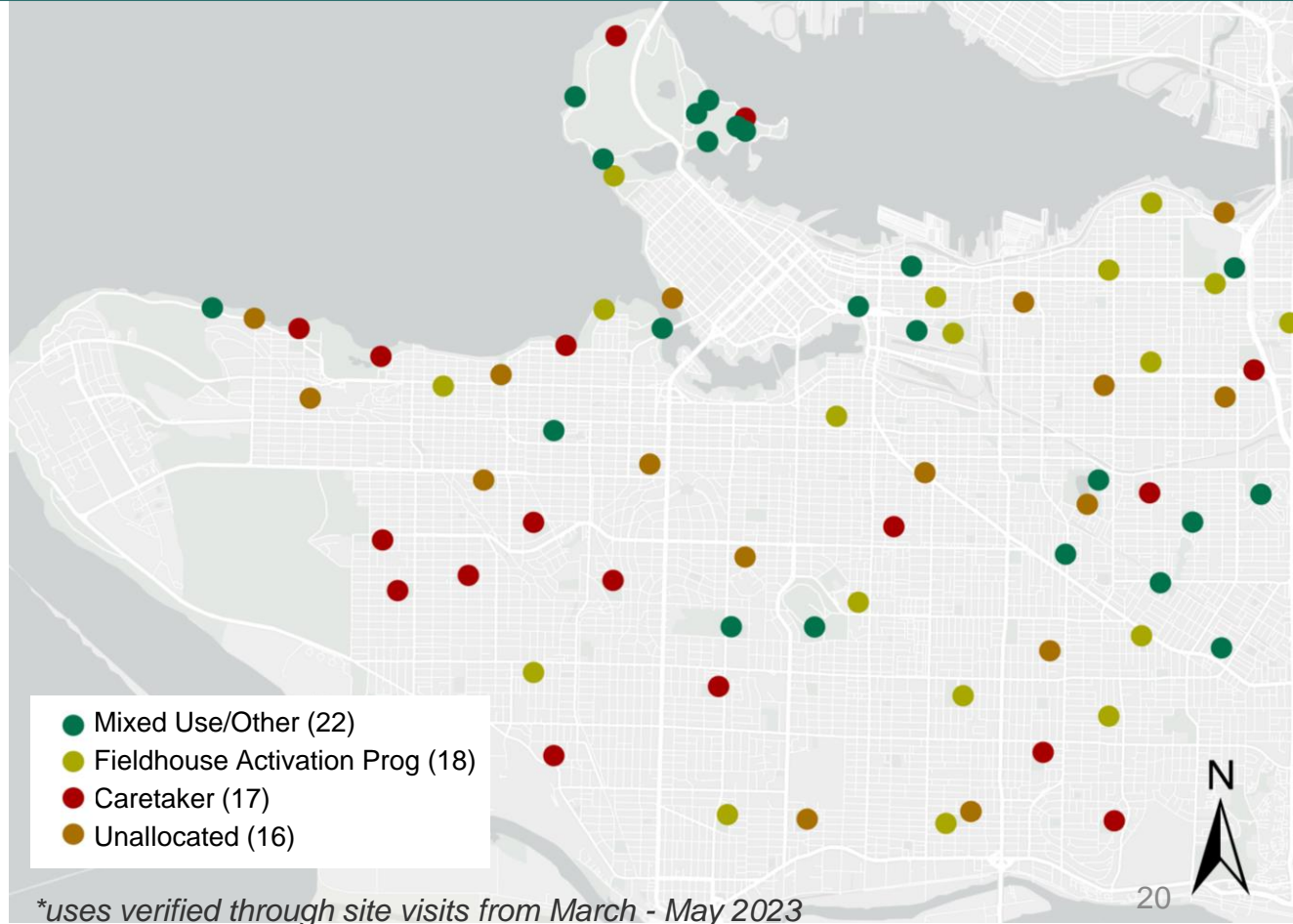
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**Fieldhouse
Strategy &
Management
Plan**



Brewers Park

WHAT ARE FIELDHOUSES & HOW ARE THEY USED

Fieldhouses are buildings of various sizes located in parks that include **public washrooms**, and any combination of **change rooms, concessions, staff support space, programmable space, and/or a caretaker suite.**



**uses verified through site visits from March - May 2023*

Strategic direction to guide:

- Renewing aging facilities
- Using underutilized caretaker suites
- Allocating interior spaces
- Expanding Fieldhouse Activation Program
- Prioritizing approved capital funds:
 - \$5M for renovations
 - \$3M for new buildings



Jonathan Rogers Park

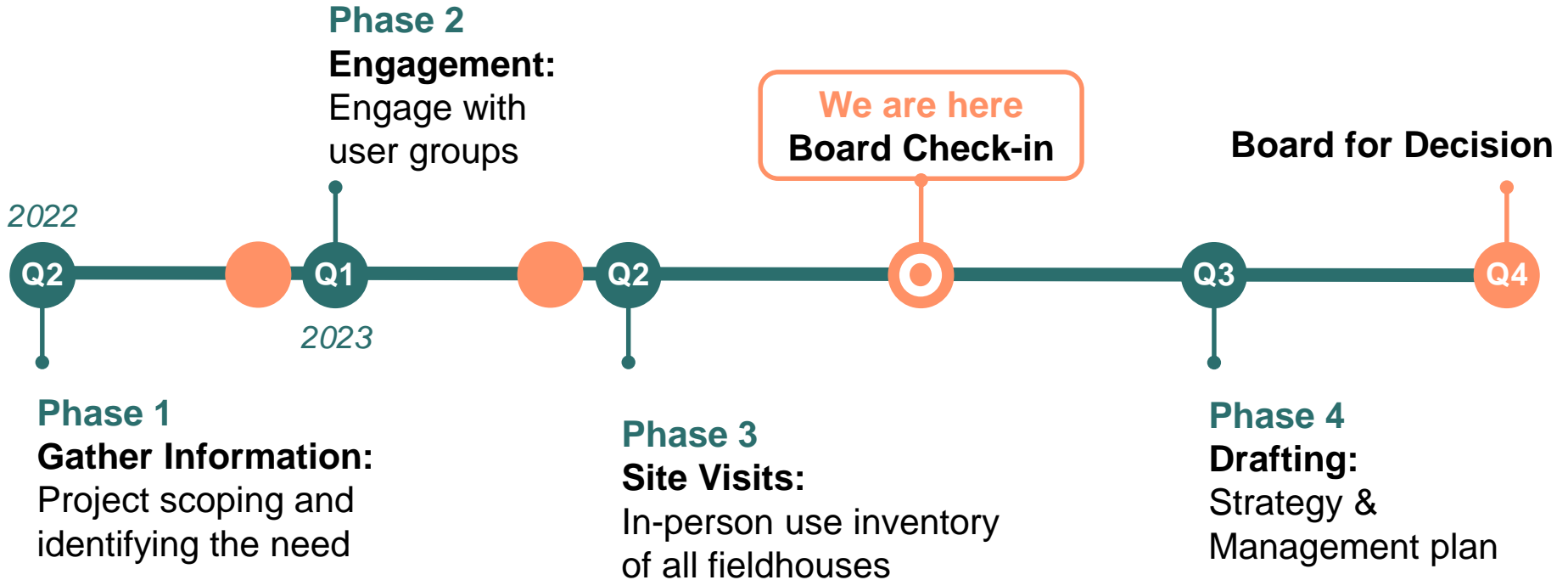


Robson Park

Implementation to deliver:

- 3-4 fieldhouse renovations or renewals
- Improved operational efficiency and service levels
- Expanded use of assets
- Increased revenues from enhanced Park Board concessions & new revenue-generating activities

PROJECT TIMELINE



● *Board Communication*



VanPlay Direction

F.2.9 Activate and diversify use of fieldhouses

Vision

The network of fieldhouses provides the maximum benefit to the greatest number of Vancouver residents.

Objectives

Strategy

- Recommendations to achieve Strategy objectives
- Standardized Programming Framework

Management Plan

- Service Delivery Plan
- Staffing Plan
- Asset Management Plan
- Financial Plan
- Implementation Plan

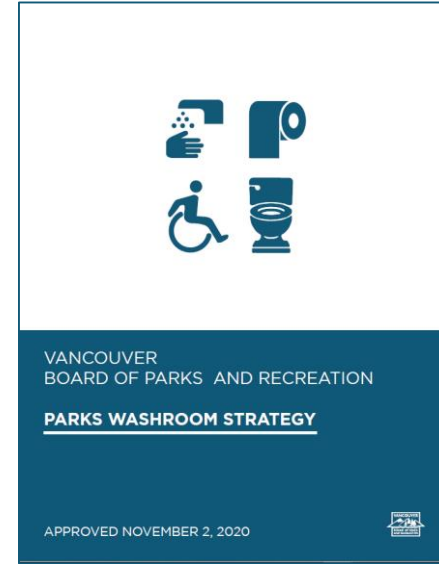
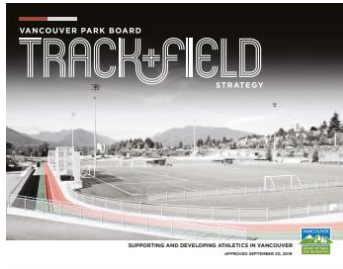
OBJECTIVES

1. **Design** - confirm fieldhouse needs and streamline renewal and new construction of fieldhouses.
2. **Management** - improve the management and user group coordination of fieldhouse spaces.
3. **Equity & Allocation** - maximize use of spaces for all and consider equity when allocating space and planning for facility upgrades.
4. **Resources** - seek adequate capital and operating funding to meet needs.

Meet the goals and recommendations of:



Sport Field Strategy



VANPLAY FEEDBACK

- Increase the capacity of existing facilities through the use of underutilized community spaces
- Improve or add amenities to parks and community spaces
- Plan and design facilities with flexibility of use



PROJECT SPECIFIC ENGAGEMENT

- Goal: Inform the Standardized Design Framework
- Targeted input from: **Fieldhouse Activation Program groups & Sport User Groups**

PARTICIPATION

- **18** Fieldhouse Activation Program user groups
- **37** Field Sport Groups



TOP THEMES

- Community Programming Needs
- Accessibility Improvements
- Storage Requirements
- Changeroom Use



- **Revenue-Generators** – *to support reinvestment into Park Board facilities and infrastructure*
- **Field Sports & Athletics (OSF)** – *for permitted use by field sport groups*
- **MST Co-Managed** – *for discussion with Host Nations, intended to complement co-management of parks*
- **Community Space** – *bookable space for Park Board programming, partners, and community users*
- **Park Operations** – *mobile office space and storage for Park Ops staff*

- Continue drafting and revising the Fieldhouse Strategy & Management plan based on the input received.
- Update Board on the capital and operational funding need to implement plan and manage assets.
- Develop a public and user groups communication strategy and set the parameters for site-specific fieldhouse engagement.
- Report back in late 2023 with a draft Fieldhouse Strategy & Management Plan for Board decision.



QUESTIONS

