

Chronology of Trillium Park Site and Synthetic Turf Milestones

Date	Action	Notes
March 1993	<p>Council [In Camera] approves negotiations for purchase of 17 acres of the Trillium/BNR property for city uses, and approves purchase of up to 4 acres to supplement a park dedication of 3.57 acres which is a condition by the subdivision by-law.</p> <p>Council directs staff to enter into discussions with the Strathcona community to discuss options and report back.</p>	<p>[from Council report] "A strategic park purchase now will serve a number of short-term or long-term purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) serves to address the playing field deficit arising out of the densification of the downtown peninsula; b) capitalizes on a unique opportunity to supplement a substantial dedication (3.57 acres) with a purchase (4.0 acres)...; c) provides land for part of a linear connection between Strathcona and False Creek"
Sept 1993	<p>Park Board (In Camera) approves purchase of up to 4 acres of the Trillium/BNR property, to supplement the park dedication resulting from site subdivision, creating a 7.5 acre park site.</p>	<p>[from Board report] "The parcel is of a size and configuration large enough to accommodate two regulation playing fields plus two baseball diamonds. The playing field use is considered to be especially important in light of the population increases in the downtown. The final use and design of the park is subject to further work and community involvement."</p>
April 1994	<p>Staff meet with area residents to discuss potential park development at Trillium</p>	<p>A request made for a study of area parks to see what residents desire for Trillium, Strathcona, Maclean and Maclean Linear Parks.</p>
July 1994	<p>Park Board resolves to undertake a community-based programming study for Strathcona, Maclean and Trillium Parks.</p>	
August 1995	<p>APRA Group engaged to conduct the park study</p>	<p>Study terms of reference are to consider the park needs of Strathcona, as well as stakeholders who do or could use facilities in any of the parks under review.</p>
Feb 1996	<p>APRA Report released, but not voted on by Park Board</p>	<p>Key recommendations of APRA study: Retain existing sport fields on east and west edges of Strathcona Park. Take out 2 fields in the centre of Strathcona to enable the park re-design. Build 2 new soccer fields on the new park. Place sport fields on southern part of Trillium and a multi-purpose playground on the north. Develop a perimeter pathway system for Trillium.</p>
April 2001	<p>Board approves design consultancy for Strathcona Park</p>	
2002	<p>Board approves concept design and construction tender for Strathcona park based on APRA plan principles, including the temporary loss of two fields from the overall field inventory.</p>	

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July 2002	Park Board and School Board approve 'Playing Field Renewal Strategy' including recommendation that joint inventory of playing fields be increased through the development of 6 lit synthetic turf playing fields over the coming decade.	2003-2005 Capital Plan includes funding for first 2 fields. 2006- 2008 Capital Plan has funding for one additional field.
Nov 2002	Parks 2003 - 2005 Capital Plan approved, including provision for 2 synthetic turf fields proposed for installation at the Trillium park site.	
Sept 2003	Park Board approves city-wide planning process to evaluate alternate sites for the synthetic turf fields.	
Nov 2003	City-wide public workshop in the Fall of 2003 develops (1) 'must-have' criteria for choosing viable sites for synthetic turf, and (2) 'evaluation' criteria for making comparisons and establishing preferences amongst sites.	
April 2004	Park Board approves a shortlist of five candidate sites for synthetic turf installation, after an extensive joint Park Board/School Board consultation process, and technical review of 58 potential sites across the city. Trillium not shortlisted, but is listed in the report as one of 20 sites meeting the criteria for synthetic turf development.	2 of the shortlisted sites subsequently determined to be not feasible. 2 are complete/in process. One remains a viable site. The 20 sites identified as meeting the criteria are: Adanac Park, New Brighton Park, Beaconsfield Park, Oak Park, Churchill Secondary School, Point Grey Secondary School/ Kerrisdale Park Oval, Clinton Park, Prince of Wales Park, Eric Hamber Secondary School Oval, Prince of Wales Secondary School, Gladstone Secondary School Quilchena Park, Hastings Park, Sexsmith Elementary School, Hillcrest Park, Trillium Park site, Jericho Beach Park, Vancouver Technical Secondary School, Killarney Park & Secondary School, Windermere Secondary School
Nov 2004	Park and School Board approve the selection of Kerrisdale Park/Point Grey School as site of first synthetic turf field.	
June 2006	Kerrisdale/Point Grey field officially opens.	
Sept 2006	Van Tech field approved for 2 nd synthetic turf development.	