



# Inventory & Analysis 10 Goals to Shape the Next 25 years

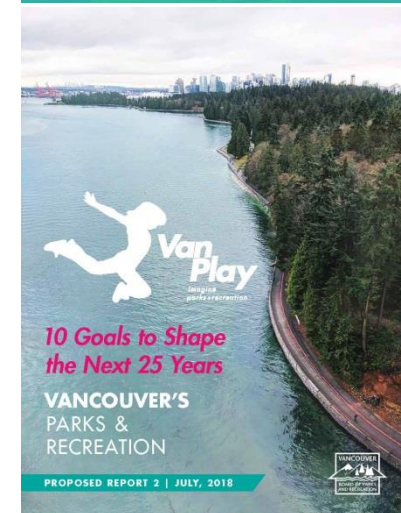
Park Board Committee Meeting  
Monday, July 23, 2018



# Purpose of Presentation



- For the Board to approve the first two deliverables of the VanPlay – Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan project;
  1. Vancouver's Parks and Recreation: Inventory & Analysis (Appendix A) and,
  2. Vancouver's Parks and Recreation: 10 Goals to Shape the next 25 Years (Appendix B).





# Agenda

## **Background**


- Introduction to VanPlay and master planning
- Timeline and deliverables

## **Discussion**

1. Vancouver's Parks and Recreation – Inventory and Analysis (Appendix A)
2. Vancouver's Parks and Recreation – 10 goals to shape the next 25 years (Appendix B)

## **Conclusion and Recommendations**



A person is suspended in the air, hanging from a rope. They are wearing a dark, long-sleeved tunic with yellow tassels and a large, ornate headdress with a green and blue face. The background is a dense forest with green foliage.

**Vancouver is within the  
unceded traditional  
territory of the  
Musqueam, Squamish  
and Tsleil-Waututh  
First Nations, who still  
live here today.**



- **Population 630,000**
- **115km<sup>2</sup>**
- **4% of Metro land area**
- **24% of the regional population**



# Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation



**Est. 1888**

**Elected**

**238 parks**

**1,452 ha**

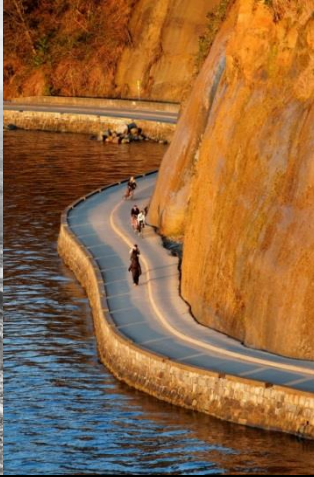
**12% of city**



## Vancouver Parks Strategic Vision:

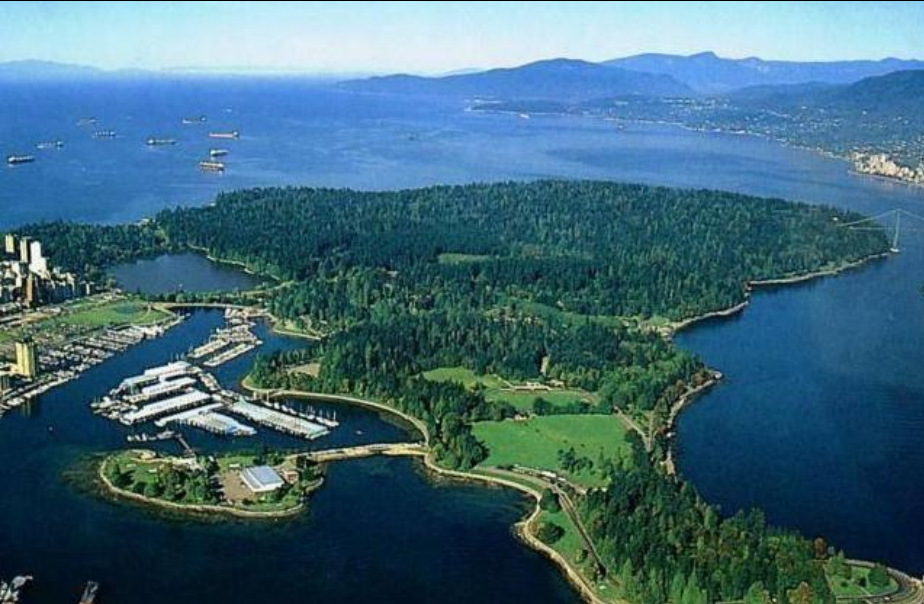
To be the leader in parks and recreation by connecting people to greenspace, active living and community





**Stanley Park** 405 hectares  
Dedicated in 1886

**22km of Seawall** Work  
commenced in 1917. Thanks  
to Park Board superintendent,  
W. S. Rawlings's vision  
(1918) and master  
stonemason James  
Cunningham.





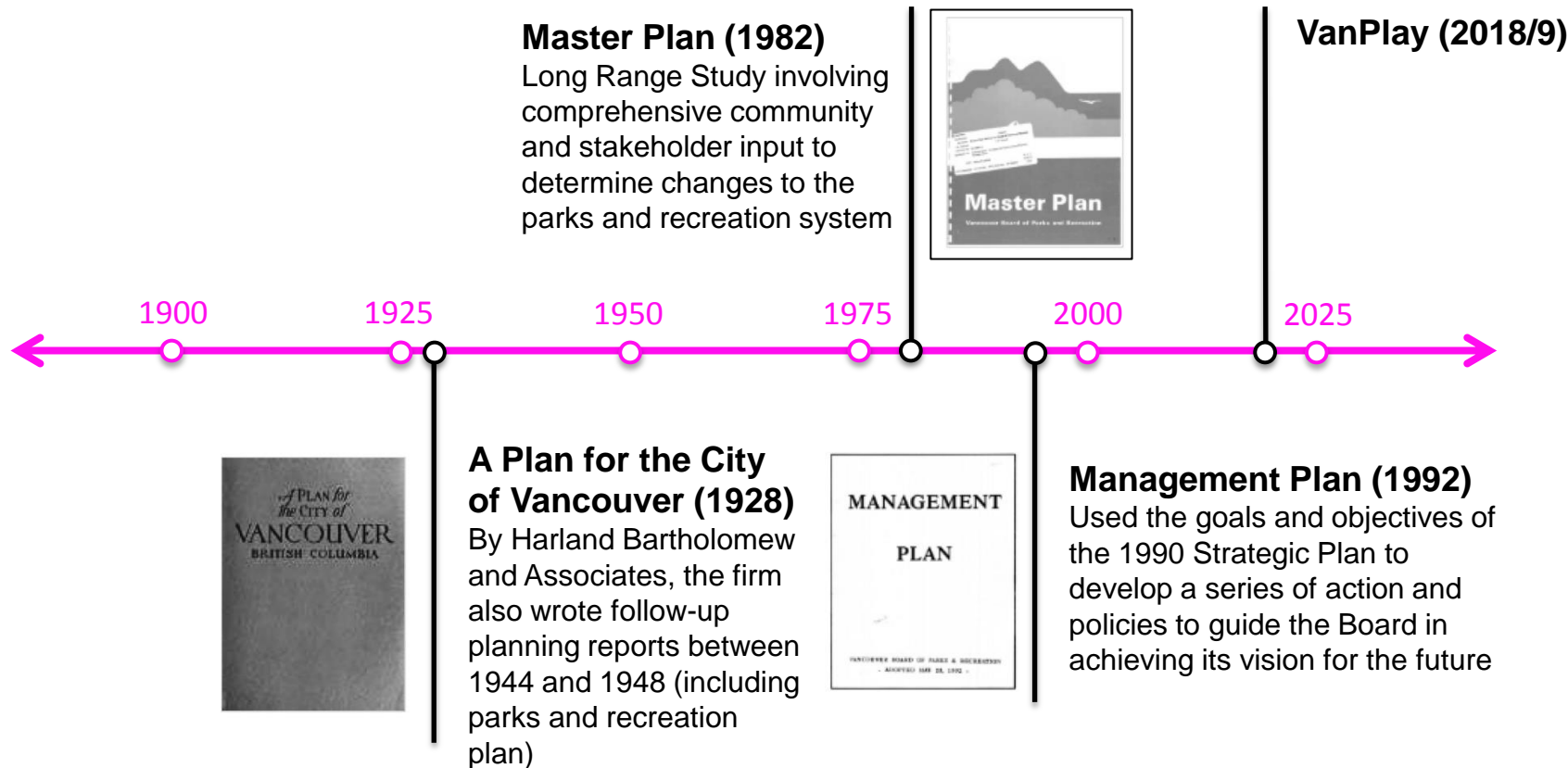
## A Plan for the City of Vancouver (1928)

By Harland Bartholomew and Associates, set up a big idea for **one park for every Vancouver neighborhood** - every square mile

The 1982 'Park Land acquisition Priorities' report set the metric of **2.75 acres (1.1ha)/1000 residents**, with further guidance for its delivery provided 10 years later in 'Parks Management Plan (1992)

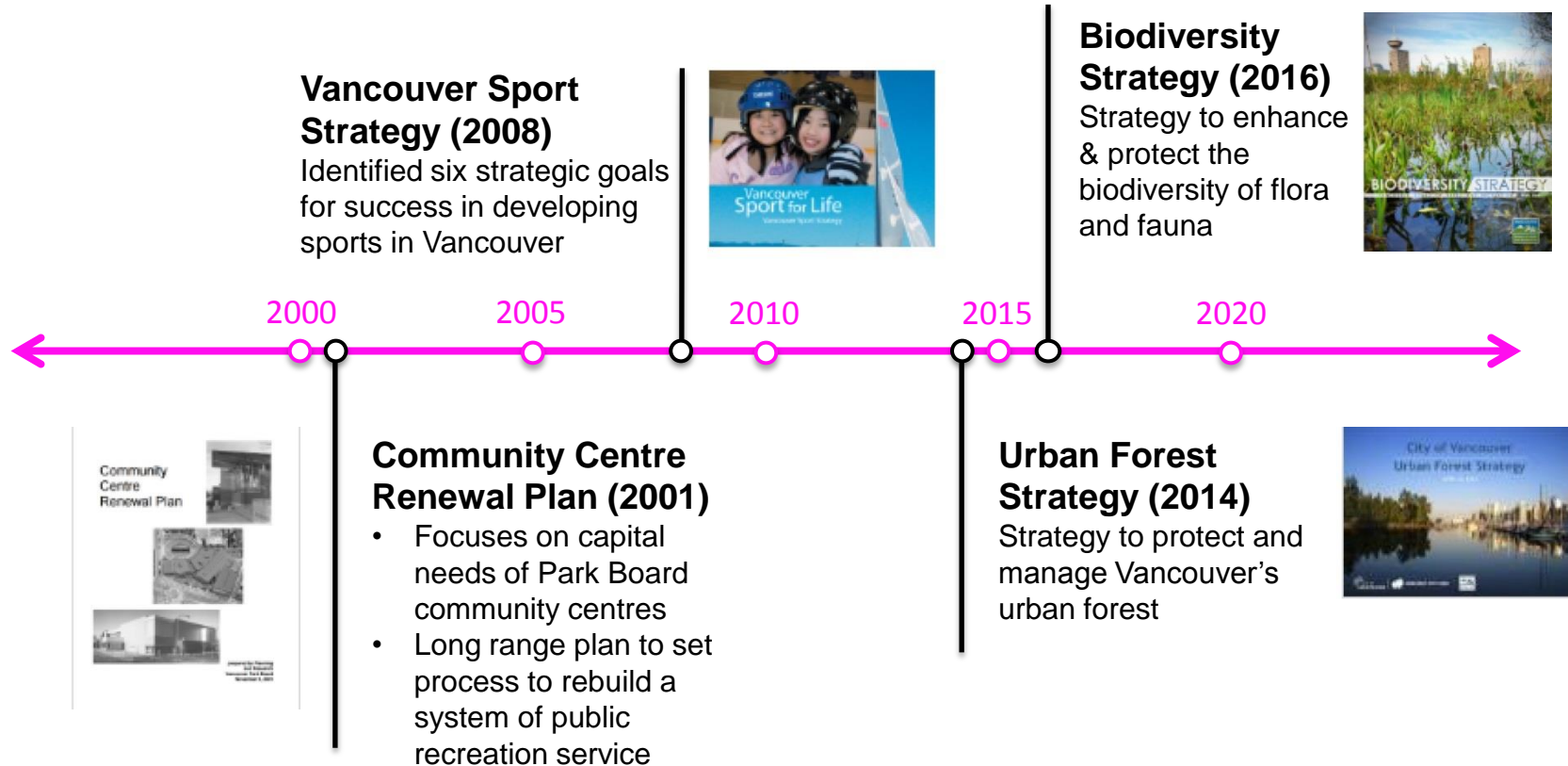


# Previous Park Board Master Plans





# Park Board Planning Initiatives



# VANPLAY

## imagine parks + recreation

Vancouver's stunning, world-class parks are the culmination of more than a century of committed effort by the Vancouver Park Board. From our world-renowned seawalls to our lush destination gardens to our network of vibrant neighbourhood parks, it's a legacy we're proud of.

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*What's next for parks and recreation in Vancouver? How do we respond to the challenges we are currently facing and thrive into the future?*

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# Project Vision

The background image shows a group of people in a dance studio. In the foreground, a woman with short brown hair, wearing a bright red short-sleeved shirt and red leggings, is bent over in a dynamic pose, reaching towards the floor. Behind her, several other people are visible, mostly wearing pink or magenta t-shirts. Some are standing, while others are in motion. The floor is dark with yellow lines, and the background is black.

A new paradigm that will maximize **access to high-quality parks and recreation** experiences that connect people with themselves, each other and nature.

# VanPlay → The Playbook



- The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is developing **Vancouver's Playbook**, a new master plan to guide the delivery of vibrant parks and recreation over the next 25 years.
- The **VanPlay** process informs the Playbook, it includes robust data collection and analysis, research on international best practice and consultation with the public, park board staff, partners, stakeholders and experts.





# What is a Master Plan?



It is a...

- **Long range planning** tool to determine service gaps, analyze growth trends and identify opportunities for improvements
- **Visionary document** that sets the values and goals for current and future parks and facilities
- An **opportunity for the public** to weigh in on the future of parks and recreation

It is NOT a...

- Financial budget or **operations model**
- Method to approve **capital expenditures** or greenlight specific programs
- **Detailed design proposal** for a specific neighbourhood, park or facility



# Why do we need the Playbook?



- To provide a **100-year vision, 25-year outlook and a 10-year implementation plan**, aligned with the City of Vancouver's 10-year Capital Strategic Outlook.
- To define citywide, urban core and growth area **service level** standards
- To develop **strategies to respond to increased demand** on parks and recreation, as these services continue to increase in demand
- To provide a **comprehensive policy framework** regarding parks and recreation to advance health, wellness and social inclusion
- To prioritize the **development and renewal** of parks, recreation facilities and amenities.

# Vancouver's Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan



The Master Plan will be delivered in four components:

## Part 1:

*Inventory and Analysis* - a compendium to the current state of the City's parks & recreation system (Attachment A), and

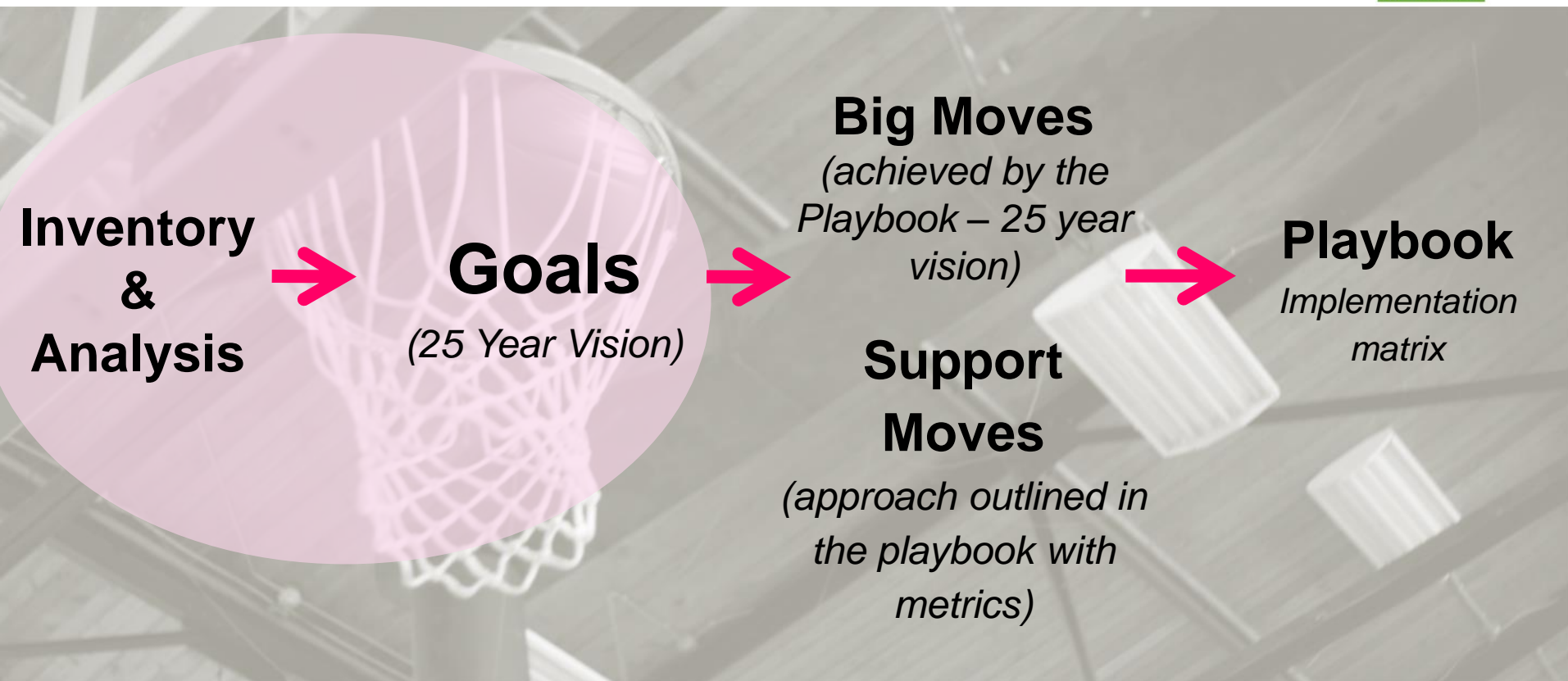
*10 Goals to shape the next 25 years* - a set of aspirational statements to set the course for parks and recreation into the future (Attachment B)

These documents set the stage for the final two components of the Master Plan;

## Part 2:

*Strategic Big Moves* – outlining strategies to meet the goals over the next 25 years (Q1 2019)

*Playbook* – the plan for implementation and operationalization of the big moves (Q1 2019)

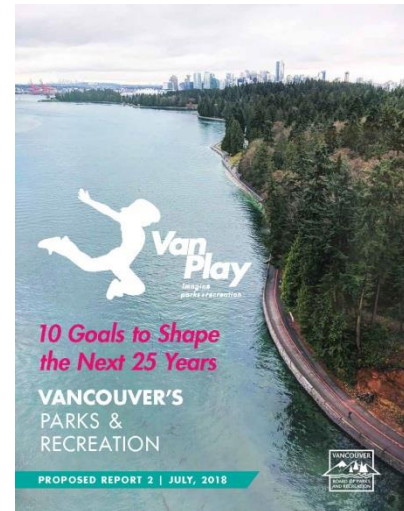




The discussion section is divided into two parts, each providing detail on content of the proposed reports;

1. **Vancouver's Parks and Recreation – Inventory and Analysis (Appendix A)**
2. **Vancouver's Parks and Recreation – 10 goals to shape the next 25 years (Appendix B)**

*Reports 3 and 4 (Strategic Big Moves and the Playbook) will be presented to the Park Board Commissioners for consideration in Q1 2019.*





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# Report 1 – Inventory & Analysis



## A thorough overview document which includes;

- A brief history of the Park Board
- Parks baseline, classification system, current state using existing metrics
- Recreation amenity inventory
- Analysis, engagement findings, opportunities and challenges
- Appendices:
  - *System of Observing Recreation and Play in Communities (SOPARC) Report*
  - *Park Provision Study (2016/2018)*
  - *Engagement summary reports*
  - *Technical Memos including Literature Reviews and Trends Analysis*

# Consultation



Since June 2017 VanPlay has engaged over 30,000 residents and stakeholders in imagining the future of parks and recreation.

Engagement activities including;

- VanPlay Tour
- Smart City Talks
- Deep Dive workshops
- Community Dialogues
- Online Surveys
- Stakeholder & CCA workshops
- Partnerships e.g. Urban Explorers Project (Society for Children and Youth)

**IMAGINE  
THE FUTURE  
OF PARKS +  
RECREATION**

**VANPLAY  
SMART CITY TALKS  
SEPTEMBER 20  
COMMUNITY+VISION  
OCTOBER 3  
SPACE+EQUITY  
OCTOBER 17  
ECOLOGY+NATURE  
NOVEMBER 1  
CELEBRATION+DIVERSITY  
NOVEMBER 15  
RESILIENCE+WELLBEING**



**VANPLAY DEEP DIVE DISCUSSION GUIDE:  
DOWNTOWN URBAN CORE**

**Vancouver's Playbook**

A new master plan for the future  
of Vancouver's parks and recreation

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2017

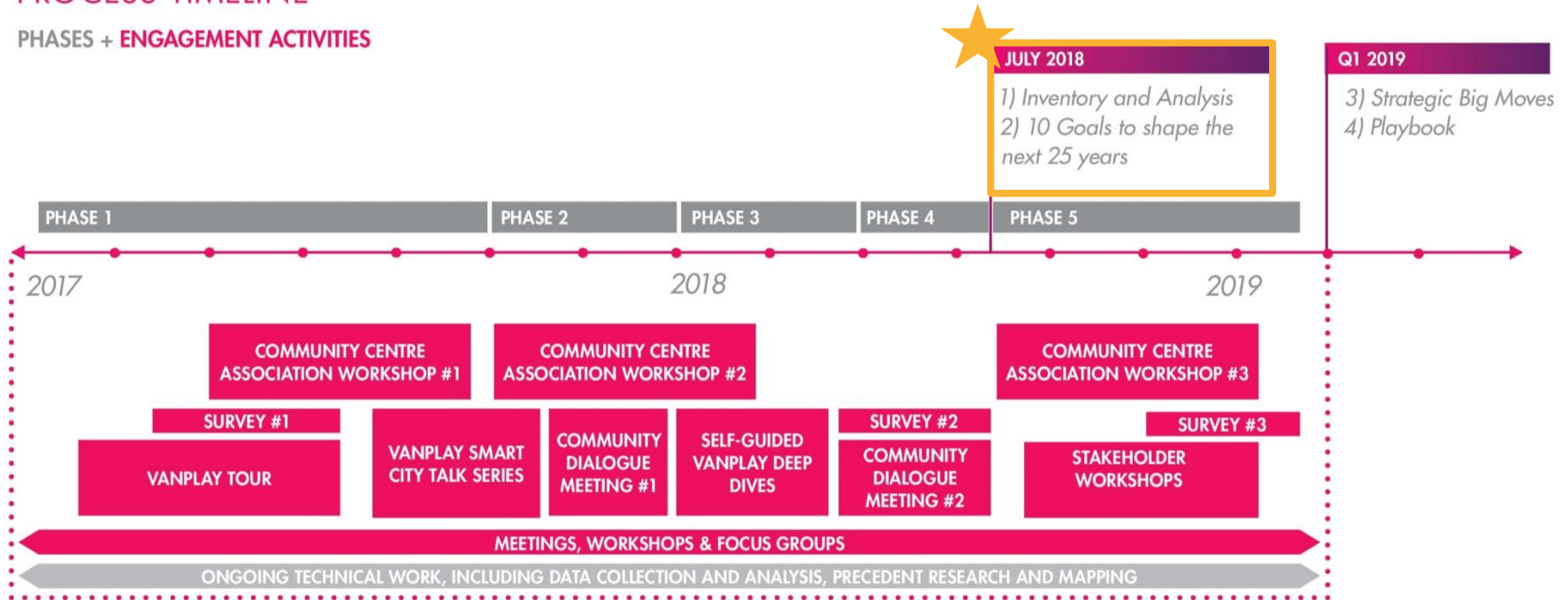
**30,000**  
Participants



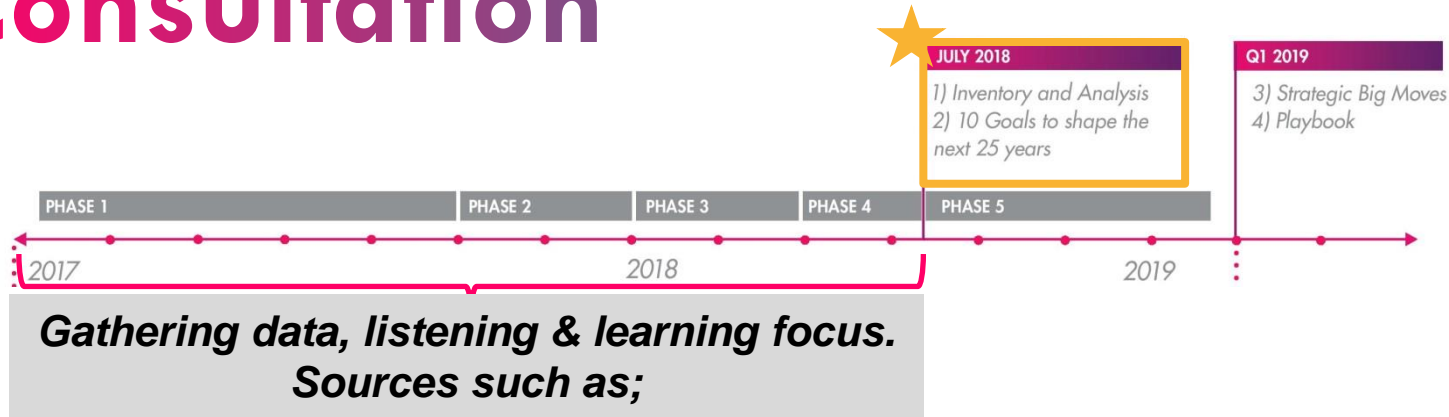
# Consultation

## PROCESS TIMELINE

### PHASES + ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES



# Consultation



Park Board staff working with **Musqueam, Squamish, & Tsleil-Waututh** on Stanley Park Plan, North East False Creek and ongoing reconciliation and truth telling

**City of Vancouver Staff** including social policy, planning, sustainability, cultural planning, transportation, engineering, finance

**Previous engagement findings**, from Park Board projects over the last 4 years

**Park Board Staff** including recreation, arts, culture and engagement, operations, park development

**Park Board Commissioners** sharing their priorities and vision

**Community Centre Associations** through workshops sharing their issues and challenges.

**External Advisory Group** members, partners in the delivery of parks and recreation

# Report 1 – Inventory & Analysis



*International Best Practice*  
*VanPlay Survey and Tour*  
*Park Board Commissioner Motions and feedback from VanPlay Workshops (as described in Report References)*  
*External Advisory Group Meetings*  
*Previous Park Board community engagement findings*  
*Staff interviews*  
*VanPlay Deep Dives*  
*Inventory*  
*Trends analysis*  
*SOPARC Study*  
*Park Provision and Access Study*  
*Literature Review*  
*VanPlay Smart City Talks*  
*Community Dialogue*

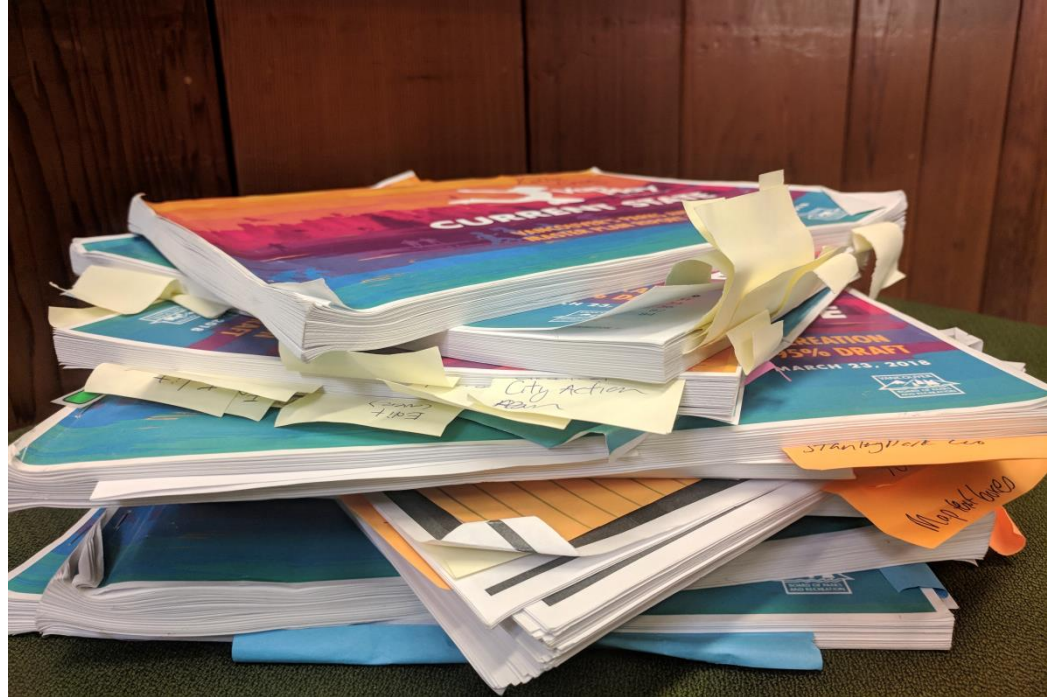




# Document Review

The drafts of Report 1 “Inventory and Analysis” was reviewed and comments received from Park Board Commissioners, Park Board staff, City staff and the consultant team over a period of 4 months.

The results of which are reflected in the proposed report in Attachment A.



The coming slides provide a walk through of a selection of elements from the report.

The full document is provided in Appendix A.



# Report 1 – Inventory & Analysis



CHAPTER 1:  
**INTRODUCTION**

CHAPTER 2:  
**PARKS**

CHAPTER 3:  
**RECREATION**

CHAPTER 4:  
**FACILITIES**

CHAPTER 5:  
**NATURE**



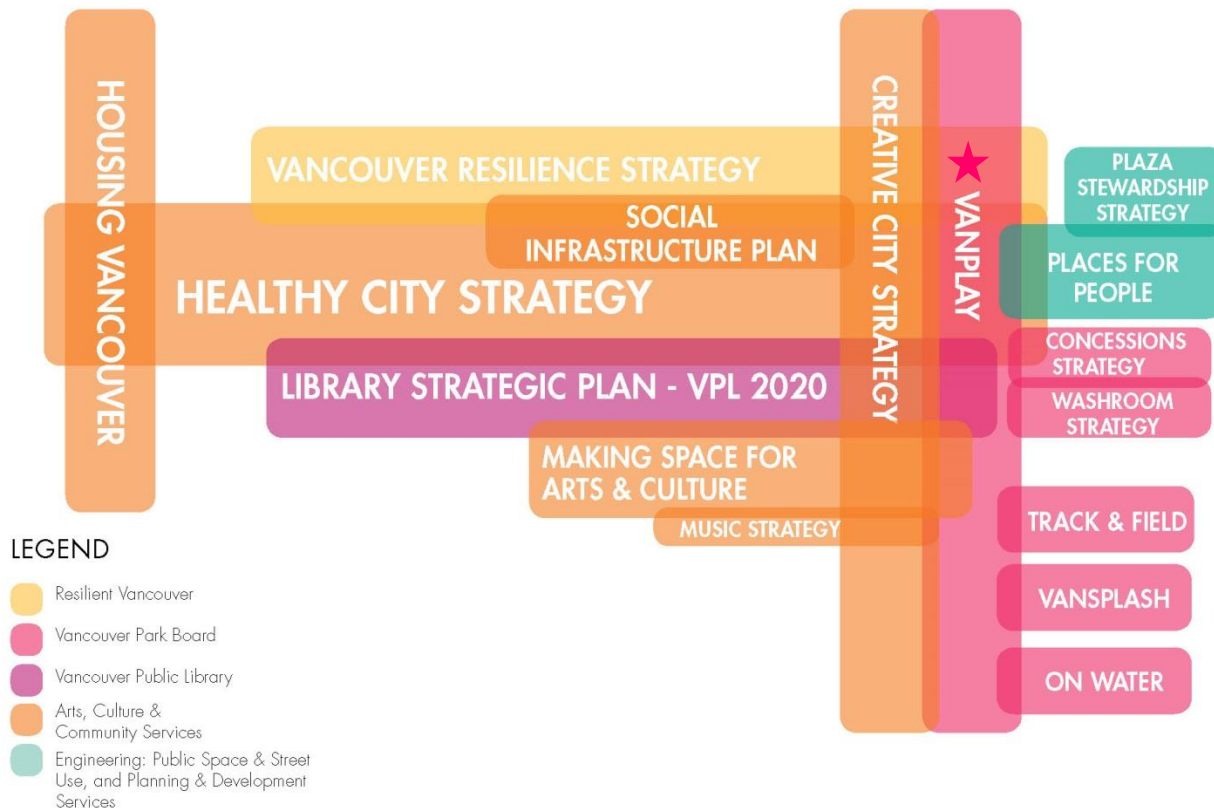


# CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

- This context setting chapter provides a introduction to parks and recreation in Vancouver including **history, trends, and planning context**.
- The ‘**Methods**’ section describes the community engagement strategy, and introduces the Park Provision Study (2016) and the System for Observing Play and Recreation in Communities (SOPARC study).
- Findings from these initiatives are presented in each of the preceding chapters, the full reports are provided in the appendix.

# CONCURRENT PLANNING EFFORTS (AS OF EARLY 2018)

SOCIAL, CULTURAL, PUBLIC REALM STRATEGIC PLANNING EFFORTS DIAGRAM



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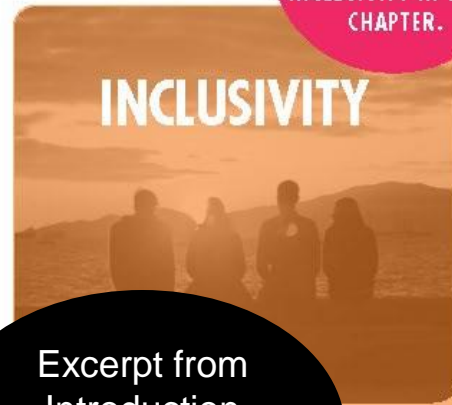
# FRAMEWORK FOR EQUITY + WELCOME

## LENSES FOR ASSESSING EQUITY + WELCOME

The goal in identifying populations likely to be underserved is not to connote deficit or imply victimhood in these populations, but rather to recognize where the parks and recreation system is not meeting needs. This awareness allows us to ask better questions, to ensure these voices are heard, their needs acknowledged, and additional resources are provided. In

### *equitable access*

Recognition of the inherent privileges some populations have to access and enjoy parks and recreation and provide added support and welcome to those populations without this privilege.



LOOK OUT  
FOR SECTIONS ON  
ACCESS, QUALITY AND  
INCLUSIVITY IN EACH  
CHAPTER.





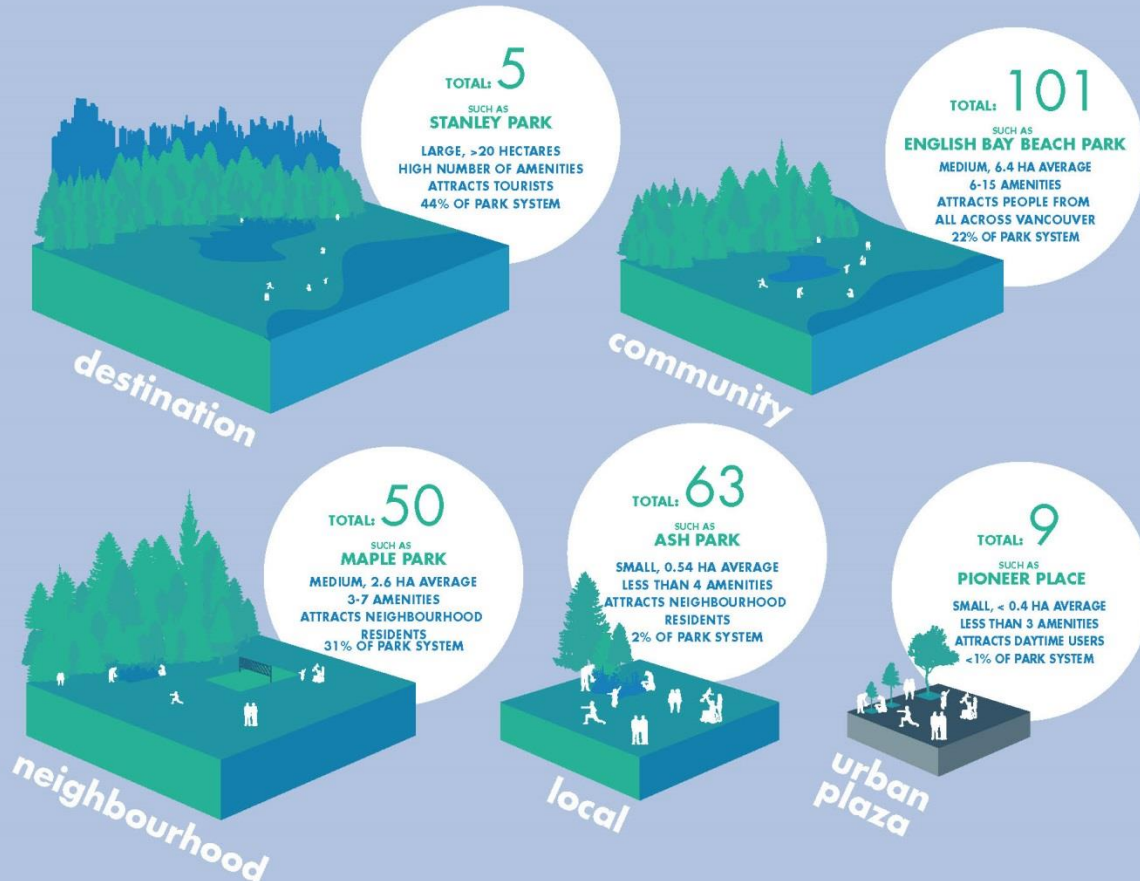
## CHAPTER 2: **PARKS**

### WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PARKS CHAPTER?

This chapter assesses Vancouver's inventory of parks across five classifications. Information is provided on the range of park amenities and arts and cultural experiences found in parks, horticulture gardens and community gardens.



# PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

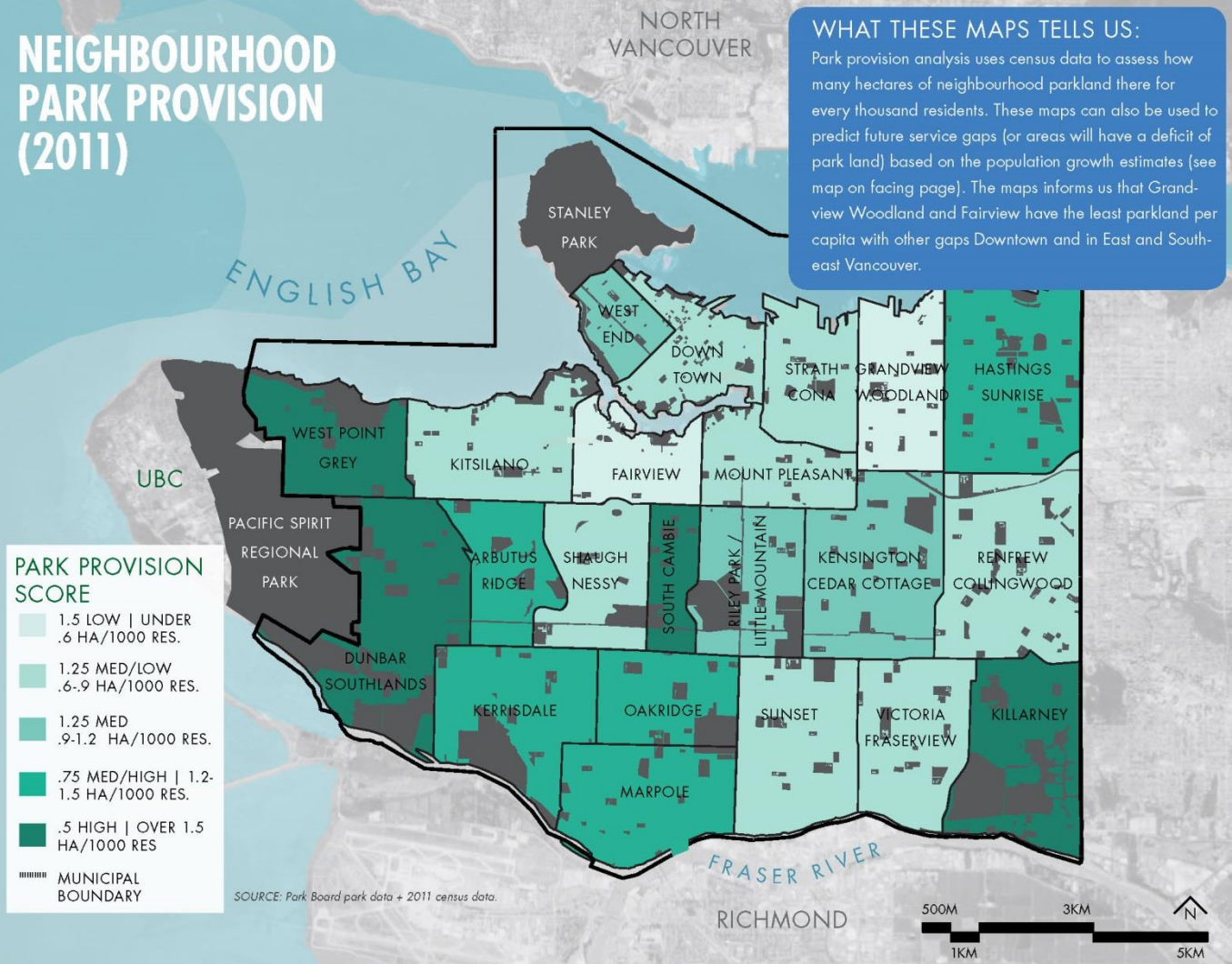


- Previously two classifications, Destination & Neighbourhood.
- Proposed provides a finer grain and more accurate description of Vancouver's park system

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# NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK PROVISION (2011)

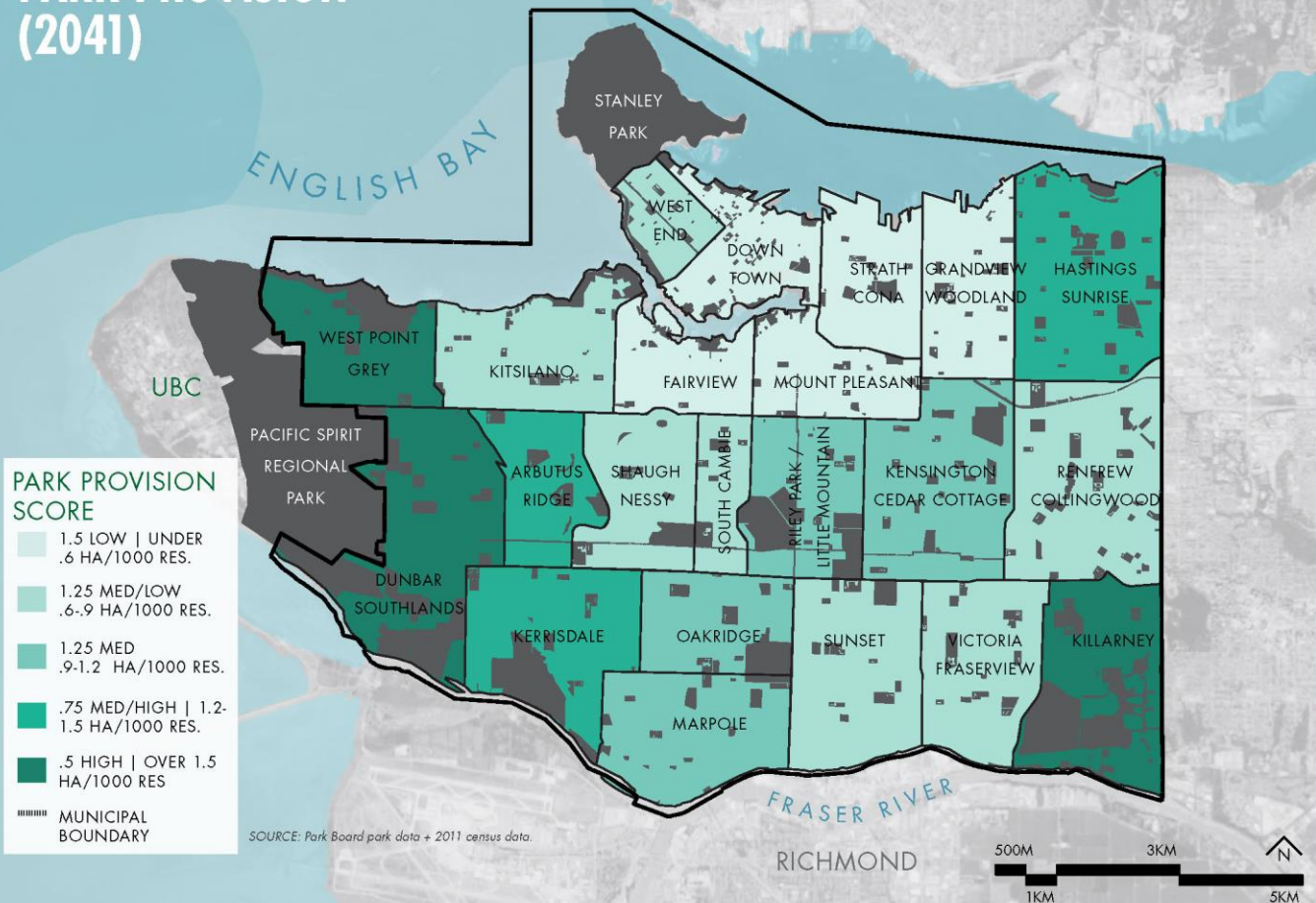


- Map showing neighbourhood parkland provision per 1000 residents using 2011 census data

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# NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK PROVISION (2041)



- Map showing neighbourhood parkland provision per 1000 residents using 2041 population projections

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## CHAPTER 3: **RECREATION**

### WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE RECREATION CHAPTER?

This chapter focuses on the activities that activate our parks and community centres, from sport, art and play amenities—including tennis courts, playing fields, playgrounds and off leash dog areas—as well as the range of recreational programs and experiences.

The following facilities chapter explores recreation in spaces like community centres, pools, ice rinks, field house, VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory.





# INVENTORY + ANALYSIS: INCLUSIVITY

## RECREATION CONSIDERATIONS FOR A WELCOMING SYSTEM

The Vancouver Park Board is committed to being a leader in parks and recreation by connecting people to green space, active living, and community. Recognizing that Vancouver residents represent a diverse mix of socioeconomics, religions, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, ethnicities and cultural groups from all over the world, the Park Board strives to ensure that the parks, facilities, programs, and services under its jurisdiction are accessible and inclusive to all. Access and Inclusion Services creates accessible and

inclusive opportunities for Vancouver's diverse population through community engagement, policy development and system change.

The reduction of barriers to recreation is the key to inclusivity. As such, it is important to track and continue outreach to Vancouver populations who experience less choice, access and capacity and warrant special consideration of their recreation needs.

The purpose for grouping by demographic attributes is not to label, but to identify lack of privilege in accessing recreation and ensure these voices are explicitly heard during the VanPlay process of determining needs and priorities.



GROUP	KEY STATISTIC(S)	RECREATION CONSIDERATIONS
Diversity	52% of Vancouver's population is from a minority population (Census, 2006-2011 Statistics Canada)	Inclusive recreation reshapes policies, programs and services so the needs of diverse and minority populations are reflected. The 2006-2011 Statistics Canada census trends report found that implications of increased cultural diversity include reflecting these groups' needs in policies, programs, services, staffing and marketing approaches.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diversity</li> <li>LGBTQ2S+ Community</li> <li>Persons with Disabilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7% of 2011 Vancouver population is from a minority population (Census, 2006-2011 Statistics Canada)</li> <li>Tourism Vancouver states that Vancouver has one of the highest percentages of LGBTQ2S+ communities in Canada</li> <li>2018 designated as Year of the Queer as many Queer organizations in the City of Vancouver have reached significant anniversaries</li> </ul>	<p>Considerations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of flexible spaces - eg. spaces that can accommodate large gatherings with adequate shelter and washrooms.</li> <li>Provision of spaces/amenities for non-mainstream Canadian sports (such as Padel tennis),</li> <li>Park Board staff – front line representation – “Do I see myself in our front line staff teams?”</li> <li>Volunteers - Recruitment process – identify barriers and new outreach methods</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Females</li> <li>Persons of low income</li> <li>Indigenous Peoples</li> <li>Children up to 12</li> <li>Youth 13-19</li> <li>Persons over 65 years old</li> <li>Newcomers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creating welcoming spaces including signage and universal change spaces or stalls in gendered spaces.</li> <li>Inclusive programming - e.g. Trans Swim, Trans Fitness, creating opportunities for diverse families to engage</li> <li>Park Board Staff – Awareness training - at community centres and with staff groups, workshops for external recreation systems and at the BC Recreation and Parks Association.</li> <li>Community awareness and welcome - media campaigns emphasizing personal stories and experiences of TG2S community members;</li> <li>Park Board Hiring Practices – Front line representation, inclusive recruitment processes.</li> <li>Resources – ensuring information to aid in access are readily available e.g. creation of <a href="http://vancouver.ca/tgd2s-inclusion">vancouver.ca/tgd2s-inclusion</a> website listing activities and community resources</li> </ul>	

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# INVENTORY + ANALYSIS: OUTDOOR RECREATION AMENITIES

## OVERVIEW OF OUTDOOR ACTIVE RECREATION AMENITIES

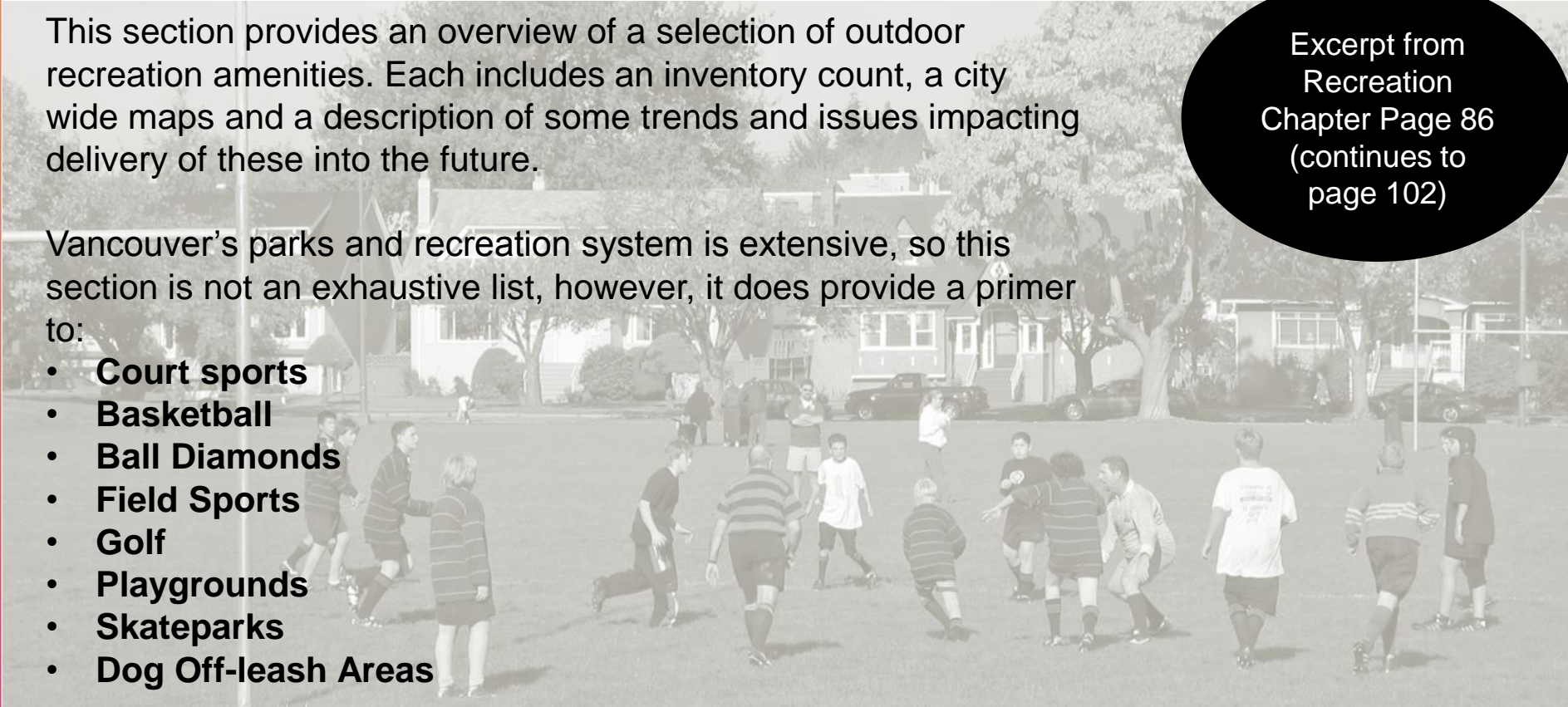


This section provides an overview of a selection of outdoor recreation amenities. Each includes an inventory count, a city wide maps and a description of some trends and issues impacting delivery of these into the future.

Vancouver's parks and recreation system is extensive, so this section is not an exhaustive list, however, it does provide a primer to:

- **Court sports**
- **Basketball**
- **Ball Diamonds**
- **Field Sports**
- **Golf**
- **Playgrounds**
- **Skateparks**
- **Dog Off-leash Areas**

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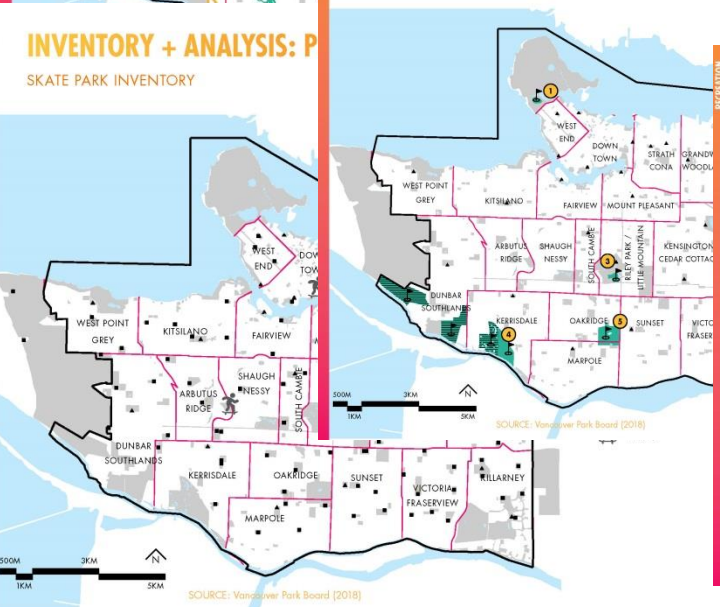
## INVENTORY + ANALYSIS: COURT SPORTS

COURT SPORTS INVENTORY



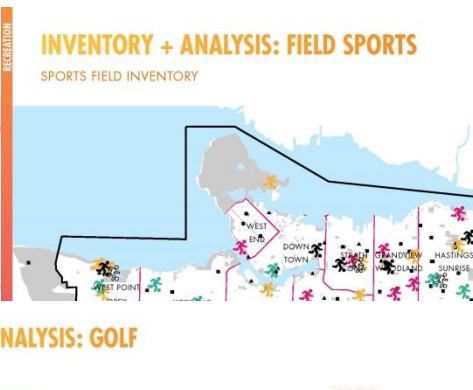
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SKATE PARK INVENTORY



## INVENTORY + ANALYSIS: FIELD SPORTS

SPORTS FIELD INVENTORY



## INVENTORY + ANALYSIS: GOLF

GOLF INVENTORY

LEGEND



PUBLIC GOLF FACILITIES

## INVENTORY + ANALYSIS: BALL DIAMONDS

BALL DIAMOND INVENTORY



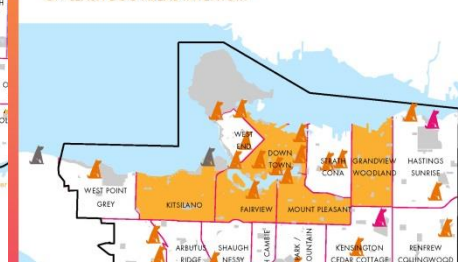
## INVENTORY + ANALYSIS: PLAYGROUNDS

PLAYGROUND INVENTORY



## INVENTORY + ANALYSIS: DOG OFF-LEASH AREAS

OFF-LEASH DOG AREAS INVENTORY

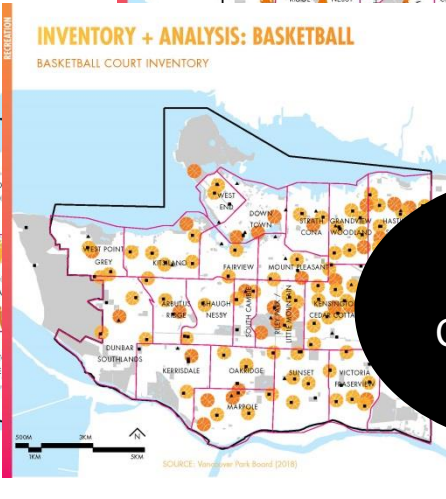


LEGEND

- DESTINATION DOG OFF LEASH AREAS
- NEIGHBOURHOOD DOG OFF LEASH AREAS
- UNCLASSIFIED DOG OFF LEASH AREAS
- UNDERSERVED NEIGHBOURHOODS

## INVENTORY + ANALYSIS: BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL COURT INVENTORY



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## CHAPTER 4: **FACILITIES**

### WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE FACILITIES CHAPTER?

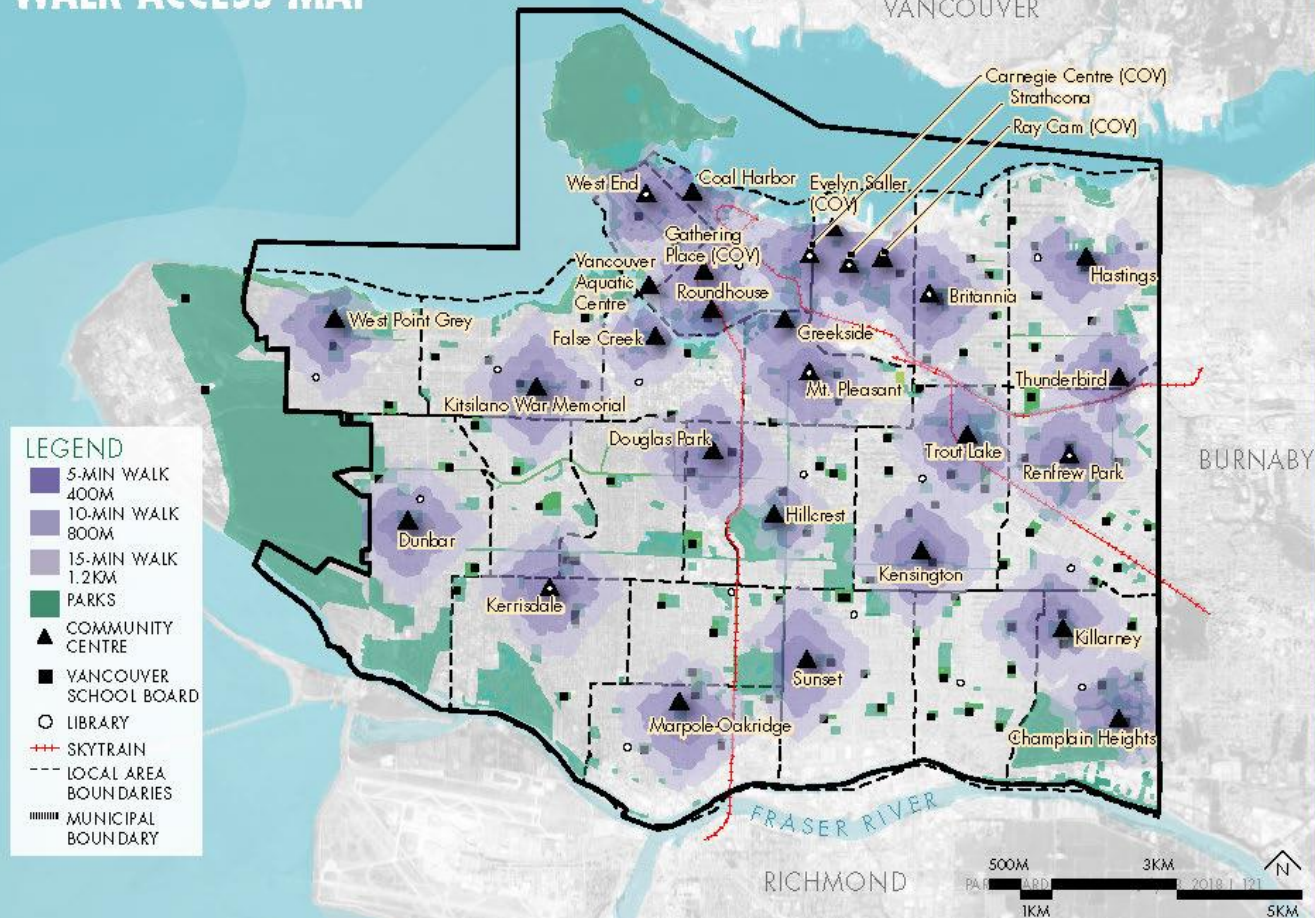
This chapter focuses on the recreational, social and cultural services provided by built structures such as community centres, pools, ice rinks, field houses, VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory.



# COMMUNITY CENTRE WALK ACCESS MAP

APPENDIX A

FACILITIES



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# INVENTORY + ANALYSIS: INCLUSIVITY

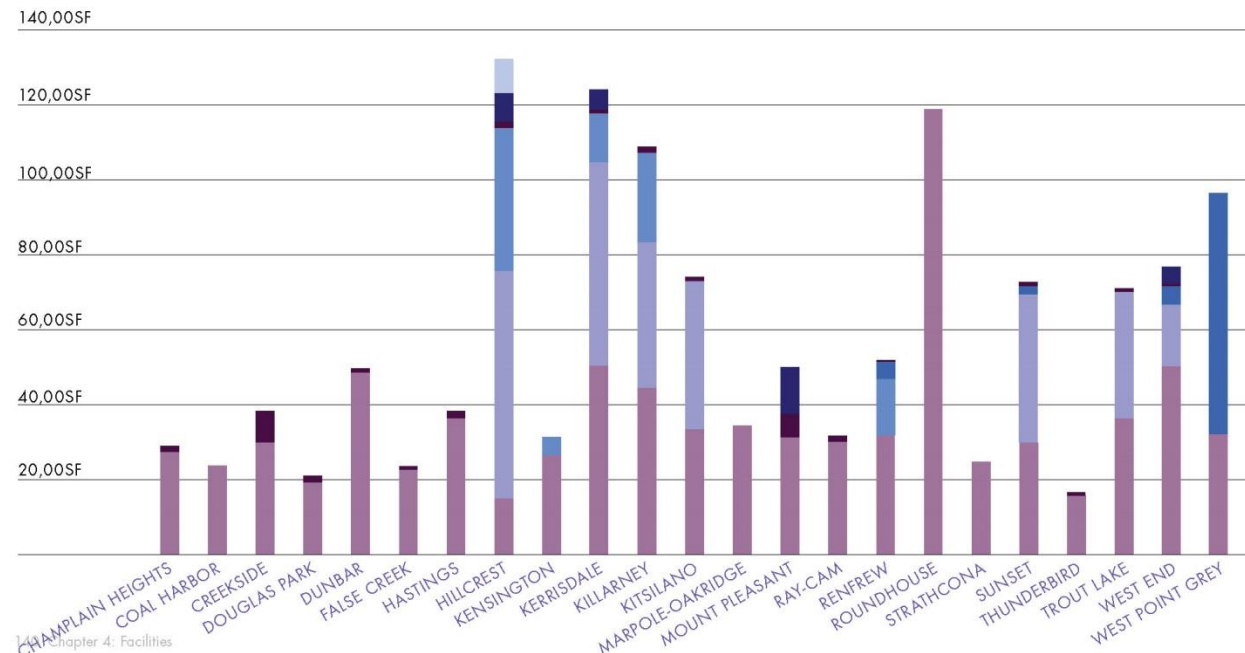
## COMMUNITY CENTRE COMPARISON

*The composition, size and breadth of services within community centres varies greatly across Vancouver's diverse communities.*

Below is an inventory of the basic facilities at each community centre. For the square footage map at right, the team compared core spaces (all other CC spaces) but the graph below shows a partial view of all the other spaces and services that make up community centres. As Vancouver grows and changes, the layout of community centres has the capacity to serve and reflect its constituents and provide important cultural, recreational and social services.

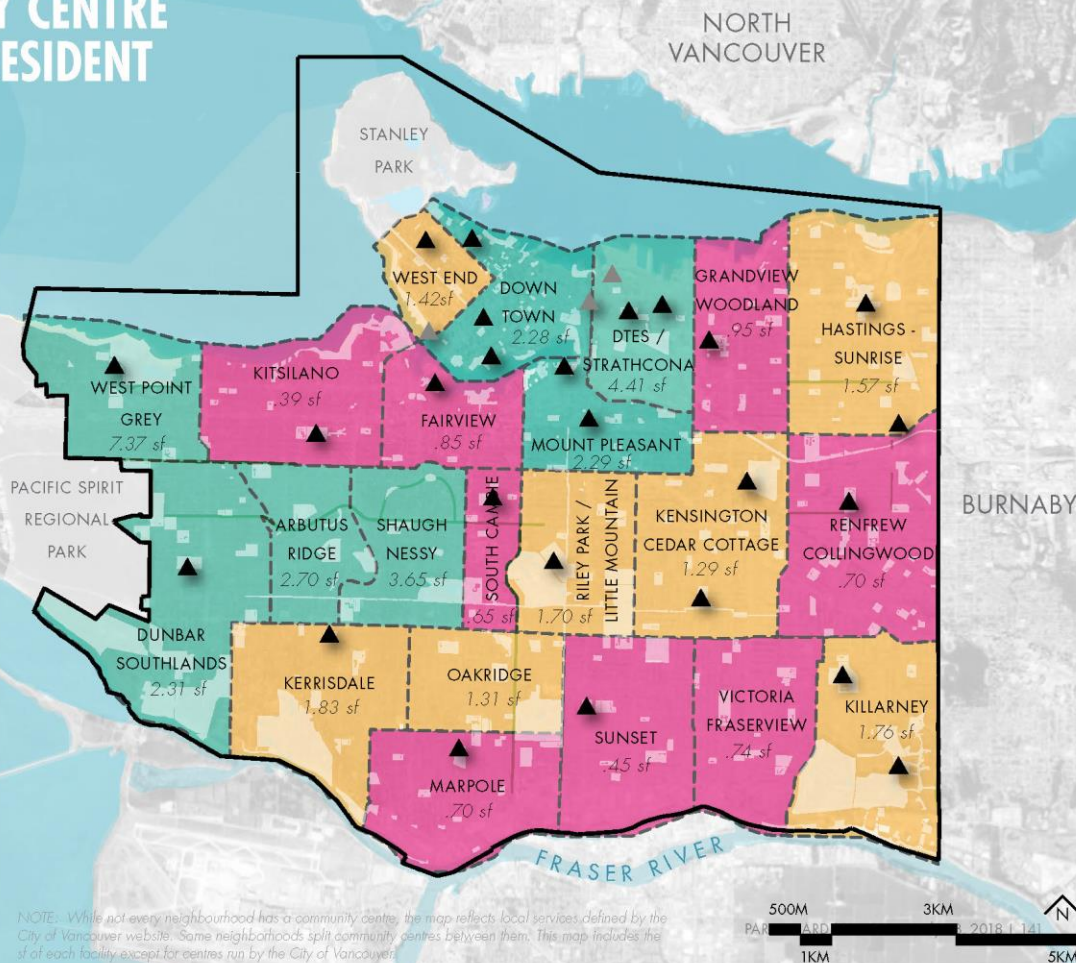
### LEGEND

- ALL OTHER CC SPACES
- RINKS
- INDOOR AQUATICS AT CC
- OFFSHOOT FACILITIES
- CHILDCARE / PRESCHOOL
- LIBRARY AT CC
- OUTDOOR POOL AT CC



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# COMMUNITY CENTRE SQ FT PER RESIDENT



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## CHAPTER 5: **NATURE**

### WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE NATURE CHAPTER?

This chapter explores how to bolster natural areas of ecological importance, expand wildlife habitat, and better connect residents with nature.



# NATURE KEY FINDINGS

83  
GREAT BLUE  
HERON NESTS  
IN STANLEY PARK  
IN 2016

SEEING TREES  
REDUCES MUSCLE  
TENSION & BLOOD  
PRESSURE  
SIGNIFICANTLY  
WITHIN 3 MINUTES

## URBAN FOREST CANOPY

37% PRIVATE

35% STREETS

28% PARKS

SEA  
LEVEL  
RISE

STANLEY  
PARK

+1M 2100

+ 50CM 2050

91%  
OF VANCOUVER'S  
ORIGINAL STREAMS  
ARE BURIED!

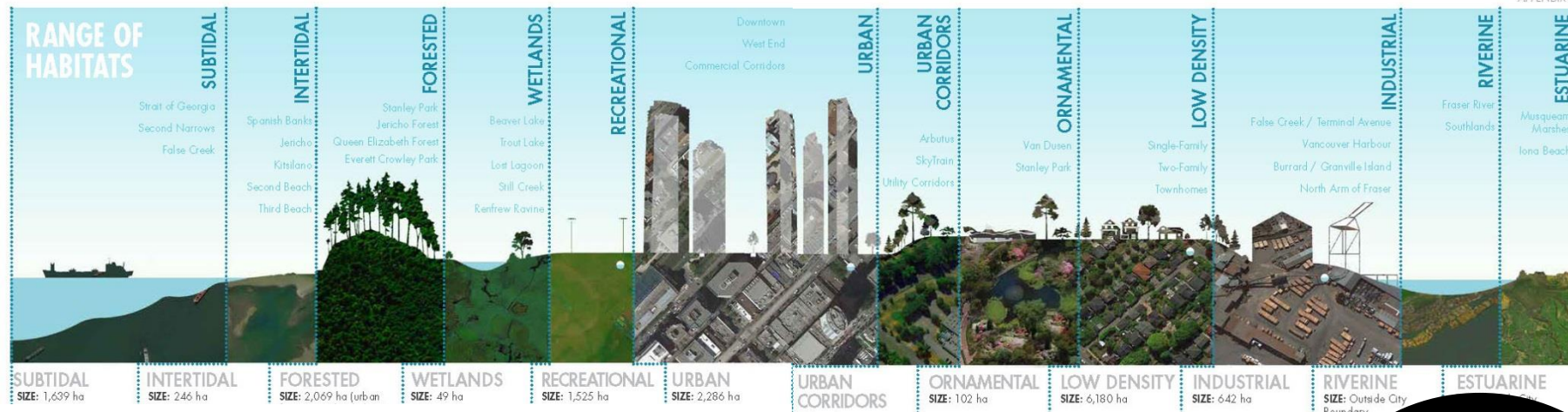
BUT SALMON  
HAVE RETURNED TO  
STILL CREEK  
SINCE 2012



Van  
Play

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Range of habitats across the City of Vancouver, identifying;

- Assets
- Threats
- Jurisdiction
- Habitat Status

(sourced from the Biodiversity Strategy and Urban Forest Strategy)

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Nature  
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# Appendixes

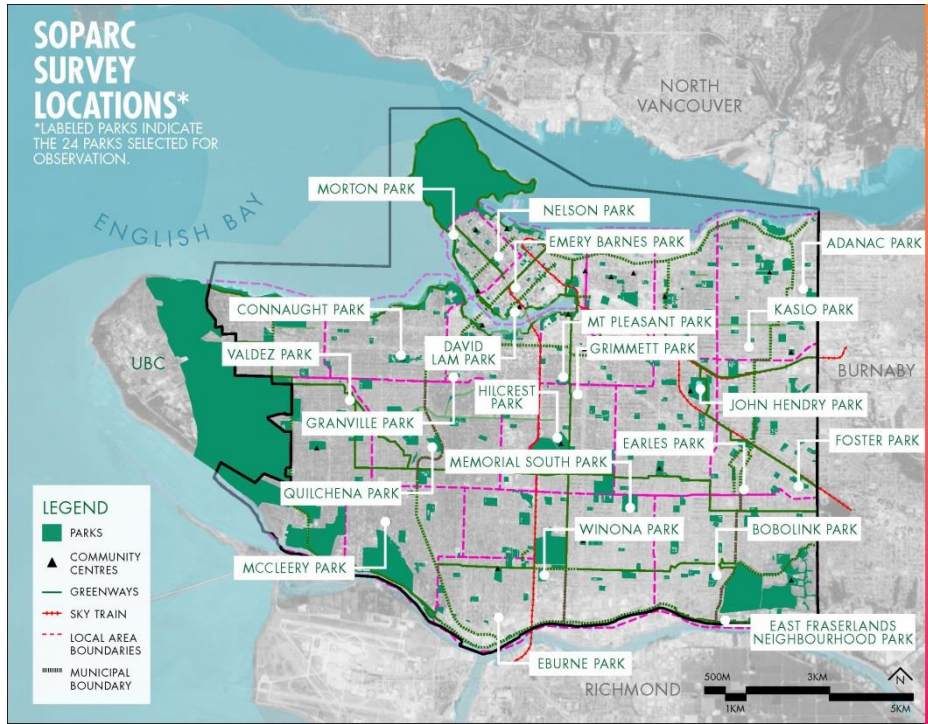
The next slides introduce two sample appendixes to Report 1;

- System of Observing Play and Recreation in Communities (SOPARC) Study Report
- Park Provision Study



# SOPARC

## System for Observing Play and Recreation in Communities



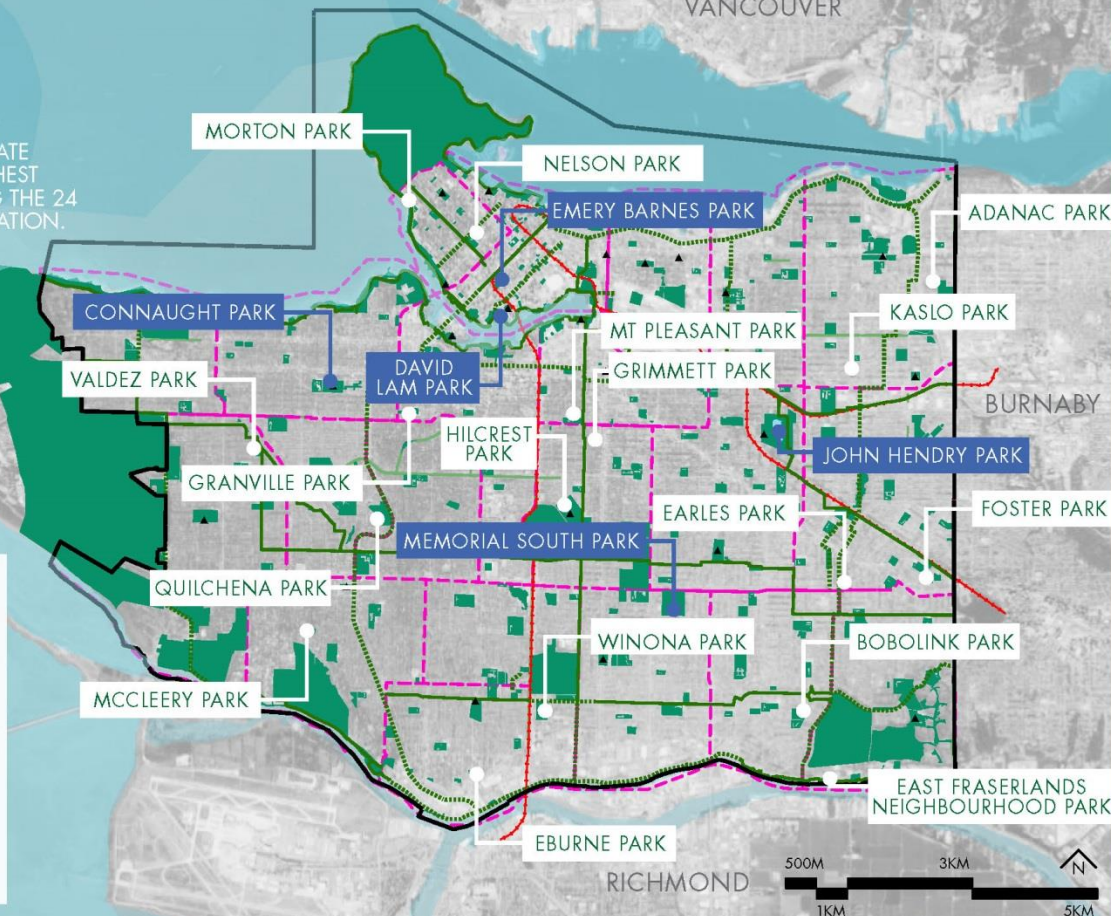
- SOPARC is a **reliable and feasible instrument** for assessing physical activity and how neighbourhood parks influence physical activity.
- In late spring and early summer Urban Design 4 Health conducted a SOPARC study, collecting data from 24 parks across the City.
- The survey instrument assesses who is accessing the park and provides demographic information, as well as physical activity levels by the park users.



# SOPARC HIGHEST USE PARKS\*

\*PARKS IN BLUE INDICATE THOSE WITH THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF USE AMONG THE 24 PARKS UNDER OBSERVATION.

- LEGEND**
- HIGHEST USE PARKS
  - PARKS
  - COMMUNITY CENTRES
  - GREENWAYS
  - SKY TRAIN
  - LOCAL AREA BOUNDARIES
  - MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY





# Park Provision Study (2016 & 2018)



## HOW CLOSE IS MY NEAREST PARK?



In 2016, the Vancouver Park Board conducted a spatial analysis of parks and other public green spaces in neighbourhoods across Vancouver.\* A walking network that modeled actual walking routes was developed to understand how long it takes to walk from home to your nearest park.

Figure 2. modelling the actual walking network



# Park Provision Study (2016 & 2018)



		5 minute	8 minute	10 minute
Residents of Vancouver				
	Parks	65%	90%	97%
	Parks and green spaces	73%	95%	99%
	Parks, green spaces and schools	83%	98%	99%
		5 minute	8 minute	10 minute
Work or go to school in Vancouver				
	Parks	62%	94%	99%
	Parks and green spaces	76%	96%	100%
	Parks, green spaces and schools	83%	98%	100%

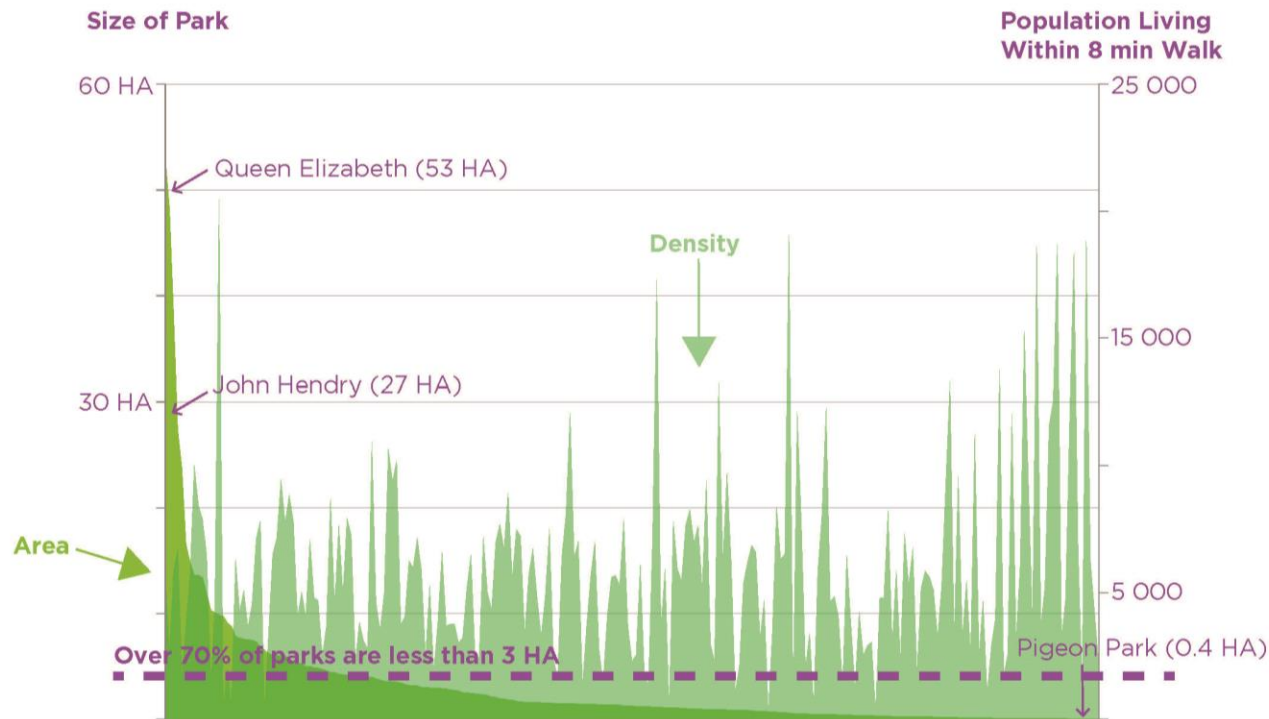
# Park Provision Study (2016 & 2018)



Figure 4. Park Size and Surrounding Population Density

## Small but Mighty

While some of our parks are large like Stanley Park and Queen Elizabeth Park, the majority of our parks are less than 3 HA in size. Figure 4. illustrates that often times are smaller parks are surrounded by the most amount of people.



Stanley Park at 392 HA is not included in this graph.



## Walking Times To Nearest Park (Residents)

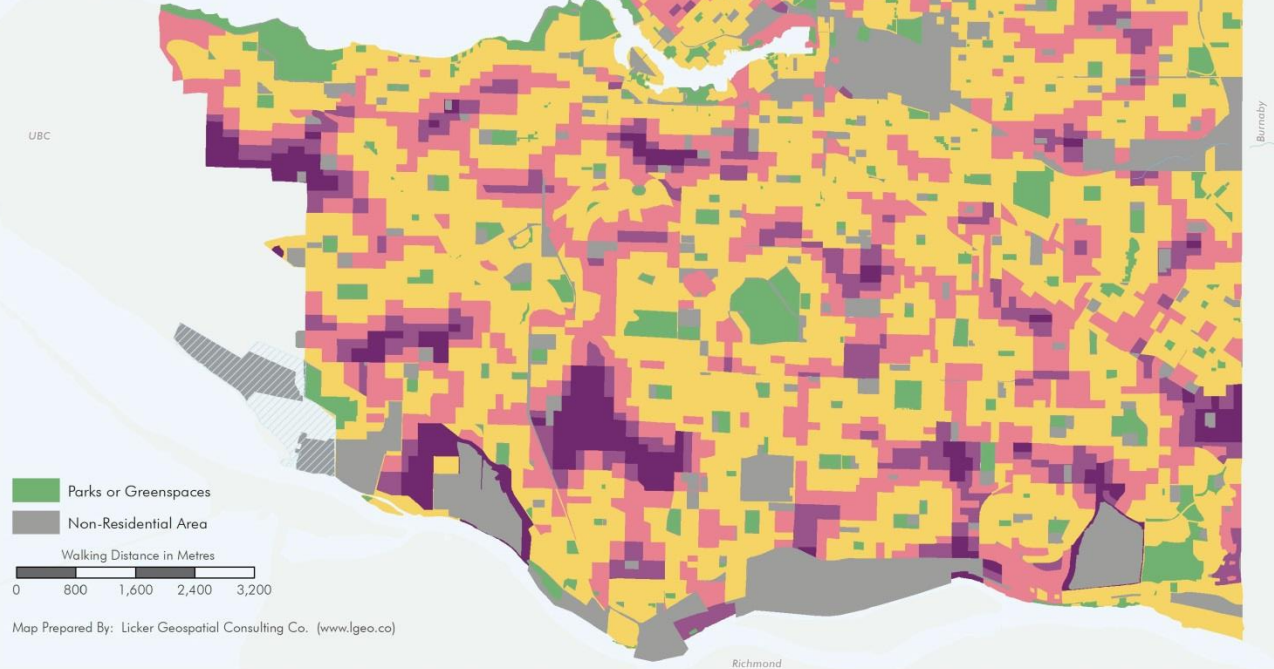


	Population	Percent of Population	
Less than Five Minutes	412,738	65%	97%
Between Five and Eight Minutes	158,383	25%	
Between Eight and 10 Minutes	41,980	7%	
Greater than 10 Minutes	18,385	3%	

Percentages are rounded to the nearest hundred.  
In some cases values may be slightly over or under 100%

### Included in this Analysis

- ☒ City of Vancouver Parks
- ☐ Adjacent Parks
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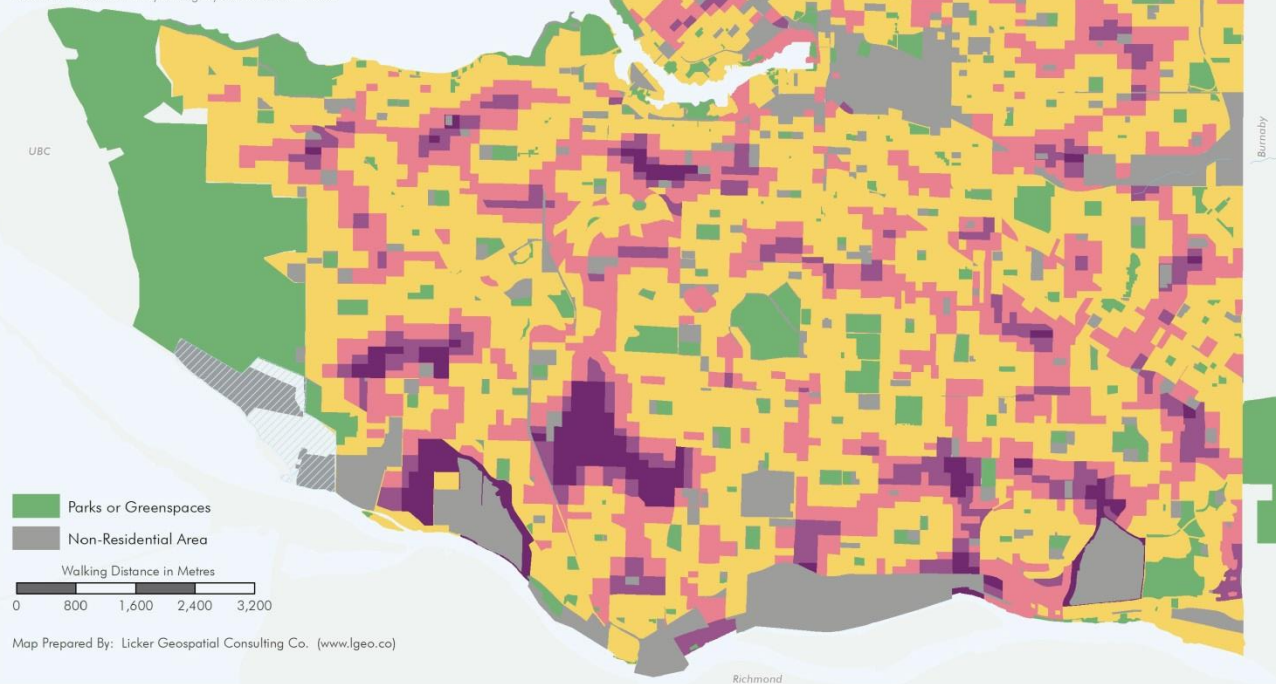


	Population	Percent of Population	
Less than Five Minutes	424,104	67%	98%
Between Five and Eight Minutes	156,840	25%	
Between Eight and 10 Minutes	37,328	6%	
Greater than 10 Minutes	13,214	2%	

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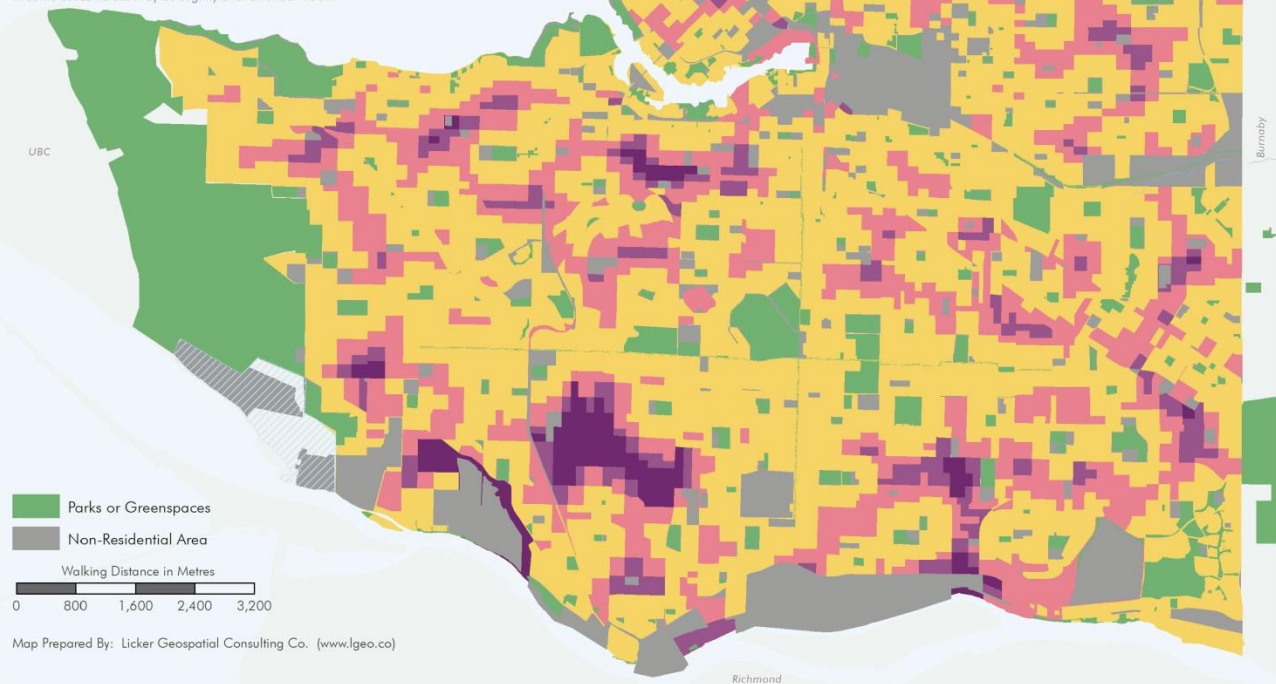


	Population	Percent of Population	
Less than Five Minutes	447,686	71%	98%
Between Five and Eight Minutes	145,843	23%	
Between Eight and 10 Minutes	28,031	4%	
Greater than 10 Minutes	9,926	2%	

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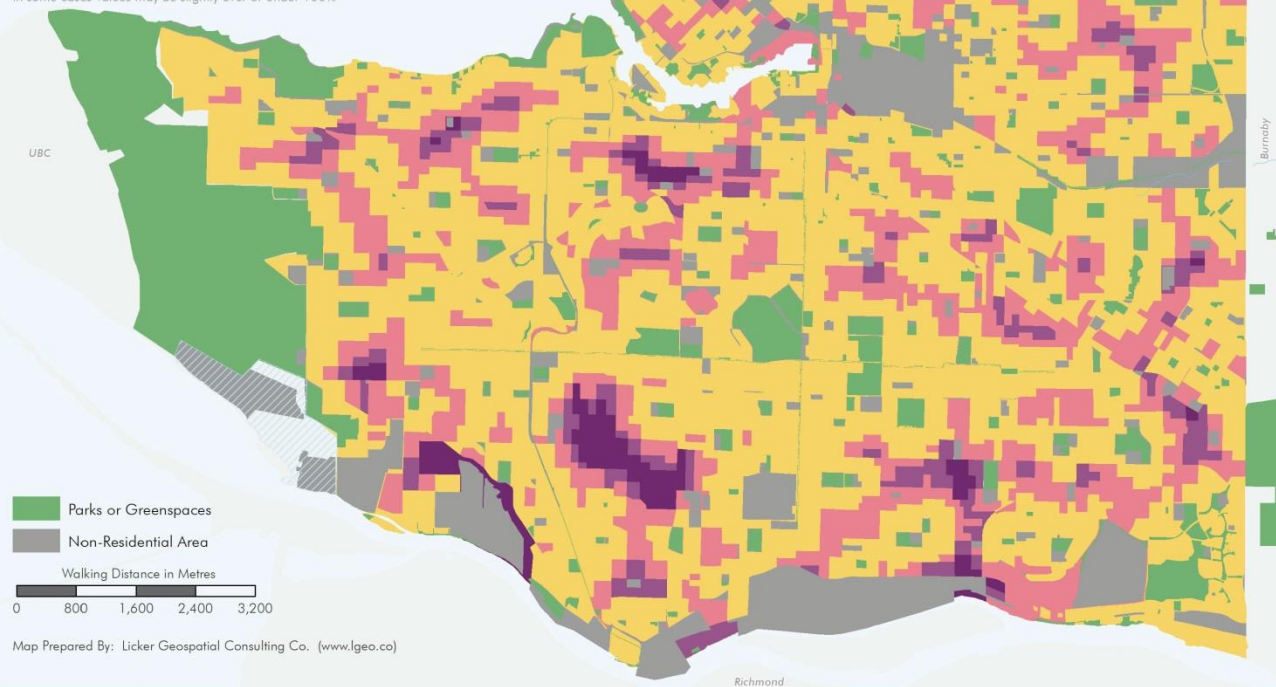


	Population	Percent of Population	
Less than Five Minutes	453,435	72%	99%
Between Five and Eight Minutes	141,914	22%	
Between Eight and 10 Minutes	27,315	4%	
Greater than 10 Minutes	8,822	1%	

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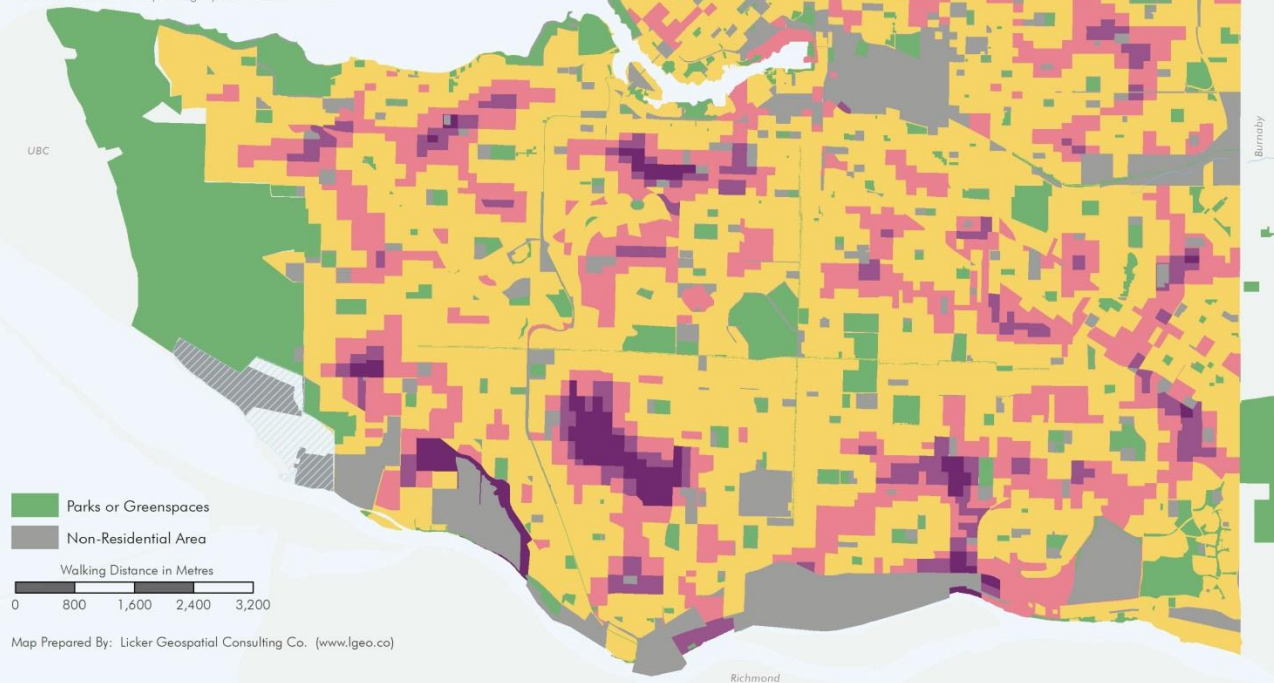


	Population	Percent of Population	
Less than Five Minutes	460,097	73%	99%
Between Five and Eight Minutes	136,016	22%	
Between Eight and 10 Minutes	26,551	4%	
Greater than 10 Minutes	8,822	1%	

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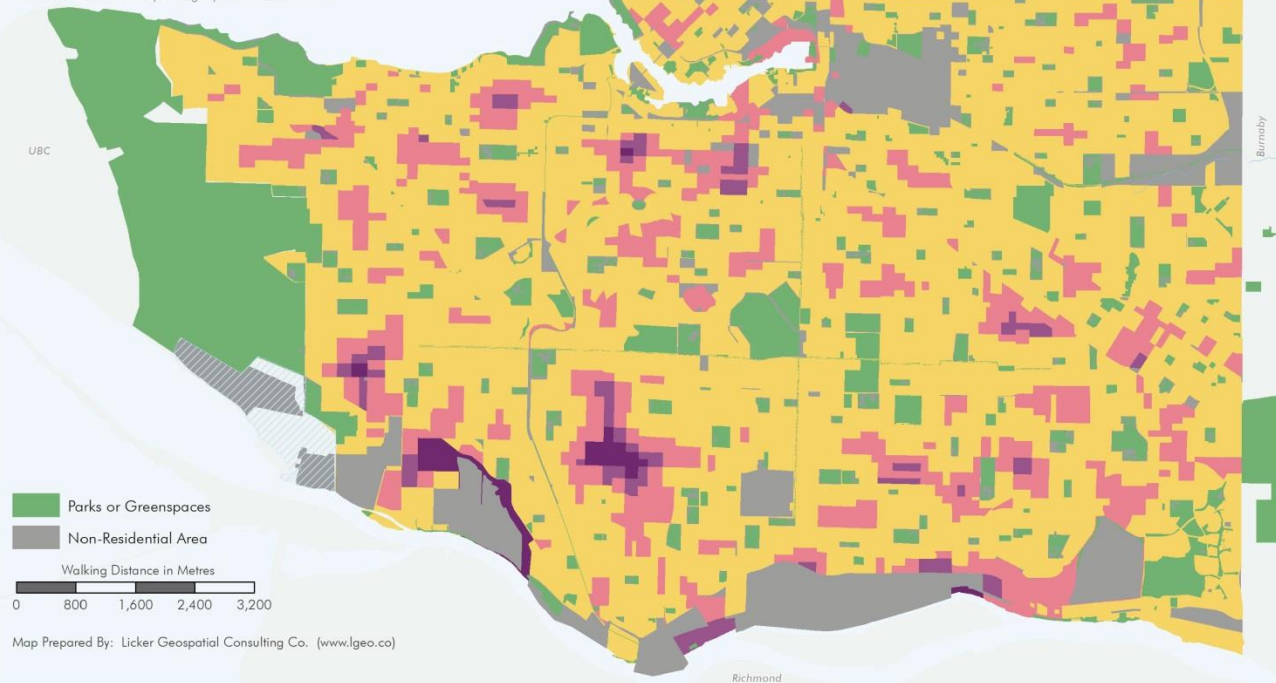


	Population	Percent of Population
Less than Five Minutes	525,772	83%
Between Five and Eight Minutes	95,406	15%
Between Eight and 10 Minutes	9,014	1%
Greater than 10 Minutes	1,294	0%

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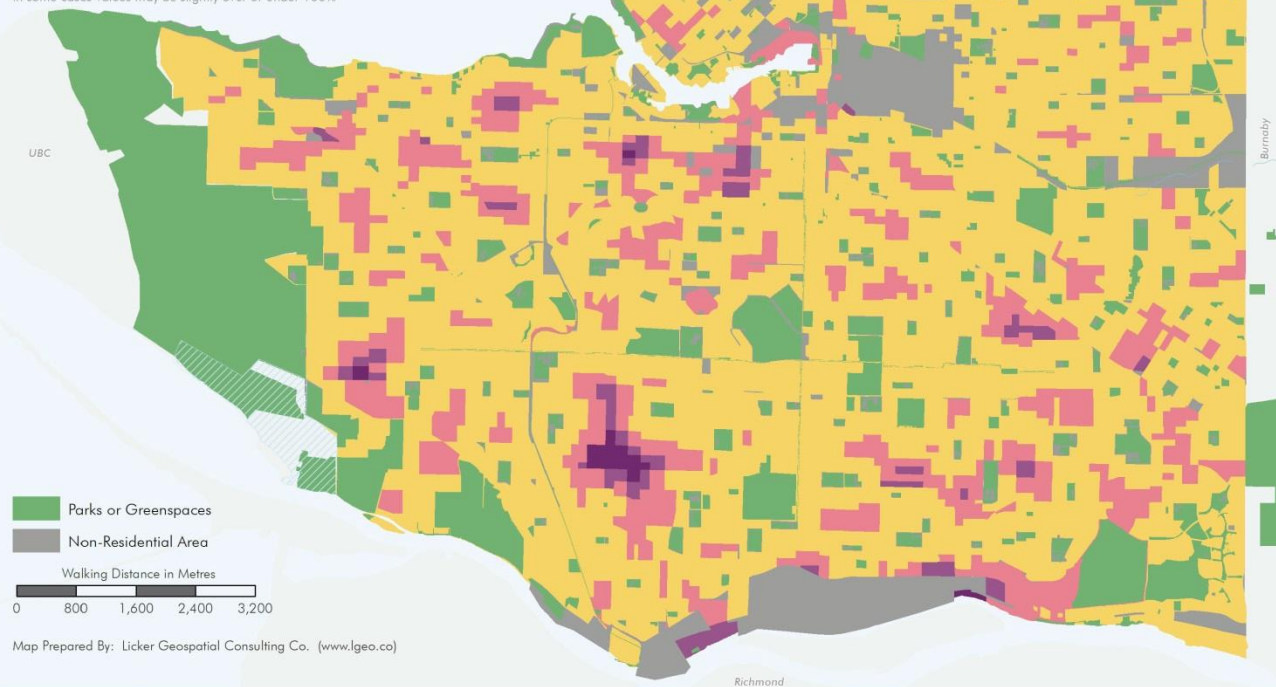


	Population	Percent of Population
Less than Five Minutes	526,369	83%
Between Five and Eight Minutes	95,243	15%
Between Eight and 10 Minutes	8,789	1%
Greater than 10 Minutes	1,085	0%

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Parks or Greenspaces

Non-Residential Area

Walking Distance in Metres

0 800 1,600 2,400 3,200

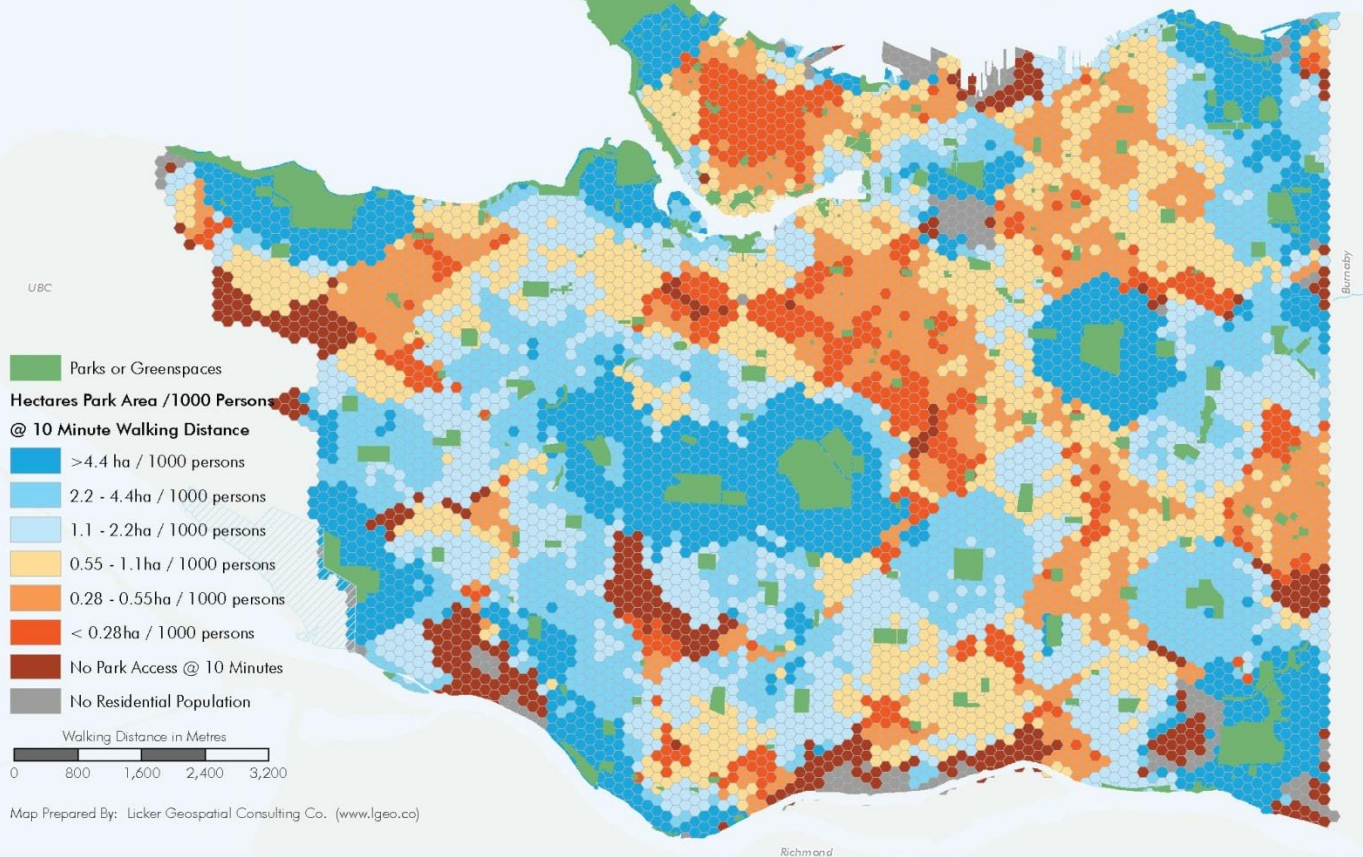
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## Park Service Levels - Park Hectares / 1,000 Persons

Of the 97% of Vancouver's population that has access to a park within a 10 minute walk, approximately 45% of that population or 275,000 people live in areas where park service levels are greater than 1.1 ha / 1,000 persons

### Included in this Analysis

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Vancouver Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> POPs         |
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## **Conclusion and Recommendations**



**Inventory  
&  
Analysis**



**Goals**  
*(25 Year Vision)*



**Big Moves**  
*(achieved by the  
Playbook – 25 year  
vision)*

**Support  
Moves**

*(approach outlined in  
the playbook with  
metrics)*



**Playbook**  
*Implementation  
matrix*



## 10 Goals to Shape the Next 25 Years

### VANCOUVER'S PARKS & RECREATION

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## END NOTES

# WHAT IS this document?

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*This document sets out 10 unique goals intended to guide provision of outstanding parks and recreation opportunities for Vancouverites over the next 25 years.*

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Each action is supported by an explanation of work currently underway, trends and issues of note which describe “why” these are so important to take on, or continue to take on.

These goals were developed through public, partner, staff and stakeholder input and preliminary research into best practices and precedents from around the world.

We believe that this renewed focus will not only improve our parks and recreation, but also enrich the beauty and livability of Vancouver. Intended to be bold, the goals will set the course towards more equitable, accessible, inclusive and resilient parks and recreation over the next 25 years.

**For information on how these actions will be realised over the next 25 years please see “Strategic Big Moves”(2019) and “The Playbook” (2019).**



# Document Review

First round workshops to review and comment on the  
**DRAFT 10 goals with;**

- Park Board Commissioners
- Staff Working Group
- Park Board Extended Leadership Team



# Document Review



**Second round, testing and feedback on 2<sup>nd</sup> DRAFT 10 goals;**  
Community Dialogue event – 6<sup>th</sup> of June, 31 participants  
Park Board Staff Survey – May/June, 46 responses  
Online Community Survey – May/June, 946 responses

**1023**  
Participants





GOAL 1:

## **GROW AND RENEW PARKS, COMMUNITY CENTRES AND OTHER ASSETS**

to Keep Pace with Population Growth  
and Evolving Needs

GOAL 2:

## **PROTECT EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION SPACES**

from Loss, Encroachment & Densification

GOAL 3:

## **PRIORITIZE THE DELIVERY OF RESOURCES**

to Where They are Needed Most

GOAL 4:

## **FOCUS ON CORE RESPONSIBILITIES**

of The Park Board, and be a Supportive  
Ally to Partners

GOAL 5:

## **ADAPT OUR PARKS AND RECREATION AMENITIES**

to a Changing Climate

GOAL 6:

## **CREATE A GREEN NETWORK**

That Will Connect Our Parks, Waterfront  
and Recreation Areas

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## **RESTORE VANCOUVER'S WILD SPACES**

and Vital Biodiversity

GOAL 8:

## **FOSTER A SYSTEM OF PARKS AND RECREATION SPACES**

That Are Safe and Welcoming to All

GOAL 9:

## **SEEK TRUTH AS A FOUNDATION FOR RECONCILIATION**

With Musqueam, Squamish,  
TsleilWaututh Nations

GOAL 10:

## **SECURE ADEQUATE AND ONGOING FUNDING**

for The Repair, Renewal and Replacement  
of our Aging Parks and Recreation System





## **GROW AND RENEW PARKS, COMMUNITY CENTRES AND OTHER ASSETS**

to Keep Pace with Population Growth  
and Evolving Needs

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*Our green spaces and facilities keep us healthy and ensure our wellbeing by providing important venues for learning new skills, being outside, connecting with friends and neighbours, vibrant community cultural events, and playing sport.*

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## GROW AND RENEW PARKS, COMMUNITY CENTRES AND OTHER ASSETS

to Keep Pace with Population Growth  
and Evolving Needs

87%  
support\*

### **Response to community, staff and Commissioner engagement feedback:**

- The goal is now more focused on the future and on growth of the parks and recreation system
- Continual assessment of community need is key to growing where we need to grow

*\*percentage of survey respondents who either agreed or somewhat agreed with the draft goal*

## PROTECT EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION SPACES

from Loss, Encroachment & Densification

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*While Vancouver has more park space today than it did 25 years ago, the significant increase in our population and the city's increasing density has put greater pressure on our parks' system. This is especially true in neighbourhoods like Vancouver's downtown, Mt. Pleasant, False Creek and the Cambie corridor where the majority of new residents are living in condos with little or no access to private outdoor space or to nature.*

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## PROTECT EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION SPACES

from Loss, Encroachment & Densification

94%  
support\*

### **Response to community, staff and Commissioner engagement feedback:**

- Additional words to highlight the role of the Park Board to advocate and educate about the value of park land have been added

*\*percentage of survey respondents who either agreed or somewhat agreed with the draft goal*

## **PRIORITIZE THE DELIVERY OF RESOURCES**

to Where They are Needed Most

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*Vancouver is a city of diverse neighbourhoods with very different needs, including the need for parks and recreation facilities. Add to this, not all neighbourhoods of the city have equal access when it comes to the accessibility of green spaces<sup>4</sup>. That's why the Park Board is working to ensure the equitable delivery of our limited resources.*

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## PRIORITIZE THE DELIVERY OF RESOURCES

to Where They are Needed Most



92%  
support\*

### **Response to community, staff and Commissioner engagement feedback:**

- Clarification has been added to explain what is meant by “prioritising investments” i.e. developing tools such as equity mapping and analysis to determine where resources should be directed to make the biggest difference to the community.

*\*percentage of survey respondents who either agreed or somewhat agreed with the draft goal*



## FOCUS ON CORE RESPONSIBILITIES

of The Park Board, and be a Supportive Ally to Partners

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*At the Park Board, there is a limit to our budget and resources, and that affects our ability to meet all of the public demand for amenities and services. This sometimes means having to say no to exciting new opportunities. By coordinating with and enabling our hardworking partner organizations, we can share the planning, funding and delivery of many aspects of our parks' system, allowing the Park Board to focus on its crucial core responsibilities.*

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## FOCUS ON CORE RESPONSIBILITIES

of The Park Board, and be a Supportive Ally to Partners

88%  
support\*

### Response to community, staff and Commissioner engagement feedback:

- Description of the Park Board's role as a coordinator has been added. For example, the Park Board provides accessible and affordable parks and recreation, and coordinates fair, inclusive and innovative partnerships to enable many other important services. A solid foundation and frameworks will be key in achieving this.

*\*percentage of survey respondents who either agreed or somewhat agreed with the draft goal*

## **ADAPT OUR PARKS AND RECREATION AMENITIES**

### to a Changing Climate

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*Our rapidly changing climate can already be felt in Vancouver, with warmer, wetter winters and hotter, drier summers. These changes will have numerous implications for people, parks and infrastructure. So how do we prepare for the difficult road ahead? At the Park Board, we have already begun to protect our population and our green spaces, both for today and the decades ahead.*

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## ADAPT OUR PARKS AND RECREATION AMENITIES

to a Changing Climate

91%  
support\*

### Response to community, staff and Commissioner engagement feedback:

- The goal was edited to speak to “a changing climate” rather than “climate change” to better reflect the process and planning aspects of being responsive to changing conditions.
- The goal also now reflects the importance of water conservation to make the most of precious resources into the future.

*\*percentage of survey respondents who either agreed or somewhat agreed with the draft goal*

## CREATE A GREEN NETWORK

That Will Connect Our Parks, Waterfront  
and Recreation Areas

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*The Park Board has a history of big ideas, none more influential than our world-renowned 22-km seawall. But for many areas of the city access to the waterfront is very limited. Along the Fraser River, shoreline access is restricted and on the east side the Port of Vancouver occupies much of the waterfront.*

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## CREATE A GREEN NETWORK

That Will Connect Our Parks, Waterfront  
and Recreation Areas

94%  
support\*

### Response to community, staff and Commissioner engagement feedback:

- The goal now reflect the role of this city wide green network in connecting Vancouverites to nature. This can be achieved through both locations and design which reflects the natural features of the landscape and allows residents with access to nature close to home.

*\*percentage of survey respondents who either agreed or somewhat agreed with the draft goal*



## RESTORE VANCOUVER'S WILD SPACES

### and Vital Biodiversity

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*Although Vancouver is surrounded by wild spaces, the city itself has very few of them. You've told us that you want more access in the city to nature, including the opportunity to watch birds, see salmon spawn or just admire majestic trees. The Park Board is working to restore the city's environmental integrity by reintroducing wild spaces, monitoring the health of ecosystems, rehabilitating our shorelines and re-establishing our tree canopy.*

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## RESTORE VANCOUVER'S WILD SPACES

and Vital Biodiversity

93%  
support\*

### **Response to community, staff and Commissioner engagement feedback:**

- Park Board's role in building awareness and appreciation for the natural world (through educational signage and programming) was added.
- The goal was edited to better reflect the importance of modern urban forest management, e.g. monitoring tree canopy and water quality.

*\*percentage of survey respondents who either agreed or somewhat agreed with the draft goal*

## FOSTER A SYSTEM OF PARKS AND RECREATION SPACES

That Are Safe and Welcoming to All

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*A core value of the Park Board is the desire to create welcoming parks and recreation services for all. That's why we are committed to improving the safety and inclusiveness of our spaces through programming, education, activities, events, and enhanced park design.*

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## FOSTER A SYSTEM OF PARKS AND RECREATION SPACES

That Are Safe and Welcoming to All

87%  
support\*

### **Response to community, staff and Commissioner engagement feedback:**

- The goal was edited to describe the need to prioritize accessibility, inclusion and equity when planning and designing parks and recreation.
- “safe parks” are now better defined. Additional clarification has been added to highlight how vibrant, well-lit parks with a sense of community care and involvement create safe environments

*\*percentage of survey respondents who either agreed or somewhat agreed with the draft goal*

## SEEK TRUTH AS A FOUNDATION FOR RECONCILIATION

With Musqueam, Squamish,  
Tsleil-Waututh Nations

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*The City of Vancouver was founded on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh, and those Nations have endured decades of unjust treatment at the hands of the colonizers. At the Park Board, we are committed to the hard work of truth telling; the acknowledgment that First Nations are integral rights holders in the future of public parks and lands; the important process of reconciliation with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations; and working towards a relationship built on equality and reciprocity.*

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## SEEK TRUTH AS A FOUNDATION FOR RECONCILIATION

With Musqueam, Squamish,  
Tsleil-Waututh Nations

73%  
support\*

### **Response to community, staff and Commissioner engagement feedback:**

- To advance this goal additional training and support to increase the capacity of Park Board staff would be beneficial, the goal now mentions this opportunity.
- Additional support for continued partnerships and meaningful collaboration with local First Nations in the planning, design and programming of parks and recreation, has been added.

*\*percentage of survey respondents who either agreed or  
somewhat agreed with the draft goal*



## SECURE ADEQUATE AND ONGOING FUNDING

for The Repair, Renewal and Replacement  
of our Aging Parks and Recreation System

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*Today, Vancouver's parks are at a major crossroads. Many of our green spaces were created and their facilities built nearly half a century ago. Now they're in need of significant repair. At the Park Board, we're looking to secure funding dedicated to the ongoing maintenance of our green spaces, and the renewal and replacement of our aging recreation facilities.*

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## SECURE ADEQUATE AND ONGOING FUNDING

for The Repair, Renewal and Replacement  
of our Aging Parks and Recreation System

91%  
support\*

### **Community, staff and Commissioner engagement feedback:**

- The goal now highlights the opportunity for considering a diversification of funding sources such as partnerships with external funders and donors, user fees, management of infrastructure which takes into account 'whole of life costs', renegotiation of existing funding sources and foundation funds.

*\*percentage of survey respondents who either agreed or somewhat agreed with the draft goal*



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# Vancouver's Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan



The Master Plan will be delivered in four components:

## Part 1:

*Inventory and Analysis* - a compendium to the current state of the City's parks & recreation system (Attachment A), and

*10 Goals to shape the next 25 years* - a set of aspirational statements to set the course for parks and recreation into the future (Attachment B)

These documents set the stage for the final two components of the Master Plan;

## Part 2:

*Strategic Big Moves* – outlining strategies to meet the goals over the next 25 years (Q1 2019)

*Playbook* – the plan for implementation and operationalization of the big moves (Q1 2019)

# Next Steps



## Part 2:

*Strategic Big Moves* – outlining strategies to meet the goals over the next 25 years  
(Q1 2019)

- Tasks include defining **optimum level of service and metrics** for future delivery of parks and recreation space and amenities, and furthering the development of policy and analysis tools.

*Playbook* – the plan for implementation and operationalization of the big moves  
(Q1 2019)

# Project Vision

A group of people, including adults and children, are in a dance studio. In the foreground, a woman with short brown hair, wearing a bright red short-sleeved shirt and red leggings, is bent over in a dynamic pose, reaching towards the floor. Behind her, several other people are visible, mostly wearing pink or magenta t-shirts. Some are standing, some are in motion. The floor is dark with yellow lines. The background is black.

A new paradigm that will maximize **access to high-quality parks and recreation** experiences that connect people with themselves, each other and nature.

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation approve “Vancouver’s Parks and Recreation: Inventory and Analysis”, as outlined in this report and attached within Appendix A, to describe the current state of parks and recreation in Vancouver; and
- B. THAT the Board approve “Vancouver’s Parks and Recreation; 10 Goals to shape the next 25 years”, as outlined in this report and attached within Appendix B, to set guiding principles the future of parks and recreation in Vancouver.



