

VANPLAY - PARKS & RECREATION MASTER

PLAN: Draft Implementation Actions

REPORT REFERENCE

Regular Board Meeting April 1, 2019



Purpose of Presentation



The purpose of this Report Reference is to;

- Update the Board on the Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan – VanPlay project;
- Share first look at Report 4 The Playbook, Implementation;
- Outline next steps for the project, between now and projected completion in May/June 2019.

Previous Board Touchpoints

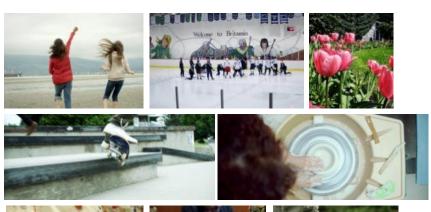


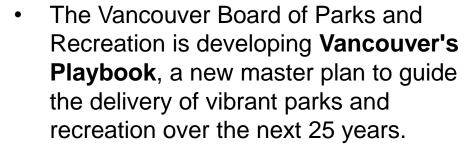
The Board has been updated throughout the project thus far;

- July 24, 2017 Report Reference Phase 1 Project Update which provided the early results of VanPlay's Phase 1 "Discovery" community engagement
- November 6, 2017 Report Reference Content Development Update which provided a high level project update on VanPlay and developing content of the master plan
- July 23, 2018 Report the Board unanimously approved Reports 1 and 2
- February 11, 2019 Report Reference Draft Strategic Big Moves which provided an introduction to the proposed "Equity Initiative Zones" and "Interconnected Network".

VanPlay → The Playbook









 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.









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:

Report 1 - Inventory and Analysis - a compendium to the current state of the City's parks & recreation system

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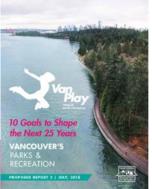
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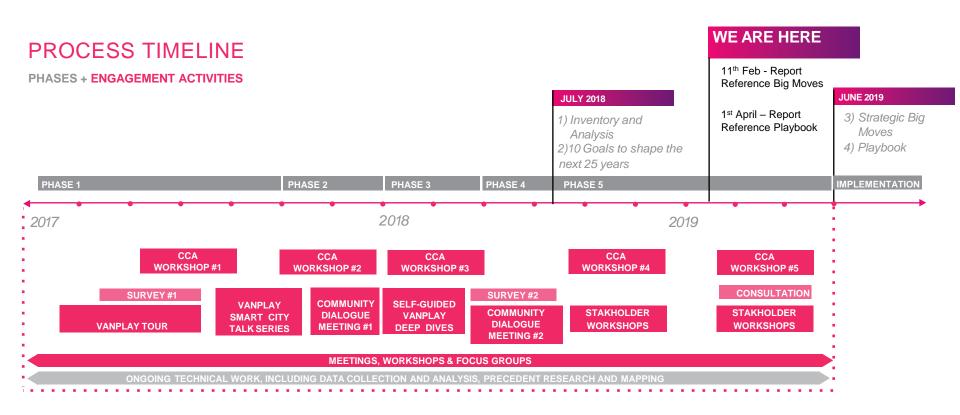
Part 2:

Report 3 - Strategic Big Moves – outlining strategies to meet the goals over the next 25 years (Q1 2019)

Report 4 - Playbook – the plan for implementation and operationalization of the big moves (Q1 2019)











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 Dialogues

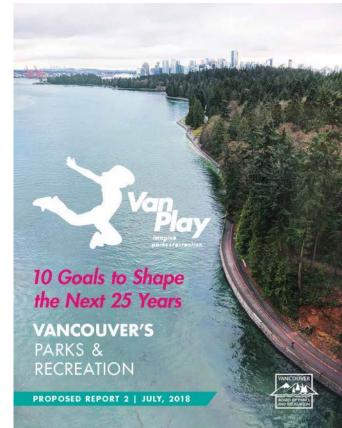


Report 2 10 Goals to Shape the Next





We distilled what we heard into 10 bold goal statements



GOAL 6

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

CREATE A GREEN NETWORK

That Will Connect Our Parks, Waterfront and Recreation Areas

GOAL 7

RESTORE VANCOUVER'S WILD SPACES

and Vital Biodiversity

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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, Tsleil-Waututh Nations

GOAL 10:

SECURE ADEQUATE AND ONGOING FUNDING

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



Report 3 Strategic Big Moves - "Tool Box"

Given what we know about where we are now, what we heard, the challenges we face every day, and these bold goals we set.

What would make the biggest difference?
How do we work with a constantly changing environment?
What would best support Commissioner priorities?

Report 3 Strategic Big Moves - "Tool Box"

Project a bold vision

Interconnected Network

Address historical inequities

Equity Initiative Zones

Articulate need

Asset Targets

Report 4

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Playbook

Brings it all together...

How to we follow through on our 10 Goals to Shape the Next 25 Years?

How do we use the Strategic Big Moves and tools, for decision making?



Interconnected Network

Equity Initiative Zones

Asset Targets

Report 4

Playbook

What it will look like:

A set of **Approaches for Action**, and subsequent implementation activities:

- Using the tools
 (Interconnected Network, Equity Initiative Zones, Asset Targets)
- Supporting Tasks
 (Short, Medium, Long, Ongoing)



Sorted, generally, by:

Parks

Recreation

Facilities

Nature



Example 1- Broadway Area Plan





Broadway Area Planning

The City has commenced work on a Broadway Area Plan to support growth and maximize opportunities associated with the future Millennium Line Broadway Extension.

Park Board staff are on the Technical Advisory and Working Group Teams





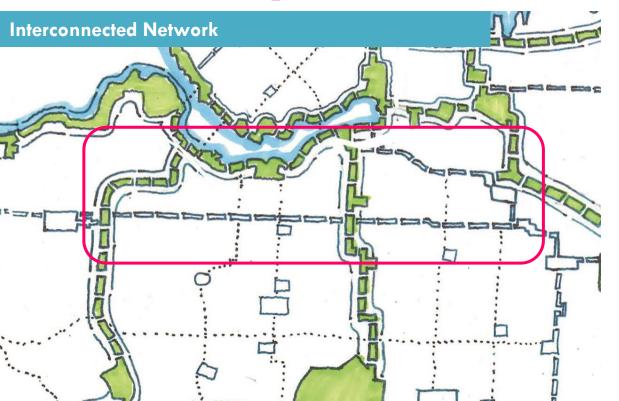
Broadway Area Planning

Park Board staff represent the complex parks and recreation interests in this area:

- Improving deficits in service provision for parks and recreation amenities
- Supporting quality of life as density increases
- Creating connectivity between existing parks and recreation spaces
- Increasing capacity and quality of existing parks and recreation spaces



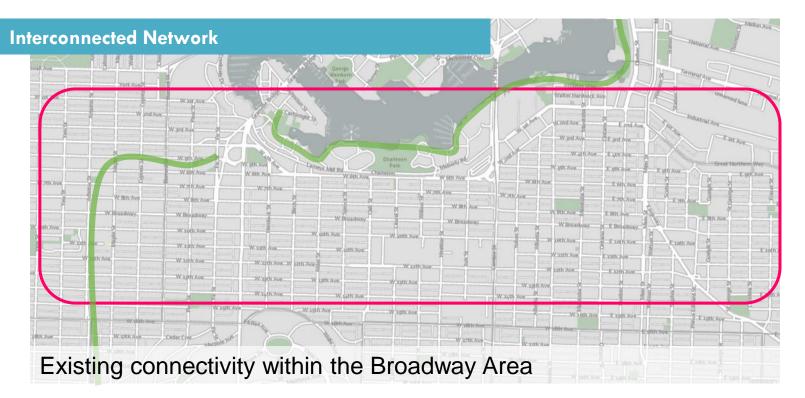
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Connectivity for:

- Recreation walking & biking trails
- Improved access to/from/between parks and community centres
- Biodiversity corridors and green infrastructure

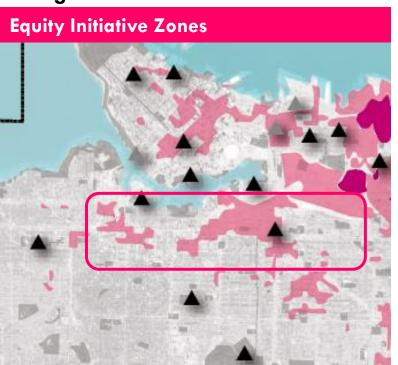
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Broadway Area Planning

Using the Tools



The Equity Initiative Zones are those with:

- Low access to park space
- High demand for recreation with reduce barriers
- Low tree canopy cover

Priority areas for investment



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Asset Types	Current provision within the Broadway Area	Draft City Wide Asset Target
Park	24 ha of parks, in 20 locations. 0.3ha/1000 residents current population of the area (citywide average is 1.06ha/1000 with uneven distribution)	1.1ha/1000 Residents
Community Centre	2 centres, False Creek and Mount Pleasant. 61,000 sf of facility space, which is approximately 0.78 sq.ft./resident (city wide average is 1.45sq.ft./capita with uneven distribution)	1.45 sq.ft./capita
Rink	None in study area – closest are at Trout Lake Community Centre, Brittania, and Kitsilano Community Centre	Increase available ice time by 5% by 2030



Asset Targets		
Asset Types	Current provision within the Broadway Area	Draft City Wide Asset Target
Fitness centre	2 at both False Creek (1527 sq.ft) and Mount Pleasant (3800 sq,.ft.)	Citywide average size of 4000 sq.f.t (current average is 2,124 sq.f.t)
Sports Fields and Ball Diamonds	8 turf grass fields, including 3 ball diamonds. 1 grass volleyball and 3 soccer fields.	Within 20 min walk of all residents
Outdoor Court Sports	6 full size and 3 half court basketball courts, no pickleball courts, 19 tennis courts, 4 Beach Volleyball	Within 10 min walk of walk residents



Asset Types Current provision within the Broadway Area Draft City Wide A	
Target	sset
Skate Parks 2, at China Creek South and Mount Pleasant Park Within 20 min wall	
Play Areas 20 playgrounds, including Rosemary Brown Park, Within 10 min wall Robson Park and Mount Pleasant parks. with universally accessible feature	,
Indoor sportsNo indoor facilities for tennis, roller skating, hockey or other indoor sports.At least 1 Indoor multisport facility	



Example 2 – Access to Nature

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Access to Nature



Throughout VanPlay community engagement we heard how important "access to nature" is to Vancouverites.

In this example we'll consider actions using the VanPlay tools which help us improve access to nature for humans.

A separate section of the report will consider biodiversity and habitat enhancement in more detail.

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Access to Nature



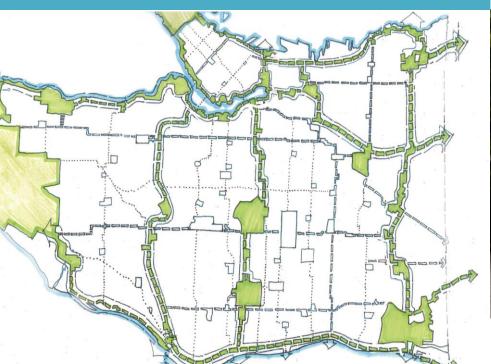
Park Board can increase access to nature for the community via:

- stewardship programs
- horticulture and urban forestry in parks and streets
- ops/maintenance techniques
- park development incorporating natural areas
- urban wildlife management
- biodiversity enhancement projects

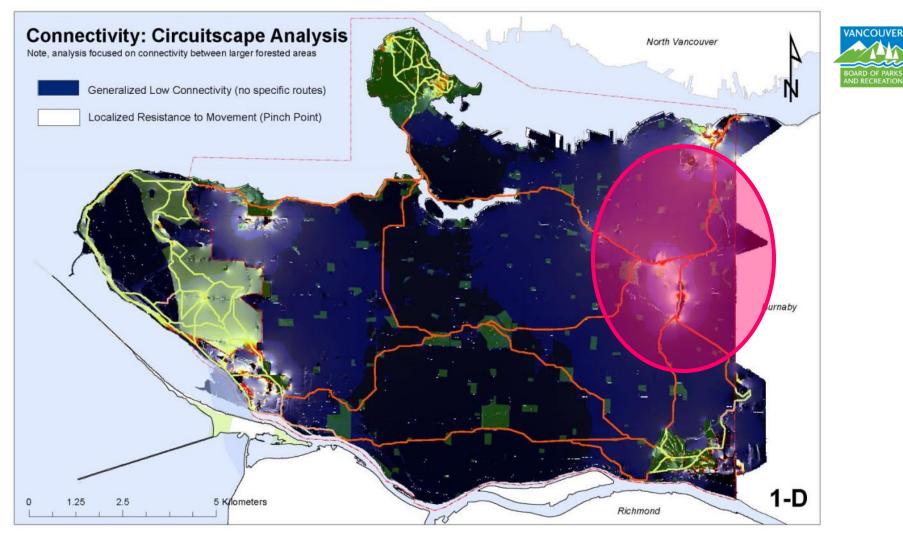
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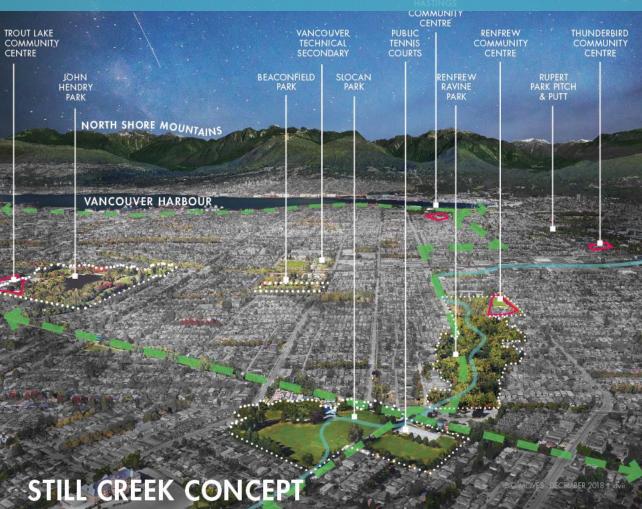
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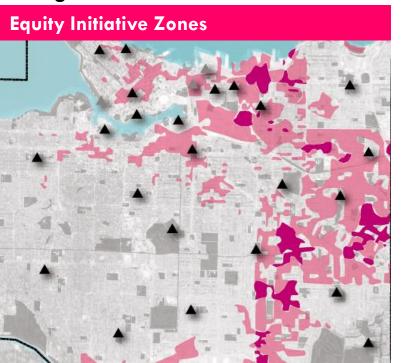






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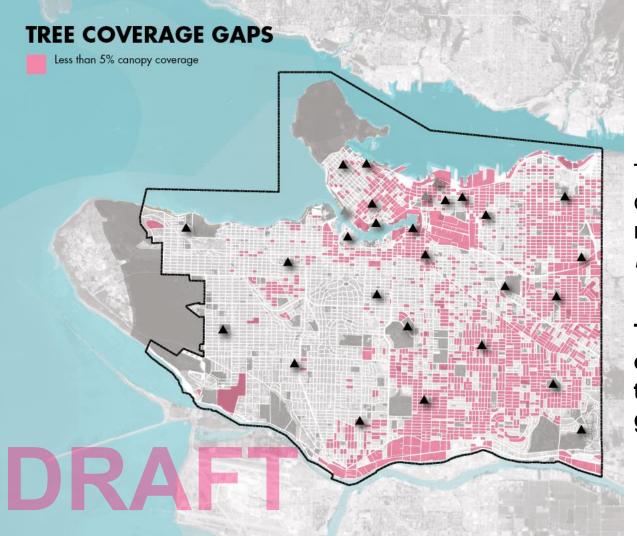
Using the Tools



The urban forest provides access to nature, cleaner air/water, climate change mitigation, reduces heat & more walkable, beautiful environments.

Priority areas for investment

One of the three contributing factors to the Equity Initiative Zones is Urban forest canopy cover





This map was created using canopy cover data (LiDAR) maps prepared for the *Urban Forest Strategy, 2016*.

This indicator shows areas of the city with less street trees, park trees, and green private open space.

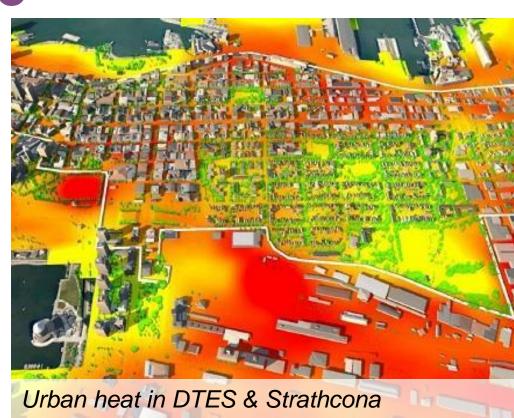
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Using the Tools

Equity Initiative Zones

- Priority tree planting to reduce urban heat impacts.
- Changes to tree selection (and procurement) to tolerate summer drought and future climate.
- Enhanced soil volume to maintain tree health, and supplemental watering during establishment.





Access to Nature

Asset Targets

Proposed Targets:

- Restore on enhance 1ha of natural area each year
- A substantial, naturally managed park space within a 10 minute walk
- Add 1 site for bird and pollinator habitat each year
- Grow environmental stewardship (volunteers and advocates) by 25%

2019 Inventory = 482 hectares (0.76ha/1000 people) **Population-based Demand 2041** = +108 ha to maintain 0.76 ha/1,000 people



Access to Nature

Supporting Tasks

Example recommendations:

- Increase quantity and expand landscape types to integrate more natural areas into all park typologies.
- Identify appropriate locations for more natural management of park space.
 Consider safety/sight lines, operations/maintenance requirements, habitat connectivity, and human interaction.
- Align skills, capacity and quantity of operations and maintenance staff to respond to the current and future mix of horticulture and management area types.

Example 2



Access to Nature

Supporting Tasks

Example recommendations:

- Comprehensive watershed planning to guide the strategic daylighting of streams, green infrastructure, natural management of green spaces
- Advocate for and explore opportunities for conservation focused management of foreshores, waterways and beaches
- Collaborate with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh to learn land stewardship, planting and resilience approaches and incorporate these learnings into park management

Example 2



Access to Nature

Supporting Tasks

Investigate optimum balance and/or mix of:

- Naturally managed spaces, ornamental horticulture and local food
- Active parks (e.g. sports fields), quiet passive parks, bustling urban parks







Managing areas within parks more naturally is one way of inviting more nature and colour into parks.





Pollinator Habitat in Fifth and Pine Pop-up Park



Next Steps





- Presentation sharing the Strategic Big Moves
- Commissioners host reflective conversation with the community
- Meet and mingle style open house with information boards with draft content for Report 3 and 4

Hear about the proposed actions, and share your thoughts with Park Board Commissioners and staff

VanPlay is the Park Board's new 25-year vision for the future of parks and recreation

Register at www.vancouver.ca/vanplay

SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2019 1:00PM CITYLAB 507 W BROADWAY



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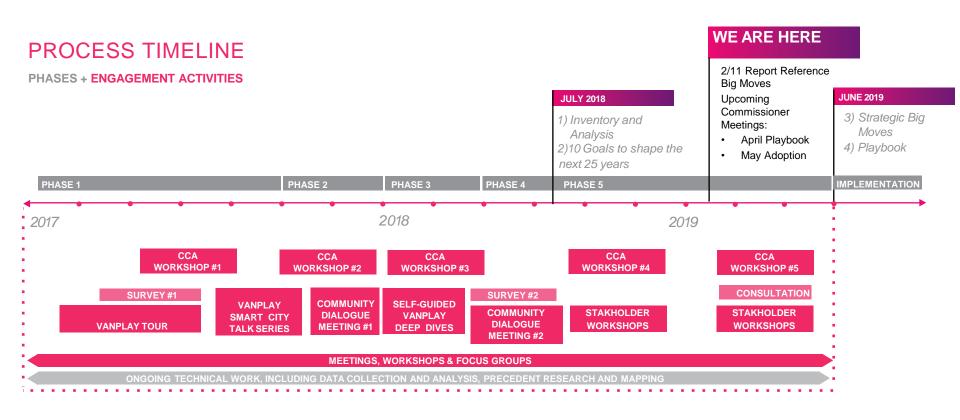
April 7th – Open House "VanPlay Big Moves for a More Equitable and Connected Future"

April – Staff and Stakeholder consultation on the Asset Targets and implementation actions

May – Commissioners receive Final Draft of Reports 3 and 4 and materials are posted on the VanPlay project website June – Reports 3 and 4 to Commissioners for Decision







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