



PLAYGROUND RENEWALS

2019 Contract Awards

Park Board Committee Meeting
July 8, 2019



- Update the Board on the status of the playground renewal program;
- To seek Board approval to award construction contracts that may be over \$500,000 and expedite project delivery for seven playground renewal projects, at:
 - Kaslo Park
 - Jones Park
 - Winona Park
 - Cedar Cottage Park
 - Ash Park
 - Charleson Park
 - Beaconsfield Park

Presentation Outline



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Background

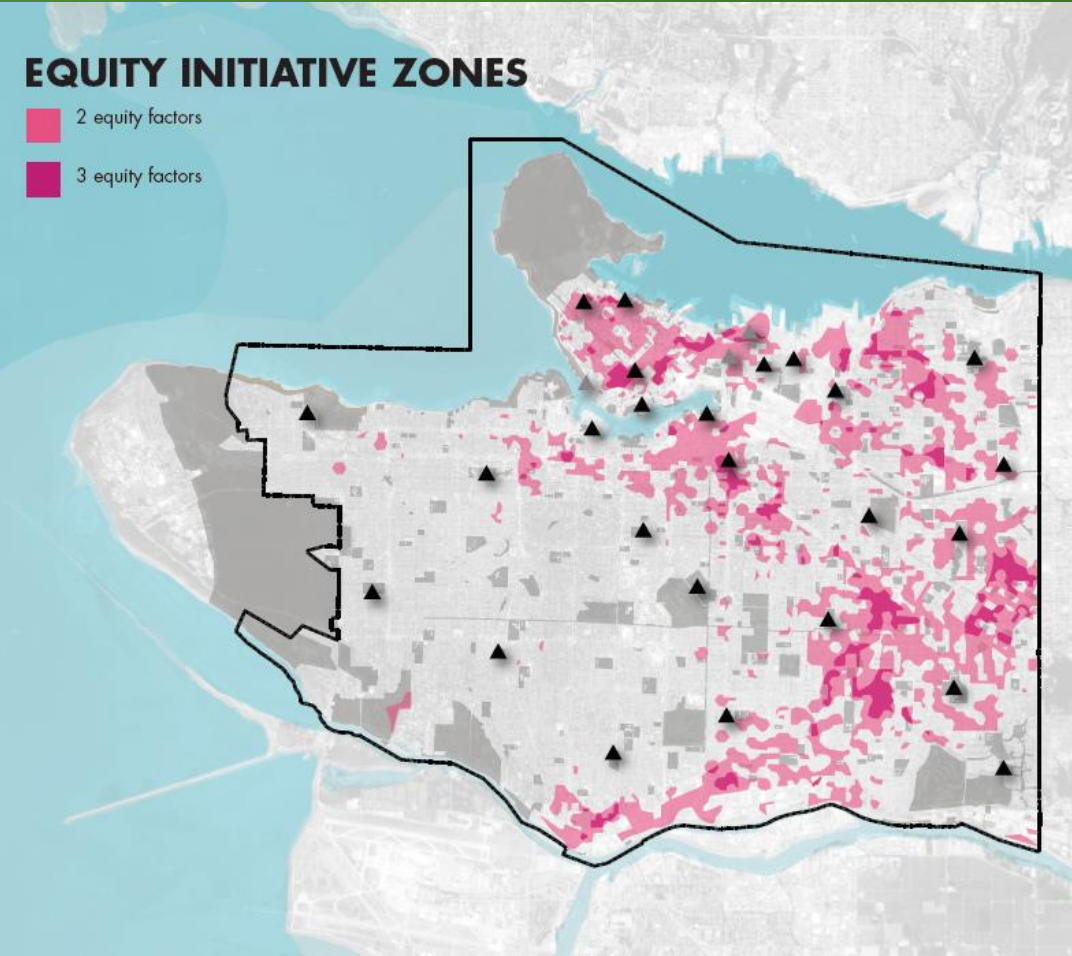
- There are currently 160 playgrounds in the Park Board's system, and many are reaching the end of their lifespan.
- Replacement of playgrounds is an ongoing priority.

What's guiding the playground renewal process?

- 2015 report *Assessment of Vancouver Playspaces*
- Age of Infrastructure
- Non-profit group *Let's All Play* provided recommendations to improve universal accessibility in Vancouver playgrounds
- Public engagement and feedback
- Input from Park Board Operations staff
- Van Play the citywide Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan (*pending Board decision fall 2019*), provides recommendations on strategies for the creation of more vibrant parks and recreation amenities, including playgrounds.

EQUITY INITIATIVE ZONES

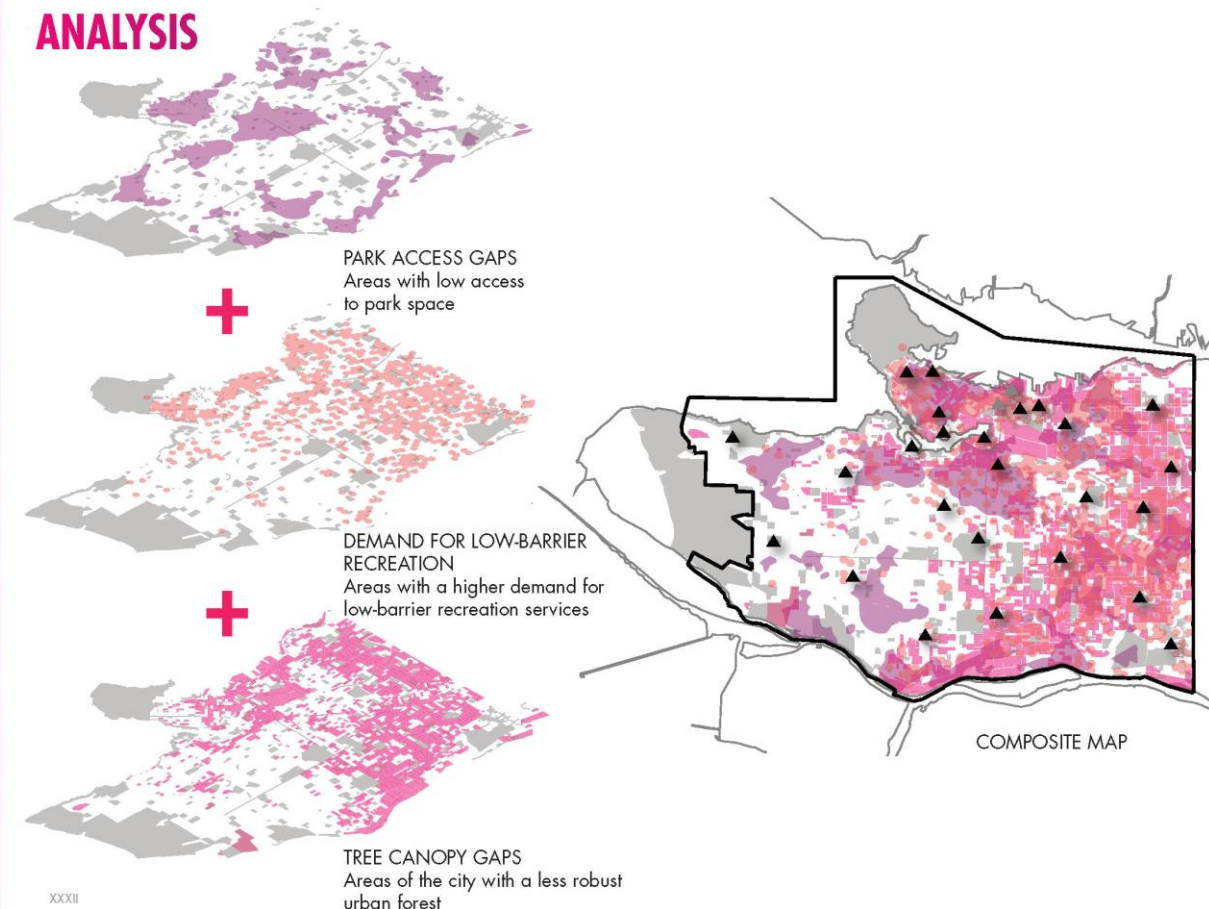
- 2 equity factors
- 3 equity factors



Alignment with VanPlay

- The draft VanPlay Report 3, “Big Move 1: Equity” examines parks and recreation through an equity lens and recognizes where the system is not meeting needs, and where the history of investment has resulted in an uneven distribution of resources and opportunities.

ANALYSIS

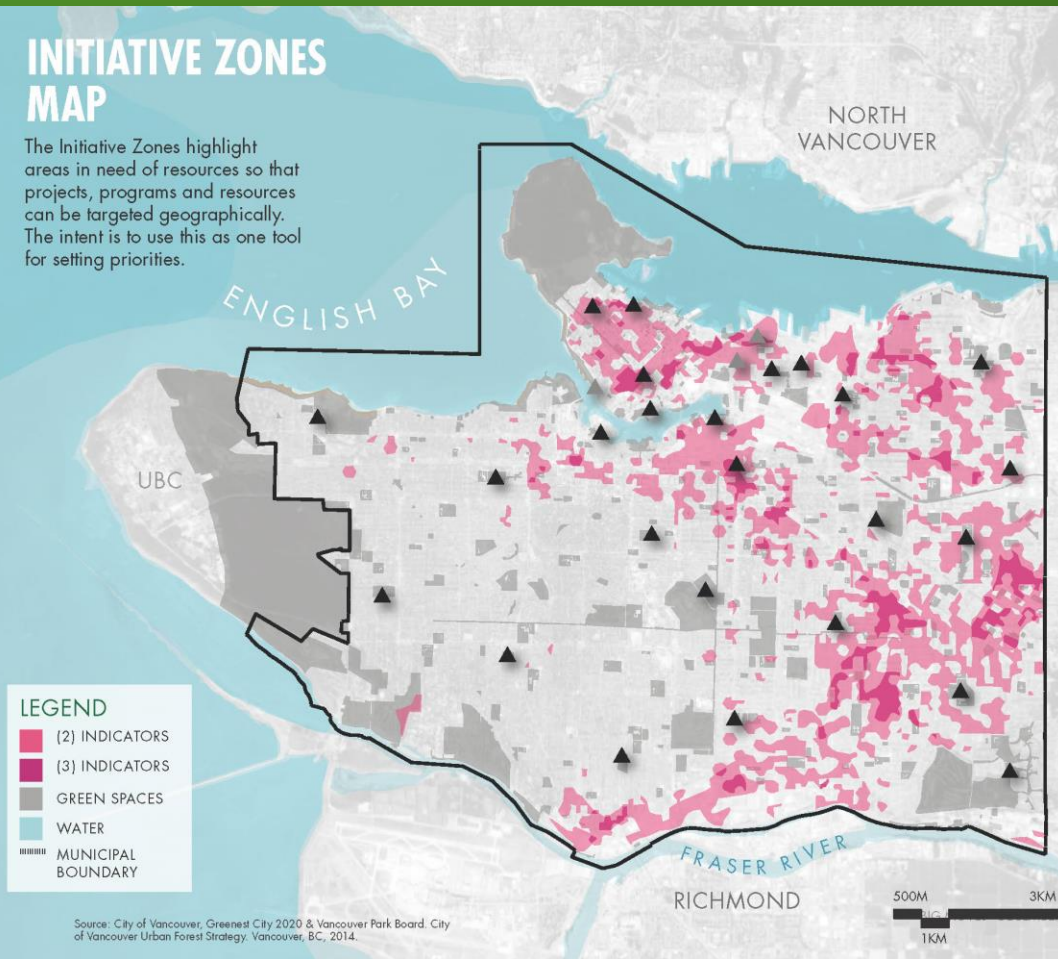


The **VanPlay Initiative Zones** map shows three possible indicators (equity factors) to highlight areas in need of resources:

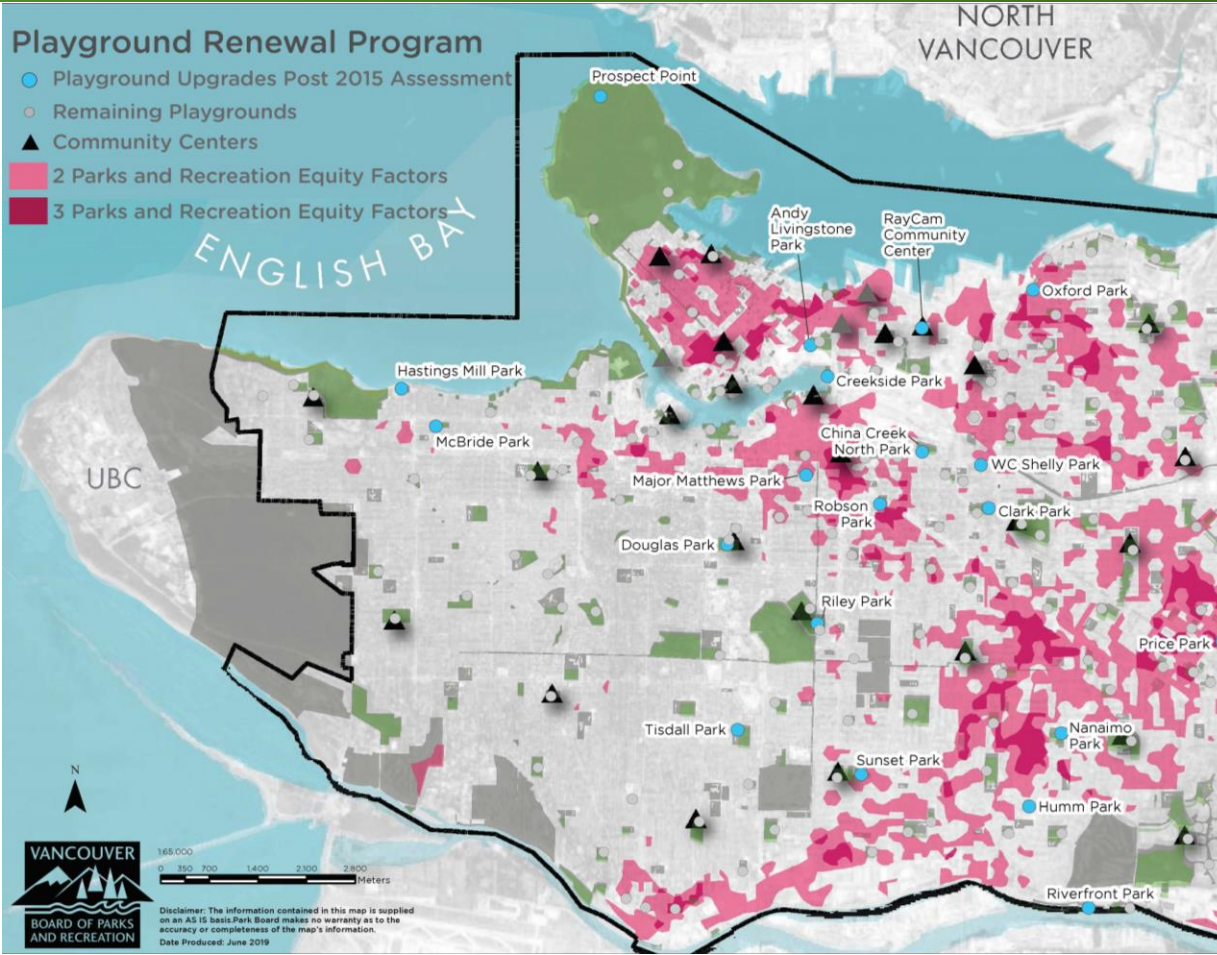
1. Park access
2. Demand for low-barrier recreation services
3. Tree canopy gaps

INITIATIVE ZONES MAP

The Initiative Zones highlight areas in need of resources so that projects, programs and resources can be targeted geographically. The intent is to use this as one tool for setting priorities.

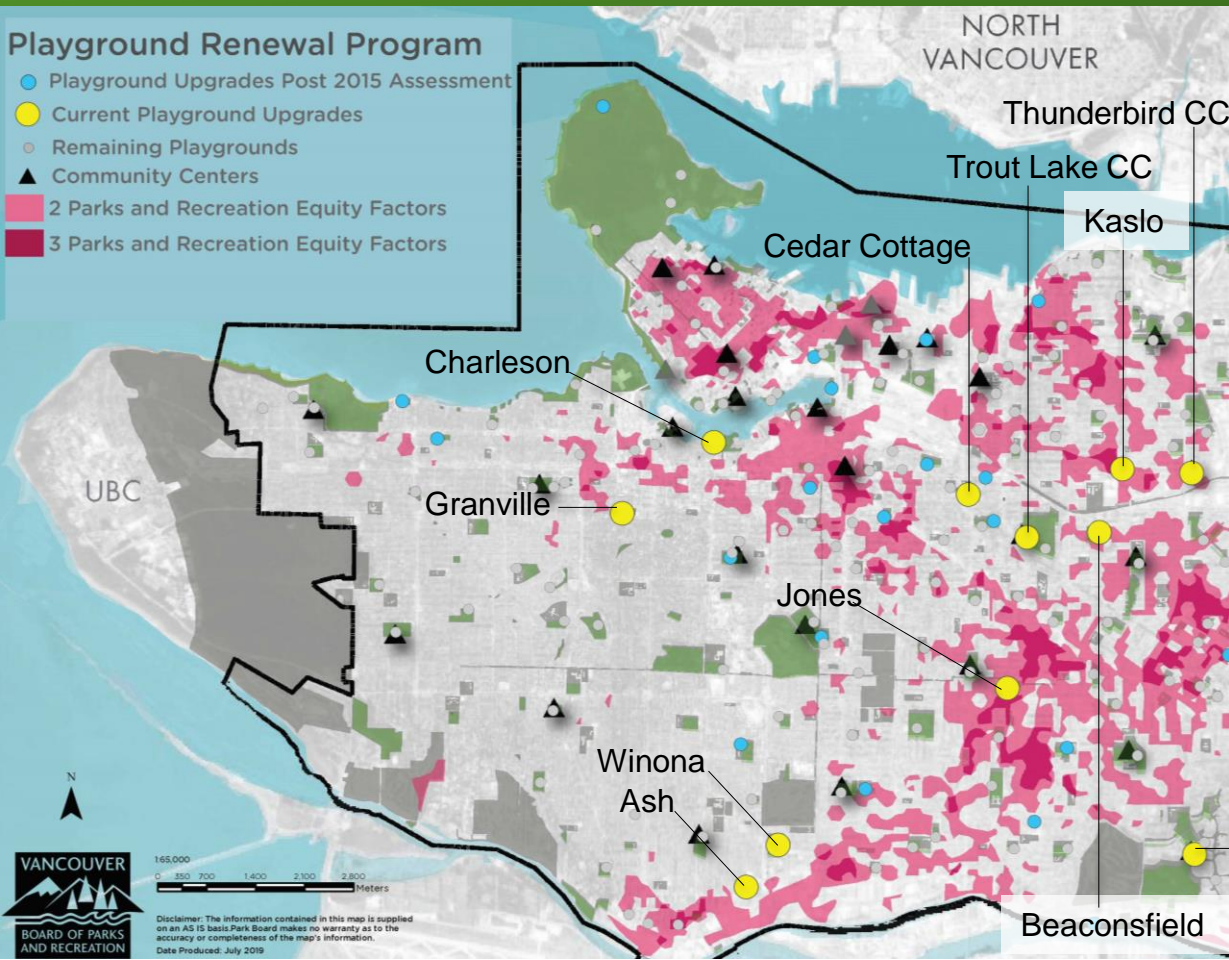


The intention is to use **VanPlay Initiative Zones** as one tool for setting priorities for future playground renewals. Areas with one or more equity factors identified indicate an area in need.



The majority of recent playground renewals overlap or are adjacent to the equity zones identified through VanPlay.

Background



And the majority of current playground renewals also overlap or are adjacent to the equity zones identified through VanPlay.

Since 2015, 17 playground renewals have been completed:

- Andy Livingstone Park
- Clark Park East
- China Creek North Park
(construction to be completed summer 2019)
- Creekside Park
- Douglas Park
- Hastings Mill Park
- Lillian To Park (new asset)
- Major Mathews Park
- McBride Park
- Nanaimo Park
- Oxford Park
- Price Park
- Stanley Park – Prospect Point
- Riley Park – North
- Riverfront Park – West
- Sunset Park
- Tisdall Park
- WC Shelley Park



Playground Capital Program

- Playground Upgrades Post 2015 Assessment
- Current Playground Upgrades
- Playground Upgrades for Contract Awards (7)
- Remaining Playgrounds





2019 Playground Renewals



The following seven (7) projects are scheduled for construction this year :

- Ash Park
- Beaconsfield Park
- Cedar Cottage Park
- Charleson Park
- Jones Park
- Kaslo Park
- Winona Park

- Playground Upgrades Post 2015 Assessment
- Current Playground Upgrades
- Remaining Playgrounds



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- Priority ranking in the *Assessment of Playspaces* report;
- VanPlay equity zones;
- Input from VPB operations staff; and
- Community needs.



Coopers' Park Extension
public engagement event



Community Engagement



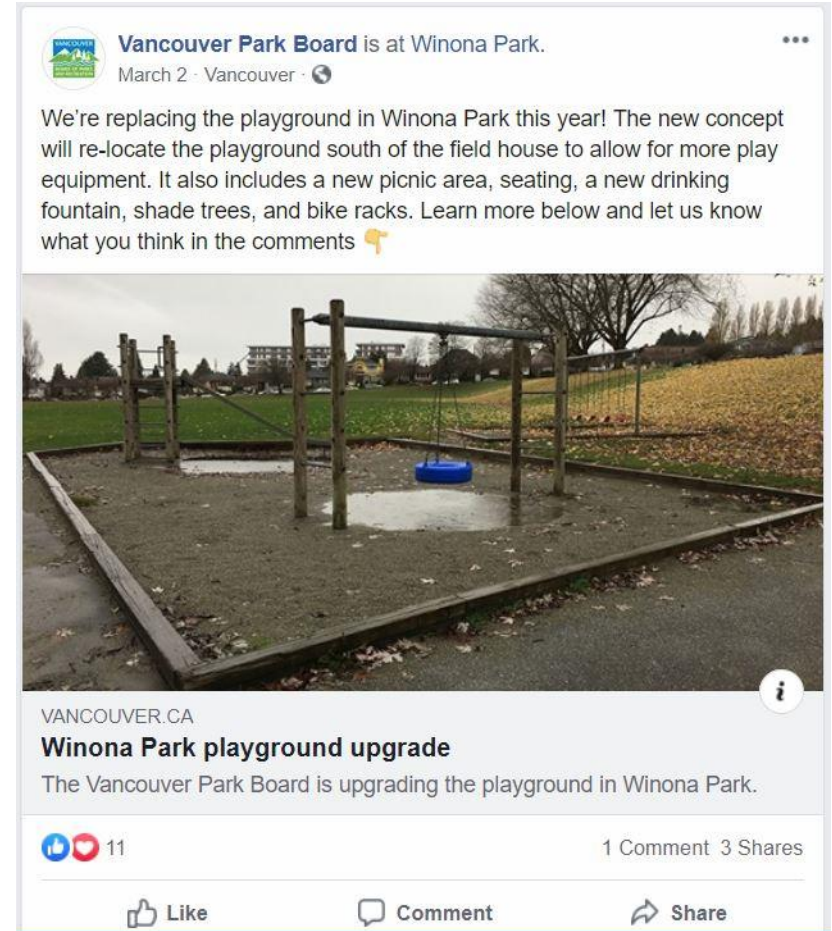
- Community feedback has informed the final playground concepts throughout the design phase.
- Broad community support and enthusiasm for the playground renewals.



Two approaches used in the public engagement process:

1. Social media, webpages, site signs and information sharing for parks including only a playground renewal
2. Open houses and surveys, in addition to the above methods for parks where other elements in addition to the playground renewal are occurring.

- Engagement for Ash Park, Beaconsfield Park, Kaslo Park and Winona Park included:
 - Online project websites & social media
 - Consultation with relevant local community groups
 - Posting information signs in the parks with illustrative concept plans for the renewed playgrounds.
- Positive feedback has been received for all the new playgrounds




- Engagement for Cedar Cottage Park, Charleson Park and Jones Park included:
 - Online project website & social media
 - Posting information signs in the park
 - Open houses with in person and online surveys
- High approval ratings for each of the proposed changes has been received



Playground Designs

- Located in rapidly growing area of Marpole neighbourhood
- Approx. 25 years old
- Poor overall condition
- Lacks accessibility



Existing Condition

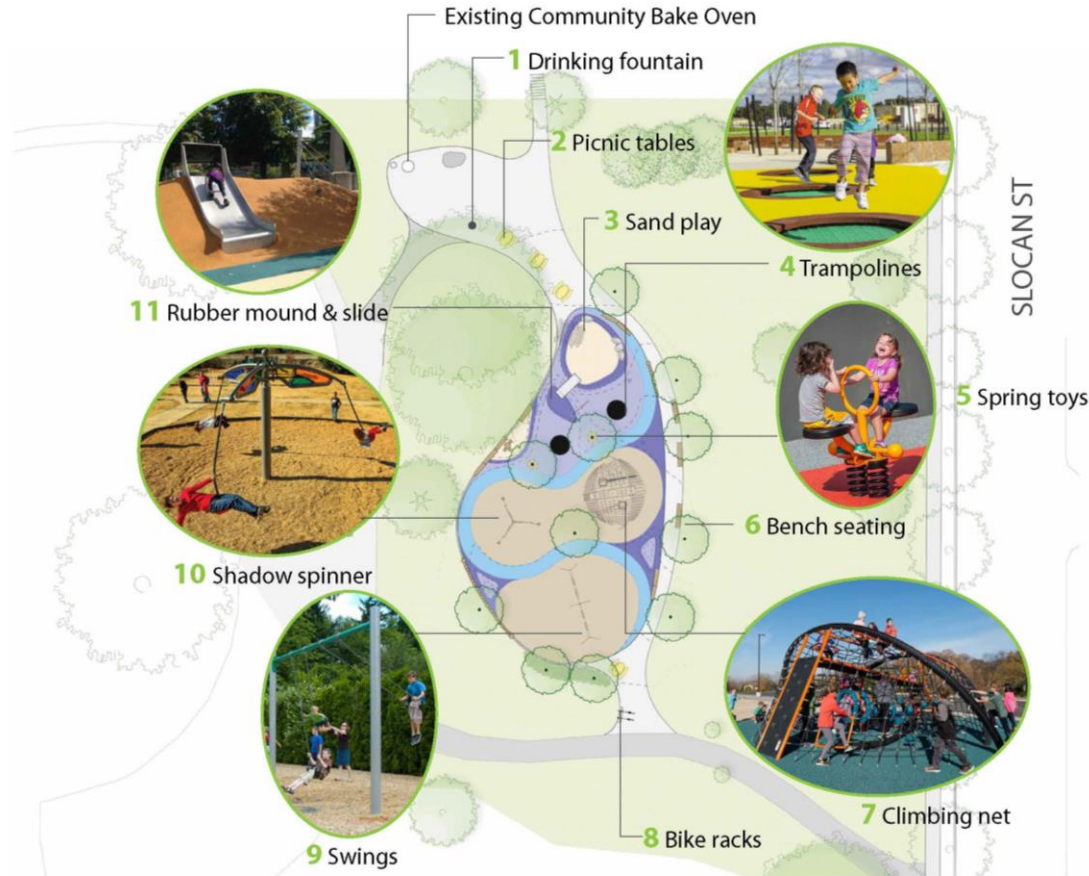
2019 Playground Renewals – Ash Park





- Located in Renfrew Collingwood neighbourhood next to Italian Cultural Centre and used daily by Westside Montessori and licensed early childhood care
- Approx. 34 years old
- Poor overall condition
- Lacks accessibility

2019 Playground Renewals – Beaconsfield Park

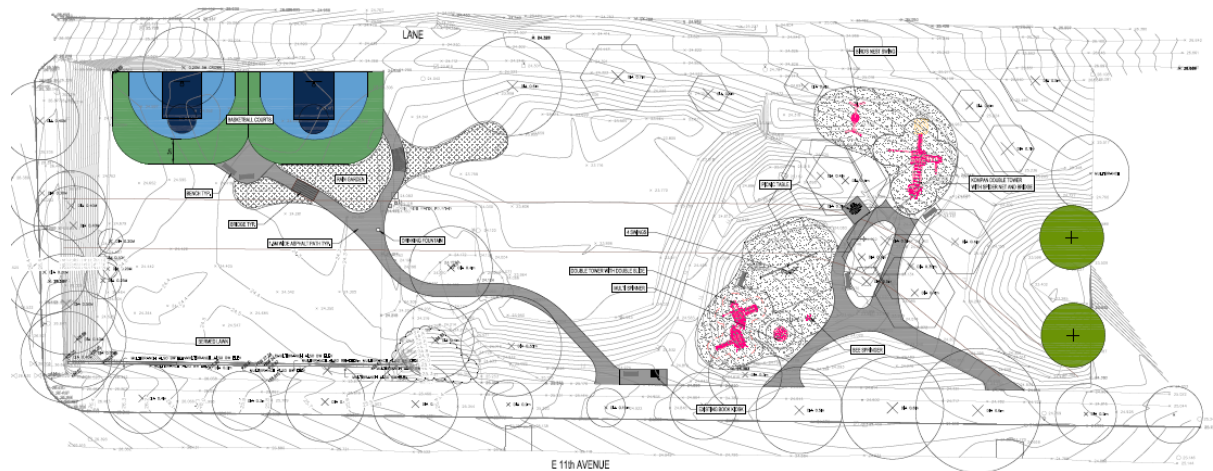




Existing Condition

- Located in Kensington Cedar Cottage neighbourhood and close to Queen Alexandra Elementary and future Broadway Line
- Approx. 35+ years old
- Poor overall condition
- Lacks accessibility

2019 Playground Renewals – Cedar Cottage



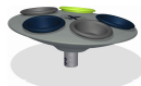
DOUBLE TOWER WITH SPIDER NET AND BRIDGE



BIRD'S NEST SWING



DOUBLE TOWER WITH DOUBLE SLIDE



MULTI SPINNER



BEE SPRINGER



SWINGS



- Highly used park – adjacent to the seawall, family co-ops and False Creek Elementary
- Partial update – Wood tower, swings & tot playground
- Fall height and other CSA concerns on wood structures
- Erosion issues on hillside

2019 Playground Renewals – Charleson

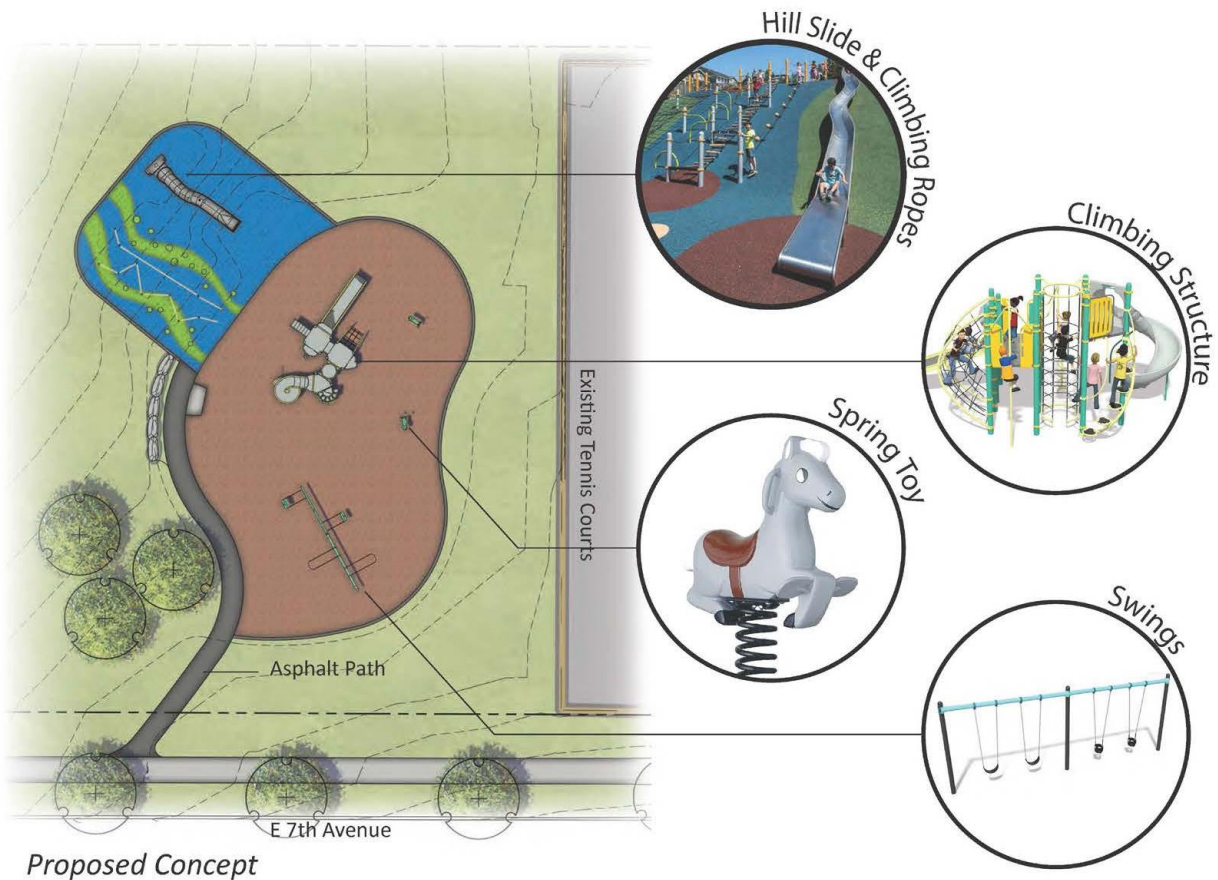


- Located close to Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House in the Hastings Sunrise neighbourhood.
- Approx. 34 years old
- Poor condition
- Lacks accessibility



Existing Condition – Kaslo Park

2019 Playground Renewals – Kaslo Park





Existing Condition

- Located in Kensington Cedar Cottage neighbourhood on Victoria Drive
- Approx. 35+ years old
- Poor overall condition
- Lacks accessibility

2019 Playground Renewals – Jones Park



1 Climbing Tower with Slide



2 Swings



3 Rubber Play Mound



4 Sand Play



5 Play Boat



6 Crazy Cups



7 Spinning Carousel



8 Spring Riders



9 Lounge Chairs



10 Seating Boulders



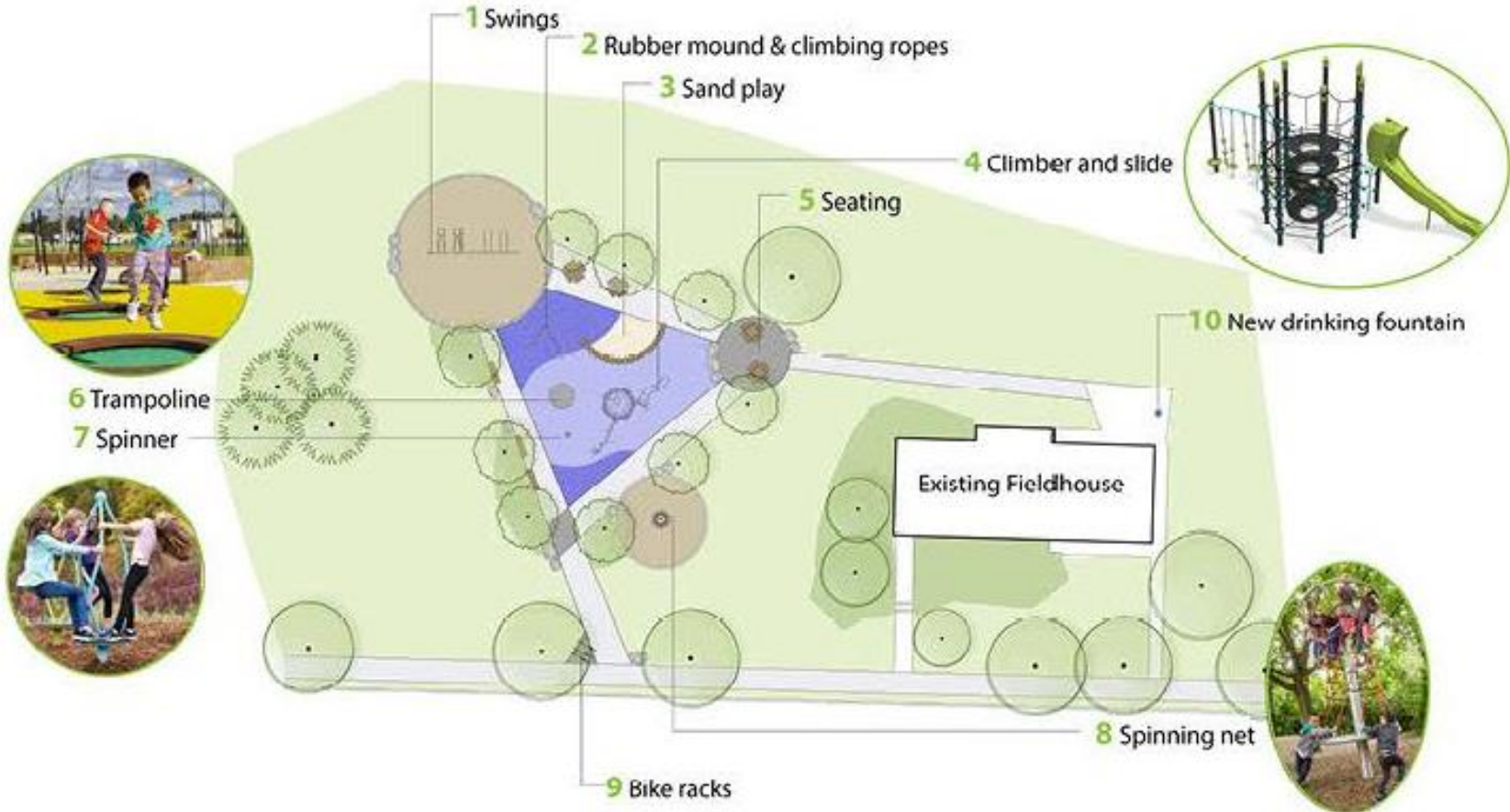
11 Picnic Tables



Existing Condition

- Located in park dominated by sports fields and in rapidly growing area of Marpole neighbourhood on the Cambie Corridor
- Approx. 25 years old
- Poor condition
- Lacks accessibility

2019 Playground Renewals – Winona Park





Procurement



- Tendered through publicly advertised 'Invitation to Tender' (ITT) processes to identify qualified contractors
- The seven (7) projects will have individual construction contract values ranging from \$375,000 - \$875,000, with a maximum combined total cost of \$4.5 million.

- As per the Park Board's Procurement Policy, Board approval is required for all contract awards valued at \$500,000 or higher.
- The City's Procurement Policy requires Bid Committee approval for all contract awards valued above \$750,000.
- The final tenders for these projects will be received over the summer (late July to mid September) when the Board is not in session.
- Many of the tenders may exceed \$500,000 and require Board approval, and some may exceed \$750,000 and require Bid Committee approval.

- Staff are seeking Board approval now, prior to receiving the final tenders and pricing in order to avoid project delays and expedite delivery.
- Upon receiving Board authorization, and as per the procurement process outlined, construction contracts will be awarded.
- This approach aligns with both Park Board and City of Vancouver procurement policies, and will result in significant time efficiencies, earlier construction dates, and faster delivery of much needed neighbourhood amenities.

- Finance has reviewed the estimated combined maximum total cost of \$4.5 million and confirmed that funding is available in the 2019 Capital Budget.
- Staff have reviewed the proposed plans with Park Board Operations staff regarding cost and ease of future maintenance.



Prospect Point Playground (replaced 2018)



Future Playground Renewals



McBride Park Playground
(replaced 2016)

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A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board authorize staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the Park Board's General Manager, the City's Director of Legal Services, and the City's Chief Purchasing Official, and enter into contracts with the vendors who have submitted qualified bids for the following seven (7) playground renewal projects, with pricing that aligns with their individual estimated project budgets (ranging from \$375,000-\$875,000 depending on their level of complexity), with the combined total cost of all contracts not to exceed the estimated overall budget of \$4.5 million:

- Ash Park
- Beaconsfield Park
- Cedar Cottage Park
- Charleson Park
- Jones Park
- Kaslo Park
- Winona Park

- B. THAT the Chief Purchasing Official and Park Board General Manager be authorized to execute on behalf of the Park Board the contracts contemplated by Recommendation A;
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by the Park Board's adoption of Recommendations A and B above, until the contracts are executed by the authorized signatories of the City and Park Board as set out in these Recommendations; and
- D. FURTHER THAT staff will provide Commissioners with confirmation of the above noted contract awards once finalized.

