



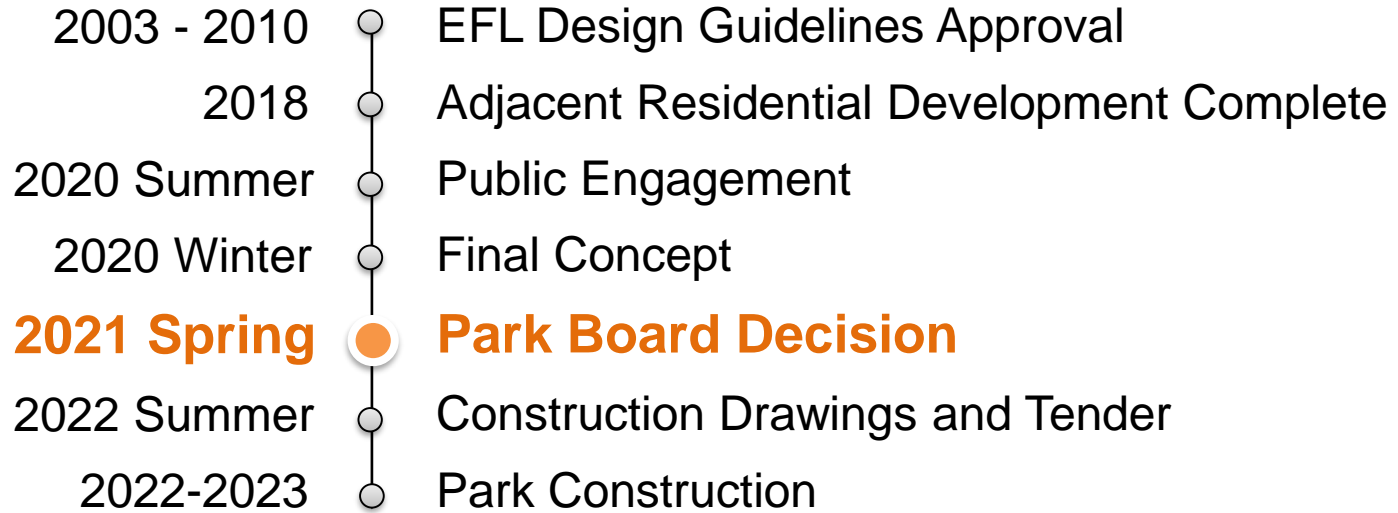
# **EAST FRASER LANDS NEW PARK**

## Concept Plan

Park Board Committee Meeting  
Monday, June 21, 2021



- The purpose of this presentation is to:
  - Provide background information on the design process of the East Fraser Lands New Park;
  - Share results of public engagement; and
  - Seek a Board decision to enable staff to progress to the detailed design stage.

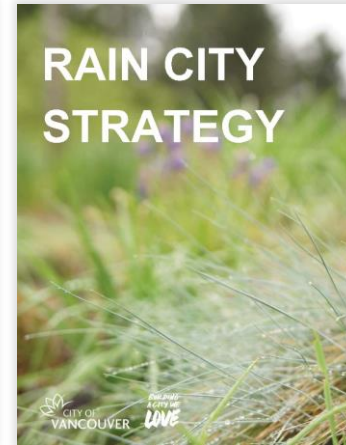
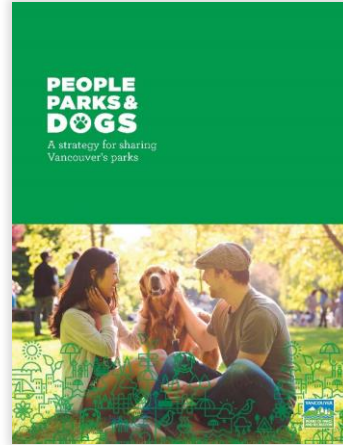
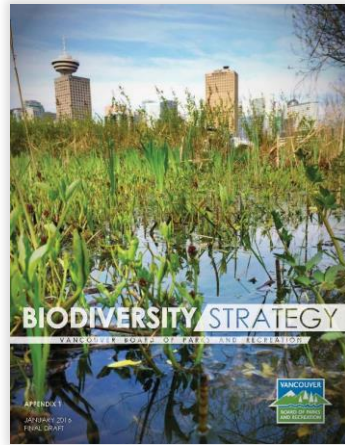


# Project Background





# Background - Policy



The proposed concept for the East Fraser Lands New Park is supported by principles outlined in the following plans and strategies



# 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.

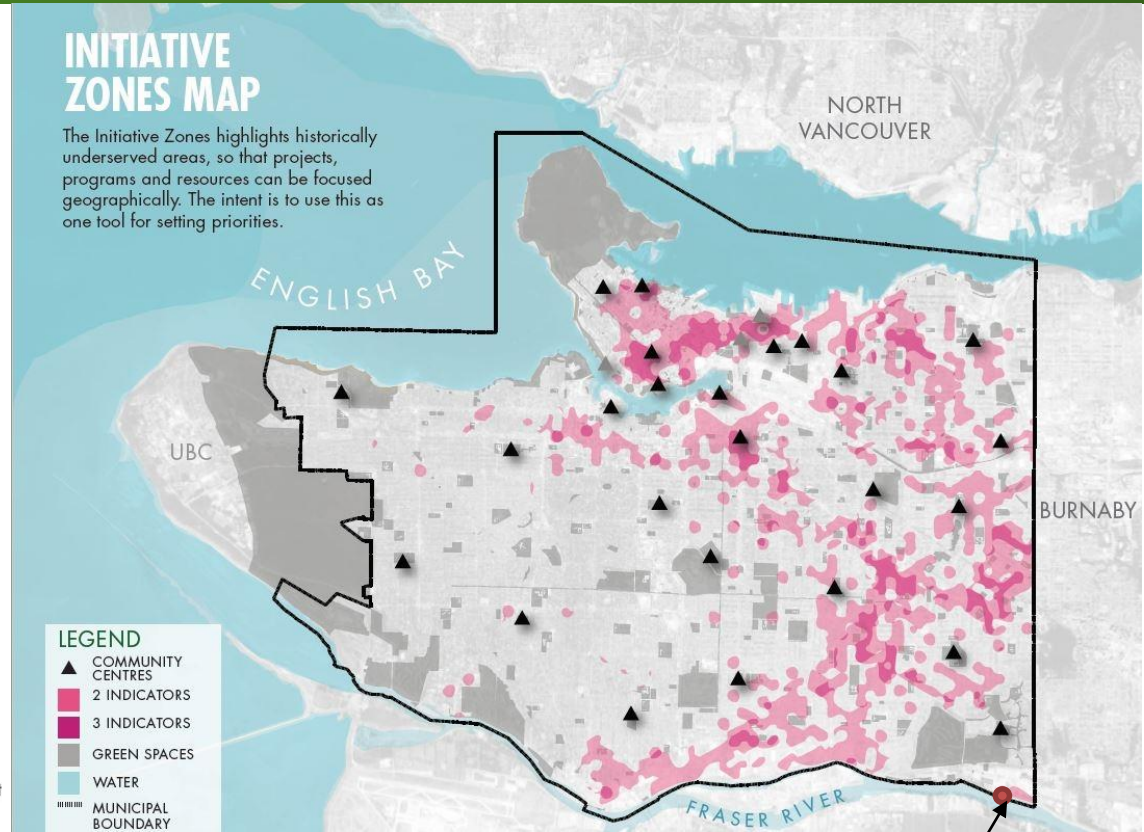
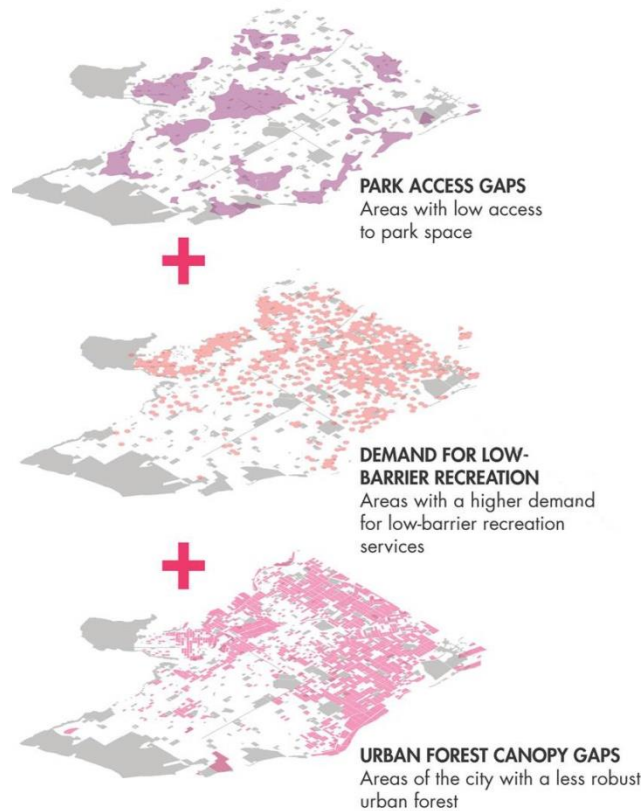


### LEARNING

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 – VanPlay



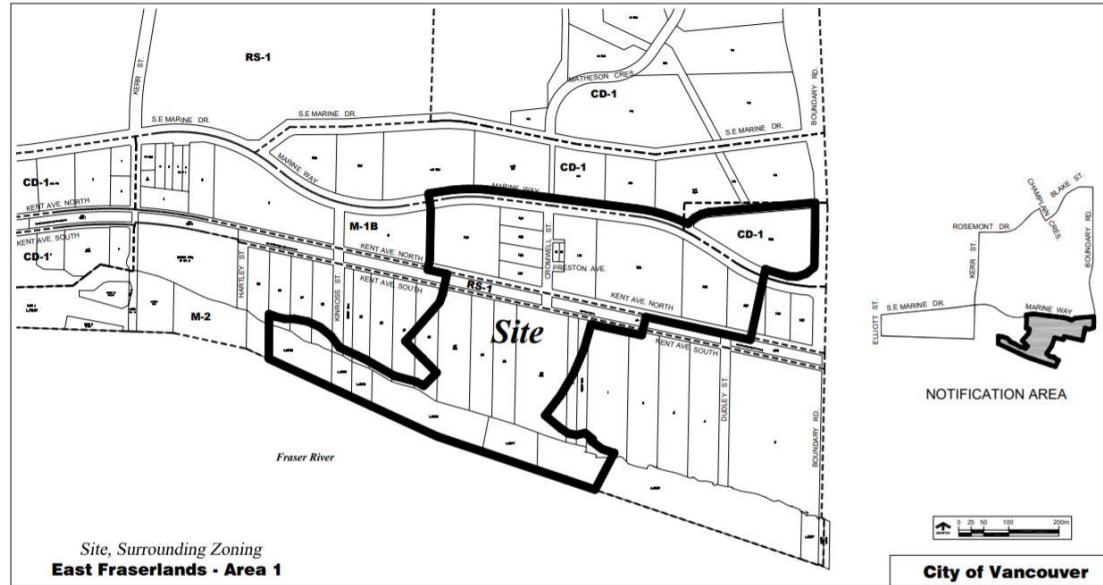
East Fraser Lands New Park

# Background – East Fraser Lands Park Context



- East Fraser Lands (EFL) neighbourhood in south-east Vancouver
- Development for 15,000 new residents; public amenities such as parks being delivered as residential projects completed
- EFL Official Development Plan (2006); 10+ ha of new parks in new neighbourhood





Source: Area 1 Rezoning - Policy Report

The proposed concept for the East Fraser Lands New Park is informed by City and Park Board policies for the East Fraser Lands neighbourhood

- Policy Statement for East Fraser Lands (EFL), 2004
- EFL Official Development Plan, 2006
- Area 1 Rezoning & Design Guidelines for East Fraser Lands, 2008

# Background – Design Guidelines Concept



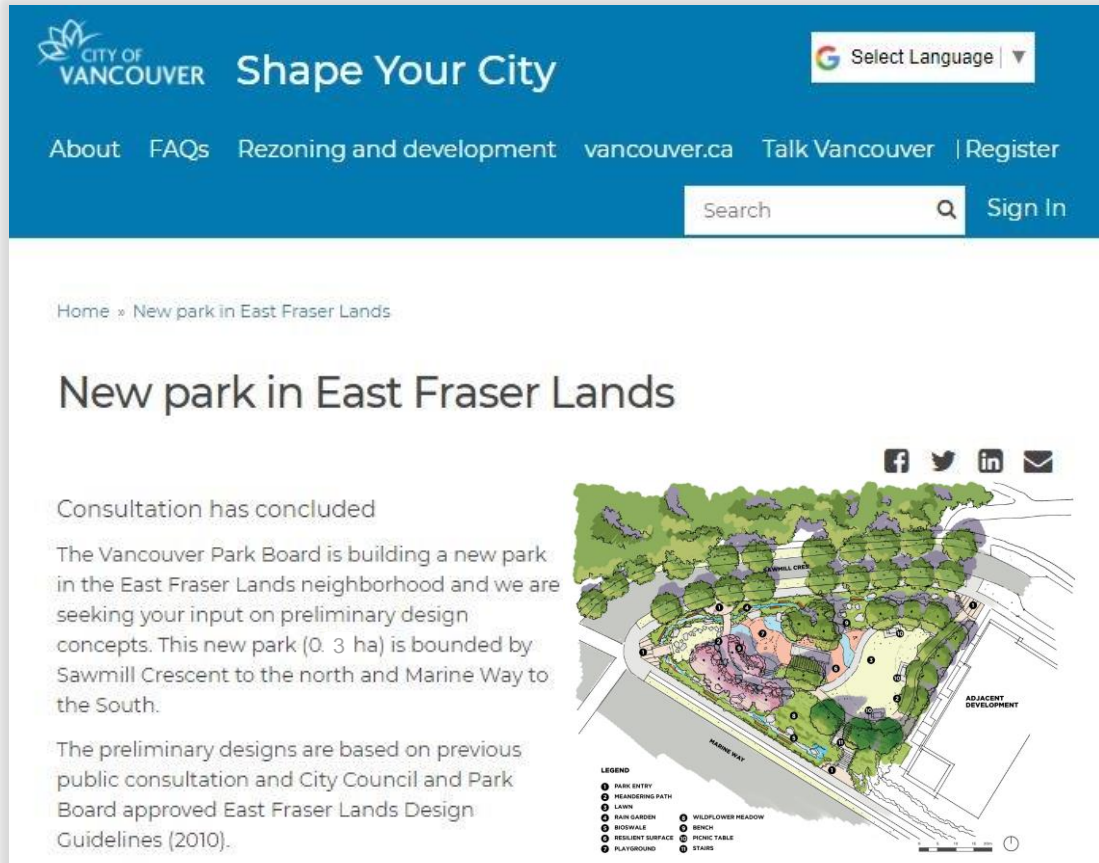
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- Area 1 Rezoning & Design Guidelines for East Fraser Lands identified a 0.3 hectare park at the intersection of Marine Way and Sawmill Crescent, called Promontory Park. An official name will be identified through the park naming process
- Main design elements included:
  - Lawn areas
  - Trees
  - A playspace
  - Pathways for walking and rolling
  - A rain garden to manage on-site water runoff

# Discussion







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## New park in East Fraser Lands

Consultation has concluded

The Vancouver Park Board is building a new park in the East Fraser Lands neighborhood and we are seeking your input on preliminary design concepts. This new park (0.3 ha) is bounded by Sawmill Crescent to the north and Marine Way to the South.

The preliminary designs are based on previous public consultation and City Council and Park Board approved East Fraser Lands Design Guidelines (2010).



**LEGEND**

- 1 PARK ENTRY
- 2 WALKING PATH
- 3 LAWN
- 4 PARK GARDEN
- 5 BIODIVERSITY
- 6 RESILIENT SURFACE
- 7 PLAYGROUND
- 8 WILDFLOWER MEADOW
- 9 BENCH
- 10 PICNIC TABLE
- 11 STAIRS

The public engagement process was completed online through a Shape Your City survey

The public was asked for feedback on:

- General design goals
- Playspace elements
- Site furnishings
- Circulation
- Planting



## NEW PARK IN EAST FRASER LANDS

Engagement Summary - Fall 2020

1

**211**  
Responses

%65 live nearby

From August 24 to September 13, 2020, a digital survey was available to the public for feedback on the proposed conceptual design for a new park in East Fraser Lands. We notified the community about the survey through mail-outs, site signs, emails, and social media. The following highlights the key findings of the survey.

Q1

We heard from the community which design goals were most or least important to them. Here is how those goals were ranked:

Create and enhance natural systems

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Encourage community interactions & recreation opportunities

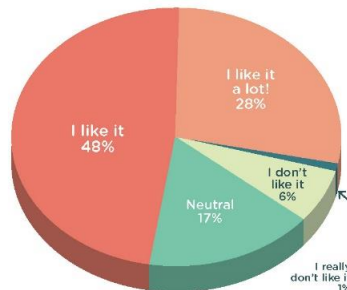
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Establish connections to adjacent neighbourhoods & parks

3

Q2

We heard that the majority of the community liked the proposed design:



**211** respondents, overall positive response

- **76%** liked the proposed design
- **17%** were neutral

Public feedback was compiled in an engagement summary and posted to the project website and signage posted in the park.

# Discussion - Public Engagement



## NEW PARK IN EAST FRASER LANDS

Engagement Summary - Fall 2020

2

**Q3** The top 3 requests for additional park amenities were:



**Q5** The top 3 requests for additional playground amenities were:



**Q7** Respondents were asked which types of seating they liked the most:



**Q4** The top 3 requested items that will be included in the playground were:



**Q6** We heard from 211 respondents which park features they liked the most, and which they liked the least. Here is how the features ranked so that we know where to focus our efforts:



The engagement summary included responses for the most common questions and requests.

In response to public feedback, the concept was refined to include:

- Larger Playspace
- More picnic tables and bench seating
- Additional bike racks at park entries
- A water fountain with a dog bowl



# Discussion – Proposed Concept



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View from intersection of Marine Way and Sawmill Cres



# Discussion – Proposed Concept



View from Sawmill Cres sidewalk

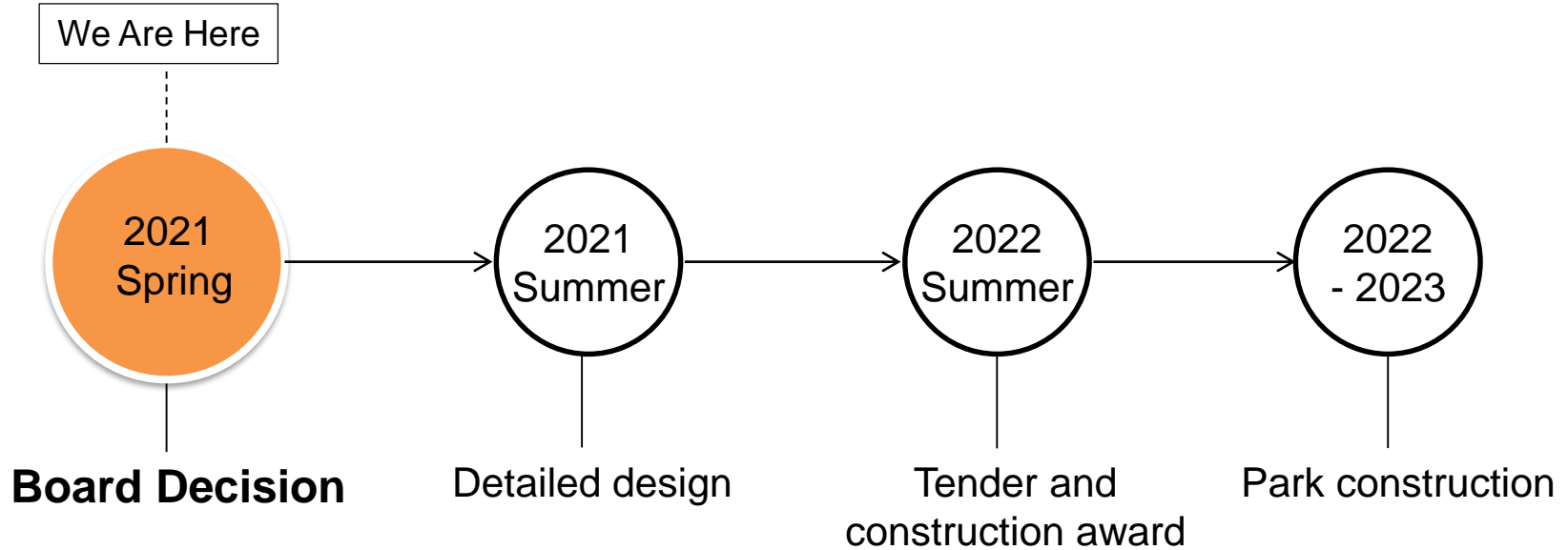


- The development of the East Fraser Lands New Park is funded by Development Cost Levies in the 2019-2022 Capital Plan.
- The anticipated construction budget for this park is \$1.7M.
- Based on standard maintenance and operation practices for parks of similar size and program, the operating budget for this park is estimated at \$34,000 per year and would be requested as part of the annual operating budget process.

# Next Steps



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THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed concept plan for the East Fraser Lands new park, as outlined in this report and as shown in Appendix A.



View from intersection of Marine Way and Sawmill Cres

