



June 22, 2022

TO: Park Board Chair and Commissioners
FROM: General Manager – Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: 2023-2026 Capital Plan - Parks and Recreation

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board support the final 2023-2026 Capital Plan, specifically the service delivery areas of the Park Board as outlined in this report, totaling \$539M:
- i. \$208M Parks and Open Spaces;
 - ii. \$329M Recreation Facilities; and
 - iii. \$2M Service Yards
- B. FURTHER THAT the Board direct staff to work with City of Vancouver staff to develop a focused funding and delivery strategy to address the infrastructure deficit for critical park infrastructure. This work would include in-ground infrastructure, soft and hard surfaces, park buildings and upgrades that serve both the existing population and growth, to facilitate strategic funding and delivery of this work in the 2027-2030 Capital Plan.

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides an overview of the [proposed 2023-2026 Capital Plan](#), as it relates to parks and recreation services. The Capital Plan plans guides future capital investments made by the City of Vancouver and balances the available funding with the growing infrastructure needs.

The proposed 2023-2026 Capital Plan includes \$208M for Parks and Public Open Spaces, \$329M for Recreation Facilities, and \$2M for Service Yards. The proposed plan is the largest combined Capital Plan for the three service areas delivered by the Board of Parks and Recreation. Major projects proposed in the capital plan include \$140M to renew the Vancouver Aquatic Centre, and \$49M to renew RayCam, as well as the in-kind delivery of new community centres in Northeast False Creek, and East Fraser Lands. The plan represents a significant contribution to the development and renewal of Vancouver's park and recreation system, however not all service areas saw funding increases and cost escalation and intensifying park use will continue to challenge service and project delivery goals.

BOARD AUTHORITY

The Park Board sets priorities for its parks and recreation programs and projects, and submits capital plan requests for the consideration of City staff and Council every four years, and capital and operating budgets on an annual basis. The Park Board is responsible for the City's parks and recreation services and facilities in cooperation with community partners.

The Capital Plan requires approval from Council, and as laid out in section 242 of the Vancouver Charter, borrowing for any project other than for water/sewer/energy requires “the assent of the electors’ through borrowing referendum”.

BACKGROUND

The Capital Planning process guides investments in the infrastructure and amenities required to keep the assets managed by the City and the respective Boards in good repair while supporting ongoing growth needs. A network of well-maintained infrastructure and amenities supports the delivery of services and ensures Vancouver continues to be a vibrant place for those who live, work, and play here, now, and into the future.

Since the approval of the previous capital plan, Park Board has adopted VanPlay - Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan, VanSplash - Vancouver’s Aquatics Strategy, and the Community Centre Strategy, as well as other major strategies (Washrooms, Track and Field, Skate, etc.). These strategies identify long-term service goals and asset targets, as well as innovative service delivery, and partnership opportunities. This work underpins the development of the proposed 2023-2026 Capital Plan in parks and recreation service areas, and focusses capital delivery on the VanPlay Bold Moves of equity, asset needs, and connectivity.

The 2019-2022 Capital Plan was executed through the pandemic, encampments, unprecedented heat, smoke, flood, snow, rain and windstorm events, and the global impacts of war. Through all of these challenges, parks and recreation delivered many successful projects as part of the 2019-2022 Capital Plan, including:

- Purchasing more than 0.5ha of land in Burrard Slopes and Grandview-Woodland for park expansion;
- Planting our 150,000th tree and naturalizing 70 ha of meadows that were previously mown turf;
- Delivering 8 new and renewed parks, including the new park sθəqəlxenəm ts'exwts'áxwi7 in Downtown South, and North and Middle Kinross Park in East Fraser Lands;
- Constructing 13 new and renewed playgrounds and fitness parks;
- Creating a pop up park at Main + 7th and a pop up plaza at Sunset Beach, as well as the temporary installation of Stanley Park bike lane; and
- Delivering key achievements towards phased recreation facility projects at West Point Grey Community Centre, Britannia Community Centre, RayCam Community Centre, West End Community Centre and Ice Rink, and NEFC Plaza of Nations Community Centre and Ice Rink.
- Delivering new Community Centres with progress toward the new (in-kind) 34,000 sf Oakridge community centre expected to open in 2024; and Marpole community centre renewal and 40,000 sf expansion starting soon, and expected to open in 2025.
- Implementation of phase 1 of the Sunset Yard renewal.

The City’s Long Term Financial Strategy staff, with input from all service groups, develop the Capital Plan. The plan is organized by service areas, not departments. Parks and recreation staff lead the development of the Parks and Public Open Spaces service area, collaborate with Real Estate and Facilities Management staff to develop the Recreation Facilities program within the

Community Facilities service area, and identify needs and set priorities for Park Board service yards within the Civic Facilities Service area

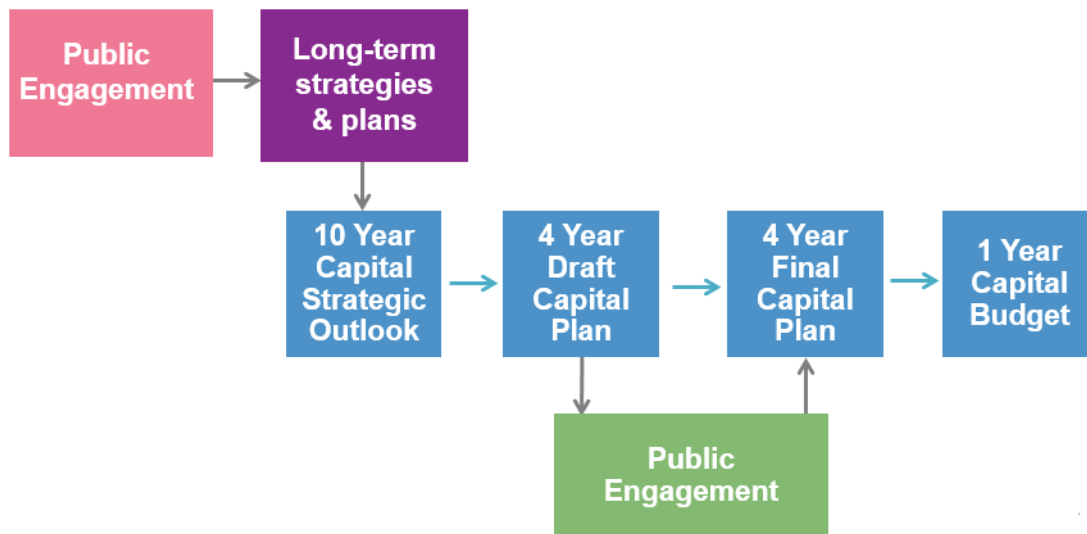
Prior to proposing the draft and the final 2023-2026 Capital Plans, staff gathered and reviewed existing long-term plans, condition assessments, and asset targets, developing a 10-year Capital Strategic Outlook. The 10-year Capital Strategic Outlook presents the City's long-term vision for strategic capital investments in infrastructure and amenities. It lays the foundation for the City's long-term service and financial planning and is embedded in the 4-year capital plan.

The 4-year Capital Plan sets out the funding strategy for capital investment priorities over the course of the plan, including identifying funding sources. It informs the City's long-term service and financial planning, striking a strategic balance among the City's needs to maintain its critical assets in an appropriate state of repair; enhance its network of infrastructure and amenities to support growth and economic development; and advance Council, Board and community priorities.

The annual budget sets out Council-authorized funding and spending for the year, as well as detailed project information and outcomes. It provides the authority to proceed with specific capital projects, and defines both the Multi-Year Capital Project Budget and the Annual Capital Expenditure Budget for all approved work.

The City engaged with the public to solicit feedback and gain insights with respect to the four-year Capital Plan. Park Board staff supported this City-led initiative, and also led a supplementary parks and recreation focused public engagement process to help determine alignment with priorities included in the four-year plan.

The following chart outlines the process to develop the Capital Plan:



Strategic Approach for Capital Prioritization

Capital planning for parks and recreation draws on existing and ongoing work to inform the plan. In 2020, the Park Board adopted the final framework for VanPlay - Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan. VanPlay focuses action toward creating vibrant parks and recreation services with a focus on equity, inclusion, and access for all residents. With 70-75,000 new residents expected

over the next decade, VanPlay guides how we will maintain and create vibrant parks and recreation services for the growing population.

The VanPlay Framework provides three key directions that guide the development and delivery of parks and recreation services to Vancouver residents:

- Deliver Services Equitably - A fair and effective parks and recreation system.
- Welcome Everyone - Parks and recreation experiences that improve quality of life.
- Weave the City Together - Parks, nature, recreation and culture integrated into everyday life.

These directions, as well as other guidance provided by VanPlay and other approved strategies and policies, contain important public input, inventories, condition assessments, asset targets, goals, and implementation plans used to develop the draft Capital Plan.

Many trends affect Capital Planning, including both external impacts and growing needs to consider. Delivering parks and recreation services in recent years has been especially challenging, with many cumulative impacts mounting, including:

- Climate change – storms downing trees, damaging the seawall and pools, and extreme heat, smoke and rain events changing needs and demands on parks and recreation infrastructure.
- Covid-19 pandemic - increased use and demand for parks and flexible open spaces, as well as recreation facilities and infrastructure.
- Cost escalation – inflation, labour shortages, supply chain issues, and transportation cost increases all affect the cost of goods and services used to build and improve parks and recreation facilities.
- Rising inequity in services city-wide - ongoing increases in income inequality in Canada are concentrated in urban centres. Funding limitations can make it difficult to direct funding toward highest need areas, as they are often not densifying neighbourhoods.

There are also many emerging needs, including:

- Prioritization of reconciliation and decolonization - a stated Park Board goal and long-term commitment that requires investments of time and openness to new approaches to projects and decision-making.
- Population growth – brings rising needs and a high pace of change, with a trend toward resilient assets and amenities in densifying areas, including new surfaces, strategic designs and more durable amenities to withstand the pressures of the changing climate and the increased use in constrained spaces.
- City-wide Infrastructure deficit - affects parks and recreation assets, such as community centres, pools, washrooms and in-ground infrastructure. Much of this infrastructure is at or approaching critical condition and we have very constrained budgets to address these needs.
- Accessibility – including implementation of provincial regulations and a growing awareness of how planning, design and construction of spaces and amenities can open up or close down opportunities for entire groups of people.

- Nature in the city – demand and evidence continues to grow about the environmental and social benefits of expanding access to biodiverse areas where urban populations can engage and connect with nature.

A balanced approach is required to respond to pressures and changing needs in developing the capital plan. Staff considered these factors when identifying priority projects and programs in the final Park Board 2023-2026 Capital Plan, as described in this report.

DISCUSSION

City of Vancouver 2023-2026 Capital Plan

The 2023-2026 Capital Plan contemplates \$3.5 billion of strategic capital investments over the next four years, comprised of \$2.8 billion City-led capital programs and \$0.7 billion in-kind contributions achieved through development. Of the \$3.5 billion of strategic investments contemplated in the Final 2023-2026 Capital Plan, over 55% is dedicated for asset maintenance and renewal. The Capital Plan will be updated as additional development contributions and partnership funding is secured over the next four years. The City’s Capital Plan is organized by service categories provided to the public versus organizational structure. There is no separate Park Board line in the plan, however the Park Board plays a primary role in determining the priority investment areas in the Parks & Open Spaces service category, and plays a key role in priority setting for Recreation Facilities in the Community Facilities service area, as well as Service Yards in the Civic Facilities & Equipment service area. Components of these three areas will be the focus of this report. The 2023-2026 City of Vancouver Capital Plan is broken down as follows:

Table 1: 2023-2026 City of Vancouver Capital Plan

| \$ million | City assets | | Non-City assets | Overall | Cash | | | | In-kind |
|---|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | Existing | New | | | City | Dev't. | Partner | Subtotal | |
| Housing | 17 | 498 | 102 | 617 | 84 | 186 | 12 | 282 | 335 |
| Childcare | 11 | 102 | 23 | 136 | 11 | 57 | 11 | 79 | 58 |
| Parks & public open spaces | 91 | 118 | - | 208 | 69 | 129 | - | 198 | 10 |
| Arts, culture & heritage | 31 | 96 | 23 | 151 | 94 | 24 | 1 | 119 | 32 |
| Community facilities | 183 | 198 | 11 | 391 | 191 | 60 | 6 | 257 | 134 |
| Public safety | 71 | 34 | - | 105 | 99 | 6 | - | 105 | - |
| Civic facilities & equipment | 41 | 16 | - | 57 | 57 | - | - | 57 | - |
| Streets | 301 | 167 | - | 468 | 193 | 90 | 82 | 365 | 103 |
| Water, sewers & drainage | 783 | 91 | - | 874 | 537 | 303 | - | 840 | 35 |
| Waste collection, diversion & disposal | 135 | 6 | - | 141 | 128 | - | 13 | 141 | - |
| Renewable energy | 5 | 39 | 30 | 73 | 68 | 5 | - | 73 | - |
| Technology | 110 | - | - | 110 | 110 | - | - | 110 | - |
| Emerging priorities, contingency & delivery | 132 | 29 | - | 161 | 158 | 3 | - | 161 | - |
| Overall | 1,909 | 1,393 | 189 | 3,492 | 1,800 | 862 | 124 | 2,786 | 706 |
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Park Board 2023-2026 Capital Plan

As mentioned above, the Park Board plays a role in three service categories: Parks & open spaces, community facilities, and civic facilities & equipment. In total, the Park Board will see an investment of \$539 million or roughly 16% of the City’s whole plan.

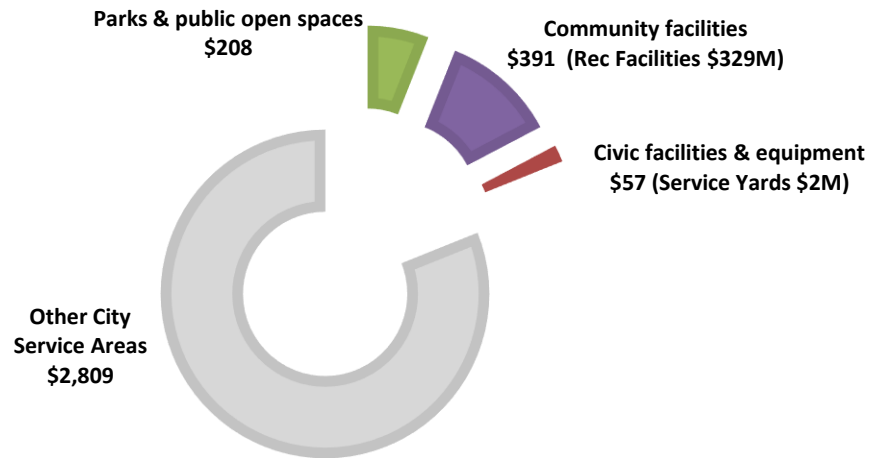


Figure 1: Park Board service areas within the City of Vancouver Capital Plan

The proposed \$208M investment in Parks and Public Open Spaces service area represents a 25% decrease from the previous 2019-2022 Capital Plan allocation of \$264.5 million, which included a ~\$100M DCL reserve. In addition, the funding for Park Operations fleet and equipment was moved to this service area for the first time, which means accessible funding is further reduced, and staff will need to carefully prioritize key projects to deliver on important Park Board goals and priorities. This funding gap, combined with current cost escalation will continue to affect the delivery of park all infrastructure projects and exacerbate the existing infrastructure deficit in this area.

Moving forward parks and recreation staff would like to prioritize work to address the infrastructure deficit for core parks and recreation needs. Work to better understand the current condition, future needs and service gaps for fundamental park features including park surfaces, irrigation, drainage, water features, courts, fields, and roadways will better position parks and recreation to map out a plan to strategically address this infrastructure deficit over time.

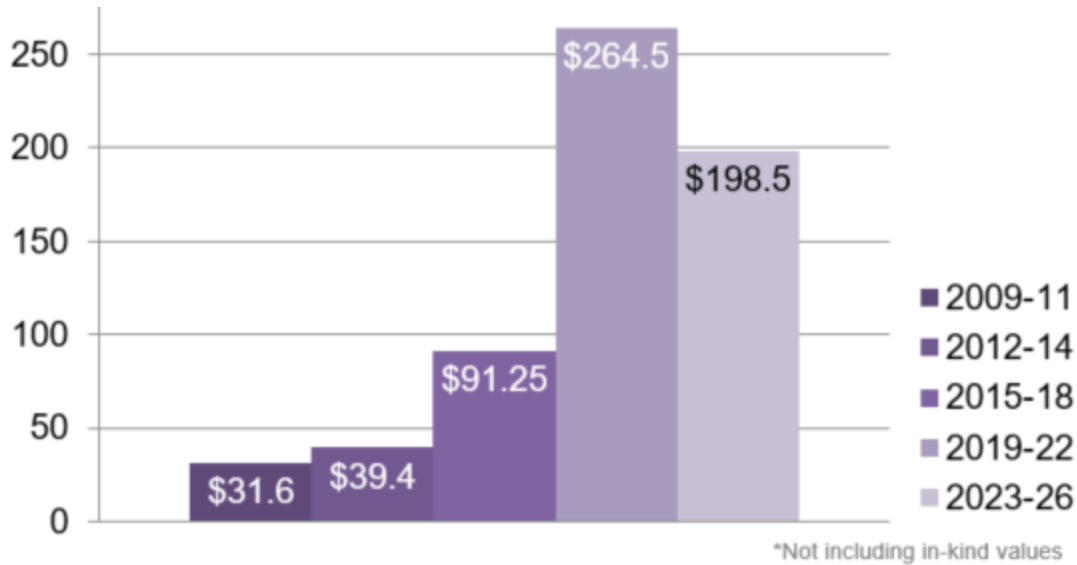


Figure 2: Parks and Public Open Spaces Service Area capital plans over time

The proposed \$329M (\$215 without in-kind values) investment in the Recreation Facilities program within Community Facilities service area represents a significant increase over the previous 2019-2022 Capital Plan allocation of \$126 million. It is the largest Recreation Facilities allocation that the City has ever made. Again, cost escalation will represent an ongoing challenge for delivering facility projects.

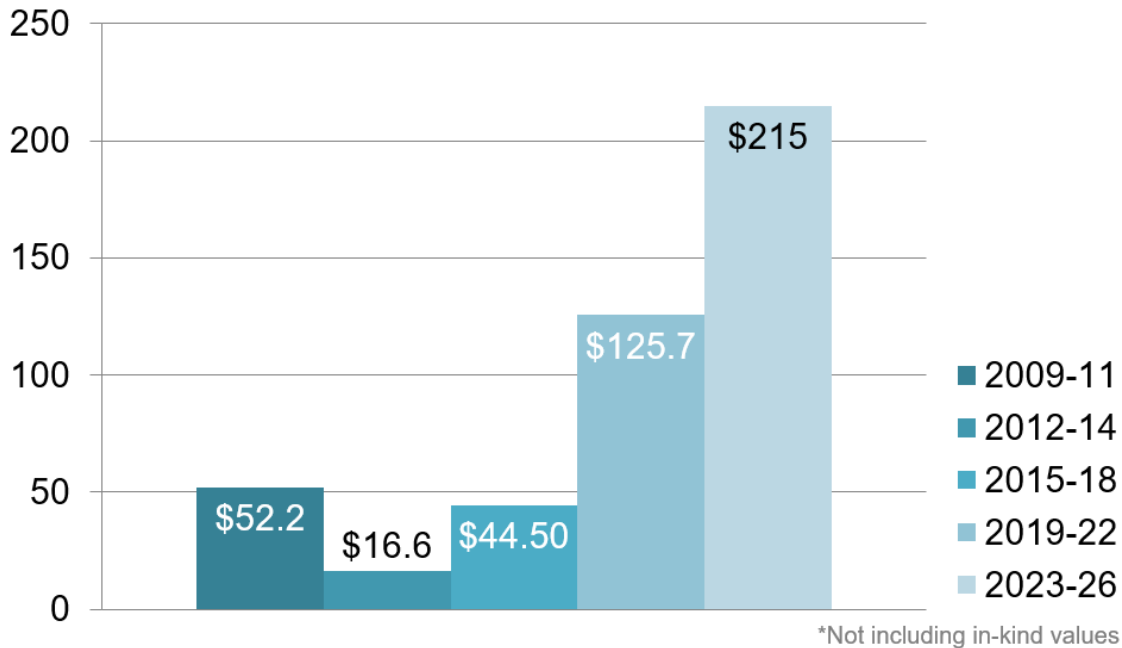


Figure 3: Recreation Facilities Service Area capital plans over time

Vancouver is in a new era of providing urban park services in response to continued growth and redevelopment. Approximately 52% of proposed Park Board-led capital programs are dedicated towards adding or upgrading infrastructure and amenities to support growth, while 48% are

dedicated towards the maintenance and renewal of aging assets. While this allocation between building new and renewing existing assets is an improvement over the previous capital plan, (65% new, and 35% renew) parks and recreation would still like to see this balance shift further towards funding renewal of aging assets, to meet the needs of the existing and growing population.

Summary by Service Category

The following section describes the Park Board Capital Plan by service area. Included in each is a description of the inventory for that category and the proposed investment directions for the next four years, including specific reference to any changes made since the presentation of the draft plan. Detailed program and project descriptions are provided in Appendices A & B for Parks and Open Spaces, and in Appendices C & D for Recreation Facilities and Service Yards.

Table 2: Park Board 2023-2026 Capital Plan

| Service Category | \$ Millions |
|--|----------------|
| Parks and Public Open Spaces | |
| <i>Park land</i> | 22.5 |
| <i>Seawall & waterfront</i> | 15.5 |
| <i>Decolonization, arts & culture</i> | 1.0 |
| <i>Urban forest & natural areas</i> | 13.4 |
| <i>Park amenities</i> | 107.1 |
| <i>Park buildings, infrastructure & vehicles</i> | 48.8 |
| Parks and Public Open Spaces | 208.3 |
| Recreation facilities | 328.7 |
| Service yards | 2.0 |
| TOTAL | \$539 |

Parkland Acquisition - \$22.5M

The Park Board manages more than 240 parks and 1,360 acres of land. Through VanPlay, Park Board has a stated goal to maintain the provision of 1.1 hectares of neighbourhood parkland for every 1000 residents, while ensuring every resident lives within a 5-minute walk of a park or green space. Expanding parks through land acquisition increases the capacity of existing parks, connects the park network, and serves areas of need. Park space is also delivered in partnership with other departments through parklets, road closures, laneway activation, etc. and through in-kind contributions from large site redevelopment. New and innovative forms of parkland, such as airspace parcels (e.g., the park currently under development at Oakridge), helps assure parkland provision and access into the future in a context where land is scarce and expensive. As park development for recently acquired parkland has been prioritized in this capital plan, land acquisition will focus on continuing park expansions in progress.

Urban Forest and Natural Areas - \$13.4M

Vancouver's diverse park system contains a variety of important biodiverse landscapes, urban forest canopy, and local food assets. This includes more than 397 hectares of forests and 63 lakes, ponds and streams. This subcategory also includes park and street trees, creeks and meadows, environmental stewardship, urban wildlife management, community gardens, green infrastructure, biodiversity and ecological improvement, and management of these assets. Parks and recreation staff continue to lead the delivery of the City's Biodiversity, Urban Forest, Rain City – Parks and Beaches, and Bird Strategies,

VanPlay – Nature, and Park Board Local Food System Action Plan. Projects and programs in this category will:

- continue to grow the urban forest by planting up to 13,000 trees to increase the tree canopy, towards the Park Board adopted goal for the city of 30% by 2050;
- continue to add / improve habitat, and increase biodiversity in the park system through the integration of rainwater, riparian area habitat improvement, turf to meadow rehabilitation projects, daylighting Tatlow/Volunteer Parks and Canyon Creek, and rehabilitation opportunities in Stanley Park; and
- support the operation of existing local food assets, and implementation of the new Local Food Systems Action Plan.

Stewardship programs in this category provide opportunities for community building and participation. Green infrastructure work in parks to contribute to the City's Healthy Waters objectives.

Seawall and Waterfront - \$15.5M

The seawall connects the Vancouver Convention Centre to Stanley Park to False Creek to Spanish Banks, providing a 28 km uninterrupted waterfront recreation route connecting more than a dozen of waterfront parks. It is a world-renowned tourist destination, visited by millions of people each year. This subcategory also includes shorelines (6.9km), beaches (7km), and 23 marine structures, many of which require ongoing maintenance and upgrades to address enhanced use, climate change, and sea-level rise. Work in this category presents opportunities for active recreation and education, while protecting sensitive intertidal, aquatic, and coastal species habitat.

The frequency and intensity of storms is expected to increase due to the climate emergency. The destructive storms in early 2022 illustrated the precariousness of waterfront infrastructure and the need to proactively plan for future storms. Coastal adaptation planning and implementation (including seawall and shoreline inventory and vulnerability assessment (natural and built assets); marine biodiversity projects; debris salvage/control program) and phased implementation are prioritized.

Partnership opportunities and renewed infrastructure moves are guided by On-Water - Vancouver's Non-motorized Watercraft Strategy. Projects may include replacing the Alder Bay dock with a new accessible facility and upgrades to existing waterfront walkway-bikeway. Work to advance the deconstruction of the Expo Deck will also advance in tandem with the development of East Park.

Reconciliation is also changing the way we work, as we recognize the sensitivity of waterfront lands and that a deeper understanding of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations' connection to these lands will guide many projects in this category.

Park Amenities - \$107.1M

This program is the biggest investment area proposed in the Parks and Public Open Space service area and directly responds to growth in the city. Urban park development is changing in Vancouver as we build new parks in densifying areas and increase opportunities for individuals and groups of all ages to have fun in existing parks. Our urban parks have become outdoor living rooms and backyards for residents and VanPlay provides us with areas of focus and directions for this work.

This sub category also provides spaces for individuals, groups, organized sports, and tournaments to support healthy and active lifestyles. Assets such as sport courts (225), playgrounds (160), sport fields and ball diamonds (278), and dog off-leash areas (39) are included in this category.

Neighbourhoods within the Broadway Plan area, the Cambie Corridor, West End, Little Mountain, Mount Pleasant, Southeast False Creek (East Park) and East Fraserlands are major park planning and new park development areas.

Under this program, work will continue on the Stanley Park Comprehensive Plan in collaboration with the Stanley Park Inter-Governmental Working Group. Work on other Planning studies will also progress in this capital plan, including work on Vanier Park Renewal Plan and recreation studies (e.g. a sport court strategy, and ice strategy, etc.).

Many neighbourhood parks are showing their age. The critical program to renew and enhance older parks to continue to provide park amenities to residents will continue, with potential locations identified at John Hendry (Trout Lake) and Strathcona. Similarly, the playground and spray park renewal program continues with replacement occurring in a priority order based on age and condition. When renewing playgrounds we provide accessible paths and universal play features, nature play, and gathering and seating spaces. Building with resilient and durable materials for longer lasting and lower maintenance parks is necessary.

Delivery of fun and wellness amenities (such as outdoor fitness equipment, parkour, skateboarding), new and enhanced dog off leash areas are included in this program. Planned renewals to diamonds, sport courts, and rectangular fields will improve accessibility for all ages and increase opportunities for emerging popular sports like pickleball. Building a new regulation competitive track and field training facility is a top priority project. Outcomes of the Sport Field Strategy will provide guidance to the location and scale of new and renewed sport facilities.

Decolonization, Arts and Culture - \$1M

Decolonization, Arts and Culture is a new service subcategory, and is included in the capital plan for the first time. Projects resourced through the capital plan include developing a co-management framework with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh, parks and recreation infrastructure projects that are determined by the Host Nations to create cultural visibility on the land, and the Decolonization Strategy. Work is ongoing to better resource integrating elements of Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and Urban Indigenous Peoples history and living culture into park naming and design.

Park Buildings, Infrastructure and Vehicles - \$48.8M

This subcategory is the backbone of the parks system, and encompasses 238 park buildings, 85 picnic shelters & gazebos, 23 km of roadway, 360 vehicles & equipment, signs, light standards, drinking fountains, pathways, trails, and others. A detailed inventory and condition assessment of these assets is ongoing. Our goals are to provide safe, attractive, and comfortable park experiences, with ease of access to and around our parks. Maintaining existing assets and responding to climate change is necessary, and focal

assets in this plan include water mains and sewers, irrigation system upgrades (with water conservation in mind), pavement and drainage work, and bridge replacements.

The Park Board has jurisdiction over 180 park buildings including those at VanDusen Botanical Gardens, the Bloedel Conservatory, and Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Gardens, as well as park concessions, fieldhouses, and stand-alone washrooms. Funding for washroom renovations, fieldhouses and concessions will be balanced through annual budget cycles. The Washroom Strategy, the VanDusen & Bloedel Strategic Plan, and other strategic analysis of park buildings will provide guidance for future investments in these areas.

Vehicles and equipment that service Park Operations are also included in this sub-category. Capital plan allocations include funds to replace equipment coming to end of life, including electrifying equipment where possible. Buying out the existing fleet of leased vehicles and new equipment that meets emerging needs, such as a new mower for the meadows program and a maintenance vehicle for the Stanley Park bike lane, is also included in this sub-category.

Recreation Facilities (sub-category of Community Facilities) - \$328.7M

This sub-category includes community centres, pools, rinks, and specialty recreation facilities. Community centres are social, cultural and recreation spaces that support community health and well-being. They also provide warming and cooling centres seasonally, and are disaster response hubs. For decades, the Park Board has partnered with not-for-profit Community Centre Associations (CCAs) to run facilities in a “by the community, for the community” model.

The plan includes several major projects that will expand and improve the network of recreation facilities over the coming years. Proposed renewals include the VAC and RayCam Community Centre, new community centres at NEFC and EFL, while continuing the planning and design of the West End and Britannia centres. The proposed 2023-2026 capital plan does not include an outdoor pool in Mt. Pleasant Park.

The renewed Vancouver Aquatic Centre will be delivered in two phases, with the focus for this capital plan on renewal of the 50m lap pool and diving pool. Compared to the draft plan, the final Park Board Capital Plan includes an increased investment to \$140M to account for facility expansion, and updated cost estimates.

As well, since the presentation of the draft plan, the scope for the West End Community Centre, Joe Fortes Library and King George Secondary School site project has been slightly decreased (\$12.8M) to help fund the VAC renewal. Funding will support preliminary detailed design plans for the project, positioning it for construction in subsequent plans.

In line with work done through the recently adopted Community Centre Strategy, and in partnership with BC Housing, funding has been allocated in plan to design and build the renewal and expansion of RayCam for \$49M. The RayCam Cooperative Community Centre has been serving the Downtown Eastside for over forty years, and serves some of the city’s most vulnerable populations. Of the more than 18k people living in the Downtown Eastside, more than half are low income, dependent on welfare support, pensions, charitable and/or social services.

Significant progress on other new and renewed community centres is expected in the next four years. Delivery of the new Oakridge Community Centre (in kind), including spaces for seniors, youth, and cultural performance, and co-located with a library and childcare, will provide a hub for the new municipal town centre on the Cambie Corridor. Several other facilities will be delivered in-kind, including plans for a new community centre and ice rink at the Plaza of Nations and a new Community Centre at East Fraser Lands (pending outcome of proposed CAC from rezoning application that has been referred to a Public Hearing). In addition, renewals of Marpole and Britannia Community Centres will be underway with funding dedicated from the 2019-2022 Capital Plan.

This Capital Plan also places an emphasis on maintenance and renewal needs of aging infrastructure, with \$21.4M included for capital maintenance and renovation programs. Staff will develop priorities for these programs through annual budget cycles, and will take into consideration input from the public, key stakeholders including CCAs, as well as recommendations from staff based on condition assessments.

Service Yards (sub-category of Civic Facilities) - \$2M

This category includes greenhouses, maintenance buildings, and service yards to support the sustainable and efficient delivery of park operations. This Capital Plan includes funding for Phase 2 (Detailed Design) for the renewal of Sunset Service Yard, located on 51st Avenue. There is additional funding for capital maintenance and renovations.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Public engagement on the draft 2023-2026 Capital Plan was led by City of Vancouver and Park Board staff. The goal of this engagement was to seek feedback from the public on whether the draft plan was delivering on priority areas. The City-led engagement components included a Talk Vancouver survey seeking feedback on the draft plan, a market research survey conducted by Leger, ten pop-up events, two online information sessions, a convening of Council Advisory Committees, social media posts, media outreach, promotional materials and a page on Shape Your City (online engagement website).

Results from the Talk Vancouver survey indicate that Parks and Open Spaces and Community Facilities are important to the larger community, and suggest the City should invest more in Parks and Open Spaces. During the online information meetings, Community Facilities were the most prevalent key theme, including support for prioritizing funding for aging community facilities in need of maintenance and renovations. Parks and Open Spaces key themes included washrooms, conserving public green space (especially school sites), and recreation infrastructure including accessible playgrounds. Please see the City report for [full summary report](#).

In addition to the City-led outreach, Park Board staff invited residents and stakeholder groups to submit project ideas or priorities that fall under the Park Board's mandate. Community Centre pop ups were held at Sunset, Hillcrest, Killarney, West End and Strathcona. Parks and recreation staff talked to approximately 86 people at Community Centres and received a total of 124 ideas and comments at the events. Park Board staff also engaged with key partners and stakeholders including the Community Centre Associations and the Vancouver Field Sport Federation, to keep them apprised on the progress of the capital plan.

The online ideation tool on Shape Your City was available between May 3 and May 29 and a total of 55 ideas were submitted. There were a further 24 comments on these ideas and 121 "hearts"

to show support. During the engagement period, residents also sent 68 emails to the Capital Plan email address.

The most commented on topic in the draft capital plan was the lack of funding to develop a new Outdoor Pool in Mount Pleasant Park. The input received saw a fairly even split in public sentiment on the construction of a new outdoor pool, with many wanting to see the pool built, and many others waiting to maintain the flexible green space of the park.

A complete list of the submissions received is included in Appendix E, with key themes, input, and highlights from both the pop ups and the online submissions summarized in Appendix F and below:

Stakeholder and Resident Input Highlights

- Aquatics: both support and opposition to the construction of a new Mt Pleasant pool, as well as support for new and renewed facilities, such as Kitsilano outdoor pool.
- Marine infrastructure: requests included upgraded and expanded non-motorized watercraft facilities in False Creek, and the renewal of Jericho Pier
- Upgraded and new park amenities: suggestions included improved and expanded sport courts, including resurfacing tennis courts and creating new pickleball courts, new small-wheeled sport spots, and spray parks.
- Facility and infrastructure maintenance: allocate more resources to maintenance of existing facilities and infrastructure, including upgraded and expanded large amenities, particularly community centres.
- New park space: support for a connected network, focused on new and innovative green space such as the reallocation of street right of way, and for new parks and open spaces in the downtown eastside.
- Urban Forest and natural areas: desire for expanded tree canopy, especially in parks, and increased plantings of native species to provide ecosystem diversity for bird and pollinator habitat
- Park and playground renewal: site suggestions included Norquay, McGill and Champlain Heights
- New park buildings: ideas were primarily focused on increased washroom provision and quality.

As shown above, many of the submissions referenced very specific projects. Individual projects are generally identified and considered as part of the annual budgeting process, rather than in the 4-Year Capital Plan. However, where public input requests align with the availability of funds, strategies, asset conditions, and growth areas, a number of specifically requested projects were included in the plan, as identified in the Appendices. It is important to note that this was a self-selected survey that has resulted in qualitative data; a more thorough quantitative analysis will be undertaken on larger value asset planning to inform any future plans.

NEXT STEPS

City Council will be receiving the report "Final 2023-2026 Capital Plan & Plebiscite Questions" for decision on June 29, 2022, at their Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting. This decision will

respond to recommendations to approve the \$3.4B Capital Plan by service category, with a breakdown of anticipated funding sources, as well as the plebiscite questions to support the borrowing for the Capital Plan.

CONCLUSION

The Park Board 2023-2026 Capital Plan is on par with the previous capital plan and, with additional in-kind projects, the largest in the history of the Park Board. It is a significant contribution to the development and renewal of Vancouver's park and recreation system, although cost escalation and intensifying park use will continue to challenge service and project delivery. Through the Park Board's engagement process, 250+ responses were received, many of which aligned with the priorities and projects established in the draft Capital Plan. This valuable feedback will inform annual capital budgets going forward.

The General Manager and staff recommend that the Board support the final Park Board 2023-2026 Capital Plan as discussed in this report. This plan proposes to invest \$539M over the next four years (\$208M for Parks & Open Spaces, \$329M for Recreation Facilities, and \$2M for Service Yards), to respond to growth, reconciliation, and resiliency of our world-renowned parks system. Additionally, the Board may direct staff to work with City staff to ensure the next capital plan in 2027 can focus more investments toward addressing the growing park infrastructure deficit.

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| Capital Plan Sub-Category | Capital Plan Project Category | Program / major projects | Investments in: | | | Funding Source: | | | |
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| | | | Existing Assets | New Assets | Overall | City | Devt. | Cash Total | In-kind |
| Park land | Land acquired by City | New land for parks | - | 22.5 | 22.5 | - | 22.5 | 22.5 | - |
| Park land | Land transferred to City by development (in-kind) | New park land in East Fraser Lands (in-kind) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Park land | Land transferred to City by development (in-kind) | New park land at Pearson-Dogwood site (in-kind) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Park land | Land transferred to City by development (in-kind) | New park land at Oakridge Centre site (in-kind) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Park land | Land transferred to City by development (in-kind) | New park land at Little Mountain site (in-kind) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Park land | Land transferred to City by development (in-kind) | New park land at Alberni & Nicola Streets (in-kind) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Park land subtotal | | | - | 22.5 | 22.5 | - | 22.5 | 22.5 | - |
| Seawall & waterfront | Seawall & shoreline | Maintenance / repairs of seawall or shoreline | 4.5 | - | 4.5 | 4.5 | - | 4.5 | - |
| Seawall & waterfront | Seawall & shoreline | Upgrades to existing seawall or shoreline | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Seawall & waterfront | Seawall & shoreline | New section of seawall or shoreline in East Fraser Lands (in-kind) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Seawall & waterfront | Seawall & shoreline | New section of seawall or shoreline in Northeast False Creek (in-kind) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Seawall & waterfront | Seawall & shoreline | Seawall / shoreline planning | 2.0 | 5.0 | 7.0 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 7.0 | - |
| Seawall & waterfront | Seawall & shoreline | Deconstruction Creekside Expo deck (initial phases) | 1.0 | - | 1.0 | 1.0 | - | 1.0 | - |
| Seawall & waterfront | Waterfront walkway-bikeway | Upgrades to waterfront-walkway bikeway | 2.0 | - | 2.0 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 2.0 | - |
| Seawall & waterfront | Waterfront walkway-bikeway | New waterfront walkway-bikeway in East Fraser Lands (in-kind) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Seawall & waterfront | Waterfront walkway-bikeway | New waterfront walkway-bikeway in Northeast False Creek (in-kind) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Seawall & waterfront | Marine structures | Maintenance / repairs of marine structures | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Seawall & waterfront | Marine structures | Kerr St. Pier renewal | 1.0 | - | 1.0 | 1.0 | - | 1.0 | - |
| Seawall & waterfront | Marine structures | New marine structures | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

| Seawall & waterfront subtotal | | | 10.5 | 5.0 | 15.5 | 10.5 | 5.0 | 15.5 | - |
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| Urban forest & natural areas | Urban forest | Street trees - replacement | 5.0 | - | 5.0 | 5.0 | - | 5.0 | - |
| Urban forest & natural areas | Urban forest | Street trees - new | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Urban forest & natural areas | Urban forest | Park trees - replacement | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Urban forest & natural areas | Urban forest | Park trees - new | - | 2.5 | 2.5 | - | 2.5 | 2.5 | - |
| Urban forest & natural areas | Urban forest | Forest management/enhancement program | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Urban forest & natural areas | Urban forest | Tree planting program on private land | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Urban forest & natural areas | Natural areas | Convert park land to healthy habitat | 5.5 | - | 5.5 | 1.5 | 4.0 | 5.5 | - |
| Urban forest & natural areas | Urban agriculture | Local food assets | - | 0.4 | 0.4 | - | 0.4 | 0.4 | - |
| Urban forest & natural areas subtotal | | | 10.5 | 2.9 | 13.4 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 13.4 | - |
| Park amenities | New parks | Expansion of W.C. Shelly Park (phase 1) | - | 3.7 | 3.7 | - | 3.7 | 3.7 | - |
| Park amenities | New parks | Expansion of Burrard Slopes Park (phase 1) | - | 12.0 | 12.0 | - | 12.0 | 12.0 | - |
| Park amenities | New parks | New 'East Park' in Southeast False Creek (phase 1) | - | 16.8 | 16.8 | - | 16.8 | 16.8 | - |
| Park amenities | New parks | New park at Alberni & Nicola | - | 3.0 | 3.0 | - | 3.0 | 3.0 | - |
| Park amenities | New parks | New parks in East Fraser Land | - | 5.4 | 5.4 | - | 5.4 | 5.4 | - |
| Park amenities | New parks | New parks at Pearson-Dogwood site | - | 3.9 | 3.9 | - | 3.9 | 3.9 | - |
| Park amenities | New parks | New 'wedge park' at Little Mountain site | - | 0.3 | 0.3 | - | 0.3 | 0.3 | - |
| Park amenities | New parks | New park at Oakridge Centre (phase 1, in-kind) | - | 10.0 | 10.0 | - | - | - | 10.0 |
| Park amenities | New parks | Expansion of Delamont Park (phase 1) | - | 1.9 | 1.9 | - | 1.9 | 1.9 | - |
| Park amenities | Existing parks | Park renewal program | 6.3 | - | 6.3 | 5.3 | 1.0 | 6.3 | - |
| Park amenities | Existing parks | Yaletown Park redevelopment | 4.0 | - | 4.0 | - | 4.0 | 4.0 | - |
| Park amenities | Existing parks | West End waterfront parks (phase 1 implementation) | 10.0 | - | 10.0 | - | 10.0 | 10.0 | - |

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| Park amenities | Playgrounds & spray parks | Renewal & upgrades of playgrounds & spray parks | 6.0 | - | 6.0 | 3.8 | 2.3 | 6.0 | - |
| Park amenities | Playgrounds & spray parks | New playgrounds & spray parks | - | 1.3 | 1.3 | - | 1.3 | 1.3 | - |
| Park amenities | Sport courts & skate parks | Renewal & upgrades of sport courts & skate parks | 2.4 | - | 2.4 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 2.4 | - |
| Park amenities | Sport courts & skate parks | New sport courts & skate parks | - | 1.3 | 1.3 | - | 1.3 | 1.3 | - |
| Park amenities | Ball diamonds & playfields | Renewal & upgrades of ball diamonds & playfields | 0.6 | - | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.6 | - |
| Park amenities | Ball diamonds & playfields | New ball diamonds & playfields | - | 3.3 | 3.3 | - | 3.3 | 3.3 | - |
| Park amenities | Other sports amenities | New track & field facility | - | 10.7 | 10.7 | - | 10.7 | 10.7 | - |
| Park amenities | Dog off-leash areas | Renewal of dog off-leash areas | 0.5 | - | 0.5 | 0.5 | - | 0.5 | - |
| Park amenities | Dog off-leash areas | New dog off-leash areas | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Park amenities | Dog off-leash areas | Upgrades dog off-leash area at Emery Barnes Park | 0.9 | - | 0.9 | - | 0.9 | 0.9 | - |
| Park amenities | Other amenities | Renewal of other amenities | 0.8 | - | 0.8 | 0.8 | - | 0.8 | - |
| Park amenities | Other amenities | New other amenities | - | 0.7 | 0.7 | - | 0.7 | 0.7 | - |
| Park amenities | Park planning | Planning & studies - Parks | - | 1.5 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.5 | - |
| Park amenities subtotal | | | 31.3 | 75.8 | 107.1 | 12.7 | 84.4 | 97.1 | 10.0 |
| Park buildings, infrastructure & vehicles | Park buildings | Renovations - Park buildings | 5.0 | - | 5.0 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 5.0 | - |
| Park buildings, infrastructure & vehicles | Park buildings | Capital maintenance - Park buildings | 5.0 | - | 5.0 | 5.0 | - | 5.0 | - |
| Park buildings, infrastructure & vehicles | Park buildings | New park buildings | - | 3.3 | 3.3 | - | 3.3 | 3.3 | - |
| Park buildings, infrastructure & vehicles | Park pathways | Maintenance & renewal of park pedestrian infrastructure | 2.5 | - | 2.5 | 2.5 | - | 2.5 | - |
| Park buildings, infrastructure & vehicles | Park pathways | Universal access improvements to park pedestrian infrastructure | 1.0 | - | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.0 | - |
| Park buildings, infrastructure & vehicles | Park pathways | New pedestrian infrastructure | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Park buildings, infrastructure & vehicles | Park roads & parking lots | Maintenance & renewal of park vehicular infrastructure | 2.5 | - | 2.5 | 2.5 | - | 2.5 | - |
| Park buildings, infrastructure & vehicles | Park infrastructure | Maintenance, upgrading & renewal of park electrical & water infrastructure | 3.3 | - | 3.3 | 3.0 | 0.3 | 3.3 | - |

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| Park buildings, infrastructure & vehicles | Park infrastructure | Stanley Park cliff maintenance (Prospect Pt.- 3rd Beach) | 0.5 | - | 0.5 | 0.5 | - | 0.5 | - |
| Park buildings, infrastructure & vehicles | Park infrastructure | New park electrical & water infrastructure | - | 4.0 | 4.0 | - | 4.0 | 4.0 | - |
| Park buildings, infrastructure & vehicles | Park infrastructure | Potable water reduction/reuse program | 2.0 | - | 2.0 | 2.0 | - | 2.0 | - |
| Park buildings, infrastructure & vehicles | Park vehicles & equipment | Renewal of vehicles & equipment - Parks | 13.2 | - | 13.2 | 13.2 | - | 13.2 | - |
| Park buildings, infrastructure & vehicles | Park vehicles & equipment | Electrification of vehicles & equipment - Parks | 3.4 | - | 3.4 | 3.4 | - | 3.4 | - |
| Park buildings, infrastructure & vehicles | Park vehicles & equipment | New vehicles & equipment - Parks | - | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | - | 3.1 | - |
| Park buildings, infrastructure & vehicles subtotal | | | 38.4 | 10.4 | 48.8 | 38.2 | 10.6 | 48.8 | - |
| Decolonization, arts & culture | Decolonization & policy development | Co-management framework | - | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | - | 0.2 | - |
| Decolonization, arts & culture | Decolonization & policy development | Cultural visibility on the land | - | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | - | 0.3 | - |
| Decolonization, arts & culture | Decolonization & policy development | Decolonization strategy | - | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | - | 0.5 | - |
| Decolonization, arts & culture subtotal | | | - | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | - | 1.0 | - |
| Parks and Open Spaces Total | | | 90.7 | 117.6 | 208.3 | 68.9 | 129.4 | 198.3 | 10.0 |

| Capital Plan Sub-Category | Capital Plan Project Category | Description |
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| Park land | Land acquired by City | Funding for new parkland acquisitions, with a focus on ongoing park expansions and VanPlay Equity Initiative Zones. |
| Seawall & waterfront | Seawall & shoreline | Capital maintenance work on the seawall will primarily be located in False Creek, while foreshore stabilization priorities will be determined through further strategic analysis. |
| Seawall & waterfront | Waterfront walkway-bikeway | New and improved cycling and pedestrian trails in parks will provide increased safety along popular routes, and connections to city-wide walkway and bikeway infrastructure. |
| Seawall & waterfront | Marine structures | Replacement, upgrade and expansion of marine structures, piers, decks, swimming rafts and boardwalks. Projects will receive funding based on a safety and condition priority basis, possible projects include the Alder Bay dock replacement. |
| Urban forest & natural areas | Urban forest | Planting trees in parks and replacing street trees. This includes reforestation areas and the public tree sale program to support the growth of the urban forest canopy: estimate 12,000 to 14,000 trees. The Downtown East Side is a priority neighbourhood for new street tree planting, if funding allows. |
| Urban forest & natural areas | Natural areas | The Park Board Biodiversity Strategy outlines the need to create new natural areas in parks to provide more people with access to nature. 2023-2026 priority projects continue to be the Tatlow/Volunteer Park and rehabilitation opportunities in Stanley Park. This program also provides funding for a number of environmental programs including working with stewardship groups, the Neighbourhood Matching Fund Program, urban wildlife management, environmental education, pollinator and bird enhancement planting projects, native plant projects and species at risk support. |
| Urban forest & natural areas | Urban agriculture | Funding for local food assets, as directed by the Local Food Action Plan. |

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| Park amenities | New parks | Continuing to grow and expand the network of parks throughout the City. Focal areas for new park development including East Park in Southeast False Creek and the recently purchased land at Burrard Slopes. Additional work includes continuing planning and design of new neighbourhood parks in the East Fraser Lands, including the waterfront with restored natural areas, a destination playground, recreational cycling and walking trails, and improvements to the Avalon Creek corridor. This program also includes in-kind park development at Oakridge. |
| Park amenities | Existing parks | This program upgrades and expands amenities at existing parks. Potential projects include John Hendry and Strathcona park renewals, as well, growth in areas like the Broadway Corridor could expedite plans for the renewal of parks to serve new developments. This program area also provides minor park improvements such as the addition of benches and picnic tables, and activity features such as new fitness equipment and new activity areas such as parkour. |
| Park amenities | Playgrounds & spray parks | Renew playgrounds based on age and condition as outlined in 2015 City wide assessment of play spaces. Additional ongoing work on water spray parks to provide outdoor cooling sites and address water conservation priorities. Possible upgrade locations include Memorial South, MacLean, Oppenheimer, Burrardview, Tatlow, Almond, and Cartier Parks. Projects are led by staff with support from external consultants and contractors. |
| Park amenities | Sport courts & skate parks | Upgrading, renewing and building new sport courts and skate parks, as directed by the Skate Strategy and future sport court strategy. Priorities for renewal are set based on condition. |
| Park amenities | Ball diamonds & playfields | Upgrading and expanding playfields and diamonds, will include improving soils and growing mediums, and adding new drainage and irrigation systems where none exist. This work, in addition to adding new fields, will increase capacity for structured and unstructured play, as directed by the upcoming Sport Field Strategy. |
| Park amenities | New track & field facility | Deliver a new track and field facility at Killarney, a longstanding priority of the Vancouver Field Sport Federation. |

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| Park amenities | Dog off-leash areas | Delivery of dog off-leash area upgrades, including Emery Barnes OLA renewal, and one or two other locations based on outcomes of park master planning and public engagement processes. |
| Park amenities | Other amenities | Other emerging Board priorities. |
| Park amenities | Park planning | Funds for parks and recreation plans, strategies and policies, as guided by VanPlay. Works may include updated strategies for fieldhouses, ice, courts, golf, and lawn bowling, as well as park planning exercises. This program will include other studies as required addressing Motions of the Park Board, and ongoing work on the Stanley Park Comprehensive Plan with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. |
| Park buildings, infrastructure & vehicles | Park buildings | Renovating aging facilities based on building conditions and locations where uses may be changing. Taking direction from the washroom strategy, adding new park washrooms and renovating existing facilities to create new accessible and gender-neutral washrooms. Capital maintenance to address priority replacement of building components such as roofs, mechanical systems, electrical and plumbing systems based on condition assessments. |
| Park buildings, infrastructure & vehicles | Park pathways | New and renewed pathways in parks. |
| Park buildings, infrastructure & vehicles | Park roads & parking lots | Repairs and resurfacing of park roads and parking lots. |
| Park buildings, infrastructure & vehicles | Park infrastructure | Upgrading, renewing and adding new park electrical and water infrastructure, providing funding for Stanley Park cliff maintenance and some funding for potable water reduction/reuse program. |
| Park buildings, infrastructure & vehicles | Park vehicles & equipment | Electrification of existing equipment, replacement of equipment at end of life, funding to buy out existing fleet of leased vehicles, and new equipment to meet emerging needs. |
| Decolonization, arts & culture | Decolonization & policy development | Development of a co-management framework, park infrastructure projects that reinforce cultural visibility on the land for MST, and a decolonization strategy for the Park Board. |

| Service Area | Capital Plan Sub-Category | Capital Plan Project Category | Program / major projects | Investments in: | | | Funding Source: | | | |
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| | | | | Existing Assets | New Assets | Overall | City | Devt. | Cash Total | In-kind |
| City Facilities | Service yards | Projects | Sunset Yard renewal, phase two detailed design | 2.0 | - | 2.0 | 2.0 | - | 2.0 | - |
| | | | Service Yards Total | 2.0 | - | 2.0 | 2.0 | - | 2.0 | - |
| Community Facilities | Recreation facilities | Projects | RayCam Community Centre - renewal & expansion | 33.4 | 15.6 | 49.0 | 33.4 | 15.6 | 49.0 | - |
| Community Facilities | Recreation facilities | Projects | West End Community Centre - renewal & expansion, detailed design | 1.3 | 1.8 | 3.05 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 3.1 | - |
| Community Facilities | Recreation facilities | Projects | West End Ice Rink - renewal & expansion, detailed design | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.50 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.5 | - |
| Community Facilities | Recreation facilities | Projects | Vancouver Aquatic Centre - renewal & expansion | 103.0 | 37.0 | 140.00 | 103.0 | 37.0 | 140.0 | - |
| Community Facilities | Recreation facilities | Projects (in-kind) | New North East False Creek Community centre (in-kind) | - | 41.7 | 41.70 | - | - | - | 41.7 |
| Community Facilities | Recreation facilities | Projects (in-kind) | New North East False Creek Ice rink (in-kind) | - | 25.0 | 25.00 | - | - | - | 25.0 |
| Community Facilities | Recreation facilities | Projects (in-kind) | New East Fraser Lands Community Centre (in-kind) | - | 47.0 | 47.00 | - | - | - | 47.0 |
| Community Facilities | Recreation facilities | Programs | Capital maintenance - Recreation facilities | 19.1 | - | 19.1 | 19.1 | - | 19.1 | - |
| Community Facilities | Recreation facilities | Programs | Renovations - Recreation facilities | 2.3 | - | 2.3 | 2.3 | - | 2.3 | - |
| | | | Recreation Facilities Total | 159.6 | 169.1 | 328.7 | 159.6 | 55.4 | 215.0 | 113.7 |

| Capital Plan Sub-Category | Capital Plan Project Category | Program / major projects | Description |
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| Service yards | Projects | Sunset Yard renewal, phase two detailed design | Complete the detailed design to replace the aging Sunset service yard buildings as part of the second phase of renewal. Construction on the first phase started in 2022 and is expected to be completed in 2023. |
| Recreation facilities | Projects | RayCam Community Centre - renewal & expansion | Design and build the renewal and expansion RayCam, located at Hastings and Campbell in Strathcona. This is a partnership with BC Housing, who will locate new affordable housing above the centre. |
| Recreation facilities | Projects | West End Community Centre & Ice Rink - renewal & expansion, detailed design | Prepare preliminary detailed design plans for the project, including the renewal and expansion of the community centre, ice rink, and other community facilities. The project is co-managed with the Vancouver School Board, as it also involves the renewal and expansion of King George secondary school. (Note: funding for the planning/scoping phase was provided in the 2019-2022 Capital Plan.) |
| Recreation facilities | Projects | Vancouver Aquatic Centre - renewal & expansion | Plan, design and build the renewal and expansion of this indoor swimming pool located in the West End. Given the large size of the planned facility (~100,000 square feet), the project will be built in two phases, with the first phase prioritizing the renewal of the 50m lap pool and diving pool. |
| Recreation facilities | Projects (in-kind) | New North East False Creek Community centre and Ice rink (in-kind) | Construction of a new 40,000 sq.ft. community centre and 31,000 sq.ft. ice rink. This is an in-kind CAC project and is expected to start during the 2023-2026 Capital Plan period. |
| Recreation facilities | Projects (in-kind) | New East Fraser Lands Community Centre (in-kind) | Construction of a new 36,000 sq.ft. community centre. Based on the proposal contained in a recent rezoning application that has been referred to a Public Hearing, the project is now expected to be delivered as an in-kind project that would be expected to start during the 2023-2026 Capital Plan period. |
| Recreation facilities | Programs | Capital maintenance - Recreation facilities | Capital Maintenance Program to replace building components such as roofs, mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems. Projects within this program are prioritized based on component life expectancy using the City's asset management system. |
| Recreation facilities | Programs | Renovations - Recreation facilities | Recreation Renovation program provides funding to design and construct renovations to existing facilities. The goal is to improve programming efficiency and meet current service needs and priorities. This program also provides funding for buying new fitness and recreation equipment. |

| Topic | Name of the requested Project or Amenity | Geo Location if applicable | Category | Staff Responses |
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| Beaches | Addressing beach pollution | Various beaches | Seawall & Waterfront | No specific project identified in the capital plan, however there will be advancements through the West End Waterfront Masterplan, potentially the Stanley Park Comprehensive Plan, and coastal habitat augmentation projects. |
| Beaches | Divert sewage laden water in storm sewer system that currently drains into False Creek into the septic system in the summer | False Creek | (non-park) | |
| Beaches | Importance of Beaches | Various beaches | Seawall & Waterfront | Projects include planning for coastal adaptation, ongoing implementation of the On Water - non-motorized watercraft recreation strategy and coastal habitat augmentation. |
| Beaches | Shower facilities | Various beaches | Seawall & Waterfront | Potential opportunities through the implementation of VanSplash in future capital plans. |
| Beaches | Beach maintenance | Sunset Beach to English Bay | (non-capital) | Beach maintenance is not a capital project, but this comment is passed on to operation staff. |
| New Buildings | Build a Centralized Community Hub in Strathcona Park | Strathcona Park | Buildings, Infrastructure & Vehicles | The Ray-Cam Cooperative Community Centre is identified for renewal as part of the capital plan. Strathcona Community Centre is on the prioritized list of Community Centre Strategy. Pending future Capital Plan funding and Vancouver School Board funding, Strathcona Community Centre renewal could provide above. |
| New Buildings | Permanent festival space in Vanier Park | Vanier Park | Buildings, Infrastructure & Vehicles | No specific project identified, however staff can revisit this consideration through future planning and design work at expected for Vanier Park. |
| New Buildings | Community hub model for recreation facilities | Downtown | Recreational Facilities | Will inform approach to NEFC community facilities. |
| New Buildings | Coffee shop amenities in parks | Across the City | Buildings, Infrastructure & Vehicles | Will inform future park master planning work and the current parks and recreation needs assessment project. |
| Community Centre renewals/upgrades | Pool & gym upgrades and renewals needed | Dunbar CC, Lord Byng Pool, Kerrisdale CC, Kitsilano CC | Recreational Facilities | Decisions for allocating community centre renovation and maintenance budgets will follow the direction of the Community Centre Strategy. |
| Community Centre renewals/upgrades | Community center leisure equipment upgrades e.g. pool table/foosball table | Killarney CC | Recreational Facilities | No specific projects to be included in the capital plan at this time. This comment is passed on to the Recreation team. |
| Community Centre renewals/upgrades | More community centers | Across the City | Recreational Facilities | Implementation of the Community Centre Strategy will direct this work, within the funding provided. |

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| Community Centre renewals/upgrades | CC access for Chinese Dance activities | Strathcona CC | Recreational Facilities | CC access for specific programs are not contemplated as part of the capital planning process. |
| Community Centre renewals/upgrades | Elevator for accessibility | Killarney CC | Recreational Facilities | This comment is passed on to facility staff for investigation. |
| Community Centre renewals/upgrades | Fitness center upgrade | Killarney CC | Recreational Facilities | Implementation of the Community Centre Strategy will direct this work, within the funding provided in the maintenance and renovation envelope. This comment is passed on to facility staff for investigation. |
| Community Centre renewals/upgrades | Kensington Community Centre | Kensington CC | Recreational Facilities | No specific projects are identified for Kensington CC at this time. Kensington CC is on the prioritized community centre renewals for consideration in the next capital plan. The Community Centre Strategy will direct smaller CC maintenance and renovation projects as part of the capital plan implementation. |
| Community Centre renewals/upgrades | Library upgrade | Hillcrest CC | Recreational Facilities | Library upgrades are not in scope for parks and recreation. |
| Community Centre renewals/upgrades | Public CC dark room amenity | West End CC | Recreational Facilities | This comment is passed on to the West End Community Hub renewal planning and design for consideration. |
| Community Centre renewals/upgrades | Senior-oriented facilities, e.g. dancing, badminton | Sunset CC | Recreational Facilities | Opportunities to support senior-oriented facilities are considered through individual facility planning and design processes in consultation with user groups and stakeholders. |
| Community Centre renewals/upgrades | Strathcona CC Renewal | Strathcona CC | Recreational Facilities | Renewing the Strathcona CC is not contemplated as part of the 2023-2026 Capital Plan, going forward the Community Centre Strategy will inform CC renewal priorities. Strathcona Community Centre is on the prioritized list of Community Centre Strategy. Pending future Capital Plan funding and Vancouver School Board funding |
| Community Centre renewals/upgrades | Support for co-located amenities | Across the City | Recreational Facilities | Park Board supports co-locating facilities where possible, and is included at the RayCam and West End Hub renewal projects. |
| Decolonization, arts and culture | Art in parks: habitat and reconciliation | Across the City | Decolonization, arts and culture | The capital plan focuses on capital delivery of projects. Ongoing natural area augmentation projects, may have some synergies with this work. |
| Decolonization, arts and culture | Support arts and decolonization in parks | Across the City | Decolonization, arts and culture | The capital plan focuses on capital delivery of projects. Work to embed decolonization approaches into all parks and recreation projects is ongoing. |

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| Dog parks / Off-Leash Areas | Dog Park | Mount Pleasant | Park Amenities | Limited funding is identified in the proposed capital plan for new and renewed dog OLA's. Mount Pleasant and Kitsilano are identified as priority underserved neighbourhoods in the People, Parks and Dogs Strategy. Final decisions on locating new and upgraded OLA's will follow as part of plan implementation. |
| Dog parks / Off-Leash Areas | Dog park surfaces upgrade | New Brighton | Park Amenities | |
| Dog parks / Off-Leash Areas | Dog parks / off-leash areas | Grimmett Park | Park Amenities | |
| Dog parks / Off-Leash Areas | Dog parks / off-leash areas | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Dog parks / Off-Leash Areas | Off leash dog areas | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Dog parks / Off-Leash Areas | Better off leash dog areas near schools | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Enforcement | Park rangers | Various | (non-capital) | Park Rangers and Park Security are not considered as part of the Capital Planning process. |
| Enforcement | Improve Community Security in Strathcona Park | Strathcona Park | (non-capital) | |
| Enforcement | Bylaw enforcement | Beaches | (non-capital) | Enforcement is not a capital project. |
| Ice Rinks | Ice Rink Diversity | Across the City | Recreational Facilities | A new ice-rink is identified in the capital plan as part of the community facility delivered in-kind at NEFC and West End CC is identified for ice rink renewal. This comment is passed on to our Recreation team. |
| Ice Rinks | Privilege Inclusivity for Ice Permit holders | Across the City | Recreational Facilities | Developing an ice-allocation policy is identified as a potential project under recreation planning in the upcoming capital plan. |
| Ice Rinks | CC Rink renewal | Sunset CC | Recreational Facilities | Renewing rinks is not included as part of the 2023-2026 capital plan. A future Ice Strategy will consider renewal of all |
| Ice Rinks | Multiple Ice Sheet Arena Facility | Across the City | Recreational Facilities | |
| Park Infrastructure | Litter prevention / maintenance | Beaches | Seawall & Waterfront | Litter prevention / maintenance is not funded through the capital planning process. |
| Park Infrastructure | Fix wildlife feeding signs | Seawall | Buildings, Infrastructure & Vehicles | This project is not identified in the upcoming capital plan, but this feedback was shared with staff supporting ongoing operational service delivery. |
| Park Infrastructure | Parking along seawall | Seawall | Buildings, Infrastructure & Vehicles | Increasing park parking is not contemplated as part of the 2023-2026 capital plan. |
| Park Infrastructure | Parking programs for park users | Across the City | Buildings, Infrastructure & Vehicles | |

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| Marine Infrastructure | Renew Jericho Pier x10 | Jericho Pier | Seawall & Waterfront | Renewing the Jericho Pier is not identified as a priority project in the proposed 2023-2026 capital plan. |
| Marine Infrastructure | Dock capacity upgrades | False Creek CC | Seawall & Waterfront | The capital plan does include some funding for marine infrastructure, and funding may be allocated to renewing and expanding Alder Bay dock. |
| Marine Infrastructure | Alder Bay, FCCC/Granville Island PUBLIC Dock area needs expansion, repair to keep paddlers safe for launching of non motorized water | False Creek | Seawall & Waterfront | |
| Marine Infrastructure | Create a Paddling Centre at Vanier Park | Vanier Park | Seawall & Waterfront | A paddling centre at Vanier Park is not contemplated as part of the capital plan. Could be contemplated as part of a future Vanier renewal strategy. |
| Marine Infrastructure | Create a structured anchorage on False Creek | False Creek | Seawall & Waterfront | Creating a structured anchorage program is not within the jurisdiction of the Park Board. |
| Marine Infrastructure | Create better dock space for accessing paddle boats from Alder Bay and Burrard compound | False Creek | Seawall & Waterfront | The capital plan does include some funding for marine infrastructure, and funding may be allocated to renewing and expanding Alder Bay dock. |
| Marine Infrastructure | Expand facilities and improve water access for paddlers and small watercraft | False Creek | Seawall & Waterfront | The capital plan does include some funding for marine infrastructure, and funding may be allocated to renewing and expanding Alder Bay dock. Design work for Vanier Boat Launch repairs is currently underway; the facility is expected to be fully operational again later this year (2022). There is no funding specifically earmarked to Burrard Civic Marina in the capital plan. |
| Marine Infrastructure | Maintain boat launch ramps in Vanier Park & West False Creek | False Creek | Seawall & Waterfront | |
| Marine Infrastructure | Maintain west False Creek Dock area | False Creek | Seawall & Waterfront | |
| Marine Infrastructure | Maintain west False Creek Paddling landing or launch area | False Creek | Seawall & Waterfront | |
| Marine Infrastructure | Alder Bay - seniors and accessibility | False Creek | Seawall & Waterfront | |
| Marine Infrastructure | Burrard Civic Marina | False Creek | Seawall & Waterfront | |
| Marine Infrastructure | False Creek - Alder Bay or Vanier | False Creek - Alder Bay or Vanier | Seawall & Waterfront | |
| Marine Infrastructure | False Creek - Granville Island or Kits Point | False Creek - Granville Island, Kits Point | Seawall & Waterfront | |
| Marine Infrastructure | False Creek facilities | False Creek | Seawall & Waterfront | |

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| Marine Infrastructure | False Creek facilities | False Creek | Seawall & Waterfront | |
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| Marine Infrastructure | False Creek facilities | False Creek | Seawall & Waterfront | |
| Marine Infrastructure | False Creek, Granville Island and Burrard Civic Marina | False Creek, Granville Island and Burrard Civic Marina | Seawall & Waterfront | |
| Natural Areas | Expand Native Plants in Parks | Across the City | Urban Forest & Natural Areas | This is an ongoing priority for Park Board and will be implemented this capital plan. |
| Natural Areas | More edible and/or native trees | Across the City | Urban Forest & Natural Areas | |
| Natural Areas | More habitat for birds and pollinators | Across the City | Urban Forest & Natural Areas | |
| Natural Areas | Park ecosystem diversity | Across the City | Urban Forest & Natural Areas | |
| Natural Areas | Plant native plants | Across the City | Urban Forest & Natural Areas | |
| Natural Areas | More Natural Areas | Across the City | Urban Forest & Natural Areas | |
| Natural Areas | Improve park shade | Across the City | Urban Forest & Natural Areas | |
| Natural Areas | Natural urban spaces | Across the City | Urban Forest & Natural Areas | |
| Natural Areas | Seriously commit to rewilding Everett Crowley Park. | Everett Crowley | Urban Forest & Natural Areas | This is an ongoing priority for Park Board and will be considered in this capital plan. |
| New Parks | Create large community space in DTES | DTES (Gore and Hastings) | Park Land | Funding for park land acquisition is contained within the capital plan. Sites to be determined. |
| New Parks | More green space in the DTES/Chinatown/Strathcona | DTES / Strathcona | Park Land | |
| New Parks | More parks | Across the City | Park Land | |
| New Parks | More parks | Across the City | Park Land | |
| New Parks | More Parks | Across the City | Park Land | |

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| New Parks | More Parks | Across the City | Park Land | |
| New Parks | More Parks | West End | Park Land | |
| New Parks | More Parks and Trees | Across the City | Urban Forest & Natural Areas | Funding for park land acquisition and more park trees is contained within the capital plan. |
| New Parks | More Parks with trees, playgrounds | Across the City | Park Land | Funding for park land acquisition, more trees in parks, and new playgrounds is contained within the capital plan. |
| Non-park | Different types of markets | Maple Tree Square | (non-park) | Maple Tree Sqaure and Programming is outside the scope of the capital plan. |
| Non-park | Facilitate community and tourism with self-guided walking tours | DTES, Gastown, Chinatown and Downtown | (non-park) | Outside the scope of parks and recreation. |
| Non-park | Water street accessibility | Gastown | (non-park) | |
| Park Amenities | Bike/scooter parks | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Park Amenities | Skate parks | Downtown | Park Amenities | Small wheeled sports are contemplated in the "skate parks" as per the Skate Strategy. |
| Park Amenities | More spray parks / water slides | Across the City | Park Amenities | A new spray park is included in the draft capital plan. |
| Park Amenities | More walking trails | Across the City | Park Amenities | Will be contemplated during park renewal projects. |
| Park Amenities | Concrete slab for Chinese Dance activities | Strathcona CC | Park Amenities | |
| Park Amenities | Free play amenities in Parks | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Park Amenities | Park seating | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Park Amenities | Water fountains | Stanley Park / Coal | Park Amenities | |
| Park Amenities | Install outdoor workout area (calisthenics) at sunset beach similar to one at 37th and heather Oakridge seventh day Adventist church. | Sunset Beach | Park Amenities | |
| Park Amenities | Basic park infrastructure (benches, tables) | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Park Amenities | Park connectivity & resting spots | 59th Ave | Park Amenities | |
| Park Amenities | Parks with covered areas for families | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Park Amenities | Open space parks need to feel more protected from streets | Across the City | Park Land | |
| Park Amenities | Improvements at McGill Park; seating, trees, a community garden, chip trail, pollinator meadow, green infrastructure | McGill Park | Park Amenities | |
| Park Amenities | Upgrades for Norquay Park | Norquay Park | Park Amenities | |

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| Playgrounds | Build the Champlain Heights playground that was promised in | Champlain Heights | Park Amenities | This is an ongoing priority for Park Board and will be implemented this capital plan. |
| Playgrounds | Outdoor play facilities | Sunset CC | Park Amenities | |
| Playgrounds | Playground renewal | Hillcrest CC | Park Amenities | |
| Playgrounds | Playground renewal | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Playgrounds | Playground renewal | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Playgrounds | Playground upgrades; more slides | Across the City | Park Amenities | This is an ongoing priority for PB and will be considered as playgrounds are renewed. |
| Playgrounds | Playgrounds; more monkey bars | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Pools | 50 m pool in VGH precinct | 10th & Ash | Recreational Facilities | The location of new pools is directed by VanSplash. Funding for pools in this capital plan has been allocated to Vancouver Aquatic Centre. These comments are passed on to the Recreation team as well. |
| Pools | New pool | Kitsilano CC | Recreational Facilities | |
| Pools | More Pools | West Side CoV | Recreational Facilities | |
| Pools | Senior-oriented facilities, e.g. pools | Across the City | Recreational Facilities | |
| Pools | Mt Pleasant Pool - Oppose x35 | Mt Pleasant Park | Recreational Facilities | |
| Pools | Mt Pleasant Pool - Support x29 | Mt Pleasant Park | Recreational Facilities | A new outdoor pool was not included as part of the draft 2023-2026 capital plan. |
| Pools | Mt Pleasant Pool - Oppose; Prioritize renewing older pools | Mt Pleasant Park | Recreational Facilities | |
| Pools | Mt Pleasant Pool - Oppose; Use money to expand Hillcrest pool | Hillcrest CC / Mt Pleasant Park | Recreational Facilities | |
| Pools | Mt Pleasant Pool - Oppose; Use money to expand Hillcrest pool to outdoors | Hillcrest CC / Mt Pleasant Park | Recreational Facilities | |
| Pools | Pool & gym upgrades and renewals needed | Dunbar CC, Lord Byng Pool, Kerrisdale CC, Kitsilano CC | Recreational Facilities | The location and renewal schedule for these facilities is directed by VanSplash and the Community Centre Strategy. |
| Pools | Pool renewal | Kitsilano Park | Recreational Facilities | The Kits pool is expected to open this summer. |
| Pools | Kits Pool | Kitsilano Park | Recreational Facilities | |
| Pools | Open Kits pool (maybe other outdoor pools too) for longer periods (start of May - October) | Kitsilano Park | (non-capital) | Programming of facilities is not contemplated as part of the capital plan process. These comments are passed on to the Recreation team for consideration. |
| Pools | Open outdoor pools year round | Across the City | (non-capital) | |
| Programming | Programming; Free adapted dance programs for disabled folk | Across the City | (non-capital) | |
| Programming | Adults/seniors-only swim period | Killarney CC | (non-capital) | |
| Programming | CC opening hours - early morning facilities needed for seniors | Across the City | (non-capital) | |
| Programming | CC Programming capacity | Across the City | (non-capital) | |
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| Programming | CC Programming capacity | Across the City | (non-capital) | |
| Programming | CC Programming capacity | Sunset CC | (non-capital) | |
| Programming | CC programming; story time | Strathcona CC | (non-capital) | |
| Programming | CC swimming programming capacity | Across the City | (non-capital) | |
| Programming | Park programming; music | Maclean Park | (non-capital) | |
| Seawall | Climate change adaptation | Seawall | Seawall & Waterfront | Projects include planning for coastal adaptation, ongoing implementation of the On Water - non-motorized watercraft recreation strategy and coastal habitat augmentation. |
| Seawall | Seawall upgrade; widen the narrow paths for bikers and pedestrians | Stanley Park | Seawall & Waterfront | This will be reviewed as part of the Stanley Park Mobility Study |
| Seawall | Stanley Park bike path | Stanley Park | Seawall & Waterfront | |
| Seawall | Stanley Park bike path | Stanley Park | Seawall & Waterfront | |
| Seawall | Continue to create points of access to the Fraser River (Sto'lo) | Fraser River | Seawall & Waterfront | Delivery of new waterfront walkway-bikeway along Fraser in East Fraser Lands expected to be delivered in-kind. |
| Sports Courts | Add Lighting to Outdoor Public Tennis & Pickleball Courts to Increase Healthy Recreation | Across the City | Park Amenities | Need for sport court strategy identified. |
| Sports Courts | Dedicated pickleball courts | Across the City | Park Amenities | Considered in the draft Capital Plan. Need for sport court strategy identified. |
| Sports Courts | Resurface the tennis courts please | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Sports Courts | Re-surface Trimble & 8th Tennis | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Sports Courts | Sport court strategy for tennis and pickleball use | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Sports Courts | Tennis court bookings | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Sports Courts | Dedicated tennis courts | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Sports Courts | Basketball hoops x 6 | Maclean Park | Park Amenities | |
| Sports Courts | Field lacrosse and box lacrosse require different facilities | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Sports Courts | Killarney CC court renewal | Killarney CC | Park Amenities | |
| Sports Courts | Lacrosse box upgrades | South Memorial Park | Park Amenities | |
| Sports Courts | Pickleball courts | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Sports Courts | Pickleball courts | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Sports Courts | Pickleball courts | Queen Elizabeth Park | Park Amenities | |
| Sports Courts | Pickleball courts | South Memorial Park | Park Amenities | |
| Sports Courts | Pickleball courts | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Sports Courts | Pickleball courts | Stanley Park | Park Amenities | |

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| Sports Courts | Pickleball vs Tennis demand | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Sports Courts | Pickleball vs Tennis demand | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Sports Courts | Tennis courts | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Sports Courts | Tennis courts | Across the City | Park Amenities | |
| Sports Courts | Tennis Courts | Various | Park Amenities | |
| Street ROW | Street plaza and public boulevard creation by closing down street sections | Across the City | Park Land | Park Board will continue to advocate for the provision of excellent public realm and collaborate with Engineering on conversion of street right of way to public green space where appropriate. |
| Street ROW | Olympic Village Linear Park | Olympic Village; E-W road between Ontario and Cambie | Park Land | |
| Street ROW | Welcome the Water - expand Strathcona Community Garden wetland project into Hawks Ave | Hawks Ave in Strathcona | Urban Forest & Natural Areas | |
| Street ROW | Beatify pedestrian path to Zero Waste Center from Canada Line Station | Marine Drive Station | Park Land | |
| Street ROW | Parklets and bikes | Across the City | Park Land | |
| Urban Forest | Hanging flower pots for businesses | Punjabi Market | (non-park) | This is outside the scope of parks and recreation. |
| Urban Forest | Parks need more shade trees | Across the City | Urban Forest & Natural Areas | New park trees are Included in the final Capital Plan. |
| Urban Forest | Asian plum tree management | Sunset CC | (non-capital) | This is not a capital project. We will pass along the request to the Urban Forest team. |
| Urban Forest | Tree maintenance | Sunset CC | Urban Forest & Natural Areas | This is an ongoing priority for Park Board and will be implemented this capital plan. |
| Urban Forest | Tree maintenance | Burrard Bridge | Urban Forest & Natural Areas | |
| Urban Forest | Improved tree canopy | Across the City | Urban Forest & Natural Areas | |
| Urban Forest | Improved tree canopy | Champlain Heights | Urban Forest & Natural Areas | |
| Urban Forest | Improved tree canopy and increased provision of flowers | Across the City | Urban Forest & Natural Areas | |
| Urban Forest | Improved tree canopy | Across the City | Urban Forest & Natural Areas | |

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| Washrooms | Fieldhouse programming and washroom upgrades | Strathcona Park | Buildings, Infrastructure & Vehicles | There may be an opportunity to plan for the renewal of Strathcona Park, where such an idea could be incorporated. This comment is passed on to facilities and park development staff. |
| Washrooms | Gender-inclusive washrooms | Across the City | Buildings, Infrastructure & Vehicles | This is an ongoing priority for Park Board and will be implemented this capital plan as per Parks Washroom Strategy. |
| Washrooms | Washroom map | Across the City | Buildings, Infrastructure & Vehicles | As signs are renewed, there may be an opportunity to address this suggestion. |
| Washrooms | More washrooms | Across the City | Buildings, Infrastructure & Vehicles | Contemplated in the draft Capital Plan. The Park Board Washroom Strategy will determine possible locations for new washrooms. |
| Washrooms | More washrooms | Charleson Park | Buildings, Infrastructure & Vehicles | |
| Washrooms | More washrooms | Beach Ave | Buildings, Infrastructure & Vehicles | |
| Washrooms | More washrooms | West End | Buildings, Infrastructure & Vehicles | |
| Washrooms | More washrooms | Spanish Banks | Buildings, Infrastructure & Vehicles | |
| Washrooms | More washrooms | Chinatown/Strathcona, Seawall, Beach Ave | Buildings, Infrastructure & Vehicles | |
| Washrooms | Cleaner washrooms | Across the City | (non-capital) | This is not a capital project. |

Vancouver Park Board Capital Plan Public Engagement Summary

Parks and Recreation staff led a public engagement process on the draft 2023-2026 Capital Plan in May 2022. The goal of this engagement was to seek feedback from the public on how the draft plan was delivering on priority areas under the Park Board’s mandate.

What We Did

Park Board staff invited residents to submit project ideas or priorities through an in-person listening exercise. Community Centre pop ups were held at Sunset, Hillcrest, Killarney, West End and Strathcona. Park Board staff also engaged with key partners and stakeholder groups including Community Centre Associations (All Presidents Group) and the Vancouver Field Sport Federation throughout the process to keep them apprised on capital plan progression. In addition, an online ideation tool* on Shape Your City was made available between May 3rd and May 29th. These engagement results are intended to supplement City-led engagement on the Capital Plan.

Looking Glass:

Many of our interactions at local Community Centres were with seniors attending group activities that promote wellness such as dancing and badminton.



*Shape Your City - Ideation Tool

Shape Your City Vancouver (shapeyourcity.ca) is an interactive digital platform designed to promote engagement and provide Vancouver residents a more transparent way to share ideas and feedback with the City and Park Board. Members of the public are encouraged to register, post ideas, and interact with existing ideas by commenting or clicking a heart to indicate their support (see image to left).

Amongst the ideas proposed, the following examples were suggestions that received the most support from platform users while the Ideation Tool was open for participation.

“Save the Jericho Pier.

It is iconic. It’s well used. There were plans for a more accessible pier. Let’s do it. The city needs more ‘destinations’ for walks, for family things to do.”

10 ❤️

“More habitat for birds and pollinators.

[Parks should be studied to identify underused areas of manicured grass, which should be replaced with gardens of native plants with trails and benches so visitors can enjoy them.]”

8 ❤️

“[Add Lighting to Outdoor Public Tennis & Pickleball Courts.]

The City of Vancouver has 184 public outdoor tennis courts but virtually none have lights to enable their use later in the day when most people are available to play.

6 ❤️

“Open Kits pool (maybe other outdoor pools too) for longer periods.

[For example, from the start of May to October.] It is light out in the spring and still warm in late September.”

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What We Heard

Community Centres

We talked to approximately 86 people at the Community Centres and received a total of 124 ideas and comments. Key themes from our conversations included support for:

- Seniors-serving places & programs
- Aquatics and marine infrastructure
- Core infrastructure upgrades - washrooms, capacity and renewal of Community Centres
- Nature in the City - trails, trees, preserving and expanding natural spaces.

Shape Your City & Online Engagement

A total of 482 Shape Your City site visits were recorded, with 55 ideas submitted online through our ideation tool. There were a further 24 comments on these ideas and 121 “hearts” to show support. During the engagement period, residents sent 68 emails to the Capital Plan email address, primarily representing split sentiment on the construction of Mt Pleasant Pool. As of June 17th, a further six emails have been received in opposition to the pool and one in support.

Looking Glass:

Many community members found challenges with community centre program registration capacity limits.

Topic Areas (# of mentions)

The following excerpt of topic areas were summarized from both in-person and online engagement and are organized by frequency of mention, with short descriptions detailing suggestions. Note this list is not exhaustive:

- **Pools (68)**
 - Support and opposition of Mt. Pleasant Pool construction
 - Renewal of Kitsilano Pool, expansion of existing pools (e.g. Hillcrest)
- **Marine Infrastructure (29)**
 - Renewal of Jericho Pier
 - Expansion of False Creek dock infrastructure for paddle sports
 - Create new paddling centers
- **Sports Courts (27)**
 - Tennis courts are in high demand
 - There is increasing demand from seniors for pickleball courts
 - Some indicated a desire for pickleball and tennis to have separate footprints as they are distinct activities
 - More basketball hoops at Maclean Park
- **Park Amenities (20)**
 - Parks need more shade and covered areas; protection from sun and streets
 - Amenities in parks for families and seniors (e.g. more shaded resting spots, coffee shops, workout infrastructure)
 - Activity specific park amenities (e.g. bike/scooter/skate parks, spray parks, areas for Chinese dance)
- **Park Land (12) & Urban Forest (10)**
 - Desire for more, better connected parks, urban forest, and natural areas
 - Interest in more green space in the Downtown Eastside
- **Washrooms (11)**
 - More washrooms
 - Desire for washrooms to be kept in better condition
- **Community Centres (10)**
 - Upgrades needed for CC facilities (e.g. leisure equipment, elevators for accessibility, fitness centers)
 - More access and facilities for seniors
- **Playgrounds (8)**
 - Renewals needed for older facilities (e.g. Killarney)

A complete list of the submissions received is included in Appendix E. It is important to note that this was a self-selected survey that has resulted in qualitative data; additional focused engagement will precede larger value asset planning to inform any future plans.