Park Board 2027 - 2030 Capital Plan

Park Board Committee Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2026

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Agenda

1. Recommended 2027–2030 Capital Plan
2. Context and Approach
3. Draft 2027–2030 Allocations and Service Areas
4. Next Steps

Executive Summary

Recommendation to approve the draft $739M Park Board 2027-2030 Capital Plan submission to City Council for funding consideration

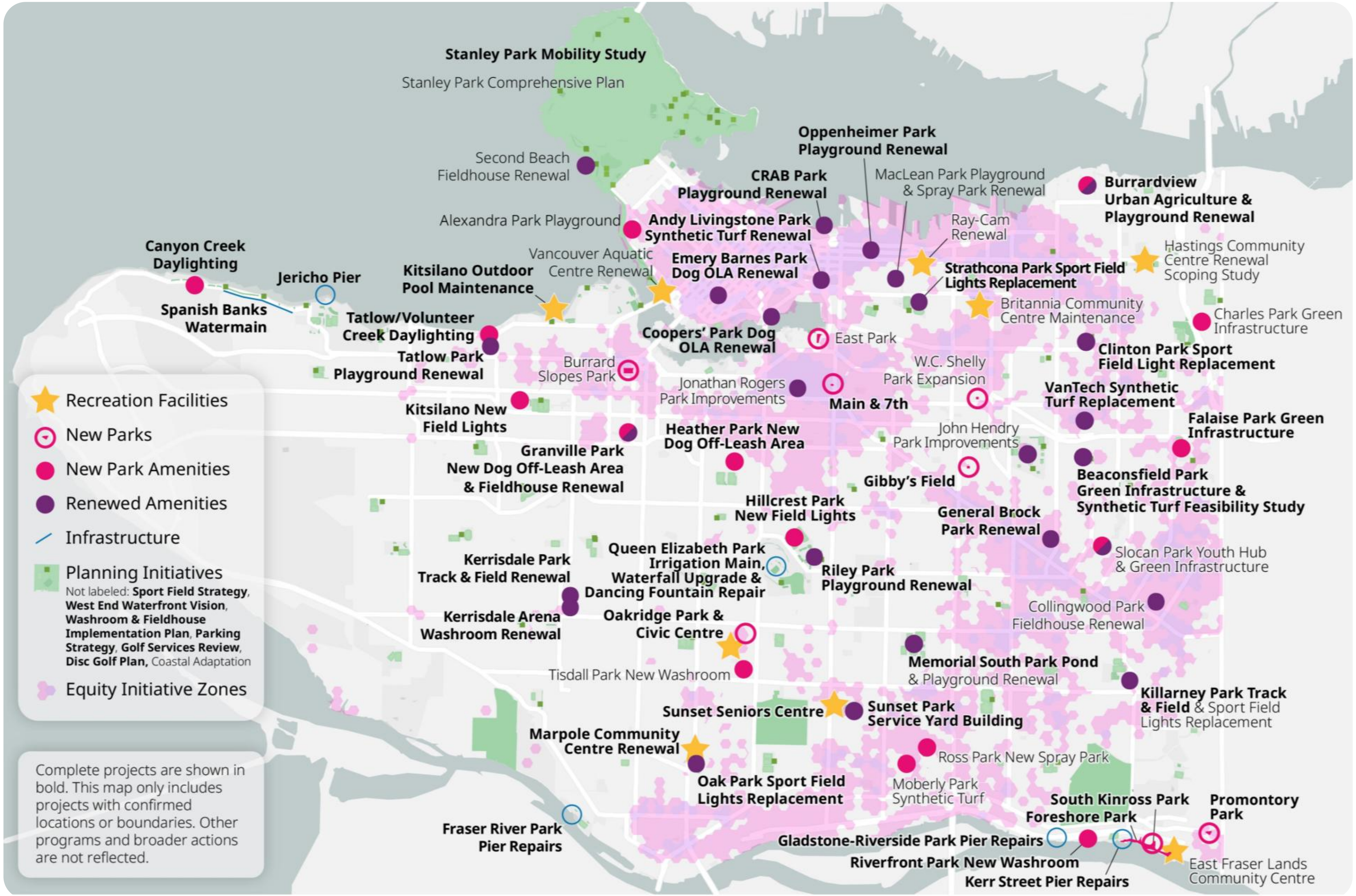
- **20% of Citywide $3.6B Capital Plan**
- ↑ **68%** from 2023–2026 Park Board Capital Plan

Strategic focus: critical infrastructure renewal, reduced growth and partner funding sources, highest-priority, most deliverable investments

Program-based plan: Approves allocations and priorities, projects advance through annual budget with class C estimate

Parks and Public Open Spaces	Service Yards	Recreation Facilities
$223M	**$20M**	**$496M**

Successes of 2023-2026 Capital Delivery



$439M fully allocated

Parks & Open Spaces
$215M

Service Yards
$11M

Recreation Facilities
$213M

Delivery includes

- 9 New and Improved Parks
- 7 Playgrounds
- 6 Sport Fields & Syn Turf
- 5 Spray Parks
- 8 Washrooms
- 7 Dog Off-Leash Areas
- 9 Marine Structure Repairs
- 5 Recreation Facilities
- Among Many More

Capital Plan Framework

Mid to Long term Capital Planning	**4-Year** Capital Plan	**1-Year** Capital Budget
Strategic choices about investments Asset management framework and **Board priorities** to guide future investments Estimated Funding capacity	**Shorter-term priorities** Assigns overall funding levels **Identified program priorities** and specific initiatives to be completed	**Project Approval** Provides detailed information and plans about projects to be completed **Assigns project-specific funding**
Sport Field Strategy	Sport Amenities	Andy Livingstone Synthetic Turf Renewal

Long-term city-building strategies, community plans, and service strategies shape the capital planning process and guide the City's 4-year Capital Plan and annual Capital Budget

Inputs to Developing the Capital Plan

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Board Direction

– April $1.43B Board Motion
– Facilities Asset Management Plan Endorsement

Approved Strategies, Plans & Policies

VanPlay (30K+)

CCS (~2K)

VanSplash (~4.5K)

Sport Field Strategy (~2.6K)

Parks Washroom Strategy

Urban Forestry Strategy

Prioritization Principles

– Policy alignment & Equity
– State of good repair
– Deliverability
– Program-based flexibility, requiring Class C cost estimate

Funding Capacity

Capital Plan funded by:

↑ City Contributions
↑ Borrowing Capacity
↓ Development Revenues
↓ Parter Contributions

Complex major facility and partnership-based initiatives will advance through feasibility planning prior to full funding commitment.

2% Levy Accelerating Infrastructure Renewal

A sustained financial strategy is required to address the growing Infrastructure deficit

Annual infrastructure deficit

$500M

Gap between required and actual annual reinvestment
Updated 2022

Strategy: 2% Infrastructure levy, adding

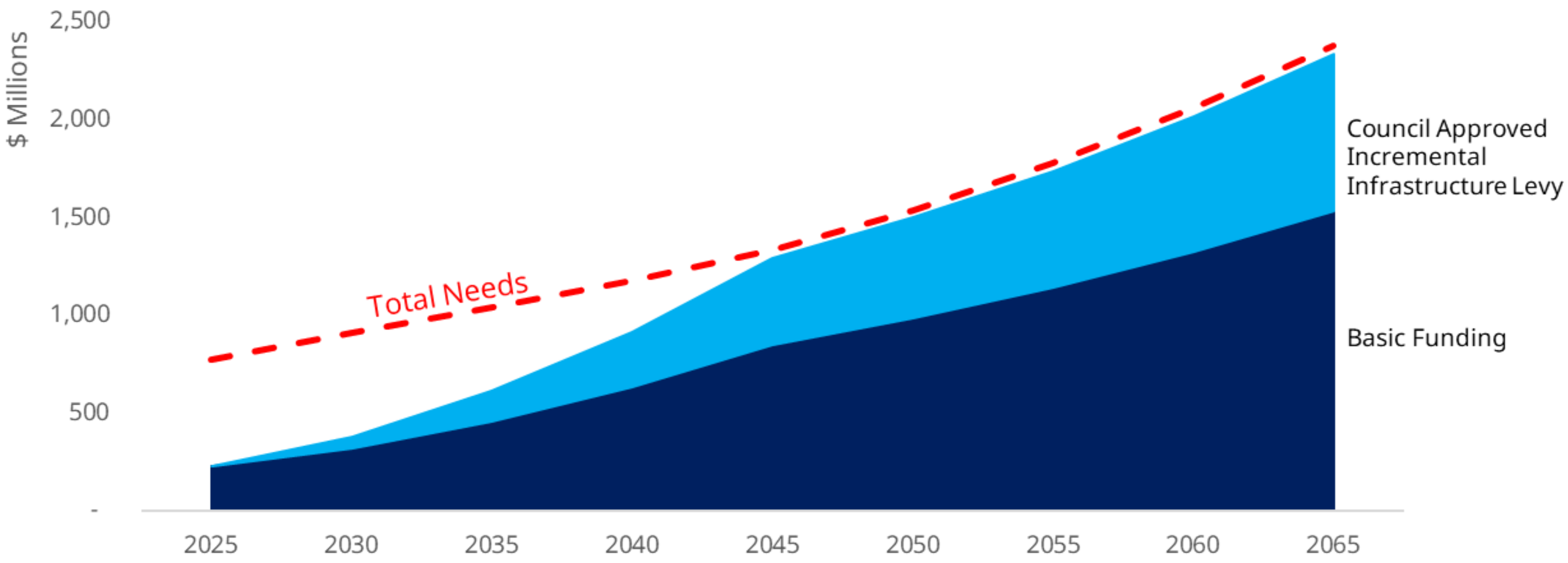
$250M

over 2027-2030 Capital Plan period; till 2045

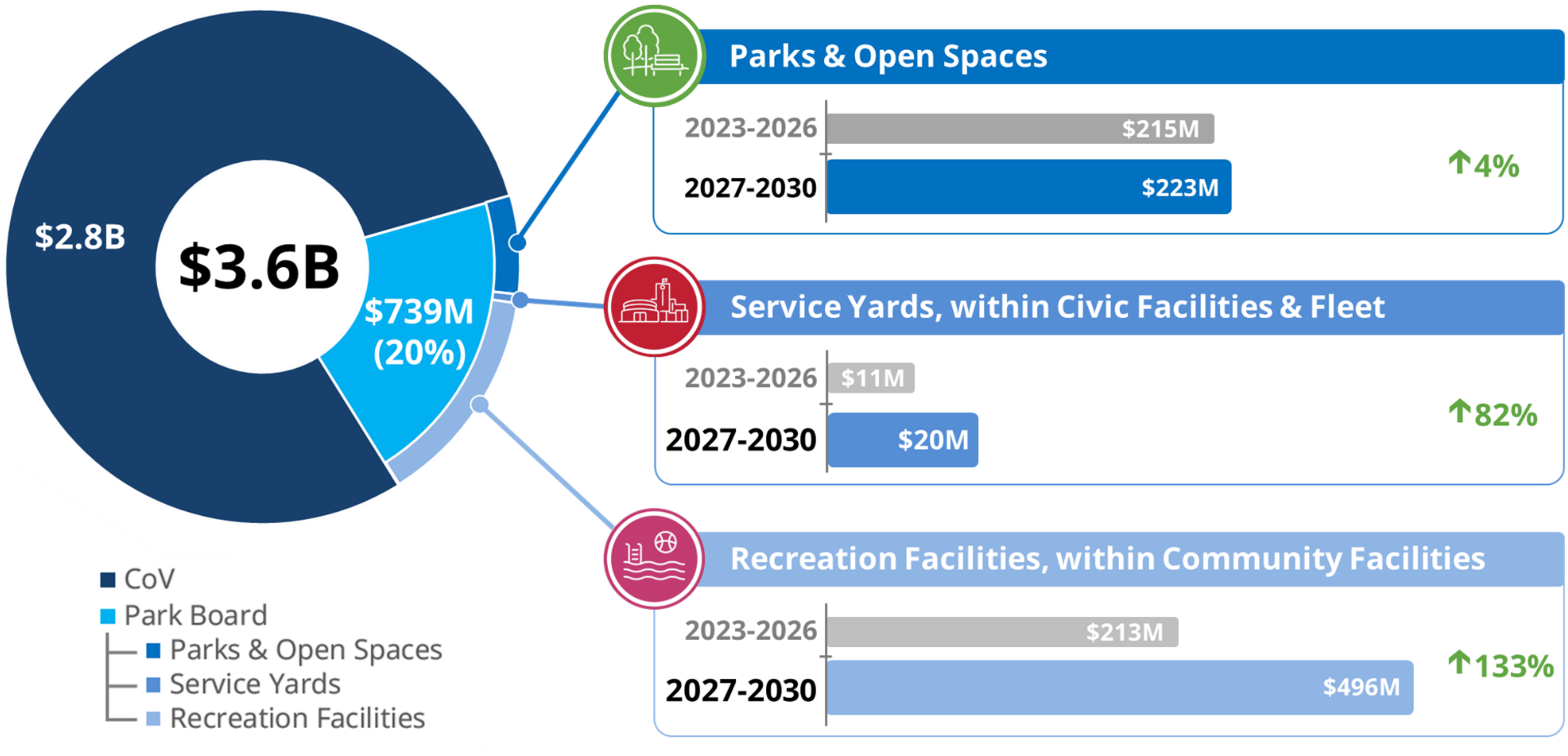
Accelerating the closing of the gap in

20 years

compared to 40 years with 1% levy



Draft Park Board 2027-2030 Allocation Summary



Trade Offs and Opportunities

Trade Offs

- **Prioritizing urgent**, fundable and deliverable work
- **Phasing larger facility investments** across multiple capital plan cycles
- **Balancing renewal** of existing assets with growth and new service needs
- **Avoiding premature** construction **placeholders** before scope, cost and delivery assumptions are confirmed

Opportunities

- **Advance planning** to better define major project funding requirements
- **Position projects for partnerships**, senior government funding, grants and donations
- Use **integrated facility** planning to coordinate community centres, pools, rinks, childcare, housing and libraries
- **Preserve flexibility** to respond as Class C estimates, partner agreements and operating impacts are developed

Parks and Public Open Spaces Portfolio Inventory

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Parks and Public Open Spaces include the seawall, sports courts and fields, playgrounds, dog parks, fieldhouses and park washrooms and more.

INVENTORY OF ASSETS

Arts, Reconciliation and Culture

- **360+** plaques
- **192** monuments
- **348** public art assets

Urban forest and natural areas

- **444 ha** of forests and woodlands
- **68** lakes, ponds and streams
- **22,207** ornamental trees in parks
- **129,495** street trees
- **3 km** of slopes/cliffs (Stanley Park and Queen Elizabeth Park)
- **26 ha** street horticulture
- **67 ha** horticulture beds in parks

Park land

- **1,344.9 ha** including 254 parks and 3 golf courses

Park buildings, infrastructure and vehicles

- **282** park buildings
- **100** washrooms
- **50** picnic shelters and gazebos
- **109 km** of roadway, fencing and access control
- **400** vehicles, equipment and other
- **32 ha** of parking lot
- **2,217** poles of light standards

Park amenities

- **331.5 km** of pathways, walkways and trails
- **5,456** park benches
- **154** playgrounds (in 136 parks)
- **255** sport fields
- **131** sport courts
- **51** dog off-leash areas
- **3** golf courses and **3** pitch and putts

Public gathering spaces, street furniture and washrooms

Public gathering spaces

- **10** permanent civic and neighbourhood plazas
- **20** temporary neighbourhood plazas
- **22** parklets

Street furniture and washrooms

- **~5,400 units** (cart enclosures, bike racks, benches, etc.)
- **2** comfort station washrooms
- **1** standalone public washroom

Seawall and waterfront

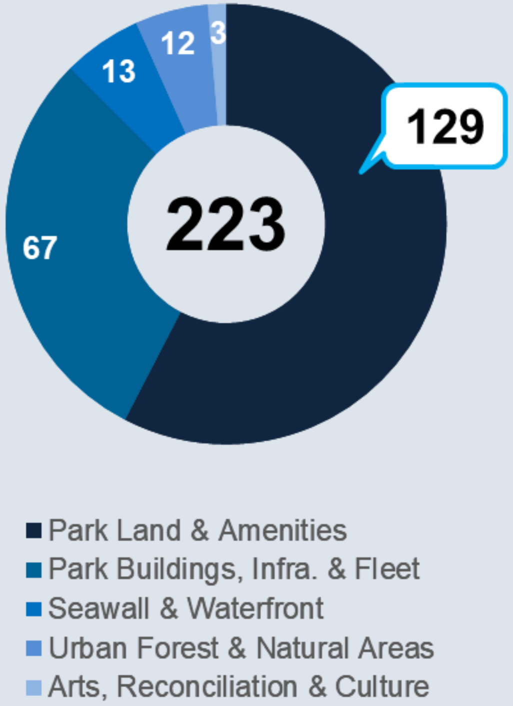
- **31.2 km** of seawall and shoreline
- **20 ha** of beaches
- **23** marine structures

Parks and Public Open Spaces I Park Land & Amenities

Key Outcomes:
Increasing access to and improve capacity for park space and amenities to meet the needs of all Vancouverites

Initiatives	Planned Outcomes
• **Parks (new & improved)**	8 – 10 sites
• **Dog off-leash areas (new & improved)**	1 – 2 sites
• **Playgrounds & spray parks (new & improved)**	10 – 12 units
• **Sport courts and skateparks (new & improved)**	1 – 2 sites
• **Sportfields (maintenance & upgrades)**	64 – 104 sites
• **Synthetic Turf (new & renewal)**	4 – 6 sites
• **Parkland acquisition**	0.3 – 0.45 ha

Draft 2027-2030 Allocation ($129M)



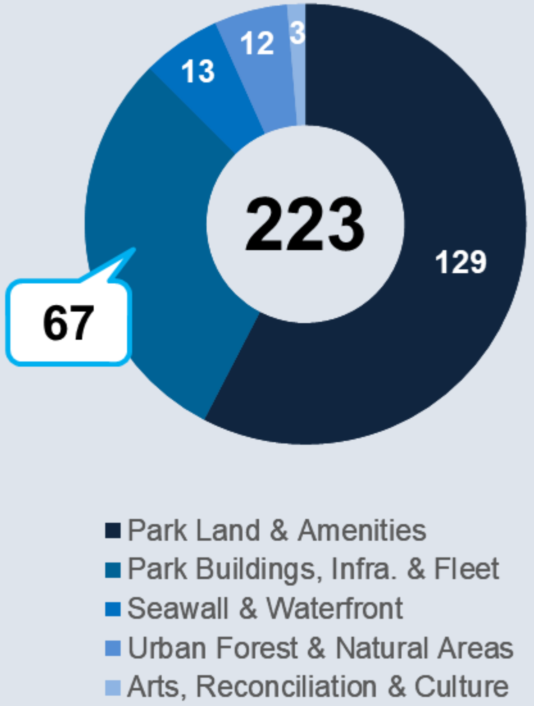
Annualized Operating Impacts ***$0.9M***

Parks and Public Open Spaces I Park buildings, infrastructure & vehicles

Key Outcomes:
Provide safe, clean, and accessible park experiences for all.

Initiatives	Planned Outcomes
• Park Buildings – Washrooms (new & improved)	6 – 9 sites
• Accessibility Improvements	2 – 4 sites
• Aging Infrastructure & Critical Failures	n/a
• Park infrastructure (maintenance & rehabilitation)	15 – 16 programs
• Park vehicle fleet (New & renewed)	151 vehicles/equipment
• Park Buildings (concessions, golf, etc.) - planning	2-3

Draft 2027-2030 Allocation ($67M)



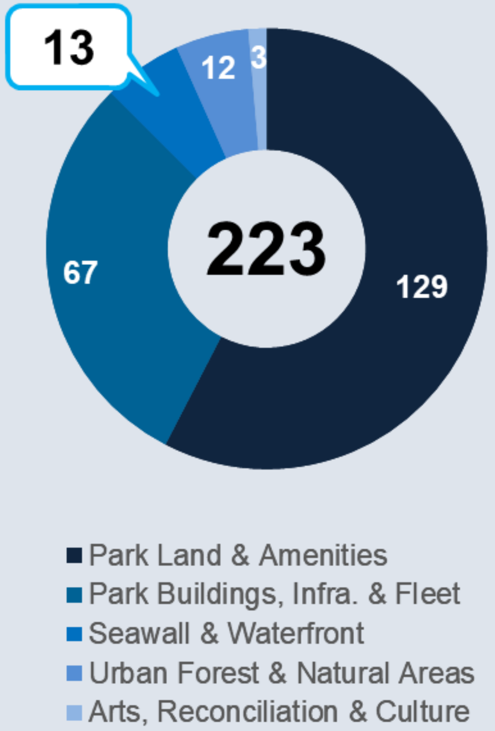
Annualized Operating Impacts ***$1.1M***

Parks and Public Open Spaces I Seawall & Waterfront

Key Outcomes:
Enhance seawall and waterfront use while addressing climate change and sea level rise

Initiatives	Planned Outcomes
• **Maintenance & repairs of marine structures**	2 – 3 sites
• **Maintenance & repairs of seawall or shoreline**	2 programs

Draft 2027-2030 Allocation ($13M)



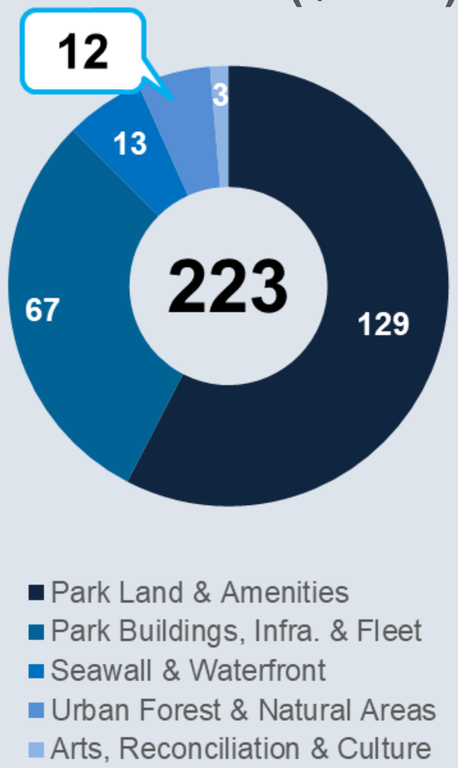
Annualized Operating Impacts ***$0.1M***

Parks and Public Open Spaces I Urban Forest & Natural Areas

Key Outcomes:
Support local biodiversity & natural systems & offer more diverse experiences in nature

Initiatives	Planned Outcomes
• **Convert park land to healthy habitat**	4 – 5 sites
• **Street/Park tree planting**	8,600 trees
• **Urban forest management**	4 – 6 programs

Draft 2027-2030 Allocation ($12M)



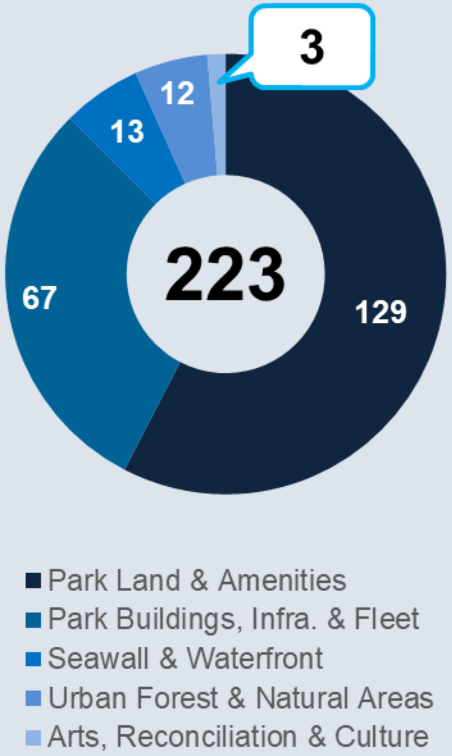
Annualized Operating Impacts ***$0.6M***

Parks and Public Open Spaces I Arts, Reconciliation and Culture

Key Outcomes:
Sustains public art, community food infrastructure, and Host Nations' cultural visibility through collaborative stewardship

Initiatives	Planned Outcomes
• **Public Art & Monuments**	3 – 5 artworks
• **Local Food Systems**	3 – 4 sites
• **Decolonization & policy development**	3 – 5 programs

Draft 2027-2030 Allocation ($3M)



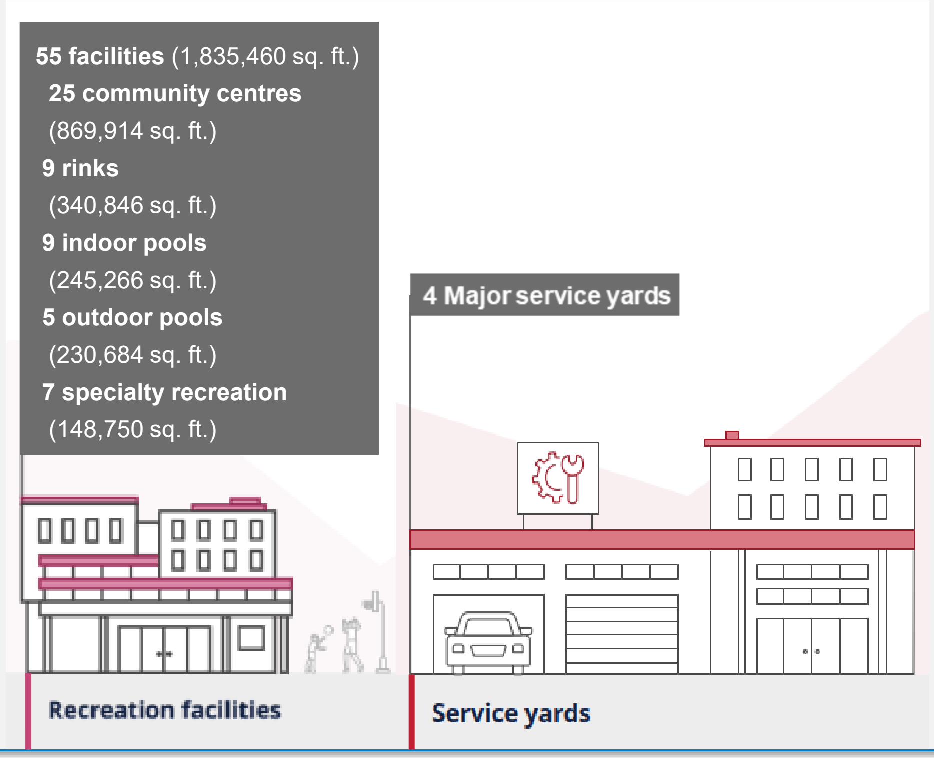
Annualized Operating Impacts ***$0.02M***

Civic & Community Facilities I Overview

Civic Facilities & Equipment include administrative facilities (e.g., City Hall) and service yards, including the storage of vehicles, trucks and equipment, that support the delivery of many public services.

Community facilities include libraries, and recreation and social facilities including community centers, recreation centers, pools, rinks, neighborhood house, childcare and more.

INVENTORY OF ASSETS

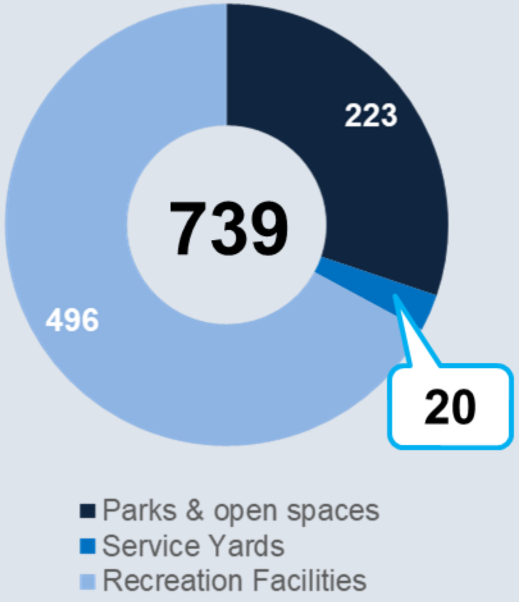


Civic Facilities & Equipment I Park Board Service Yards

Key Outcomes:
Support long-term service continuity, fleet electrification, climate resilience, and efficient Park Board asset stewardship

Initiatives	Planned Outcomes
• Service Yards	Advance Sunset Yards Master Plan Implementation

Draft 2027-2030 Allocation ($20M)



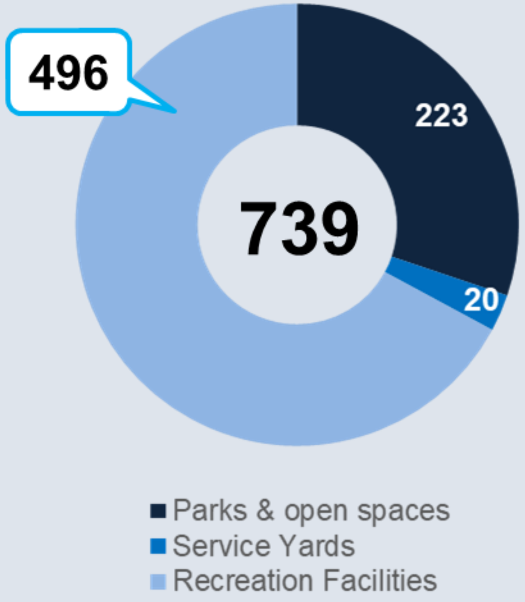
Annualized Operating Impacts ***$0M***

Community Facilities I Recreation Facilities

Key Outcomes:
Provide affordable, accessible and secure recreation facilities, assets and programs

Initiatives	Planned Outcomes
• **Aquatics**	Kits Pool, planning for a new 50m pool, community pool renewal
• **Community Centres**	Hastings, Kensington, and Renfrew, and capital maintenance at other centres
• **Arenas**	Existing rink infrastructure renewal and lifecycle needs
• **Partnerships/ Growth Facilities**	Planning for Britannia, Ray-Cam, West End Community Hub, Strathcona, NE False Creek, Fraser River District
• **Capital Maintenance**	Allocated based on asset condition through annual budget process.

Draft 2027-2030 Allocation ($496M)



Annualized Operating Impacts ***$1.1M***

Next Steps

July 14, 2026 - Presentation to Council as part of the Citywide Capital Plan Process

Late November 2026 - 2027 operating and capital budget process

2027– 2030 - Annual capital budgets and quarterly adjustments
Project refinement, costing, funding strategies and delivery approvals

Recommendation

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve, for submission to City Council for funding consideration, the draft 2027–2030 Parks and Recreation Capital Plan service-area allocations, as outlined in this report, totalling $739M, including:

i. $223M for Parks and Public Open Spaces;

ii. $496M for Recreation Facilities; and

iii. $20M for Service Yards.

Should the Vancouver Park Board not approve the recommendation above, the following alternate direction may be considered.

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve, for submission to City Council for funding consideration, the draft 2027-2030 Parks and Recreation Capital Plan of $1.43 billion as directed in the April 7, 2026, Special Meeting including:

i. $350M for Parks and Public Open Spaces; and

ii. $1.08B for Recreation Facilities.

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