VANCOUVER BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

November 13, 2026

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Director, Park Planning and Development

SUBJECT : **722 Gore Avenue Permanent Park Designation – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update regarding the September 23, 2024, Board motion and subsequent May 13, 2026, Board briefing memo related to the preservation and protection of the green space at 722 Gore Avenue (the "Property") referred to colloquially as People's Park. Staff are pleased to report that Council will be considering a staff recommendation for Permanent Park designation of the Property on November 17, 2026.

Park Board staff participated in an interdepartmental review process to identify any potential impediments to the designation of the Property as permanent park. No major concerns were raised. As such, staff from Real Estate, Environment and Facilities Management (REFM) supported by Engineering Services, and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (VPB) are seeking Council approval through RTS 19831 to close, stop-up and raise title of the Property, to formally end its dedication as City street and provide title for the Property, and, pursuant to section 488(5) of the Vancouver Charter, subsequently designate the Property as a permanent public park.

Permanent Park designation will formalize the Property's long-term status as parkland and place it under the jurisdiction and control of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, fulfilling Board intent under the September 2024 motion. Key interest holders in the Hogan's Alley, Chinatown, and Strathcona neighbourhoods have been informed of the pending Council report and proposed land use designation.

Next Steps

The proposed Permanent Park designation is a vital first step toward securing this valued community green space as a park for future generations. Park naming, upgrades, public art, or programming will happen through separate Park Board processes, and include community input and engagement. Timing for these activities has not yet been confirmed and will depend on future budgets and staff resources.

Regards,

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APPENDIX A
THE PROPERTY

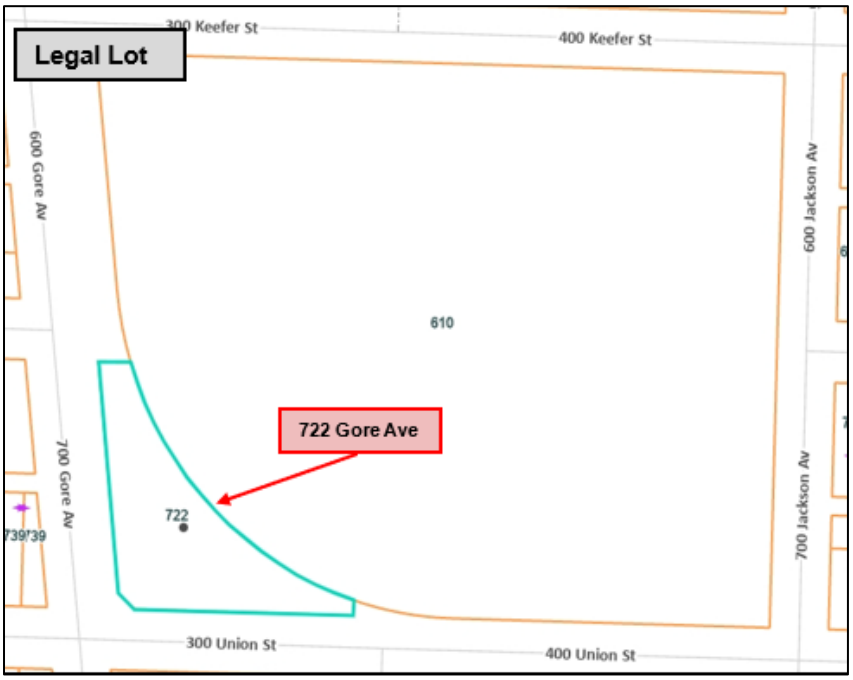


Figure 1: *Legal Lot*



Figure 2: *Street View, 722 Gore Ave*