



December 5, 2024

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Director, Park Planning and Development

SUBJECT : **FWC26 Venue Specific Training Site at Memorial South Park Information Session Update – Board Briefing Memo**

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Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the FWC26 Venue Specific Training Site (VSTS) at Memorial South Park Information Session facilitated by Park Board and City staff on Saturday November 30, 2024, at John Oliver Secondary School from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The session was attended by approximately 200 attendees and several media outlets published articles. The session was well organized with eight information displays supported by a staff member or professional consultant. The [display boards](#) are posted on the FWC26 website and include:

- General Event Information
- Memorial South VSTS Site Plan
- Access and Circulation (during construction)
- Access and Circulation (during the event)
- Other Park Projects and Project Benefits
- Playground
- Track
- Trees

The session provided opportunities for attendees to speak to individuals about their primary areas of concern. While some residents appreciated the information shared and the clarification of some misunderstandings about the project, other attendees expressed significant concerns either verbally or in writing via feedback forms. Approximately 120 written responses were received, and the top areas of interest/concern were:

- Lack of public engagement and transparency
- Loss of access to the track
- Timing for a new playground
- Legacy amenities
- Site Access and site selection



Staff expect many speakers at the December 9, 2024, Board meeting when the proposed Training Sites construction contract awards will be deliberated.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tiina Mack". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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