



November 15, 2022

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Donnie Rosa - General Manager, Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **Public and Stakeholder Engagement Update – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to provide Commissioners with a regular update on public engagement activities to support ongoing awareness, participation and leadership.

Engagement Activities in Brief November to December 2022

Park Board teams are starting to resume engagement activities following the quiet period that lead up to the municipal elections. We welcome your involvement and will continue to update you on a regular basis. Here are some upcoming events of note:

East Park

We are initiating engagement on a new waterfront park in Olympic Village, which includes the renewal of a portion of the seawall south of Science World. East Park is a complex waterfront project with diverse technical considerations and a wide range of stakeholder interests.

It is outlined in detail on our [Shape Your City](#) page, which will be updated with new content on November 16.

- Interactive tools include survey, call-in storyline, pop-up event.

Collingwood Park Renewal

This is the second round of engagement for the renewal of Collingwood Park. Many of the features in the park are nearing the end of their lifespan and will need to be replaced or improved. Potential features to be upgraded or replaced include the playground, sports court, wading pool, washrooms, paths, seating, and plantings.

It is outlined in detail on our [Shape Your City](#) page:

- Interactive tools: Survey opens November 22; and
- In-person drop in at Renfrew Community Centre date TBD.

Main & 7th

We are planning a new half-block urban park for the Mount Pleasant community at the intersection of Main Street and 7th Avenue. Background information and results from the previous round of engagement are available on our [Shape Your City](#) page. Additional information will be added when the next round of engagement starts Nov 28

- Interactive tools: survey and Q&A tools open November 28; and
- Information session, December 8, 5:00 – 8:00 pm at Mount Pleasant Community Centre.



General Brock

Vancouver Park Board is creating a new vision for General Brock Park to support a vibrant community. We have developed a concept design based on the feedback received during our first round engagement in Spring 2022. More information can be found on our [Shape Your City](#) page.

- Targeted community information session November 28, 6 pm at Trout Lake Community Centre.

Fieldhouse Strategy

The Fieldhouse Strategy is intended to support the transformation of fieldhouse buildings into more usable spaces and ensure that the management and allocation of these spaces are determined in an equitable manner

- Workshop(s) with Fieldhouse Activation Program and program participants, dates TBD.

Still Creek Enhancement Projects

A series of parks in the Still Creek watershed have been identified to support VanPlay's Big Move 6 - natural climate solutions. The parks will help manage rainfall through infiltration and bioretention to reduce runoff while providing a naturally managed area for biodiversity and the community.

- Notification and conversations with adjacent neighbours and community groups.

Gibby's Field

The site commonly known as Gibby's Field (1454-1462 E 18th Ave) was recently acquired by the Park Board. The conceptual design of the park consists of a naturally managed area with native plantings and bioretention of rainwater. A pathway is proposed through the park to provide connectivity and accessibility for pedestrians.

- Notification and conversations with adjacent neighbours and community groups.

2SLGBTQIA+ Inclusion

We are gathering information from 2SLGBTQIA+ people who live, work, or play in the City of Vancouver, to help guide the work of our Recreation Programmers who are focused on 2SLGBTQIA+ Inclusion. More information can be found on our [Shape Your City](#) page.

- Interactive tool: online survey; and
- Ongoing targeted community conversations.

Finally, we would be happy to answer your questions on any of the above referenced engagement, and invite you to participate in all public and community sessions as they are



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scheduled. Moreover, we look forward to hearing your thoughts or suggestions for your participation in any of the opportunities outlined here.

Regards,

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