



February 6, 2023

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 memorandum is to provide Commissioners with a regular update on public engagement activities to support ongoing awareness, participation and leadership.

Engagement Activities In Brief: February – March 2023

We welcome your involvement and will continue to update you on a regular basis. Here are some upcoming events of note (dates subject to change):

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 which will be updated in mid-February.

- Interactive tool: online survey
- Ongoing targeted community conversations and meetings

Sports Field Strategy

In cooperation with the Vancouver School Board (VSB), the Park Board is developing a Sport Field Strategy to improve our outdoor fields, ball diamonds, and associated amenities. It is outlined in detail on our [Shape Your City](#) page, which will be updated with new content on March 27.

- Online Interactive tools: survey
- In-person pop-ups at sport fields across the city (dates and locations TBD)
- Ongoing stakeholder meetings
- Targeted surveys for sports field permit holders

Imagine West End Waterfront

The Vancouver Park Board and the City of Vancouver are planning for the future of the West End's iconic Salish Sea oceanfront parks, beaches, and streets. It is outlined in detail on our [Shape Your City](#) page, which will be updated with new content on April 3:

- Targeted community workshops and special interest groups sessions will be held in late March/April (dates TBD)



- Online Interactive tools: survey, Q&A, webinar
- In-person and online drop-in sessions, storytelling walks (dates TBD)

China Creek South Skatepark Upgrades

The existing skatepark at China Creek Park South will be getting upgraded following recommendations outlined in the board approved [Skateboard Amenities Strategy](#). The project includes preserving and enhancing the existing heritage-status bowl features and adding additional features to improve rider experience, accommodate a range of user abilities and allow for simultaneous use. The project is currently in the site analysis and preliminary design phase.

- Notification and conversations with key stakeholders

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

Kerrisdale Park – Point Grey Secondary School Track and Field Upgrades

The Kerrisdale Park – Point Grey track and field facility will be getting upgraded and expanded following recommendations outlined in the [Vancouver Track and Field Strategy](#). The upgrades include replacement and resurfacing of the track, upgrading and expanding jump and throw amenities, new space for spectator seating, improved on-site storage, new lighting infrastructure and improvements to overall site accessibility, circulation and integration. The project is currently in the detailed design phase with construction initiation anticipated late in 2023.

- Notification and conversations with key stakeholders

Killarney Park – Track and Field Training Facility

The running track at Killarney Park will be getting upgraded and expanded to a more comprehensive track and field training facility following recommendations outlined in the [Vancouver Track and Field Strategy](#). The upgrades include a new standardized, lit running track with rubberized surfacing and expansion of the facility to include jumps and throws amenities, spectator seating opportunities and on-site storage. The project is currently in the preliminary design phase.

- Notification and conversations with key stakeholders

Still Creek Enhancement Projects

A series of parks in the Still Creek watershed have been identified to support natural/green infrastructure solutions that are supported by VanPlay, Rain City Strategy and the Climate Emergency Action Plan. The parks will help manage rainfall through infiltration and bioretention to manage runoff while providing a naturally managed area for habitat biodiversity.

- Notification and conversations with adjacent neighbours and community groups



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 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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