



June 30, 2023

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Tiina Mack – Director, Planning & Park Development

SUBJECT : **Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan – Update**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the Queen Elizabeth Master Plan process which was requested through a recent Board enquiry. This project will resume after the completion of the Sport Field Strategy as the staff group that is delivering the Sport Field Strategy (SFS) will also be delivering the Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan (QEPMP) and there are resourcing dependencies. Once the SFS is completed, the QEMP will resume with a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a planning and design consultant early in 2024.

Queen Elizabeth Park is 52 hectares, the highest point in the City, and is one of Vancouver's most well-loved parks. It is a critical amenity for the surrounding neighbourhood and is also a popular tourism destination. A master plan is needed to ensure that any proposed changes and additions to the park honour its existing character and importance, while responding to the growing recreation needs of a burgeoning population, and new tourism and park event opportunities. Master plans for large, complex parks like Queen Elizabeth provide long-term, multi-faceted coherent vision that responds to community needs, and informs phases of capital investment, renewal, and the need to divest of or restore aging infrastructure over time.

A master plan for the park was identified as a short term priority in the [Cambie Corridor Plan](#) (2018) and is funded through a community amenity contribution allocated specifically for work in the park to address population growth in the current capital budget (\$2.2M). The Cambie Corridor Plan identifies the opportunity for the park to better provide neighbourhood functions (e.g. the addition of playgrounds, picnic areas, and improved walking paths) while also maintaining its status as a city-wide destination.

The master planning process will integrate a number of factors to ensure the park's long-term success, including:

- local First Nations, community and stakeholder perspectives;
- current Board direction such as the Think Big Strategy;
- Park Board policy such as [VanPlay](#) and [Reconciliation Mission, Vision and Values](#); and
- City Policy including [Biodiversity Strategy](#) and [Vancouver Plan](#).



A Request for Expression of Interest process has already been undertaken to assess the level of interest of potential planning and design consulting firms. Through this process, staff shortlisted qualified firms who will be invited to submit proposals in a Request for Proposals process. It is anticipated that the RFP will be issued in early 2024, after completion of the ongoing Sport Field Strategy, with work beginning in Q2 2024. Completion of the master plan is targeted for 2026.

Regards,

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