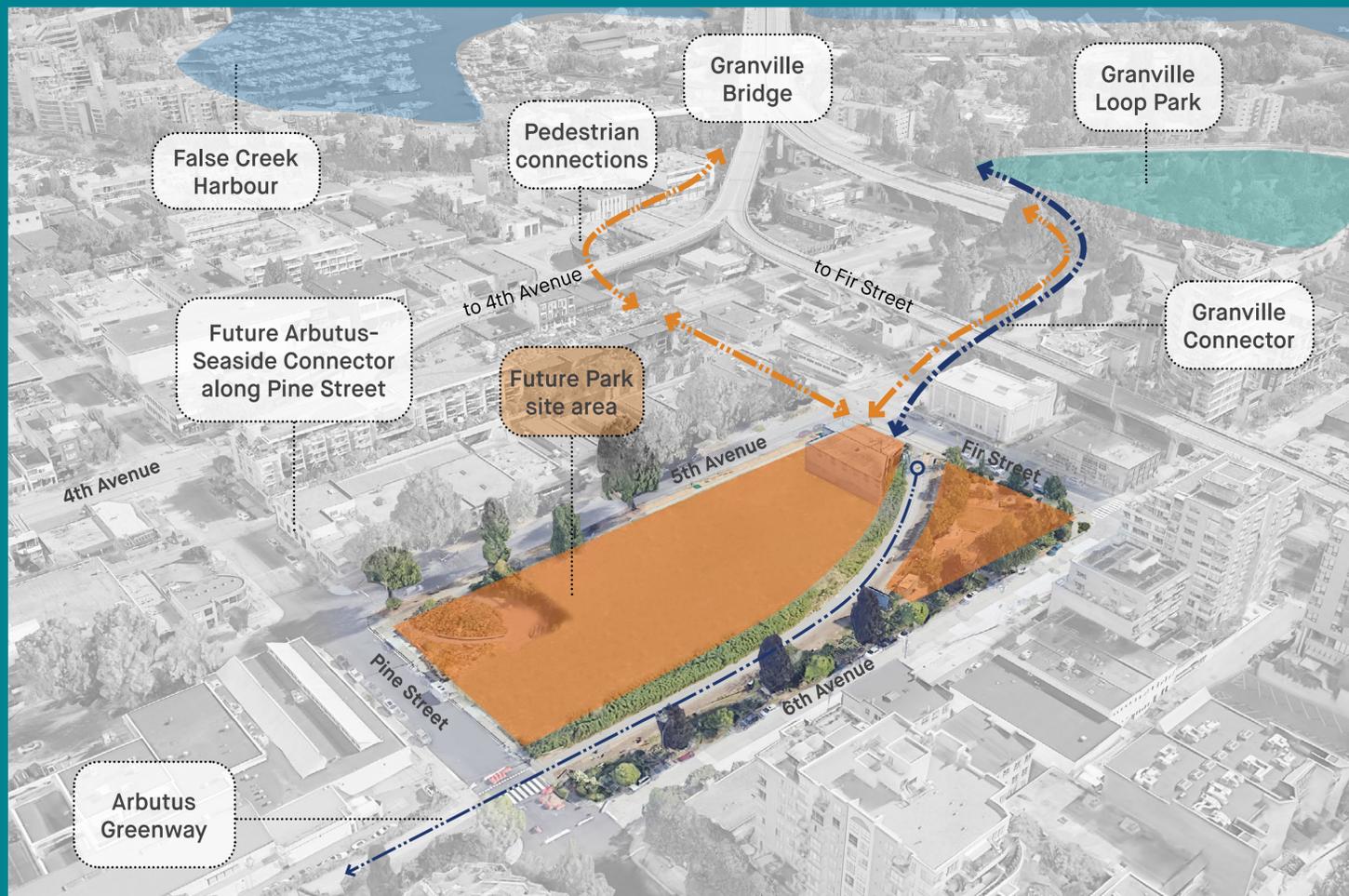


Burrard Slopes Park: concept plan update

We're planning a one hectare park located between two of Vancouver's fast-growing neighbourhoods: Fairview and Kitsilano.

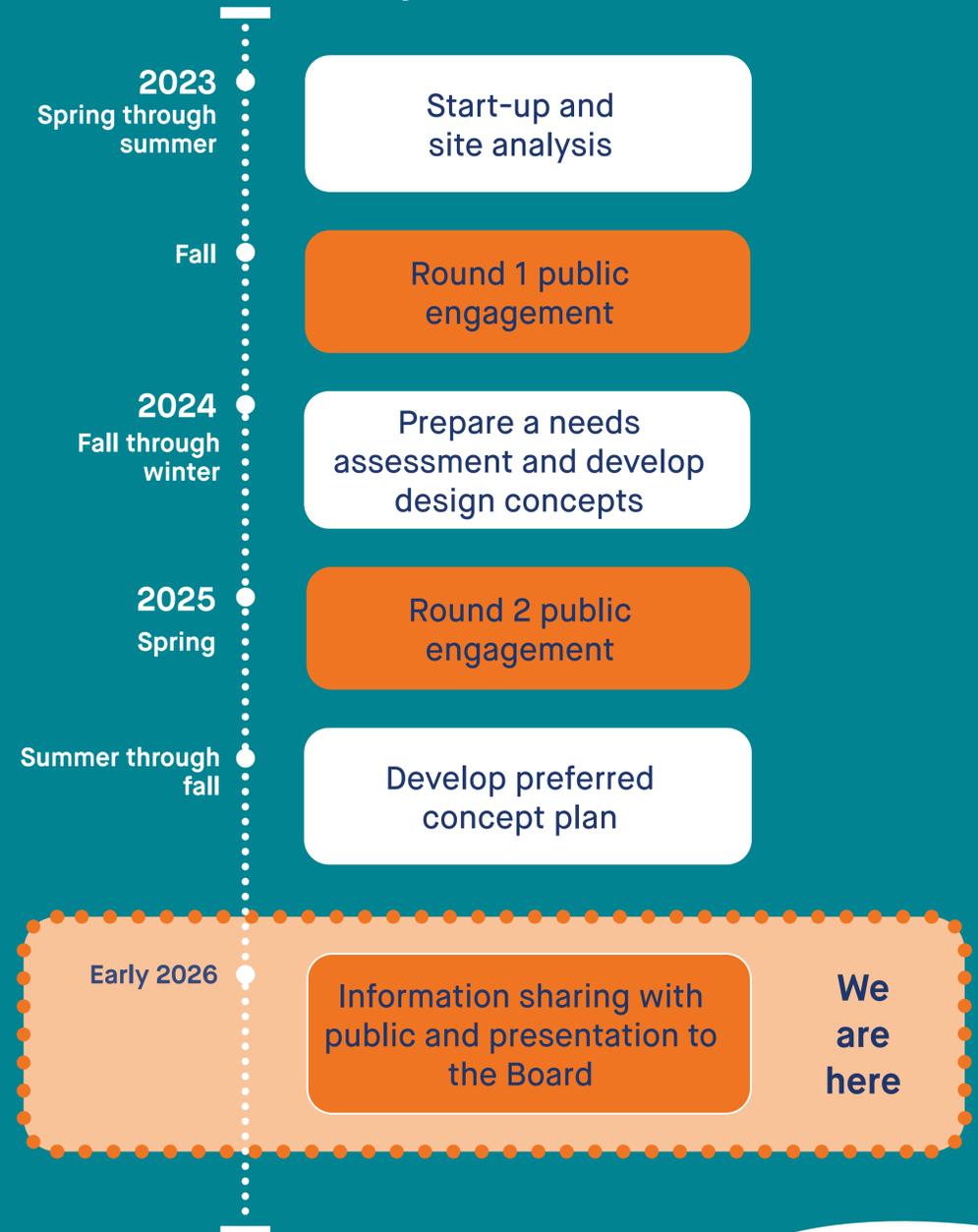
The new Burrard Slopes Park* will bring much needed green space for the area's residents, workers and visitors. This updated concept plan for the park reflects what we've heard from the public over two rounds of engagement.

*Burrard Slopes Park is a temporary name. An official park name will be identified through a separate process.



Park site and surrounding context diagram

Project timeline



What we heard

In spring 2025, we shared the draft concept plan with the community. We gathered feedback on the draft plan from local residents, business owners and park users through an online survey and in-person pop-up event. 81% of survey respondents really like or like the overall design. For a detailed summary of public feedback and the draft concept plan, please refer to the complete WWH report available on the project [Shape Your City page](#).

Green space

Survey respondents' top three most-liked park features were benches and picnic tables, trees and shrubs, and washroom.

Survey respondents' top three most-enjoyed aspects of the existing park spaces were walking and biking, the pollinator garden and the community garden.



Dog off-leash area

Many people said they would love to see a space for dogs that is separate from other park uses. Some people shared concerns about the off-leash area being too small.



Fitness area

People said they would love to see more ways to be active in the park, suggesting outdoor fitness and calisthenics amenities.



Playground expansion

Survey results showed a slight preference for Option 2, favouring more play features over lawn space. Swings, a spinner, and a seesaw were the top choices.



Skateboard and small-wheeled spot

Among survey respondents, 44% expressed confidence that the skateboard and small-wheeled spot will meet the needs of the community, while 29% said it will not. The remaining 8% selected 'Other,' contributing a range of comments which included expressions of both support and concern.

Common concerns included noise and the skateboard and small-wheeled spot's proximity to residential buildings. In response, the location was adjusted to increase distance from nearby homes, and sound mitigation features were added to the design to address these issues.



Participants at community engagement event on April 26, 2025.

Updated concept plan

What we heard from the community has shaped the final concept plan below, which will be presented to the Park Board for decision in early 2026. This updated concept plan for Burrard Slopes Park shows proposed improvements shaped by community feedback.



*Arbutus Greenway design may be modified to allow fire truck access



How we updated the plan

Skateboard and small-wheeled spot

To address concerns about skateboard and small-wheeled spot noise, we moved it away from residential buildings and created a buffer from other park uses by adding trees and a hill.

Dog off-leash area

To address feedback about separating dogs from other park uses, we have used the new park area to further separate the off-leash zone.

Park area expansion

Exciting news! The Park Board has acquired the final parcel of land on the block allowing us to create a larger park with more space for amenities.

Meadow walk

In response to community interest in quiet peaceful green space, we made the meadow walk the key feature of the park's west edge, buffered from other park uses by trees and a lawn-covered hill. The meadow walk includes an accessible pathway that winds through pollinator-friendly planting. Bench seating is provided along the way.

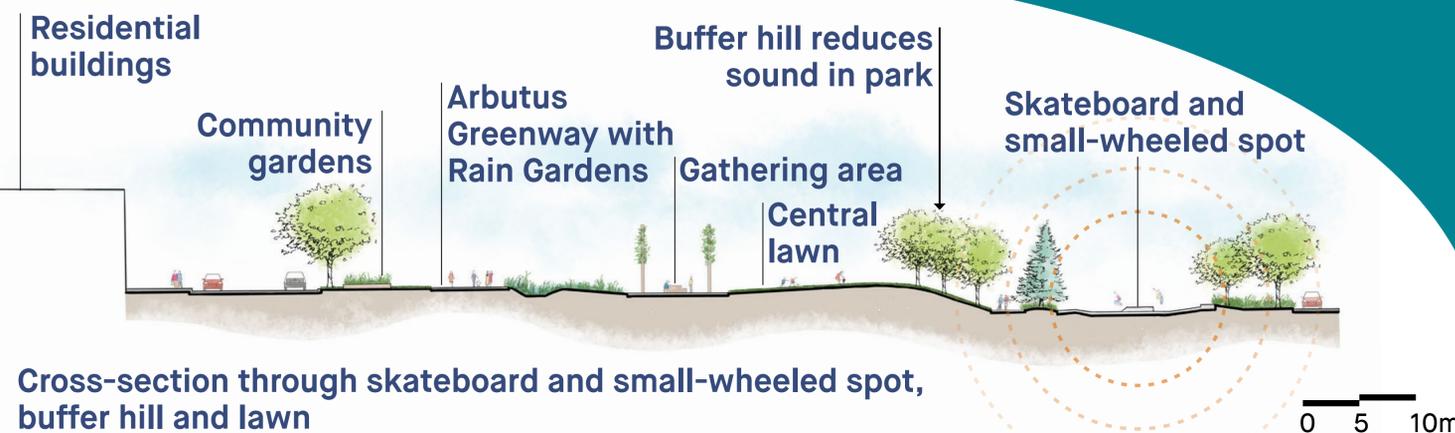


Fitness area

The extra space added to the park has allowed us to add in a new amenity: a fitness area where workout equipment is integrated into a shady area. This addresses feedback about desire for fitness activity options in the park.

Playground expansion

Based on survey feedback, we are adding a seesaw, universal spinner, and swingset to the expanded play area.



Park activities

The next three pages provide more information about the different amenities and programs in the future park. The various elements support City and Park Board's policies outlined in the Biodiversity Strategy, VanPlay, Rain City Strategy, Urban Forest Strategy, Broadway Plan, Skateboard and small-wheeled spot Amenities Strategy, People, Parks and Dogs Strategy, Arbutus Greenway Design Vision, Healthy Waters Plan, Vancouver Official Development Plan and more.

The park design aims to provide a desirable balance of passive and active uses, responding to diverse community needs and fulfilling key design principles set for the project.

Playground expansion

New play equipment provides additional elements with focus on increasing inclusivity for visible and invisible disabilities. See playground expansion page for more information.



Dog off-leash area

Enclosed dog off-leash area provides agility features such as timber and natural boulders. It includes an accessible pathway and many seating opportunities for dog owners. Surrounding pathways allow visitors to observe activity in the dog off-leash area.



Skateboard and small-wheeled spot

A plaza style skateboard and small-wheeled spot is surrounded by planted hills to create a safe buffer from other park activities. The facility will be designed to encourage all wheels and all levels of users. Surrounding pathways and seating areas invite park visitors to comfortably watch the activity. See skateboard and small-wheeled spot view page for perspective drawing.



Social spaces

Picnic tables, curved and standard benches and seating boulders create spaces to rest, socialize and play.



Flexible space/open lawn

Lawn is open to allow for informal recreation, but also treed around edges to provide shade.



Key plan

Gardens in the park

Creating new gardens, planting more trees and native vegetation will help reduce heat island effect, enhance biodiversity, provide wildlife habitat, capture rainwater, increase urban tree canopy and contribute to the city-wide ecological network.

Gardens with native and adaptive planting



Peripheral gardens help to define different activity zones in the park, as well as primary access points. The use of native and adaptive plant species supports local biodiversity and minimizes maintenance needs.



Rain gardens



Rain gardens use soil, plants, and trees to filter pollutants out of urban rainwater runoff. This helps to improve water quality in our receiving waterbody, False Creek, protecting aquatic wildlife. The rain gardens hold water, reducing flooding and preserving the capacity of our drainage pipes to handle bigger storms brought by climate change. Rain gardens also provide important habitat for bees, butterflies, and birds, offering educational opportunities to the public.

These rain gardens support Rain City Strategy's regulatory requirements for the park to capture and clean a minimum of 90% of the average annual rainfall on-site.



Trees and shade

Large tree species and forest pockets are planted throughout the site to provide cooling and habitat benefits to the park.



Pollinator gardens



Pollinator gardens provide a quiet space for park users with opportunity for education. They also add ecological value and beauty to the park.



Community gardens



The beloved existing Pine Street community gardens will remain in place. Overall park improvements will be thoughtfully integrated with the community gardens.



Key plan

Park amenities

An opportunity for re-use!

The large timber trusses that were the supporting structure of the general contractors Bennett and White's storage shed and offices near Pine Street for over 50 years are available to be repurposed as features in the park design. Re-using the material reduces waste and ties the park to its layers of history, recalling the site's industrial history as well as the forest itself.

Image shows an example of re-used timber trusses



Spaces to support events

The open lawn and small paved areas along the surrounding walkways can support small events and gatherings.

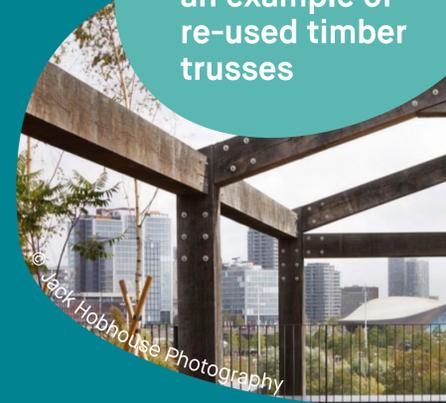


Pathways

Universally accessible pathways connect the spaces within the park.

Mobi station and bike racks

A Mobi station on the west side of the park and bike racks near park amenities provide access to bikes and encourage active transportation.



Washrooms

A washroom building with two to three universal stalls.



Accessibility features

Play expansion and pathway connections will be accessible for all abilities and ages. Accessible parking spaces will also be provided.

Accessible parking



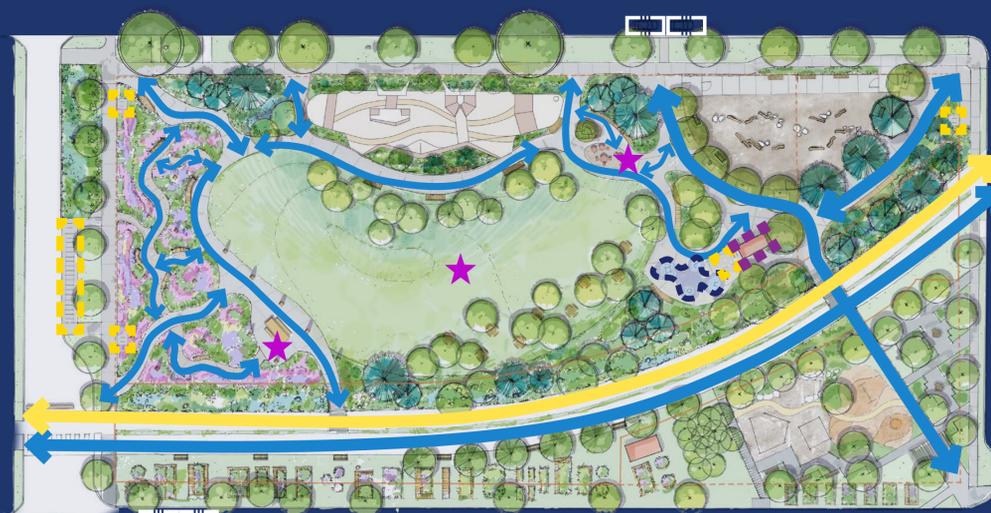
Fitness area

An age-friendly fitness area will be located at the edge of the lawn near the washroom.



Comfort and wellbeing

Shade trees and a variety of seating options make the park spaces more comfortable for park users.



Key plan

Bike path

Gardens and central lawn view



Gathering area at meadow walk



Benches at the meadow walk



Bird's eye view from this point

This drawing shows a perspective view of the rain gardens, meadow walk, central lawn, and social gathering area from the Arbutus Greenway.

Skateboard and small-wheeled spot view



Space for all wheels and all levels



Grassy hill



This perspective drawing shows a bird's eye view of the skateboard and small-wheeled spot and the tree-covered hill that buffers it from the other park spaces.

Northeast entrance view



Rain garden lined with accessible benches

Washroom

Dog off-leash area



Native and adaptive planting

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Curved benches with backs line the walkway

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Bird's eye view from this point

This perspective drawing shows a view from the new northeast entrance along a tree-lined walkway looking toward the washroom.

Playground expansion

New play features
 Survey respondents' top three most-desired play features were a swing set (29%), rope nest swing (18%), and universal spinner (18%).



Existing sand play area



Sensory and imaginative play

Existing play features will stay!

Swing set



Swinging individually

Existing play structure



Sliding and climbing



Spinning together

Universal spinner



Jumping

Seesaw

Existing rope tower



Climbing

●●●● circuit for wheeling
 ■■■■ play area expansion

Playground equipment can use different kinds of movement to help kids build motor skills, social skills and more while having fun. A variety of options for movement allows children of all abilities to find something fun to play with. The addition of rubber surfacing also makes the playground wheel-friendly.

Next steps

What's next?

We thank you for your participation throughout the full project process to date!

The proposed concept plan will be presented to the Park Board in early 2026. We welcome your feedback, questions and comments as we continue to develop the plan in the detail design phase. You can also sign up to speak at the Park Board meeting or submit written comments to the Board in advance.

Once approved, the concept plan will be developed to a detailed design level with the anticipation of breaking ground in 2027.

Contact us!

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