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JOHN HENDRY PARK RENEWAL PLAN Draft Directions Review

The Vancouver Park Board is developing a renewal plan for John Hendry Park (also known as Trout Lake) in East Vancouver. The plan will help prepare and budget for park improvements over time. Draft directions have been developed to bring together ideas, comments, and concerns that the community has shared since the process first began in 2013.

We're now reviewing these updated directions and refining the plan before it is presented to the Park Board Commission for consideration in 2022.

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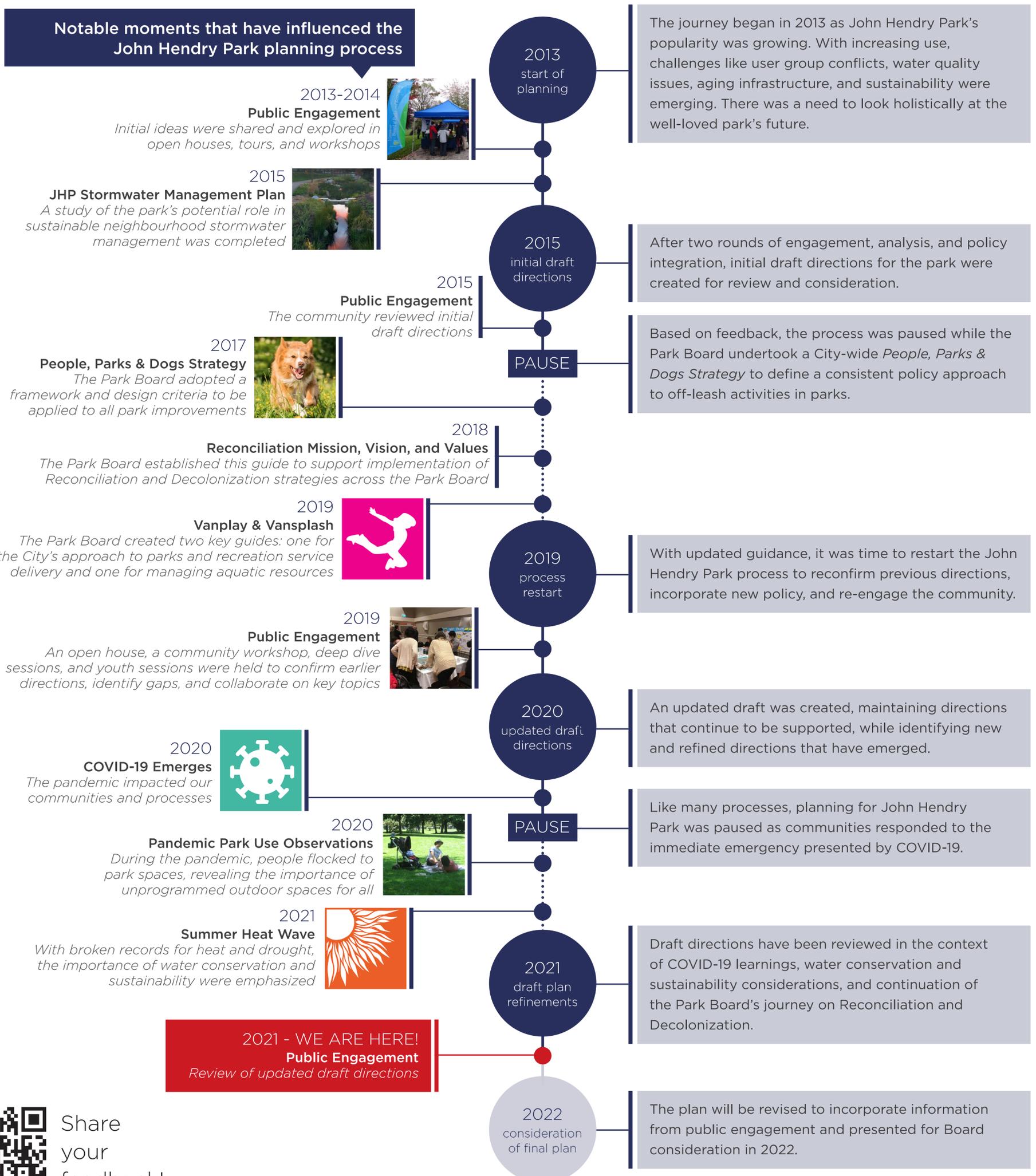


EVOLUTION OF A PARK PLAN: THE STORY OF THE JOHN HENDRY PARK PLANNING PROCESS

Creating a plan to guide the future of John Hendry Park has been a journey – a path that has taken some pauses and detours as our City and the world around us has evolved. During this journey, new information and knowledge have emerged. While many directions for the park have remained constant the entire way, new information has led to rethinking and refining some directions. Throughout it all, people who love and care for John Hendry Park have continued to engage, sharing their hopes, as well as their concerns, for the future of this important park.

Through the process, a draft plan for the park has emerged. It seeks to balance diverse, and at times, competing community desires, align with the City’s commitments and policies, and achieve the long-time vision for a healthy and inclusive John Hendry Park.

A TIMELINE OF THE JOHN HENDRY PARK PLANNING JOURNEY



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JOHN HENDRY PARK

RENEWAL PLAN

There are 31 draft directions for John Hendry Park, shown and described in this concept. Many have carried through the planning process from start to finish. There are 10 new or updated directions (marked by coloured boxes) that have been updated since 2019 to reflect current Park Board strategies, observations of park use during the pandemic, and the predicted impacts of climate change. These 10 directions are presented in more detail in subsequent display panels.

Cultural Focus Area - Indigenous Reconciliation

- 1 CULTURAL FOCUS AREA** new
 - dedicate an area to support the Park Board's Reconciliation Mission, Vision, and Values
 - co-create and design the area with local First Nations and Urban Indigenous residents to reflect Indigenous Peoples' interests and forge positive relationships that offer benefit to all residents

- 2 INDIGENOUS CELEBRATION FACILITY**
 - consider a covered event structure through the Cultural Focus Area design process

Water - Blue Layer

- 3 ADAPTIVE TROUT LAKE WATER QUALITY TREATMENT & MONITORING** updated
 - conduct ongoing water monitoring to track water quality improvements
 - trial water quality enhancements including aeration, potential partitioning of the swimming area to focus water treatments (e.g., water curtain or barrier), and filtration alternatives
 - work towards a goal of eliminating the addition of drinking water into the lake while maintaining a swimmable area

- 4 RAINWATER CHANNEL FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD RUNOFF**
 - construct and naturalize a water channel for treating neighbourhood rainwater runoff in the park
 - restore the flow of rain water to Trout Lake to help improve water quality and restore lake ecosystems

- 5 CAPTURE AND TREAT PARK RUNOFF**
 - direct rainwater runoff within the park towards Trout Lake for natural infiltration, rather than to City storm sewers
 - add rain gardens and pervious paving at parking and fields to clean and infiltrate rainwater in a more ecological way

Natural Spaces - Green Layer

- 6 NORTHEAST WOODLAND**
 - naturalize a woodland area to add biodiversity and a sound and visual buffer to South Grandview Hwy

- 7 NATURAL LAKE EDGES**
 - protect the east and west shorelines of Trout Lake as natural areas for wildlife and limit public access to these areas
 - restore vegetation including removal of invasive species and ongoing maintenance

- 8 TREE INVENTORY AND RENEWAL** (throughout park - specific locations not shown on map)
 - assess the condition of all existing trees
 - add new trees to maintain a mix of open and treed areas, to frame views, and to increase biodiversity

- 9 POLLINATOR PLANTING** (throughout park - specific locations not shown on map)
 - integrate plants that attract butterflies, insects, and birds throughout the park
 - add educational information
 - collaborate on stewardship of these areas

Open Spaces - Relax Layer

- 10 DEDICATED FLEXIBLE OPEN SPACES** new
 - maintain spaces for informal play and relaxation
 - improve drainage and quality of grass
 - maintain the northwest and northeast fields as unfenced to encourage informal use when not booked

- 11 PICNIC SHELTERS**
 - add picnic shelters near the south beach area (both bookable and informal)

- 12 LAKE LOOKOUTS**
 - upgrade the existing northwest pier
 - remove the older northeast pier
 - add two new piers on the east and west shorelines for low impact lake views
 - integrate seating and low level lighting

- 13 SEATING, DRINKING WATER, AMENITIES** (throughout park - specific locations not shown on map)
 - add seating and drinking water throughout the park
 - increase options for seating in sun and shade, lounging areas, and "playful" seating

Activity Spaces - Play Layer

- 14 DOG OFF-LEASH AREA** updated
 - keep size similar to existing (2.8 ha)
 - improve signage and amenities
 - mark boundaries by secure fencing per the *People, Parks & Dogs Strategy*
 - maintain un-gated access points in areas with lower potential for conflict
 - add gated access points in the areas closest to adjacent field spaces

- 15 SOFTBALL FIELDS** updated
 - Northwest Field:** re-orient and enlarge to Softball Canada (SC) standards and maintain areas used for mini-soccer
 - Southwest Field:** remove due to poor drainage and tree impacts required to expand to SC sizing; future planning for this area as part of the Cultural Focus Area

- 16 ALL-WEATHER FIELD**
 - maintain with updates to surfacing (gravel, turf, or artificial turf) considered through the *City-wide Sport Field Strategy* (currently underway)

- 17 LITTLE LEAGUE FIELDS**
 - shift the northern and middle ballfields west (approximately 10 m) to support relocation of the BC Parkway Trail (see #26)
 - at the same time, complete upgrades including improved drainage, backstops, spectator seating, and perimeter fencing

- 18 NORTHEAST PLAYING FIELD**
 - maintain with upgrades including drainage improvements and levelling (based on an assessment of subsurface conditions)
 - add spectator seating

- 19 SOUTH BEACH ACTIVITY AREA**
 - update the beach building, including:
 - improved washrooms / changerooms
 - removal of the concession
 - a new multi-purpose activity space
 - a plaza space for mobile vending
 - a new seating deck with tables and chairs overlooking the beach
 - enhance the beach area with additional sand, shade trees, and consideration for beach volleyball (space permitting)
 - add an accessible beach and lake access
 - create a new adventure playground for all ages with potential interactive water play
 - integrate vegetation and seating throughout the area

- 20 SOUTH BEACH EVENT AREA** updated
 - add a flexible plaza space to the west of the south parking lot
 - upgrade the south parking lot with permeable paving that could support use of this space during larger events
 - design the area to host a wide range of activities including community celebrations (e.g., National Indigenous Peoples Day, Vines Art Festival), Trout Lake Farmers Market (see #21), fitness activities, performances, and more
 - add power and lighting for events
 - integrate existing trees into the design

- 21 FARMERS MARKET RELOCATION** updated
 - plan to relocate the market to the South Beach Event Area (see #20) to:
 - increase connectivity to amenities like washrooms, playground, and picnic areas
 - support water and power access
 - consider access, parking, and mitigation of neighbourhood impacts in the design
 - retain the north parking lot as a back-up location should the process reveal an issue to relocation that cannot be overcome

- 22 COURTS ACTIVITY CENTRE** updated
 - reconfigure and update the courts area to include consideration for:
 - 3 full tennis courts
 - 2 basketball courts
 - 2 multi-sport courts
 - addition of ping-pong
 - integrated seating with wi-fi and power

- 23 VICTORIA DRIVE COMMUNITY PLAZA** new
 - update this less used area to include amenities such as:
 - covered spaces for TLCC programming and informal use
 - an art showcase space
 - games and lounge areas, wi-fi, and power
 - integrated urban skate elements
 - a potential tetherball area

- 24 COMMUNITY CENTRE PLAYGROUND**
 - maintain the existing playground with addition of seating and bicycle parking

- 25 NORTH PUBLIC WASHROOM BUILDING**
 - renovate the existing facility in partnership with user groups to include public washrooms / changerooms
 - add outdoor patio seating / picnic tables

Circulation - Move Layer

- 26 BICYCLE CIRCULATION** updated
 - 26A:** relocate the BC Parkway Trail to the east park edge to improve separation from recreational trails and connect to bike routes on E 13th Ave and E 19th Ave
 - 26B:** upgrade a multi-use trail through the park to connect from the BC Parkway to key destinations and the E 14th Ave bike route
 - add bike parking / repair at key locations

- 27 PRIMARY PARK TRAILS**
 - improve surfacing and drainage for accessibility throughout the year
 - upgrade a lake loop with options to go through or around the dog off-leash area
 - add connections to key park destinations

- 28 SECONDARY PARK TRAILS** (throughout park - specific locations not shown on map)
 - update the network to link destinations
 - improve drainage and add boardwalks in seasonally wet areas

- 29 PARKING**
 - retain the four existing parking lots
 - make minor adjustments at the community centre lot to improve pedestrian circulation
 - adapt the south lot for flexible event use (see #20)

- 30 WAYFINDING**
 - add circulation nodes with seating, signage, and art at key points in the network
 - use clear, attractive, and consistent route and regulation signs throughout

- 31 PARK LIGHTING** (throughout park - specific locations not shown on map)
 - consider adding lighting to key routes that may be used in the evening (e.g., BC Parkway, lake loop) and destinations like part of the off-leash area and the courts area
 - limit lighting in other areas to protect dark skies, especially around Trout Lake
 - adapt existing field lighting to support dark sky objectives





CULTURAL FOCUS AREA

The John Hendry Park Renewal Plan acknowledges that the park, like the City of Vancouver, sits on the ancestral and unceded territory of the **x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam)**, **Sḵw̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish)**, and **səlililwətaʔt (Tseil-Waututh) Nations** and is an important site of ongoing use and spiritual importance to Indigenous Peoples. To reflect the Vancouver Park Board's commitment to Reconciliation and Decolonization, a Cultural Focus Area has been identified in the south part of John Hendry Park. This area will be co-designed with local First Nations and Urban Indigenous Peoples to:

- Reflect Indigenous Peoples' values and programming needs.
- Fulfil the Urban Indigenous communities' requests voiced through the engagement process.
- Support positive community relationships that offer benefit to all residents.

Participation of Urban Indigenous residents and consultation with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tseil-Waututh Nations will guide directions for this area.



EXISTING:
The south part
of John Hendry
Park currently
includes open
space and trees

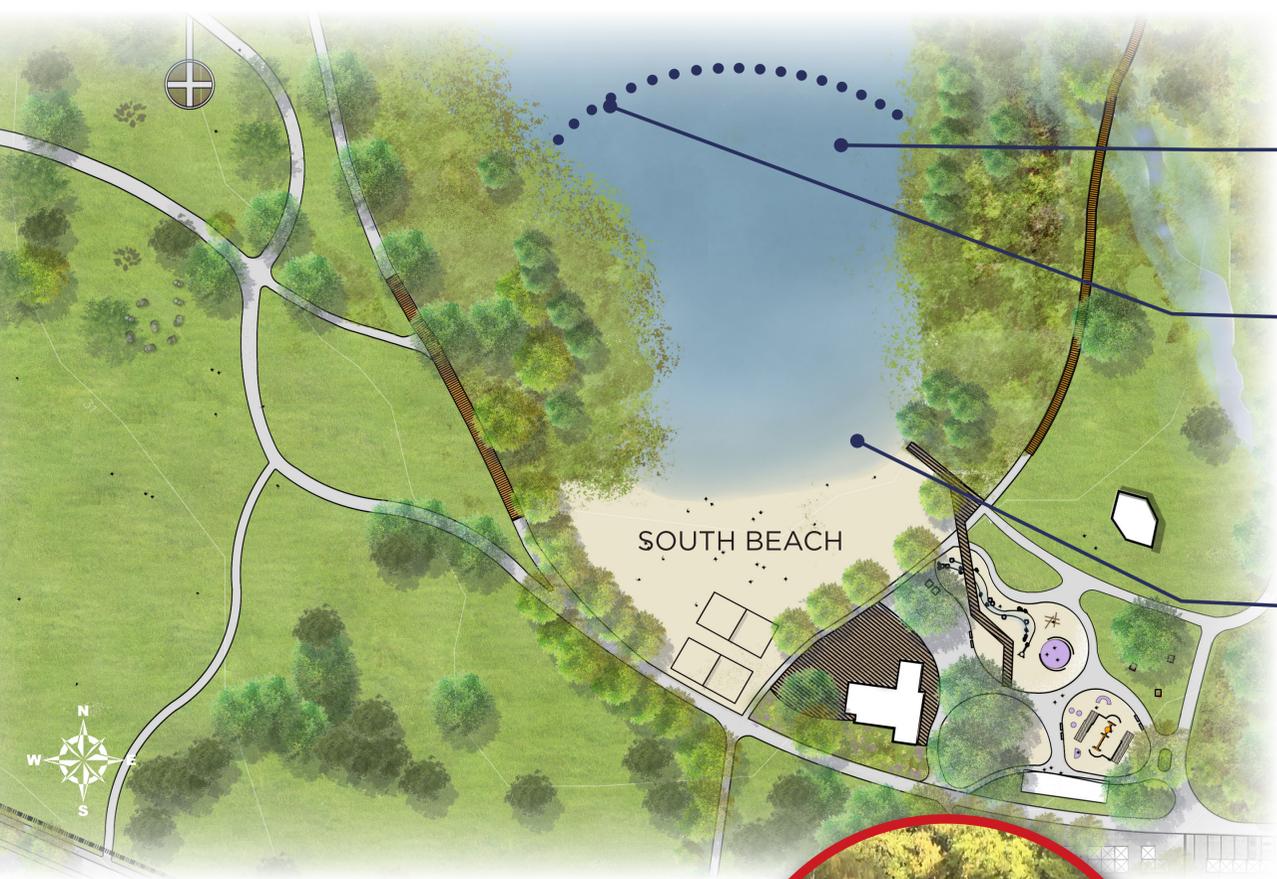
EXISTING:
Gathering area
near the main
pathway in the
Cultural Focus Area

ADAPTIVE TROUT LAKE WATER QUALITY MONITORING & TREATMENT

Trout Lake is, and will continue to be, the centrepiece of John Hendry Park. The community wishes a swimmable lake; however, the current practice of pumping millions of gallons of drinking water into Trout Lake each year is not resulting in a consistently safe lake for swimming, nor is the continued use of drinking water sustainable during our increasingly hot and dry summers. Vancouver's *Greenest City Action Plan* and Metro Vancouver's *Drinking Water Conservation Plan* call for us to reduce our consumption of drinking water, including in our civic facilities and parks like John Hendry Park.

RECOMMENDED DIRECTIONS:

- Undertake a phased program aimed at improving water quality in the swimming area over time with the ultimate goal of reducing swimming closures while eliminating the addition of precious drinking water to Trout Lake.
- Involve water quality experts in the development of a comprehensive monitoring program that will track progress over the years.
- Implement improvements in stages as outlined below, using new innovations and emerging technologies.



Step 1: Pilot new aeration techniques to improve circulation and mixing that will enhance natural cleaning processes

Step 2: Explore separation of the swimming area using a water curtain or barrier to focus benefits of treatment efforts, along with additional improvements to the separated area such as dredging or a liner placed on the lake bottom

Step 3: Depending on the success of Steps 1 and 2, consider more advanced (and expensive) treatment of water in the separated swimming area (e.g., filtration or uv treatment) with a thorough cost:benefit analysis

TODAY: Trout Lake provides important habitat and food sources for birds, especially in winter. Maintaining natural values will be core to the improvement strategy.



INSPIRATION: The first step could include lower-cost enhancements like aeration to improve natural cleaning, though this may not achieve the full desired improvement.



INSPIRATION: The Park Board's Vansplash strategy envisions Trout Lake remaining a part of Vancouver's aquatic network.

TODAY: For years, a make-shift fountain has pumped potable water near the swimming area of Trout Lake in efforts to improve water quality for swimming. Success has been limited.



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DEDICATED FLEXIBLE OPEN SPACES

Throughout the process, participants have emphasized the importance of places to just “be” in John Hendry Park. The COVID-19 pandemic has further revealed how important open, unprogrammed spaces are to individuals and groups.

RECOMMENDED DIRECTIONS:

- Maintain dedicated unprogrammed open spaces where people can picnic, relax, or informally play for the lifetime of this plan.
- Encourage multi-use of field spaces for both programmed and unprogrammed activities.
- Plan the spaces outlined below to welcome anyone to play in a way that works for them.



Grassy open spaces around the northeast field maintained for relaxing and spectating

Northeast and northwest sports fields unfenced and available for informal recreation outside of bookings

Existing open lawn areas on the west side of the lake to remain for picnicking and informal play

Regrading and drainage improvements of existing lawn areas around the picnic shelters to increase utility for pick-up sports, informal recreation, and gathering space

South park open spaces to be maintained and considered further during the co-design of the Cultural Focus Area with Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and Urban Indigenous residents

INSPIRATION: Flat, open, grassy areas have an important role for pick-up sports and informal play like grass volleyball, badminton, frisbee, catch, touch football, and more.

EXISTING: Lawn areas are important spaces for family and friends to gather and relax.

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BICYCLE CIRCULATION

The BC Parkway Trail through John Hendry Park is an important link in the City's active transportation network. However, community input has identified a need to think more about how to fit active transportation within an increasingly busy community park setting.

RECOMMENDED DIRECTIONS:

- Maintain a cycle route through John Hendry Park.
- Shift the BC Parkway Trail east to reduce conflicts in the busy parts of the park while providing safe, direct connections to E 13th Ave and E 19th Ave.
- Phase trail relocation with upgrades to the little league ball fields so the northern two fields can be moved slightly west to accommodate the new route while preserving existing trees.
- Define a low-speed multi-use trail through the park to connect from the BC Parkway to key destinations.



EXISTING: Increasing conflicts on the BC Parkway Trail have been identified as more people come to enjoy John Hendry Park, with people using the cycling route for walking, recreation, and universal access

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SPORTS FIELDS

Playing sports in a park setting like John Hendry Park is a special experience. However, the park is located on a historic bog – which means soil conditions can be challenging for managing and maintaining high-quality playing fields. The goal for John Hendry Park is to create higher-quality playing fields in key locations, while balancing the need to share spaces for all park users in this busy area.

RECOMMENDED DIRECTIONS:

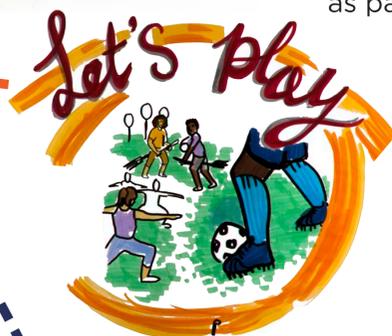
- Complete subsurface investigations for all fields to identify ground stability improvements needed and associated costs to improve playing surfaces to remain level and well-drained.
- Undertake upgrades to fields as described below.



INSPIRATION: Fitness programming on a grass field surface.



INSPIRATION: The goal is to create high-quality fields for use by all ages and skill levels.



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DOG OFF-LEASH AREA

The dog off-leash area in John Hendry Park is well-used and well-loved by many and this area will continue to provide great places for pets to swim, socialize, and live their best lives. The primary objectives for the off-leash area are increasing safety for all park users, while maintaining a great space for dogs and people to play freely. The proposed approach outlined below, follows the guidelines of Vancouver Park Board's *People, Parks & Dogs Strategy*, while seeking to integrate the ideas and desires shared in community engagement.



SIZE & LOCATION

- The off-leash area will remain in its current location at the north end of Trout Lake and will maintain its existing size (about 2.8 ha).

PATHWAY UPDATES

- To address safety concerns, a new primary pathway will be added outside the off-leash area, providing people with choices for enjoying a lake walk: a route that goes through the off-leash area and a route that goes outside the off-leash area for those wishing to avoid dogs.
- In addition, the BC Parkway Trail will be relocated to the east edge of the park to reduce potential for dog and cyclist conflicts.

BOUNDARIES

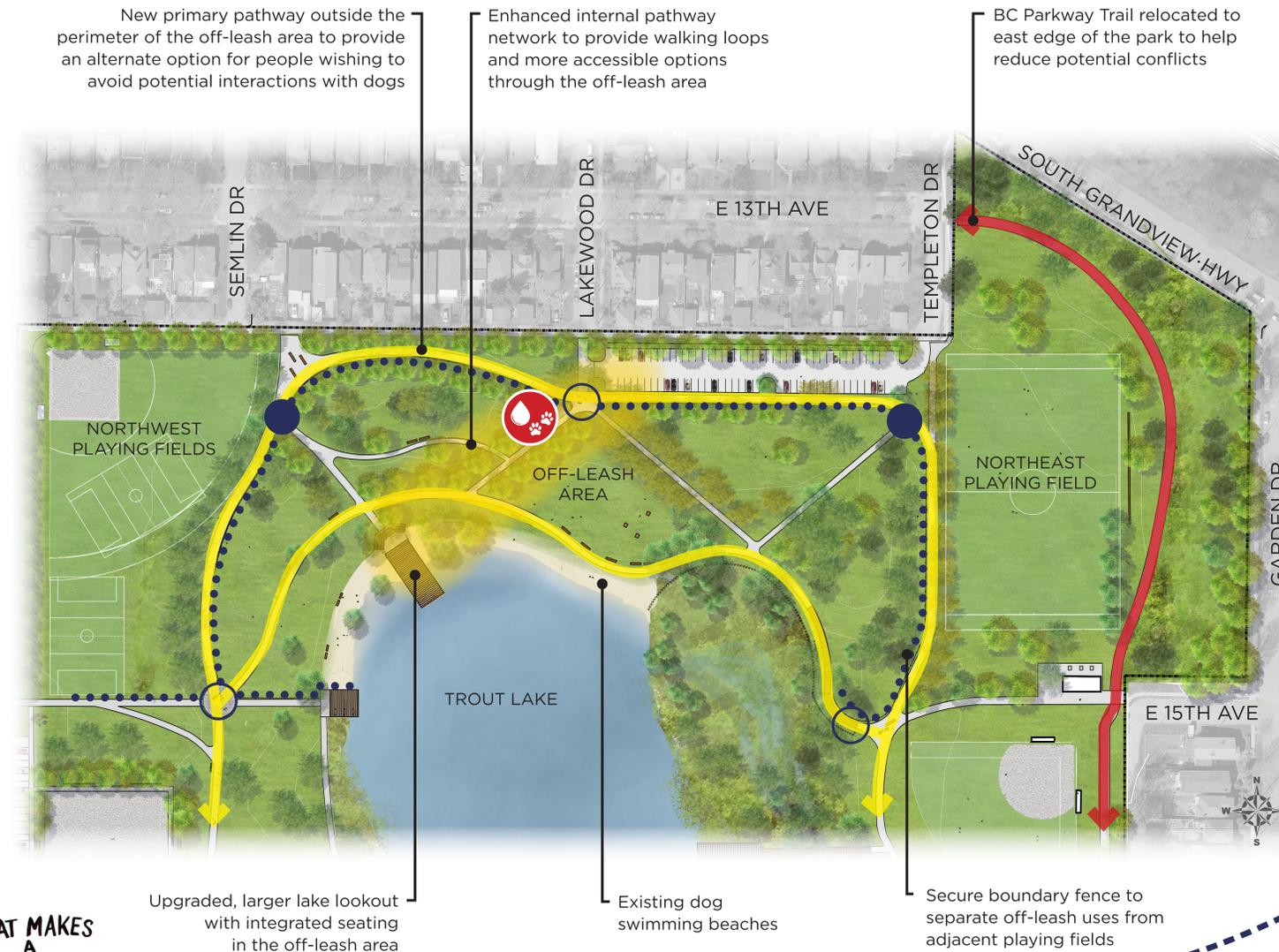
- To address safety concerns and follow the guidelines of the *People, Parks & Dogs Strategy*, boundaries of the off-leash area will be marked by secure, wood fencing to reduce potential conflicts between dog activities and neighbouring activities like playing on sports fields.
- The design of the fence will follow the *People, Parks & Dogs Strategy* and will match the character of John Hendry Park by maintaining a rustic feeling and using wood materials.

ENTRANCES

- With community input emphasizing accessibility and a welcoming experience, most entries to the off-leash area will remain open and ungated, marked by signs that welcome people into the space.
- The two entrances closest to playing fields in the northwest and northeast will be gated, following the *People, Parks & Dogs Strategy*, to minimize risks of interaction between off-leash dogs and sports users.

AMENITIES

- Within the off-leash area, additions like improved signage, lighting of select areas to support evening use, drinking water, a dog-wash station, and additional shade trees are priorities.



LEGEND

- BC Parkway Trail (relocated cycle route)
- Primary Park Trail
- Off-Leash Area Fence
- Open Entry (no gate)
- Secure Entry (gated)
- Drinking Water / Dog Wash Station
- Potential Priority Lighting Area



IDEAS: Discussed in the 2019 public workshop.



INSPIRATION: A secure fence could incorporate wood posts with a mesh infill and perimeter planting to help keep with the character of the park.



INSPIRATION: A station for drinking water and dog washing are desired amenities.



EXISTING: The dog off-leash area is often busy with a lot of activity centered around the lake shore.

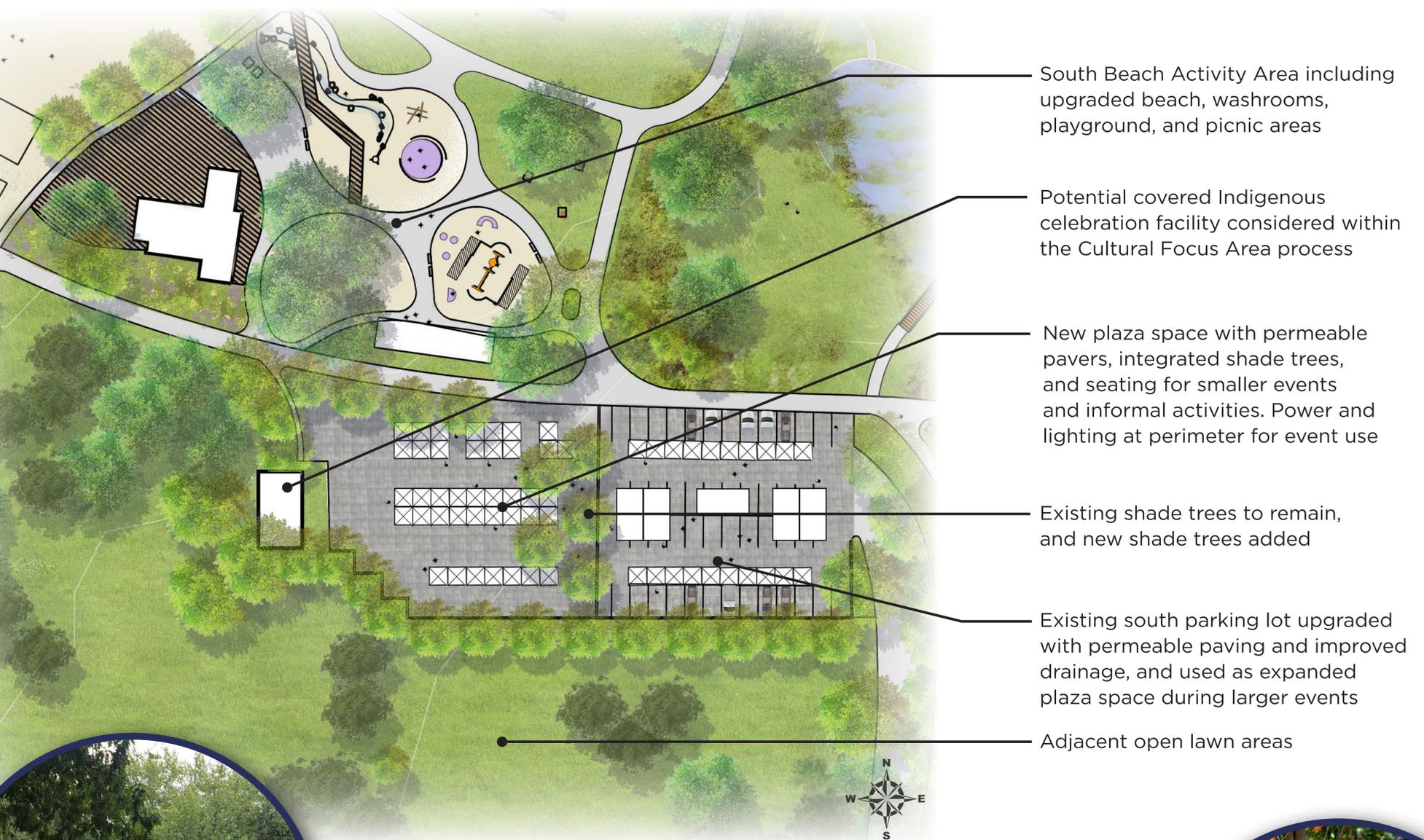


SOUTH BEACH EVENT AREA

John Hendry Park's South Beach Activity Area is planned to become a premier beach destination – a vision well-supported throughout the process (refer to the Concept Overview for details about this area). The adjacent South Beach Event Area is intended to complement the beach area, creating a space for story-telling, arts, and celebration.

RECOMMENDED DIRECTIONS:

- Upgrade the existing south parking lot to become a flexible space that can be used for events when needed and remain for parking in other times.
- Add a new plaza space next to the south parking lot to create an adaptable combined area that can be used for a variety of activities, from small to large.



EXISTING: The south parking lot will require upgrades in the near future, presenting an opportunity for design improvements.

INSPIRATION: The space could be designed to accommodate a variety of fun community activities.



INSPIRATION: The space could support individual or small group activities and exercise.



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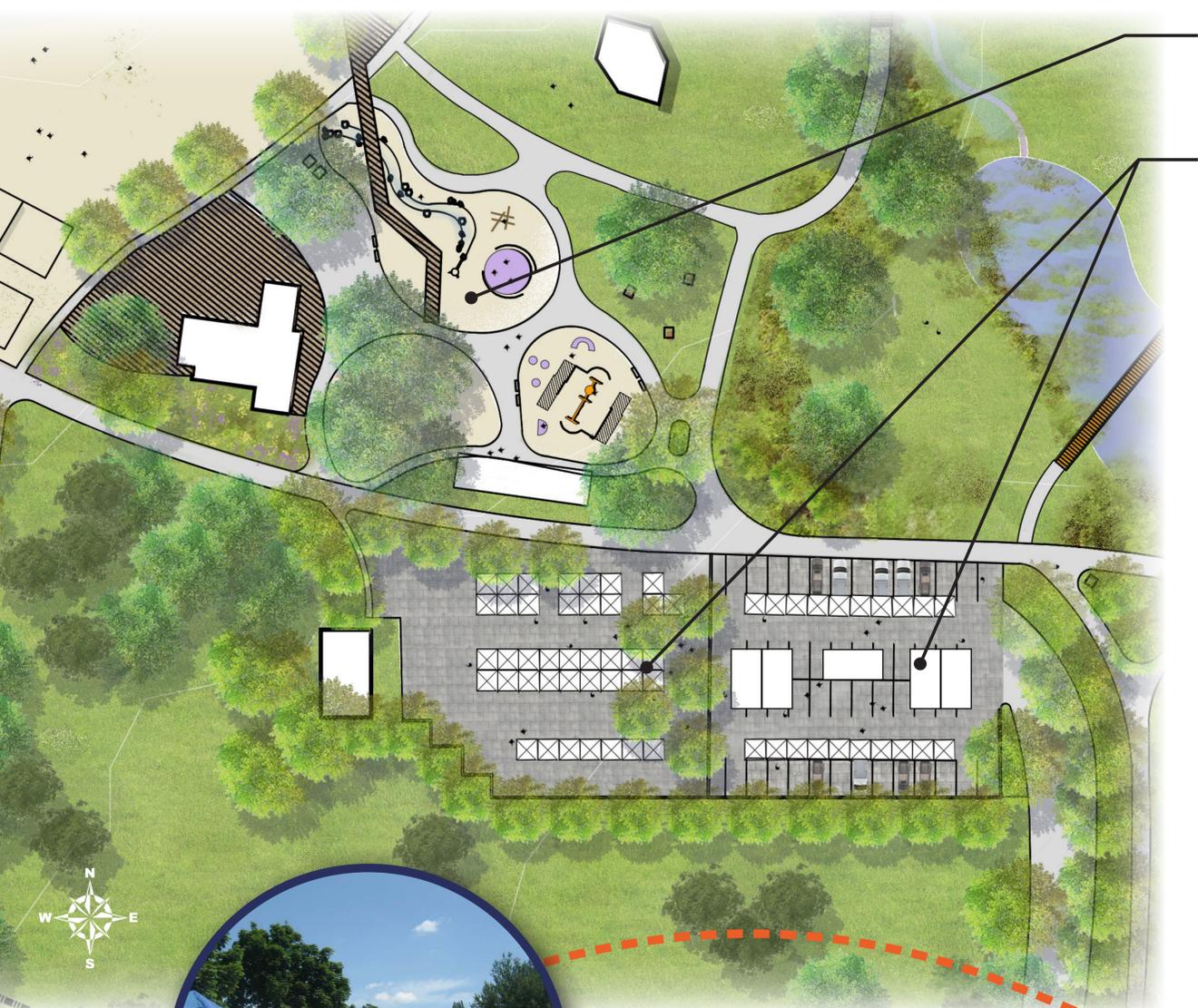


FARMERS MARKET RELOCATION

Thousands of people visit John Hendry Park to pick up local produce and goods at the Trout Lake Farmers Market. Throughout the process, different spaces have been considered for the market.

RECOMMENDED DIRECTIONS:

- John Hendry Park will remain home to the market, but with planning for the improved South Beach Event Area to become its long-term location.
- This area is strongly connected with key amenities that market visitors and vendors identified as desired: washrooms, play opportunities, picnic areas, and potential to have power and water access.
- Market representatives, among others, would be involved in the design of the South Beach Event Area to create a space that supports a great market experience.
- The north parking lot would remain a back-up market location should an unresolvable issue be encountered in the design process.



Improved South Beach Activity Area including updated washrooms, playground, picnic areas, seating, and drinking water

Proposed Future Market Location – South Beach Event Area (including updated south parking lot + new plaza)

Benefits of the proposed location:

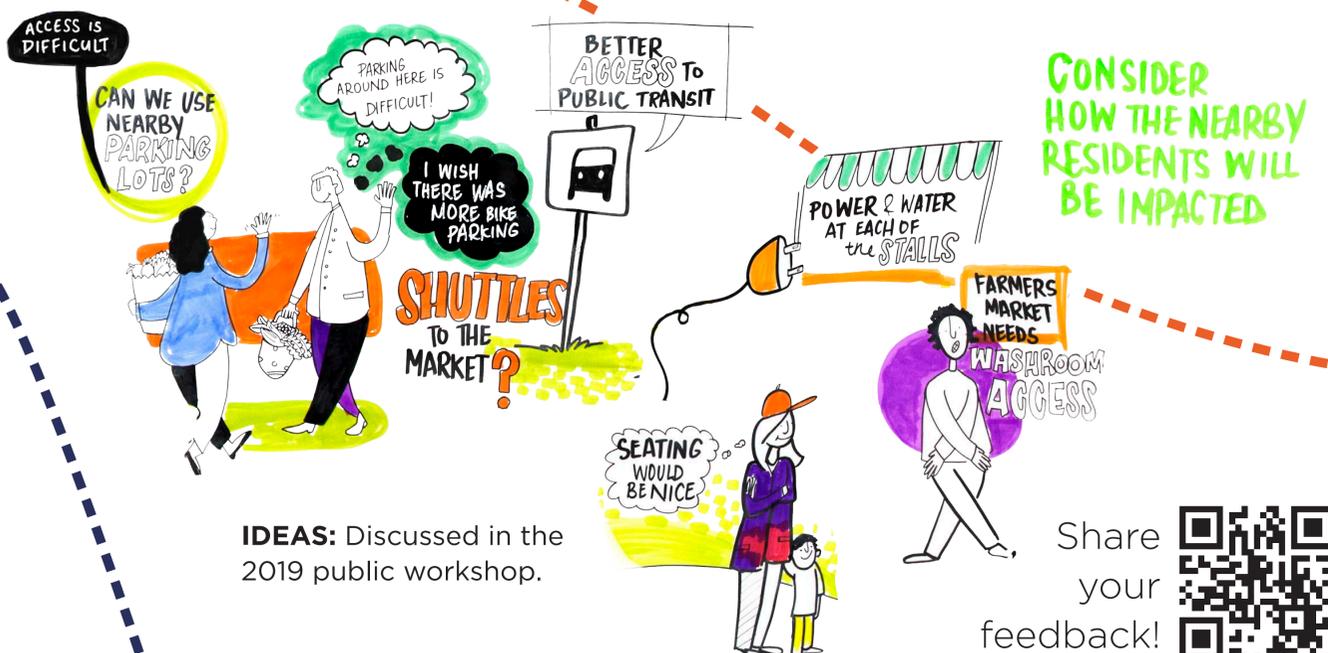
- Improved connection to amenities: washrooms, drinking water, beach, picnic areas, playground, lawn areas
- Potential to add power sources for market vendors
- Potential to tailor plaza design to suit market use
- Closer proximity to skytrain (Nanaimo station)
- Fewer parking spots affected on market days (43 stalls in south parking lot vs. 90 stalls in north parking lot)
- Potential for temporary public parking along the north side of E 19th Ave on market days

Key considerations for the design process:

- Designing a market layout that works for set-up / take down and market circulation
- Mitigation of potential neighbourhood impacts
- Access, parking, and emergency access plans



EXISTING: The Trout Lake Farmers Market is a well loved experience in John Hendry Park.



IDEAS: Discussed in the 2019 public workshop.

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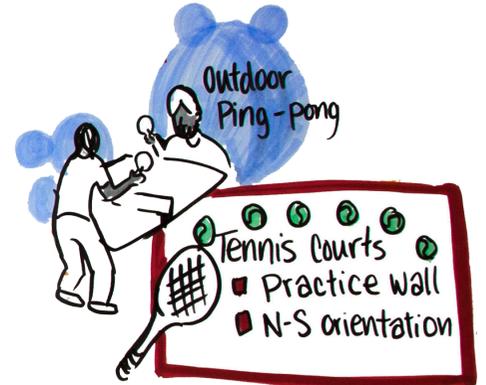


COURTS ACTIVITY CENTRE

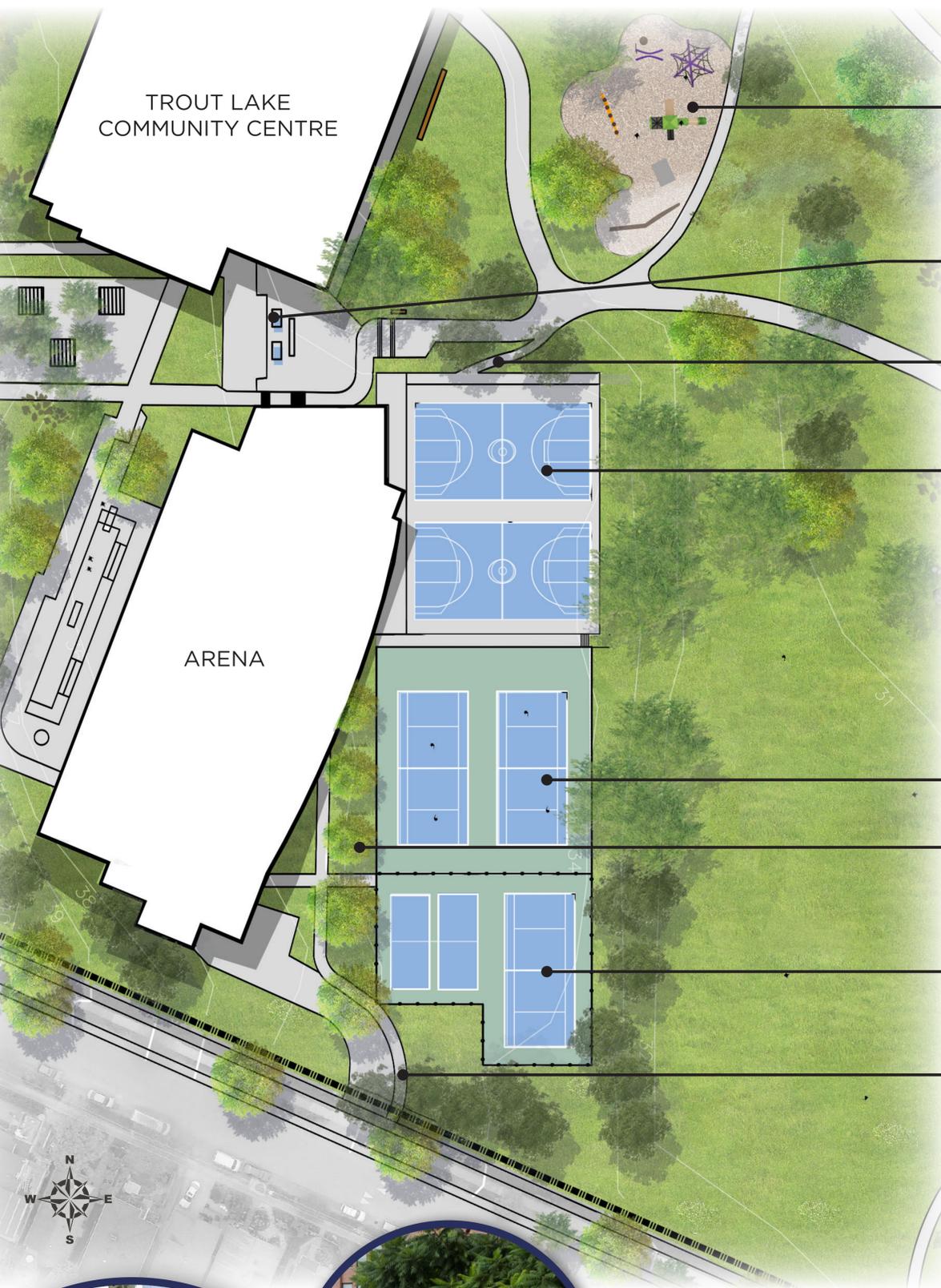
The Courts Activity Centre will welcome people of all ages to take part in a game - casual or competitive - while providing a more attractive atmosphere to relax before and after playing or to watch a game.

RECOMMENDED DIRECTIONS:

- Design and implement upgrades to the courts area as described below to create expanded play and socialization opportunities.



IDEAS: Discussed in the 2019 public workshop.



Existing playground to remain

Potential addition of outdoor ping pong in Community Centre entry plaza

Improved pedestrian connections between courts area and park

Expansion to include two basketball courts with integrated spectator seating

Existing tennis courts to remain

Lounge seating under shade trees with power and wi-fi

Re-oriented south tennis court and addition of two multi-purpose courts

Improved trail connection to E 19th Ave along with lighting and safety design to increase eyes on the area



INSPIRATION: Courts with built-in seating can support socialization and spectating.



INSPIRATION: Outdoor ping-pong, is a fun activity for all ages and abilities.

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INSPIRATION: Lounge seating adds places to relax.



INSPIRATION: Additional courts can support a variety of activities.

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VICTORIA DRIVE COMMUNITY PLAZA

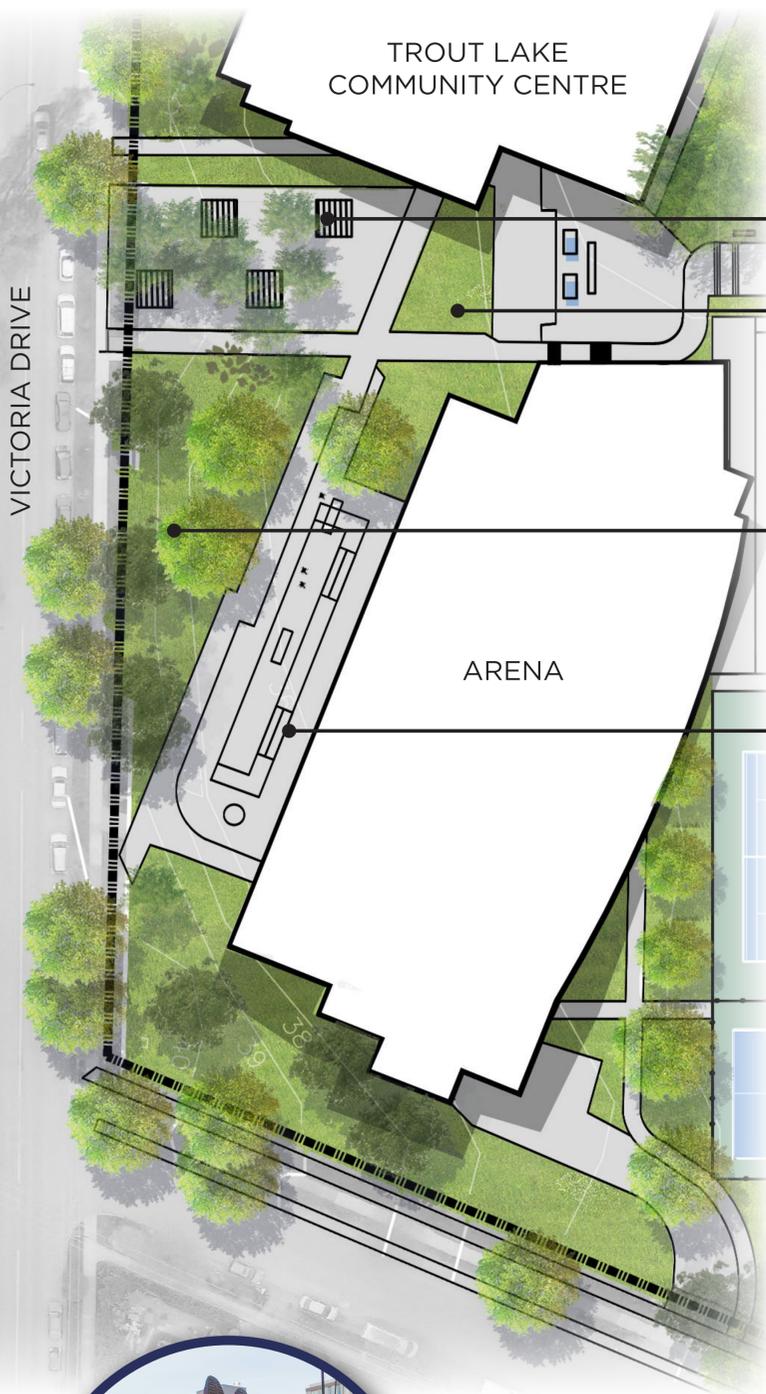
The space between the Trout Lake Community Centre and Victoria Drive is an underused part of John Hendry Park. The space is proposed to become an extension of the community centre, bringing more activities into the outdoors. Tailored primarily towards youth, but welcoming everyone, the Victoria Drive Community Plaza will become a more exciting gathering area.

RECOMMENDED DIRECTIONS:

- Design, with input from youth and the Trout Lake Community Centre, upgrades to the Victoria Drive Community Plaza as described below.



IDEAS: Discussed in the 2019 public workshop.



- Enhanced seating area with wi-fi, power, covered areas, and games tables
- Potential art showcase area with temporary art displays (possibly featuring works created at the Trout Lake Community Centre)
- Grassy play triangle with spaces to relax and potential addition of games like tetherball
- Urban plaza with integrated seating, urban skate elements, parkour, and more

INSPIRATION: The space should welcome people of all ages to be active, safe, and have fun.



INSPIRATION: Temporary public art can be a fun way to activate the space.



INSPIRATION: Seating areas with wi-fi and power can provide spaces for homework and studying.



EXISTING: The current space typically sees little use and activity.

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