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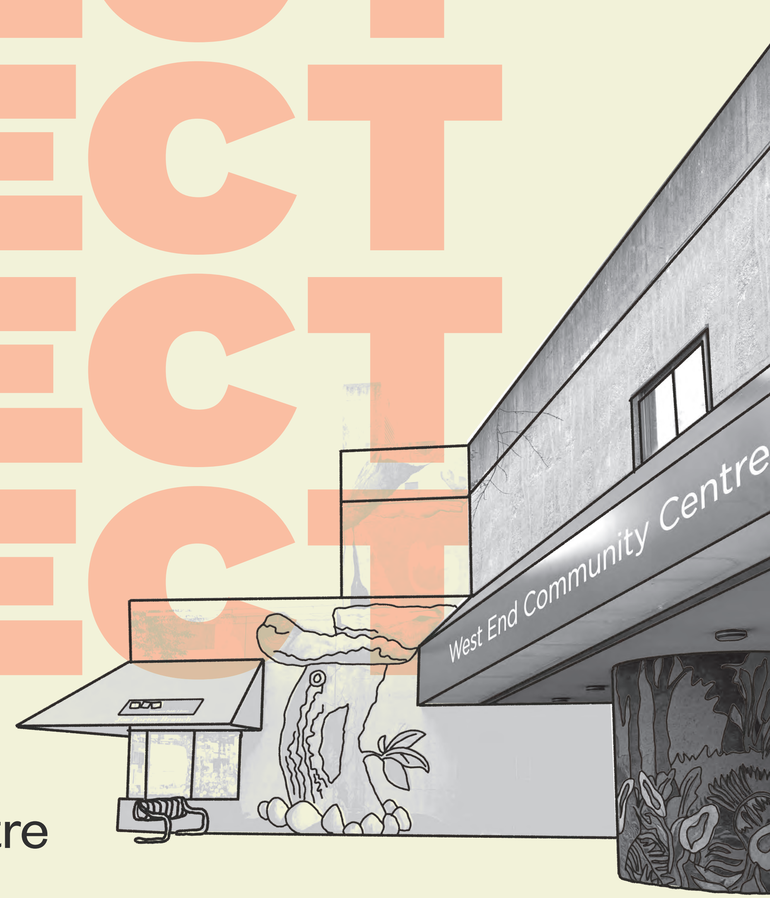
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Joe Fortes Library

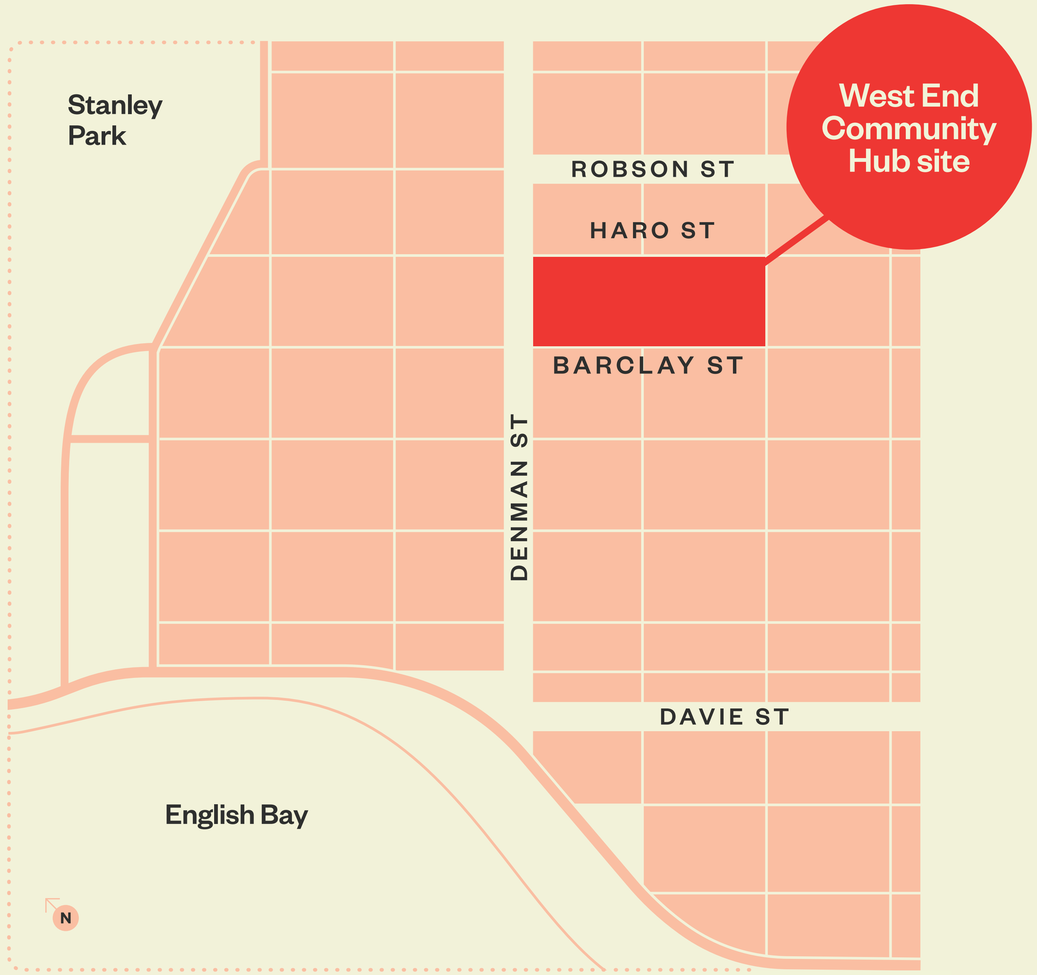
West End Community Centre



The West End Community Hub is being renewed

In fall 2021 the community and project partners worked together to develop a reconciliation framework, vision, and principles to guide planning for the West End Community Hub.

Now, share which activities and spaces you would most like to see at the site that currently includes the West End Community Centre, King George Secondary School, and Joe Fortes Library.



About the Project

The West End Community Hub (WECH) Renewal Plan will be the document that guides and directs the future site, including future renewal and expansion of all existing services.

Leading this effort is a group of partners including the City of Vancouver, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, Vancouver Public Library, Vancouver School District and the West End Community Centre Association.

A key part of the WECH Renewal Plan is the project partners' ongoing commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. The West End Community Hub (WECH) Renewal Plan will be the document that guides and directs the future site, including future renewal and expansion of all existing services.

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Vision & principles
FALL 2021

Created a vision grounded in Indigenous teachings and West End Experiences

- Launch Event
- West End Experiences Survey
- Themed Visioning Workshops
- Synthesis Workshop
- Public Presentation

Space & activities
WINTER 2022

Plan spaces and activities for the future community hub.

- Survey
- Online Open House
- Focus groups meetings

Initial options
SPRING 2022

Get feedback on draft options for how the community hub spaces take shape.

- Open Houses
- Pop Ups
- Focus groups meetings

Preferred option
SUMMER 2022

Get feedback and revise the draft final plan.

- Open House

Final plan
FALL 2022

Share final plan with the community and partners.

- Public Presentation

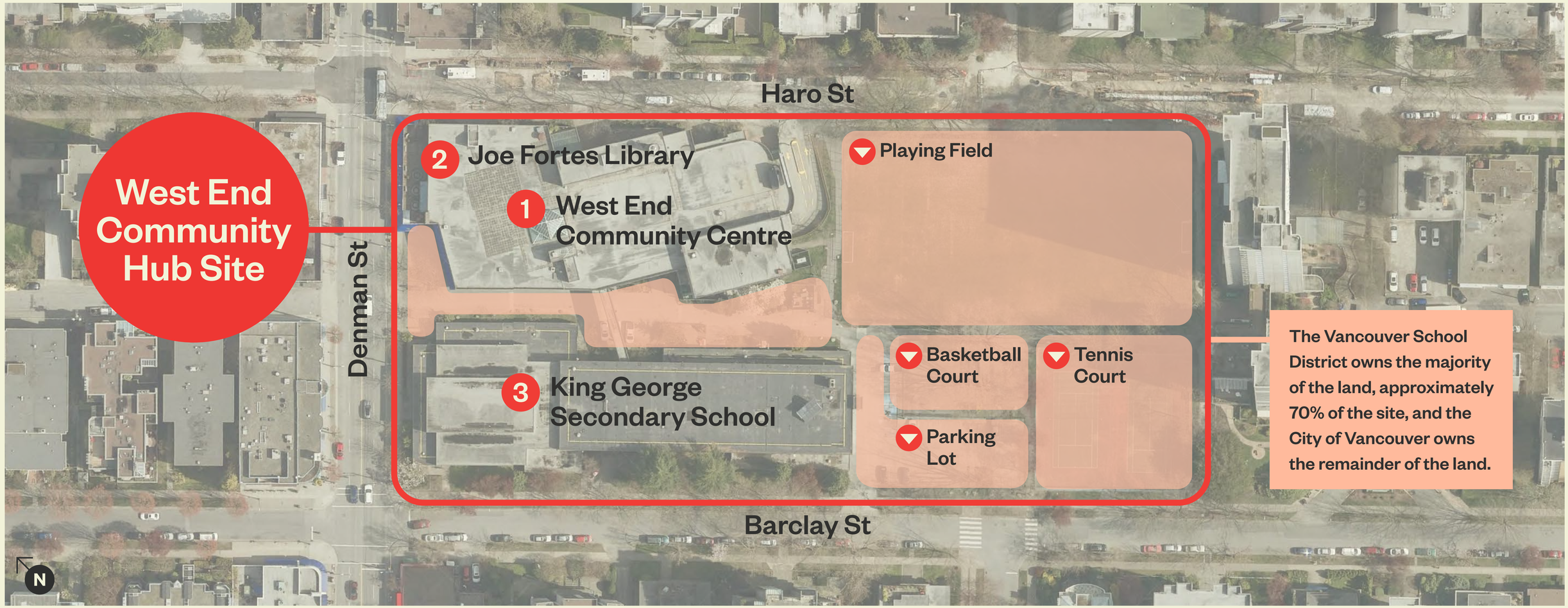
The Site

The West End Community Hub (WECH) is the site that currently houses the West End Community Centre, Joe Fortes Branch of the Vancouver Public Library, and King George Secondary School.

A principle guiding the development of the future site is “Weave the fabric of our communities together, creating a safe, inclusive, accessible, equitable place that is welcoming to all.”

1. **West End Community Centre:** The West End Community Centre will be replaced to meet the needs of the growing West End neighbourhood, including renewal of an ice rink.
2. **Joe Fortes Branch, Vancouver Public Library:** This well-used branch needs a larger library space.
3. **King George Secondary School:** The District is committed to building a safer, larger and modern learning environment to better serve the educational programming needs of students and the broader West End community.

Other Potential Amenities: The renewed community hub will likely have combined and shared programming spaces. Other potential uses that could serve the West End will be considered for addition or expansion in the renewal plan, including a relocation of Firehall No. 6, childcare facilities, seniors’ spaces, arts and culture facilities.



West End Experiences

In fall 2021, hundreds of community members helped create a vision for the future community hub. Opportunities to be involved ran from September through December including:

- Engagement advice from dozens of West End community organizations
- Coast Salish Chronicles of the West End — an online event featuring Knowledge Holders and artists from xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations;
- West End Experiences Survey, which collected memories and experiences of the neighbourhood
- Self-paced engagement stations
- Seven pop-up events hosted by Youth Ambassadors, connecting with over 400 people
- Eight visioning workshops
- Synthesis Workshop, led by project partners and volunteers
- Public report-back event, held online, to share and get feedback on the draft Framework, Vision and Principles

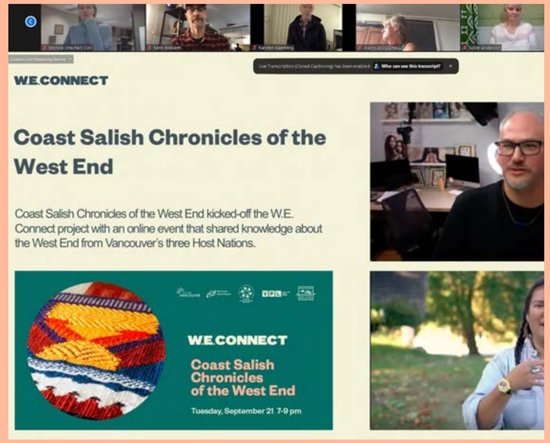
Knowledge Holders, artists and youth from each of the three Host Nations — xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) — guided the engagement process and helped develop the vision and principles.

Fall 2021 Engagement

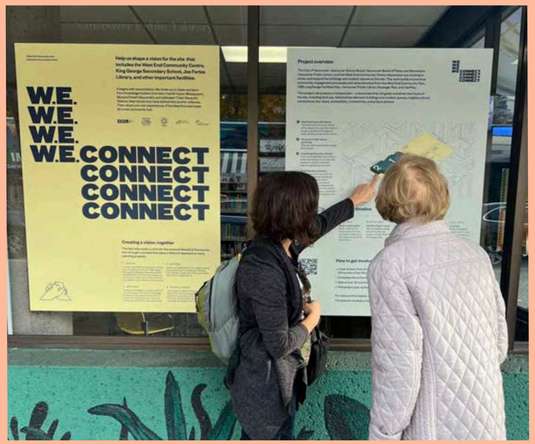












A Framework for Reconciliation

Drawing on the project partners' commitments to reconciliation, the framework for site renewal was co-developed with members of local First Nations to advance reconciliation while supporting neighbourhood aspirations.

Project Framework

The West End of Vancouver is a culturally and historically rich location for Coast Salish Peoples. Through art and storytelling, xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) perspectives guided the process of developing a vision and principles for the West End Community Hub.

The WECH Project Partners know that Vancouver's identity is strengthened by connecting, learning, and celebrating xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh)culture.

Given the importance of Coast Salish teachings to planning this community hub, and the commitments to reconciliation made by all project partners, the following framework offers important guidance for the WECH vision and principles while supporting neighbourhood aspirations.

The WECH Project Partners are committed to advancing reconciliation by:

- Reflecting Coast Salish culture and identity throughout the project.
- Working to understand and respect the protocols of xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.
- Making visible the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations' history, culture, and spiritual connections in the West End.
- Working to understand Coast Salish laws for environmental stewardship, and how these can be applied to WECH, so that the site can support Vancouverites to connect with their responsibility for the health of these lands and waters.

A Shared Vision

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The framework, vision, and principles describes the future we hope to create with the West End Community Hub.

Vision

The West End Community Hub celebrates Vancouver's connection to xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) cultures, and supports play, learning, creativity and wellness for all people.

Principles

The West End Community Hub will:

Make visible and strengthen connection to Coast Salish people, history, and culture.

Weave the fabric of our communities together, creating a safe, inclusive, accessible, equitable place that is

Be integrated, flexible, and responsive to changing community needs.

Bring in sounds, sights, and experiences of the natural environment.

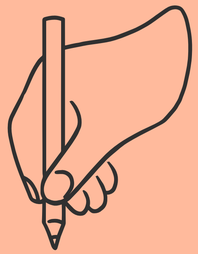
Provide spaces and plant the seeds for creativity, innovation and co-learning across cultures and generations.

Offer a mix of social spaces for celebrating, ceremony, spontaneous connections, or finding quiet.

Grow community and individual resilience by using seven-generation thinking.



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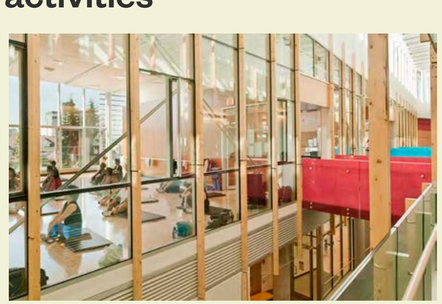


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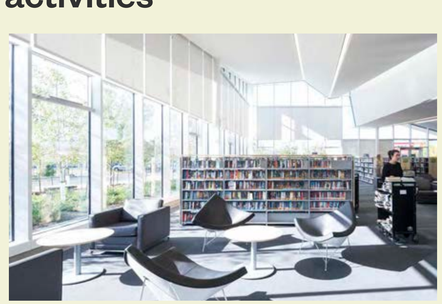
What activities and spaces should there be at the future West End Community Hub?

Fill out the survey to tell us about your hopes for:

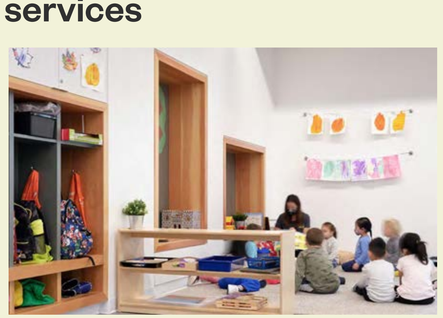
Community activities



Library activities



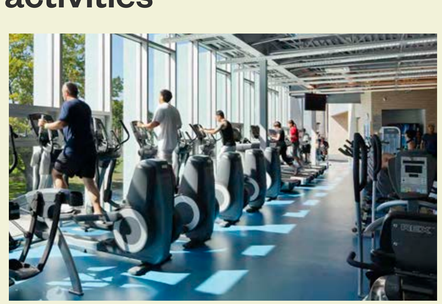
Social services



Outdoor spaces



Fitness and sports activities



Social spaces



Arena activities



Indigenous culture activities



Arts and culture activities



King George Secondary School programs



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Paper versions available at community locations.

What kind of community activites should there be?

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Community activities

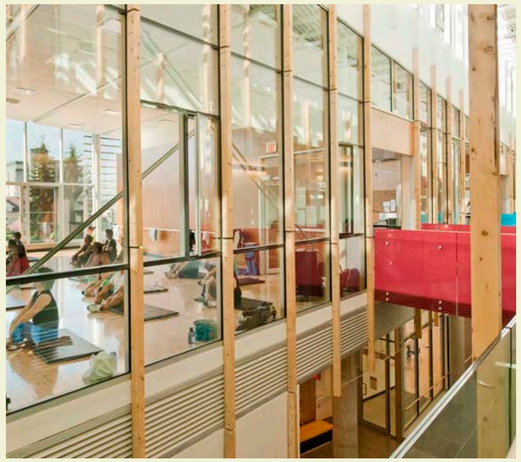
Potential spaces and activities:

- Drop-in child-minding
- Opportunities to make and share food, take food classes
- Bookable multi-purpose rooms
- Gardening
- Games room
- Other













What types of programs should be offered to students?

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The Vancouver School District has identified King George Secondary School in its annual capital plan to request funding for a future expansion.

Pending approval and funding from the Ministry of Education, the proposed expansion would be larger than the existing school, with a potential 1000-student capacity. This expansion would respond to the growing youth population in the school catchment area.

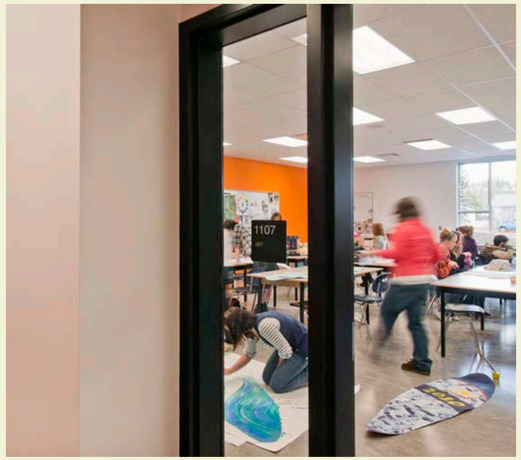
In addition to the primary instructional spaces established by provincial standards, the Vancouver School District is interested in understanding what potential elective programs students and families would like to see in their future proposed school.

Visit govsb.ca/weconnect for specific information.

Educational Programs

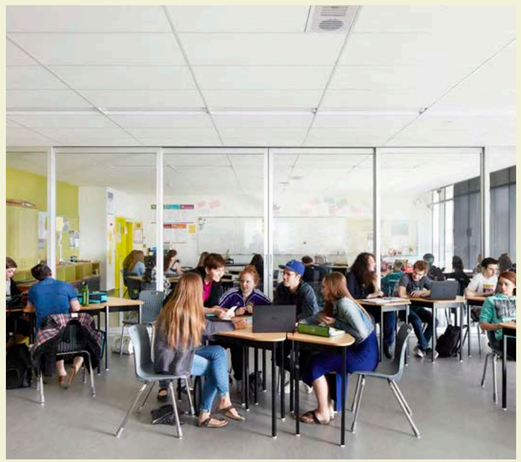
Possible elective programs:

- Athletics programs
- Woodworking
- Metalworking
- Automotive
- Drama/performance
- Visual arts (2D and 3D)
- Photography and media arts
- Drafting
- Maker spaces
- Robotics
- Dance
- Music: choir, band
- Food preparation
- Other

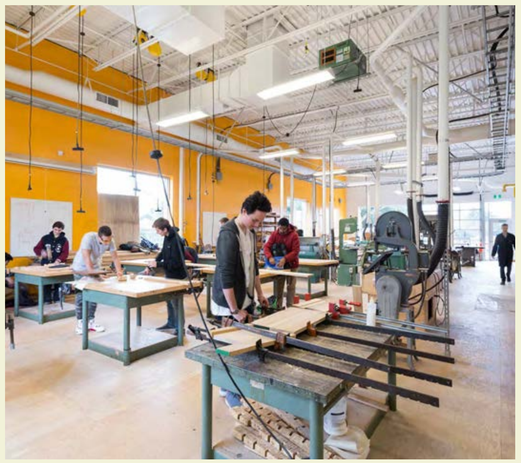












What kind of social services are most important?

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The social services currently offered at the West End Community Centre will be replaced to better serve a growing, diverse, and dynamic neighbourhood. We would like to understand what social services activities and spaces you want to see in the future community hub.

Social services

Potential spaces and activities:

- Childcare programs for toddlers and two-year-olds
- Licensed pre-school childcare
- Licensed before and after school childcare
- Tool and equipment borrowing
- Seniors activities
- Support for newcomers
- Support for LGBTQ2SAI+ people
- Support for underhoused people
- Other











What fitness and sports activities do you want to see?

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The fitness & sports facilities currently offered at the West End Community Centre will be replaced to better serve a growing, diverse, and dynamic neighbourhood. We would like to understand what fitness & sports activities and spaces you want to see in the future community hub.

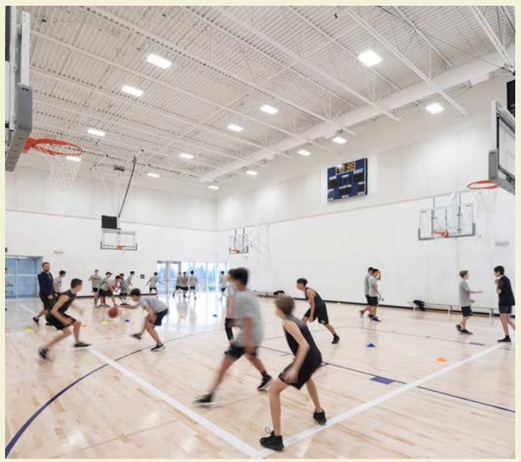
Fitness and Sport activities

Potential spaces and activities:

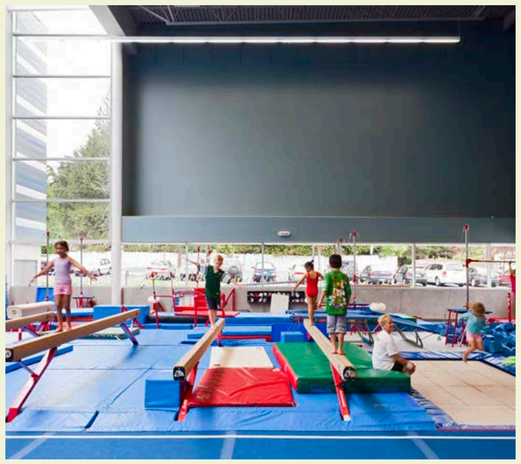
- Fitness centre
- Fitness and wellness class
- Organized sports league or program
- Drop-in / casual sports
- Racquetball / squash
- Indoor walking/running track
- Indoor rock climbing
- Gymnastics
- Dance programs
- Other













What arena activities are most important to you?

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The existing arena at the West End Community Centre will be replaced to meet current standards. We would like to understand what activities you would like offered in a renewed arena in the future community hub.

Arena activities

Potential spaces and activities:

- Ice skating for fun
- Ice skating lessons
- Organized ice sports
- Watching ice sports, other tournaments and special events
- Lacrosse, ball hockey, or inline hockey
- Inline skating or lessons
- Other













What arts and culture activities should there be?

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Dedicated arts and culture spaces are a growing need in the West End community. We want to understand how the future West End Community Hub can best meet the West End's arts and cultural space needs.

Arts and culture activities

Potential spaces and activities:

- Pottery
- Woodworking
- Photography
- Arts and crafts
- Visual arts
- Artist in residence
- Dance programs
- Practice music
- Theatre and performing arts
- Other

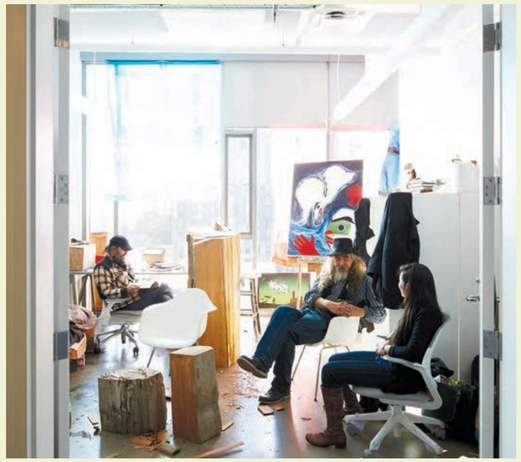












What library activities are important to you?

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With the growing downtown and West End population, a revitalized Joe Fortes branch of the Vancouver Public Library is important for this community to meet the growing need for library services. A new Joe Fortes branch will help meet the need for an inspiring place to study, work, relax, and connect with others. We would like to understand what library activities you want to see in the future community hub.

Library activities

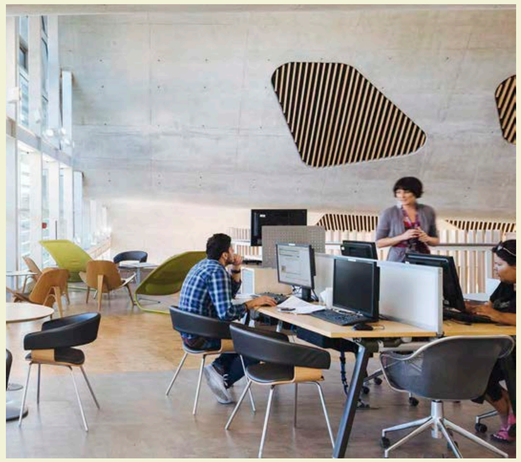
Potential spaces and activities:

- Accessing popular books, newspapers, magazines and media
- Accessing information in books, on databases or the internet
- Reading the newspaper
- Using technology / computer stations
- Programs for children and families
- Programs for adults and seniors
- Early learning play space for children
- Collaborative spaces to work and study
- Multipurpose room with kitchenette
- Breakout meeting rooms
- Maker space for crafts / digital creation
- Private video conferencing booths
- Casual seating
- Other

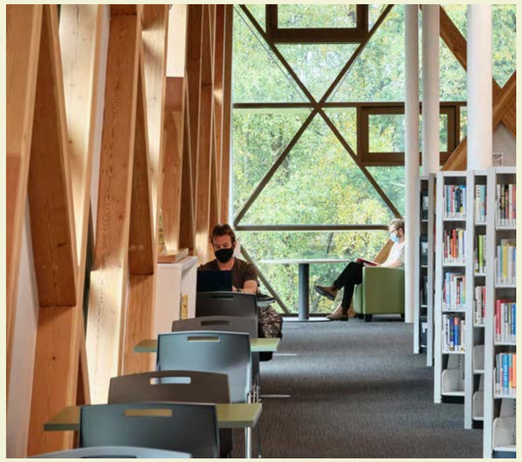












What should outdoor spaces look like?

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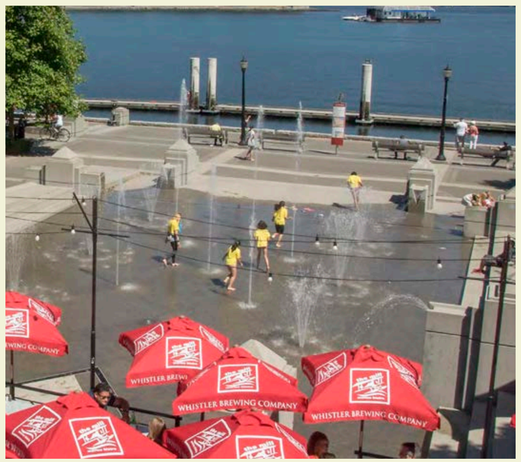
A principle guiding the development of the future site is “Bring in sounds, sights, and experiences of the natural environment”. The future outdoor spaces could offer social connection, recreation, and celebrate Indigenous culture, while creating a safe and inclusive environment for co-learning and spontaneous connections. We would like to understand what outdoor spaces you want to see in the future community hub.

Outdoor spaces

Potential spaces and activities:

- Gathering in small groups
- Gathering in larger groups
- Open space
- Sport playfield space
- Tennis courts, table tennis, or adult oriented exercise equipment
- Public playground
- Trees and plants
- Other













How could social spaces connect us?

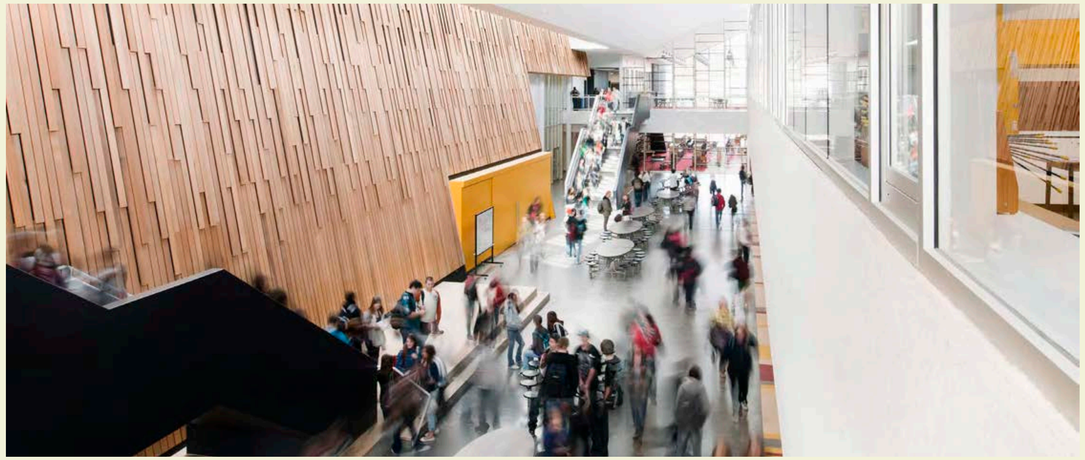
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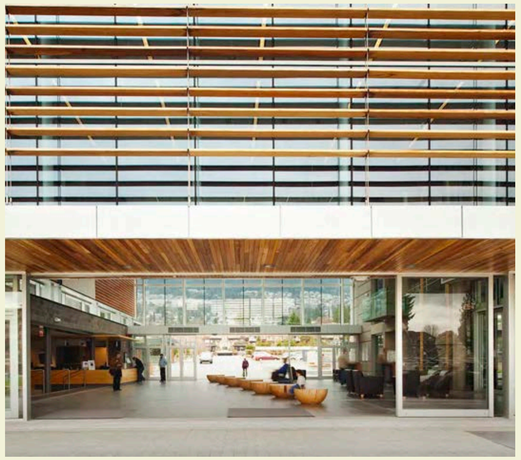
A principle guiding the development of the future site is “Offering a mix of social spaces for celebrating, ceremony, spontaneous connections, or finding quiet.” We would like to understand what social spaces and activities you want to see in the future community hub.

Social spaces

Potential spaces and activities:

- Meeting friends or new people
- Community celebrations, ceremonies or special events
- Space to study, read, or hangout
- Purchasing food
- Enjoying local public art
- Information on social and support services
- Learning about local history and culture
- Other











How can Indigenous Peoples' needs be met?

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A principle guiding the development of the future site is "Make visible and strengthen connections to Coast Salish people, history, and culture." The WECH project aims to advance reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples while supporting neighbourhood aspirations

We would like to understand how the future community hub can meet the needs of Indigenous Peoples. We would particularly like to hear from people that identify as Indigenous.

Indigenous culture activities

Potential spaces and activities:

- Connecting with other Indigenous people
- Indigenous community celebrations, ceremonies or special events
- Creating art and connecting with Indigenous artists
- Space for intergenerational learning
- Indigenous focused library collections
- Learning about Indigenous foods / plants
- Indigenous art
- Accessing other culturally safe social and support services
- Participating in and hosting sports tournaments
- Other













Have a chance to win a $50 cash prize

What do you want to do at the future West End Community Hub? Respond in the survey.

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Paper versions available at community locations.

For survey, online open house, and full details, scan the QR code or visit the URL below.
Translations are available in Korean (한국어), Farsi (فارسی) and Spanish (Español)
Survey and community input closes March 1st.

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