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Mount Pleasant

PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS



Fall Greetings!

This is our second newsletter to keep you updated on new parks and recreation facilities in and around your community. In our first issue we gave you a bird's eye view of the new Community Centre, the heart of the new multi-service civic centre at 1 Kingsway. We provided some history on the long term planning for recreation facilities in your community. We also answered your questions about Mount Pleasant Park, the old building and the pool.

In this issue we want to share more of the details about your new Community Centre and the Aquatic Centre at Hillcrest Park. Mount Pleasant Community Centre opens its doors next month. The Aquatic Centre opens next spring.

What is the future for Mount Pleasant Park, the old building and the pool? Let us update you on how you can share your ideas. So, read on and catch some of the excitement of these great new facilities!



Moving Day at Mount Pleasant Community Centre

After a decade of consulting, designing and building, we're moving! Staff are gearing up for the final task of closing the doors at the old centre and opening the doors at the new one. Their challenge is to make the move in the middle of the busy fall programming season. They are keeping current programs on track while preparing to be open for business at the new location on November 9.

Staff have prepared a Winter/Spring Program Guide for the new location. From volleyball to violin, art to aerobics, there are lots of exciting programs awaiting you and your family.

A Special Place – Open and Green

Looking for some inspiration to help face the cold, rainy days ahead? Our goal is to help keep our communities healthy and our residents active and engaged. Your new Community Centre will offer you dozens of ways to get fit, learn something new, and connect with your neighbours. There are many things that make this new Community Centre special. The first thing you'll notice when you enter is the bright, spacious lobby and the openness between the Community Centre and Library. Centre and Library staff will share their programming spaces, offering a much wider variety of active and passive pastimes for both children and youth.

The green features of the building mean a healthy environment for visitors. We've improved

indoor air quality through selection of flooring, carpets, paints, glues and sealants with minimal air contaminants. We can maintain comfort levels because heating/cooling for each room is done on an individual basis. It saves energy, too.

The interior temperature is more stable through the use of the ground as a heat bank. Heat is deposited into the ground to cool the building in summer and withdrawn to heat it in winter. Numerous windows provide lots of natural light and views. Shading devices are used to reflect direct sunlight, reducing glare and preventing overheating of the building. A number of community representatives have toured the new facility, giving it high marks for its impressive green features and light, open spaces.

Fun Features

- Artist Fiona Bowie shot hundreds of portraits and landscapes over the last few years to create *Flow*, an ever-changing photographic scene that will be projected onto a large expanse of street level glass at the front of the building.
- A Games Room with pool table, ping-pong, and TV will be used as an adult space on weekdays and a youth space for after school, evenings and weekends.
- Outdoor spaces on the 2nd and 3rd floors are available for public use.



Wall climbing is a popular recreational pastime for many. A climbing wall in the new Centre's gymnasium is the first built in a Park Board Community Centre.

The Future of Mount Pleasant Park

Below are some illustrative concepts of what the revitalized Mount Pleasant Park could look like. The existing park is about 2.7 acres in size. The options have different features and allocate different amounts of land to green space, building, pool and parking.

With regards to parking there are existing arrangements with the School Board and the new Childcare Centre which require a number of parking stalls to be retained. Retention of the building and a new pool would also require certain number of parking stalls to be provided.

Option 1: Green Space



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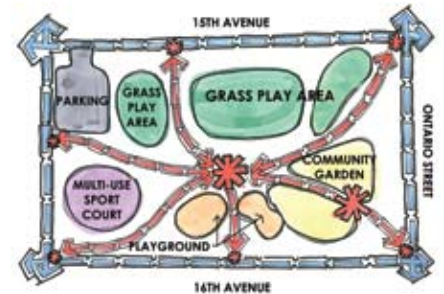
- Playground
- Daycare playspace
- Multi-use sports court
- Grass play areas
- Community gardens
- Arbour/Plaza
- Paths
- Trees
- Benches

Permeable Green Space: 85%

Parking: 20 stalls

Cost: about \$1.0 million

Timing: to be built in 2010/11



We Need Your Input

The idea to build a new community centre for Mount Pleasant was set in motion over 10 years ago. Since that decision was made, the future of Mount Pleasant Park, the old building and the pool have been important topics of ongoing discussion. Over the next month or so some important decisions need to be made. What are the options? How much will they cost? What are the best long term decisions that we can make for the future of the neighbourhood? We want to hear your ideas.

A qualified facilitator will be hired to carry out the public consultation which will include the following:

- One or more facilitated focus groups

- One or more interactive, web-based focus groups
- Online survey
- Phone-in comment line

Visit our website at vancouverparks.ca for details on the survey and how you can share your comments or call 604-257-8481 to have a printed copy sent to you. You can also leave your comments on our Comment Line at 604-257-6911.

The results of public input will be presented at a meeting of the Board's Planning and Environment Committee, where members of the public are welcome to provide their views on the future of this park.



Our parks are important to the health and vitality of our neighbourhoods, providing places to rest, recreate and connect with family and friends.

Option 2: New Pool, New Change Rooms



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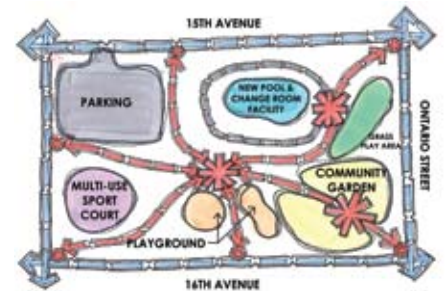
- Playground
- Daycare playspace
- Multi-use sports court
- Grass play area
- Community Gardens
- Arbour/Plaza
- Paths
- Trees
- Benches

Permeable Green Space: 70%

Parking: 40 stalls

Cost: about \$6.0 million

Timing: unknown since funding for pool would have to be secured in a future capital plan.



Option 3: Retain Building



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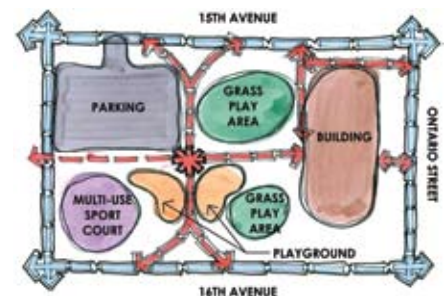
- Playground
- Daycare playspace
- Multi-use sports courts
- Small grass play area
- Paths
- Trees
- Benches

Permeable Green Space: 65%

Parking: 60 stalls

Cost: \$4 – 6 million depending on extent of building upgrades needed.

Timing: park portion could be delivered in 2010/11, building upgrade dependent on additional funding from future capital plan or outside funding.



Aquatic Centre at Hillcrest Park Opens Next Spring

The stunning new Aquatic Centre has been completed at Hillcrest Park. If aquatics are your passion, you are going to fall in love! Rave reviews are reported—especially about the beauty and lightness of the interior and the “walls” of glass linking the indoor and outdoor pools. The design for the complex, the largest in the city, artfully combines beauty, playfulness and drama. There’s something for everyone: a 50m lap pool, with swimming and diving tanks; a leisure pool built for fun and a 4½ feet deep seasonal outdoor pool that is sure to be a popular summer destination. A 70-person hot pool, a steam room and sauna and an adjacent fitness centre are part of the complex. The facility boasts all the latest state-of-the-art features:

- Universal change room for families and those with disabilities
- A swim/diving tank that can be altered in depth and a moveable bulk-head that adjusts to suit

a variety of aquatic uses from diving to length swimming to water aerobics to children’s play

- A circular “lazy river” and many other water play features for young and old
- Large moveable wall panels that bring the outdoors to the indoor pool when the weather permits
- A UV light filtering system for water purification, reducing the amount of chlorine needed



A light and spacious leisure pool is just one of the many spectacular features of the new Aquatic Centre.

Special Sneak Peek - Tour the Facility

Come see for yourself – the wonderful new features in this beautiful new Aquatic Centre at Hillcrest Park. Saturday, October 24 from Noon to 5 pm. Be sure and drop by!

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New Day Care Facility Fills the Gap

Construction begins this month on a new 5,000 sq ft childcare centre next to Simon Fraser Elementary School, adjacent to Mount Pleasant Park. The new childcare centre will be available for other purposes, too. Recreation programs, meetings and community events will be scheduled on weekday evenings and weekends. The new facility will be owned and operated by the Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association (MPCCA). The cost of \$2.066 million is being provided through a variety of sources: the City of Vancouver (\$866,000), the Province (\$750,000), the MPCCA (\$400,000) and the Park Board (\$50,000),



and will be located on land owned by the Vancouver School Board. The Park Board will provide land for parking and will redesign the existing park for play spaces that will accommodate school and preschool needs.

The current out-of-school care and pre-school programs at the Community Centre will be temporarily re-located to the new centre at 1 Kingsway until the new childcare facility is completed in the spring. The capacity of the out-of-school program will be increased from 40 to 65 spaces; preschool capacity can be increased, if the need is there, from 80 to 160 kids/week.



The Mount Pleasant Community Centre is moving just one kilometre from its previous location at 16th Ave. and Ontario St. (1) to Kingsway at Seventh Ave. (2).