

1 WELCOME

Thank you for coming to the Sunset Master Plan Open House!

Please share your comments and ideas. We will use your input to refine the plan and report back with an updated version in spring 2015.

Why are we creating a Master Plan?

The Vancouver Park Board is developing a master plan to renew Sunset Park by improving and better connecting its features. Renewing the park was a top priority we heard about in the public consultation for the City of Vancouver 2015-2018 Capital Plan. The plan will review the usage and condition of existing park features and identify short and long-term park improvements.



Sunset Park today



Goals for today:

1. Identify existing features of Sunset Park.
2. Summarize feedback.
3. Outline design principles.
4. Present four master plan scenarios.
5. Get your feedback.

Questions?

Staff from the Vancouver Park Board and PWL Partnership (the consultant firm developing the Master Plan) are happy to answer any questions you may have.



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DRAFT DESIGN PRINCIPLES

Drawing on public input, we have developed these draft principles to guide the master planning process. Have your say by completing the questionnaire.

The Master Plan will:

1. Incorporate sustainability strategies and goals identified in the *Park Board Strategic Framework (2012)* as well as best management practices.
2. Identify, promote, and enhance connections to City of Vancouver Greenways.
3. Create inclusive, accessible features that respond to park user needs.
4. Address continued operational requirements of adjacent Sunset Nursery and Park Board Operations yard.
5. Be adaptable to changing user needs; a phased park development.
6. Create highly safe, visible pedestrian routes that connect park components.
7. Enhance connection between current and future park facilities and features.
8. Develop programs that reflect community identity.

Have your say!

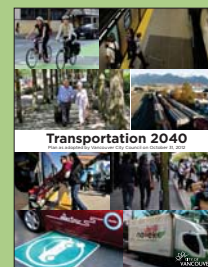
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Sustainability Strategies at Work...

The Vancouver Park Board and City of Vancouver have approved a series of initiatives to shape a more sustainable city. The Master Plan will incorporate these city-wide goals and objectives

- *Park Board Strategic Framework (2012)*
- *Rewilding Vancouver Plan (2014)*
- *Vancouver Bird Friendly Design Guidelines (Draft)*
- *Urban Forest Strategy (in progress)*
- *Greenest City Action Plan (2012)*
- *Transportation 2040 Plan (2012)*
- *Vancouver Food Strategy (2013)*



4 EXISTING PARK FEATURES

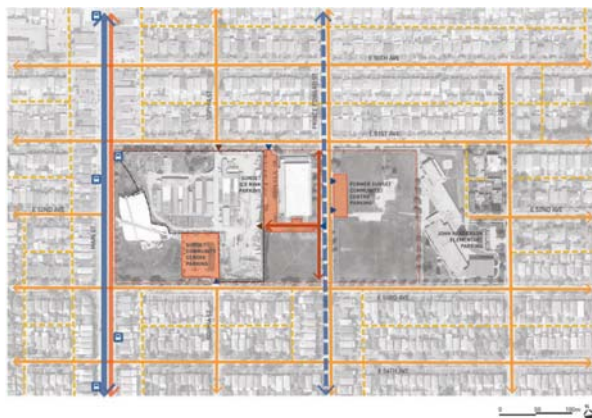


Pedestrian Connections

- Pedestrian Sidewalk
- Pedestrian Pathway
- Circulation Barrier (Tall Fence 8'+)
- Circulation Barrier (Short Fence 4')
- Parking
- No Public Access
- Primary Building Entry
- Secondary Building Entry
- Exit Only
- Site Boundary

OBSERVATIONS

Sunset Park lacks pathway connections, lighting, and seating within the park. East-west movement is hindered by Sunset Community Centre parking lot, Sunset Nursery and Park Board Operations fencing, Prince Edward Street, and sport field fencing.



Vehicle Connections

- Bus Transit Stop
- Bus Transit Route
- Local Street Bikeway
- Collector Street
- Neighbourhood Street Laneway
- Parking
- Sunset Nursery and Park Board Operations Traffic Site Boundary
- Sunset Nursery and Park Board Operations Boundary
- Sunset Nursery and Park Board Operations Vehicle Access
- Sunset Nursery and Park Board Operations Vehicle Access

OBSERVATIONS

The bikeway along Prince Edward Street is part of a citywide cycling network. The former Sunset Community Centre parking lot is currently detached from its venue and in disrepair.



Trees + Vegetation

- Tree Canopy
- Significant Tree
- Cedar Hedge
- Overhead Powerline
- Sunset Nursery and Park Board Operations Boundary
- Site Boundary

OBSERVATIONS

The site has minimal canopy coverage so limited amount of shade. There are several significant trees in the area, especially around Sunset Ice Rink and along E 51st Avenue.



Water + Topography

- Buried Lost Stream (Approximate Location)
- 0.5m Contour
- Permeable Surface
- Semi-permeable Surface
- Impermeable Surface
- Water Drainage Direction
- Site Boundary

OBSERVATIONS

Water generally drains from northeast to southwest across the site. A lost stream flows under Sunset Nursery and Park Board Operations and festival area into the Fraser River. Grassy mounds form an informal amphitheater and buffer view of Sunset Community Centre parking lot, but limit pedestrian access.

5 SUNSET PARK TODAY

Existing Site

Sunset Park is bounded by E 51st Avenue to the north, John Henderson Elementary School to the east, E 53rd Avenue to the south, and Main Street to the west. The park includes Sunset Community Centre, Sunset Ice Rink, Sunset Nursery and Park Board Operations, an off-leash dog area, a sports field and playground.



Recommendations

PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS	VEHICLE CONNECTIONS	TREES + VEGETATION	WATER + TOPOGRAPHY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian pathway could connect the community centre, the ice rink, and the school, solving the lack of east-west connections through the site. <input type="checkbox"/> Internal pedestrian pathways and seating could invite sidewalk users into the park. <input type="checkbox"/> Fully or partially closing Prince Edward Street could enhance safety of cyclists and pedestrians. <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting could improve safety and navigation at night. <input type="checkbox"/> Openings in the fence could allow access to the sports field. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Parking capacity for Sunset Community Centre and Sunset Ice Rink could be maintained. <input type="checkbox"/> The former community centre parking lot could be removed and the space reprogrammed. <input type="checkbox"/> Prince Edward Street could provide access to the Sunset Nursery and Park Board Operations vehicles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The park master plan could protect and retain significant tree. <input type="checkbox"/> New trees could be planted to meet the City of Vancouver's 2020 Urban Forest canopy targets. <input type="checkbox"/> More trees could be planted to provide shade in the festival area. <input type="checkbox"/> The diversity of tree species could be expanded to promote biodiversity and habitat. <input type="checkbox"/> The existing hedge along the site boundary could be pulled back to improve sight lines and create safer connections. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The park could recognize and celebrate the Lost Stream and its history where it crosses E 53rd Ave. <input type="checkbox"/> A stormwater feature could capture and clean excess rainwater from the park. <input type="checkbox"/> Reconfigured grassy mounds next to the community centre could provide a better buffer from the street and act as an amphitheatre.

Our Ideas

The four scenarios on the following boards are examples of potential layouts that have been explored as part of the Sunset Park Master Plan. Please look at the features and layout in each of the four scenarios and provide your comments.

6 SUNSET PARK SCENARIOS

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SCENARIO 1



Main Initiatives

1. Partially close Prince Edward Street to vehicular traffic to reinforce park connectivity.
2. Divide the Nursery and Operations space to allow for the creation of a major pedestrian pathway that connects the east and west sides of the park.
3. Rearrange the grassy berms in the festival area to create an amphitheater bowl that is less steep than the current berms.
4. Create a space for Community Gardens near the corner of Main Street and 51st Ave that includes opportunities for programming and information exchanges with the nursery staff.
5. Develop a new play area next to the elementary school.
6. Place a meadow near the play area to allow for informal play, exploration of wildlife, and create opportunities for education.
7. Plant a naturalized forest that protects the play areas from the street and creates a healthy urban forest.

Legend

- Enhanced Bikeway
- Primary Connection
- Exercise Circuit
- Sunset Nursery and Park Board Operations Vehicular Connection Only
- Vehicular Access
- Sunset Nursery and Park Board Operations Vehicular Access
- Lost Stream
- Stormwater Collection

SCENARIO 2



Main Initiatives

1. Partially close Prince Edward Street to reinforce park connectivity.
2. Rearrange Ice Rink Parking and Sunset Nursery and Park Board Operations site closer to the Ice Rink.
3. Revise the Community Centre Parking to allow for a connection between the east and west sides of the park.
4. Leave the existing berms and festival area intact.
5. Shift the south edge of the Sunset Nursery and Park Board Operations to allow pedestrian access through the site.
6. Relocate the off-leash dog area and community gardens.
7. Implement a Skate Park and ball court at the NW corner of Main Street and 51st Ave.
8. Develop a new play area next to the elementary school.
9. Place a meadow near the play area to allow for informal play, exploration of wildlife, and create opportunities for education.
10. Plant a naturalized forest that protects the play areas from the street and creates a healthy urban forest.

Legend

- Enhanced Bikeway
- Primary Connection
- Exercise Circuit
- Sunset Nursery and Park Board Operations Vehicular Connection Only
- Vehicular Access
- Sunset Nursery and Park Board Operations Vehicular Access
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SCENARIO 3



Main Initiatives

1. Partially close Prince Edward Street to reinforce park connectivity.
2. Expand the Sunset Nursery and Operations space into the ice rink area.
3. Relocate Community Centre Parking to create a connection between the east and west sides of the park.
4. Remove the berms and expand the festival area.
5. Leave the off-leash dog area in place.
6. Add community gardens to the south side of the Sunset Nursery and Operations area.
7. Add skate park to the NW corner of Main Street and 51st Ave.
8. Develop a new play area next to the elementary school.
9. Place a meadow near the play area to allow for informal play, exploration of wildlife, and create opportunities for education.
10. Plant a naturalized forest that protects the play areas from the street and creates a healthy urban forest.

Legend

- Enhanced Bikeway
- Primary Connection
- Exercise Circuit
- Vehicular Access
- Sunset Nursery and Park Board Operations Vehicular Access
- Lost Stream
- Stormwater Collection

SCENARIO 4



Main Initiatives

1. Partially close Prince Edward Street to reinforce park connectivity.
2. Add a Future Civic Facility to interface with the Community Centre.
3. Leave the existing berms and festival area intact.
4. Expand the Sunset Nursery and Operations site into the ice rink area.
5. Add community gardens on the south side of the Sunset Nursery and Operations site.
6. Add a ball court and water play next to the existing Community Centre parking area.
7. Develop a new play area next to the elementary school.
8. Place a meadow near the play area to allow for informal play, exploration of wildlife, and create opportunities for education.
9. Plant a naturalized forest that protects the play areas from the street and creates a healthy urban forest.

Legend

- Enhanced Bikeway
- Primary Connection
- Exercise Circuit
- Vehicular Access
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PROPOSED PARK ELEMENTS

The following proposed park elements were developed from what we have heard to date. Did we get it right? Are we missing anything?



Exercise circuit: with related amenities, such as outdoor exercise equipment, benches, and drinking fountains.



Future Facility: potential location for future facility adjacent to the Sunset Community Centre.



Plaza: gathering places for a variety of activities and events to occur.



Bike facilities: including bike racks, fix stations, water fountains, and enhanced separated cycling path.



Public interface: nodes at strategic locations for public activities.



Play: for all ages and abilities.



Skate park: for all ability level with hang out area and seating.



Ball court: for outdoor sports including ball hockey, basketball, and other court activities. Provides a flexible hard space for other community centre / park activities.



Community gardens: growing plots for community centre users, school students, and/or residents, includes orchard and berry picking area. Educational and Community interface with Parks Board Nursery and Operations.



Off-Leashed Dog Area: many people value the opportunity to exercise and socialize their dogs off-leash. Park Board will undertake a Dogs in Parks Strategy in 2015.



Naturalized forest: to enhance the biodiversity, habitat, and ecological hot spots in the neighbourhood. An opportunity to increase the tree canopy cover and for nature enjoyment.



Informal play meadow: a naturalized meadow for informal play and community gathering, including a flexible lawn area for play and exercise.



Existing field: an improved quality of sports field.



Water play: a spray park with activated water features and play areas.



Lost stream feature: celebrates the location of a buried stream through ecological treatment, educational signage, public art, or themed plaza space. Incorporates storm water management and treatment.



Lost stream: marks the location of past surface stream which now flows underground.

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NEXT STEP

We want to hear from you!

Thank you for coming. Please fill out our questionnaire or visit us online at vancouver.ca/sunset-park

Stay tune for information about the next spring 2015 Open House or add your name to our e-mail list.

Thank you for coming!



Timeline

