

**Trout Lake Community Centre
Grandview Community Association
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Trout Lake Community Centre serves as the neighbourhood “hub” for Kensington/Cedar Cottage and is jointly operated by the Park Board and the Grandview Community Centre Association (GCCA). The area is bordered to the north by Broadway, south by Kingsway, east by Nanaimo, and west by Fraser.

The mission of the GCCA is:

“To bring together our community, to provide accessible recreational, social, educational and cultural opportunities that promote and develop individual, family and community well being.”

A brand new Trout Lake Community Centre will open this fall, and there is community interest in developing strong arts component as well as in renewing community connection to the centre. The opening of the centre will focus on the history of the neighbourhood and the stories that describe the community.

The focus of this year’s residency will be on either the environment or performance.

Opportunities include:

A Environment

1. A 68-ace park, John Hendry holds Trout Lake- an urban oasis of natural areas that provide habitat to numerous birds and small creatures. An active people beach at one end and a dog beach at the other border these natural areas. Walking paths and playing fields surround the lake. Many who use the park are unaware of the vulnerability of parts of the environment. The park is slated for major, as yet unspecified, upgrades in the next 3 years.
2. A new stream has been created in conjunction with the construction to direct roof water to the lake. The stream has little landscaping and interest. Pipes bring the water from the roof protrude at the opening of the stream. The stream is stagnant much of the time.
3. Clark Park (bordered by 14th/15th Avenues/Commercial/Maddams Streets) is one of the oldest parks in the City. It is home to a rich urban forest of 100-year-old cypress, fir, cedar, elm and plane trees. In recent years many trees have died and been cut down. A Parks Committee of the GCCA has formed to address a number of issues in the park: tree identification and replacement, the possibility of some floral additions at the park entrances, safety concerns about a rock retaining wall around the upper playing field, a boggy patch in the middle of the hill and the idea of the creation of a pond to drain this.
4. A green wall is planned for the east side of the new centre. Proponents claim that green walls are attractive, improve air quality, conserve energy, and contribute to LEED certification.
5. Park users often don’t use the community centre and vice versa. There is interest in

exploring how the community centre, its patrons, and park users can interact.

B Performance

1. The new centre will house a multi-purpose performance space of about 1200 sq. ft. There is interest in seeing this be an active and well-used space that engages local residents in all aspects of performance from creation to audience. Use of the space may be based on an exchange of space for community engagement.
2. A plaza on the eastside of the centre is being developed with performance in mind. A new café in the centre will be located adjacent and this may support activities on this site.
3. The park is home to many festivals and events that could connect more closely to the centre and involve more community participation.
4. The Cedar Cottage neighbourhood is one of great cultural diversity. Events and performance that reflect this will build a stronger better-connected community.
5. Summer concerts in the park are ongoing; a coffee house took place in the centre for some time in recent years, Christmas caroling by the lake is programmed regularly.

People, Resources and Facilities

The newly appointed Community Recreation Supervisor will be staff project liaison and the Artist may work with:

People, Committees, and Staff:

Program Committee, Parks Committee, the Socials Committee, the Pottery Club, the Recreation Programmer, Recreation Facility Clerk and Youth Worker

Individuals In Groups:

Warriors Against Violence, Youth In Action, Seniors Group, Preschool, Fitness/Aerobics Regulars, Buddy Program, Games Room Regulars

Potentially Interested Organizations and Community Groups:

Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House
Local Elementary, Secondary and Alternate Schools
Local Businesses
Affiliated Sports Groups (Vancouver Minor Hockey Association, Grandview Skating Club, Scribes Rugby and Trout lake Little League, MoreSports)
East Vancouver Farmer's Market
Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood Association
Cedar Cottage Community Gardeners

Facilities in the Community Centre include:

Pottery Studio	Fitness Centre
Preschool	Arts and crafts room
Gymnasium	Ice Rink
Music Room	Meeting Rooms
Youth Room	Café

Change Rooms
Performing Arts Room

Multi-Purpose Activity Rooms with Kitchen

The Park Amenities include:

Trout Lake, Walking Trails, Boardwalks, 7 Fields/Diamonds, Picnic Site, Field House with concession (seasonal) and washrooms, Caretaker Suite, Playgrounds, Casual Use Areas, Dog Off-Leash Area.

Neighbourhood Background:

Located in the heart of the East Vancouver, Kensington-Cedar Cottage stretches from Fraser to Nanaimo Streets and from Broadway to 41st Avenue. The community is a combination of two historic neighbourhoods, Cedar Cottage, to the south of Trout Lake, and Kensington Heights, to the south of Kingsway.

The area is a truly special one. Its residents - a rich mix of nationalities and cultures - enjoy outstanding city and mountain views, many parks and schools, and access to the city's only lake, Trout Lake. Trout lake is a great place to walk and take in the eccentricities of the neighbourhood.

The neighbourhood has numerous ethnic and cultural groups with up to 27 languages spoken. The community is made of 20% single parent families, 60% family households, 19% single person households, 11% with two or more persons, 30% low income families, 55% Immigrants, 50% English speaking with many other languages spoken including Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Portuguese, Spanish, Croatian etc...

There is as well great socio-economic diversity. Increasing housing prices have driven development of condos and brought in many young families, while Commercial Drive is home to numbers of homeless and street engaged people. On Commercial and 14th a private school is kitty corner to a compassion club and similar contrasts exist throughout the neighbourhood.