

UPDATE:

Hastings Park/PNE Master Plan

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A significant milestone in planning for the future of Hastings Park and the PNE has been reached.

In December 2009, Vancouver City Council endorsed a staff report outlining the high level Planning Directions that will set a clear path for the development of a long-range Master Plan for Hastings Park and the PNE. This work is an important step towards a new vision of Hastings Park - a multi-faceted and vibrant destination with active green spaces that flex comfortably between park-use, Fair events and programmed festivals, and a place that continues to enhance the ecological values of the Sanctuary and daylights a stream to the Burrard Inlet.

The 2009 Planning Directions build on plans that were developed when the City gained ownership of Hastings Park in 2004. Many of the Planning Directions, approved by Council in 2009, meet the same objectives as the 2004 plan; some Planning Directions even go beyond what was outlined in 2004.

The current Master Plan however, is unable to meet the targets for new park space from the 2004 plan. The 2004 plan called for 45 - 47 acres of new park space; the current Planning Directions sets a goal of 25 - 35 acres of additional park space. The park space shortfall in the current 2009 Plan is due to the retention of the Livestock Building and parking, and the expansion of Playland. City Council has directed staff to seek additional park space (over and above 25 – 35 acres) as they move into the detailed planning of Hastings Park.



Get Involved

Public consultation events are planned for mid- 2010 and the 2010 PNE Fair

Highlights:

Hastings Park/PNE 2009 Planning Directions

- Daylighting Renfrew Creek, connecting the existing restored wetland, the Sanctuary, to Burrard Inlet.
- Pedestrian and bicycle paths through Hastings Park that connect to future City-wide greenways, including a pedestrian and bicycle overpass over McGill Street that connects Hastings Park to New Brighton Park and the waterfront.
- A 3 km perimeter multi-use trail that encircles the park and provides a recreational amenity for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Creation of significant additional park space that is pedestrian and bicycle-focused and connects the existing Italian Gardens, the Sanctuary and Empire Fields. This is achieved by moving the majority of parking and roads north of Miller Drive and moving Playland back off of Hastings Street.
- Investment in new PNE, Fair and festival infrastructure, including the rehabilitation of existing Heritage Buildings and the renewal and expansion of Playland. Other improvements for the PNE Fair and festivals include:
 - Re-instating the Livestock Building as an important exhibition and celebration hub in Hastings Park.
 - A Festival Plaza that wraps around the Livestock Building with programming potential for community activities, festivals, and Fair events.
 - A long-term vision for a new, large multi-use building adjacent to the Coliseum.
- Hastings Racecourse continues to play an important role at Hastings Park through horse racing and gaming opportunities.

The Master Plan process will now move into a more detailed phase of planning with additional public consultation planned for June of this year and during the 2010 PNE Fair. The Master Plan is expected to be finalised in the fall of 2010.

For more information on the full project details and how to get involved in the next round of public consultation events visit vancouver.ca/hastingspark

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