

# Hastings Park/PNE Master Plan

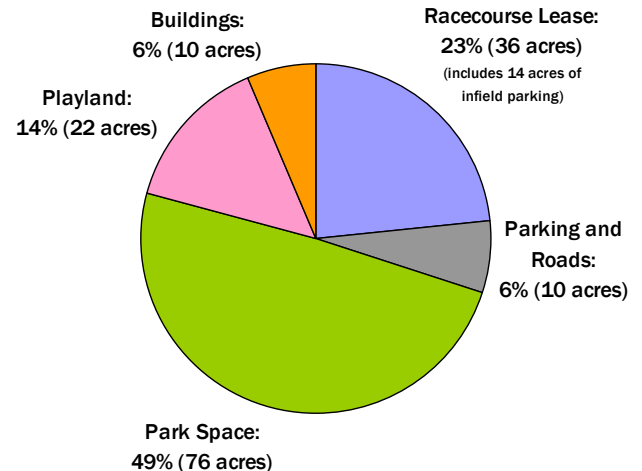
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## Highlights

- **More park space** – increased from 27 to 76 acres
- **More habitat** - double the amount of habitat for native plants and wildlife with a daylighted stream to New Brighton Park
- **Better public access** – more publicly accessible with over 5 km of walking, running and cycling trails
- **New connections** – safe and convenient pedestrian and cycle connections to New Brighton Park and the waterfront. Better connected to the neighbourhood with a narrower Renfrew St and new park gateways at local streets
- **New venues** – new and renewed venues, both indoors and out, not only for Fair time but for year-round cultural, festival, and event use
- **Local employment** – The PNE is Vancouver's largest youth employer with 4000 jobs annually, 2600 of those jobs are for young people

## Hastings Park Proposed Breakdown 154 acres



View Looking Northeast over the Future Hastings Park

## Hastings Park/PNE Master Plan FAQ's (frequently asked questions)

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**1. How much park space is being added to Hastings Park? How much is there now and what will the total amount of park space be?**

The plan adds 49 additional acres of new park space to Hastings Park. Currently there are 27 acres. This achieves a total of 76 acres of park space in Hastings Park. For comparison, John Hendry Park (Trout Lake) is 67 acres.

**2. How is this amount being calculated? What will be included?**

The following is the breakdown of the total 74 acres of planned park space in Hastings Park:

- 20 acres - Habitat: e.g. Sanctuary, Daylighted Stream
- 40 acres - Meadows, Gardens, and Sports fields. Parking for park uses (1.5 acres) is included in this number, which is consistent with other City parks
- 16 acres - Urban plazas: e.g. Festival Plaza and Amphitheatre
- 76 acres total

**3. What is happening to the Hastings Park Sanctuary?**

This restored wetland is being enhanced with a daylighted stream which connects to Burrard Inlet. This will double the amount of habitat for native species and wildlife from 9 acres to 18 acres.

**4. Does the plan include a connection to New Brighton Park? When will it happen?**

Pedestrian and bicycle trails through Hastings Park and to New Brighton Park are key components of the plan. Pending City Council approval this work will start in 2011.

**5. I have heard that Playland is going to be doubled in size, is this true?**

The plan proposes to expand Playland from 14 to 22 acres (57% increase). A portion of Playland will be relocated to make room for additional park space and allow for the connection of the Sanctuary to Empire Fields.

**6. Are there any plans to minimize traffic congestion and noise in the local neighbourhood?**

Yes, the plan considers minimizing traffic congestion a high priority - key recommendations:

- Dundas Street traffic calming consultation and design in 2011.
- Undertake a Transportation Assessment and Parking Study to understand the current conditions and impacts of future changes.
- Narrowing of Renfrew Street

Minimizing noise impacts will be considered in the expansion plan for Playland.

**7. I have heard that there is a convention centre being proposed at Hastings Park, is this true?**

No convention centre is planned. An underground Exhibition Building is being proposed in the vicinity of the play area in the Italian Gardens. It would be used for community and commercial use including a variety of events such as winter carnivals, trade shows, craft fairs, and other events. The building will be of a very simple, durable finish, suitable for livestock and agricultural displays.

**8. Will there be above ground parking structures built in Hastings Park?**

It is proposed, as Hastings Park redevelops over time, new park uses will displace parking in the southern portion of the site. Parking will be relocated in two main areas: 1) below grade in the infield of the Racecourse and 2) at the corner of Renfrew and McGill the plan includes the option of a three storey structure in this location based on future needs.

**9. How much will all of this cost?**

The Master Plan is a long term vision that could take 20 to 30 years to complete. The components of the plan will cost approximately \$200 - \$300 million with funding from a variety of sources. Many of the components of the plan would not proceed without partnerships from senior levels of government and some upgrades, such as Playland, have the ability generate revenue.