

Project Components

Hastings Park's Transition to an Active Urban Park



Hastings Park and Adjacent Neighbourhood

The Master Plan envisions the area around Empire Field as a busy, active place with many opportunities for sport and recreation both organized and self-initiated. Combining Empire Field with the Plateau Sports Park and surrounding it with a running path and trails for pedestrians and bicyclists will initiate Hastings Park's transition to an active urban park.



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Empire Fields

With the completion of BC Place, the BC Lions and Vancouver Whitecaps have moved out of the temporary stadium at Empire Field. The temporary stadium, which was rented by PavCo, is being dismantled and removed by the stadium's owner Nusseli.

Empire Fields is being reinstated for community use and will use the existing synthetic turf field and lighting system installed by PavCo for the temporary stadium. Converting Empire Fields to lit synthetic turf will provide approximately five times the amount of play as did the previous natural turf fields. A running path surrounding the field will also be reinstated.

Plateau Sports Park

The Plateau Sports Park, unlike any other park in Vancouver, will be innovative and focus on play, fun, movement, participation, gender equity and lifetime fitness. The Plateau will add new park space to Hastings Park and activate the area around Empire Fields.

Greenways

Greenways are linear park-like spaces that provide corridors for walking and cycling trails. There are plans for two types of greenways:

1. **Permanent Greenways** - In areas of Hastings Park where the final design has been determined, greenways will be developed as permanent facilities.
2. **Temporary Greenways** - Temporary greenways will provide connections through areas in transition. These will be made permanent or re-routed to ensure connections are maintained as future phases of the overall Master Plan are implemented.

Design Objectives

Synergy and Connectivity

Although Empire Field, the Plateau Sports Park and greenways are described separately on this panel, the intention is that they are interconnected and synergistic. Connections will increase the vitality and functionality of Hastings Park, with a goal of the whole being greater than the sum of the parts.

Build in Flexibility

Building flexibly into park spaces makes them resilient and allows spaces to transform into other uses.

Identity and Innovation

The projects described at this open house will have a major role in creating a new identity for Hastings Park: an active, innovative, unique and green urban park designed as a destination for all Vancouverites and the local community.

The new park spaces for Hastings Park will be contemporary and derive inspiration from the Hastings Park vision including the key words: renewal, transformation, celebration, connection and destination.

Greenest City Goals

The redevelopment of Hastings Park is integral to this goal and the implementation of new park spaces is an opportunity to achieve several key Greenest City goals such as Access to Nature, Green Transportation and Clean Water.