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Subject: Council Memo - FWC26 Hastings Park Community Outreach, FIFA Fan Festival

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Attached is a brief memo that outlines anticipated public space changes associated with the FIFA Fan Festival this coming summer, as well as an overview of upcoming community outreach in the Hastings and PNE area concerning these changes, to take place the last week of February 2026.

All the information in this memo is public.

Thanks,

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MEMORANDUM

February 23, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Donny van Dyk, City Manager
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FROM: Karen Levitt
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SUBJECT: FIFA Fan Festival™ Vancouver Hasting Park Community Outreach and
Hastings Park Access

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This memo outlines upcoming community outreach activities for the Hastings Park/PNE area and summarizes upcoming park access restrictions at Hastings Park in the lead-up to and during FIFA Fan Festival™ Vancouver.

For context, the City owns Hastings Park and the PNE site, while the PNE manages day-to-day operations. The Host Committee is working closely with the PNE to support event delivery.

Changes to Site Access

FIFA Fan Festival Vancouver will bring energy and excitement to Hastings Park. The Festival will run most days from June 11 to July 19, 2026, with match viewing, music and other entertainment.

To ensure a safe and well-managed environment, additional space and security measures are required. As a result, some adjacent public spaces will have restricted access or temporary closures during the Festival period.

Hastings Park at the PNE will be closed to the public beginning May 25, 2026, to support site build-out. The closure will remain in effect until July 25, following critical teardown activities. The

Sanctuary and Miller Drive will have limited access during this period. Additional details on access and closure timelines are provided in Appendix A.

Planned Community Outreach in the Hastings Park Area

Community outreach will begin in late-February 2026. Efforts will focus on residents within the PNE catchment area, local businesses along East Hastings and Renfrew, and PNE and Hastings Park user groups and stakeholders. The goal is to keep the community informed by providing clear, site-specific updates and information about how the Festival, including neighbourhood considerations.

To support this, the Host Committee will use a range of tactics, including:

- Website updates on the FWC26 Vancouver site and social media posts
- A downloadable two-pager, translated into French, Simplified Chinese and Traditional Chinese
- A postcard mail-out to about 5,000 PNE-area residents promoting a public information session
- A business information session and a public information session for community members
- Ongoing stakeholder meetings with key groups.

Key Messages

If Mayor and Council receive inquiries from the public, media or stakeholders, the following key messages may support communications:

- For people living near Hastings Park, hosting a global event will bring more activity to the area than usual. We are focused on reducing impacts wherever possible and supporting a smooth, positive experience for both residents and visitors.
- FIFA Fan Festival™ Vancouver is a large-scale, regulated event with more complex site and security requirements than typical PNE activities. Temporary measures are necessary to ensure public safety, maintain event integrity, and support Festival operations.
- The City is committed to delivering a safe, world-class fan experience while keeping the surrounding community informed.

Thanks,



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Appendix A: Hastings Park Map and Access

Festival Period Access Changes

Starting May 25 through July 25, 2026, additional areas within Hastings Park (Figure 1), including the Skateboard Park, Momiji Gardens and the Italian Garden, will have restricted access (see table below). Home and Away, Empire Fields and Plateau Sports Park will remain open with no changes to access.

Location	Access	Note
Skateboard Park	Closed	See January 14 Mayor/Council Note
The Sanctuary	Limited access	Open dawn to dusk; temporary gated access and closed dusk to dawn
Italian Gardens	Closed	Used for festival
Momiji Gardens (Japanese Gardens)	Closed	Within the festival footprint
Miller Drive	Closed to vehicles	Used for festival



Figure 1 Hastings

Park Map

Sanctuary Access Adjustments

The Sanctuary is a nine-acre forested area, and access will be temporarily modified due to its proximity to the festival perimeter.

To mitigate risks, two gated fence lines will be installed around the Sanctuary. Access will be limited to dawn to dusk, in accordance with enforced Park Board by-law hours, resulting in overnight closure during the festival.

Miller Drive

Miller Road will be closed to vehicle traffic to support safe event operations, but it will remain open to pedestrians.