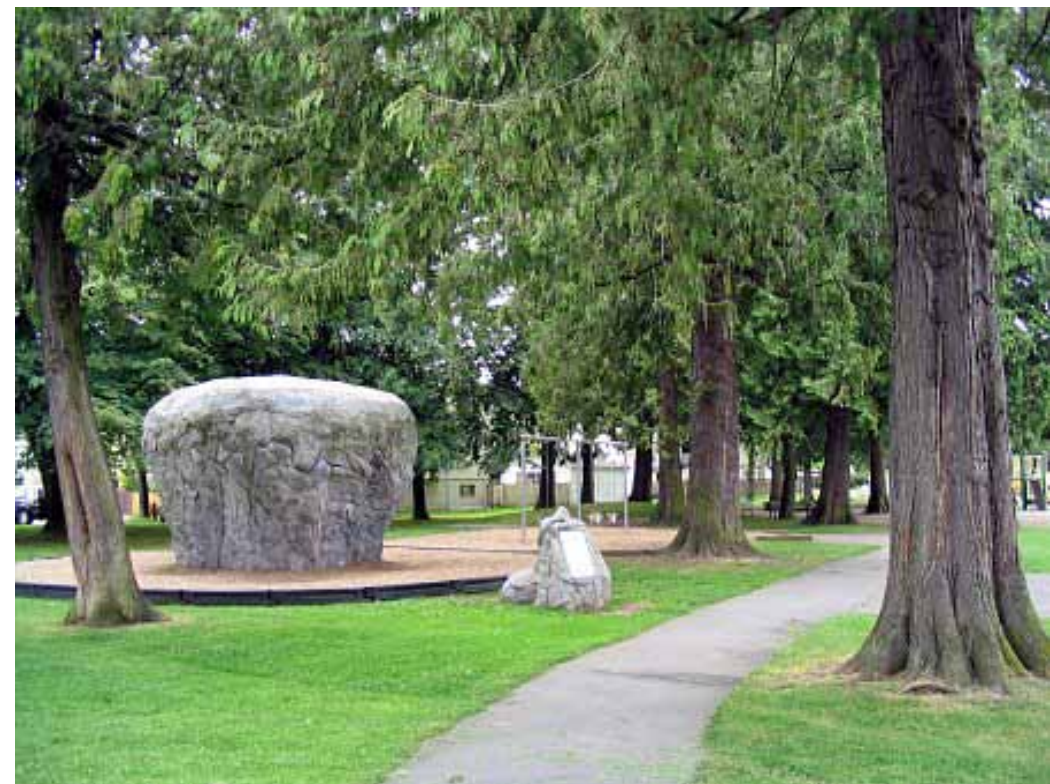


# 1 PROJECT BACKGROUND



## WELCOME TO THE HILLCREST & RILEY PARKS MASTER PLAN: OPEN HOUSE #2

Significant changes have occurred at Hillcrest and Riley Parks over the last few years. Completion of the Hillcrest Centre as a 2010 Olympic Winter Games venue resulted in the relocation and subsequent demolition of the former Vancouver Curling Club building, the Riley Park Community Centre/Ice Rink, and the Percy Norman Pool, with these programs being incorporated into the new Hillcrest Centre.

The 2012-2014 City of Vancouver Capital Plan has identified the need for a Masterplan for Hillcrest and Riley Parks to guide future park development and to prioritize park improvements for the current Capital Plan. There is approximately \$1.5 M available for park improvements at the sites of the recently demolished buildings (Vancouver Curling Club, Percy Norman Pool and Riley Community Centre complex). It is anticipated that funding for additional improvements in the Master Plan will come from a future capital plan.

The public is invited to this Open House to learn more about the Hillcrest and Riley Parks Master Plan project and to provide input that will guide the consultants and staff in developing a Master Plan, which will be presented at a third and final Open House in the fall of 2013. We invite you to talk to Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (Park Board) staff and the consultant team.

## PURPOSE OF THE OPEN HOUSE

The Park Board has commenced the preparation of a comprehensive Master Plan for Hillcrest and Riley Parks, based on recent developments in the study area. These developments include the opening of the Hillcrest Centre post-Olympics, the demolition of the former Vancouver Curling Club facility, new parking and traffic arrangements, and the recent demolition of the former Riley Park Community Centre/ Ice Rink and Percy Norman Pool. As part of this planning process, the Park Board is committed to seeking input from all stakeholders. The Master Planning process is now underway, and this is the second in a series of Open Houses that will be held during the planning process.

The planning process will lead to a Master Plan that includes new landscaping, an updated traffic and parking strategy, and other elements on site.

## WHAT WE HOPE TO LEARN

We want your input. Please take some time to review the material included here. Your feedback on the options shown for Hillcrest and Riley Parks will contribute to the final draft of the Master Plan and toward prioritizing park improvements. We also invite you to complete the questionnaire online on at [Vancouver.ca](http://Vancouver.ca)

## THE DESIGN TEAM

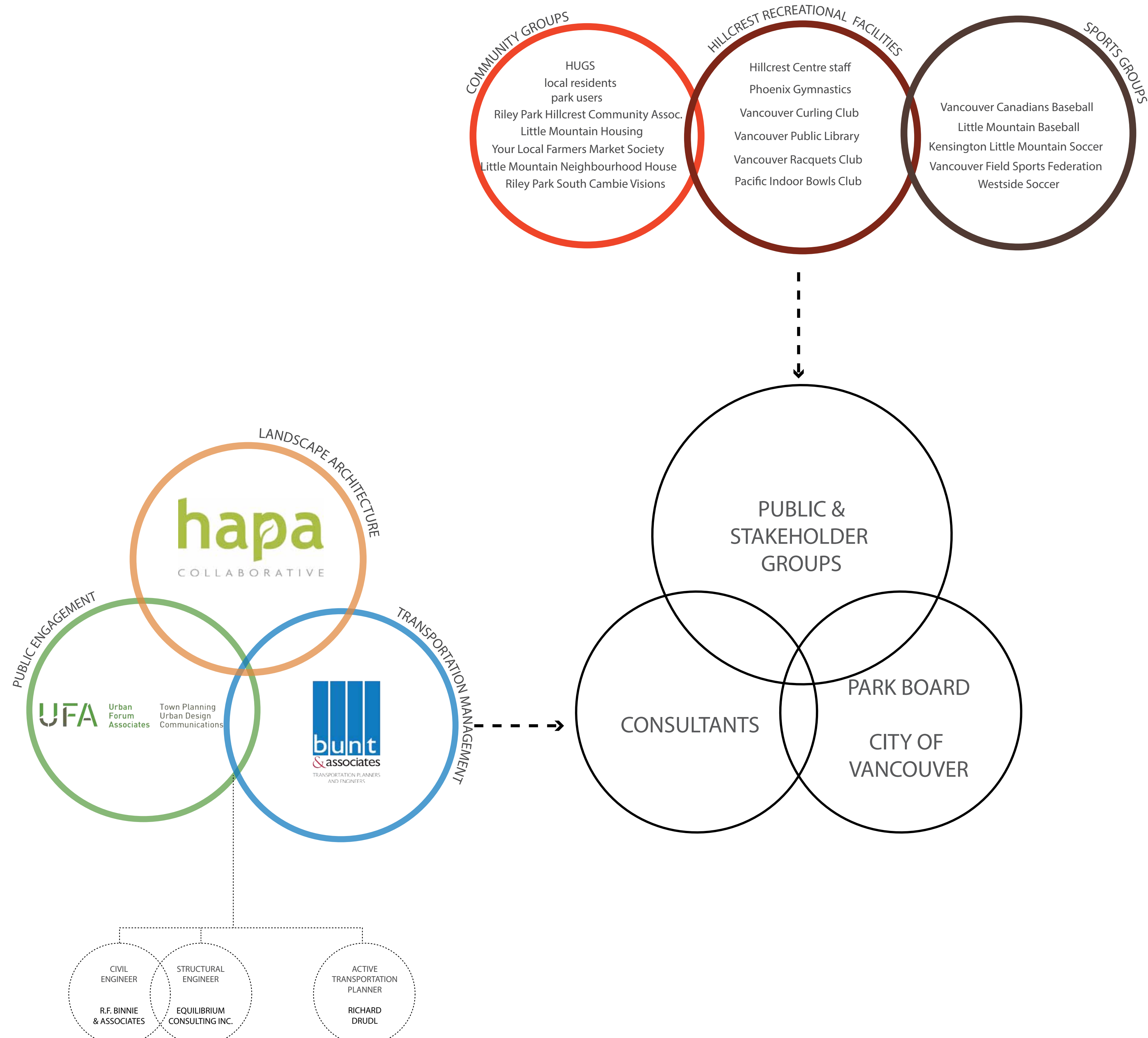
The new Master Plan for Hillcrest and Riley Parks will be the result of a collaboration between consultants, Park Board staff, stakeholder groups, local residents and park users. Thank you for attending this Open House. Your comments and ideas are crucial to the design process and we appreciate your feedback!

## CONSULTANT CORE TEAM

Our core design team is being led by **Hapa Collaborative Landscape Architecture** and Environmental Design who will bring a fresh set of eyes to study site character and context, define social and environmental features of the site, and conceptualize design of the site and surrounding urban form in a meaningful and integrated manner.

Our public process is being led by **Lance Berelowitz** of **Urban Forum Associates** who facilitated the public process and conceptual design for the 2000 Hillcrest and Riley Parks Master Plan and who brings years of public process facilitation experience to the project.

Our parking and traffic consultation is being facilitated by **Bunt and Associates** who will continue with the work they completed for the 2011 Parking and Traffic Demand Management Report.



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# 2 WHERE WE'RE AT

## The Planning Process

The Park Board undertook an earlier planning exercise that led up to the 2000 Riley Hillcrest Park Master Plan. The 2000 Riley Hillcrest Park Master Plan process also included substantial stakeholder and public consultation, and resulted in a plan that enjoyed widespread support. However, whilst the Park Board approved the 2000 Master Plan at the time, subsequent events — most significantly the decision to host a 2010 Winter Olympics facility at Hillcrest — have meant that the recommendations of the 2000 Plan were superseded. The current planning process will see development of preliminary plan options early in the new year (2013). Following stakeholder and public review and feedback, these options will be refined into a preferred draft Master Plan for Hillcrest and Riley Parks. The draft plan will be further reviewed and refined during 2013. Once it has been approved, the consultants will prepare construction documents in order to tender the work. Construction is expected to begin in 2014, with completion some time in 2015.

## 2013 Current Site Conditions

The Park Board is currently working with a consultant team on improving Hillcrest and Riley parks. Changes at both of these sites, including demolition of the Curling Club, Riley Community Centre and Percy Norman Pool, have created an exciting possibility for various new park program elements, as well as upgrades and greening to both parks.

The current project funding is allocated to updating the Master Plan for the two parks, as well as for park improvements. The key thrust and underlying objective of this process is to ensure that Hillcrest and Riley Parks continue as a significant community asset both today and into the future.

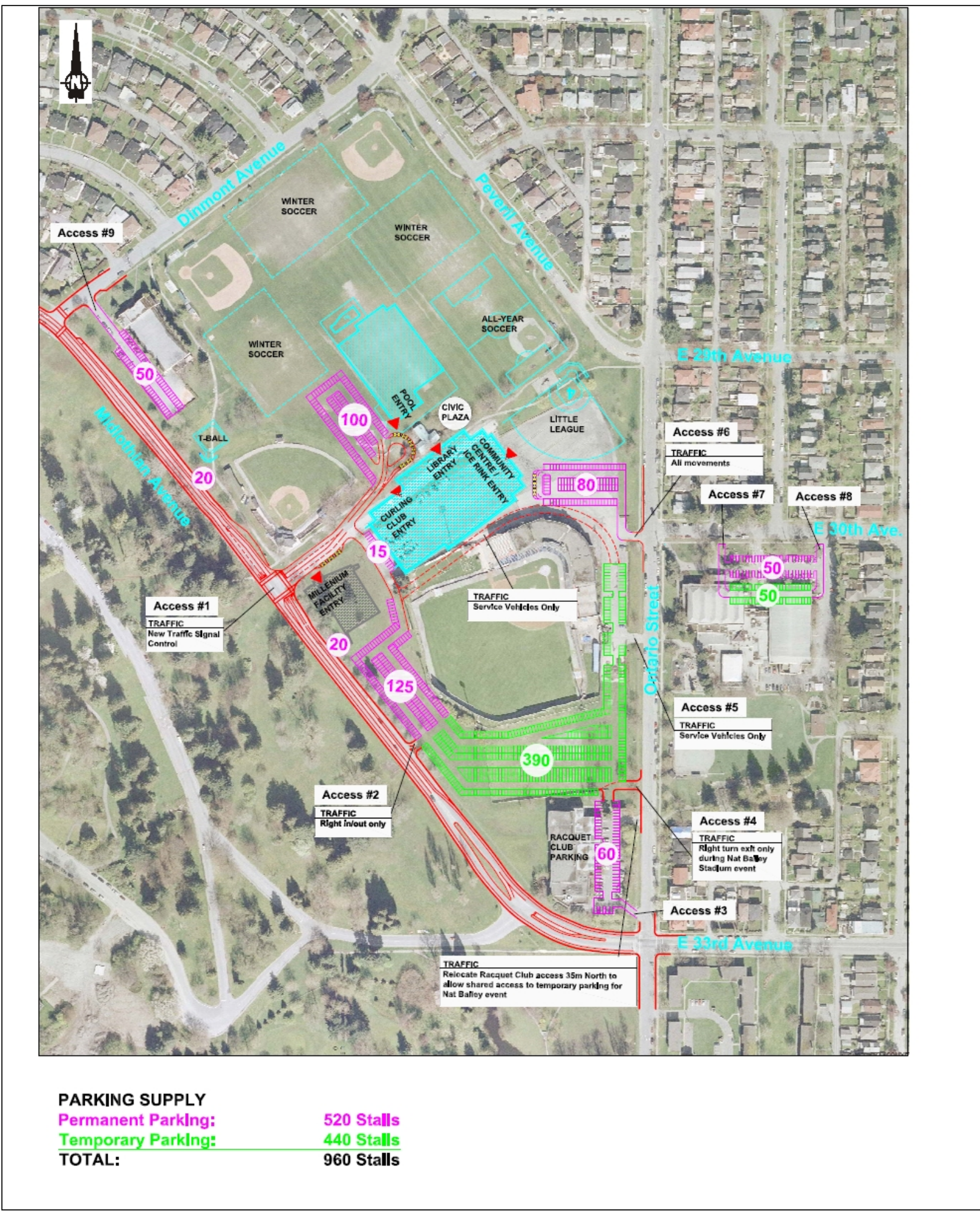


## 2005 Revised Parking and Access Plan

In 2005, prior to the development of Hillcrest Centre, the Board approved the Riley / Hillcrest / Nat Bailey Stadium Parks Master Plan, which incorporated modified parking and access arrangements for the purpose of initiating the rezoning process.

The revised parking and access plan is the result of traffic studies carried out by Bunt & Associates, the project's transportation consultant, in 2005 and on feedback gathered from a public open house and from the Planning and Environment Committee on September 15, 2005. Based on this feedback, five principles were identified that must be balanced to achieve an acceptable parking and traffic plan:

- 1) flexibility
- 2) client convenience
- 3) neighbourhood impact
- 4) park user impact
- 5) affordability



## 2000 Illustrative Landscape Plan, Scenario 2

### Summary of Plan

- Riley Park Community Centre expanded on site
- Riley Park kids playfield relocated to west side of Ontario Street
- Riley Park redesigned as neighbourhood park with improved access from Community Centre
- Ontario Street traffic calmed with pedestrian improvements
- Millennium Sports facility located at corner of Midlothian and Clancy Loranger Way
- Vancouver Raquets Club expanded on west side
- Nat Bailey stadium parking rationalized to permit more direct pedestrian route between Riley and Hillcrest parks
- Hillcrest Park layout remained as is
- Vancouver Curling Club potential expansion on northeast side
- New sidewalks on Midlothian and on Clancy Loranger Way
- Improved ped crossing of Midlothian and new pedestrian path into QE Park
- New pedestrian greenway between RPCC and QE Park
- New on-street parking on east side of Midlothian



2015

**2015**  
Park construction completed

2014

**2014**  
Begin park construction of former VCC site and Riley Community Centre complex site.

**2013- Winter**  
- Board Approval

**2013- Fall**  
- Present Preferred Master Plan at **Public Open House #3**

2013

**2013- Spring**  
Present options at **Public Open House #2**

2012

**2012**  
Hillcrest Riley Master Plan process: meeting with stakeholders and Public Open House #1

2011

**2011**  
2012-2014 Capital Plan approved for Hillcrest Riley Master Plan and park improvements

2010

**2010**  
The curling competition of the 2010 Olympics held at the Vancouver Olympic/ Paralympic Centre

2009

**March 2009**  
World Junior Curling Championships held at the Vancouver Olympic/ Paralympic Centre

2007

**March 2007**  
Construction commences on the Vancouver Olympic/ Paralympic Centre at Hillcrest Park

2006

**January 2006**  
The Revised Parking and Access Plan, 2005 included in Council report, CD-1 Rezoning of Hillcrest and Nat Bailey Stadium Parks

2005

**October 2005**  
The Revised Parking and Access Plan, 2005 approved for the purpose of initiating the rezoning process

**May 2005**  
The Riley, Hillcrest, Nat Bailey Stadium Park Masterplan approved for building massing and siting

2003

**July 2003**  
International Olympic Committee selects Vancouver and Whistler to host the 2012 Olympic Winter Games. Hillcrest Park identified as an olympic venue which required a new masterplan

2000

**September 2000**  
Riley Hillcrest Park Masterplan, **Scenario 2**, approved by Vancouver Parks Board

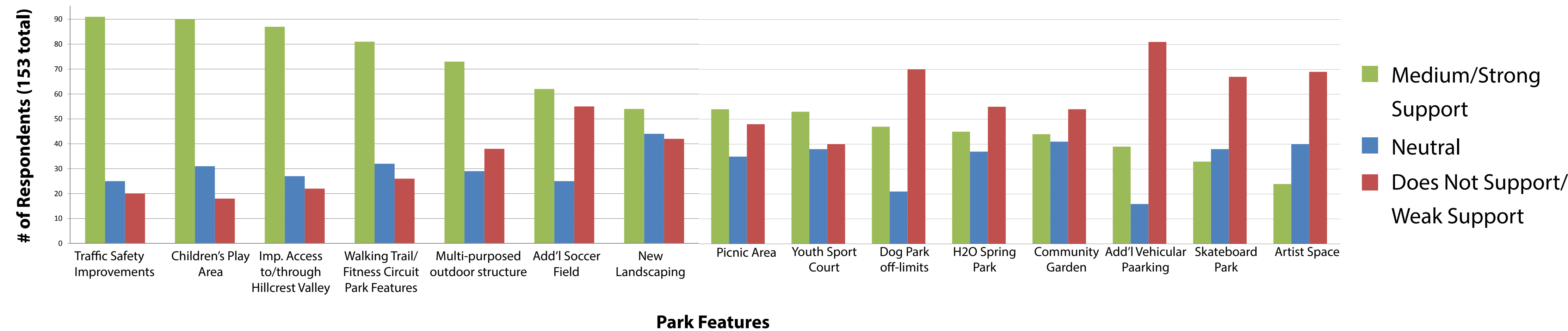


# 3 WHAT WE HEARD

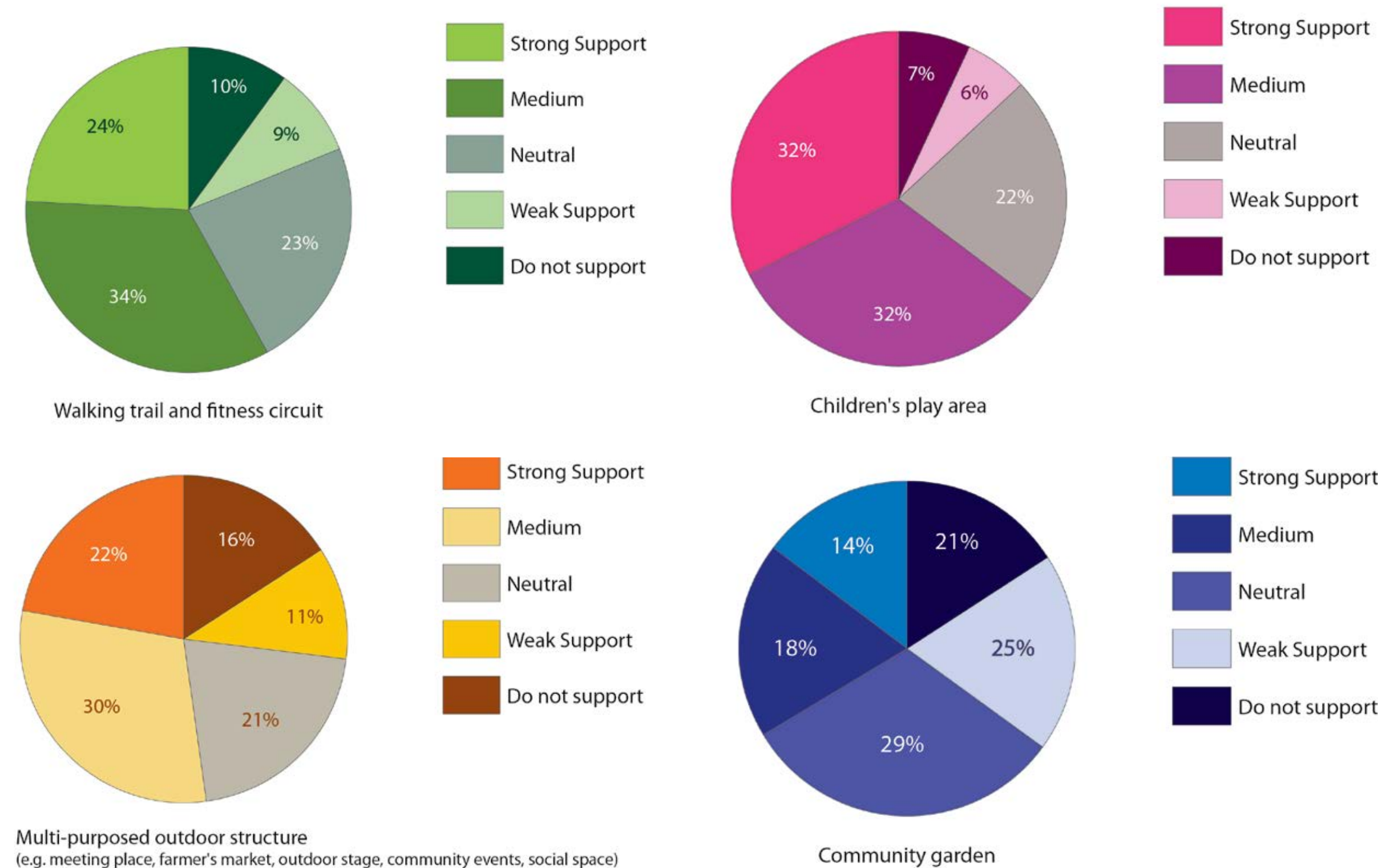
## SUMMARY OF OPEN HOUSE #1

These charts show some of the key input we received from stakeholders and residents after the first round of community consultation on the Hillcrest Riley Master Plan process, conducted in early December 2012 at Hillcrest Centre. Over 150 responses were received.

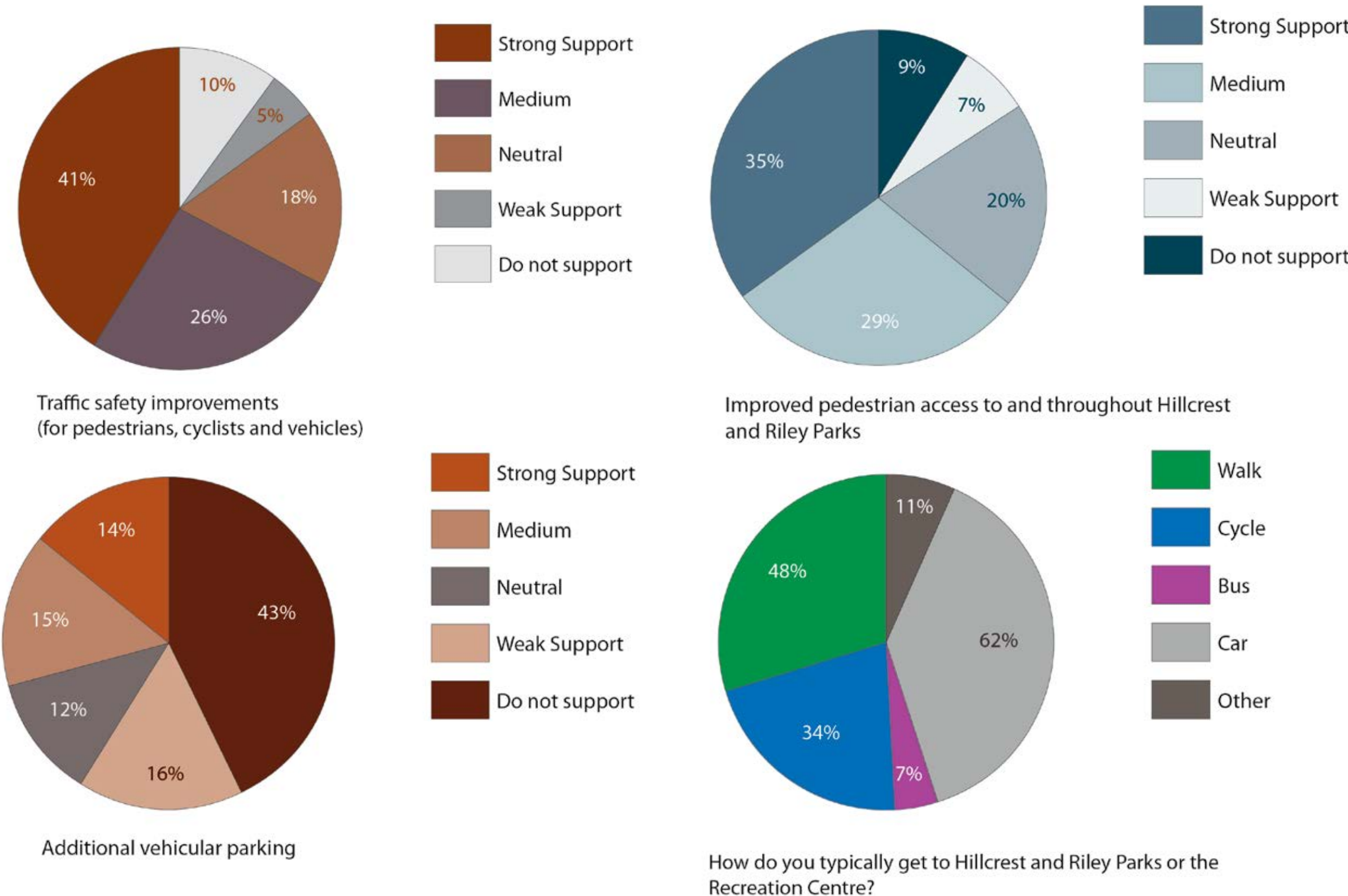
## Hillcrest and Riley Parks: Summary of Survey Results for Dec. 2012



## Level of Support for the Following Features:



## Level of Support for the Following Improvements:



## Park Amenities

- Many respondents noted the need for new or improved soccer and baseball playing areas.
- Need to fix drainage issues
- Many noted the need for expanded facilities (ice rink, pool, fitness)
- High support for community gathering spaces, community garden and kitchen
- High support for kids/toddlers playground
- Support for a perimeter jogging path
- Support for on-site art creation
- Support for better lighting
- Support for seniors' programming
- Improve safety and access throughout the site
- Support for covered multi-purpose structure for gathering and farmer's market

## Transportation

- Most respondents arrive by car, and the majority are able to find available parking on-site
- Additional vehicular parking is largely unsupported
- Traffic safety improvements are needed for all transportation modes
- Many people noted that Ontario + 30<sup>th</sup> needs better traffic management
- Close SE entrance to parking on Ontario
- Improvements to the Nat Bailey gravel parking lot
- Support for permeable parking surfaces and better managed parking

## THE DESIGN PRINCIPLES BELOW REFLECT KEY INPUTS RECEIVED:

**1 | GREEN, NOT GREY**  
Maximize green space for park programming rather paved area for additional parking. A parking variance has been submitted and is under review by COV.

**2 | HIGHEST, BEST USE**  
Propose design interventions that provide the most impact to the highest number of users.

**3 | CONNECTIONS AND CIRCULATION (PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLES + VEHICLES)**  
Prioritize pedestrian and cyclist connections with traffic calming measures (ie. use Ontario Greenway to join the two parks). Reduce vehicular congestion with legible entry/exit points, one-way drive aisles and green parking lot upgrades.

**4 | FLEXIBILITY AND ADAPTABILITY**  
Design for a balance of summer/ winter activities, everyday/ large events and neighbourhood/destination users.

**5 | ACCESSIBLE TO ALL**  
Improve legibility of the campus with gateways, wayfinding and signage. Augment pathway connections to allow universal access across the site.

**6 | USER EXPERIENCE**  
Enhance arrival sequence for all modes of transportation, giving priority to pedestrians and cyclists. Introduce paved plazas to define safe, well-lit pedestrian areas and large events. Transform barriers into memorable site features that are unique to Hillcrest and Riley Parks.







# 4 HILLCREST RILEY PROPOSED MASTER PLAN



## LEGEND

- 1 Location of Former Curling Club  
(See Board 7 for Options)
- 2 Improved Pedestrian Walkway
- 3 Pedestrian Pathway and Tree Planting
- 4 Covered Outdoor Ampitheatre at Library
- 5 Improved Traffic Circle
- 6 Lit Stairway Connection to QE Park
- 7 Wayfinding Signage
- 8 Paved Outfield Parking Lot (with lines)
- 9 Baseball Supergraphic on Stadium Wall
- 10 One-Way Traffic through Hillcrest Parking Lot
- 11 Enlarged Pedestrian Plaza
- 12 One-Way Traffic to Outfield Parking Lot
- 13 Walkway Along Stadium Wall
- 14 Ontario Street (See Board 6 for Transportation  
2040 Plan)
- 15 Entry/Exit on Ontario St. to Outfield Parking Lot
- 16 Location of Former Riley Community Centre  
(Refer to Boards 8, 9 + 10 for Options)
- 17 Reinstated Perimeter Walking Trail
- 18 Deck Plaza at Existing Trees
- 19 Improved Pedestrian Walkway
- 20 Cyclist Connection from Ontario St to Hillcrest
- 21 One- Way Vancouver Raquets Club
- 22 Pedestrian Path from Peveril
- 23 Knothole Park
- 24 Parking Lot Entry Closed to Vehicles  
Except for Game Day

-  Pedestrian Circulation
-  Cyclist Circulation
-  Perimeter Walking Trail
-  One-Way Vehicular Traffic

