



June 23, 2022

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Donnie Rosa - General Manager, Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **Killarney Track and Field Training Facility – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the Killarney Park Track and Field Training Facility project and notify you that a Request for Proposal (RFP) process is underway to obtain an experienced track and field consulting team to undertake the planning, design and construction administration for the project. It is anticipated that the RFP will be posted this week.

Background

On September 30, 2019, the Vancouver Park Board approved the [Track and Field Strategy](#), developed in partnership with the Vancouver School Board (VSB). The strategy guides short and long-term investment, management and programming at Vancouver's track and field facilities, and includes an implementation plan that outlines priority improvements for each of our existing facilities.

The first phase of implementation includes three projects: 1) Templeton Park / Templeton Secondary School; 2) Kerrisdale Park / Point Grey Secondary School; and 3) Vancouver Technical Secondary School (VanTech). While both Templeton and Kerrisdale projects are underway, the timelines for the VanTech competitive track and field facility have recently been extended to allow VSB to review various School Board priorities on the VanTech site.

Priority Shift – Killarney Park

While the VSB undertakes an ongoing review of the VanTech site, Park Board staff have shifted implementation focus to Killarney Park to deliver a new facility in the near-term. The VanTech facility will still be a future consideration, but timing is dependant on VSB direction. This shift has been made in an effort to accelerate the delivery of much needed recreation services to the community and to hold to commitments made through the strategy process.

After a thorough review of the Strategy's original implementation plan, with specific consideration for current factors and conditions at each of Vancouver's 14 track and field sites, Killarney Park's existing 6-lane, 400m asphalt track was identified as the most appropriate facility for re-prioritization. The site also hosts a number of existing amenities (e.g. community centre, arena and pool, seniors centre, secondary school, parking and transit) that further support a new track and field facility at this location.

Further to this, the 2019 Track and Field Strategy included 3 rounds of public engagement that ranked Killarney Park as one of the most utilized and supported track and field facilities in Vancouver. Engagement results also showed that the most important factor in determining which sites should be upgraded was close proximity to a community facility. More recent stakeholder communications with members of the Vancouver School Board, Track and Field Advisory



Committee, and Killarney Community Centre Society further support the shift to Killarney in lieu of a near-term facility at VanTech.

Through a recent site feasibility study, it has been identified that the existing Killarney Park site does have the capacity to accommodate a regulation 8-lane track, however a thoughtful site planning process will be undertaken to better understand the trade-offs that will need to be mitigated in locating the facility on the existing running track site. (e.g. impacts to existing trees and other elements).

Next Steps

Staff will be issuing a Request for Proposal to obtain an experienced track and field consultant team to undertake the planning, design, and construction administration for the project. The initial planning phase of consulting work is funded in the current capital budget, and staff are seeking funding for the remaining consulting phases and full construction costs for the facility within the 2023-2026 Capital Plan. Further updates will be provided as the project progresses.

Regards,

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