

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

The Vancouver Park Board is planning a full renewal of the existing dog off-leash area (OLA) in Coopers' Park.

Improvements to the OLA are guided by *The People, Parks & Dogs Strategy (2017)*, with the goal of creating a safe and engaging park space for people with and without dogs.

Updates on the timeline are available for the new fitness area and playground renewal under the Cambie Street Bridge, which were presented for public feedback in 2018 and 2019.

WHAT IS ALREADY BEING PLANNED



Secure fence to be added around off-leash area



A new park washroom, hand wash station and drinking fountain will be installed



Engagement on fitness area and seawall playground was completed in 2019

WHAT INPUT WE NEED FROM YOU



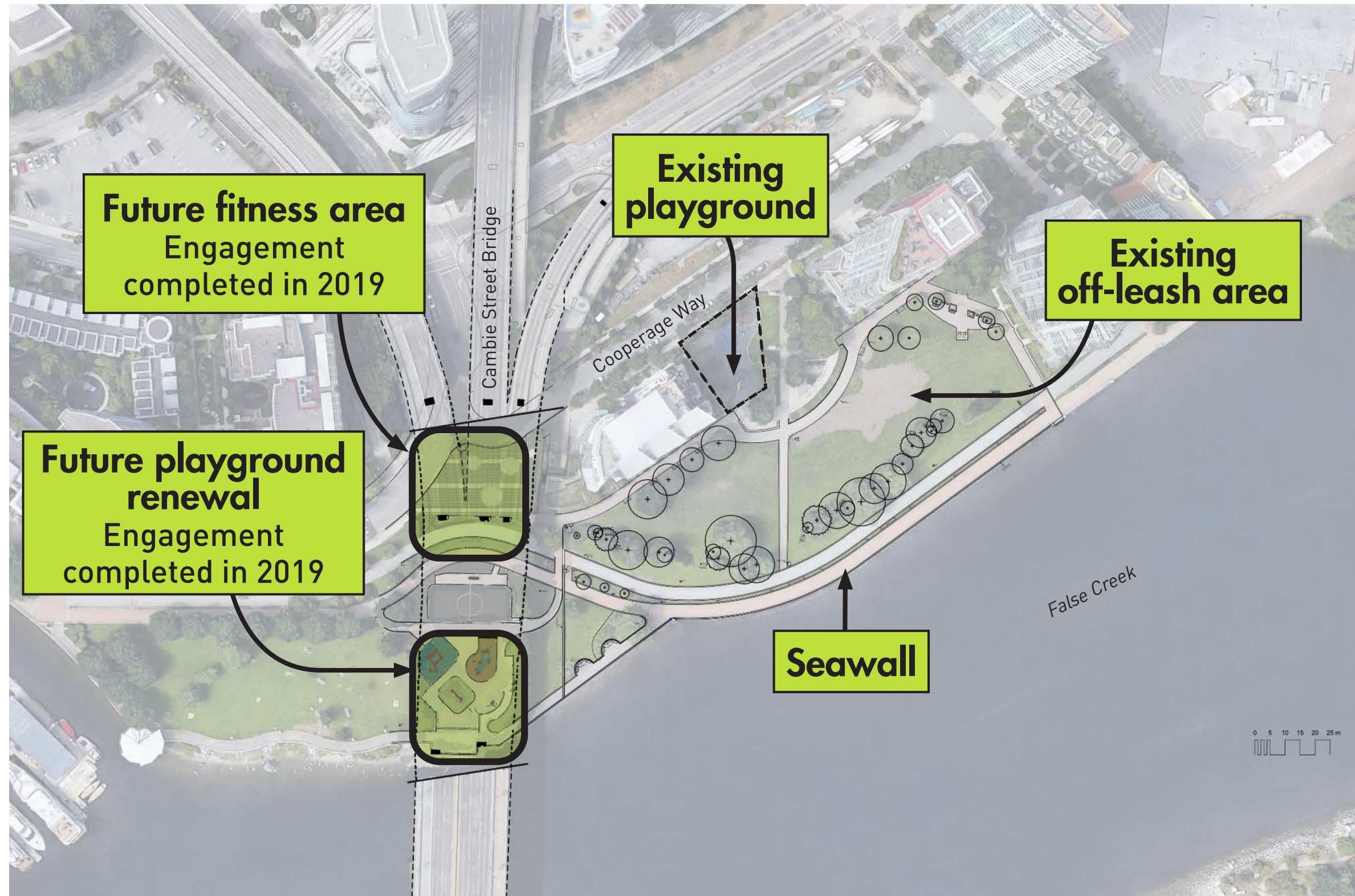
What features do you most prefer for the off-leash area?



What type of surfacing do you most prefer for the off-leash area?



Is there anything we missed that you would like to see in the off-leash area?



WHAT IS WORKING WELL?



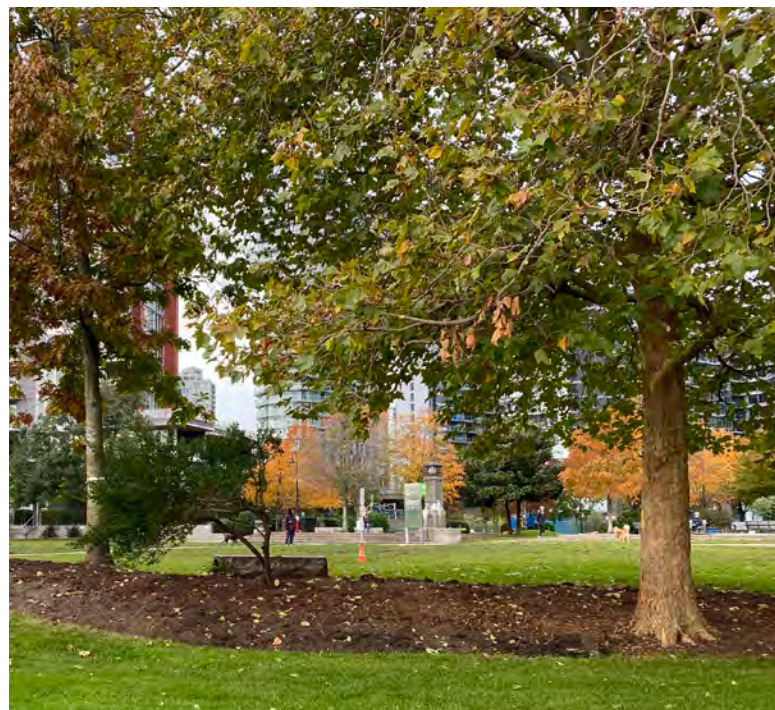
Attractive location on the False Creek Seawall



Existing dog drinking fountains



Good accessibility by separated bike and pedestrian pathways



Surrounded by mature trees and planting beds



One of six pilot projects for red bin program to collect/compost dog waste



Large areas to run and play fetch



Educational signage



Other park amenities nearby



Have we missed anything?

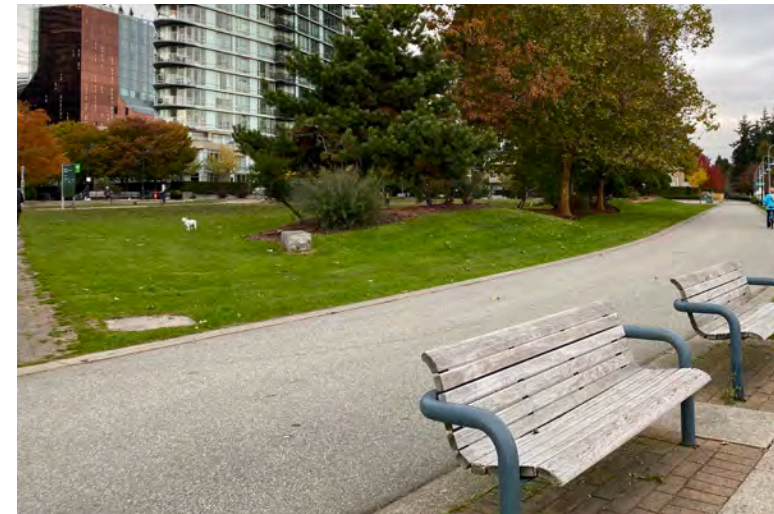
WHAT IS NOT WORKING WELL?



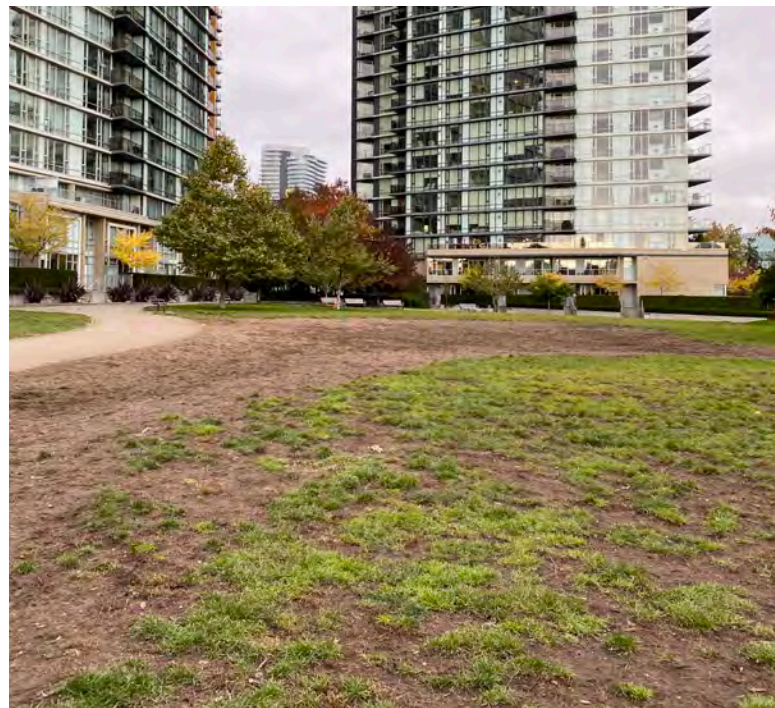
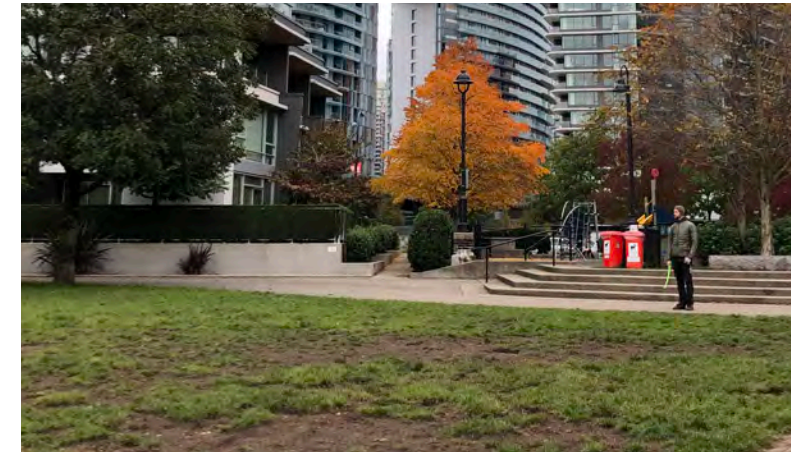
Lawn surfacing can't withstand high use



Poor lighting when you need to take your dog out before sunrise/after sunset



No cover to protect from rain and sun



Lack of variation for types of play and socialization



Unclear boundaries and no fencing to separate from adjacent uses



Have we missed anything?

VANCOUVER'S PEOPLE, PARKS & DOGS STRATEGY

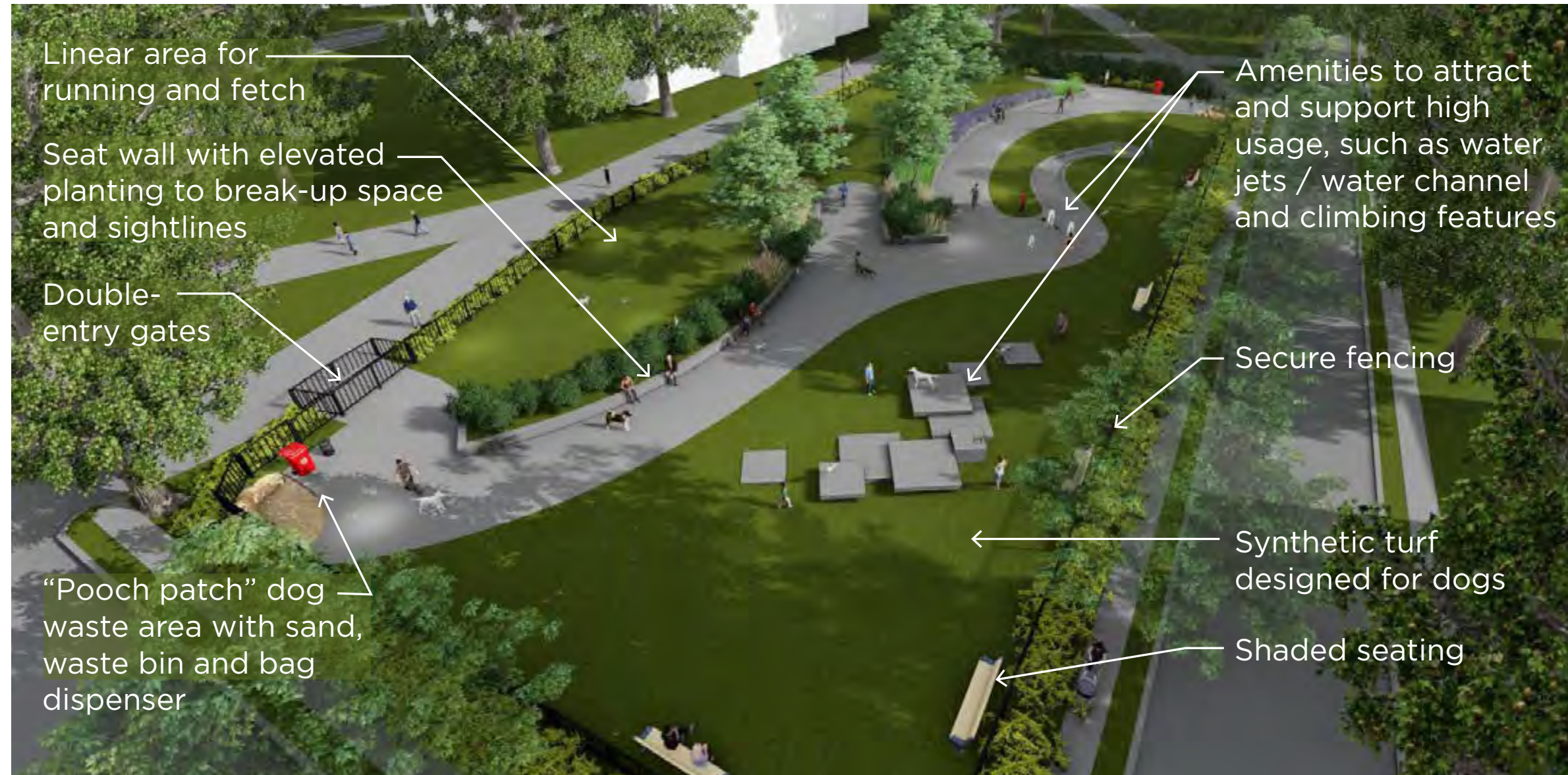
**PEOPLE
PARKS &
DOGS**
A strategy for sharing
Vancouver's parks



Extensive research, analysis and public engagement was completed to develop *The People, Parks & Dogs Strategy*. The strategy categorizes OLAs based on size and location, and outlines design recommendations for each category. Based on the size (0.4 ha) and location (downtown Vancouver) Coopers' Park OLA is considered a 'Neighbourhood Urban' OLA. Design recommendations for a 'Neighbourhood Urban' dog off-leash area are shown on this page, and guided the design options included in this presentation.

OLA = Off-leash area

DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PEOPLE, PARKS & DOGS STRATEGY



Size: From 0.04 to 0.4 ha
(0.1 to 1 acre)



Boundaries: secure, high
quality fencing



Circulation: Designed to
reduce congestion



Surfacing: Durable,
specialty surfacing



Adjacencies: More
compatible adjacencies



Standard and special
amenities to attract and
support high use, such
as water play and agility
features

Graphics: *People Parks & Dogs:*
A strategy for sharing Vancouver's parks
(VPB October 2017)

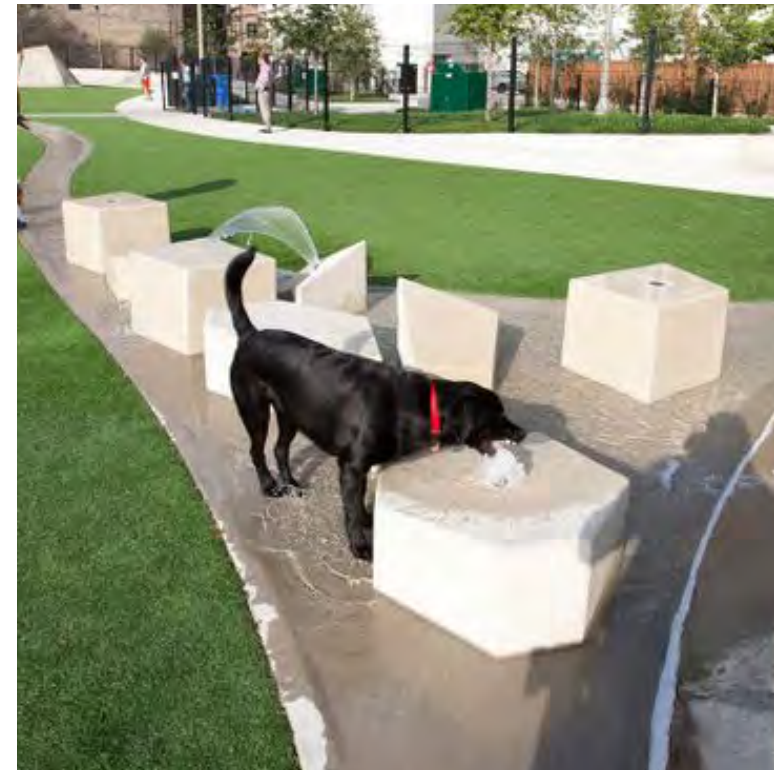
WHICH AMENITIES
WOULD YOU MOST
LIKE TO HAVE?



Open areas for fetch, running



Agility features



Water play features



Custom seating



Separate area for shy dogs



Shelter for shade or rain



Designated digging area



Have we missed anything?

WHAT TYPE OF
AGILITY FEATURES
DO YOU LIKE BEST?



Tunnels



Ramps



Boulders



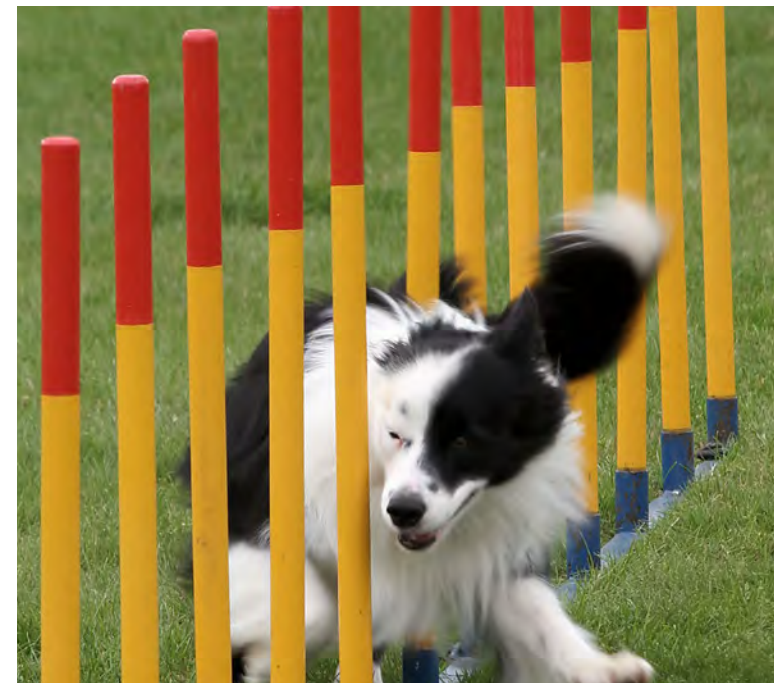
Logs



Mounds



Climbing blocks



Poles

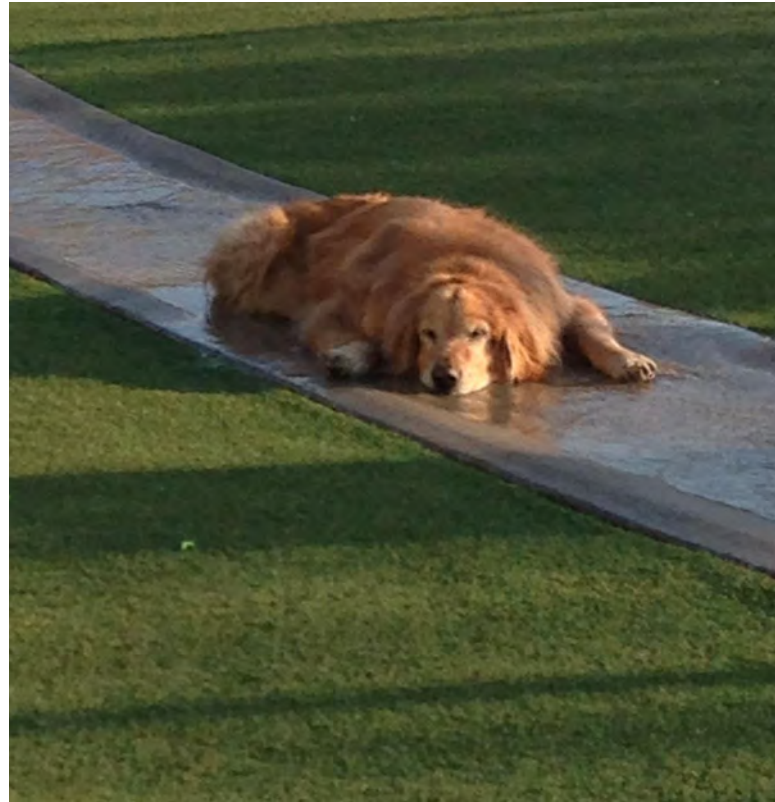


What have we missed?

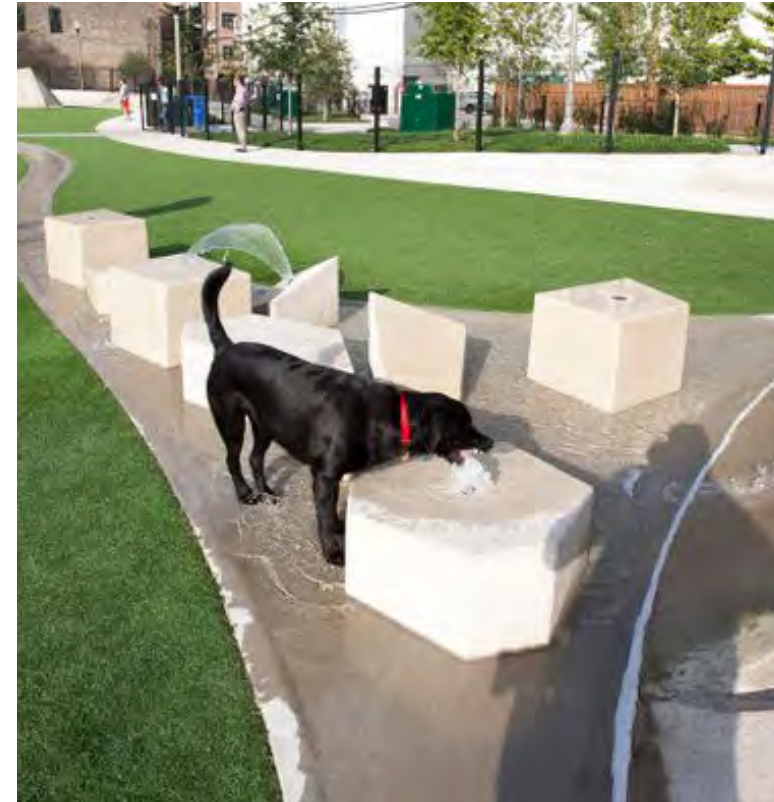
WHAT TYPE OF
WATER FEATURES DO
YOU LIKE BEST?



Jets



Runnels



Bubbling boulders + balls



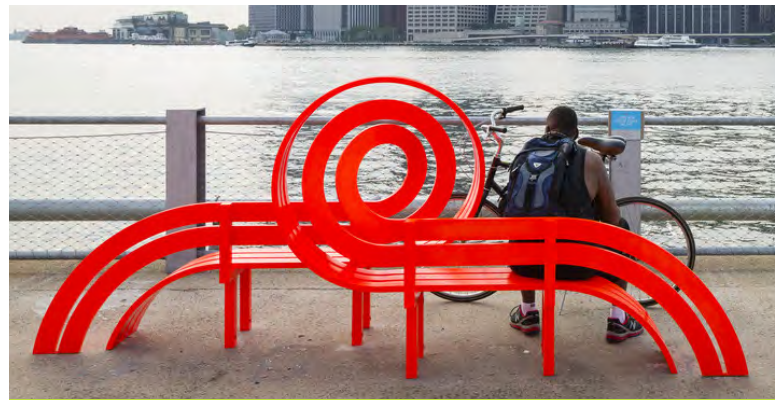
Pumps



What have we missed?



WHAT TYPE OF SEATING DO YOU LIKE BEST?



Traditional

Custom/themed

Moveable

Wood/decking

What have we missed?



WHAT TYPE OF SURFACING DO YOU LIKE BEST?



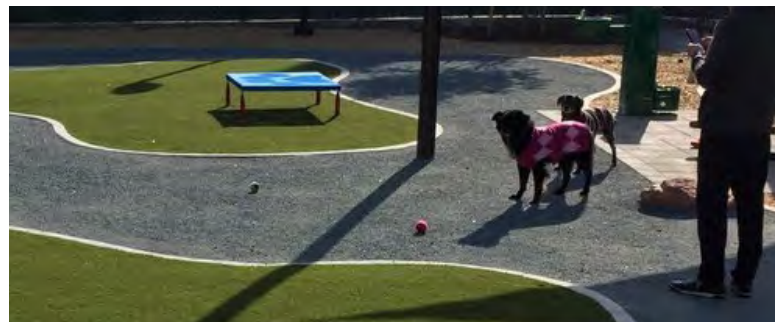
Sand



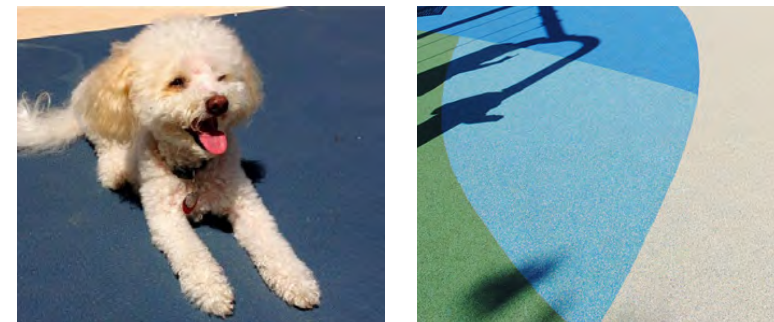
Gravel



Concrete



Asphalt



Poured-in-place rubber



Wood chips



Synthetic turf



What have we missed?

COOPERS' PARK DOG OFF-LEASH AREA RENEWAL

CONCEPT PLAN

A proposed layout for the new Coopers' Park OLA has been developed with new circulation, designated play zones and seating areas. Please let us know your thoughts on the layout shown.

The design will be adjusted based on feedback received.

OLA = Off-leash area

- 1 Double-gated accessible entry
- 2 Pooch patch dog waste area
- 3 Accessible walking path
- 4 Runnels
- 5 Mounds
- 6 Trash receptacles
- 7 Secure fence

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

- 8 Playground safety improvements



COOPERS' PARK OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

WASHROOM

WHAT IS ALREADY BEING PLANNED

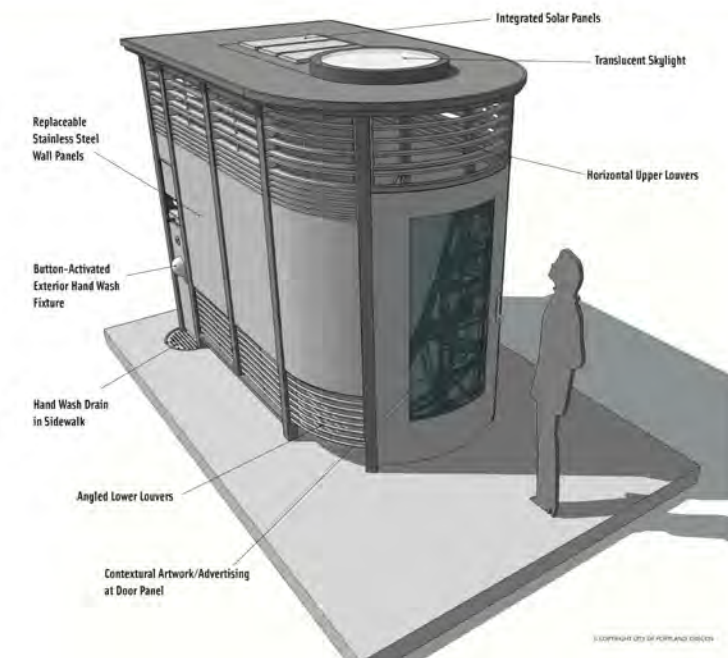
A NEW WASHROOM

The Vancouver Park Board adopted *The Parks Washroom Strategy* in November 2020 with a vision “to provide safe, clean, and accessible washroom facilities to enhance the park experience for all”. A key objective of the strategy is to identify under-served areas and Coopers' Park is one of five parks prioritized for a new washroom in the current capital plan.

Public feedback from *The People, Parks & Dogs Strategy* further reinforces the need for washrooms to be located near OLAs, and a washroom was the most requested additional feature through previous public engagements on Coopers' Park.



An accessible, single stall washroom with exterior hand wash station and nearby drinking fountain will be installed in Coopers' Park in 2021.



All proposed improvements for Coopers' Park are shown here including:

1 New fitness area

A new Pacific Northwest themed fitness area was presented for feedback in 2019.

2 Full playground renewal

A new Pacific Northwest themed playground renewal was presented for feedback in 2019.

3 New public washroom

A single stall, universally accessible washroom with hand-wash station and drinking fountain.

4 Full renewal of dog off-leash area

Proposed improvements are guided by *The People, Parks & Dogs Strategy*.

5 Improved cycling connection

A new separated bike lane connecting riders between Pacific Blvd. and the seawall. New painting and signage on the cycling and pedestrian pathways in Coopers' Park will also be included to improve safety for park users.

6 East playground safety improvements

Benches and new playground fencing will be installed on the northeast boundaries to create a barrier between the playground and Cooperage Way.

