

## GOAL 1:

# GROW AND RENEW PARKS, COMMUNITY CENTRES AND RECREATION ASSETS

to Keep Pace with Population Growth  
and Evolving Needs

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*Our green spaces and facilities keep us healthy and ensure our wellbeing by providing important venues for learning new skills, being outside, connecting with friends and neighbours, vibrant community cultural events, and playing sport.*

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Vancouver's growing population means more people with competing ideas of what a park should be. Some are looking for a quiet spot, some a setting for social gatherings, and still others a place to play sports. Increased density means a growing number of people with limited to no access to personal outdoor space. This has many of us looking to our city parks to fill that need.

Balancing these different interests, especially as they grow and change can be a challenge. The Park Board is committed to continually identifying,

through community engagement, data analysis, and mapping, each neighbourhood's dynamic needs, and adapting spaces and facilities to meet them.

Accommodating and balancing these needs can mean acquiring land for new parks, building community centres and facilities, renewing existing ones, or by making parks and facilities flexible enough to meet each community's interests as they change. These measures will not only allow us to address today's needs, they'll help us keep pace with tomorrow's.