

MacLean spray park renewal

Public information session summary

What's happening

The Vancouver Park Board is renewing the spray park and fieldhouse washrooms at MacLean Park. This work involves replacing these aging features, improving accessibility and supporting a safe, inclusive neighbourhood space.

We have developed a concept design for the spray park guided by policy and direction from Park Board staff and consultants with expertise in spray park design. The concept plan proposes new water spray features, surfacing, and mechanical system upgrade, as well as converting the existing washrooms to a universal design to better accommodate the accessibility and comfort of all community members.

On July 12, 2025, we hosted an information session at MacLean Park for the community to review the concept design and ask questions of staff. This report summarizes that session.

Draft concept



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Highlights



75 visitors joined Park Board staff for an in-person information session on July 12, 2025.



4,625 notification postcards were delivered to Strathcona residents.



Information signs and posters were posted in the park and at neighbouring community centres and businesses.



Shared project details directly with neighbourhood organizations, including Strathcona Community Association, Yarrow Society and Strathcona Community Policing Centre.

What we heard

Park Board staff shared details about the renewal process, gathered insights on how neighbours currently use the site, and listened to comments on the proposed design.

Comments on current condition

Spray park

- People enjoy the existing mounds and valleys in the surfacing, though some noted that it has been a **slipping hazard**
- Children enjoy using the topography to **control water flow**
- People enjoy the powerful **ground sprays**
- Acknowledgement that the existing splash pad seems to help **cool the park**
- People use spray park in **off-season** for biking

Washrooms

- **Blindspots** at entries make washrooms feel unsafe
- **Difficult to access** for those with wheelchairs
- Concerns over washroom **cleanliness**

Comments on draft concept

Spray park renewal

- General **support** for spray park renewal
- Desire for **variety** of intensity zones
- Consider providing opportunities for **all age groups** to use the spray park to cool down in the summer, including older citizens
- Desire for opportunities to slow or **control water flow**
- Consider **off-season** use in the design

Washroom renewal

- General **support** for converting washrooms to being single-user and accessible
- Some concerns raised around washroom access and **safety**

Other comments

- Desire to keep existing **seat wall** at south-west corner of park
- Request that **construction** doesn't impact spray park usage

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July 12, 2025 - People visiting pop-up at the park



July 12, 2025 - Kids choosing their favourite spray features

Timeline



What's next?

Your input will help us refine and develop a final concept plan which will be shared with you in fall 2025.

Visit our website to stay informed as this project progresses!



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