



CHINATOWN COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

NORTHEAST FALSE CREEK

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The workshops (scheduled over two days) held at the Chinese Cultural Centre included 20 plus participants from the community. Both City of Vancouver and Park Board staff, in addition to translators, were present at the event.

This workshop was an opportunity to receive feedback and guidance on the refined guiding principles for the Park.

The workshop included a staff presentation followed by a discussion. Various materials and maps were available to view and allowed for additional comments and feedback as the material was reviewed.

The presentation provided an update on the planning team’s work. The emerging design principles and park identity were also shared with the group.

WHAT WE HEARD

- CITY NEEDS TO SERVE THE NEED OF THE COMMUNITY
- CLARITY ON LIMITATIONS - FRUSTRATION ABOUT NOT SEEING DESIGNS YET
- CONSIDER SENIORS’ NEEDS
- CONSIDER SPACES FOR SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES
- SAFETY, SECURITY, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION CONCERNS
- ECONOMIC ASPECT IMPORTANT
- WARY OF TOKEN GESTURE - HAVE AN OVERALL SUSTAINABLE APPROACH

WORKSHOP KEY POINTS

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Safe, Inclusive, and Accessible year round, and in the evenings

- Designed for ALL ages, intentionally designed with accessibility considerations such as low grade ramps and easy walking paths (for strollers, wheelchairs, and walkers).
- Supports healthy and active aging.
- The people's backyard; many people living nearby don't have green space.

Amenities that allow people to stay a while

- Affordable and culturally appropriate local food outlets.
- Clean and safe public bathrooms.

Supports cultural and day to day activities, as well as small and large group gatherings

- Flat spaces for small group activities.
- Space that is flexible and scalable to larger gatherings.
- The park will be culturally vibrant as a result of people practicing their culture and feeling welcome to use the park.

Facilitate intercultural exchanges and acceptance

- Space to share food/meals.
- Community driven but city supported programming that facilitates cultural exchanges.

Brings economic benefits to Chinatown

- Welcoming pathways to Chinatown.
- Partnerships between local businesses and recreation groups.

Outdoor Spaces and Buildings

- The physical environment is an important determinant of physical and mental health for everyone. Creating supportive environments, including age-friendly outdoor spaces and building design, can enhance physical well-being and quality of life, accommodate individuality and independence, foster social interaction and enable people to conduct their daily activities.

Provide intergenerational outdoor activities

- Foster socialization between younger and older members of the community, and provide assistance to those with mobility problems.
- Set up indoor walking clubs for periods of poor weather conditions.
- Post signage indicating the location of public restrooms.
- Provide good lighting throughout neighbourhoods and on trails.

