

# Slocan Park Youth Hub Renewal

## Public Information Sessions Summary



### What's happening

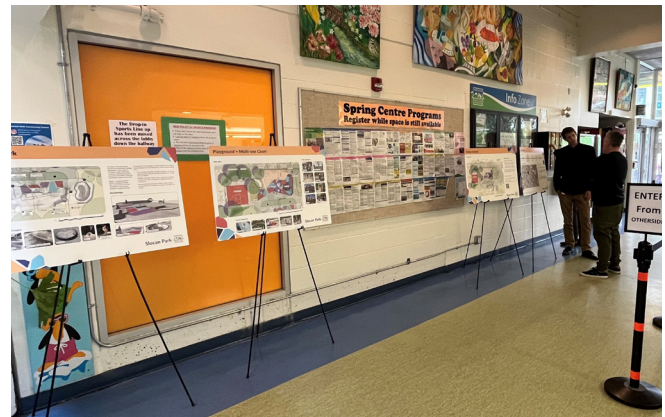
The Vancouver Park Board is planning a renewal for Slocan Park, introducing new and upgraded amenities. The vision is to create a welcoming space for a diverse range of users, with a focus on youth.

We developed a concept design for the park guided by policy and direction from Park Board staff and consultants with expertise in play space and park design. It features an upgraded playground, a new sport court for children and youth of all ages and abilities, and replaces the aging wading pool with a custom concrete skatepark to enhance youth-focused amenities.

This report summarizes the feedback we received on the proposed concept during the public information sessions held at Slocan Park on March 29 and Renfrew Community Centre on April 8.



March 29, 2025 - Pop-up at Slocan Park



April 8, 2025 - Pop-up in Renfrew Community Centre

### Highlights



In-person events were held on March 29 and April 8, 2025, which welcomed around 75 visitors.



Notification letters were delivered to residents within a one-block radius.



Signage was installed in the park and posters were displayed at Renfrew Community Centre and Collingwood Neighbourhood House.



Connected with community organizations for feedback such as Still Moon Arts Society, Slocan Fieldhouse Artists in Residence and Vancouver Skateboard Coalition.



Social media posts were shared through the Park Board's Facebook and Instagram channels.

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### What we heard

Park Board staff shared details about the renewal process, gathered insights on how neighbours currently use the site, and invited feedback on the proposed concept design.

**Overall, community response was positive, with strong enthusiasm for the proposed amenities and features.**

### How people currently use the park

- Physical and mental health exercise such as tai chi and dancing under the sheltered space
- Children and teens playing in the playground
- Dog walking and play
- Festivals and art crafts events organized by local community organizations
- Summer programming through the Renfrew Community Centre

### Feedback on features

#### Playground

- Strong support for accessible features; interest in acoustic/musical elements
- Desire for flexible and imaginative play opportunities

#### Skatepark

- Strong support for Skatepark in general
- Preference for a more simplified design to improve use in a small footprint.
- Mixed views on portal feature - inclusion to be determined
- Emphasis to be placed on noise buffering and appropriate interfacing with adjacent spaces

#### Sports Court

- Positive response to combining sport court with nearby skatepark and playground amenities
- Some concerns about size, but overall strong support for multi-use function

### We also heard

- Upgraded washrooms
- Fenced dog area with waste bins
- Love to see volleyball or pickleball courts
- Keep all the trees
- Keep covered space for tai chi and dance, no skateboarding
- Spray park for kids
- More art and murals in the space

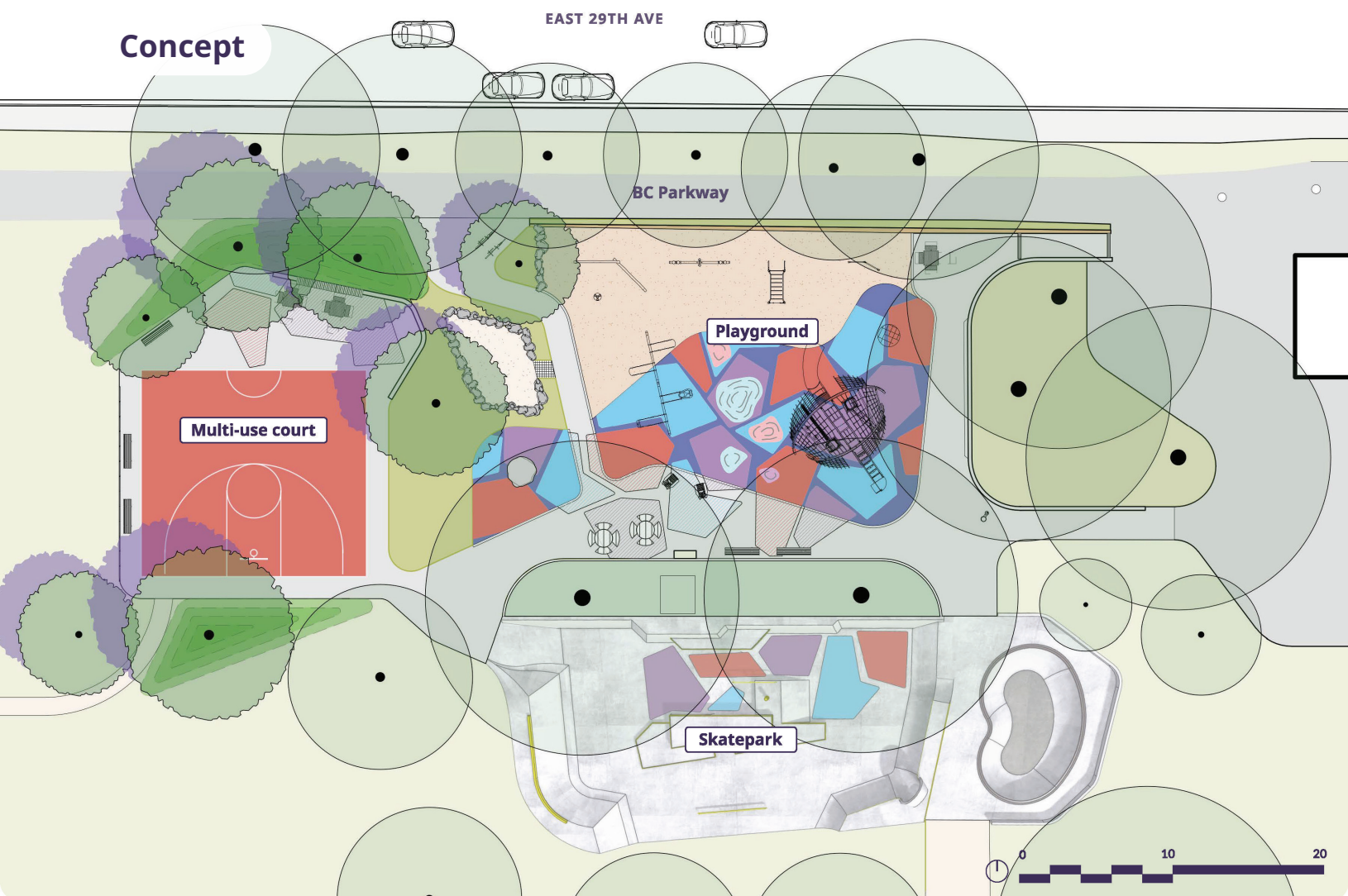
A major concern that residents raised about the park was safety around the fieldhouse and washroom use.

Slocan Fieldhouse and Artists Suite will be prioritized through future planning work as part of the Washroom and Fieldhouse Strategy.



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## Timeline



## What's next?

The feedback gathered during the public information sessions will be used to refine the concept design shown above. The refined design will be reviewed by the Park Board and once approved, the design will be shared publicly in the summer. Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2026.



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