

# 1 WELCOME!

The Vancouver Park Board, in cooperation with the Vancouver School Board, wants to encourage more participation in track and field sports by both competitive athletes and casual users.



## WHAT WILL THE STRATEGY DO?

The Vancouver Track+Field Strategy will:

- Assess existing track+field facilities, current and anticipated use, and trends;
- Identify options for track+field facility improvements for competitive, recreational, and casual users;
- Establish priorities for track + field facility planning, improvements, and management;
- Outline a plan to guide implementation over the next 10 years, including competitive-level track + field facilities

## WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW



How can we encourage track+field participation in Vancouver?

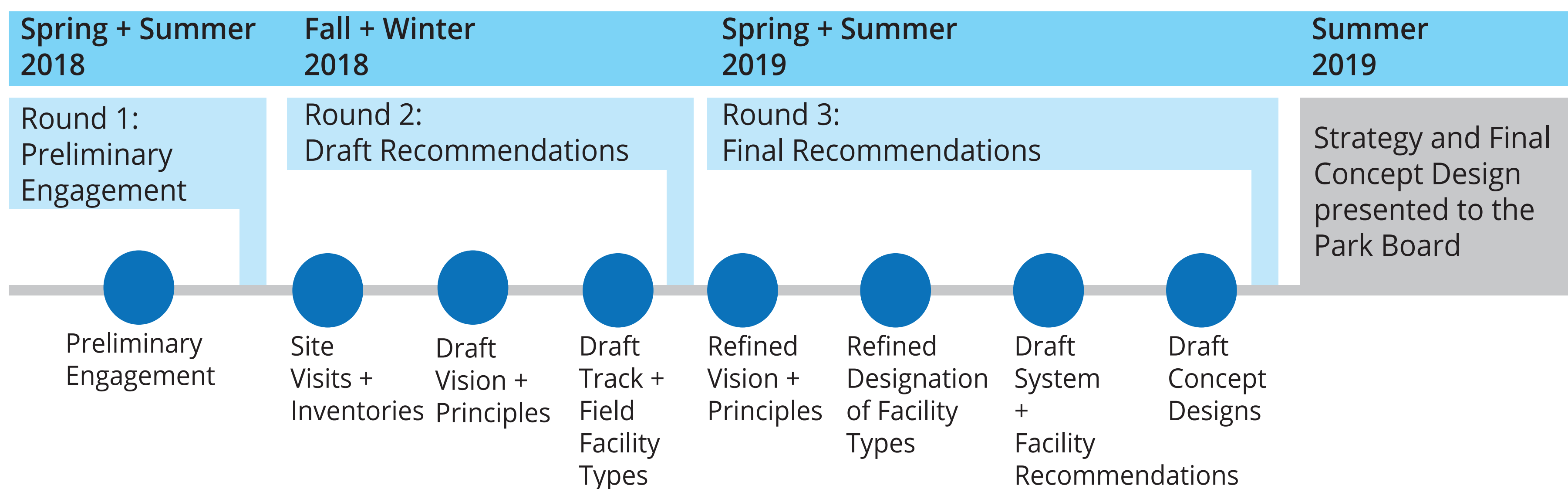
## WHAT HAPPENS TO FEEDBACK COLLECTED:

The planning team will balance:

- Feedback from open houses + workshops
- Feedback from public surveys
- Technical information

This will be used to develop draft recommendations for the planning, design, and management of Vancouver's track + field facilities.

## PROJECT TIMELINE:



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# 2 BACKGROUND

## CURRENT INVENTORY:

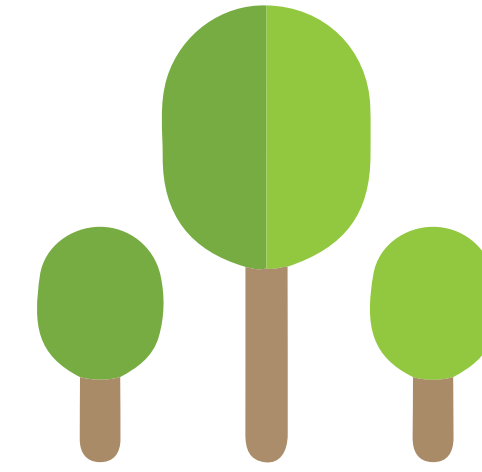
public track+field facilities



track+field facilities at public schools



7 track+field facilities in parks



## LOCAL TRENDS

Facilities:

- More multi-use facilities sometimes at the expense of jumping + throwing events
- Growing number of casual use tracks around sports fields, for example Memorial South
- More walking loops of various distances and surface types
- Greater focus on universal accessibility

Participation:

- 90,000 BC students run track (2016)
- Increasing participation in Masters age group (35+)
- Athletics Canada reported an increase in athletes from 13,600 in 2013 to 14,425 in 2016

Growth areas:

- Track and field related activities
  - Charity runs and fun runs
  - Obstacle courses like Tough Mudder

## NATIONAL + INTERNATIONAL TRENDS

Facilities:

- A small number of facilities are suitable for provincial + national track+field events
- Most facilities with approved track+field amenities are also used for other field sports (e.g. soccer + football)
- New facilities all include universal accessibility
- International events use a mix of permanent + temporary facilities
- Location + support amenities (e.g. accommodation, retail) are key for international events

Participation:

- 330,000 Canadian children + youth participate in track+field annually (Canadian Youth Sport Report, 2014)
- 187,000 student participants in "Run Jump Throw Wheel" (2016) with a goal of 350,000 by 2020

Growth areas:

- School and community programming, for example the Harry Jerome Outreach Society's track program with 600 participants in 2018
- Youth physical literacy remains a high priority focus area for schools - track+field is strongly aligned
- Expanding the types of activities that use track+field venues such as fundraisers and festivals

## WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE?

From April to June 2018, the Vancouver Park Board undertook a preliminary round of engagement for the Strategy.



1586  
PUBLIC  
PARTICIPANTS

Why?

- Gather information on participation
- Identify barriers to participation
- Understand priorities for improving track and field facilities and programs over the next 10 years.



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TALKVANCOUVER  
SURVEY  
RESPONSES

What?

- TalkVancouver survey: 726 responses
- Kids survey: 165 responses
- Discussions with Park Board staff at track+field events: 695 people engaged

168  
KIDS SURVEY  
RESPONSES



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# 3 CURRENT USERS

## FROM ROUND 1 SURVEYS



### MOST POPULAR TRACK+FIELD ACTIVITIES

- ADULTS**
1. Running distance (over 1000m) (cited by 67%)
  2. Running sprints (under 1000m) (cited by 61%)
  3. Jogging for leisure (cited by 46%)
  4. Walking for leisure (cited by 34%)

- KIDS**
1. Running sprints (cited by 76%)
  2. Long jump (cited by 59%)
  3. Jogging (cited by 59%)
  4. Shot put (cited by 49%)



### MOST POPULAR WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

- ADULTS**
1. Solo (36%)
  2. Competitive team/club (27%)
  3. Informal group (19%)
  4. Recreation program/club (19%)

- KIDS**
1. School teams (68%)
  2. Solo (19%)
  3. Competitive team/club (11%)
  4. Community centre class (2%)



### MOST-VALUED ASPECTS OF TRACK+FIELD

- ADULTS**
1. Health (31%)
  2. Recreation (27%)
  3. Competition (23%)
  4. Social Benefits & Community (19%)

- KIDS**
1. Having a good coach or teacher (96%)
  2. Participating with friends (93%)
  3. Being part of a team (91%)
  4. Trying new sports (91%)



### MOST-CITED PRIORITIES FOR TRACK+FIELD

#### Programs

1. Host local competitive Track+Field events (Adults: 44%/Kids: 49%)
2. Partnerships with Vancouver School Board (41%)
3. Improve communication for classes, clubs & teams (41%)

#### Facilities

1. Improve running areas & surfaces (42%)
2. More 8 lane running tracks (Adults: 40%/Kids: 44%)
3. More lit track + field facilities (40%)
4. Better maintenance (29%)

#### Improvements

1. Improve existing facilities & amenities (Adults: 37%/Kids: 39%)
2. Ensure track+field facilities are welcoming, inclusive, accessible (36%)
3. Provide more track+field facilities & amenities (33%)



### MOST-CITED BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION

- ADULTS**
1. Running surface impacts on joints (58%)
  2. Availability of space on the track/field (53%)
  3. Lack of information about facilities (43%)

- KIDS**
1. Facilities are too far from home & school (24%)
  2. Facilities are in poor shape (18%)

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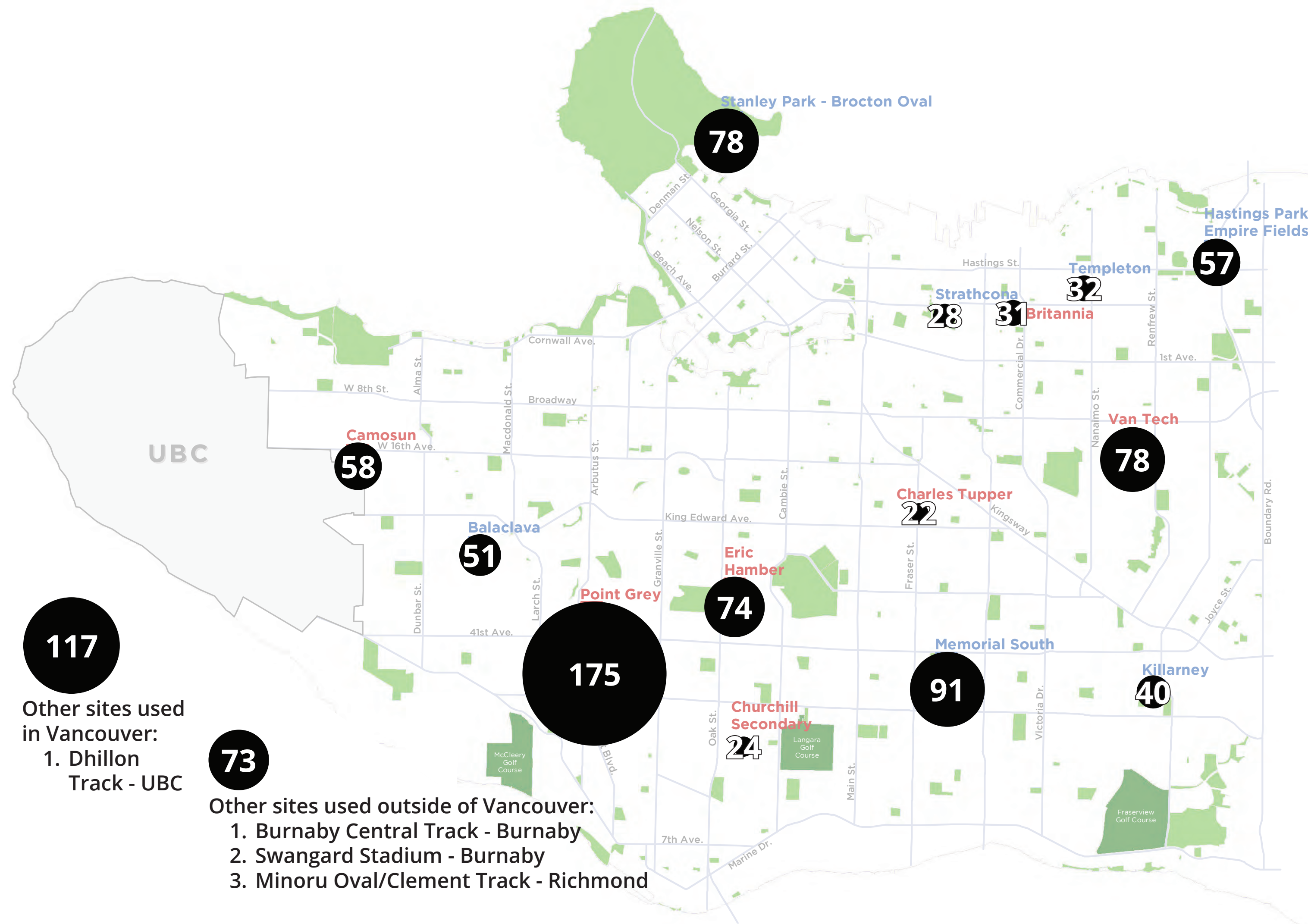
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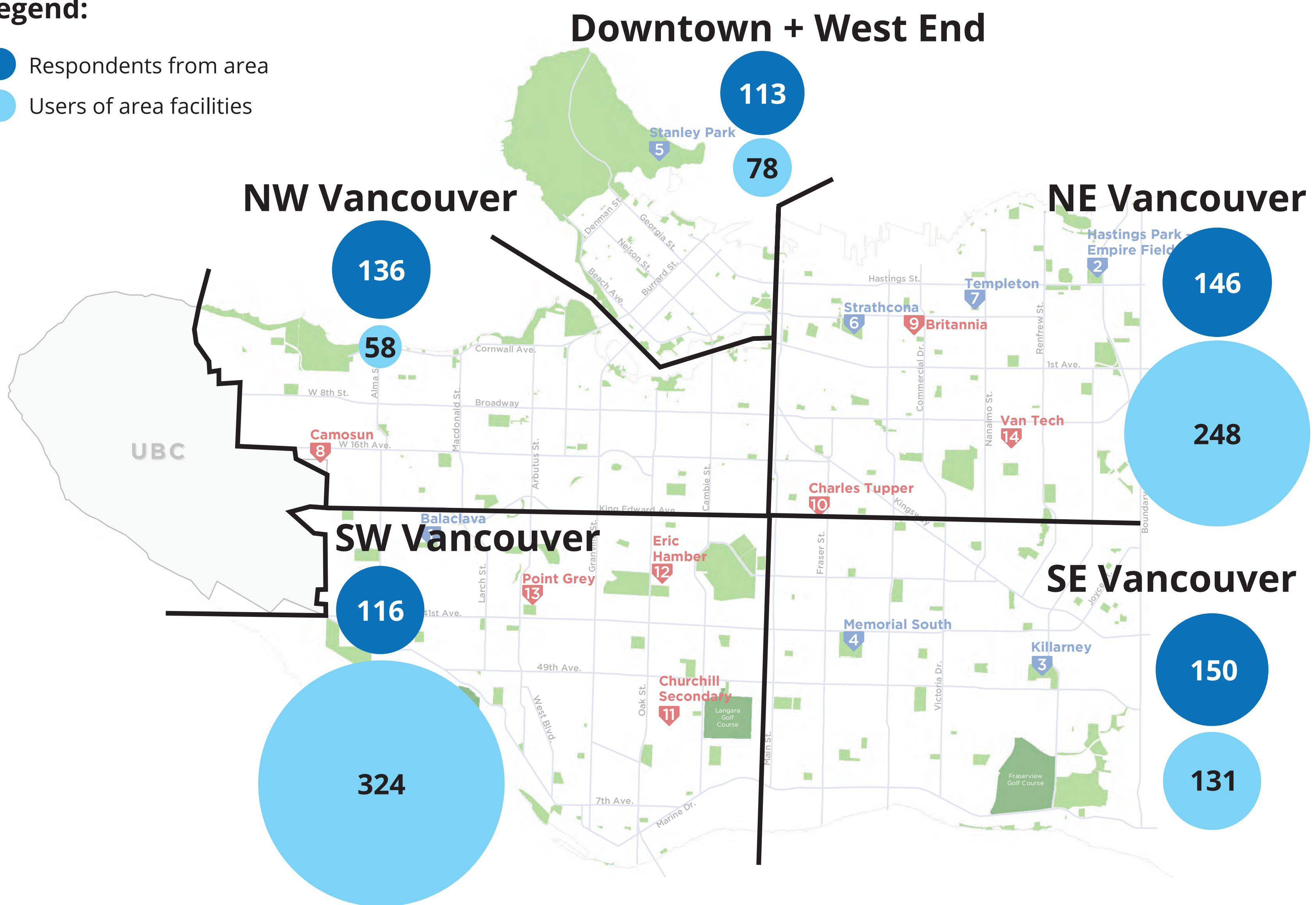
### USAGE OF EXISTING TRACK+FIELD FACILITIES



### WHERE PEOPLE LIVE COMPARED TO TRACK+FIELD FACILITIES USED

Legend:

- Respondents from area
- Users of area facilities



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# 5 TYPES OF TRACK+FIELD FACILITIES

## NEIGHBOURHOOD RECREATIONAL FACILITY



Amenity for causal fitness and recreation activities. It has a track or loop and, if possible, compatible amenities.

### TRACK:

- Can include non-standard track shapes and loops
- Rubber or asphalt surface

### FIELD EVENTS:

- Standard long/triple jump areas where possible

### FACILITY USES:

- Not reservable
- Informal running, walking, athletics, fitness, cross-training, and leisure activities
- Related recreational programs
- School fitness activities and training
- Informal para-athletic training

### SEATING:

- Not required

### AMENITIES WHERE POSSIBLE:

- Washrooms if possible
- Facility lighting if possible
- Compatible amenities like climbing wall, stairs, parkour, outdoor fitness equipment, play areas

### LOCAL EXAMPLES:

- Balaclava (Vancouver)
- Empire Fields (Vancouver)
- Memorial South (Vancouver)

### SITE CONDITIONS:

- Layout can vary to accommodate site conditions or complement other fitness training or activities

### ACCESS:

- Primarily serves local neighbourhood within walking distance
- Bike route connections, if possible
- Parking optional and location dependent

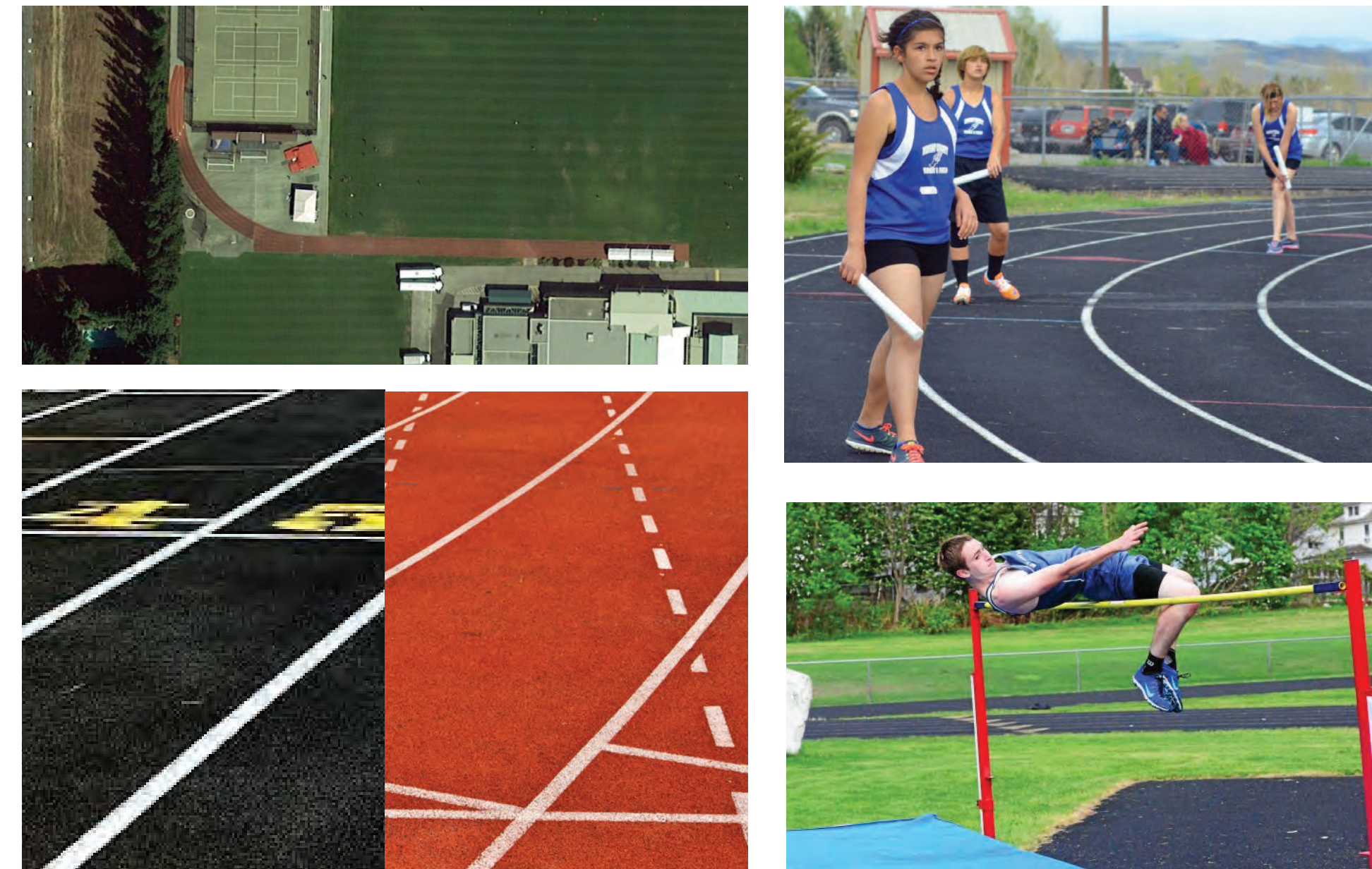
### PROXIMITY TO SERVICES:

- Site is multi-functional, intended to accommodate a variety of associated or complementary recreational and leisure activities

### PRIMARY USERS & DISTRIBUTION EQUITY:

- Serves local leisure users
- Sites selected strategically to provide equitable access for all users city-wide.

## COMMUNITY TRAINING FACILITY



Venue for athletic training that can host local events and competitions. It has a rubberized or asphalt track, and, if possible, throwing and jumping areas.

### TRACK:

- 7 lanes & under, 9 lanes & over
- Standard track shape
- Rubber surfacing if possible

### FIELD EVENTS:

- Jumping areas: Long/triple jump, high jump (steeplechase, hurdles and pole vault if possible)
- Throwing: Javelin, hammer, discus, shot-put (if possible)
- Field event areas should be located together at track site where possible

### FACILITY USES:

- Track+field athletic & para-athletic training if possible
- Reservable facility
- School training and fitness activities
- Destination facility for elementary school track+field events

### SEATING:

- Ideally space for permanent or temporary seats

### AMENITIES WHERE POSSIBLE:

- Adjacent indoor facilities with washrooms, change rooms & some storage space
- Facility lighting, timing, public announcement and communication systems
- Space for warm up, weight training, event admin and staging where possible

### LOCAL EXAMPLES:

- Point Grey (Vancouver)
- Churchill Secondary (Vancouver)
- Van Tech Secondary (Vancouver)

### SITE CONDITIONS:

- Meets, or can be upgraded to meet, some technical standards for competitive athletic and para-athletic training and to host high school athletic events

### ACCESS:

- Easily accessible by transit, cycling, and walking
- Consideration for parking for events where possible
- Serves nearby schools, user groups and residents active in track+field or related activities

### PROXIMITY TO SERVICES:

- Ideally located close to community facilities or amenities to support multi-use, training and complementary activities or programs

### PRIMARY USERS & DISTRIBUTION EQUITY:

- Serves competitive athletes (individuals, teams, clubs) within the larger community and local leisure users
- Sites selected strategically to provide equitable access for all users city-wide.

## DESTINATION COMPETITIVE FACILITY



Venue for athletic and para-athletic training that can host high level competitions. It includes an 8-lane rubberized track built to international standards, jumping and throwing areas, and spectator seating.

### TRACK:

- 8-lane track, international standard
- Rubberized surfacing as required under international standards

### FIELD EVENTS:

- Jumping: Long/triple jump, high jump, steeplechase, hurdles and pole vault
- Throwing: Javelin, hammer, discus, shot-put
- Located on-site or adjacent to track

### FACILITY USES:

- Competitive track+field athletic & para-athletic events and training
- Reservable facility with priority for track+field training and competition
- Destination venue for club, high school or possibly provincial or national athletic events

### SEATING:

- Space for up to 1500 seats or more with temporary seating

### AMENITIES:

- Washrooms, change rooms and equipment storage
- Facility lighting, timing, public announcement and communication systems

### AMENITIES WHERE POSSIBLE:

- Access to indoor facilities
- Space for warm up, weight training, event admin and staging
- Serviced for broadcast capabilities

### LOCAL EXAMPLES:

- Minoru Park (Richmond)
- Burnaby Central Secondary School (Burnaby)

### SITE CONDITIONS:

- Meets, or can be upgraded to meet, technical standards for international athletic and para-athletic competition

### ACCESS:

- Easily accessible by transit and walking, with facilities for cyclists
- Consideration for parking for events in line with seating capacity
- Located for easy access for all types of local and non-local users and visitors

### PROXIMITY TO SERVICES:

- Optimally located close to community centres or schools to support indoor training, space for event staging and administration

### PRIMARY USERS & DISTRIBUTION EQUITY:

- Serves competitive athletes (individuals, teams, clubs) & local leisure users
- Site(s) selected strategically considering access for all users city-wide

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# 6 EXISTING TRACK+FIELD FACILITIES



## 1 / BALACLAVA

- Up to 6 lanes
- Gravel surface
- No throwing events
- No long jump
- No spectator seating
- Field house in park



## 2 / BRITANNIA

- Up to 6 lanes
- Gravel surface
- No throwing events
- No long jump
- No spectator seating
- Adjacent to a community center, pool, ice rink, elementary and secondary schools



## 3 / BROCKTON OVAL

- Up to 6 lanes
- Gravel surface
- No throwing events
- Long jump
- Spectator seating
- Adjacent field house and restaurant



## 4 / CAMOSUN

- Up to 6 lanes
- Gravel surface
- No throwing events
- Long jump
- No spectator seating
- Adjacent to an elementary school
- Storage building on site



## 5 / CHARLES TUPPER

- 4 lanes
- Gravel surface
- No throwing events
- No long jump
- No spectator seating
- Adjacent to a secondary school

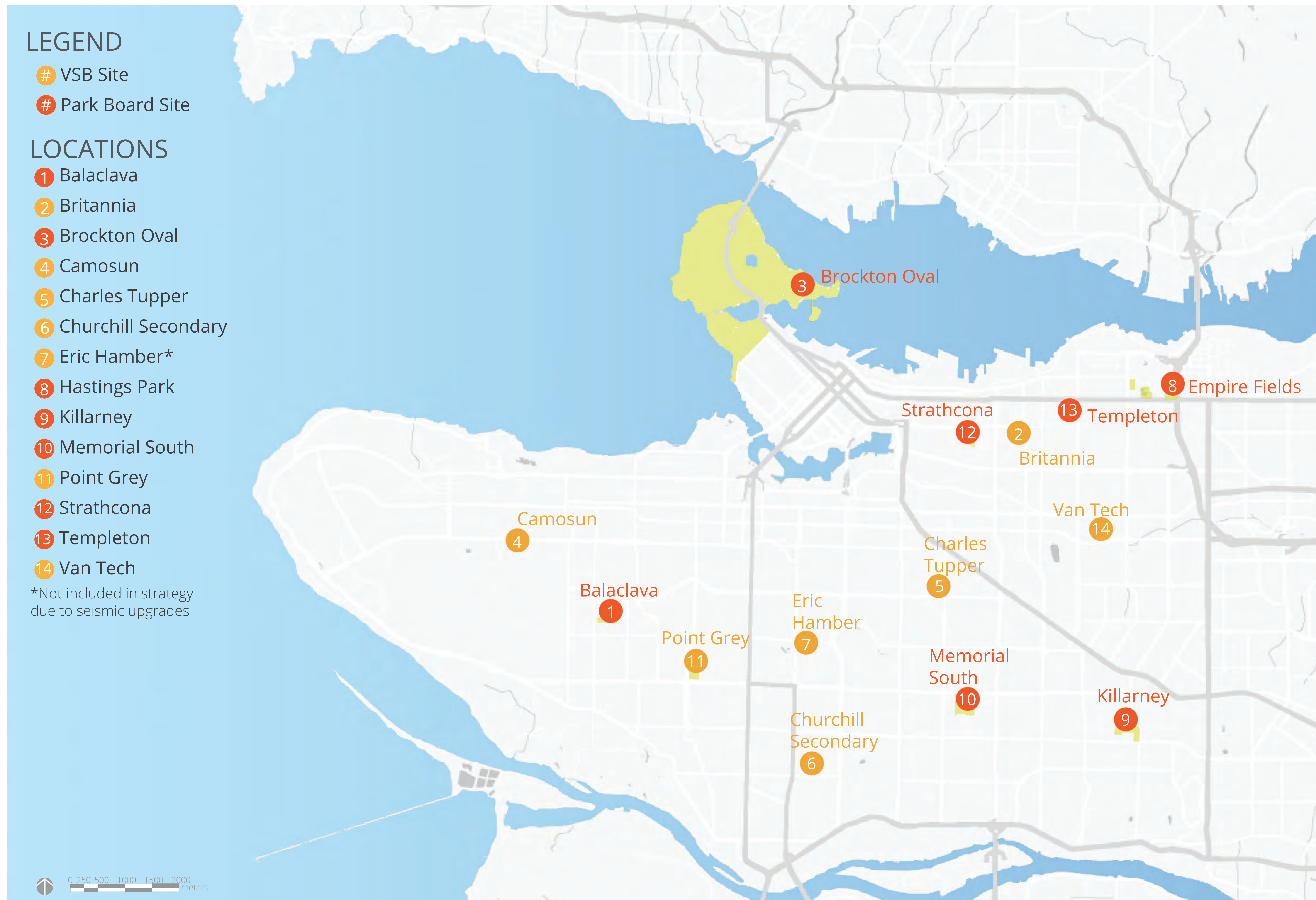
### LEGEND

- # VSB Site
- # Park Board Site

### LOCATIONS

- 1 Balaclava
- 2 Britannia
- 3 Brockton Oval
- 4 Camosun
- 5 Charles Tupper
- 6 Churchill Secondary
- 7 Eric Hamber\*
- 8 Hastings Park
- 9 Killarney
- 10 Memorial South
- 11 Point Grey
- 12 Strathcona
- 13 Templeton
- 14 Van Tech

\*Not included in strategy due to seismic upgrades



## 14 / VAN TECH

- 6 lanes
- Asphalt surface
- No throwing events
- Long jump
- No spectator seating
- Adjacent to a secondary school



## 13 / TEMPLETON

- Up to 4 lanes
- Asphalt surface
- No throwing events
- No long jump
- No spectator seating
- Adjacent to a secondary school and pool



## 12 / STRATHCONA

- Up to 8 lanes
- Gravel surface
- No throwing events
- No long jump
- No spectator seating
- Field house in park



## 11 / POINT GREY

- 6 lanes
- Rubber surface with synthetic turf infield
- Throwing events
- Long jump
- Spectator seating
- Adjacent to a secondary school
- Lit facility



## 10 / MEMORIAL SOUTH

- 6 lanes
- Rubber surface
- No throwing events
- No long jump
- Some spectator seating
- Field house in park



## 6 / CHURCHILL SECONDARY

- 6 lanes
- Asphalt surface with rubber strip for long jump
- Throwing events
- Long jump
- No spectator seating
- Adjacent to a secondary school



## 7 / ERIC HAMBER

- 6 lanes
- Asphalt surface
- Throwing events
- No long jump
- Spectator seating
- Adjacent to a secondary school



## 8 / EMPIRE FIELDS

- 4 lanes
- Rubber surface
- No throwing events
- No long jump
- Spectator seating
- Washroom facility



## 9 / KILLARNEY

- 6 lanes
- Asphalt surface
- No throwing events
- No long jump
- No spectator seating
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- Lit facility

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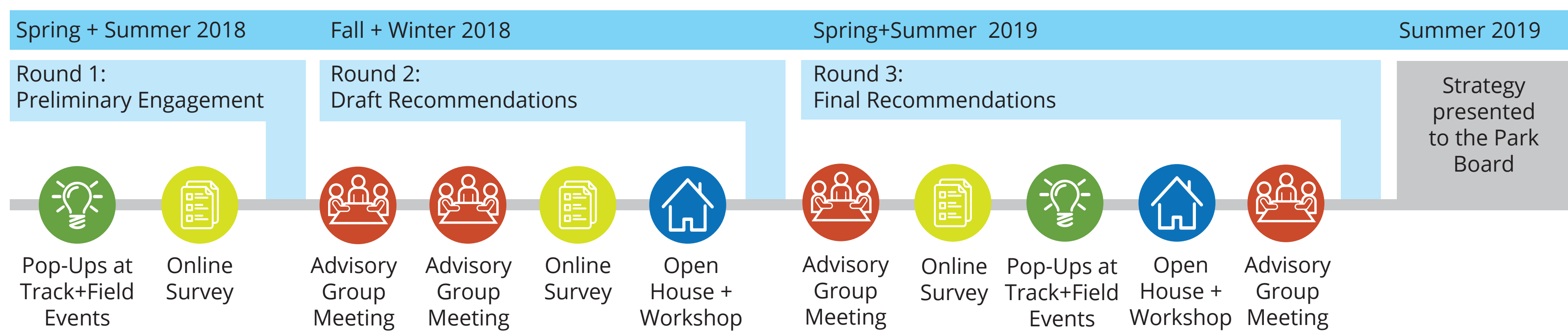
# 7 HOW TO PARTICIPATE



## OUR COMMITMENT:

Throughout the development of the Track and Field Strategy, the Park Board is committed to engaging with a diverse range of stakeholders, track users and the public to help shape the future of track and field in Vancouver.

## SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



## PUBLIC SURVEY:

Nov. 22 - Dec. 15, 2018

Let us know what you think of the draft vision, principles and priority site features and considerations for track and field facilities by completing the survey on TalkVancouver.

The survey will be available in English, Chinese and Punjabi.

Please see the project website for the survey link:  
<https://vancouver.ca/trackandfield>

**Return surveys to any Vancouver Community Centre by Dec. 15, 2018**



## OPEN HOUSE + WORKSHOP:

Dec. 1, 2018, 1:30-4:30pm  
 Presentation at 2:30pm  
 Eastside Family Place

Dec. 4, 2018, 5-8pm  
 Presentation at 6pm  
 Kitsilano Community Centre



## WRITTEN FEEDBACK:

Send your written feedback to:  
[trackandfield@vancouver.ca](mailto:trackandfield@vancouver.ca)



## ADVISORY GROUP BACKGROUND:

The Advisory Group includes representatives from a variety of sports and community organizations. The Advisory Group provides input on the public engagement process, helps share information with casual and competitive users, and provides feedback on draft recommendations.

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