



# City of Port Moody

## Strategic Priorities Committee

Date: November 19, 2024  
Submitted by: Community Services Department – Parks Division  
Subject: Parkland Strategy Project Update

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### Purpose

To update Council regarding the Parkland Strategy project status and to receive Council feedback on the draft analysis and key findings.

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### Recommended Resolution(s)

**THAT the report dated November 19, 2024, from the Community Services Department – Parks Division regarding Parkland Strategy Project Update be received for information.**

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### Background

The Parkland Strategy aims to establish a comprehensive approach to parkland planning and investment for Port Moody, setting overall priorities through 2050. Aligned with key city plans—including the Official Community Plan (OCP) Update, the 2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and the Land Management Strategy - the Parkland Strategy will provide a Citywide vision and framework to address parkland needs in response to growing and changing needs, identify gaps, and promote an equitable approach to planning. This project was approved by Council on April 27, 2021.

Council was last updated on this project on July 11, 2023, when staff presented the engagement summary, which gathered community insights on valued aspects of the existing park system, identified gaps and areas for improvement, and highlighted priorities for future parkland to meet growing demands.

### Discussion

Informed by engagement feedback and input from Council, Committees, and staff, the project team has developed the vision and guiding principles for the Parkland Strategy, conducted a comprehensive analysis of parkland supply and amenity provision, and identified key findings. A summary of these tasks will be presented to Council on November 19, 2024 for discussion and feedback.

Provincial housing legislation introduced in late 2023 led to project delays in Q1 and Q2 2024, as staff worked to understand associated impacts to projected population growth, areas of growth, and potential development forms.

During this period, additional engagements were conducted, including a Youth Open House held on May 31, 2024 to gather youth input on the Rocky Point Park and Old Orchard Park Master Plans, the Trail Network Plan, and the Parkland Strategy. A summary of this engagement was presented at the Regular Council Meeting on July 23, 2024. The feedback has been reviewed alongside park amenity mapping and technical analysis, informing the recommendations within the Parkland Strategy.

Staff also met with several interested parties, including Park People, the National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health (NCCEH), Fraser Health, School District 43, and Metro Vancouver. Feedback received informed the methodology for measuring parkland and identifying priority areas of need.

Next steps for the project include refining the draft analysis and key findings based on Council feedback, and developing recommendations to address parkland needs and gaps. The draft Parkland Strategy recommendations will be presented to Council in early 2025.

## Other Option(s)

This report is for information only; therefore, no other options identified at this time.

## Financial Implications

A variety of funding sources will be explored to support parkland acquisitions. Funding implications and approaches will be presented to Council alongside the draft recommendations.

## Communications and Public Engagement Initiatives

The public engagement activities outlined in the approved Parkland Strategy Public Engagement Strategy have been successfully completed. The feedback gathered has been summarized in the Public Engagement Summary report. Staff will continue to work with the project consultant to update all reporting and webpage content relating to the Parkland Strategy final report.

## Council Strategic Plan Goals

The work summarized in this report align with the following Council Strategic Plan Goal(s):

- Strategic Goal 1.1 – Prioritize core services;
- Strategic Goal 1.2 – Ensure financial sustainability;
- Strategic Goal 2.1 – Protect, integrate, and enhance our natural assets;
- Strategic Goal 2.2 – Advance climate change mitigation and adaptation;
- Strategic Goal 2.3 – Enhance and expand parkland and open spaces;
- Strategic Goal 3.1 – Create completed and connected communities through balanced growth;
- Strategic Goal 3.3 – Enhance community wellbeing; and
- Strategic Goal 4.3 – Leverage public spaces.

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