



Share Your Feedback on 25-Year Plan for Victoria's Parks

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VICTORIA, BC – This summer, the City asked the community what is important to them when planning for the future of City parks and open spaces. Based on public input, a draft vision and series of goals and actions to support this 25 year plan have been developed.

The City is now seeking the community's feedback on the proposed vision, goals and set of potential actions to support these goals. Topics range from providing a balance of social, recreational and contemplative spaces, increasing accessibility, introducing new amenities in existing parks, as well as recommendations on how to preserve natural areas and bring more arts and events into our open spaces.

"Parks and open spaces play an important role in a city," said Mayor Lisa Helps. "They connect residents with nature, foster community well-being and protect and enhance the natural ecosystem and our natural assets. The feedback we hear from residents of all ages and user groups will help us deliver high quality parks to the entire community for years to come."

Have Your Say

The community is invited to learn more about the proposed plan and provide feedback by way of:

- Pop-up Park: On Friday, November 18 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., have some fun on your lunch hour at the Pop-up Park in Centennial Square!
- Open House and Pop-up Park: On Saturday, November 19 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. stop by Centennial Square and McPherson Playhouse. Bring the whole family to share your thoughts and play in the Pop-up Park!
- Community Workshop: Also on Saturday, November 19 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. attend a workshop to discuss specific recommendations with fellow residents at the McPherson Playhouse. RSVP is required by contacting engage@victoria.ca.
- Online survey: Complete the online survey before Monday, December 5.

Victoria has 137 parks and open spaces, featuring gardens, natural areas, sports and entertainment venues, playgrounds, dogs off-leash areas, a skate park, water park and lacrosse box. LEES + Associates, a landscape architecture and planning firm, together with local landscape architecture firm LADR, have been retained to work with the City to develop a Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan to guide improvements to these spaces over the next 25 years.

The public input received by Monday, December 5 will inform the Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan that will be presented to City Council in early 2017.

For more information and to complete the online survey visit www.victoria.ca/parks.

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