

Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 5:30 p.m. Open to public attendance in Committee Room G Lower Level, City Hall Committee members may attend electronically

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Pages

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT The Chair will open the meeting and provide a land acknowledgement.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS
- 3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA Additions or deletion of items.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS - None

5. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Staff and guest reports and presentations for information, discussion, and/or action

- 5.1 Draft Accessibility Plan Update
- 5.2 Parks and Recreation Plan
- 5.3 Tour of temesewtx^w Aquatic and Community Centre (Upcoming)

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 6.1 Terminology
- 6.2 Accessible Parking Spots Policy
- 6.3 City Communication with the Disabled
- 6.4 City Event Accessibility

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7. NEW BUSINESS

Items added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

8. END OF MEETING

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Remaining scheduled meetings for 2024, which take place at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted:

July 24, 2024

September 25, 2024

November 27, 2024

People, parks, and play!

New Westminster Parks and Recreation Plan Update













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Agenda

- Introductions
- Project Context, Content, Guiding Principles
- Planning Process
- Purpose of this Workshop
- Interactive Session

Project Context



- This plan will guide City priorities and investments in parks and recreation facilities, services, and programs over the next 10 years, with a vision to 2050.
- The City's last parks and recreation plan is from 2008, and many of the recommendations have been achieved.
- As the City welcomes more residents and plans for new development, an updated parks and recreation plan is needed to help the City meet the community's current and future needs for parks and recreation facilities, programs, and services.





Project Content

- Parks, natural areas, trails, and paths
- Recreation facilities and sports complexes, including pools and arenas
- Recreation programs and drop-in activities
- Implementation plan will establish priorities and phasing for future planning, capital development, and service delivery



Guiding Principles

- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism (DEIAR)
- Truth towards Reconciliation
- Service Adequacy and Standards
- Community Belonging, Connections, and Wellbeing
- Local Economy
- Climate Resilience



Project Process

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
 Jan - Jul 2024 Background review Trends analysis Community engagement 	 Aug - Oct 2024 Analysis Preliminary recommendations 	 Nov 2024 - Jul 2025 Draft report Round 2 engagement Final report Recommendations and implementation plan

Phase 1

- 1. Online survey
- 2. Interviews
- 3. Pop-ups
- 4. Experiential activity
- 5. Workshops-interest groups and public
- 6. First Nations engagement



Participation Guidelines

- Respect others
- Balance air time
- Challenge ideas, not people
- We speak for ourselves

- Speak if no one else is
- Raise virtual hand
- Type in the chat





Workshop Questions

From the perspective of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, what do you think about the following for parks and recreation in New Westminster:

- Strengths what's working well?
- Challenges what are the barriers or gaps?
- Vision what should the vision of the plan include?
- Ideas what specific ideas should be considered in the plan?





An accessible viewing area with live audio description for the upcoming Victoria Day Parade on Monday, May 20!

This space is for persons with disabilities (and their friends, family, attendants) who want to enjoy the parade in an accessible setting (Maximum five people per group, including person with disability).

We will have tents and seating set up, as well as water and snacks! The space will be set up in front of City Hall on Douglas Street.

Registration is highly recommended! If you would like to view the parade from the accessible viewing area, or if you have any questions, please contact ...

