

Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan and Urban Forest Master Plan

2020 Annual Report

Committee of the Whole

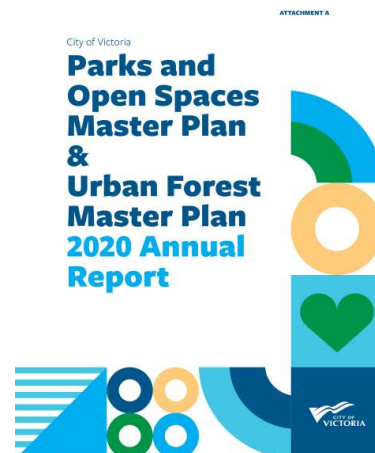
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Purpose

To provide a summary of progress made and actions planned on the implementation of the Parks and Open Spaces and Urban Forest Master Plans



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Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan

Goals

- Protect the environment
- Foster engaging experiences for everyone
- Celebrate Victoria
- Strengthen partnerships



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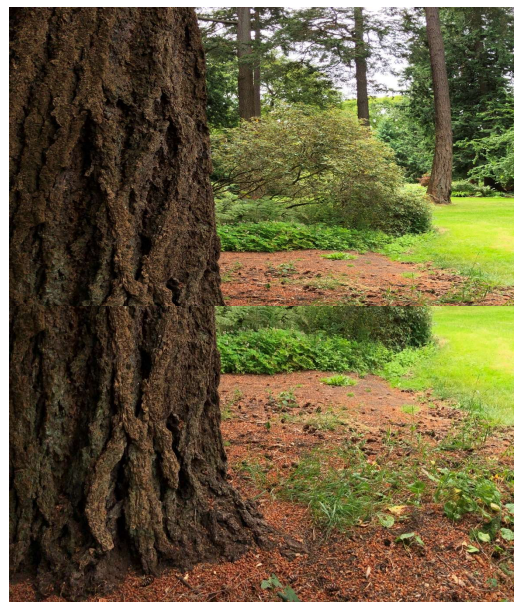
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GOAL 1: **Protect the Environment**

Parks and open spaces protect and improve native ecosystems and help the city adapt to climate change

- Analysis showed a net increase of 46 hectares in overall tree canopy between 2013-2019
- Tree Preservation Bylaw update resulted in protecting 50% more trees on private land



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GOAL 2:

Foster Engaging Experiences for Everyone

Parks and open spaces provide a range of different experiences, encourage active living and are multifunctional, inclusive and accessible

- Introduced Royal Athletic Park as the City's recreation hub
- Offered summer camps to local children, adult fitness programs and free programs and events to the community



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GOAL 3:

Celebrate Victoria

Special places and amenities in the parks and open spaces system animate the city and support events for residents and visitors

- Acquired 1,178 square metres of new park land in the South Jubilee neighbourhood - Agamemnon and Eleni Kasapi Park



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GOAL 4: Strengthen Partnerships

Community members, stewards and partners help enhance all parks and open spaces in the city

- Distributed 81,500 vegetable seedlings in partnership with 44 community organizations
- Dispensed approximately 200 cubic yards of leaf mulch and compost to residents at four community locations



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Risk Management and Park Restoration

- Enhanced safety protocols
- Increased resources for park cleaning and hazard removal
- Increased access to hygiene facilities
- Extensive park and public washroom repairs



Central Park before and after restoration



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Conclusion

Pandemic continues to present significant challenges and adjustments to service delivery

Parks, Recreation and Facilities staff have demonstrated patience, resilience and commitment to the community



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