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# Park Washrooms Accessibility Assessment

Committee of the Whole

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## Purpose

Report back on the results of an accessibility audit of the City's public washroom buildings in parks

Outline the approach to addressing barriers to accessibility through future projects

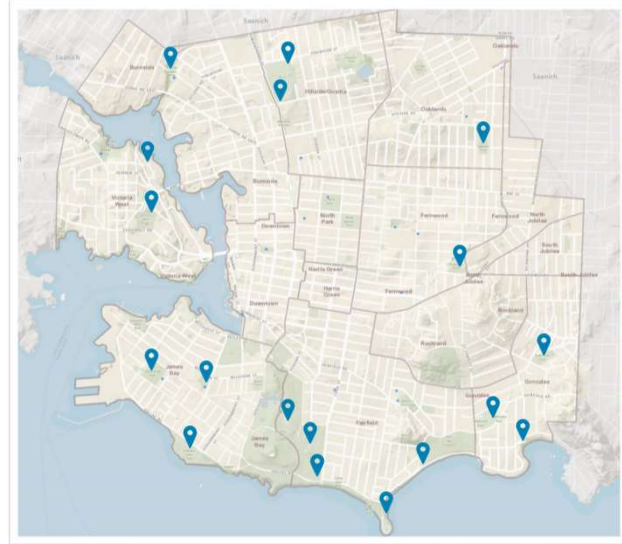


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## Background

There are 18 park washrooms built between 1960 and 2021.

Most (72%) were built between 1960 -1980 require significant renovation to meet current accessibility standards and require lifecycle renewal to address obsolescence.



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## Accessibility Audit

The washroom audits applied established accessibility criteria:

- Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification (RHFAC) V3.0
- Canadian Standards Association (CSA) B651-18 Accessible Design for the Built Environment.



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## Accessibility Ratings

**Rating 1:** Extensive upgrades and renovations are needed

**Rating 2:** Moderate to extensive upgrades are needed

**Rating 3:** Minor upgrades and renovations are needed

**83% of the washroom buildings have a rating of 1 or 2.**

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## Washroom Improvement Plan

Annual investments in public washrooms are made through a capital infrastructure program.

As facilities are renewed, accessibility and long-term functionality are addressed.

Recent examples include washrooms at Cecelia Ravine Park and Beacon Hill Park.



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## Washroom Improvement Plan

Two options were explored to complete the upgrades to the existing park washrooms.

### **Option 1 (Recommended)**

Complete the accessibility improvements by 2030

### **Option 2**

Complete the accessibility improvements by 2028

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## Impacts to Financial Plan

Council approves funding on an annual basis for public washroom improvements through the Financial Plan.

Funding required to complete the necessary upgrades will be reflected in future Financial Plans, subject to availability of funds when considering priorities in any given year.

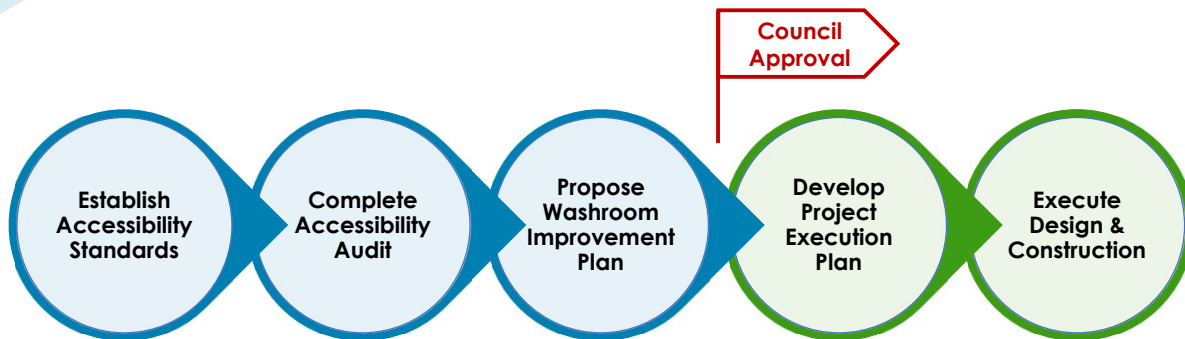
The total estimated cost of the improvements is \$13 – 14M

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## Project Roadmap



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## Recommendation

That Council direct staff to implement a workplan to address the barriers identified in the Park Washroom Accessibility Audit Report (Attachment A), by the end of 2030, with funding to be considered for approval through the annual Financial Plan.



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