



ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY REPORT

Vic West Park – Skate Park

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Executive Summary



The City of Victoria is planning phased improvements to Vic West Park. These upgrades are proposed to begin in 2016, and will be completed over a number of years as funding allows.

The skate park is one area of Vic West Park where improvements are being considered. It has already been identified that the beginner bowl will require some repair. Park users were asked for input that would be used to help design improvements.

The Vic West Skate Park is the only City-operated skate park in the City of Victoria. The skate park is heavily used year-round by skateboarders, BMX riders and some scooters, and hosts Victoria's most popular annual skate competition each June.

The skate facility was built in two phases. The original bowl was installed in 1992 and is currently used as a beginner's bowl. A large expansion was added to the park in 2002, and a memorial feature was added in 2012.

Three in person events were used to collect feedback from skate park users. City staff attended the Vee Dub Sk8 Competition at Vic West Park on Saturday, June 13 and collected feedback through a skate park specific survey. General park improvement ideas and specific feedback about the skate park were also collected from 50 residents at an engagement booth set up at the Vic West Street Fest on June 7 and from 100 residents at the Ideas Picnic that the City hosted in the park on July 7. Additional comments were collected through ideas boards in the park and through the general Vic West Park improvement survey which included questions about the skate park. 126 skate park surveys were completed and 241 general Vic West Park surveys were completed. In total, over 700 engagement interactions contributed to this engagement summary.

What We Heard

Vic West Skate Park is seen as a successful facility. It is well loved and seen as one of the best skate parks on Vancouver Island. It is viewed as family friendly and is used by a respectful, accepting community. The friendliness of the park users came up consistently, with one note that they even have offered to help carry groceries. Vic West Skate Park has good vibes, is safe and clean. It was noted that the skate park hosts do a great job at helping to creating this positive environment. Generally residents see it as a positive community amenity. In summary, it is "good now", but that "an expanded park would be great."

Who's using the skate park?

- Dedicated users: 1/3 of skate park users visit daily, 1/3 visit two to three times per week
- 50% of skate park users have been using facility for over 6 years
- Used by a wide range of ages: 33% are between 13–18, 29% are between 25–39, 13% are between 19–24, 12% are between 40–59 and 11% are 12 or less.

Frequent requests for improvements were as follows:

Amenities

- Lighting: improved lighting around the skate park
- Closer washrooms
- Additional seating: picnic tables, benches or bleachers
- Covered areas, shaded areas
- Improved water fountain
- Paved walkway that connects to the skate park
- Garbage/recycling stations

Maintenance/Operations

- Please discontinue the use of sprinklers that are used to prevent graffiti, they also stop people skating at night
- Repeated power washing is ruining the surface

Features

- Bowl is currently functioning well as a beginner area
- Requests for additional obstacles or elements
- Requests to create clearer separation between beginner and advanced area
- Some features are aging and need updating: cracks, some coping is old and rusty
- Popular requests for new features included:
 - Snake run
 - Pump humps
 - Mini half pipe
 - Wall ride
 - More platform area
 - Pole jam

Challenges

- Very busy
- Some clashes between different ages and users, conflicting flows

Engagement Activities

Three in-person events were used to collect feedback from the skate park users: Vic West Street Fest, Vee Dub Sk8 Competition and the City hosted Ideas Picnic. Both a skate park specific survey and a general survey about future improvements to Vic West Park were promoted. Ideas boards were also placed in the park.

Vic West Street Fest

The popular Vic West Street Fest on June 7 was used to increase awareness about the opportunity to share feedback about upcoming improvements to Vic West Park. Approximately 50 residents stopped by the City's information station where they could share ideas about park improvements and learn more about the upcoming engagement events and the survey.

These thoughts were collected on an ideas board:



Skate park-related comment:

- Picnic tables near skate park please

Vee Dub Sk8 Competition at Vic West Park

The City attended the 12th annual VeeDub Sk8 Competition at Vic West Park on Saturday, June 13. There were approximately 120 competitors and over 500 spectators. Youth volunteers handed out surveys to participants and spectators and an aerial map was available for comments about future improvements. Staff helped answer questions about the upcoming park improvements work. 100 of the skate park users filled out a skate park specific survey that day.

This map was used to collect additional feedback:



Comments on the map included requests for:

- Pump humps on small pathway (2)
- Add three kickers, kicker on the edge of the Old Bowl and new bowl (2)
- A mini half pipe in the Old Bowl
- A wall ride in the Old Bowl
- A 4 ft mini beside the existing Old Bowl, and a second 4 ft mini in the middle of the Old Bowl
- More platform area beside the Old Bowl
- Identification of a large crack in the Old Bowl
- Upgrade existing water fountain
- Pave pathway

Ideas Picnic

The City hosted an Ideas Picnic on Tuesday, July 7 in Vic West Park. This picnic-themed open house provided an opportunity for 100 residents to share ideas about future improvements to Vic West Park. Highlights included human-sized hamster balls and blueberry sundaes. Information was available about all areas of the park and staff were available to answer questions. Surveys, ideas boards and a large map were used to collect ideas.



Skate Park specific ideas from the above board:

- Lights in skate park, lighting for path (2)
- Enlarge skate park
- Fix large cracks (in bowl specifically)
- Improve coping in old park
- Spine over mini pyramid in old park
- Install mini ramp (small half pipe)
- More sets of stairs
- The skate park hosts are a great idea – mentor systems maintain a good vibe
- Create murals instead of aggressive anti-graffiti tactics
- Basketball court looks great. Nice to see it being used lately
- Basketball court is a really awesome idea!!!
- Relocate expensive plastic basketball court, it's getting ruined by skateboarding
- Stop using sprinklers on concrete skate park! (creates ice, cracks, injuries)
- Ban bikes
- Ban scooters

Large Vic West Park Ideas Map



Comments included:

Old Bowl

- Wall ride
- Keep same, no repairs
- Spine
- Expanded bowl

New Features

- Snake run
- Jumps
- Bank to bank
- Humps

General

- Move basketball court (2)
- Picnic tables, New benches, more seating, picnic tables (4)
- Cement pathway, with seating
- Lighting for pathway and skate park
- New water bottle fill station
- Shaded hangout area
- Concession stand
- Washrooms

Maintenance

- Cut branches over skate park, Destroy water cannon, Don't waste more water

Ideas Boards from Vic West Park



Skate park related:

- Lights at skate park (3)
- More skateboard area (3)
- Revamp skate park, better skate park (3)
- Add a snake run at the skate park
- Both skate park hosts wear helmets
- BMX dirt jumps
- More bleachers to watch skateboarders
- Stop sprinkling skate park

Surveys

Vic West Skate Park Survey

126 surveys were completed during the engagement period. To view the complete survey results please refer to Appendix A: Vic West Skate Park Survey. These are some of the highlights of what we heard:

Which neighbourhood do you live in?

- 32% Vic West
- Rest from other neighbourhoods, and as far away as Courtenay, Kelowna and Salt Spring Island

What is your age?

- 33% between 13 – 18
- 29% between 25 – 39
- 13% between 19 – 24

How often do you visit Vic West Skate Park?

- Spring/Summer: 33% almost every day, 29% 2–3 times per week, 18% once a week
- Fall/Winter: 29% 2–3 times per week, 29% once a month, 21% once a week

What do you use at the skate park?

- 89% skateboard
- 13% bike
- 10% spectator
- 7% scooter

How long have you been visiting Vic West Skate Park?

- 51% more than 6 years
- 22% 3–5 years

What do you like best about the skate park?

- Great park with something for everyone, great for all ages/levels, radical skatepark
- Large size, open, central, always busy
- It's the only good park in the City, it's the best park on the lower island
- Family friendly, respectful, accepting community
- Feeling of community, all the kids become a family
- Good vibes, safe, clean
- Great place to learn
- Variety of obstacles: ledges, wedges, good bowls, ramps, the drops, the vert, gaps, rails, the hips
- The old park
- The fact that it is a multi-use area

What makes it difficult to skate here?

Amenities

- Lack of water fountain
- No covered area, no lights
- No restrooms
- No real space for spectators

Maintenance/Operations

- Sprinklers, sprinklers turn to ice in winter
- Surface is rougher after it was pressure washes

Features

- Coping is old and rusty and only in some areas
- Open bowl concept makes it difficult to skate like an actual bowl since a corner of it is open

Challenges

- Many people, busy area
- Scooters, Bikes, little kids, uses should be separated, conflicting flows
- Cracks in cement, old Park is cracked
- Drunks and drug users
- Homeless

When the City upgrades the beginner bowl in 2016, what would you recommend doing? (You can select more than one option.)

- 47% upgrade or change the elements
- 43% resurface the entire bowl
- 28% 'other'
 - Put metal coping on the ramps, some of the lips (5)
 - Add more obstacles (4)
 - Don't change the original part of the park (4)
 - Pole jam (2)
 - Lights to skate at night (2)
 - Add rails form the transition, add a flat rail to the side (2)
 - Add small banks, bank to curb (2)
 - Add a halfpipe, add a 4 foot quarter instead of bank (2)
 - Build a mini pipe with two platforms for learning
 - More platform
 - Add more street in street park
 - Add parking block curbs to the outside
 - Wall ride
 - Make it like a snake run
 - Fix curvatures so it can be used properly as a beginner ramp/bowl
 - Make more separate beginner and advanced areas
 - Upgrades to be determined by key user group in a democratic, considerate agreed upon manner
- 19% Nothing I like it the way it is

Are there any other issues that require immediate attention in the skate park?

- No (28)
- Surface comments (19):
 - Cracks in cement (12)
 - Resurface all or parts of park (6)
 - Resurface a couple of rough edges (2)
- water bottle fountain would be great(6)
- Scooters/scooter kids (5)
- Lights (3)
- Bathroom (3)
- Stop the sprinklers (2)
- Seating (2)

Are there additional features or changes you think the skate park needs?

- No(16)
- Bathrooms closer to skate park(8)
- Lights would enhance world class skatepark (8)
- Paved walkway to westside village centre with skateboard lane (5)
- More shade (4)
- Better water fountain (4)
- No drinking or smoking (2)

Features

- Additions in general for all levels of skaters (9)
- More rails (6)
- Mini ramp/ ramp (5)
- A new swimming pool style bowl (5)
- More ledges (5)
- Pole jam (4)
- 4 foot quarter in old park with coping along fence, 3 ft high quarter pipe with coping (3)
- some granite on ledges(2)
- ½ pipe (2)
- more stairs, bigger stairs set (2)
- Smaller bowl, better bowl (2)
- Yes a big snake run (2)

Do you have any additional comments about the Vic West Skate Park?

- Love it, one of the best, Best park on Vancouver Island , nice park, sick park, I love this place, awesome, always a good time(19)
- No (18)
- Closer bathroom (2)
- Let there be graffiti, graffiti is a good fit with this space (2)
- Keep it, just make it better (2)

Do you have any additional comments about other facilities in Victoria West Park?

- better water fountain (6)
- Bathroom closer (3)

General Vic West Park Improvement Survey

241 surveys were completed during the engagement period. To view the complete survey results please refer to Appendix B: General Vic West Park Survey. These are some of the highlights of what we heard:

How often do you use the existing park facilities?

Skate Park answers: (214 responses)

- 60% of respondents: never
- 15% of respondents: rarely
- 11% weekly
- 8% monthly
- 5% daily

What do you like best about Vic West Park? (184 responses)

Skate Park related answers:

- Skateboard park (28)
- Best skate park in the City, only skate park in Victoria (4)
- The friendly kids at the skate park (3)
 - The young people at the skate park support each other, at times have helped me carry groceries home
- Biggest skate park in south Vancouver Island (2)
- Watching skateboarders (3)
- My kids go to the skate park (3)
- Safety of park (2)

What could be improved at Vic West Park? (180 responses)

- Improve skate park (7)
- Extend the skate park, more additions (4)
- More parking needed by bottom field and skateboard park (3)
- Washrooms by skate park (2)
- Needs to be a division between the skate park and the sports field (2)
- Small skate park for younger kids (2)

What do you think is missing at Victoria West Park? What additional features would you like to see in the park? (176 responses)

- A bicycle park with banks and jumps like Cecelia Creek, add dirt jump bike park facilities – (3)
- Picnic table near skate park, More seating and a picnic tables in a couple of areas near the skateboard park or diamond (2)
- Lighting at night (2)

What features would you like to see included in an improved beginner bowl?

General

- None (5)
- More segregation from the rest of the skate park so beginners are not being trampled by more experienced skaters, separation for beginners, A kids only zone (4)
- Lighting, better lighting (4)
- Expand (3)
- Keep it similar but add more, existing structure is really good although some more variety would be nice to allow for some progression within the beginner bowl, aside from general maintenance the beginner bowl should be left as it (2)
- Old Park is great as is (beside the cracks) and shouldn't be changed. It is heavily ridden by young and old skaters/bmxers daily.
- Resurfacing – don't change it (2)
- More aesthetic elements- creative murals – attractive spectator spaces, art work (2)

Features

- Bowl (4)
- coping added to lips, Coping on some of the transition (2)
- Spine (2)

Are there other improvements that you would like to see to the skate park in the future?

General improvements

- Expansion of the park (5)
- Covered areas with shade, covered area on north side (5)

Design

- small space for children, it's too crowded for young kids to use (5)
- also area for bikes (2)
- create a space where little kids can skate with teenagers, clearer safety rules (2)
- more areas dedicated to different levels of expertise – one way paths to take riders through different areas, range of skill level options (2)

Obstacles

- More challenging obstacles, large obstacles (2)
- A new smaller bowl or mini ramp with metal coping about 4 ft high (2)

Maintenance

- regular maintenance (2)
- park is ridden year round but with current anti-graffiti sprinkler system the park become flooded and icy for months of the year
- just keep it pristine like it is now- we are proud of it and the young people are doing a great job

Amenities/Security

- keep skate park hosts (3)
- additional water fountains (3)
- more garbage and recycling bins to keep facility clean (3)
- more seating (2)
- lights (2)
- more graphic elements, get artists to paint (2)
- too many kids drinking alcohol on the stands, less drunk people (2)
- closer bathroom that the majority of the park users will use (2)

Please provide any additional comments or ideas you have about how Victoria West Park can be improved.

- I feel the skate park should be expanded out into some of the lesser used areas of the park. Since it is one of the most used areas of the park (2)
- I do like it in the summer when it has staff – it makes me feel safe that my kid will be ok
- Toilets closer to the skate park

Next Steps














Improvements to the beginners' bowl of the skate park will be designed by an outside consultant who specializes in skate facility design. This engagement report will be provided to the consultant to help inform a proposed design. There will be an opportunity to provide feedback on this design in 2016. Improvements to the skate park facility are proposed to be constructed next year.

Appendixes:

Appendix 1: Complete Results – Skate Park Survey

October 2015 Vic West Park Survey

Which neighbourhood do you live in?

Response	Count	
Victoria West	149 61.8%	
Burnside Gorge	5 2.1%	
Hillside Quadra	5 2.1%	
Oaklands	5 2.1%	
Fernwood	12 5.0%	
North and South Jubilee	4 1.7%	
North Park	1 0.4%	
Rockland	3 1.2%	
Fairfield	7 2.9%	
James Bay	4 1.7%	
Harris Green	2 0.8%	
Downtown	5 2.1%	
<u>Outside of the City of Victoria. Where?</u>	39 16.2%	
<i>Total: 241</i>		

Saanich

Gordon Head

Langford

Metchosin

Langford

Nanaimo

Neighbourhood
Cordova Bay
Quadra/cloverdale
Colwood
North Saanich
Colwood
Metchosin
Colwood
Esquimalt
Esquimalt
Esquimalt
Gorge/Admirals
Blinkensop and Union
Langford
Saanich
Esquimalt
Saanich
Esquimalt
Colwood
Saanich
Duncan
Esquimalt
Colwood
Esquimalt
Dockyard
North Saanich
2 of 64

View Royal

I live in Oak Bay. I work next to the park.

Highlands

saanich

View royal

esquimalt







Oak Bay

Saanich






How close do you live to Victoria West Park?

Response	Count	
I live within a five minute walk to the park	101	42.3%
I live within a ten minute walk to the park	40	16.7%
I live further than a ten minute walk to the park	98	41.0%
Total: 239		






What is your age?

Response	Count	
12 years old or less	6 2.5%	
13 to 18 years	6 2.5%	
19 to 24 years	15 6.3%	
25 to 39 years	123 51.5%	
40 to 59 years	70 29.3%	
60 and over	19 7.9%	
<i>Total: 239</i>		

How often do you visit Victoria West Park?

Response	Count	
Daily	59 24.6%	
Weekly	89 37.1%	
Monthly	57 23.8%	
Rarely	33 13.8%	
Never	2 0.8%	
<i>Total: 240</i>		

How do you most often travel to Victoria West Park?

Response	Count	
Walk	134 56.1%	
Drive	59 24.7%	
Bicycle	27 11.3%	
Take transit	13 5.4%	
Other, please specify...	6 2.5%	
<i>Total: 239</i>		

skateboard

Bike and Skate





Skateboard

Skate

Various, bus, drive, bike

I work a 5 min walk away

What are your thoughts on the amount of parking at Victoria West Park?

Response	Count		
There is too much parking	2	0.9%	
There is the right amount of parking	116	49.4%	
There is not enough parking	50	21.3%	
unsure / don't know	67	28.5%	
<i>Total: 235</i>			

How often do you use the existing park facilities?

Var a b e	Da y	Week y	Month y	Rare y	Never	
Playground	7 3.2%	36 16.7%	29 13.4%	51 23.6%	93 43.1%	Total: 216
Skate Park	11 5.1%	24 11.2%	16 7.5%	33 15.4%	130 60.7%	Total: 214
Basketball Court	2 0.9%	9 4.3%	9 4.3%	46 21.8%	145 68.7%	Total: 211
Baseball Diamond	0 0.0%	21 9.9%	8 3.8%	39 18.3%	145 68.1%	Total: 213
Soccer Pitch	1 0.5%	5 2.3%	10 4.7%	44 20.7%	153 71.8%	Total: 213
Lawn Bowling	0 0.0%	1 0.5%	1 0.5%	19 9.2%	186 89.9%	Total: 207
Leash-Optional Dog Area	26 11.9%	19 8.7%	27 12.3%	27 12.3%	120 54.8%	Total: 219
Open Grassy Areas	36 15.9%	63 27.9%	46 20.4%	41 18.1%	40 17.7%	Total: 226
Walking Paths	54 23.7%	62 27.2%	49 21.5%	31 13.6%	32 14.0%	Total: 228
Public Washrooms	5 2.2%	40 17.9%	35 15.7%	74 33.2%	69 30.9%	Total: 223
Parking Areas	8 3.7%	35 16.2%	34 15.7%	37 17.1%	102 47.2%	Total: 216

What do you like best about Victoria West Park?

Response

Count

184 responses

The park is family friendly , I enjoy the big leafy shade giving trees . The young people at the skate park are great fun to watch , they support each other , at times have helped me carry groceries home . The family ballgames . too bad there is NO place for a bbq area.

- its trees

- its size & variety

it right beside my home

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the space and activity

The location to my residence

Easy accessibility to a large ropen park, with a big lawn area, trees, and a variety of activities taking place

Open grassy areas, playground

The dog park.

The Dog park

Central location

Location. Playground. Proximity to Save-On

The fact that their are baseball diamonds

Was the park I grew up around, some 50 years ago. The open area is great to relax in.

Location

Location

you can have dogs

Central location

Location

I like the location and accessibility of Victoria West Park

The size and accessibility.

Green space next to where I live

It's a park for everyone.

The amount of amenities available at the park. There's something for everyone!

Playground and skatepark.

Nice skatepark with grass around it

Biggest skate park in south Vancouver island

The skate park, and the basketball court

Skateboard park

The diverse and concentrated sports facilities

the diverse and connected open spaces.

Playground

Best skatepark ever!

Size, Maple Trees, diverse uses,

My children and I love to play on the rocks by the playground although there is often broken glass that we must watch out for.

Location

Lots of different areas to play and many activities are available for play in the park.

The natural environment: the shade trees and the large boulders.

Proximity to home

the mixture of facilities

the rock outcrops and the grassy areas

the beautiful sycamore trees

The field

the skatepark and public washrooms

The skate park

Skatepark is nationally renowned for its quality.

One of the biggest if not the biggest Skateparks on Vancouver Island and how the city keeps it looking clean and paint free.

Skate Park

Playground

skate park

Openness.

The variety of recreation areas.

Location

Convenient location with large open areas.

its close to home and has something for everyone

The trees that provide nice shady areas, the proximity to downtown, the openness between Wilson and Esquimalt Roads

Esquimalt roads,

big green space

how spacious it is and that there are options. ie: skate park, basketball courts and playground.

how large it is, and my son loves the playground facilities

It is a green area we should not lose.

the skate park!!

Green space and wide range of community use.

Shaded area

the rock for kids to climb on

its location

the water fountain

I walk my dog through the park at least 3 times a day year round. There is a great community of people with and without dogs. Because I live on my own, the park has made it possible to connect with other locals. I really enjoy the group that uses the skate park. I have found them to be polite and very helpful. I've been trying to train my dog not to bark at skate boards when passing and every person I've asked to help has. Also, very enjoyable to watch!

Close to the ocean and good food close by.

Multi purpose park with many options for everyone

Size, location

That the park space is there and that it is multi-use

Open space, walkway to businesses and Esquimalt Rd., Playground

Skatepark

How big it is, it is close to the store

The trees by the walkway, please ensure they stay or plant more!

Location

Open multi use area

The different spaces available for use.

the tree lined path

it nice a near my home and my kids go skate to the park

Proximity to town, and available rock outcrop for eating lunch.

The walkway under the beautiful chestnut trees.

It is wonderful green space and enhances the neighbourhood in such a great way.

I love how secluded the park feels, with trees all around you can escape the city feeling and relax in nature for a while.

Easy access (bus, bike, walk, close to downtown, close to waterways and local popular pathways)

i love that it's a multi use park that provides something for almost all ages. It feels safe and is well lit and maintained.

Openness

Large shade trees and the variety of amenities at the park

I like its proximity to retail and restaurants on Wilson. I like its open space and the view of the mountains. My daughter loves to play at the playground and watch the people at the skate park.

Convenient

It is close for me.

- diversity of activities to draw a board spectrum of community members
- really central location for a lot of residents
- skate park is the best in the city

It's a big and beautiful space with lots of trees around the children's playground. The walking path is wonderful and convenient for walking a loop from my home down to the water and back. I also love the diversity of activities that the park is set up for.

The sand in the playground (good for sand toys!)

Skate park

Only skatepark in Victoria

Trees

Up and coming area for young families

Skatepark

The variety the park offers.

baseball fields, proximity to density and shopping, multi use

Green space in high density area

Mixed use by all in the community

A peaceful bit of green in the city

Neighbours all gather in dog park

Skatepark

The transition and general park flow where there is no transition.

It has an off-leash dog area.

The skate park

The skate park and the fields and the rocks and the trees

Watching skateboarders, baseball games, and just the path through the huge chestnut trees

Close proximity to my apartment at 420 Catherine. Diversity....skate park, off leash, baseball, playground, rocky features, access from all sides.

The off leash park as well as the landscaping. Good park atmosphere but with sight lines that help it feel safe.

The central location in the Vic West Community.

I love the access and how close it is to my neighborhood. A lovely community park

The rocks, grassy areas and trees. I so also like the fact that there's a well used skate park even though I don't use it.

i like how there is always something going on. The dog park is awesome and well used

The rolling hills and beautiful water views

It's a greatly place centrally located and convenient to access

The friendly kids at the skate park, the nature look of the big rock.

Having a leash optional place for my dog to run around and socialize. We have taught him so much by having that park as a resource.

Dogs

The versatility of the park (it's many purposes)

Location, variety of activities, close to shops/food

The large field that is close by and accessible

The big trees, large amount of green grass, how much the city comes by to clean up all of the garbage left by people breaking the law. Safety to detail to ensure kids are safe when playing at the park is a+. You come by to clean the sand weekly. Much needed with what happens from the skate park and other people at night.

Location

I like that it is a multi-use park that is large enough to simultaneously accommodate many different users needs. I like the mature trees.

Great skate park, high quality basketball court.

The features and layout. The baseball field.

Everything

Shady trees around playground, rocks for climbing

- It is close to where I work, and I like to eat lunch outside at the park
- I like that it has trees and some "wild" areas where the rocks are visible
- I enjoy watching others enjoy the park - basketball, frisbee, etc

The diverse activities. Skate park, play ground for out little ones, big open space. We also like like the natural landscape like the rocks to climb.

I like the openness of the park, and the multiple generation attracted to the park (i.e. young kids at the playground; older kids at the skatepark, adults walking their dogs, etc.)

The trees and the rock. The skate park is a nice addition.

Vic West Park is generally flat. It lends itself to a multitude of activities.

Pathway and community feeling

Location

Playground and skate park for my kids (3 and 5).

Proximity to amenities (coffee, groceries)

The rocky outcrop for kids. Skatepark.

The atmosphere is the only thing it has going for it.

I like the big trees, the open space, the large rocks, and I love to see the youth engaged at the skate park.

Size and location in an urban area. Proximity to amenities.

the skate park and basketball hoops

The open area you can run and walk with kids and dogs

The size, the mixed activities, the shady playground, the dog area, the skate park, and my son LOVES the rock area by the playground for climbing and clambering!

the variety of uses. the shade trees. the rocks for climbing/playing

Trees

Dog friendly

Playground

Area for youth to be active/hang out

Wide variety of activity areas.

I like that it's got so many options for a variety of needs. Our office staff use it to play games like bocce & ultimate Frisbee at lunch

It's close to me

It has something for all ages

Central and close to everything. Lots of green space

The grassy spots to sit under the trees.

That it is an open multi-use leisure and recreation space.

I like how there are trees in the park

There is a large green space that has trees and grass that is designed as a multi-use facility with someone for people of all ages and preferences.

Skate Park.

Big open spaces.

proximity to my work

large size, skatepark

Proximity to my work, lots of open space, both in the sun and shady areas

Public washrooms are close

Positive place for youth

Being able to see my car from the Skatepark

Great location

location

location
leash optional
Good location with lots of variety of activities.
Nothing
Location
Playground and the proximity to my home
Location
the off-leash dog area big trees (summer shade) open space for team sports/games
people young people meeting people kids dogs on pathway. Love watching events but need a place to sit so I can watch more then 5 minutes
the variety of uses available and the location
playground, swings, big trees
twirly slide location, trees, greenspace/open space, possibility for soccer (never see anyone playing), opportunity for community space
nice shady path on walk home form town washrooms open late
right next door to me - Edith gunning court
the skateboard park
the playground and the tree the rock the field
the trees in the park are beautiful! Love hearing and seeing the kids in skateboard park
great mix of activities and people; huge, lovely trees. park/skate hosts
The trees the openness, the rocks, the gathering of people in our community
The trees, the monkey bars, the field
The large trees in the North East corner and the other around the perimeter
lots of open spaces, dogs to play with, space to exercise my dog. Lots of community events.
How close it is to my home and that my dog is welcome
open space

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shaded walkway

seeing people enjoying themselves

proximity

basketball court

convenient and close to my office

It's multi-use nature. Skatepark /basketball facilities (for my kids) open space & trail

What could be improved at Victoria West Park?

Response

Count

180 responses

please address the walking path, during wet weather there is up to 4 inches of water.

making people scoot around slippery wet grass . ,often there is city work trucks blocking the entrance into the park from the parking lot , near washrooms .for people with scooters, wheelchairs or baby strollers

- drainage beneath the big tree canopy near Da Vinci Centre (the soil doesn't absorb all the rainfall in the winter)
- better lighting along the pathway and the public washroom area
- a less dusty pathway
- better grass and improved leveling of the field
- the baseball diamond (using better / modern surface materials)
- a more efficient use of the Wilson St. parking area
- clean, fresh public washrooms
- interesting street art on the public washroom walls (refer to <http://www.streetartutopia.com> for inspiration)
- bicycle racks

it would be nice to have lights on the walk way

1. There must be a gated, secure, fenced, grassy, off leash dog area.
2. The time for off leash dog area needs to change to include anytime within the fenced in area and from 9:00 pm-7:00 am in the whole park
3. doggie bag dispenser and garbage at entrance to fenced in dog area.

Create a secure off-leash dog park with chain-link fencing. Add entire green space to Paws in Parks program during the off season. Address drainage issues ie standing water on sidewalk and muddy conditions in dog park during rainy season. Adding bark mulch to the muddy areas of the dog park may help. Add benches in

dog park for users to relax and converse with neighbors. Pave sidewalk for easier mobility for seniors with walkers. Add lighting along sidewalk for security and safety during non daily light hours. Add more garbage receptacles along sidewalk for litter.

I don't know as I, personally, see a need for much improvement. Perhaps, a greater children's playground area would be appreciated for those having small children. The main path could be improved to make it a bit higher since it can get quite muddy in the rain.

new playground, better soccer field

Improve the air quality - the exhaust from the floatplanes is blown over the Songhees & Victoria West Park area. It is unpleasant to be inhaling the exhaust while visiting the park. I suggest moving the floatplane flight path away from the Victoria West region, and monitoring the air quality at the Victoria West Park.

Fence in the dog park

Playground design and fencing of the off leash area

Playground, pathways to cut diagonally across when walking home from work, no secluded areas for unsavoury types to drink booze etc. It's pretty soggy. Can't walk through during winter.

The softball diamonds - the fields aren't properly maintained. They aren't mowed often enough, the dirt filled in isn't packed down, which is an injury risk, and the batting area doesn't seem to get any attention.

Wilson St parking lot could be bigger, easier to maneuver around. The baseball fields flatter as well as grassy infields with dirt baselines. The infield now is very dusty.

Ball fields need to be improved as the slope down from the top diamond and up from the bottom one, there has been numerous injuries with the infields and batters box. More parking and washrooms needed by bottom field and skateboard park.

The fields. They are uneven, hard, rough, unsafe for any type of sport.

The baseball diamonds are terrible. It's a danger to the players. The fields should have some better care for them.

baseball diamonds are terrible and the parking lot is tiny! you could easily push it back a few feet and take away part of the grassy area by the washrooms the homeless hang out on

The baseball fields need to be more level and further apart.

baseball diamonds are terrible and unsafe. My teammate tripped over home plate last year and smashed her head

I think the ongoing upkeep of the grounds could be improved on, especially for the soccer/baseball fields.

Quality and size of baseball diamonds.

Fencing the off-leash dog park, adding lighting to the off leash area and walk way, and adding additional benches in the in the off-leash area.

Fence off the dog park or actually enforce leash laws. I am a dog owner, and there are far too many off-leash dogs in the wrong areas of that park.

The pedestrian pathways need lights. At night it is very dark and sketchy.

Bigger playground.

Bathrooms moved closer to the skate parks for kids. Level the field so there is less of a slope. New concrete for skatepark or addition. Remove or move Basket ball court - doesn't seem to be used enough.

playground and washrooms

Larger area of flat smooth ground for basic skateboarding and beginners

More additions to the skatepark

The skate park needs a lot of improvements to the beginner portion of the park and the newer portion needs newer additions to keep up with the evolution of the sport and the growing number of skaters in the city.

Added area and maintenance of skateboard park.

A swimming pool type bowl for the skate park is a natural choice

Playground!

Extend the skatepark. Proper, functional water fountain. Addition of a Youth Centre.

Fencing around dog park

The playground is dated. More natural gathering places for young and old to cross paths.

More shade. Playground.

Improve the skate park. Equipment for older kids to play... climbing walls etc

Drainage is poor at many times of year making the grassy areas swampy (especially near the trees near the Da Vinci Centre).

There is often broken glass and other dangerous garbage on the boulders, making this otherwise very attractive feature hazardous for dogs and children. A garbage can in this immediate area may help. Kids love to climb this boulder and it's such a shame that there is so much broken glass on it.

The playground area is very outdated and small, but it's very well situated because the benches nearby and parts of the play area itself are frequently in shade. In the same location, it would be nice to see a more modern, stimulating play area for children of all ages. We would use the park on a daily basis if it had a

better playground. I have a preschool age child and Vic West park is two blocks from our home, but we walk to Banfield instead because it has a better playground.

The playground area is outdated and it is mostly suited for smaller children. Updates like what is available at the Cook street park or Jiro park would be welcomed.

Probably more benches for baseball players would be also appropriate.

Constant cleanup of the rock outcrops of glass and garbage

The playground

the skatepark

Bigger plaza area at the skatepark

Space could be better utilized on multiuse field.

Upgrades to the Skatepark

More parking. Better parking lot.

Better bathrooms

more skatepark and better washrooms

Bigger/better playground.

Bigger off-leash dog park (as it is, many people use the open space/ball diamond when they're not in use).

Safety and beauty park looks tired and old and not well taken care of

The leash optional area needs to be fully fenced as it is too close to a busy road. Older dogs are often ok at this park because they have been trained but I have seen too many close calls with younger dogs that get distracted easily and run into the street. There is also no separation between the leash optional area and the baseball diamond which makes it difficult to ensure your dog stays in the right place. We only visit the park for short periods due to these limitations and prefer taking our dog to the Uvic dog park which is bigger and fenced. If the Vic West park had a fenced dog area we would spend much more time there and not have to drive across town to Uvic. The existing layout of an off-leash area directly beside a road is dangerous for the dogs, vehicle traffic, and people using the path that are uncomfortable around dogs. I would be very pleased to see this changed.

The washrooms could be improved

more functional big green space

The playground, more climbing structures and more swings.

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kicking out the homeless guys

More natural vegetation/landscaping

the sand is often buzzing w wasps in the summer - can this be addressed?

bicycle parking in the car parking area

more swings

- THE DOG PARK!! IT'S NOT WORKING !! Remove the designation of "Dog Park" and leave it as is or fence it in. As it's set up now, there is an assumption that people understand the concept - they don't! Also, it assumes people have control of their dogs, most don't.

Because there is no boundaries a lot of the dogs end up using the entire park to play. Not good! I would love to let my dog off leash but without a fence I'm nervous that he would run where he's not allowed (possibly into the road). At the moment it's not a safe situation for visitors to the park or the dogs.

If it's a matter of cost for the fence, I would gladly head up a fundraising campaign to raise the money. I know the dog owners would jump at the chance to let their dogs run free!!!

- Deal with the street people living by the washrooms and next to the Italian Center (park side).

The park could be better and bigger with a zipline. Look something like the park on Cook St.

make dog area leash only

People should take priority over dogs. The dog area is rarely used. Many owners let their dogs run loose over the rest of the park. Some don't bother picking up their pet's shit.

The walking path could be paved.

Some attractive benches and observation spaces.

The walkway could be lit- it's quite dark in the fall/winter with all the trees. The off leash dog area needs to be completely enclosed. Washrooms (even just a port-a-potty) could be placed by the skate park- too many kids using the bushes by the residential fence area.

skatepark, more bleachers

A WAY better playground is needed, natural play structures, natural sandbox with logs natural climbing structures, more trees for shade, tables to have lunch at with a covered area. A water park for children!

If it didn't interrupt the recreational aspects of the park, I'd like to see more gardens or landscaping and more trees

The playground. This seems like the most used part of the park, but it's old and run down. Is it possible to get some natural play elements? E.g. logs for hopping, interesting small hills, etc?

a proper playground would be a huge improvement in the park.....we would probably use it much more with our grandchildren if we had this amenity.....

Just keep it clean and safe

just keep it clean and safe

More natural areas (trees, native plants, etc.)

fill in the holes in the leash optional area - they are dangerous.

put light along the path to esquamalt rd

The skate park is a great way to provide a unique feature for park users (skate boarders) who may be undeserved by other parks.

It would be great if we built on this, and provided more features for park users undeserved by other parks in Victoria.

More pick up of garbage. More picnic tables.

fenced in off leash area for the dogs, they do tend to run off the area into the sports fields.

increase public awareness about the park, I spent 2 years living a few minutes from it and never knew a park was there. This may be because it looks like just a skate park on the Esquimalt road side.

Adding a marked path or entrance archway on the Esquimalt road side would help identify the park as people drive by.

It feels scorched. Improvements to green areas--maybe like the oak at fisherman's wharf.

The path from Esquimalt Road to Wilson should be asphalted and the basketball court should be better maintained and programmed for youth 10 to 16 years old. The diamonds need better maintenance with additional sand . A path needs to be developed behind the play fields and better signage needs to be placed on site with directions to find different uses (washrooms ,lawn bowling location, etc

Upgrade and expand playground

The playground is really outdated and needs to be expanded. More picnic benches and better monitoring of the garbage cans would be good, too.

Playground

- more picnic tables throughout the park (the one behind the washroom isn't in the nicest location)

The children's playground isn't great. I tried to take my baby there last summer, but there were wasps everywhere and a friend found needles on the grass near the play area. So while it's incredibly close to my home, I tend to drive to other parts of the city so my toddler can go to the playground or our family can picnic and run on the grass.

Bigger, better playground - more swings, more and bigger jungle gyms, maybe a water feature although it's usually windy and cold there so a splash park might not get much use.

Playground

Keep the skatepark

Keep the skatepark

More trees

More family friendly and safe

Better utilization of open space ...

The walkway path during rainy weather tends to flood.

condition of the field itself, the baseball diamond and interface with the streets.

Close fencing in dog area

The baseball diamonds and their respective fields need an overhaul. Re-Do the Infields, level the ground. Keep outfield grass cut in the summer and smooth/level the unevenness of the outfield grass. It's very dangerous.

Dog park needs fencing - dangerous as dogs dash onto busy Rd as others walk by.
No water source for dogs/people

Skatepark

I think the park would be hard to improve on and would rather see another park or an addition with new obstacles. Maybe a rail or ledge at the edge of old park.

A fenced in dog park....move the dog park to one of the rocky areas where the dogs can benefit from a natural agility feature such as the rocks. No need to spend money on agility equipment. The dogs will love that space and benefit physically from the diverse terrain. Must have lighting for after dark hours.

The basketball court is generally under-serviced. The entire playing surface shifts noticeably to one end, making the post that supports the backboard dangerous during play. The surface gets dusty and slippery, leading to potential injury. Our group managed to move the entire surface back into position last week, but it still needs to be anchored permanently.

The skate park

No dogs allowed, LARGE fenced playground area to keep toddlers and children safe from dogs

The baseball diamond

In strongest possible terms, I am completely disgusted and offended by the homeless elements living in the park 24 hours a day for the full year that I have lived in that neighbourhood. These people have taken over a section of the park at the north east corner next to the rocks and also often monopolize the picnic table behind the public washrooms. These people have often challenged me/confronted me about being in close proximity to them while walking my dog near "their rock". The regular group that live there year round drink alcohol, smoke pot, smoke cigarettes (on the dry sunburned grass) and collect large quantities of cans and bottles which they store in the bushes. These same people urinate against the rock, defecate in the bushes,

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pull their pants down in plain view of children and seniors and families, sit on the grass and wipe their backsides on the grass INSTEAD of walking a few feet to the public lavatory...probably because they are too drunk or stoned to move. These people completely spoil this park for me and it's one of the chief reasons I am moving away from this neighbourhood soon. This is a public park for everyone (including these people), but I should not have to suffer this bad behaviour in my local park.

The off leash area should be bigger. Also the transient population around the washrooms can look a bit menacing at times.

Unlike nearby Banfield Park, Vic West Park doesn't feel like it has much of a community identity. Although there are a variety of different activities to meet the needs of diverse residents, the park doesn't have a cohesive theme.

The fencing in the off leash area is dangerous. Too many dogs have run across the road.

There is not enough lighting. Leading to potentially dangerous situations at dark, especially in the winter when we want to have our dogs out.

I walk through the skateboard area daily and it is wonderful to have something to do however there are FAR too many drugs being sold there. This needs to be stopped for the safety of everyone.

More parking and more fenced areas for dogs

there needs to be a division fence between the skate board park & the ball fields. Maybe something like the ones in MacDonald Park in James Bay. On several occasions I have seen adult ball players hit a ball that ends up at/in the skate board parks and this has resulted in yelling matches between skaters and ball players

Better architecture

We would love to have the off leash area fully fenced to stop dogs from accidentally running into baseball games after balls

dog area

Adding a full fence to the dog area would greatly increase safety, ease, and comfort of the park for all who use it.

Washroom upgraded and the ball fields upgraded/made safer

Fully fenced off-leash area.

The dogs off leash area. It's unsafe without a perimeter fence, and is too small (although I realize there's no room to grow it)

Cross Walk, better/increased awareness to travelers that there are young kids playing, putting out speed awareness detectors to show high speed offenders actual speed down this shakey clay street. The bathroom is unsafe to use due to transient population that lives there. Transients don't belong next to young children. They would do better next to the goose trail and dockyards, and lawyers offices.

Big fenced dog park

The location and design of the play structure (please keep the teeter-totter - there are very few left and my daughter always wants to come here to use it).

The multi-use play field - one of the baseball fields is in a sorry state and the soccer one though outlined on the panels does not really exist.

The washrooms - a bonus to have at a park, especially when there with kids - but can soap be included?

Get rid of the small neglected infield by the skate park, it's a waste of space. Put a fence around the entire soccer / baseball grass field area to keep people from cutting through it during games which is dangerous. Please regrade the field as well so that it isn't sloped. And if the infield could be kept all dirt like it is, but regraded as well with new dirt that would be nice, it's usually too dry and bumpy to safely play on.

The playground and the bathrooms

More benches around playground and in the shade (during peak hours). Bathroom signage? Been to park multiple times and wasn't aware there was one.

- It would be nice to have more than the single picnic table, which is often in use. Many people like to eat their lunch at the park
- the slope of the land makes soccer a "slanted" game - the soccer pitch should be more level
- the height of the curbs at the Wilson St parking lot causes damage to cars. The parking lot could benefit from some reshaping and standard height curbs.

Could optimize the space better and update the playground.

I'd like to see the paths paved. Since this will be more appealing to cyclists and skateboarders, it would also be great to designate a separate walking path.

Playground structures or play space for children. How about a nature playground like they did in Portland, OR. <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/57822>

Nothing

The fields need to be leveled and better uses of the fields

We would LOVE a water park (splash pad) and an updated playground.

kids park: playground equipment, location (closer to Wilson)

The garbage. Vagrancy. Begging. Old tired kids park.

The ball fields are horrible. So many teams would play there if you had decent fields. Level fields as that is the worst part, dug outs and a fence. Turn this into a real ball field. So many people would come to the park if you had that.

The fields are in very poor condition. The backstops are also in poor condition and should likely be removed.

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The fields are in very poor condition. The backstops are also in poor condition and should likely be removed or replaced. Beacon Hill Little League and Little League Victoria are interested in working with the City and with the neighbourhood to incorporate a stand-alone baseball park into the planned Vic West Park improvements. There is currently no such facility in the City of Victoria. Youth baseball is a popular and growing sport and a stand-alone baseball park with a 300 foot fenceline and 90 foot base paths would be valued now and for future generations of Victoria's youth.

basketball court

kids play ground

Larger playground with equipment for a variety of ages. Keep the see-saw! Not many playgrounds have one anymore and kids always love it. A clearly defined dog area, love being able to take our dog there.

kid play equipment. more shade trees.

Better playground.

Fenced off off leash area.

Improvement to skate park.

Small skate park for younger kids?

More space between skate park and basketball court.

More trees, by skate park. Teens need shade as well.

Not the safest area to travel through in the evening or at night, and the whole park can get pretty badly bogged down after a rain.

Upgrades to the areas you suggested.

It just looks a little tired

Needs refreshing

Washroom facilities

The upkeep of the grass and walking trails (the trails tend to get very wet in the fall and winter). The number of drinking fountains.

Minor improvements to upgrade the park.

The basketball court could be renovated

The addition of some type of entertainment stage/band shell that would bring people together under the sun and stars for community gatherings.

Litter.

Parking closer to the Skate Park/basketball court. Increase the size of the skate park

Safety

more naturalized areas, upgraded playground

Fence in the dog park, pave the path from Wilson to Esquimalt Rds

The gravel on the baseball diamond

better washrooms

Less homeless people

The ball fields need to be improve dramatically, they are very dangerous.

the fields the ball diamonds are like beach sand dangerous for people try to play ball . Level water the fields more

conversation areas that look inviting. Currently the park looks grubby. A water feature would help. Could you do something like fishermans park?

New Skate park & a whole new park with gardens

The ball facilities are the worst I have ever seen. I have lived in Guelph, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Toronto, Thunder Bay and Edmonton before settling in Victoria and the facilities here are atrocious. For a major city like Victoria to not have proper ball fields is sad.

better/bigger playground

Security - there are often homeless folks that sound quite drunk or high, and it makes me wary of taking my nieces there. I worry that we will stumble upon drug paraphernalia, or be harassed by those under the influence.

The playground is old and needs to be replaced. More trees planted. A waterpark for kids. Fencing around the off-leash dog park (my dogs reactive to skateboards, so never let him off right now)

fencing the entire off-leash dog area

more trees and flower gardens

more paths

lighting, seating, concession stand, waterfun!

the use of space

playground, swings (more) big rocks removed, exercise circuit, crosswalk on Bay and Henry

play equipment, glass/syringes near rock , more organized soccer

fully enclose the 'leash optional' area and make that area (and only that area) offleash. People use the park too!

lighting along the path to my bus stop and dogs only area

the public washrooms could use an upgrade. I enjoy the skatepark as is. It would be great to have lights for the spring/fall/winter. (till 10pm)

the playground and the rock needs to be cleaner

clean up areas around washrooms! Currently not enough containers for garbage and recycling.

a water play area fenced and gate off leash area more trash and recycling bins expand skate area and ban bikes ?if lawn bowling is needed. if so abolish "white" rules so other/youth might join

The playground The rock could be kept clean

More swings

the field is pretty hard pack with scrubby grass

Lit and paved pathways, enclosed dog park.

Fence in the dog park. Lighting on pathway at night. More benches/sitting area.

lights on walkway

walkway will get increased use with development and railyards - Bayview Properties

fully fenced dog area

Dont no

The "feel" It feels somewhat neglected & dingy. Soap in the washrooms! In the past, when we visited the playground with our kids, we always felt a bit uneasy.

What do you think is missing at Victoria West Park? What additional features would you like to see in the park?

Response

Count

167 responses

2 covered pick nick table area ,one near skate park area and one near play ground . please put a bench along walking path , for many elderly it is a long walk . A second washroom near skate park .

- sand (beach) volleyball courts in the area where there is late afternoon / evening sun (the sand courts could also act as sandboxes for kids)
- outdoor strength training fitness equipment (i.e. chin-up bars, leg press, pull up & dip station, seated chest

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press, seated lat pull, squat press, etc.)

- nice soccer pitches

and the play ground for every on to use even if you a disablilites

1. low-light path lighting for walking path at night

2. fenced in off leash dog area

Benches and aesthetically pleasing sitting areas for friends and neighbors to congregate. More garbage receptacles. Pave sidewalk. Add lighting along sidewalk for security and this will also extend the hours of usage for the off-leash dog park. As it is now it is unusable after dark.

For me, there is nothing missing.

long table picnic table, creative play equipement, water park

More benches.

Fenced off-leash area for dogs

Natural play structures like the pirate stuff at gyro or dinosaur at cook St

It would be amazing to have access to a hose to water down the infield before games as it's incredibly dusty.

would like to see more bleachers as the ones now seem to get moved over to the skate park constantly.

Nothing.

better ball fields

bleachers at the ball field (for both fields and both sides)

Fencing, lighting, and benches to the off leash dog area.

A fence around the dog park. Lights on the pedestrian pathways.

More benches, more family-friendly events.

Community use structure or covered area beside skatepark. Could be placed where basketball court is.

A place food trucks can park. A water park.

New obstacles added to the skatepark

And new smaller bowl or mini ramp in the skate park. The current bowl is too high and atop advanced for beginners or for the very young or the aging skater population of Victoria. We could also use some newer flat ground ledges similar to a skate plaza which would reflect the current and new style of skate park building and skating.

Waterpark

a bicycle park with banks and jumps like Cecila Creek

Proper, functional water fountain.

A water element like a fountain, open natural drainage or water park for children would be nice. A native plant garden. Public art, a totem pole honouring the Songhees People.

Water park for kids.

Water play park for multi-ages.

If I am sitting on the bench near the playground and my child decides to go to the swings, this area is so far away I have to relocate. It would be nice to have seating between these structures so that parents can supervise their kids wherever they are.

a woodchip trail on the perimeter of the park

A fence to keep dogs in and from running into the road

shade

Dirt jumps for bmx

Better access to amenities/water. More events/vendor access for events.

Shaded area / semi covered area at the skatepark.

Water play area for kids.

Gardens

Larger off leash area and more picnic tables throughout the park.

Tennis Courts

More regular programming

A splash park would be so super awesome, a wading pool and concession.

Would love to see a FENCED off leash area for the dogs

I would like to see a First Nations presence in either an historical plaque or statue.

A bike trail through the park.

Food trees and or shrubs.

Possible community garden.

actually---please remove the water spouts that come out at night.. it doesn't get dark until after 10pm in the summer, yet we can't skate/hang/play here because of the water

Picnic area

picnic tables through out

- A community garden. There are so many multi dwelling buildings in the area. People are very into a healthier lifestyle and I think there would be a long waiting list as soon as it was set up.
- Seating of some kind. Right now there are only 3 benches near the playground. I would love to be able to sit and chat by the dog area or under the trees by the path.

Bigger Park for kids to play, zipline.

Maybe a water park added. More updated.

more picnic tables

Benches/seating areas.

Aesthetic elements ... maybe a bit more landscaping

Lights on the walkway and a fence at the dog park.

lights for the skatepark, cops stopping by more often

More trees and shade

A way better play ground

ponds and natural gardens

a water park for kids

a covered area with tables

A big sand area for children

Natural play structures

Naturally challenging play structures for children

I think the amenities are good.

Is it possible to get some natural play elements? E.g. logs for hopping, interesting small hills, big rocks for climbing, etc?

the whole park needs a clean up.....more benches needed, picnic tables,

More natural areas (trees, native plants, etc.)

an area where people could go & sit/enjoy the park. in london england, green & white deck chairs are scattered throughout parks where people can go and relax/spend the day. there is a nominal fee for use, but it is very popular and is very pretty to see all the deck chairs scattered in an area of the park.

and exercise ring

Traveling Rings! A rare feature in parks, which attract strong community following, and actually draw tourists to the area (ringers!). When living in New York, I started using the traveling rings they have in Riverside Park, and since then, have made a special effort to visit other traveling ring installations in Santa Monica, CA and Rhode Island.

Adult traveling rings require a space measuring approximately 25' wide' by 15' high by 80' long, about the length of a tennis court. The cost for the galvanized steel 4-bay structure, which suspends 10 rings on swivel chains, is \$8,000-\$10,000. The additional costs of shipping, taxes (if applicable), assembly, installation, and concrete footings bring the total to the \$20,000-\$30,000 range. Junior rings consist of eight rings on a 3-bay structure. The cost is about 20% less.

A gazebo or sheltered area to sit.

some kind of water park area for the kids

A music venue or stage similar to what is in Beacon Hill for bands to play at.

Especially with the skate park there a permanent music venue would give local bands a place to play for skate competitions without needing to set-up a mobile trailer stage.

Disc golf course, shady green areas.

A splash park for kids would be a fun addition to the neighbourhood.

Half decent path that at present is wet from broken water pipes, requires more gravel and ultimately asphalted as older women and women with children have difficulties plowing thru gravel with carts and buggies

Don't really need anything new, just upgrade existing

water fountains

Some outdoor fitness activities

- community garden or orchard - something to introduce local food production to the mix. It would be awesome to see more initiatives by the Victoria West Urban Farmers group. Less grass, more diversity!
- more attention to cultivating native plant species in less trafficked areas
- potentially add a band shell for community concerts, outdoor movie screenings, theatre groups etc.

A splash pad would be a really great addition to the children's play area.

Add picnic tables and bike racks. Add more basketball/tennis courts. Add a soccer pitch with goals. Renovate the washrooms.

Water park

More flowers

Add (dirt jump) bike park facilities -- to much animosity at skatepark

I would love to see an outdoor exercise gym.

better seating for the baseball diamond, better condition of the baseball field grass and infield dirt. Better condition of dug out area and surrounding area of back stop.

Perhaps add some flower beds & benches near trees.

Fencing

Seating

Water source

Improved skatepark, BBQ pit.

A bigger longer stair set than the 4 stair. A section with polished concrete.

A paved walkway for people with mobility issues, lighting for security and safety for after dark hours between Bayview and Save On Foods, benches for resting, more garbage receptacles, one more Poop Bag station at the other end of the walkway.

Out door stage, brighter lights at night

A water park and a better playground!

more seating, and picnic tables in a couple of areas near the skateboard park or diamond.

More police bicycle drive bys in the park. Police should stop and discuss appropriate behaviour with the homeless people. Public health inspectors should visit the homeless section and educate the homeless people about sanitary practices. There should be real consequences for bad behaviour in the park like a ban from the park enforced by the bylaw officers or police DAILY.

Can there be a pathway that better connects the Bay street sidewalk to the walking path on the far side of the park?

More spaces for community gathering. Most people who use Vic West park use it for a specific activity i.e. skateboarding, baseball, playground. Those that are interested in going to the park for a picnic or to read a book or grab a coffee at the nearby Starbucks and catch up with a friend don't have many options.

The playground takes a backstage which I think contributes to the vibe that it is a park for sports and teens. Most children seem to gravitate to Banfield over vicwest.

Fencing and benches in the off leash area. The washrooms are dodgy. Benches and a water tap for the dogs. Improved info structure in the playground.

Lighting along the pathway

Water fountain for dogs and people

An outdoor pool!!

More shade, perhaps more trees.

More benches

A water park and a picnic area

Keep it natural looking.

Fully fenced dog park

The dog run should be fully fenced

A fully fenced dog park

Playground having a water feature that can be utilized in the summer.

None

Exercise circuit. More swings, but keep them large and same size as is. The current swings are GREAT! Use as a soccer field. Be sure not to replicate other parks. Keep each park unique so people want to travel to all parks for variety! Tunnels and crawling tubs for agility and creative play can be combined.

Simple Dog agility equipment

Picnic tables.

A bike dirt skills track to complement the skate park.

Fenced in dog off leash area.

See above for more detail: fence around entire field play area to keep non players from taking shortcuts through the field during game play

A splash park would be amazing!

- more trees, although that might require watering. Garry Oaks would be a good choice

Water park! Updates. More playground.

Better lighting; water fountains.

waterpark

Nature playground. It's a big space but really underused, and doesn't necessarily attract families to the playground.

A water park for children would be nice.

Three Pickleball courts for sure.

Many active seniors live here

Extra diamonds

Water park/splash pad.

water park, updated kids playground, better walk paths, greenery/shrubs/trees/updated landscaping

Water park for kids. Plants. Flowers. Vegetation.

More play ground for kids. Real ball diamonds.

More benches

Victoria West Park currently has two poorly maintained and underutilized backstops. Beacon Hill Little League and Little League Victoria would like to see a Little League ball park and facilities of a size and dimension suitable to accommodate a Little League baseball program in Victoria that would include Junior (ages 13-14), Senior (ages 15-16), and Big League Baseball (ages 17-18).

tennis courts

improve playground with more fun stuff

Picnic tables.

water feature for kids in the summer. several water fountains for drinking water.

Water park!!!

Picnic area,

Seating

A more developed playground with some features for adults as well, for street workouts and the like.

More picnic tables, near shady trees.

Not sure

fenced dog park area would be good

A communal gathering space / spot to sit. Portland, Oregon has some great examples of public spaces.

tennis courts

Water fountain.

summer water feature to cool off

Water play areas.

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Interesting landscaping / drought friendly gardens.
Summertime water park feature
?
Water park
Maybe a bigger kids park and better bal diamonds
covered area for all season skating, concession stand,
Benches/seating that prevent people from sleeping on or vandalizing them
Nothing
water park
see above. FW park is so inviting now that it has been given a facelift.
A water park & a edible garden for the neighbor hood
Proper slopitch facilities
It needs to be more inviting - more family friendly. The layout is poor, and again, I worry about safety.
See answer above
adding picnic tables (include wheelchair friendly tables) add a path from east to west across the park (for wheelchair use) adding a stage for music and plays (summer festivals) lighting for winter use: on the paths and off-leash dog area
Flowers, special event day ie: Skateboarding Welcome Visitors
community garden and more use of the lawn bowling club
exercise circuit, crosswalk @ Bay and Henry
natural play features
Just lighting at night is my main concern I'm sure theres something else but!
It would be great if the path form the parking lot to the park was paved. Also lights would be great (till 10pm) I would rather see a new park somewhere else in Victoria than an upgrade or expansion of this park
I think there should be fencing around play area so dogs not able to mess in area! How about a water feature for little ones.

fenced area for dogs fenced area for playground - keep dogs out/kids safe

a community garden
picnic tables
public art

a crosswalk form the end of Henry St. to park and more swings and natural spaces to play

exercise equipment

see above

see above
water fountain











fully fenced dog area

Don't no

outdoor fitness equipment

water fountain
community gardens, picnic tables, more "eyes on the street", fenced dog area , soap in the washrooms

What kinds of play features would you most like to see at Victoria West Park?

Response	Count		
Climbing elements (e.g. overhead climbers, climbing boulders, climbing nets)	109	58.6%	
Swings	87	46.8%	
Slides	65	34.9%	
Natural play area (e.g. logs, boulders, sand play)	103	55.4%	
Spinning components	17	9.1%	
Water play elements (e.g. water pumps, water channels)	98	52.7%	
Zipline	68	36.6%	
Tunnels or crawling tubes	21	11.3%	
Imaginative elements (e.g. social play, playful sculptures, themed play)	48	25.8%	
<u>Other, please specify...</u>	17	9.1%	
<i>Total: 186</i>			

No opinion

exercise equipment

areas for people to sit at and enjoy the park

there is more to the VicWest community than children...a new playground should be inclusive of the whole community, including parents of children, and non-child households.

monkey bars

multi-age play equipment so the playground stays relevant as children age or families have children in different stages of ability

outdoor exercise equipments

Safety fence to keep small children safe from dogs

I like what you have done at Cook Street park. You should replicate that at Vic West. Ramp up the family presence and force out the homeless element by having larger numbers of decent people present.

tunnels are a bad idea unfortunately, hidden activity, lost kids... etc

Balance elements (low-set to reduce chance of injury)

tennis courts

like at Cadboro Gyro park

dont care irrelevant to me I am 59 but thanx

monkey bars!

boulder like at Stelley's school

Just the open field for children to run

What improvements would you like to see to existing sports fields?

Response

Count

113 responses

more spectator seating

use better / modern surface materials for the ball diamond

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- use better / modern surface materials for the ball diamonds

- get rid of one ball diamond

- nice soccer playing surface(s) that could double for ultimate and tag-football matches

- adding sand (beach) volleyball courts in the sunnier locations (considering how popular beach volleyball is in Vancouver, it could be really popular here too but there aren't too many good locations to play outdoor volleyball in the City of Victoria - rec leagues like Victoria Sport & Social Club & West Coast Rec would surely put volleyball courts so close to downtown to very good use)

Relocate this facility to a more functional location. This area has a very congested traffic flow problem with limited parking.

No opinion

Better soccer field

None required.

Soccer pitch grass could be improved

It's pretty soggy during the winter. Better drainage needed

Move plate to increase distance between fields, flatten infield

The slope on the field leveled out. It's a big job but would bring the field up to par with other fields in the city. The softball infield next to the skate park could use some attention or be turned into a dirt infield like the other side to eliminate dangerously bad bounces.

Flat fields with grass infields and dirt baselines

Leveling of the fields for both softball and soccer

The entire field needs to be dug up and made level and safer. Also, the alignment of the base path is not straight and causes more danger/issues in the game.

flatten them out. Make the infields better for baseball safety

Level ground and further separation from two fields

Maintained grass.

The grounds need to be better maintained or the terrain needs to be something like turf that allows for more consistent usage without the daily maintenance.

Quality of materials, upkeep and the size (currently there is a crossover when both fields are in use)

Netting along the Wilson street ball field.

Field needs a leveling. Very uneven surface for running.

More family-friendly events.

Leveled out soccer pitch.

None

I think they are well used and kept clean

Level ball field.

Area for badminton/volleyball/tennis

a woodchip trail on the perimeter of the park

Nice well kept lawn

theres a soccer pitch?

None

Maintained nicer

advertisement that fields are available - levelling

They are fairly good however i think only one ball diamond is necessary. the other end of the park, closer to the skatepark, can be used for a new purpose such as a waterpark and concession.

n/a

It would be great to know what is going on. Possibly post games and events the way they post cruise ships coming in on the walk way.

more spectator stands

Should be leveled and re-turfed.

Some spectator accommodation

The field needs to be levelled with better drainage.

N/a

Level them

to keep the dogs off it

score board.

announcement board of who is playing when

Bleachers.

Better maintained, better diamonds with clear markings
fresh seating
Improved seating
What sports field? Level the ground and add soccer goals. Add more basketball/tennis courts.
N/a
benches/bleachers, protective fence by parking lot
Removal ... we have so many sport fields but no where for mountain bikes - Ceceila bike park is for beginners.
New grass
New infield for baseball diamond
New dug outs or over all facilities for teams to change in
Infrastructure for food trucks/carts?
Better grading to improve drainage
The baseball diamonds and their respective fields need an overhaul. Re-Do the Infields, level the ground. Keep outfield grass cut in the summer and smooth/level the unevenness of the outfield grass. It's very dangerous.
Water fountain.
Make sure sprinklers don't spray the skatepark
n/a
improve the soccer pitch
NO DOGS
As above...grooming and seating
I don't play baseball, but the existing equipment needs to be updated.. The players deserve a decent ball park.
more seating
A separation fence between the field, perhaps like the low lever one at MacDonald Park in James Bay
Larger
Leveled out and better back stops and dirt. Make them true ball diamonds. It is a great park to play at but it is unsafe. We have had numerous rolled ankles and close calls with the holes in the outfield. Doesn't need to

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be turf just some nice level grass with that nice red dirt like they have at Softball city in South Surrey.

Better backstop for baseball, improved bleachers.

Just be sure they don't interfere with the play areas for children's safety.. my only concern.

It appears that space is limited for incorporating a full sized soccer field - perhaps a kids sized field or half field.

Regraded entire field to remove the slope. Regraded infield on larger infield as field is currently bumpy and dry and unsafe. A fence around the entire field soccer / baseball area to keep people from dangerously taking shortcuts through the field during gameplay

Nothing

The soccer pitch is sloped, causing unfair advantage to the team that starts on the "high side". If the grade could be modified to be (more) level, there would be more use of the soccer pitch.

Alternatively, take away the "usage" of the park as a soccer pitch, just focus on the two baseball diamonds.

If there was a better soccer pitch perhaps I would have games there and close to home! We are the Vic West league but no pitches close to home.

Tennis court maybe?

Nothing

Make it safe and competitive

Level and build 2 much better diamonds. The ones now are unsafe.

N/A

na

Neater fencing. Clean it up.

The ball fields are horrible. So many teams would play there if you had decent fields. Level fields as that is the worst part, dug outs and a fence. Turn this into a real ball field. So many people would come to the part if you had that.

Beacon Hill Little League and Little League Victoria would like to see the existing sports fields improved to include a proper backstop, score booth and dugouts for a 90 foot base path base part with a 300 foot fence.

sports facility for adults. Running trail

Don't use them, couldn't say.

N/A

Some improvements to the general condition of the fields. Maybe installation of soccer goals for multi use.

More regular upkeep of the gravel (it's patchy at best).

minor upgrades

water the grass and keep it green

ensure there will continue to be green space for impromptu activities such as bocce ball, Frisbee, etc.

Goal posts

none

Better taken care of

Disc golf course, bmx park

Larger ball fields better grade on the fields.

fix the diamonds to proper baseball standards so they are safe the backstop area are like beach sand this is dangerous for ball players .

Not sure

Both fields are badly sloped and neither is flat. Eventually a player is going to take a ball to the face and the city is going to be held responsible for their terrible maintenance of these fields. The diamond closest to the skatepark is barely useable.

There should only be one ball field at Vic West as that is really all space allows for. If possible this field should have a fence.

If the fields are constantly used I would suggest maintaining them, but it seems that they are often empty. Maximizing the space is important - is there a way to somehow combine those two fields to make room for something more family friendly?

N/A

Better updates! bases lined! night lights for late summer events

improvements to make the space more useable

programmed soccer for different ages (sportball etc...) seems to be drainage issues near play equipment

maybe more seating for fans (often being used when we visit)

same as above

paved path along the side of the field

Think sports areas are very good

enlarge added washroom better lighting

an obscale coarse for kids

n/a

large bletches for baseball

Junior baseball diamond and team!

Alternative sports turf/area or surface I practice Highland games here on the ball diamond I dont' want to throw on the grass and damage the turf

more user friendly for kids sports, teams

What features would you like to see included in an improved beginner bowl?

Response

Count

68 responses

more jumps and a place to learn

I don't use the skate park but think it is an excellent facility and it seems to be heavily used and enjoyed. I think it is great that it no longer seems to suffer from graffiti

Indifferent

N/A

More segregation from the rest of the skate park so beginners are not being trampled by more experienced skaters

N/A

Re-surfacing - don't change it.

More beginner technical obstacles. More rails, gaps, etc.

A bigger bowl!

Well it's not actually a bowl, it's just a few little ramps. A bowl needs to be steeper and have metal coping around the edges to be called a "bowl". With that said, I think it needs to remain the same but just fixing the concrete. I would also add some new elements to the sides of the "bowl" such as extensions and possibly

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concrete. I would also add some new elements to the sides of the bowl such as extensions and possibly even a channel between two extensions. Also, a large drop in ramp opposite the large flat bank in the new park which leads to the "couch" obstacle would be good so that you could gain enough speed to clear the flat top between the old park and into the new park. A ledge between those 2 obstacles would also be excellent.

Spine, good drainage, traditional halfpipe

None

Just resurface it.

Separate areas for beginners and more advanced boarders. Lots of ramps of various difficulties.

N/A

does this mean the 'old' park by the lawn bowling club or the actual bowl by the basketball court?

the bowl by the basket ball court lacks flow and could use a rebuild to include more lines and possibility for a hip.

old park is great as is (besides the cracks) and shouldnt be changed. it is heavily ridden by young and old skaters / bmxers daily. the only thing i can think of it missing is a small sub box (there was a very well installed parking curb last summer that was there for a few months which was perfect).

A sub box

More ledges (capped or uncapped) banks in addition to curved bowl sides.

Mid high quarter pipe section (like 4 foot ish?) Bigger then the current size and smaller then the bowl.

Higher.

keep it similar but add more

Stop cleaning up their graffiti - let it be

a kids only zone, it is often too dangerous for the kids to practice when the teenagers and adults are flying in and out of there.

n/a

na

Wasn't even aware of beginner bowl. Would love to be involved!

More aesthetic elements ... creative murals ... attractive spectator spaces

expand

not sure as long as it fun for who use it

no comment

More distinction that it is an area for beginners

no idea

- the existing structure is really good, although some more variety would be nice to allow for some progression within the beginner bowl

Whatever the skateboard advisors suggest

Aside from general maintenance the beginner bowl should be left as is.

new signage - include bmx, scooters and dirt jump bikes (single speed)

Not a skate boarder

Coping added to lips.

Coping on some of the transition and maybe a wall

Expand the street course part into the area

Graffiti area!

na

Nothing

I don't skate, so I don't know.

I don't know enough about the skate park to comment here.

None

na

Space for parents. Less garbage around.

nothing

Will leave this to those that know more about skate parks, but I really hope it isn't made smaller or such as my son and his buddies are super excited to be old enough to use it, and love watching the "older kids".

Snake run

N/A

no comment

?

Remove the railing beside the beginner bowl and either extend the park 5 feet or add a patio style concrete platform with benches for seating

not sure

Art work

You have a skate park yet all over Victoria the sports fields are neglected.

I dislike the skatepark. I would rather see it gone.

Lighting.

better lighting seating have a park guard or guide during events

yes forementioned lighting thank you sincerely

a spine or smaller bowl section with proper coping. (mini ramp style)

I would like to see skatepark expanded and more lights

enlarge add washroom

n/a

Don't no

I'm not knowledgable enough to know!

Are there other improvements you would like to see to the skate park in the future?

Response

Count

67 responses

No opinion

Indifferent

N/A

No

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Expansion of the park with more bowls. Covered areas for shade.

More challenging obstacles!

A new smaller bowl or mini ramp with metal coping about 4 feet high. So that beginners can learn to use the large 7' bowl. Also new ledges around the park made "plaza style", such as granite ledges.

Oaklands needs a skatepark too.

A kidney shaped bowl or something more articulated that would allow for more complicated and interesting lines. Pie in the sky dream choice would be a covered foam pit to practice airs

Manual pad. More ledges on the North side of the park.

this park is ridden year round but with its current 'anti-graffiti' sprinkler system, the park becomes flooded and icy for months of the year.

More rails

Additional water fountains

Covered shade zones and better water fountain, A closer bathroom that the majority of the park users will use closer to the skatepark.

larger obstacles

Is there a water fountain anywhere?

more seating

n/a

na

More updated also for bikes.

Smart components that share information about use and events.

lights, security guard?

not sure as long as it fun for who use it

no comment

covered rest area for shade on the hot days. Easily installed on the north side of the park between the skate section and grass

space for small children

kids bathroom, the other one is too far away, and I don't like them peeing through the trees on to the

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lawnbowling side.

- more garbage cans and recycling bins to encourage people to keep the facility clean

Again what skateboarders recommend

A new small bowl, 2-4 feet deep beside the existing beginner bowl could be a good addition

Area for bikes ...

Expansion.

no

Make it bigger

Regular maintenance, expansion to make it larger, area for smaller children to practice

Just keep it pristine as it is now...we are proud of it and the young people are doing a great job!!,

Ongoing park host presence to deter riff raff elements from spoiling the skate park for families.

More garbage receptacles or more frequent emptying. Is there a way to incorporate recycling as well?

Security features to deter the amount of drugs being sold.

Ask the skaters, go there to visit them. It's far to crowded for young kids to safely use.

I don't skate, so I don't know.

To enable a design where little kids can still be around safely with the teenagers.

I don't know enough about the skate park to comment here.

None

na

Less garbage around. Too many kids drinking alcohol on the stands.

no

more graphic elements, get artists to paint

Larger

trees on both sides. Shade.

Small kids learning area.

Snake run

Clearer division between beginner and advanced areas especially for those starting out. Maybe some

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more of a focus between beginner and advanced areas, separating out those wanting to progress from those posted safety tips.

N/A

no comment

An additional bench along the sidelines.

More areas dedicated to different levels of expertise. Perhaps some 'one way' pathways to take users through certain areas. More non-smoking enforcement...

range of skill level options

covered section

Less drunk people

A skate instructors

No

Better lighting. The park is pretty scary after dark.

Better design so the little ones have a fair share!

I would love to see regular maintenance for the cracks in the concrete but feel money would be best used on creating new parks around the city for more diversity and less overcrowdedness.

n/a

leave all walkways as permeable surface






information plaque imbedded in glaciated rocks - re: last glacier

Keep mentors

Artistic elements

Keep the hosts/mentor system

What kinds of improvements to the leash optional area would you most like to see?

Response	Count	
Fenced-in dog park	132 73.3%	
Play elements / agility training elements	60 33.3%	
Bag dispenser	138 76.7%	
None. I do not support improvements to the leash-optional area	11 6.1%	
<u>Other, please specify...</u>	26 14.4%	
<i>Total: 180</i>		
a better pet waste disposal / management strategy, large trees along the Wilson Street edge ,		
garbage can just outside entrance of fenced in area		
The ground gets very muddy during the rainy season so I would recommend back mulching the low lying areas		
Lighting and benches		
Garbage cans.		
Nearby benches so that passers by can enjoy watching the dogs play without actually entering the area.		
Made bigger		
Larger in size.		
leash area only so dogs don't bother other users of park		
Dog area should be removed.		
fill in the holes in the ground - dangerous to walk		
Before doing anything you should do a survey of usage . I see it used seldom		
A source of water for thirsty dogs		
Water source		
Relocate off-leash dog park to one of the nature rocky areas fence it in and this will provide a natural		

provide an optional dog park to one of the future fenced areas, fence it in and also provide a natural agility course for them with spending a single dollar.

PLEASE MAKE A FENCED AREA FOR DOGS AND SEND ANIMAL CONTROL FOR REGULAR ROUNDS TO ENSURE CHILDREN'S SAFETY FROM IRRESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS

it's fine as it is.

Benches. Water station.

I'm not necessarily impressed to see running dogs when my kid is laying there.

Clear signage of where the dog area ends.

Water fountain

lighting for winter use and safety

Happy the way it is!

fenced in and STRICT adherence to the leashing in rest of the park Solar light powered by poop

dog designated would be nice...not relevant to me but....

Do you have other comments about the leash-optional dog area at Victoria West Park?

Response

Count

72 responses

I am very happy we have this area.

- don't make it any bigger
- provide better lighting (perhaps optional push-button or motion-sensored lighting)

yes peopl seem to let dogs go other place besilde the dog area

A secure, fenced in area is SO needed at Vic West park. Currently, the by-law officers wait in the parking area for the dogs in the off leash area to cross the invisible boundary as they run around with the other dogs and then ticket the owners. As a result, many dog owners have had to stop using the park.

See above

I do not support the idea of (generally) fencing in the park to accommodate dogs and their owners. I should point out, however, that the area next to Wilson Street, between the path and the low rise housing is already partly fenced/closed off. I would have no objection to fencing it completely as it is already partly bound by

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the building and the existing fence and I don't use it anyway (partly because it is fenced and used by dogs and their owners).

keep dogs away from kids

Needs to be fully fenced in.

Need the fenced area dogs come onto the playing field, disrupt games and leave deposits

Dogs are always running onto the field while sports are happening - it needs to be fenced in for their safety.

Fence it in.

Please keep it!

Great for pet owners!

A fence along the road all the way across the front boarder on Bay Street would be a good idea

Necessity... not all dogs want to be social, some are passing through park but are forced into engaging dogs at play.

Guardians to be responsible for placing their pet on a leash if the pet is not behaving well. Cleaning up after pet. Not letting a dog wander off leash in the non-dog area.

It should be securely fenced and much larger than the current area. I don't have a dog, but fully support an off-leash area in the park if it is fenced and well removed from where children play. The current area for dogs is also really swampy in wet weather, so a lot of dog owners let their dogs play on the sport fields instead. Better drainage here would be really great.

Not all dogs are well-trained. If leashes are optional, there are needs to be fenced in to protect small children who can be attacked by "playful" dogs.

It's very convenient, but also quite small, and the lack of the fence means that dogs are constantly over in the other open areas.

I love leash-optional dog parks. Thanks for keeping this one open!

fenced in would be awesome so that poop doesn't continue to end up all over and so that the kids playing at the park are kept safe :)

There is only one fenced dog park in Victoria over by UVIC, having a fenced area in Vic West would be amazing and keep the dogs safe while they play.

- THE DOG PARK!! IT'S NOT WORKING !! Remove the designation of "Dog Park" and leave it as is or fence it in. As it's set up now, there is an assumption that people understand the concept - they don't! Also, it assumes people have control of their dogs, most don't.

Because there is no boundaries a lot of the dogs end up using the entire park to play. Not good! I would

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I love to let my dog off leash but without a fence I'm nervous that he would run where he's not allowed (possibly into the road). At the moment it's not a safe situation for visitors to the park or the dogs. If it's a matter of cost for the fence, I would gladly head up a fundraising campaign to raise the money. I know the dog owners would jump at the chance to let their dogs run free!!!

Dog area should be removed. It just encourages people to bring dogs to the park. Few people restrict their dogs to the dog area. Dogs frequently run wild in the rest of the park.

They're great. We the dog owners should continue to keep it clean by picking up after our dogs.

would like to see the fence run in long the fence where the wing so that there dogs can not get out peopl do not come out and whach them.

benches, picnic tables for owners

People in the Wing apartments should not be tying their dogs up in the dog park or leaving them unattended. My only worry

Instead of the leash dog area ,why not consider a circular development of a circular path.

rather than fencing, shrubbery dividing the park from the skate park/ esquimalt avenue would be nice.

- this is a very well-used area for dogs and I think it's great to have it in the community (I don't own a dog). Clear signage of where the area begins and ends, and bags/bins to dispose of waste are all that is needed. I don't think it's appropriate to spend tax dollars on a playground for dogs.

It would be nice to have the option to be off leash if they wish.

I love it :)

No

n/a

I would like to see the city taking a tougher stance on dogs off leash outside of leash optional areas. Please FENCE all leash optional areas

no

Please keep it as grass. Fenced in all gravel "dog parks" are just sad.

It is most important to have proper fencing for everyone's safety. Lighting, benches and water access would be a benefit.

Please keep it!!

With so many other things going on in the park, I prefer not to take my dog off leash in this area because she may get excited by the balls at the ball field and run after them. I would like a fenced area where she

can run free and not worry. Also the dog area is along Wilson Road which is a dog runs can get hit by a car.

It will be a great help to the communities dog owners to provide a fully fenced park! In a city where most people do not have yards but want to provide a loving home for dogs in need it's definitely an important option-- especially in a high traffic area and not wanting to disturb the other elements of the park.

The fence is most important..with double gate. While Victoria has a fair amount of off leash areas, it lacks in fully fenced parks.

It's great but would be better if fully fenced.

Please fence it fully!

As the only option in Vic West, combined with the fact that the growth in Vic West is mostly from multi-family units, it's super important to have a great off leash park for dog owners. Having your dog on leash for exercise is useless and doesn't allow a dog to exhibit normal behaviours.

We like supporting off leash dog areas (and we have a dog) but considering all the other feature of the park (and more to come) fenced in might be better.

Reminder to people to use it rather than the sports fields and too clean up after their pets

Why is it leash optional? Is it originally designed as a dog park?

no

Better enforcement of leash areas

no

It is a great feature!

Please keep the leash optional area! Having it fenced in I feel would help those who aren't in favour of one feel more comfortable with having one there.

No pitbulls off-leash.

no comment

It's great and not overused.

Make that area leash optional, and make the rest of the park leash mandatory.

for the number of dogs in the area, needs to be a bigger park. usage is every day all year.

Fencing is a must, with a separate area for smaller dogs.

No

I'm okav with an off leash area. but bvlaw officers must be available to check in on it and issue fines for

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owners not picking up excrement, or owners not in control of their pets

Benches to sit while watching

needs to be fenced in

clear rules about where the leash-optional areas are. they are not by the playground equipment. Fenced along path to minimize conflicts between people walking & off-leash dogs.

have areas where theres some kind of surface that will reduce dust. grassed areas will become bare/dusty (we saw this in Portland Chapman School park --nasty poopy dust -ikk!)

more of the same as above.....

no

n/a

bench lights water spigot

Needs to be fully fenced. Having access to Wilson St is just asking for dead puppies

No Not my priority

Please provide any additional comments or ideas you have about how Victoria West Park can be improved.

Response

Count

55 responses

- maximize the allotted parking areas (to fit as many vehicles as possible to account for insreased usage due to improved park facilities and existing neighbourhood street parking situation)
- please don't touch any of the mature trees
- more information of the lawn bowling club would have been useful in completing this survey
- please don't designate this park as a 'camping permitted' or micro-housing park

I do like in summer when has staff it make me feel safe that my kid will be ok

Keep it simple and ensure the fenced in dog area is large enough to allow the dogs to run and play freely, and safely for their exercise. The treed walking path is wonderful for Vic West residents and others to get quick access to Esquimalt Road, waterfront walking paths as well as West Side Village. No camping overnight.

I would like to remove the homeless people that live behind the large rock outcroppings. I call the police regularly about this problem.

There is an expression that if something is not broken, don't try to fix it. Please bear this in mind when you are considering plans for the park. Basically, it appears to me that the park works fine and it does not appear to me to need any significant changes to it. The items mentioned above in my comments, would not appear to me to be significant changes.

Lighting and cleaning around the rocky crag

Some sort of lighting in all areas of the park to stop vandalizing the park, also for safety in games.

Fence it in.

Thank you for all your hard work!

Toilets closer to the skatepark.

Please please do not remove trees.

vic west is a great park and is the reason i moved from oak bay to vic west.

I feel that the skatepark should be expanded out into some of the lesser used areas of the park. Since it is one of the most consistently in use areas of the park over most of the year I think it makes more sense to add onto that than any of the other sections of the park.

The air quality at the park is not good because of the floatplanes. It smells bad and we worry it may be unsafe for children.

I just wanted to say thank you for opening this up to public input, our family is so excited that the kids are going to have a new and improved space to play!!!

if you can't smoke in parks, the least you can do is get a butt garbage

park definitely an asset to Vic West residents

I indicated that additional parking seems to be needed because park users frequently park on streets near the park.

Making it more visually appealing will make me want to go there more often! Better kept gardens and grass

may look at way that any person can use it from young to old
even if they have disabilities that they can have fun too
have bright color

More walking paths that are short cuts, through the park. Less open field.

More garbage pick up- no overflowing cans.

A garden.

More signage in the dog park about fines for not picking up the dog poop.

Love this park. Visit all the time with my children as it is one of the few parks that provide shade as well as a wide variety of options for play - we fly kites, climb on the rocks, skate park, and playground.

?

Over the years, I have noticed fewer undesirable characters around the skate park easing my mind walking near there.

Can the playground incorporate some of the large rocks into outdoor activities.

- consider lighting, both to promote safety and also to create gathering spaces
- ensure that seating, play equipment etc. is accessible

Vic west park needs more frequent grounds maintenance - pick up litter, broken glass, dog poop, cigarette butts, etc.

More additions to the skatepark.

ban scooters

n/a

DOG CONTROL

More police presence. Police must be proactive about the homeless people and the riff raff at the skate park.

Ensure there is good lighting around the washrooms. Also work with the condos that border the park - I don't think their residents are allow to smoke on the property so they congregate on the edge of the park and smoke.

More seating and gathering spaces for people not interested in a specific sport but interested in spending time to sunbathe, read a book, people watch etc.

this is a great spot for dogs! very well used and perfect location

Just an upgrade to the washrooms would be nice. Kind of dark and sketchy now so most of us go over to Starbucks

Once the survey period is complete will park improvement designs be shared with the community before they are implemented.

Better landscaping and a cleaner look.

I'm excited that the city will be improving this park; however I'm troubled by Council's proposal to designate certain parks as campgrounds for our population without homes. I do not wish to see Vic West Park used as a campground

a campground.

At this time we do not often use the park as it is not family friendly. I would love for this to change! It would be great if it was more like cook street village park. We drive across town to go to parks that are better equipped for kids.

Bathrooms at both ends

Background and details of Beacon Hill Little League's proposal to expand its baseball divisions and to identify a location suitable to accommodate Little League Junior, Senior and Big League division are provided in our May 21, 2015 submission to Mayor and Council which was presented to Council on May 28, 2015.

the pathway of park is always flood and we can't walk through when it is rain.

a cross walk across Bay street to the park.

picnic benches for picnics

BBQ/Briquettes spots for family BBQs

garbage cans

lots of shade trees

Provide something to entice people to leverage the space who are not coming to participate in a specific activity (e.g. baseball, playing with dog in park, etc). This could include a square, a fountain, some sort of gardens, outdoor seating, etc. See Jamison Square for an example in Portland at:
<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/finder/index.cfm?action=ViewPark&PropertyID=1140>

keep the park!

A playful water feature would be great.

hold festivals there - maybe link in with the Vic west street fest and things like that. Give the community a reason to attend the park. Clean it up, and they will come.

Bandshell lighting, special events ie; Fair! Concession stand, water fun! List of events

community garden!!!

lighting in applicable areas.....

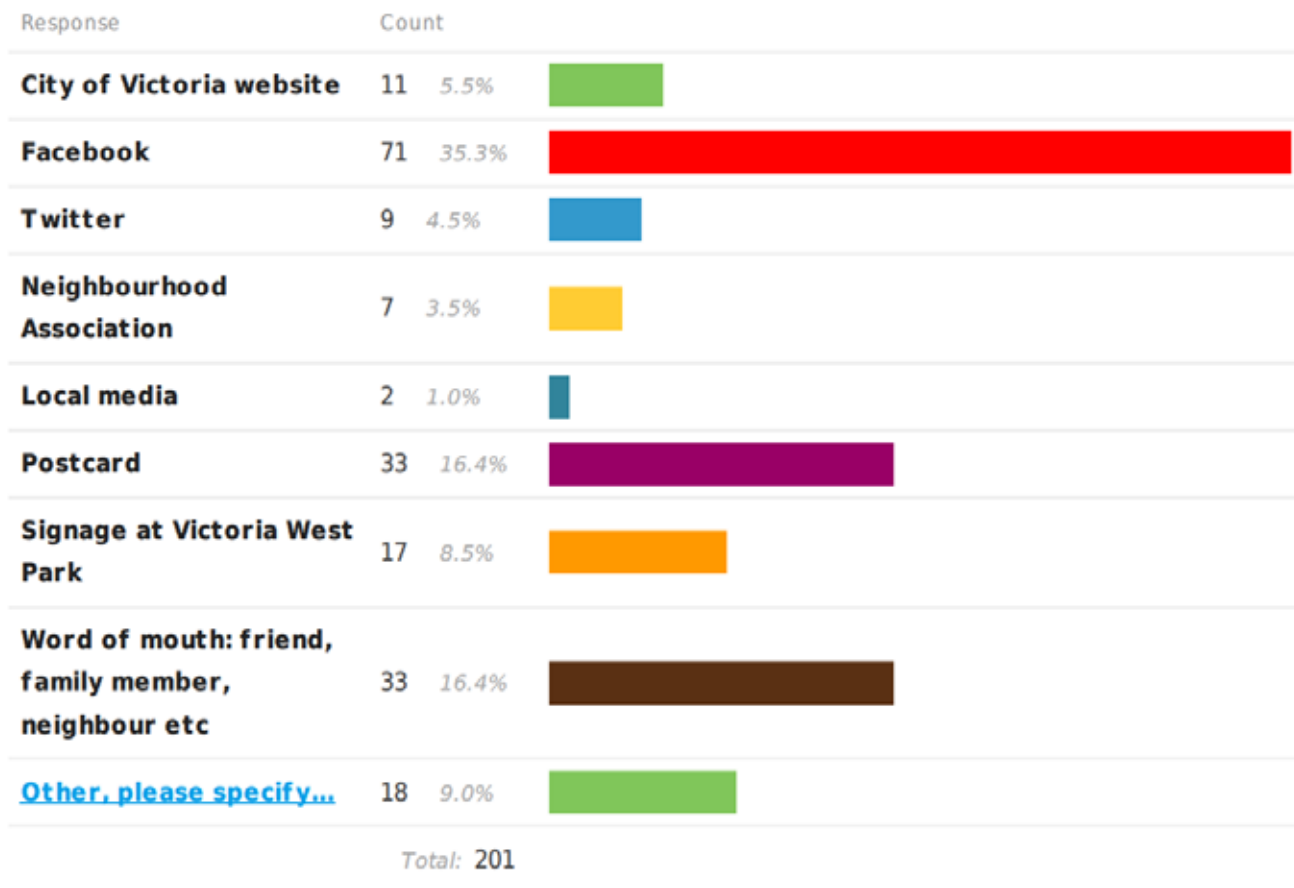
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a native plant garden. cleaner washrooms a water element and public art.

A crosswalk from Henry St. to park and reduce speed on Bay st

do not fill it up with "facilities"

How did you hear about the survey?



Vic West Street Fest

Vic West Street Fest

Notice board in building elevator where I live

Strangely I was browsing the Internet - nothin from community association and didn't see signs

Vic West Fest tent

Vic West Street Fest

Card in lobby at Synergy, Dockside Green

KIV (Kids in Victoria)

kidsinvictoria

Posted on our Softball League's Facebook Page

Vic West Fest on Harbour Road

You held an awareness event at the park yesterday

Postcard and signange at park

invitation to Beacon Hill Little League from the City of Victoria's Sport Services Coordinator, Jeff Brehaut

Work colleague

instagram

Neighborhood Assoc'n - could have been more intensely promoted

Do you want to be added to our email list to hear about upcoming news for Victoria West Park? (Your email will not be shared publicly and will only be used to contact you about updates to this park.)

Response

Count

[Yes, please contact me!](#)

[Email address:](#)

79 42.2%



No, thanks.

108 57.8%














Total: 187

Appendix 2: Complete Results – Vic West Park General Survey

Vic West Skate Park July 20 Final for Engagement Report

Which neighbourhood do you live in?

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GHOOB

Saanich

Oak Bay

Langford

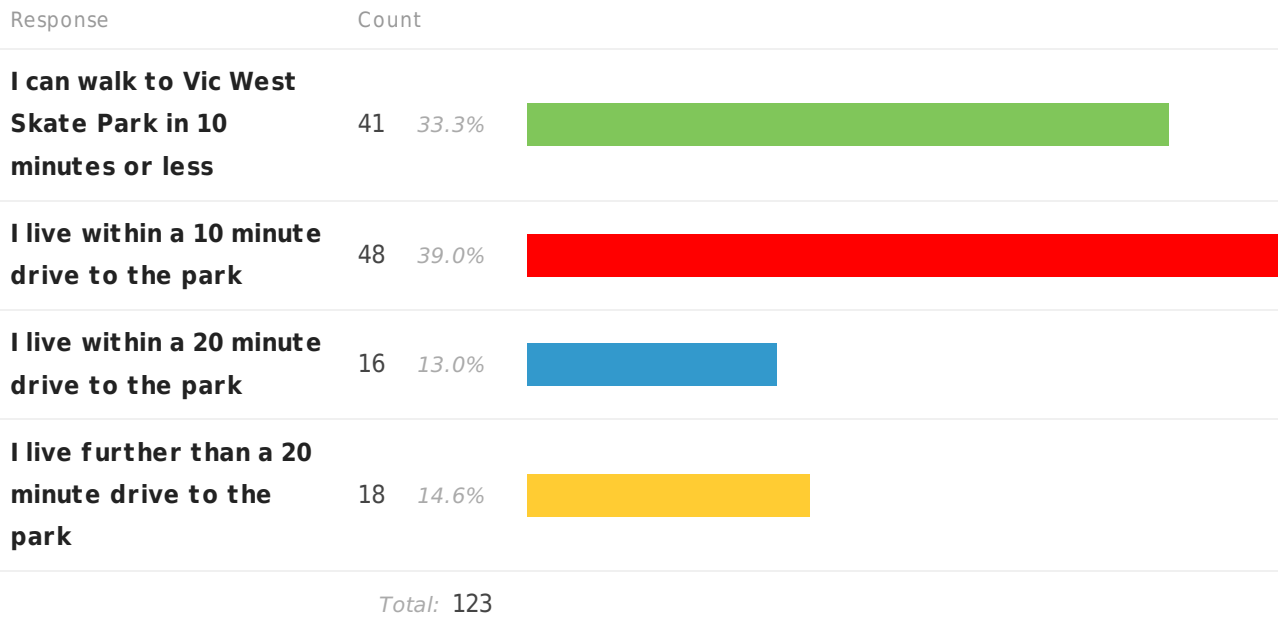
North Saanich

Hell

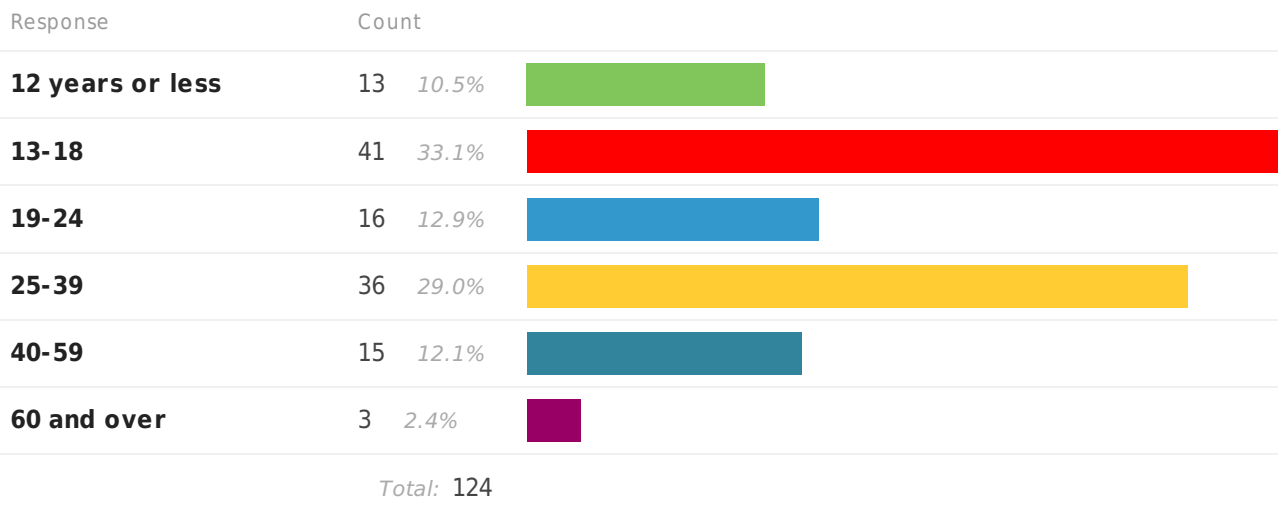
Colwood

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VAN
Langford
Surrey
Salt Spring Island
Courtenay
Uptown
Sanich
Tillicum
Malahat
Esquimalt !!
Vancouver
Sooke
Sidney
Sooke
Courtenay
Oak Bay
Langford
Langford
Sooke
Kelowna
view royal
Cordova bay
Colwood
Oak bay
Esquimalt
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How close do you live to Vic West Skate Park?










What is your age?



How often do you visit Vic West Skate Park? Check all that apply.

Variable	A most every day	2-3 times per week	Once a week	Once a month	Once a year	Never	
Spring/Summer	41 33.6%	35 28.7%	22 18.0%	17 13.9%	7 5.7%	0 0.0%	Total: 122
Fall/Winter	15 14.4%	30 28.8%	22 21.2%	30 28.8%	7 6.7%	0 0.0%	Total: 104

What do you use? Check all that apply.

Response	Count	
Skateboard	109 89.3%	
Bike	16 13.1%	
Scooter	9 7.4%	
Roller Blades	2 1.6%	
RC Car	2 1.6%	
Spectator	13 10.7%	
<u>Other, please specify...</u>	6 4.9%	
Total: 122		

basketball





basketball courts

Parent to users, additionally.

walking and being

passerby

How long have you been visiting Vic West Skate Park?

Response	Count	
Less than one year	11 9.5%	
1-2 years	21 18.1%	
3-5 years	25 21.6%	
6+ years	59 50.9%	
<i>Total: 116</i>		

What do you like best about Vic West Skate Park?

Response	Count
114 responses	
lots of space	
open area for skaters (tricks)	
basketball court	
it's a skatepark	
its really nice	
central, good bowls, good transition	
the open community all the rad little gnoms skatin with the old schoolers	
good flow	
It's a large park	
how big and versatile it is	
overall flow/layout street - cat alley ledges	
everything but the water fountain is kinda bad	
the homies and the wedges	
them benches	
the ramps	

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the open concept, flow and the bowl

location

people haveing fun

old park and 55 bay

the drops and the halfpipes

the old park and all the vert

the whole park

the people

fun

It is very family orientated

the skatepark

community and size

I like Old park and the bowl

I get to hangout with my friends and learn new tricks

that fact that its open free to skate lots of options

it's a skate park

everything

the people

skaters

everything

street section

street section

how clean its kept

one of the best places to skate. diverse

fun place to here

the variety of obstacles

the variety of obstacles

the flow of the park

seeing friends

coming here and learning new tricks

the ledges and accepting community

Good size fun obstacles Awesome people

size, there is something for everyone

the ledges along road/path/old part of park

its big

coming and skating

open space lots of room

the fact that all the kids become a family

the rails and the gaps

the four stair

open design, good flow, variation for different levels of skaters

the people or flat bar

clean-professional build

the bowl and all the hips and ledges

Accessibility; b-ball court ; cool skate park

street ledges

all my friends go here and it's a place I can learn

the old park

location

size & variety of stuff & location

easy to get to big family park open and safe location and bathrooms playground

old park bowl lips ledges up gap pyramid

the variety of obstacles

Everything

it's a skatepark

good park for all levels of skaters

everything

It's the only good park in the city

DUB - LOVE

fun place to skate board

difficulty progression from one side to the other

everything

Good Vibes

Big park from Big to advanced

Always packed good vibes

the Park

community

everything

Its clean, safe and a radical skatepark

Bowl

the stairs and ledges

Free, Culture

It's a huge park

Original Victoria skatepark we battled for.

It's the best park on the lower island

It's large and there are lots of options to skateboard

It's a great community gathering place for many ages

Well designed, good flow. Plenty of variety.

Well rounded park from beginner to pro

The inclusive nature of a community of active people.

The variety of the park itself

How big it is.

Old park

the ledge section by the sidewalk

the big bowl

It's versatility. It's longevity.

The bowls, the variety of heights on the various ramp/bowls

The central location and the diverse obstacles

It's close to downtown.

The fact that everyone there respects each other and the feeling of a community.

Mellow ledge section

the flow of the park and the well-designed obstacles (height/steepness are perfect)

everything

I love to see the youth enjoying the skate park. I also enjoy the big trees and the big rocks.

layout

Legdes

place for youth

The fact that the area is multi use. skate boards, roller blades, bikes & scooters

That it exists!

It's active and lively! Love the diffeent age groups that use the facility.

What makes it difficult to skate here?

Response

Count

106 responses

lots of people

lots of people and crowds

scooters and bikers

coping is old and rusty

intimidation no females

scooters

lots of skaters

sucking

skateboarding is hard

scooter and heritage board shops

sprinklers, lack of water

bikers, scooterers & headz

no

Rain

scooter kids

Scooter & bikes

scooters , bikes

scooters, bikes

how crowded it is

"b....tch'n" advanced riders

not enough room

mountain bikes

scooters

SCOOTERS

conflicting flow

" " " "

really nothing

how people react

scooter

nothing

not enough room

cracks

nothing

too many skaters or wind

cracks

no music

cracks needs to be refinished

missing

little kids

scooter fags

bikers snaking (mostly little kids)

lots of swearing

all the bikers/scooters

all the cracks and unsmooth surfaces

to many people

nothing

living off Van. island

vertical heights of rolls, ledge, the transition

nothing

scooter kids

scooters get in my way, bikers

the drunks and the drug usage

cracks in the ground

alot of scooters

poor repair on cracks

blue....

-only large transition areas - could have a smaller section

there is lots of people

scooters and bikes

scooters and bikes

scooters

traffic

no lights, homeless

cracks in cement from the water (anti-use measures @ night You're destroying the surface by removing the paint! the roughness from pressure washing!!

not enough variety of stairs and down rails

cracks

rain

nothing

scooters

having no graffiti

young kids, scooters, cracks in cement

scooters!!

scooters, cracks in the ground, not enough obstacles able to be hit from both stances easily

old park is cracked and old (needs update)

scooter kids

so many people skate here

scooter kids

congestion

big hubba

nothing

not enough big bowls 12 '

scooter kids

nothing

nothing, other than Bikers

The transitions could be a little smoother

The open bowl concept makes it difficult to skate like an actual bowl since a corner of it is open. Bowl area should be closed off and separate from the flow/street sections.

The surface is rougher since it was pressure washed. Used to be nice and smooth

parents with young children on scooters

Sprinklers

it gets busy

Not enough space, it could stand to be bigger.

Beginners and advanced mixed all together.

bmx, scooters and rollerblading

unpredictable children with parents wandering in the middle of the skatepark

nothing

The anti-graffiti measures the City has taken to reduce tagging. Yes it has been successful in that regard but it has also aged the park's riding surface significantly. IE: rougher and more abrasive when called upon, less smooth for rolling speed also. The sprinkler water pools in areas also. This creates obstacle issues for skate-ability as well as slip liability concerns.

No coping on any of the small bowls! This is crazy, there needs to be coping on something smaller than the big one.

The lack of lighting makes it difficult to skate after the sun goes down- especially in the wintertime.

The city has installed sprinklers which in turn create ice on the park in the winter which has destroyed what was once a great surface. It was smooth with no cracks. The city should consult skateboarders on every issue concerning the park. When the park was stripped of graffiti the toxins were washed into the grass.

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issue concerning the park. When the park was stripped of grass, the toxins were washed into the grass surrounding and now it stinks like toxic stripper. Adults who think it is a playground for toddlers on bikes have put a few of us in the hospital with major injuries from collisions, the little kids don't see what is happening. Back in the day the park was fought for by the skateboarding community as a skatepark. The name should be changed to SKATEPARK.

When the sprinklers go off in the winter and makes most parts of the park unskateable.

Unaware scooters, sun in the eyes, rusty coping.

it is often crowded on weekends, so an upgrade would be desirable

no lights





The flow of the park

different types of users

no proper space for spectators - no lockers - no restrooms

If a large, unruly group 'takes over' the space, it's hard for younger or shy kids to skate at that time.

When the City upgrades the beginner bowl (Nathan Gillespie) in 2016, what would you recommend doing? (You can select more than one option.)

Response	Count	
Resurface the entire bowl	48 43.2%	
Upgrade or change the elements	52 46.8%	
Nothing - I like it the way it is	21 18.9%	
<u>Other</u>	32 28.8%	
<i>Total: 111</i>		












pole jam

add cool small banks

pole jam

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Colwood

This section of Vic West is monumental to skateboarders in Victoria. The destruction/revamping of this section would be considered a huge loss to the Victoria skateboard community

Add more obstacles to the outsides of the park. Everything else in perfect!

coping some of the lips

Add a flat rail to the side

Are there any other issues that require immediate attention in the skate park?

Response

Count

76 responses

cracks in cement, sharp edges, rough surfaces

old park

quite a few cracks

scooters

should expand to cater to the growing shred population

scooters

water fountain

them cracks needa b filled

no

no

NO

NO

the halfpipes are rusty at the top making it hard to do grind

NO

Nada

NO

No

n/a

rails in bad spots

No I don't think so

No

scooter

no

no

lights

no

no

no

crack in big bowl

the water fountain

the cracks in the ground

maybe some of the cracks in the ramp

scooters

need closer parking lot or paved pathway

bathroom facility

cracks, trees have to be pruned back (sap)!

no

scooter kids

cracks

cracks

water fountain doesn't always work

water bottle fountain would be great

no

the gapp on the ground

no

Lights, better understanding of skateboard culture by Parks staff

large cracks

no

no

no

new additions

fixing crack and the chunky ground in front of the Y stair

too

old park needs new concrete

nope

no

WATER FOUNTAIN

WATER! TO DRINK

more platform

nope

resurface park

washrooms water

nope

More places for people to sit when not skating.

Stop the sprinklers. The water is pitting the concrete

crack repair with a better product

resurface a couple of the rough ledges

Always something to tweak! What of better facilitating the annual VeeDub contest series? IE: officially hooking up the power plugs under the "main stage" entrance so a generator will no longer be need to be rented?

There is are some big chunks out in the bowl.

The sprinklers are the most annoying thing ever and need to be taken out.

large crack by the flatbar should be filled

no

No

night lights

no proper space for spectators - no lockers - no restrooms

None. Great job at cleaning up the tagging and grafitti when it shows up!

Are there additional features or changes you think the skate park needs?

Response

Count

90 responses

sign up grade, better water fountain

bigger starset

some smaller ledges

Good!!!

more graffiti

pole jam

a pole jam, new quarter and boob to boob

pole jam/ parking curb

no scooters

the whole field needs to be a skatepark too

nn

no
no
NO Drinking or smoking
no smoking, drinking alcohol
NO
smaller bowl
swimming pool
Yes
more of it
n/a
pole jam!
No
maybe gabs
lots
no
yes a big snake run
lights
pole jam
no
4ft spine
kids playground upgrade
paved walkway to the westside village centre with skateboard "lane"
a covered area to skate
more rails and ledges
more smaller rails iwthout kinks and stairs (5 sets)
no not really

more gaps, 8 - 9 inch high ledges, bathrooms

no

closer bathroom mini ramp

more shade

new modern skate elements

no

another rail or set

washroom facilities

yeah more ramps

cement path

covered area for hot days, some granite on ledges, paved walkway by the field, bathroom of some kind

pathway or lights

granite ledge features - plaza features

more spots to get air

a concrete pathway and lights to skate at night

new add ones

a wave like at gordonhead

additions in General for all level skaters

water fountain, washrooms

bigger!

added features to old park

another small down hubba

no

better rails, updated rails/ledges

not really

medium sized mini ramp transition

more stairs

lights at night

proper set/handrail

4 foot quarter in old park with coping all along fence permanent washroom upgrade water fountain

washroom/ sk8 hosts

nope

1/2 pipe, vert ramps

a Bigger stair set

half pipe

not really

I would love to see a mini ramp or bowl that's has smaller transitions than the bowl. 4ft would be ideal. 6 and 7 ft is too big at times and hard to learn on.

we need lights put in so we can skate at night

A new swimming pool style bowl would be super fun

Small more organic obstacles can be easily installed around the edges of the park and a better bowl or pool

a 3 foot high quarter pipe with coping

See above. Always something more to dream up; creating the skatepark coalition makes sense. Finally hire **Personal information** (me) help manage the skater end of things. Wink wink nudge nudge ;)

Actual round pool bowl would be awesome. Better signage for safety rules re little kids on scooters

I have visited many skateparks across North America and have noticed that many are lit at night. The lack of lighting at Vic west makes it difficult to find the time to enjoy the park during the winter as most people are finishing work as the sun is setting. This, as well as the unpredictable weather pattern can make it nearly impossible to use the park during the darker months. Most skateparks with lights are on a timer system that shuts them off around 11pm. I understand there is concern for noise/light pollution for residents in the area, but if you consider the natural light we're given during the summertime it should make no difference to uphold that light year round. Having a well lit skatepark plays a key role in creating a safe environment after dark for both children and adults alike. Vic West is considered to be a world class skatepark and introducing lights would only increase it's value to wheel-sport community of Victoria.

More skateable obstacles around the park.

new additions, BBQ pit

an A-frame rail and a wider variety of rails/ledges

lights

water fountain

Things to drop in off of

snake run

no proper space for spectators - no lockers - no restrooms

none

Good to grow more shade trees close to skate park.

Do you have any additional comments about the Vic West Skate Park?

Response

Count

63 responses

it is fun and upbeat

basket ball court

nope

best park on vancouver island

some bathrooms closer

love it

one of the best

water fountain needs to be better and scooters need to not cut in front of you

nah

no

NO

no

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Nice park :)

NO

Drugs are Bad

n/a

sick park best homies All Day

No

no

no

no

Ilove this place

no

no

great place for kids to learn tricks everyone is great

its a good park for skating. sometimes kinda boring

let there be graffiti !

I love it!

no scooters

Keep it alive

Awesome

washrooms

no

I love it it's the best park around

great park

its dope

Dub Love.... 4 life

Always a good time!

nope

no

water fountain

more seating + ammenities

Love it !

this is one of the best & most heavily used parks in the city

no

nah

Pole Jam !!

keep skateboarding

night lights

DUB LOVE

8 Stair

graet park overall

It's the best skate park in Victoria. Any changes should be designed by skaters unlike some other parks with near unusable obstacles.

Keep it just make it better.

great place to go skate!

It's great! Sees tons of use. Could use better safety rules for parents of kids with scooters (have seen them let their children get in very dangerous situations lots)

The city has done an incredible job maintaining the park over the years and I am extremely grateful for this. I look forward to the future of skateboarding in Victoria.

Love it!

It's the best park on the island and most people move down from up island because of this.

please continue upgrading

keep up the positive areas for a great range of ages

Not sure what is happening now but when I lived in Vic West 3 years ago the graffiti was being power

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washed. I personally feel that a skate park is a highly appropriate place for artistic expression in the form of graffiti. I feel the age of the people using the park is often the same as those creating the art and for me that is a good fit. Thank you!

The bleachers at the baseball diamonds often get moved over to the skate park. Perhaps have bleachers for the skate park added.

Do you have any additional comments about other facilities in Victoria West Park? Note: a broad survey dealing with all Victoria West Park facilities is also available online at www.haveyoursayvictoria.com.

Response

Count

46 responses

Personal information

nope

Parks maintenance crews do a good job Fix the Gonzales Beach access trail (the bad one)

nope

water fountain

nah

dog poo cleaner for the field

No

no

NO

Nada

n/a

water fountain could use a shining up

No

no

no

no

no

no

better water fountain yeah I know you think you fixed it but ya didnt kids can't reach what you put in

we need water fountains that catch the water so it doesn't spill on the ground or on us

no

no

Personal information

no

I love this park

the area of the park adjacent to the basketball court not skateable due to the green mat

no

I would love to see a disc golf course and a bmx park similar to Burnside-Gorge

there needs to be a bathroom closer to the park

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stop the anti paint measures. I hate Graffiti but the PAINT ACTUALLY PROTECTS THE CEMENT

no

nah

Put in a community garden I'll do the labor holla!

nope

more parking

The washrooms could be cleaner

its nice to see it being used on a regular basis for a broad variety of activities.

Bathrooms are too far away for skaters to use. Only one fountain which is quite often broken.

build a pump path to the park

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no

The bathroom is too far away and the water fountain needs to be accessible for the smaller users of the park.

no

love the big trees.

If you would like to be contacted about future opportunities to discuss skate parks, please include your email address here. (Your email will not be shared publicly and will only be used to contact you about updates to this park).

Response

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35 responses

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