



Vic West Park

FALL ENGAGEMENT REPORT

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2015

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About Victoria West Park

The City of Victoria is planning future upgrade to Vic West Park. To guide the upgrades, the City is preparing a Park Improvement Plan based on two rounds of community feedback.

Vic West Park is the second largest park in the Victoria West neighbourhood and the eighth largest in the City. The park was first established in 1921 and has seen many improvements since then to address the changing needs of local residents. It currently offers a multi-use sports field for baseball and soccer, a skate park, a lawn bowling club, a basketball court, a leash-optional area, a playground, two parking areas and a public washroom.

The key factors driving the need to update the park include:

- The age and condition of the playground equipment
- The condition of the beginner portion of skate park
- Possible fencing of the leash-optional dog park
- Use of the sports field for some activities is limited due to the condition and grading of the field
- Increased density in the neighbourhood

The first round of community engagement took place in the summer of 2015. A full engagement summary can be found at victoria.ca/parks.

This round of feedback was used to inform proposed park improvements, which were then taken back to the community for a second round of feedback this fall. The proposed improvements included:

- Fenced dog off-leash area and additional off-leash area for off-peak hours
- Bottle fill station with a dog-friendly fountain
- Field improvements to the primary ball diamond with new bleacher seating
- Redesigned parking lot with bike parking area
- Space for a community garden
- Larger improved playground, with a possible water play feature
- New community 'Play Box' and recreational open space
- New picnic area
- Conversion of existing aging basketball court to half-court with new surfacing
- Improvements to the beginners bowl in the skate park (further consultation will follow)
- New washroom by skate park, with a bottle fill station
- New shaded seating area by skate park
- Storage and locker facilities by the skate park
- Paved and widened multi-use pathway on east side of park
- New gravel pathway on north end of park
- New trees north of the skate park

Key priorities proposed to be completed in 2016 include the playground improvements, fenced dog off-leash area, and improvements to the beginners' bowl of the skate park.

A media release, mail drop, posters, social media, the City's website and stakeholder emails were used to promote the fall engagement opportunities. An open house, online survey, an on-site ideas boards were used to collect feedback on proposed park improvements. 40 residents attended the open house, 104 surveys were completed, over 60 thoughts were shared on the ideas boards and two pieces of correspondence were received.

What We Heard

Most participants were from Vic West, with 64% of the survey respondents coming from the neighbourhood. The majority of the open house participants were also from the neighbourhood. The most common age range of survey respondents was between 25 – 59.

The majority of feedback received on the proposed improvements was positive. The most popular proposed improvements to this park based on survey feedback were:

- Relocation and fencing of dog off-leash area
- New washroom facility by skate park
- Larger playground
- Space for community garden
- Improvements to the sports field

The least popular proposed improvements were:

- Shared use of the recreation fields as an additional off-leash area during off-peak hours
- Conversion of the basketball court to a half court facility

Other common feedback included requests for additional park lighting, especially along the pathway adjacent to the lawn bowling cub and at the dog off-leash area.

Next Steps:

This feedback is informing the final Park Improvement Plan, which is being presented to Council in December.

Appendix A: Community Feedback

Survey Responses

104 surveys were completed between October 22 and November 8.

List of most popular improvements from survey:

- Fenced dog off-leash park and an off-leash area for non-peak hours
- New washrooms by skate park, with a bottle fill station
- Larger playground
- Space for a community garden
- New trees north of the skate park
- New picnic area
- Field improvements to primary ball diamond and new seating
- Redesigned parking lot with bike parking

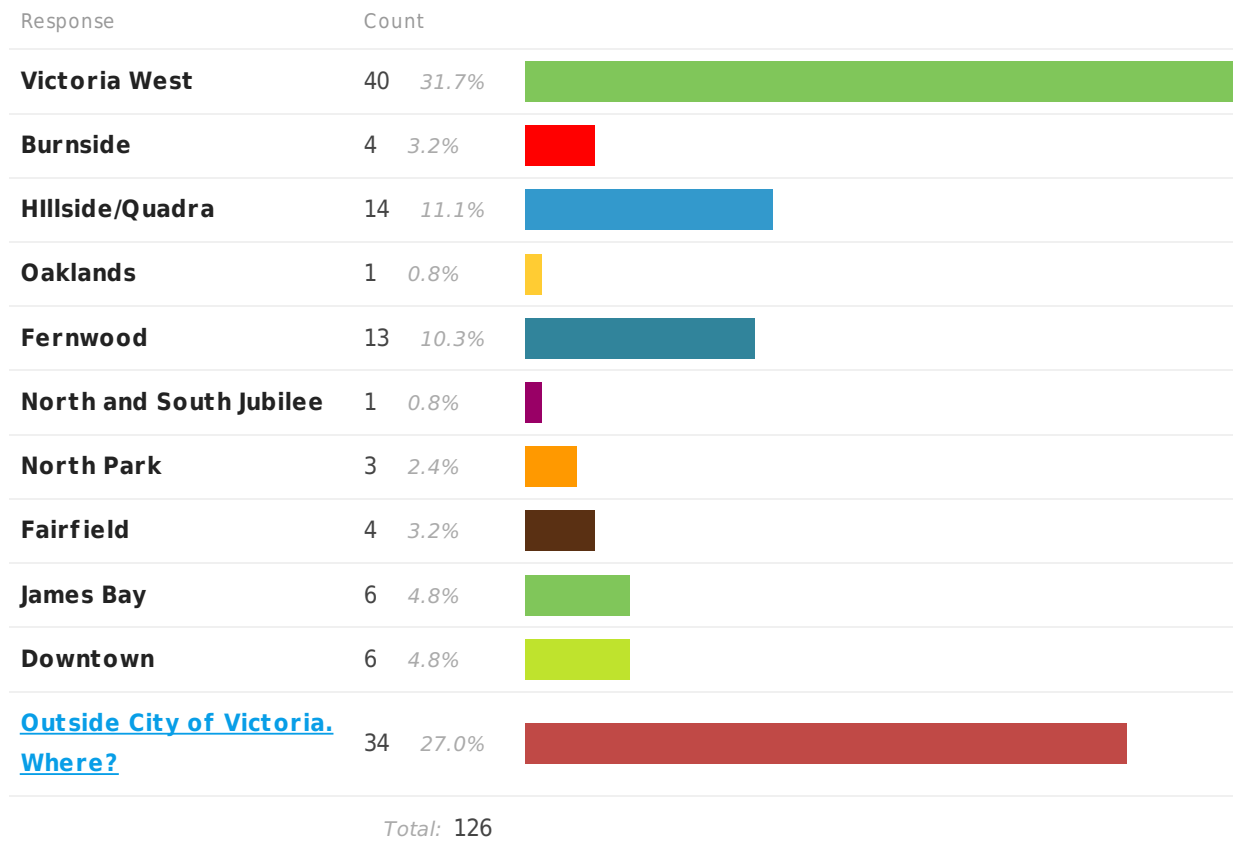
List of improvements that are not wanted by some from survey: (Fewer responses were received for this question than for the above question about the most popular improvements.)

- Conversion of old basketball court to new ½ court area
- Space for community garden
- Fenced dog off-leash area and additional non-peak area

Survey

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Which neighbourhood do you live in?



Sidney

GHOOD

Saanich

Oak Bay

Langford

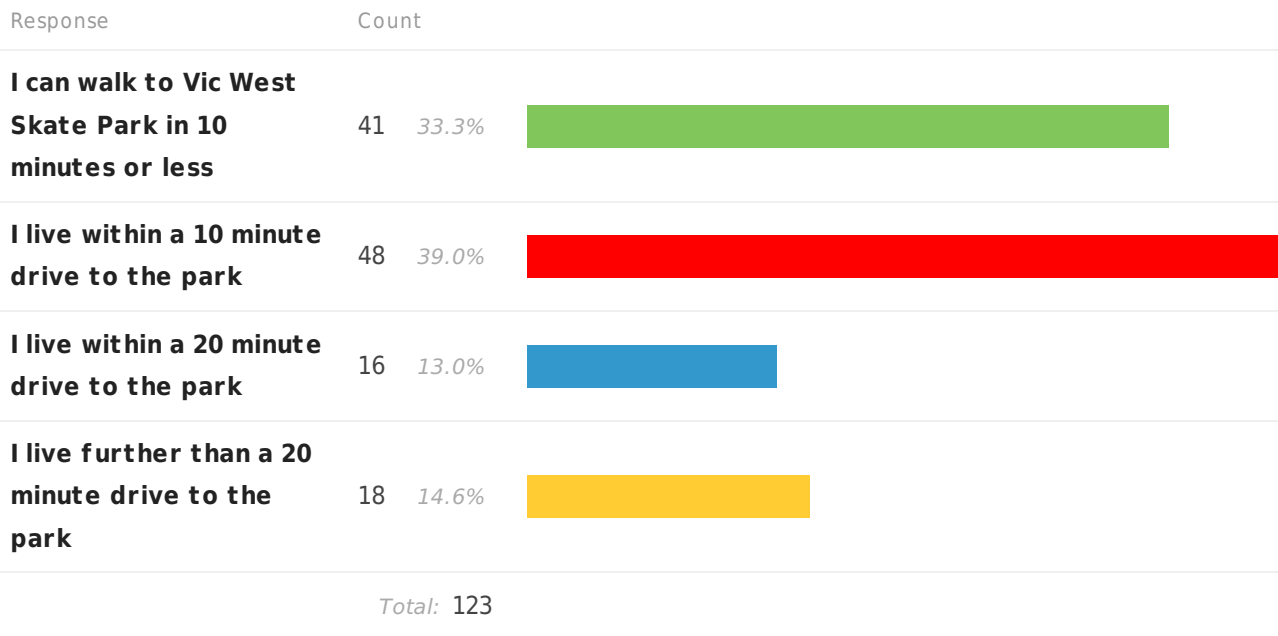
North Saanich

Hell

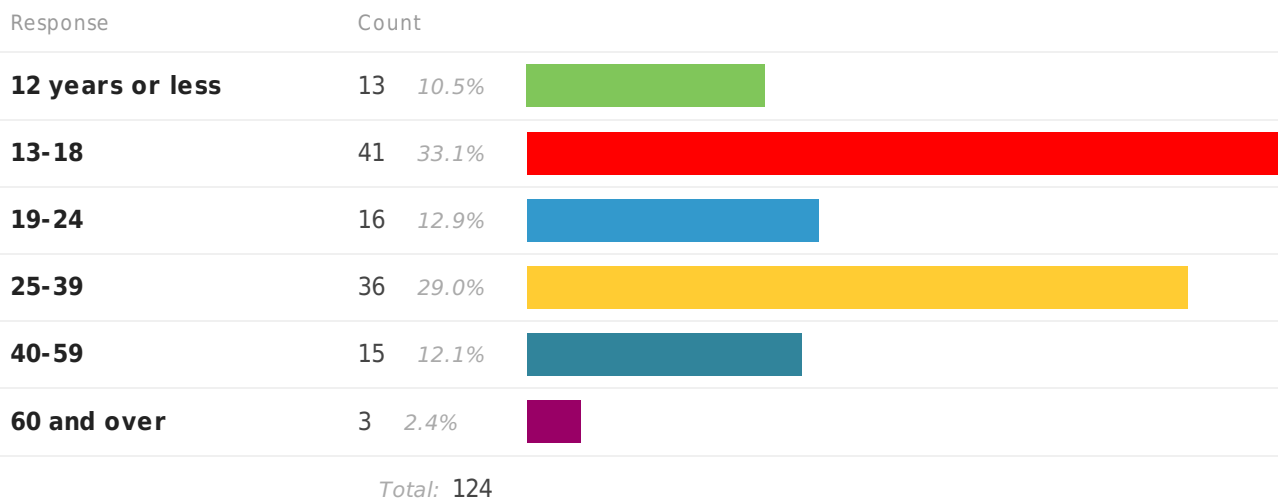
Colwood

Colwood
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%	
Other, please specify...	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	
everthing 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

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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

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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

" " " "

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really nothing

how people react

scooter

nothing

not enough room

cracks

nothing

too many skaters or wind

cracks

no music

crakes 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

veristile heights of rolls, ledge, the transition

nothing

scooter kids

scooters get in my way, bikers

the drunks and the drug usage

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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

add parking block curbs to the outside

add more street in street park

lights

add more stuff

graffiti

add a halfpipe as a stepping stone for bowl

put coping on the ramps in Nathan gillespie park

more platform

create obstacles used at the new cedar and chemainus

add rails form the transition

lights to skate at night

bank 2 curb, build a miniopipe basic levels with 2 platforms for learning

making it like a snake run

add a few obsticles + keep same feel

add metal coping

add metal coping

more

add a 4 foot quarter like Sooke instead of bank

wall ride

To change the original part other than resurface it would sacrilege in the fact to the history that section of the park has as it has been skated for over 20+ years.

Been skating it since the 90's and learned to love it and still do. But it could be so much better. Small box is terrible. Outer transitions are too mellow to do much on. Big box is fun. Would like to see it stay as a token of the past.

Make more separate beginner and advanced areas

Upgrades to be determined by key user group in a democratic considerate agreed upon manner.

add coping and fix curvature so it can be used properly as a beginner ramp/bowl

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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

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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 mountain 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
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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

no

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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

Personal information

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

Call me

Personal information

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

Count

35 responses

Personal information

Open House

The City hosted an open house on Tuesday, October 27. 40 residents shared their feedback about the proposed improvements to Vic West Park. The City provided hot chocolate and cookies. Information was available about all areas of the park and staff answered questions. Residents were invited to write down thoughts on each of the themed display boards.

General Comments

- More light along pathway between lawn bowling club and apartment buildings – west side of park (4)
- Retain the hedge between the skate park and the lawn bowling club or put up screening on current fence until the new hedge grows (2)
- Yes to lighting connecting Wilson Street to Esquimalt Road (2)
- Extend the hedge near the skate park along the lawn bowling club
- Make sure cedar fence along lawn bowling club is maintained
- Not in favour of off leash area- no way to enforce staying in that area and responsible owners
- Love the playbox idea – question the placement – put it closer to playground area, not a good fit with skatepark and it wouldn't be seen from the playground
- Quit asking get going. Thanks

Improved Off-Leash Area

- Great location (2)
- Add digesters that would recycle dog waste rather than bin which staff would have to empty and take to the landfill (2)
- Seating needed
- It's a shame the surface is gravel and not grass.
- Use a material that doesn't absorb dog urine and make it smell worse
- Make water fountain bowl large enough for dogs to play in
- Chain link fencing plus divider for small dog area and all dog area, good location
- One comment in support of non-peak hours shared off-leash area
- One comment against non-peak hours shared off-leash area

Community Garden

- Fabulous, the more the better in Victoria (2)
- Great social opportunities, reduces isolation, brings community together
- Opportunities to share food and learn new skills
- No community garden – it brings rodents, looks untidy, make more picnic area

Playground Improvements

- Would like a zipline
- Do something to eliminate needles and broken glass on the big rock and in the playground sand
- Not sure the water channel is necessary, water is always problematic – costly to build/maintain, conservation of water
- Outside exercise equipment would be great
- Electric BBQ in picnic area – check out Red Cliffe Lagoon QLD

Community Recreation

- Place used for new tree planting could be better utilized for recreation activities like soccer, ultimate, volleyball courts

Ideas Boards

- Over 60 thoughts were shared on the ideas boards which were posted in Vic West Park for two weeks.

Dogs

- No gravel in dog park, like grass, why gravel- 14
- Like the idea of a fenced dog off leash area- 8
- Keep current location of dog park- new location not big enough, need to run – 5
- Keep current location of dog park- new location not big enough, need to run – 5
- Water fountain near dog area -3
- New location is good – 2
- Also need a location for large dogs to run, add field too - 2
- Like idea of dog agility play area
- Enforce on-leash rules more strictly
- Keep dogs off fields

Playground

- Water park please, none in the area - 9
- New playground please -2

Lighting

- Lighting path between Esquimalt Road and Wilson, motion sensor lights on path – 5
- Lights at skatepark
- Lights

Basketball

- Leave basketball court as is – 3

Community Garden

- Love community garden
- Put garden by Da Vinci Centre
- Ditch community garden

Paths

- Need better path as this one gets drowned out in winter

Recreation

- Adult fitness equipment please
- Tennis courts please – not everyone is tall enough for basketball
- New tree planting area takes up valuable space – use for soccer, ultimate or volleyball
- Volleyball court

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Two emails were received.

I understand that you are proposing to cut the basketball court in half and concrete one half. I'm not sure where this idea came from but it is something that should not be agreed to, for the following reasons.

1. The court is a court with the full standard length and is in place so why do what is proposed when the full court enables full court play.
2. There is little interest as there are no balls that can be used. Build a container for the balls.
3. For over two years I have suggested that the Court should be programmed for youth 9 to 16 years olds to teach them how to play basketball. It would then be used much more than present and help youth play the game. Isn't this something that can be advertised and help you become more fit and coordinated and so they can have fun and learn.
4. Advertise for a junior basketball players to set up the program and teach two different age groups (9 to 11) and (12 to 16) in the spring, summer and fall.
- 5 I would be pleased to help as an old senior player, many years ago.
6. This position would enable conditioning on the Court with the balls and full court play.
7. Put in place two sets of benches for teams and competition.
8. Such action is destructive and expensive. Place the money in some other area for some other improvement.

My question is if you don't use the full Court, why was it built? I know the answer to this question but do you?

Respectfully

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From:

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Sent: Tuesday, Oct 27, 2015 2:01 PM

To: Parks (Public Inquiries)

Subject: Vic West Park Survey broken link?

Hi,

I just wanted to let you know that (as far as I could tell) your [survey link](#) on the [Vic West Park improvment page](#) apperas to be broken.

As far as my comments (which I would be happy to add into the survey if that is updated) the improvements look great, especially if (as part of the improvments to the pimary baseball field) the field in general were regraded (flattened?) perhaps with some better ariation and irrigation? I play in one of the leagues that rent the field and games can be a little dangerous with all of the mounds and divots in the field. Otherwise love the overall plan, looks like it's going to be a fantastic space for baseball, and all other activities.

Thanks.

-Scott



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