

Project Description

FORSYTH PARK is an existing undeveloped park located in Surrey City Centre. The park is approximately 7.5 acres, which is about the same size as 7 regulation sized soccer fields. The City acquired the park with the vision of creating a large integrated neighbourhood park in the City Centre.


The park will serve residents by providing a contemporary urban place for residents to enjoy the outdoors, play in nature, be active, gather with friends, and walk dogs. The intent is to connect the park to the larger City Centre parks and greenways system.

The park will be developed in phases with Phase 1, the southern half of the park, the focus of these information boards. The remainder of the park will be developed in the future.



Planning & Design Considerations

- ✔ Existing trees
- ✔ Meaningful public consultation
- ✔ Range of park amenities
- ✔ Neighbourhood connectivity

Got Any Good Ideas?  Share them with us!

Timeline

PHASE 1	Open House <i>Nov 30 2016</i>
	Detailed Design <i>Dec 2016 - Mar 2017</i>
	Park Construction <i>Spring - Summer 2017</i>
	Park Opening <i>Fall 2017</i>
FUTURE	Future Phasing

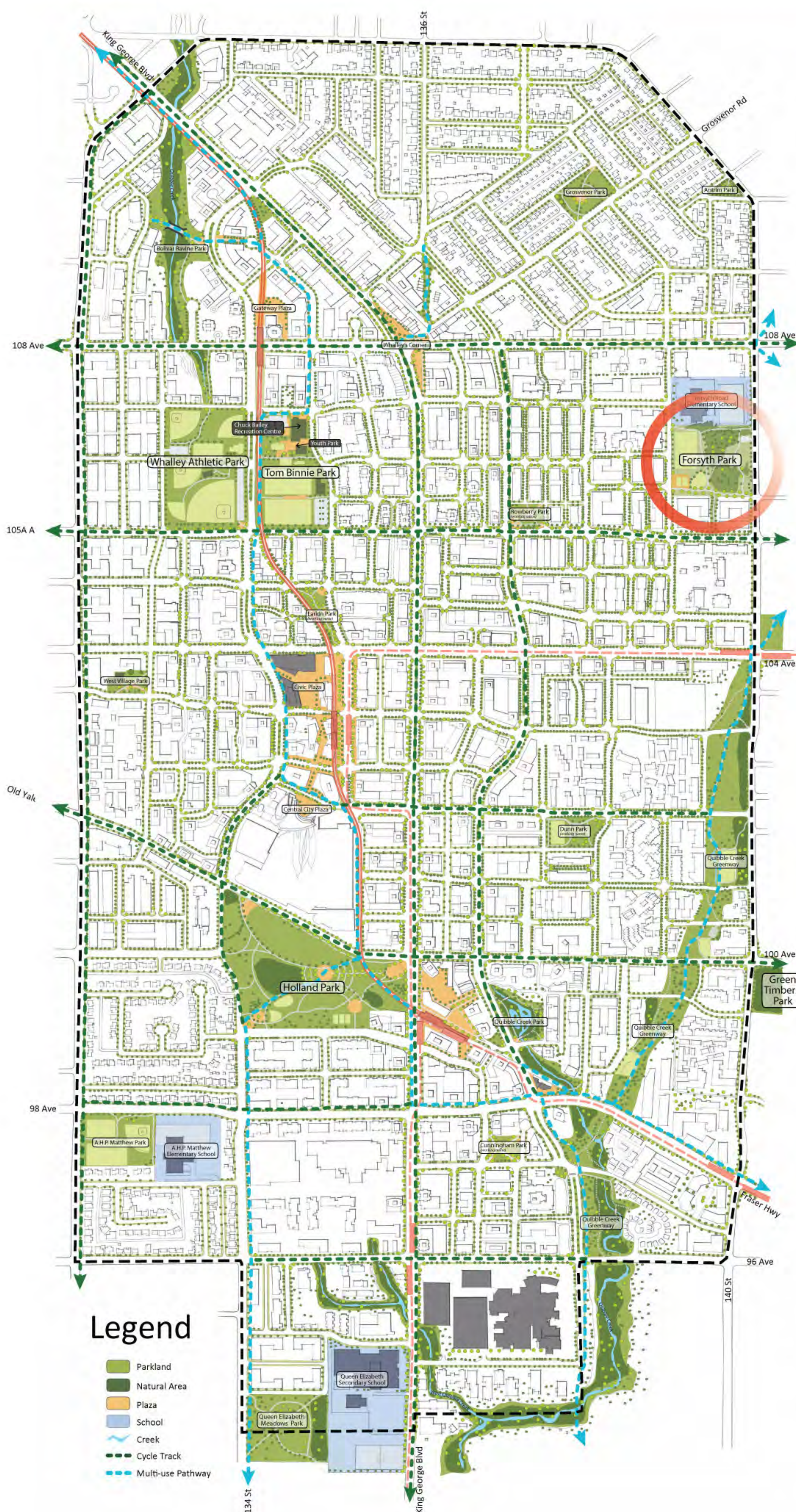
How to Stay Involved

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- ☎ *Call:* 604-501-5050

City Centre Parks and Open Space Plan

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Vision

Surrey City Centre is one of the fastest growing and diverse metropolitan areas in Canada. Over the next 40 years the City Centre will undergo a transformation from a car oriented suburban town centre to a complete, vibrant, walkable and multi-cultural downtown.

Parks and open spaces like Forsyth Park will play a crucial role in this transformation. They will form vital components of the urban infrastructure that will help address the challenges of the twenty-first century.

The City Centre Parks and Open Space Plan is designed so that every resident is within a safe and pleasant walking distance of a park or open space.

Parks in this plan will support a range of amenities and provide a platform for recreation, community and social uses.



🌿 Highest point in Surrey

The central ridge at Forsyth Park is the highest point in City Centre. This ridge splits the Bonaccord Creek and Quibble Creek watersheds.

🌿 Mature Trees

The park is home to a number of old trees, up to 70 years old.

🌿 Disturbed Areas

There are disturbed areas on the east side of the park. These areas include building foundations and fences.

🌿 Existing Park Paths (desire lines)

There are two existing foot worn paths going east-west through the park.

🌿 Tree Species

The canopy consists primarily of Western Red Cedars and Red Alders, with a scattering of Black Cottonwoods, Douglas Fir and Pin Cherries.

🌿 Old Field



The west side of the park is an open old field area.

🌿 Adjacent to school

Consider how Forsyth Park might impact your day to day life




Mental & Social Wellbeing



-  A walk in a forest can improve mood and reduced levels of stress by producing feelings of comfort, calm and refreshment.
-  The presence of large areas of green space within 1 kilometer of the home has been linked to a lower prevalence of anxiety disorders and depression.




Active Lifestyle



-  Exposure to green space has been shown to increase physical activity which provides increased energy while reducing chronic disease.
-  People who usually walk, bike or use transit to get to work are 33% less likely to be overweight or obese compared to those who commute by car.
-  Parks and pathways increase neighbourhood mobility and enable more independently living as we age.
-  Compared to car commuters, cyclists and walkers are 27% more likely to report excellent or very good health.




Healthy Ecosystems



-  Parks are an important component of the City's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy.
-  Natural areas help clean and cool the air.
-  Views and sounds of nature are known to induce a sense of wellbeing.

Children's Wellbeing



-  Moving to homes with more natural surroundings significantly improves children's attention capacity.
-  Outdoor play stimulates all aspects of children development more readily than indoor play.
-  Natural outdoor activities reduce symptoms of attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

General Park Amenities

Forsyth Park will be a large neighbourhood level park. This means that it is intended to have local amenities that serve nearby residents. With this in mind, and considering the natural features of the park, share your ideas with us.

What kind of amenities would you like to see in the park? Tell us by putting a dot on the images below



Got Any Good Ideas?



Share them with us!

Preliminary Concept Plan

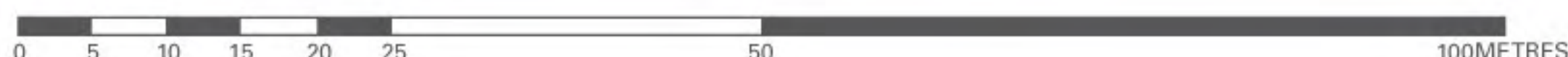
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This preliminary concept plan shows some potential amenities for Phase 1 such as a nature play area, dog off leash area, temporary parking and pathway network.



PARK 7.9 ACRES



Nature Play Area

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A Nature Playground is made of natural material structures and elements organized in an organic layout.



Garden City Play Environment | RICHMOND | Space 2 Place
<http://about.space2place.ca>



Moody Park | NEW WESTMINSTER | Space 2 Place
<http://www.space2place.ca>



SFU Childcare | BURNABY | Space 2 Place
<http://www.space2place.ca>

What type of nature play elements do you want at Forsyth Park? Place a dot on your choices.

SWING & SPIN *place dots here*



Lizard Log Parklands | SYDNEY
sand and spinning disc
<https://www.lizardlog.com.au/>



Lizard Log Parklands | SYDNEY
carved log swing
<https://www.lizardlog.com.au/>



KOMPAN Robinie Element

CLIMB *place dots here*



Westmoreland Nature Discovery Centre | PORTLAND
log and boulder climbing structure
<http://www.westmoreland.ca/>



Lizard Log Parklands | SYDNEY
Designer | sand log and rope course
<https://www.lizardlog.com.au/>

SLIDE *place dots here*



Assiniboine Park Nature Playground | WINNIPEG
climber up to slide
<http://www.winnipeg.ca/>



Terra Nova Play Environment | RICHMOND
hill with stairs and slide
<https://www.reckitt.com>

STRUCTURE *place dots here*



structure made out of log
<http://www.lizardlog.com.au/>



SFU Childcare | BURNABY
Space 2 Place | woven huts
<http://www.space2place.ca/>



Q2 Treehouse Design | log treehouse structure
<http://www.q2treehouse.com/>

TOPOGRAPHY *place dots here*



BUGA 06 Playground | MUNICH
Reiner Schmidt Landschaftsarchitekten | mound park
<https://www.reiner-schmidt.com/>



mound park
<http://www.reckitt.com>

SAND PLAY *place dots here*



Pier Park | NEW WESTMINSTER
PWL Partnership | sand area
<http://www.pierpark.com/>



H.O.P.E. Playground | CLEVELAND
sand diggers
<http://www.hopeplayground.com/>

PLANTS *place dots here*



BUGA 06 Playground | MUNICH
Reiner Schmidt Landschaftsarchitekten | mound park
<https://www.reiner-schmidt.com/>



Terra Nova Play Environment | RICHMOND
HARA Collaborative | set in forest
<https://www.hara.com/>



plant as borders
<https://www.reckitt.com>

WATER PLAY *place dots here*



Garden City Play Environment | RICHMOND
Space 2 Place | water channel with boulders
<http://about.space2place.ca/>



Grasshopper Grove | NY STATE
raised water runway
<http://www.grasshoppergrove.com/>

