

SPORTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, July 8, 2026

TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: Council Committee Room
Coquitlam City Hall
3000 Guildford Way
Coquitlam, BC

CALL TO ORDER AND TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, May 7, 2026

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, May 7, 2026 be approved.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. Sports/Recreation User Group - Coquitlam Lions Water Polo Club (Presentation by James Andrusiw, President and Taylor Laine, Head Coach)**
7:05 – 7:35 p.m. (30 minutes)
- 3. Town Centre Park Tennis Court Redevelopment (Presentation by Doron Fishman, Senior Manager Parks Planning and Design)**
7:35 - 8:05 p.m. (30 minutes)
- 4. Parks and Capital Projects / Community Services Update (Verbal Update by Jenny Lush, Director Parks and Recreation Planning)**
8:05 - 8:20 p.m. (15 minutes)
- 5. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)**
8:20 - 8:35 p.m. (15 minutes)

OTHER BUSINESS



NEXT MEETING DATE - Wednesday, September 9, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

SPORTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 7, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

** Indicates virtual attendance*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Trish Mandewo, Chair
Councillor Craig Hodge, Vice Chair*
Dan Cooper, Citizen Representative
Erin Davidson, Citizen Representative
Sara Maglio, Coquitlam Field Sport Association
Andrea Mattinson, Coquitlam Indoor Athletics Association
Dan Trinh, Coquitlam Tennis Club
Karen Schofield, Citizen Representative
Isabel Silvestre, Citizen Representative
Cydney Smythies, Citizen Representative
Carl Trepanier, Citizen Representative

ABSENT: Cameron McBryer, Citizen Representative (regrets)
Emily Moughtin, Citizen Representative (regrets)

STAFF: Jenny Lush, Director Partnerships and Planning
Brian Forrester, Manager Sport Services
Tobi Mai, Director Major Capital Projects
Kathleen Reinheimer, Director Parks
Alex McLellan, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER AND TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 12, 2026

The Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 12, 2026 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS**NEW BUSINESS****2. Sport/Recreation User Group – Coquitlam Minor Football Association**

This item was not addressed.

3. Urban Forest Management Strategy

The Director Parks gave a presentation entitled “Urban Forest Management Strategy” and referred to slides found in the Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Appreciation of the arboricultural education and information provided by the City.
- Appreciation of the focus on improving access to nature and of the related physical, mental, and social benefits.
- Report of a partnership between SFU and a Chinese university to develop modelling of planting location and size for optimal benefit to environmental systems, and an offer to make connections with the City.
- Interest in education and awareness related to tree care, particularly regarding water restrictions, and related concerns about neglect of tree maintenance by some commercial property owners.
- Concerns about protecting property against urban interface fires in the context of droughts and water restrictions.
- Interest in education and resolution measures for issues of trees on neighbouring properties creating safety concerns and/or causing damage.
- Desire for the City to be considerate of tree nuisance issues that can impose significant costs on property owners and may provide legitimate bases for appeals for tree removal.
- Interest in the distinction between canopy cover and density of trees and in a measure of density to enhance analyses of forest health.
- Interest in means to encourage production and planting of female trees to combat respiratory challenges arising from high levels of pollen.

In response to Committee discussion, staff noted the following:

- The implementation plan for the Urban Forest Management Strategy includes education and engagement initiatives such as an “Adopt a Tree” program, for care of City owned trees, and incentives and information for planting and caring for the right tree in the right location on private property.

- There is both a Metro Vancouver and City of Coquitlam list of recommended trees and the City's list is updated regularly based on suitability and market availability.
- The City does not have recognized heritage trees or trees of significance, preferring an approach that encourages tree care and planting rather than restrictive bylaws.
- The Urban Forest Management Strategy forecasts a need for a framework of all forested areas including a site-by-site identification of environmentally sensitive areas.
- The Mundy Forest Management Plan provided scientific understanding of the development of understory and taller canopy trees and direction for replanting; it will inform similar management decisions for other large forested park areas.
- The City shares slope stability concerns with Port Moody in management of the forest north of Harbour Chines and prohibits tree removal.
- A provincial program "FireSmart BC" aims to reduce the risk of interface wildfires through education and advice, and analysis in Coquitlam identified two areas on Westwood Plateau requiring work to remove potential fire fuel; that work is planned for the fall of 2026.

The Director Parks left the meeting at this time and did not return (7:46 p.m.).

4. Planet Ice Update

The Director Major Capital Projects gave a presentation entitled "Planet Ice Update" and referred to slides found in the Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Interest in means to avoid situations in which City facilities are allowed to deteriorate.

In response to Committee discussion, staff noted the following:

- While the length of the agreement under negotiation cannot be disclosed at this point, the Major Facilities Roadmap identifies the construction of a new ice facility in approximately ten to fifteen years.
- Feasibility, staging, and scheduling of capital improvements are yet to be determined, but the City would seek to ensure disruption to user group access is minimized.
- The contracted operator would incur the costs of all proposed improvements identified in the presentation.

The Director Major Capital Projects left the meeting at this time and did not return (7:57 p.m.).

5. Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame Annual Update

The Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame President, Cydney Smythies, gave introductory comments relative to the report found in the Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to recommendations to attend the Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

The Chair thanked the President for the presentation.

6. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)

The Chair invited Committee members to share emerging issues and information regarding events occurring in their communities.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Report about the 55+ BC Games this summer including registration, location, and sporting events.
- Appreciation of Burke Mountain Athletic Park and Burke Mountain Community Centre construction progress.
- Appreciation of the free Equip Sport equipment rental boxes.
- Report that the Coquitlam Indoor Athletics Association met with senior City staff regarding Planet Ice.
- Report of private pickleball coaching on public courts at Mariner Park.
- Appreciation of the conclusion of the Eagle Ridge Outdoor Pool repairs and anticipated opening.
- Report of Coquitlam Tennis Club activities including a successful open house with excitement about the coming new courts and a busy season start with leagues and lessons for more than two hundred members.
- Concern about lack of parking at the new tennis courts in Town Centre Park due to the loss of a lot and the location of shared lots at a greater distance.
- Report that the PoCoMo Pickleball Club is working with the three Tri-City municipalities regarding facilities planning in light of a growing membership of over eight hundred; there is a need for a minimum 12 courts in one location in order to host tournaments, and Coquitlam has best potential.
- Request for continued progress on facilities booking process improvements, particularly extending reservations to forty-nine hours and accepting e-transfers; digital signature implementation is appreciated.
- Report that the Tri-City Eagles Field Hockey Association is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary with an alumni dinner to honor the founder, Brian Lewis.

- Report of grant opportunities including a Tennis Canada grant for court refurbishments and a White Caps and provincial government grant for the installation of multi-sport mini-pitches.

In response to Committee discussion, staff noted the following:

- The Burke Mountain Athletic Park is on schedule to open in late summer 2026, with user group allocations to align with opening.
- A review of all signage across the park system is ongoing; this could be an opportunity to update wording about appropriate and prohibited uses.
- Improvements to the Mundy Park Disc Golf course were recently completed with a volunteer work party by the Mundy Park Disc Golf Club and City staff support.
- The Summer of Soccer Block Party Program applications are now open and the first watch party will take place in June.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, July 8, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Councillor Trish Mandewo, Chair

Alex McLellan, Committee Clerk

Coquitlam Lions Water Polo

City of Coquitlam Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee
July 8, 2026

James Andrusiw, President
Taylor Laine, Head Coach
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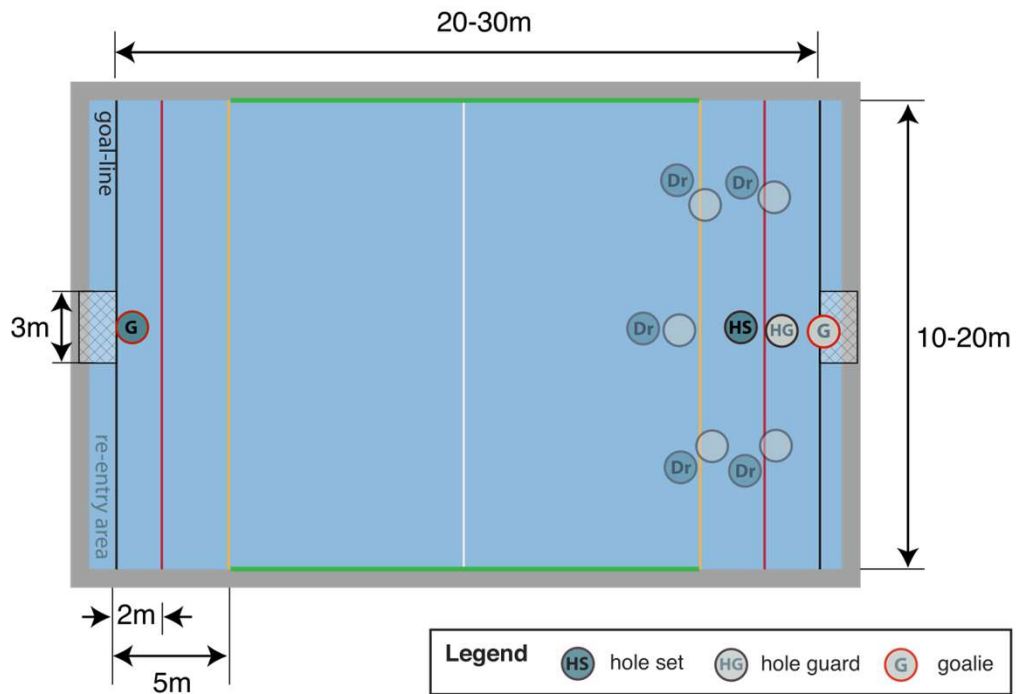


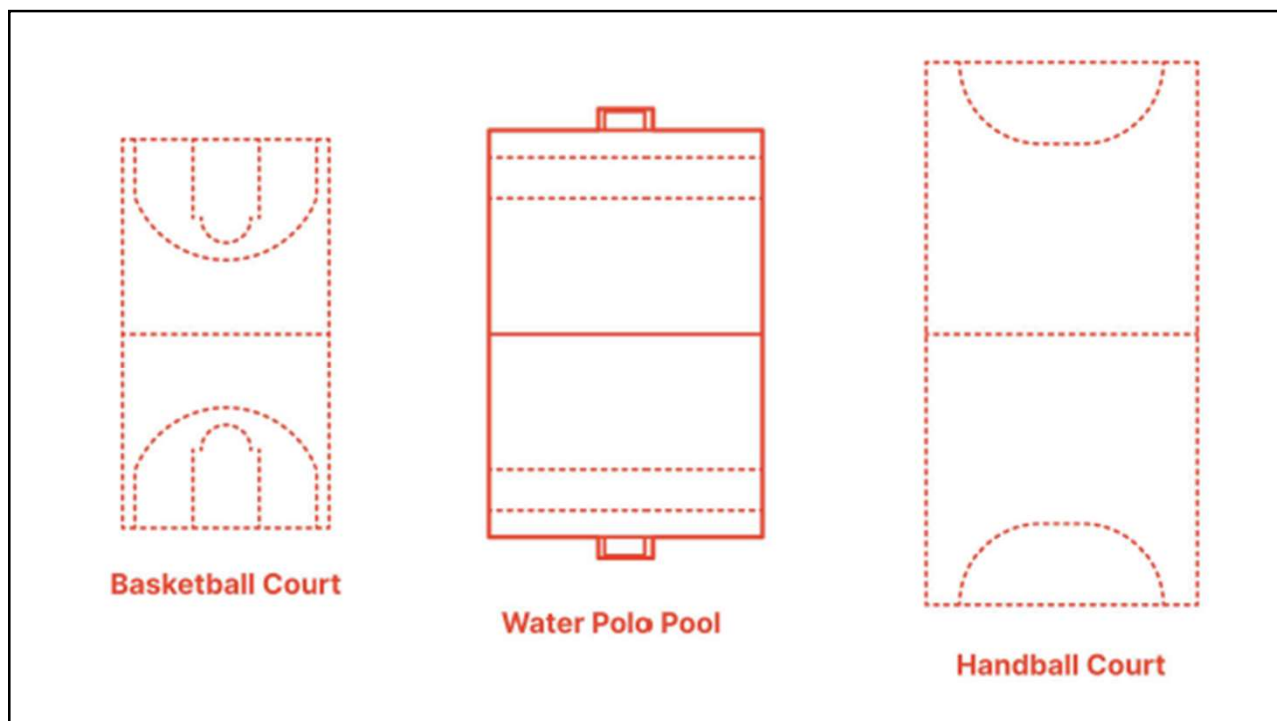
Agenda

1. What is Water Polo?
2. Key Skills for Water Polo
3. Youth Water Polo in BC
4. About Us and History
5. Lions in the Community
6. Major Events and Tournaments
7. Ethan Denum Memorial Tournament
8. Coquitlam Aquatic Facilities
9. Continuing to Grow Water Polo

What is Water Polo?

- **Two teams of 7 players** compete at a time: 6 field players & 1 goalkeeper
- Players must **tread water continuously** using the eggbeater kick—touching the bottom of the pool is not allowed
- The ball is typically **passed, dribbled, and shot using one hand** (goalkeepers have additional privileges inside their own goal area)
- Players can swim with the ball, pass to teammates, or shoot on goal
- **Ordinary fouls** result in a free throw for the opposing team
- **Major fouls** may result in a **20-second exclusion**, giving the opposing team a player advantage

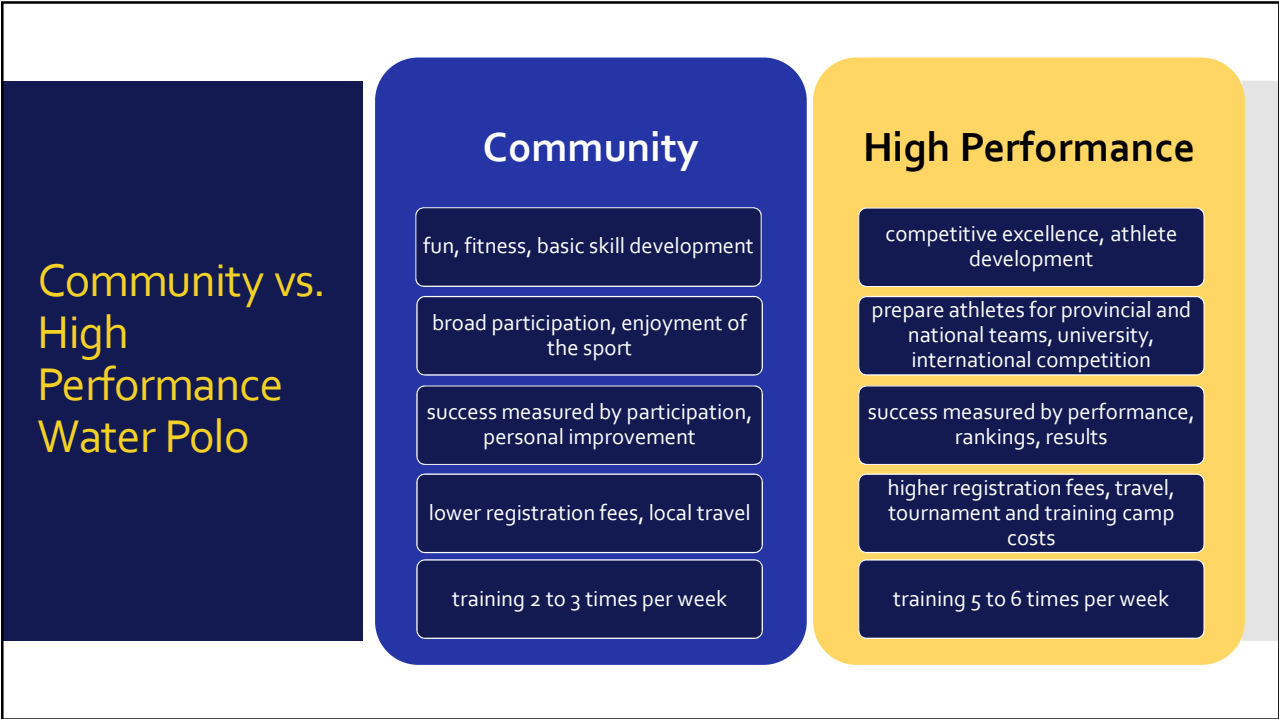




Key Skills for Water Polo

- Strong swimming ability
- Eggbeater kick
- Passing and catching
- Shooting accuracy
- Defensive positioning
- Communication and teamwork





About Us and History

- Coquitlam Lions Water Polo was established in 1974
- Offer **co-ed programs** from age 6 to 18:
 - 10U – 2017-2020
 - 12U – 2015-2016
 - 14U – 2013-2014
 - 16U – 2011-2012
 - 18U – 2009-2010
- 35% of Lions' athletes identify as female
- Attract players from as far away as Agassiz
- Practices at Mundy Park Pool, CCAC and PSLC



Lions in the Community

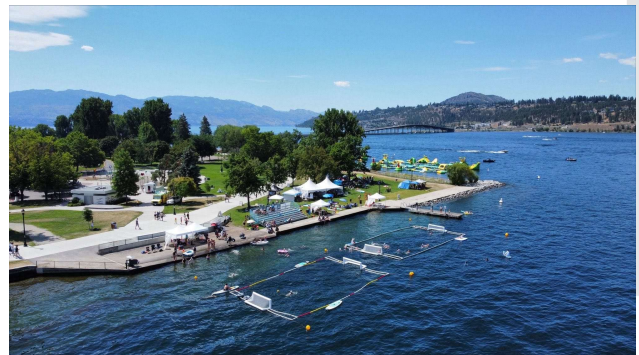
We offer...

- Affordable access to organized sport compared to many other competitive activities
- Safe, structured, and supervised recreational activity
- Inclusive environment where participants of varying abilities can succeed
- Positive sport culture that emphasizes respect, teamwork, personal growth and social awareness between genders
- Co-Ed – not only being a space for boys and girls to play together, but those a part of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community as they are not forced into gender norms of typical gender separated sport models
- Development of local coaches, referees, and sport leaders
- Free Water Polo Try-It event: Sunday, August 30, PSLC



Events and Tournaments

- Metro Community League Tournaments – fall and spring
- Ethan Denum Memorial Tournament
- UBC Fall Classic
- Whiskeyjack's Wet & Wild Water Polo Invitational
- Kelowna Classic Lake Tournament



Ethan Denum Memorial Tournament

- Ethan Denum was a beloved Lions player, coach and referee
- In January 2017, Ethan passed away from non-Hodgkins lymphoma at the age of 19
- That February, Lions hosted a jamboree-style tournament to celebrate Ethan and the water polo community
- Tournament is hosted annually in February at CCAC
- Focus on joy, togetherness, sportsmanship and remembrance
- The Denum family wants kids to be able to come together, have fun, and play with no cost barriers



Ethan Denum Memorial Tournament

- Players invited from all BC water polo clubs (community and high performance)
- Jamboree-style mixes players and coaches from all clubs to build camaraderie and connections across clubs
- For the past 3 years since the post-Covid restart, the tournament has averaged over 120 athletes
- This year, each team awarded the Ethan Denum Community Spirit Award
- Spirit of Coquitlam Fall 2025 Grant



Coquitlam Aquatic Facilities

- Coquitlam aquatic facilities are “top notch” compared to what is available to other clubs
- PSLC is ideal for younger age groups because the lane pool offers both shallow and deep
- CCAC is ideal for older ages with full “deep” pool
- Coquitlam Lions hosts the majority of weekly scrimmages and ALL the tournaments for the Metro Community League



Continuing to Grow Water Polo

- Opportunities for water polo after high-school
- 18+ program for aged out players
- Build a stronger connection with SFU Water Polo
- Socializing an adult (30+) beginner program
- Additional pool time required
- Space available at new pools in Coquitlam
- Burke Mountain Community Centre: area with young families is very attractive
- Fraser Mills Community Centre: opportunities for water polo?

THANK YOU!

Questions?

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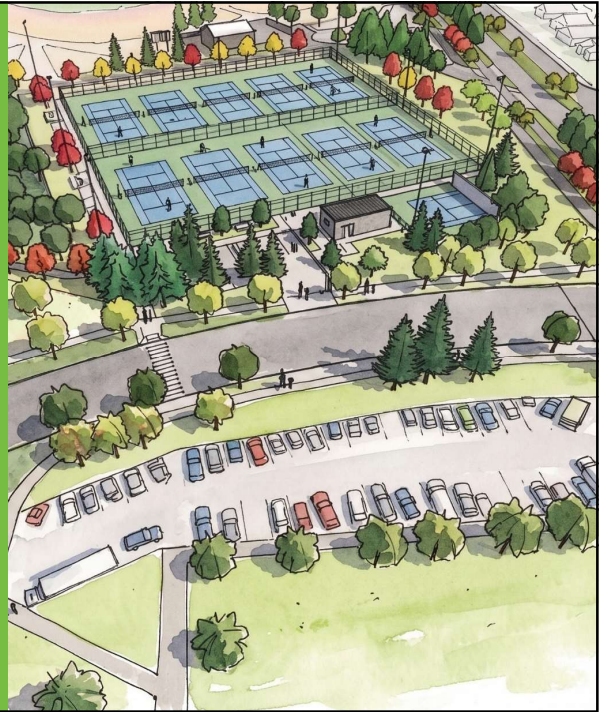
City of Coquitlam
Parks and Capital Projects

Town Centre Park Tennis Court Renewal and Expansion - Final Design Approval

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Agenda

1. Renewal and Expansion
2. Tennis Courts
3. Tennis Support Building
4. Park Service Hub
5. Festival Lawn Interim Expansion
6. Next Steps

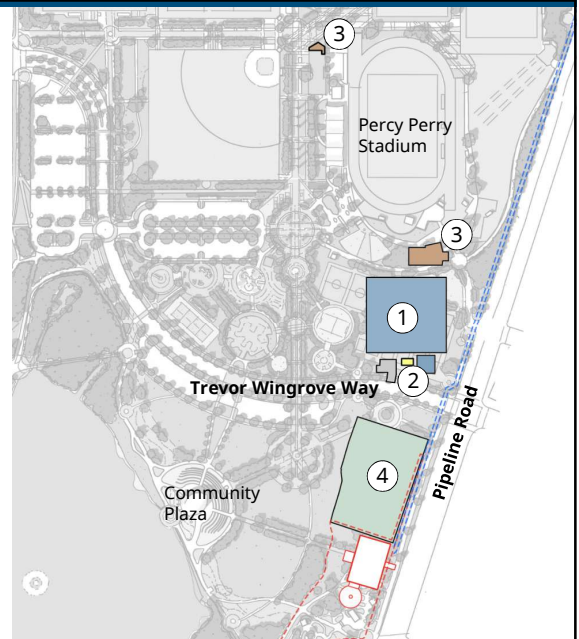


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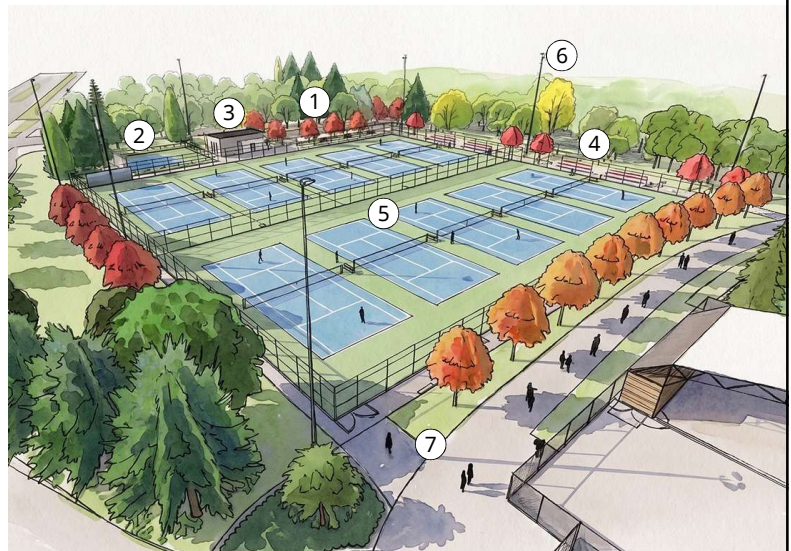
Renewal and Expansion

1. Tennis Courts
2. Tennis Support Building
3. Park Service Hub
4. Festival Lawn Interim Expansion



Tennis Courts

- ① Accessible Parking
- ② Practice Court
- ③ Tennis Support Building
- ④ Spectator Seating
 - Shade sails
- ⑤ Tennis courts
 - High quality sports surfacing
 - Players benches
- ⑥ LED Sports Lighting
- ⑦ Accessible paths



Tennis Support Building

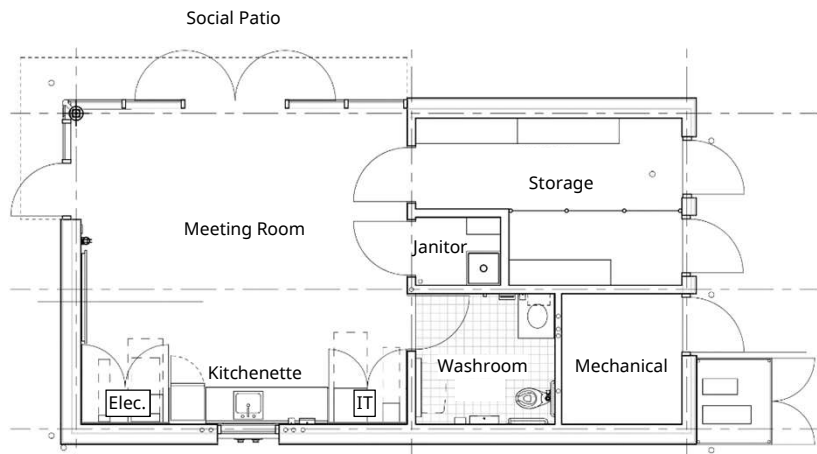
- Interior area: 58m2 (625 sf)
- Wood-framed building with metal cladding
- Meeting room with kitchenette and universal washroom
- Full-height glazing for natural light, views of courts and mountains
- Courtside social patio with café tables and movable seating
- Storage accessed from inside and outside



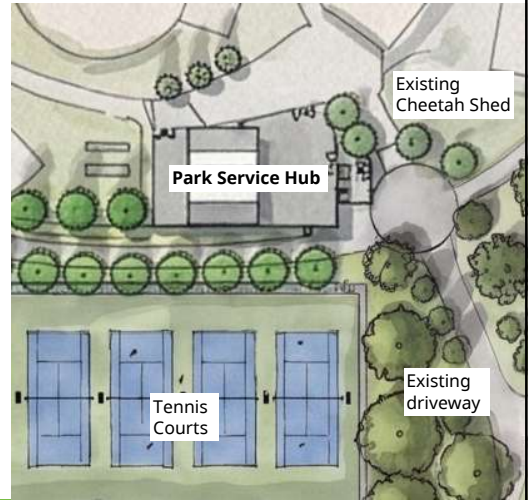
Tennis Support Building



Precedent:
Town Centre Park Community Centre



Park Service Hub



View from Stadium Grandstand



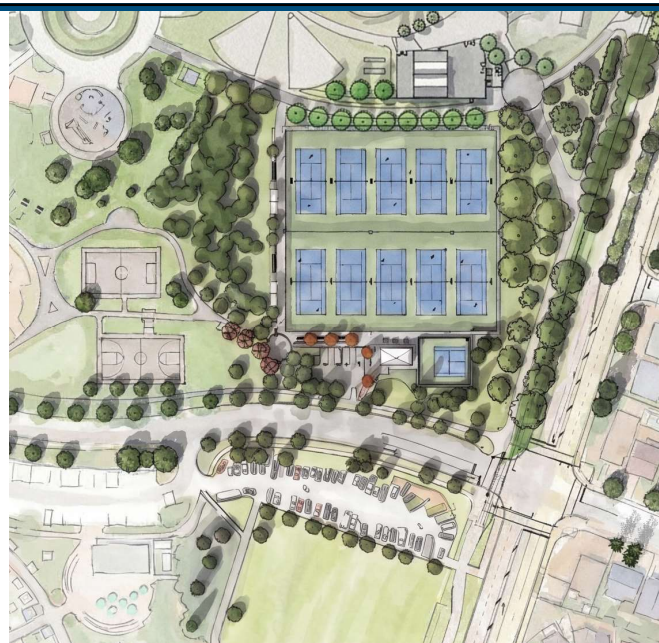
Festival Lawn Interim Expansion

- Removal of existing tennis courts following completion of new tennis courts
- Existing gravel lot to be retained until permanent Festival Lawn implementation



Next Steps

- **Construction Procurement and Award**
 - T2 2026
- **Construction Initiation**
 - T2 2026
- **Park Service Hub Opens**
 - T3 2026
- **Tennis Courts Open**
 - T2 2027
- **Festival Lawn Interim Expansion Opens**
 - T3 2027





Questions?

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