# Minoru Park Vision

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## **Guiding Principles**

To support this vision and guide future development in the park, the following series Guiding Principles and Development and Design Directives have been created.

#### 1. Respect and build upon the history of the park and site

- Protect the heritage and significant trees;
- Develop an interpretation program;
- Create a 'Festival Lawn';
- Retain high quality sports uses on the south side of the park;
- Work with sports and athletic groups to determine the best long term location for facilities within the park system.

### 2. Expand the 'green' role and value of the park in the City Centre

- Ensure that Minoru Lakes continues to provide an area of tranquillity and seasonal beauty;
- Develop a Tree and Landscape Management Plan;
- Maximize the openness of the of the park to the street.

#### 3. Establish a unique identity and civic role for Minoru Park

- Create a Civic Cultural /Community Use Precinct within the
- Expand arts and culture into the park with festivals, art shows,
- Develop a comprehensive strategy for placement of recreational facilities in the City Centre to determine their long-term 'fit' in the park.

#### 4. Create strong visual and physical links to the surrounding streets and neighbourhoods.

- Develop a comprehensive pathway system;
- Construct lit high quality north-south and east- west promenades;
- Provide gateways and entry features.

### 5. Minimize building footprints in the Park

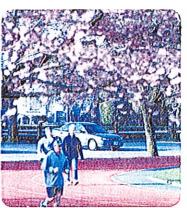
- Focus all new building facilities in the south east corner;
- Connect Minoru Park to City Hall and No. 3 Road;

### 6. Recognize the role of the park as a local residential neighbourhood park

- Provide open unprogrammed green space;
- Expand the playground to appeal to a wider age range
- Provide more seating and picnic areas;
- Create gathering places.



Develop Tree and Landscape Management Plan



Work with user and athletic groups



Neighbourhood Gathering Areas



Richmond's signature civic culture

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Festival Lawn - gathering area

### The Vision...

As part of this process a vision statement has been developed that takes into consideration Minoru's history as a social gathering place for the community, the formal and mature landscape, and the many memories that people have for this park as well as the future needs of the City.

#### The Vision is:

"Minoru Park is a vibrant social and cultural gathering place - a signature civic green space that is the heart and soul of City."

This is a long-term vision. Its implementation will be phased in over time as opportunities to relocate facilities in other City parks.

## Minoru Park Development Framework

