



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Committee
From: Dave Semple
Director of Parks and Public Works
Operations

Date: May 13, 2008

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Re: **Hugh Boyd Park Master Plan Update**

Staff Recommendation:

1. That Council approve the updated Hugh Boyd Park Master Plan as presented in this report;
2. That the updated Hugh Boyd Park Master Plan be sent to School Board District No. 38 for their approval; and,
3. That staff be authorized to enter into a Contribution Agreement with the West Richmond Community Association for the Wellness Circuit and updated Play Area as outlined in this report.

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Att. 1

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Staff Report

Origin

In 2006, the artificial fields were constructed in Hugh Boyd Park. These fields have been very successful and have resulted in a substantial increase in usage of the park. It was immediately apparent that infrastructure was needed, specifically improved parking to support this use. Since the last master plan was developed in 1991, City staff, with the West Richmond Community Association, determined that it was time to update the plan to ensure that there would be a comprehensive approach to any new park developments. In 2009, Hugh Boyd Park will be one of the main venues for the 2009 Richmond BC Seniors Games providing great exposure for the park and the community.

This report outlines the features of the updated Hugh Boyd Park Master Plan and the proposed contribution to the development of the park by the West Richmond Community Association.

Analysis

The Hugh Boyd Park Plan was developed in 1991 and many of the features have been constructed in the park since then. The park entry feature on the corner of No. 1 Road and Francis Road, the parking lot, and the fieldhouse/caretaker suite are the main outstanding elements of the original park plan. It was not anticipated in the first plan that the sports fields would be fenced. This fencing, together with the other fenced areas such as the golf course and the original all-weather soccer field, has resulted in pockets of green space within the park with no character. In the fall of 2007, the City hired consultants to assist in updating the overall plan and to provide construction details for the parking area and entry features.

The Planning Process

City staff, consultants, and the West Richmond Community Association Park Committee representatives have worked together to produce the new updated master plan (**Attachment 1**). A public open house was held on November 17, 2007, with attendees supporting the proposed features. The detail concept plans was completed in March 2007 and a maximum funding of \$50,000 was achieved from the Rick Hansen's *Let's Play Program*.

The Park Committee continued to work on the overall park plan and presented it to the West Richmond Community Association on April 14, 2008. This plan was approved along with a funding commitment of \$135,000.

The Plan

The guiding principles for the park plan update include:

1. Create a strong and unique identity for the park;
2. Develop a comprehensive park plan that integrates uses;
3. Foster community pride;
4. Be 'green' and showcase environmentally sensitive practices;
5. Be inclusive not exclusive and provide a mix of uses for all ages and users;
6. Improve access and integration into the community; and,
7. Promote walking and cycling to and from the park and provide information about local greenways and destinations.

It was recognized early in the process that Hugh Boyd Park, with its many sports amenities, could be part of the growing sports tourism and wellness market. Not only does the park serve local residents but it is also utilized by visitors that are regional to international. The vision for the park is to be the *Outdoor Centre of Excellence for Sports and Wellness*.

To meet the vision and guiding principles the new Hugh Boyd Park Plan includes:

- A new updated 'green' parking area with safer access off the main roads and a drop off zone.
- A prominent park entrance on the corner of Francis Road and No.1 Road;
- An upgraded children's play area with more universally accessible equipment for young children.
- Information kiosks and way-finding signage to provide information about the amenities in Hugh Boyd Park and to promote walking to other destinations within the area such as the West Dyke Trail.
- Soft landscaping to improve environmental function of the park and provide areas of shade.
- A wellness circuit designed primarily for older and active adults but to be used by all park visitors.
- Seating throughout the park and social gathering areas including a stage for music; and
- A future field-house and caretaker suite.

City staff and the West Richmond Community Association have worked together to create a legacy park that promotes health and wellness and one that the community can be proud of for years to come.

The intent is to commence construction of the fitness circuit, children's area, signage and some initial improvements to the entry corner at Francis Road and No. 1 Road. Upon approval of the 2009 Parks Capital Budget, construction of the parking lot will occur in the spring of 2009.

As the playground currently sits on School Board land, City staff will consult with Richmond School Board District No. 38 and the Board to ensure continued support. These proposed additions will not impact any future additions to the existing Hugh Boyd Secondary School.

Financial Impact

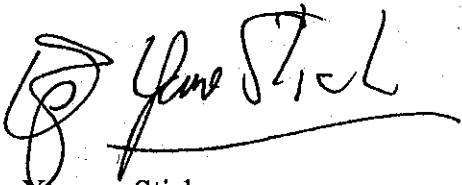
The West Richmond Community Association is contributing to the purchase of an older adult's fitness circuit as a new feature in the park and to upgrading the children's play area. Together with the *Let's Play* funding the costs for the Association and City are as follows:

City Contribution	Community Association
\$340,000	\$135,000
Total Playground Upgrade Costs	\$475,000

City funding for the 2008 construction work was approved from the Minor Parks Capital.

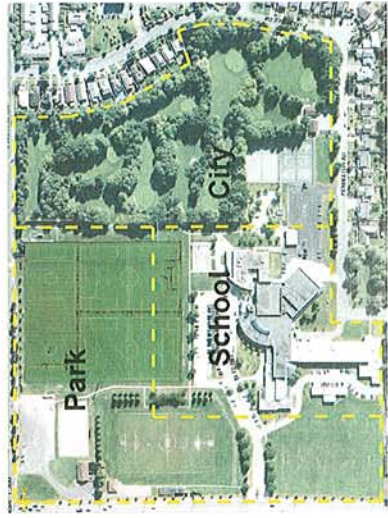
Conclusion

Hugh Boyd Park has become very successful and highly animated with the intense use of the artificial turf fields by youth and adults. To promote use of the whole park the Hugh Boyd Park Master Plan is being updated to provide activities that appeal to a wide range of users, especially those who may not be involved in organized sports. The West Richmond Association has successfully received a Rick Hansen *Let's Play* grant to upgrade the children's area and are providing funding for further development of the play area as well as a new older adult's fitness circuit. Construction is anticipated to commence in August 2008.



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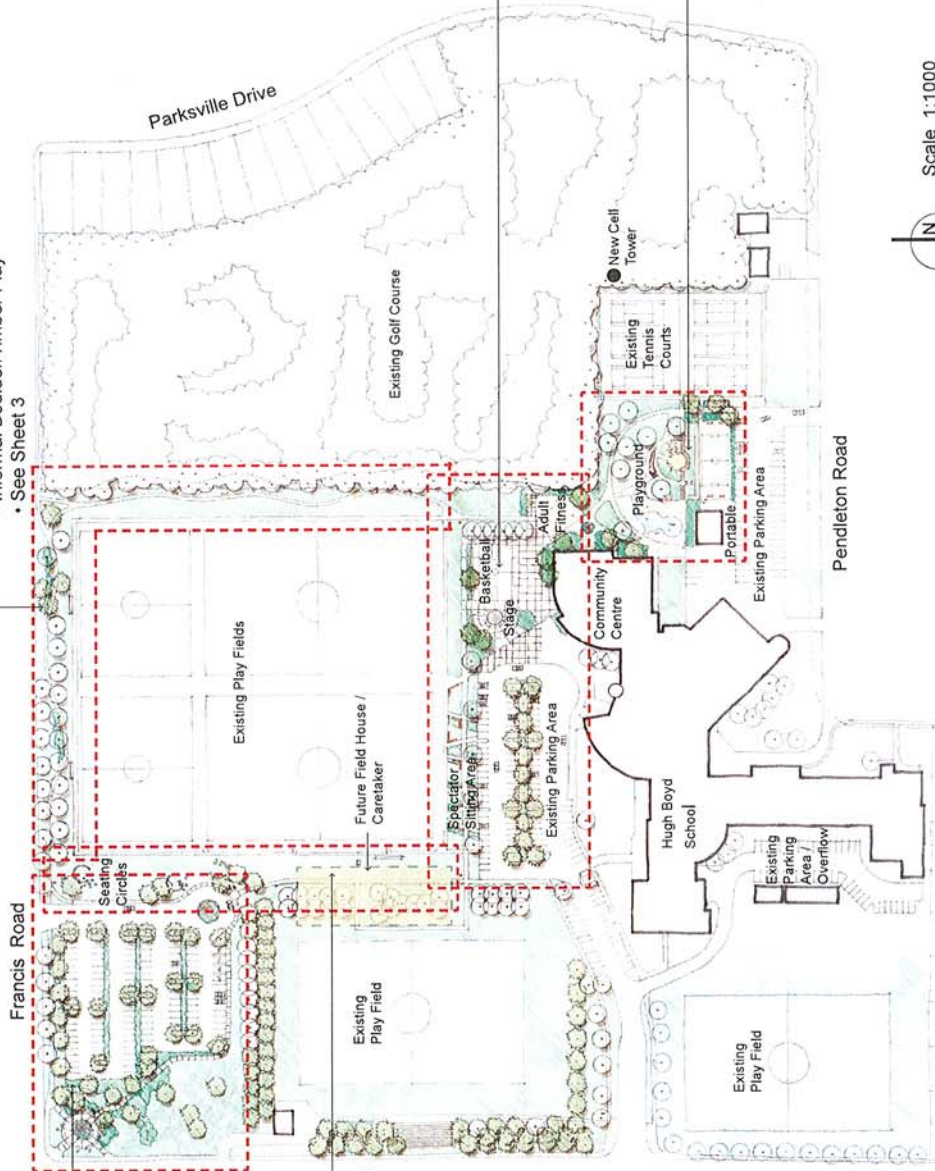
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Property Lines

Golf Course/Francis Road Parkway

- Seating Opportunities
- Circuit Path
- Informal Boulder/Timber Play
- See Sheet 3



Parking Area and Corner Plaza

- Formalized Park Entry
- Medicinal Planting Theme
- 130 Parking Spaces
- Onsite Stormwater Management
- See Sheet 1

Gathering /

- Multi-Purpose Area**
- Formalized Park Entry
- Team Seating Rings
- Informal Boulder/Timber Play
- Future Field House
- See Sheet 2

Community Plaza

- Seating Areas
- Performance Stage
- Adult Fitness Equipment
- Multi-Purpose Plaza
- Basketball
- See Sheet 4

Play Area

- Enlarged Play Area
- New Play Structures
- Seating Opportunities
- Picnic Area
- See Sheet 5

Hugh Boyd Park - Centre for Outdoor Wellness

Hugh Boyd Park continues to serve as a regional destination for ball sports. The master plan seeks to increase visibility and widen the appeal of the park to a greater number of people. Amenities for both individual and group use have been incorporated in the master plan. Park enhancements will address current standards of development, safety and sustainability.



HUGH BOYD PARK - MASTER PLAN UPDATE 2008



"Let's Play" Grant Application Plan



Rubberized Asphalt Play Surface



Adult Fitness



Informal Play



Type 3 Sign



Grass Berms



Slide



Plan
Scale 1:300



Play Structures



Informal Lawn Areas



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HUGH BOYD PARK MASTER PLAN 2008 - PLAY AREA



Boulders and Timbers for Informal Play



Multi-Purpose Lawn Area



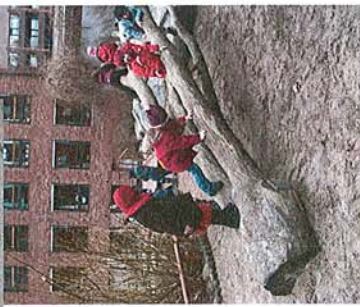
Shade Trees



Field House Concepts

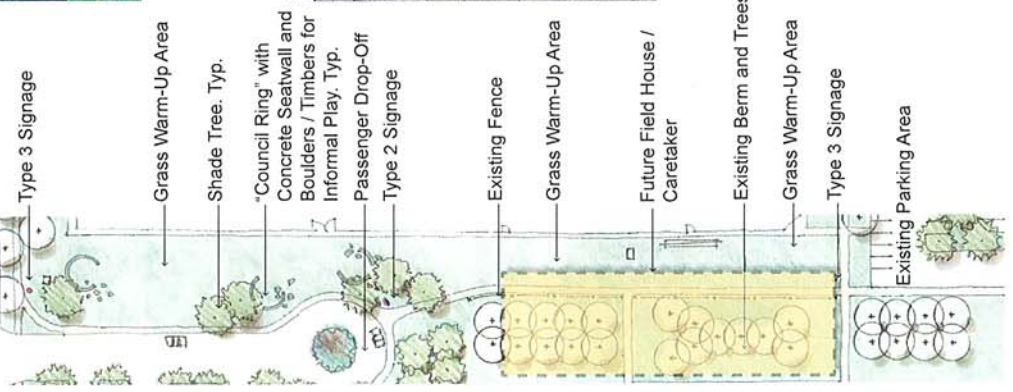


Feature Paving / Art Opportunity



Play Log

Francis Road



Plan



"Council" Rings

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Sheet 2



Pull-Up/Dip

Multiple highly effective strength-building exercises for the upper body



Chest/Back Press

Builds equal endurance for opposing muscle groups at one fitness station



Balance Steps

Builds coordination and balance



Cardio Stepper

Provides a cardiovascular or aerobic workout using your own body weight



Tai Chi Wheels

Promotes flexibility and enhances relaxation and meditation. Evenly tones muscles without strain



Ab Crunch/Leg Lift

Works both the upper and lower abdominals, and provides two different activities in one fitness station



Plyometrics

Plyometrics increase muscle power, and help develop strength for explosive motions such as jumping and running



Row/Push-Up

A great upper-body workout that exercises multiple muscles with several activities in one station



Squat Press

Builds leg and hip muscle endurance. Increase resistance by adjusting the dial on the cylinder up to six levels



Equipment Use Information



Equipment



Conceptual Equipment Layout



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HUGH BOYD PARK MASTER PLAN 2008 - ADULT FITNESS



Field Sports



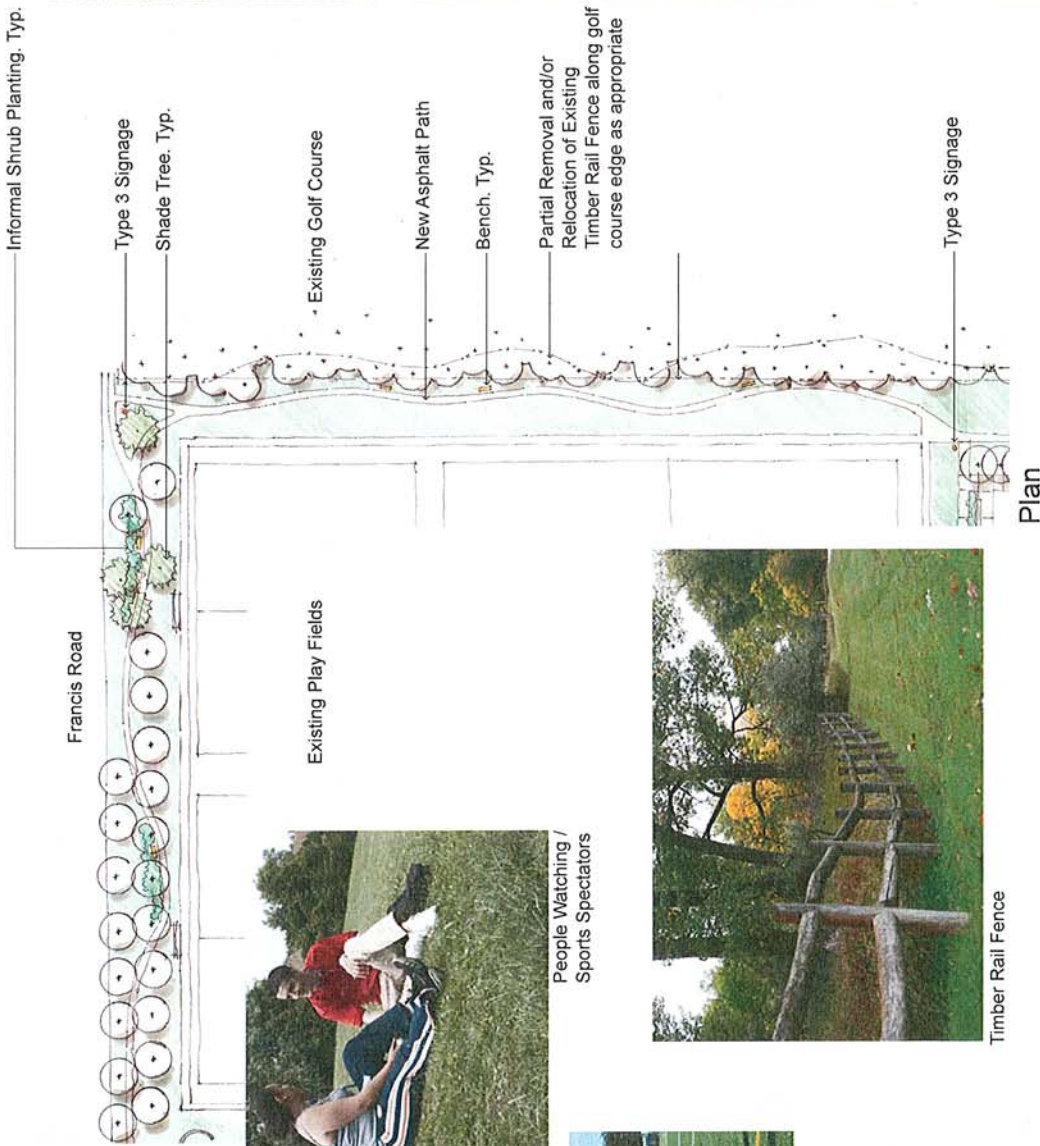
People Watching / Sports Spectators



Field Sports



City of Richmond Standard Park Bench



Informal Exercise



Timber Rail Fence



Boulders



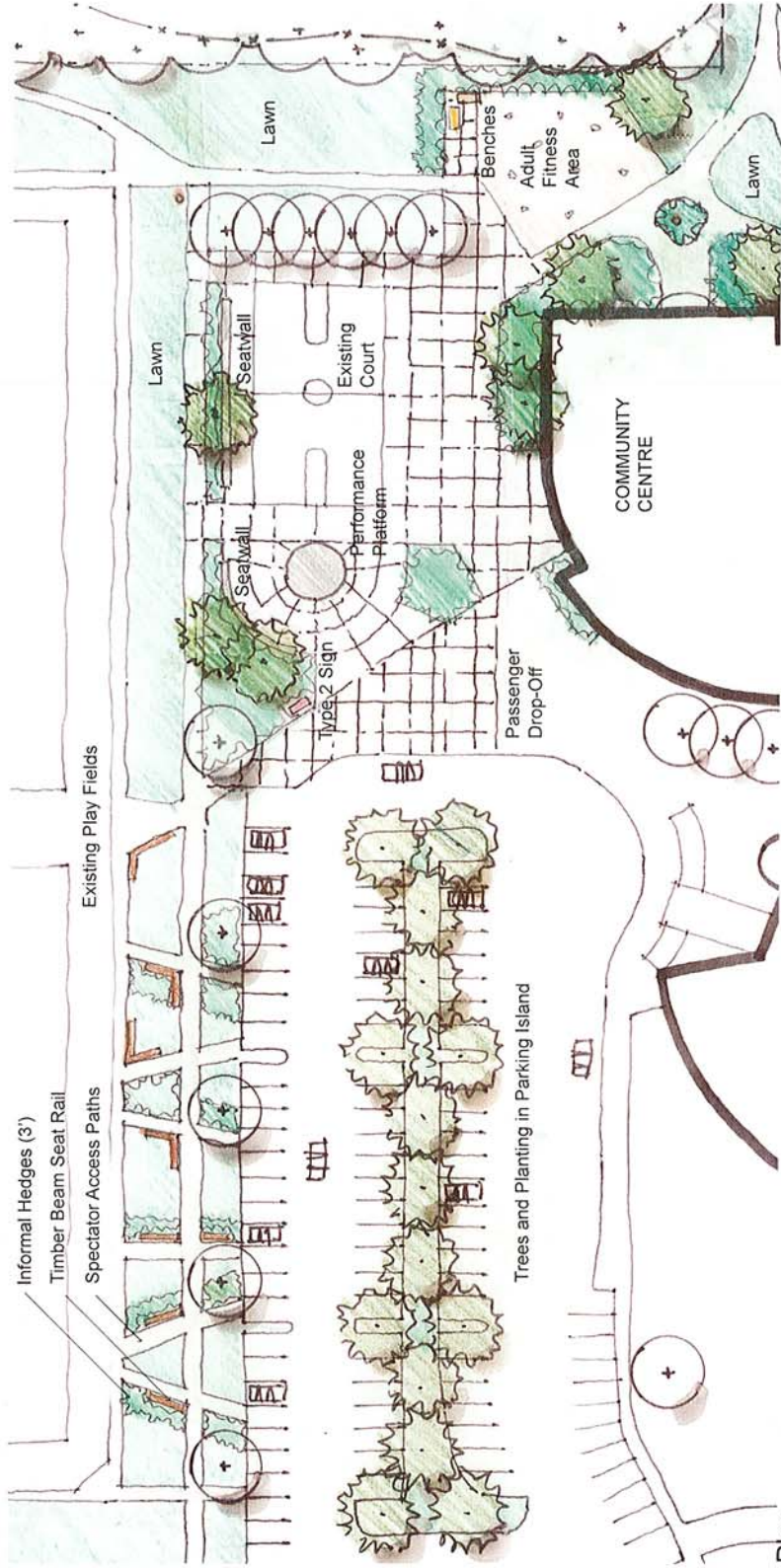
Feature Paving / Art Opportunity



Active Play



Passive Recreation and Sitting



Type 1 Sign



Standard City of Richmond Park Bench



Timber Seat Rail



Fitness Equipment



Performance

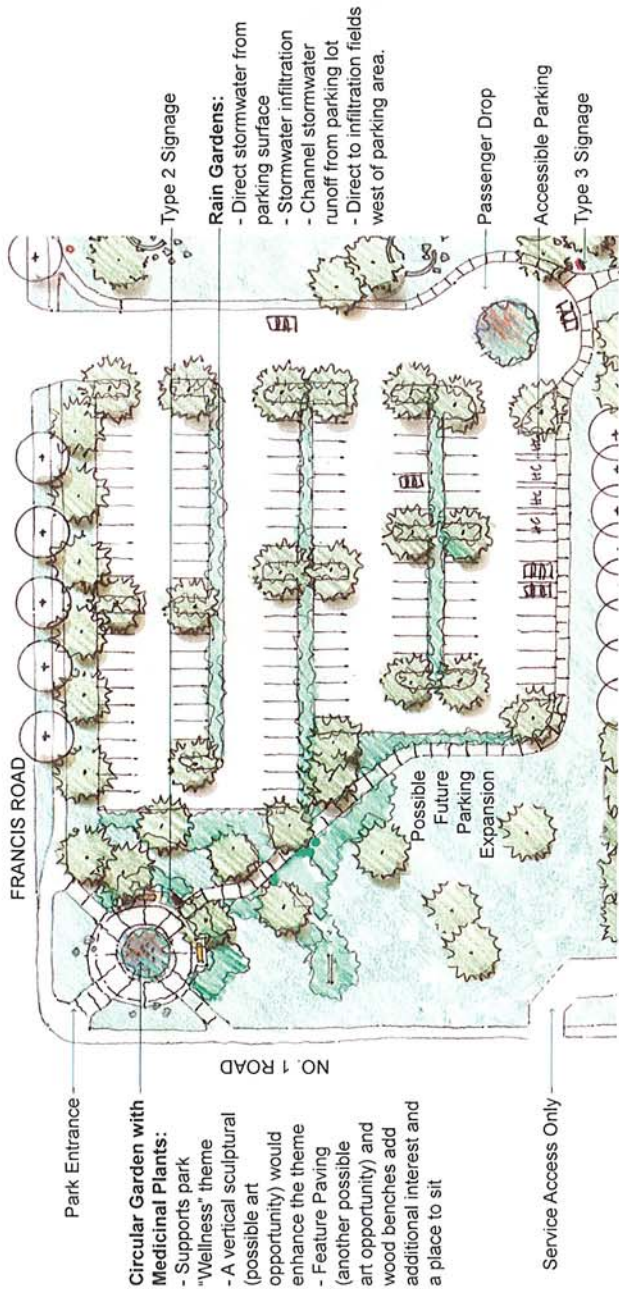


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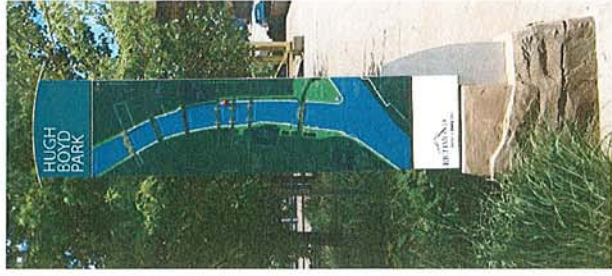


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Type 2 Sign: Information



Type 3 Sign: Directional



Existing Conditions



Parking Area Rain Garden



Random Stone Planks



Medicinal Plants

Paving as Art



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TYPE 1: PARK IDENTITY



Distinguish Hugh Boyd Park by adding signage to existing No. 3 Road signage. Text style and shape of sign to relate to signs found in park.

Requirements for signage can also be considered opportunities to incorporate art into the park which relates to community history, park function - or just something whimsical.

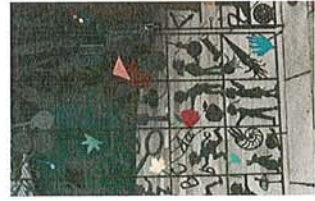


Paving

TYPE 2: INFORMATION



Information such as maps and interpretive information can be incorporated on signage that has a relationship to natural history or function of the park.



Art Opportunity



Art Opportunity

TYPE 3: DIRECTIONAL



Directions to places in the park can be incorporated on a more simple post mounted sign.



Possible Future Gateway Structure for Entrance to Park from Parking Lot or at Corner Plaza

TYPE 4: REGULATORY



Rules guiding use and behaviour in the park can be placed on a sign that has a larger sign face to accommodate more information.



HUGH BOYD PARK MASTER PLAN 2008 - SIGNAGE