

GARDEN CITY LANDS PARK NEEDS FACT SHEET NO.1

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The Richmond Parks Recreation and Cultural Services Master Plan states that we presently have a shortfall of 155.4 acres of parkland in Richmond but we will need an additional 676 acres of parkland by 2021 for a population of 212,000 people, just 13 years from now. That is the parkland needed for 40,000 more people but not for 120,000 more people that is proposed.

A look at the Parkland Allocation graph shows that actually 2,120 acres minus 1,288 acres equals 831 additional acres that are required over what is parkland today.

There are only three large acreages in urban Richmond that are available to make up that park deficit, the Garden City Lands, DND Lands and the Quilchena Golf Course. All three together they would compensate for one-half of Richmond's park needs by 2021. As there is no other acreage available all additional parkland will have to be acquired by purchasing, demolishing and rehabilitating older home to parkland at a cost of \$2.5 million for purchase only.

Whether or not the land is removed from the ALR, owned by the City, Crown, or Musqueam, the City should be reserving the entire Garden City Lands site for future park use. At present the agricultural value of the property is under \$100,000 per acre. Once it is out of the ALR it's value increases to over \$2 million per acre.

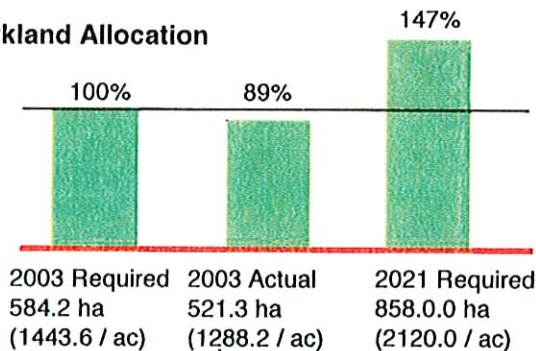
d - Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Master Plan

Overall

Facility Quick Facts:

- Total inventory of buildings in current replacement dollars is \$127,347,000 (incl. Riverport facilities and new Cambie Library)
- Lifecycle upgrades estimated in current dollars at \$13,558,100 or 89% average building life remaining
- Current parkland allocation shortfall of 155.4 acres (62.9 hectares) will increase to a shortfall in 2021 of 676 acres (273 hectares), roughly ten times the area of the existing Minoru Precinct

Parkland Allocation



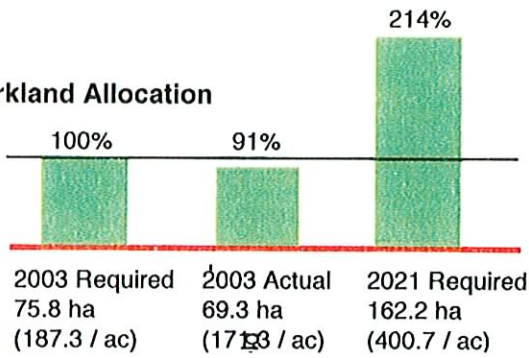
2003 Required	2003 Actual	2021 Required
584.2 ha	521.3 ha	858.0.0 ha
(1443.6 / ac)	(1288.2 / ac)	(2120.0 / ac)

City Centre

Facility Quick Facts:

- Brighthouse Library and Cultural Centre built 1992; value \$15.1 million, \$1.4 million in upgrades
- Gateway Theatre built 1984; value \$6.8 million, upgrades \$900,000
- Minoru Chapel built 1891
- Minoru Seniors Activity Centre built 1986; valued at \$2.35 million, upgrades \$854,000
- Centennial and Minoru Pools, built 1958 and 1977
- Minoru Arenas built 1965
- Minoru Sport Pavilion built 1964, valued at \$1.17 million; upgrades \$268,000;
- Minoru Grandstand built 1974

Parkland Allocation



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