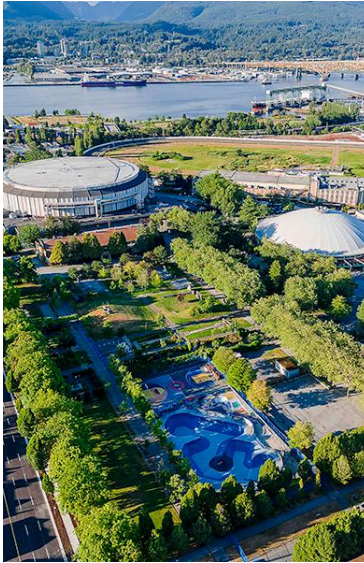


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Register now for our Community Open House!

PNE COMMUNITY NEWS

March 2025



PNE Community Open House: Register Today

Join us for our Community Open House on Saturday, April 5, from 10:00 AM to Noon. Our staff will present an overview of our three-year Strategic Plan and provide an update on the Master Plan. This will be followed by roundtable discussions, where you'll have the chance to ask questions and engage in dialogue.

There will also be informational displays showcasing recent improvements to the site and greenspaces, updates on the PNE Amphitheatre redevelopment project, employment opportunities at the PNE, and our community initiatives, including our new Neighbourhood Focus Group sessions. These sessions are a response to community feedback requesting more opportunities for dialogue with the PNE, and we'll also share details on how to participate.

Free parking will be available across the site, making it easy for you to attend.

[Check out the agenda here](#)



PNE Community Grant Fund – Apply Today!

We are accepting applications for our **PNE Community Grant Fund** until **June 1, 2025**. The PNE raises **\$10,000** annually to support local Hastings Sunrise community groups to create engaging and accessible programs and events. Whether it's a hands-on learning workshop, a neighbourhood beautification project, or an educational community event, this fund helps community groups bring their ideas to life. Grant requests must be between \$100 – \$3,000. Don't miss out on the chance to make a lasting impact in our community.

[Apply here](#)

TD Youth

JOB SKILLS WORKSHOP SERIES

5-Week Program
for Youth (13-18)

Apply by March 30!



TD Youth Job Skills Series: A Free 5-Week Program for Youth (Ages 13-18)

Do you know a youth who might be interested in exploring different career paths? The Youth Job Skills Workshop Series offers a free, 5-week program for young people (ages 13-18) to learn from senior staff about what they do at the PNE. This program is designed to help participants gain insights into careers such as guest experience, event management, and facility maintenance. Food will be provided.

[Apply here](#)



Great Blue Herons Return to the Sanctuary

Great Blue Herons have returned to nest in the Sanctuary this year, and their colony is growing. After having three nests last year, we've identified five nests this year.

Heron nesting season runs from January to August, with the most sensitive period from March through June. Incubation takes 30 days and the young herons begin to fly and hunt for food at around two months old.

We are putting up temporary fencing around the areas below the nests to protect the herons during their nesting season. The fencing will stay in place from May through June during the critical fledging phase when the young birds often fall out of their nests while trying to fly.

Heron nests and trees are protected under the BC Wildlife Act and the Federal Migratory Bird Act. To help ensure their safety, in 2024 we consulted with a wildlife expert recommended by the Vancouver Park Board to monitor the nests and assess any potential impacts from events at the site.

The consultant determined that the herons' choice of noisy location may make them more resilient to disturbances. They recommended ongoing monitoring to assess how site activity and noise affect the birds. During the May long weekend 2024 Foundation Festival, the nests were monitored, and none were

found to be disturbed or abandoned.

To further protect the herons, the PNE has developed guidelines for monitoring and mitigating potential impacts on the nests during events. These procedures ensure we comply with wildlife protection laws and minimize disturbance to the herons.

The guidelines include ensuring compliance with monitoring and mitigation measures, conducting pre-event assessments, monitoring nesting activity, and providing recommendations, enforcing no-disturbance zones and reporting any threats to the nests, and Implementing noise reduction strategies and coordinating with PNE staff on compliance.

These guidelines align with the BC Wildlife Act, the Migratory Birds Convention Act, and other regulations to protect the Great Blue Herons during their nesting season.

If you're visiting the Sanctuary to see the herons, please be respectful, don't cross into the fenced-off areas, and keep your dog on a leash. Thank you for helping protect this special space.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE PNE



Vancouver Gem Show

March 21-23 - PNE Forum

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Monster Jam

March 21 - 23 - Pacific Coliseum

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Amyl and the Sniffers - Cartoon Darkness Tour

March 24 - PNE Forum

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Elderbrook - Another Touch North American Tour

March 29 - PNE Forum

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Bullet for my Valentine - The Poisoned Ascendancy Tour

March 30 - PNE Forum

[More Information](#)



Vancouver Comic & Toy Show

April 5 - 6 - PNE Forum

[More Information](#)



DJO - Back On You World Tour

April 7 - PNE Forum

[More Information](#)



Beabadoobee - The Space In Between Tour

April 8 - Pacific Coliseum

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Have a question or concern as a neighbour?

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