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Community Grant Fund, Neighbourhood Focus Group and more community news!

PNE COMMUNITY NEWS

June 2025



Community Grant Fund Supports Local Programming

We're pleased to announce the 2025 Community Grant Fund recipients! Seven local organizations will share \$10,000 in grants to plan free events in the Hastings-Sunrise community.

This year's recipients include East Village BIA, Exceleration Triathlon, Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House, Pandora Park Community Garden, Vancouver Skateboard Coalition, Vancouver Urban Food Forest, and Hastings Community Little League. Their programming will offer diverse free activities including an inclusive skateboarding event, community knit events, a seniors summer BBQ, a community garden party, food sustainability educational tours, and youth triathlon and baseball programs. These grants help bring people together and strengthen our community connections right here in the Hastings-Sunrise neighbourhood.



Photo credit: East Village BIA

Deepening Dialogue: Community Conversations on Park Stewardship and Events

On Saturday, June 7, the PNE hosted our first Neighbourhood Focus Group in the Hastings Room. This session marked the launch of a new commitment to deepening dialogue with our neighbours through two annual Focus Groups and two Open Houses beginning in 2025.

Fifteen community members participated in facilitated small group discussions on Park Stewardship and Event Impacts. The goal was to listen, learn, and gather local insights to help shape the future of Hastings Park and its relationship with the surrounding community.

Key Takeaways:

- **Park Stewardship:** Participants expressed a desire for greater transparency around the Hastings Park Master Plan, especially future greening initiatives and stream daylighting. We heard the need for more integrated planning with local First Nations and better communication around park accessibility.
- **Event Impacts:** Sound was a key concern. Many participants called for more accountability and transparency in how event-related noise is

managed, especially during concerts.

Next Steps:

- **Park Stewardship:** Ensuring transparency is maintained around the PNE/Hastings Park Master Plan, and incorporating community feedback into discussions with the City of Vancouver and Vancouver Park Board around greenspace. Strengthening our community partnerships with other parks groups and First Nations, and increasing awareness that Hastings Park is a public park open to all.
- **Event Impacts:** Examining various approaches to continue improving our sound mitigation practices. Options being considered include enhanced sound monitoring processes and systems, and improved communication channels for noise complaints.

We are grateful to all the participants who took time to share their ideas, concerns and hopes, and we will continue to keep the community informed as we evaluate these and other possibilities moving forward.



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Save the Date: Community Open House

Mark your calendars! Our next Community Open House will take place on **Saturday, September 20 from 10am to noon** in the PNE Hastings Room.

This event is part of our ongoing commitment to community dialogue and engagement with our neighbours. More details to follow soon, including how to register and agenda topics.



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Hastings Park Closures: July & August

As we head into our busiest season, please be aware that areas of the Centre Grounds and park space will be temporarily closed during July and August for various festivals and the annual Fair.

Events include VCBW, Punchbowl, and Rosé Disco in July, followed by Fair preparations and activities in August. These closures include setup and teardown periods, so some areas may be inaccessible for several days before and after events. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we host these community celebrations.

The Hastings Park Access page also lists periodic road closures along Miller Drive as construction of the Freedom Mobile Arch amphitheatre proceeds. You can [follow us on Instagram](#) for the latest updates on road closures.

Visit the [Hastings Park Access Page](#) for current information about which areas are affected.

Hastings Park Access Page



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New Digital Community Board Coming Soon

Keep an eye out for our new digital community bulletin board, which is replacing the old physical board. Once operational, it will display up-to-date information about events and activities happening throughout the park, including upcoming community events such as Open Houses and Neighbourhood Focus Groups, Neighbourhood Skate Days, and more.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE PNE



Craft Beer and Music Festival

July 12 - PNE Centre Grounds

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A.R. Rahman: The Wonderment Tour

July 18 - Pacific Coliseum

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Punchbowl

July 26 - PNE Centre Grounds

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Rosé Disco

July 27 - PNE Centre Grounds

[More Information](#)



Playland

Open through to August 15

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PNE Fair

August 16 to September 1 - Hastings Park

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Have a question or concern as a neighbour?

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