

# Community Engagement

For Discussion  
PNE Board of Directors  
January 29, 2026



# Activities in Q3 Since October

- Hosted 2 Community Engagement Meetings (summary of these meetings in the following slides)
  - Hosted Neighbourhood Focus Group meeting in November
  - Hosted Community Advisory Group meeting in January
- Community relations team presented the Burrardview Community Association and the Hastings Community Association to provide an update on the Freedom Mobile Arch, the master plan and our community programs such as the community grant programs
- Hosted 1 neighbourhood skate program
- Launched the Freedom Mobile Arch Grant program



# Neighbourhood Focus Group (NFG)

## Community Engagement Meeting #1

■ November 22 NFG agenda included the following items:

- Welcome & Organization Updates
- Round Table Discussions
  - Event Impacts
  - Park Stewardship
  - Community Engagement
- Park Amenities Full Group Brainstorm Session



# NFG, Round Table Topics

## Summary of Discussions

1. Event Impacts	2. Park Stewardship
<p><b>Sound Measurement and Reporting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Request was made for clarification on how sound is measured and whether information could be shared publicly.</li><li>Confirmation provided that sound is managed in accordance with City bylaws</li><li><u>Action Item:</u> PNE to continue to update and communicate sound mitigation plans and policies (including measurement and reporting practices)</li></ul> <p><b>Traffic, Safety, and Emergency Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Questions raised about crowd management, emergency egress, and public safety when multiple venues are in use.</li><li><u>Action Item:</u> PNE Public Safety to present at a future NFG to update on public safety protocols</li></ul> <p><b>FIFA Fan Festival</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Requests were made for clarification on anticipated crowd size, safety, and site impacts. Confirmation was provided that the Sanctuary will not be included in the FIFA Fan Fest footprint and that the Host City community outreach team will hold public information sessions in the coming months.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><u>Action Item:</u> FIFA Host Committee to host an information session in February or March, date TBC</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Neighbours expressed strong interest in environmental stewardship and the future of green spaces, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clearer definitions of environmental and “green” initiatives</li><li>Shared stewardship opportunities in the Sanctuary and other park areas</li></ul></li><li>Support for youth nature programs and environmental education</li><li>Questions about tree management, maintenance, lighting, access, and seasonal programming</li><li>Provided recommendations to look at adding pollinator areas, improved playground equipment, seasonal garden activations, and better signage and accessibility.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><u>Action Item:</u> PNE staff to provide feedback to the VP Facility &amp; Maintenance for consideration; PNE staff confirmed that the Hastings Conservancy and PNE partnership for youth education on the sanctuary will continue</li></ul></li></ul>

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### 3. Community Engagement

Neighbours emphasized the need for the PNE to do the following:

- Provide clearer follow-up on what was heard and what actions are being taken; neighbours provide a lot of feedback but never hear back on what actions and outcomes comes from the feedback
- Ensure the community understands how community feedback informs decisions
- Improve the coordination of public Board meetings and community open houses and ensure they are adequately advertised
- Provide more accessible, easy-to-find information online



## Summary of Park Amenities Discussion

### Process for Brainstorm

- Following a roundtable discussion, PNE staff facilitated a structured collaboration exercise to gather neighbour input on desired future amenities at Hastings Park.
- Neighbours individually reflected and documented suggested new or enhanced amenities on sticky notes.
- Ideas were organized under three focus areas: **Momiji Gardens, Italian Gardens, and Sanctuary.**
- Participants then worked in small groups at each station to review, discuss, and prioritize ideas for each area.



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Neighbours Identified the following top 3 themes and priorities in the brainstorm discussion for the PNE to consider for Hastings Park:

1. Increase programming, activities and informational signage in each of the areas of interest to encourage more traffic through the park to learn about the amazing cultural, historical and ecological significance of our park
2. Increase maintenance and improvements of existing infrastructure as it looks worn, dirty and in some cases damaged (examples provided were play areas, buildings needing pressure washing , time after events for clean up and graffiti)
3. Increase access to spaces and ensure all areas are safe (fix lighting, uneven ground surfaces), increase access to bike racks and gathering spaces such as picnic tables



# Community Advisory Group (CAG)

- Community Engagement Meeting #2
- January 13 CAG agenda included the following items
  - July & October Meeting Minutes Approval
  - Neighbourhood Focus Group Debrief and Discussion
  - Freedom Mobile Arch Update
  - Public Board Meeting January 29, 2026 topics review





## Q4 Meeting Overview – Jan 13, 2026

### General Updates

#### Freedom Mobile Arch Update

- PNE staff provided a status update on the Freedom Mobile
- CAG members shared that there are concerns in the neighbourhood right now on the sound mitigation for the Amphitheatre; staff shared that the PNE will be presenting at the public board meeting the sound mitigation plans

#### January Public Board Meeting

- PNE Staff reviewed the agenda topics and asked if there were any other topics that would be of interest in the community and within our neighbour group. The only item that was requested was information on the new stadium. PNE staff advised that the Hastings Park – PNE Board of Directors do not have governance over this space so it would not be suitable for the board meeting.

#### Reviewed Next Community Meeting

- PNE Open House will be scheduled for February; CAG members suggested having the following topics
  - FIFA, White Caps Stadium Impacts, Traffic Congestion in Area

### Discussion Item

- PNE staff reviewed the results from the NFG round tables; CAG encouraged us to continue to communicate with the community on what we are doing with the feedback
- PNE staff reviewed the NFG collaboration exercise results and the Community Advisory group expanded on the NFG top 3 priorities by adding the following CAG perspectives:
  - The programming ideas are opportunities to work with schools and tourism to draw more people into the park to experience everything we have to offer
  - Discussion on how can we use the Freedom Mobile Arch programming to draw in neighbours to experience the venue from the inside. PNE staff to review how this can be done and bring back ideas to next meeting
  - To assist with the projects for maintenance and updates the CAG asked if there was a way to involve secondary school work experience students to learn from our team on trades, maintenance and get experience. PNE Staff did explain that we are a unionized site so this is difficult, but we do offer skills training sessions through our community relations and partnerships team.



# Q4 Community Relations Focus



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- Finalize action items from Q1 – Q3 and communication plan for results; 2026 business planning
- Town Hall – February
- Launch KC Kids Ticket Program
- Neighbourhood Skate - February
- Coordinate the Neighbourhood Ticket program for 2026 season
- Decision on the 2026 Freedom Mobile Arch Grant program recipients

