



2026 ELECTION PLATFORM

Better Parks and Recreation for Everyone

Vancouver's parks and recreation facilities belong to its residents. TEAM will put Vancouver residents back at the centre of parks and recreation.

TEAM FOR A LIVABLE VANCOUVER

THE PROBLEM

Political Interference Has Undermined Our Parks

Our parks, beaches, community centres, swimming pools, hockey rinks, playing fields, and recreation programs are essential public services. They support healthy living, bring communities together, and make Vancouver a better place for families, children, seniors, and residents of every neighbourhood.

But Vancouver's parks and recreation system has been undermined by political interference, inadequate funding, and years of deferred maintenance. While our facilities were neglected, Ken Sim and ABC tried to abolish the elected Park Board and centralize control at City Hall, even though they did not campaign on doing so in 2022.

Now, months before the 2026 election, ABC has reversed its position again and is promising to improve the same Park Board it tried to eliminate. Vancouver residents deserve a lot better from both City Hall and the Park Board.

TEAM will put Vancouver residents back at the centre of parks and recreation.



70%

More than 70% of our recreation facilities are now in poor condition.

Save the Vancouver Park Board and Protect Parkland

Vancouver needs new elected Park Board leadership focused on what matters to residents: protecting, improving, and expanding neighbourhood parks, recreation facilities, pools, beaches, and community centres.

TEAM has consistently supported an independent elected Park Board. The Board is responsible for protecting Vancouver's parks and recreation system.

Ken Sim and ABC have now reversed their position on the Park Board again. After campaigning in 2022 to improve the elected Board, ABC instead attempted to abolish it and centralize control with Council. Now, months before the 2026 election, ABC says it will no longer seek to dissolve the Board and will instead run more ABC Park Board candidates.

The elected Park Board exists to protect parks and recreation for the public. TEAM will secure the Park Board's future, restore its independence, and ensure it has the funding required to fulfill their duties.

"Ken Sim and ABC cannot be trusted to improve the Park Board."

TEAM WILL:

- Retain Vancouver's independent elected Park Board
- Elect Park Board commissioners committed to protecting parks and recreation rather than carrying out City Hall's political agenda
- Return the administrative and operational resources transferred from the Park Board to City departments
- Keep Park Board assets publicly owned and operated, and prevent parkland from being sold, privatized, or treated as a City revenue source
- Designate existing temporary and de facto parks as permanent parks to protect them from being redeveloped for profit

A Plan to Improve and Expand Vancouver's Parks and Green Spaces

Vancouver's parks and beaches should be accessible to residents of every age, income, ability, and neighbourhood. TEAM is committed to ensuring that all of our parks are properly maintained and safe for families, children, and seniors to enjoy.

TEAM WILL:

- Plan and fund **new parks** as Vancouver's population grows, including specifically-designated dog parks within walking distance of every neighbourhood
- Increase Vancouver's neighbourhood park space by **at least 20%**, with a target of at least 1.1 hectares of neighbourhood parkland for every 1,000 residents
- Improve **park maintenance and accessibility** by conducting a review of park walkways
- Strictly enforce existing parks by-laws and toughen enforcement to address **cleanliness and safety** concerns
- Protect **Langara and Fraserview Golf Courses** from development
- Cut parking fees at **Spanish Banks and Jericho Beach** and review the parking system with the goal of restoring free public access





PART THREE

Recreation Facilities Investment Pledge

Public recreation facilities are essential public services. Our hockey rinks, swimming pools, playing fields, and community centres are essential to a healthy city and a healthy society.

That's why it is all the more upsetting how over 70% of our facilities have been allowed to fall into poor condition due to years of deferred maintenance, inadequate funding, and poor long-term planning.

TEAM will address the budgetary shortfall that has created this crisis.

\$739M

Committed by TEAM to renew and expand Vancouver's parks and recreation system over four years—including the full \$496 million identified for recreation facilities by the elected Park Board.

Renewing Vancouver's Pools and Community Facilities

- Commit to reaching the **\$739 million** from the draft capital plan, subject to an annual baseline review of the Park Board budget to ensure that the funds are spent wisely
- Restore ongoing funding for **maintenance, renovations, and facility replacement**
- Restore the Park Board's capacity to **manage their own facilities**
- End the practice of deferring maintenance until facilities require costly replacement
- Expand parks and recreation facilities **alongside population growth**
- Support **Community Centre Associations** and their role in operating local facilities, including renewal of the Joint Operating Agreements
- Retain a world-class **50-metre pool** at the Vancouver Aquatic Centre
- Support the construction of **Sunset Pool** and a renewed **Kitsilano Beach Pool**
- Expand **swimming and lifeguard training** so Vancouver children can learn to swim

TEAM'S PLEDGE GUARANTEES:

Sustained investment in parks and recreation, directed by the elected Park Board — not by City Hall's political priorities — so that every neighbourhood has access to the facilities its residents need.

Only an independent, elected, and properly funded Park Board can keep parks and recreation focused on the public interest.

IN CONCLUSION

A TEAM Council and Park Board will protect parkland, restore public accountability, and renew recreation facilities so that residents in every neighbourhood can access and enjoy Vancouver's parks for generations to come.