

COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTION

*For consideration at the Standing Committee meeting on Policy and Strategic Priorities
May 6, 2026*

6. Keeping the Session Rolling: Renewal of the Hastings Park Skateboard Facility

Submitted by: Councillor Klassen

WHEREAS

1. The skateboard park at Hastings Park is a premier public recreational amenity in the City of Vancouver, serving a wide spectrum of users ranging from local youth to professional and competition-level skateboarders;
2. The Hastings Park skateboard facility functions as one of the primary training venues in the region for high-performance skateboarding, including athletes preparing for national and international competition;
3. The facility will be temporarily unavailable to the public during June and July 2026 due to operational requirements associated with Vancouver's role as a host city for the FIFA World Cup;
4. This temporary closure will result in a significant loss of access for regular users, including local residents, youth, and elite athletes who rely on the facility for training, recreation, and community connection;
5. The Hastings Park skateboard facility is currently in need of renewal and lifecycle reinvestment, with estimated capital costs of approximately \$500,000 to address wear, safety, and modernization needs; and
6. Major international events place additional pressures on existing public amenities and present an opportunity to ensure that impacted community spaces are restored and improved for long-term public benefit.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to include in the 2027–2030 Capital Plan an allocation of approximately \$500,000 for the renewal and upgrading of the Hastings Park skateboard facility, to be delivered following the FIFA World Cup period.
- B. THAT this skateboard facility investment be advanced as a priority to address the temporary loss of access to the facility during the FIFA World Cup period and to ensure its continued function as a high-quality recreational and high-performance sport asset.

- C. THAT staff be directed to engage with local user groups, including youth, community skateboarders, high-performance athletes, and representatives from the Vancouver Skateboard Coalition, to inform the design and functionality of the renewed facility; and

FURTHER THAT staff be directed to engage with the PNE regarding the planned renewal and upgrading of this asset.

- D. THAT staff report back in Q3 2026 with a proposed scope, timeline, and funding strategy for the Hastings Park skateboard facility renewal, including consideration of potential partnerships, sponsorships, and senior government contributions where appropriate.

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