

## COMMISSION REPORT

**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE  
COMMISSION

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION &  
CULTURAL SERVICES

**FILE:** 61100-20  
*Reference: Edmonds Park and  
Central Park*

**SUBJECT: EDMONDS AND CENTRAL PARKS - DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES**

**PURPOSE:** To obtain authorization for demolition of the Edmonds Park Fieldhouse and Central Park - Variety Park Playground Shelter structures.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend Council authorize the sale for moving or salvage or demolition of the Edmonds Park fieldhouse structure at 7433 Edmonds Street.
2. **THAT** the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend Council authorize the sale for moving or salvage or demolition of the Central Park Variety Park Playground Shelter structure at 3883 Imperial Street.

**REPORT****INTRODUCTION**

Two long serving park structures, one at Edmonds Park and one at Central Park are in very poor condition and require removal for safety reasons, and to make way for new park facility development. In order to proceed with the removal of these structures, Council authorization to sell for moving or salvage or demolition is required. Specific details of the two structures and their locations are outlined below.

**Edmonds Park FieldHouse – 7433 Edmonds Street**

The Edmonds Park fieldhouse (formerly Richmond Park) is an 842 sq. ft. concrete block wall structure with trussed roof built in 1960. The fieldhouse provided change room and washroom facilities, and services for the former park field, ball diamond and wading pool. The fieldhouse structure is in poor condition and has a partially collapsed roof. The phased redevelopment plan for the park includes the replacement of the fieldhouse structure with a new washroom building proposed to serve users of the new spray pad facility at this Southeast Burnaby District Park.

Funding for the demolition work is included in Edmonds Park redevelopment project.

### **Variety Park Shelter – 3883 Imperial Street**

The Variety Park Shelter at Central Park, was built in 1986 as part of the original Variety Park Playground circus train theme. The shelter structure is the last remnant of the original Variety Park Playground installation, which has been replaced in phases over the years and now has a forest discovery theme.

The roofed structure is open on three sides, and measures 12 ft. X 25.5 ft., for a total area of 306 sq. ft. The structure is comprised of part manufactured pan-abode; and post and beam construction, on a reinforced concrete foundation. The structure is in poor condition and has been cordoned off from public use for safety. Removal of the shelter structure will address the safety issue and will provide room for the alignment and future installation of the third phase of the Central Park perimeter trail, which is presently in the design phase. Funds for the demolition of this structure are included in the Central Park redevelopment project.

The structures are not listed on the City Heritage Inventory or Community Heritage Register.

## **POLICY SECTION**

### **Goal**

- A Safe Community
  - Crime prevention and reduction –  
Ensure citizens and businesses feel safe in our community
  - Transportation safety –  
Make City streets, pathways, trails and sidewalks safer
  - Community amenity safety –  
Maintain a high level of safety in City buildings and facilities for the public and City staff
- A Connected Community
  - Geographic connection –  
Ensure that people can move easily through all areas of Burnaby, using any form of transportation
- An Inclusive Community
  - Serve a diverse community –  
Ensure City services fully meet the needs of our dynamic community
- A Healthy Community
  - Healthy life –  
Encourages opportunities for healthy living and well-being

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- Healthy environment –  
Enhance our environmental health, resilience and sustainability
- A Dynamic Community
  - City facilities and infrastructure –  
Build and maintain infrastructure that meets the needs of our growing community
- A Thriving Organization
  - Financial viability –  
Maintain a financially sustainable City for the provision, renewal and enhancement of City services, facilities and assets

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that approval be given for the sale for moving or salvage or demolition of the Edmonds Park Fieldhouse and Central Park Variety Park Playground Shelter structures for safety reasons, and to make way for planned park redevelopment projects.



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