

North Vancouver Lawn Bowling Clubhouse & Greens

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PROJECT UPDATE JULY 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The New Harry Jerome Community Recreation Program continues to be the largest investment in community recreation in the City. The new North Vancouver Lawn Bowling Clubhouse and Greens are part of a revitalized community recreation zone in our City, and provides inclusive and accessible community space to support our community's physical, mental and social well-being. As one of the oldest sports clubs on the North Shore, the North Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club (NVLBC) has operated since 1923 and is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year.

As part of the Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre (HJCRC) Redevelopment, the NVLB club was relocated from 2160 Lonsdale Avenue to this site. The NVLBC Greens and Clubhouse project began construction originally in April 2020 at the onset of COVID-19 restrictions and has been delivered in two phases, firstly the greens and now the clubhouse.

THE GREENS

The new bowling greens are a specialty artificial turf that has provided NVLBC with an extended playing season and reduced overall maintenance. The final layer or “greens carpet” was laid down in wide strips that were then sewn together by an industrial sewing machine and specially trained crew. The greens carpet and sewing machine were shipped from the United Kingdom and travelled through the Panama Canal.

The greens have been constructed to World Bowling Association standards allowing the club to host international tournaments. The number of players who can bowl at once on the greens is 128, depending on the type of game being played.



NV Lawn Bowling Greens in use by the community

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CLUBHOUSE

The building is a single storey modern, efficient facility that includes a large gathering space for 140 people, catering kitchen, universal washrooms, lockers, and storage. The clubhouse has been designed with simplicity and flexibility in mind and is adaptable for a variety of community uses.

The new clubhouse is a gathering place for its members and will host tournament events and social activities for both its lawn bowling members and surrounding community, year round.

The clubhouse is fully accessible and versatile in its programming, from being a space to host large dinners, to member meetings, barbeques, fundraisers (annual Lions Gate Hospital Foundation) and games nights. It will serve both as a social club and a sports club for its members of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

OTHER COMMUNITY BENEFITS

This project has provided additional green space and landscaping features, which have benefited the broader community. A newly constructed park with bench and drinking fountain are situated at the southeast corner, a new accessible ramp has been constructed, connecting the multi-use pathway (Green Necklace) along East 23rd Street to the upper parking lot, equipped with 20 new stalls and one electric vehicle (EV) charging station and three EV charging infrastructure for future installation.

Enhanced surrounding public realm, including upgraded sidewalks, enhanced pedestrian lighting, covered bike parking and new street trees have also been incorporated into the overall design, to be enjoyed by everyone.



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