Hastings Park - ParkWatch

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Time: 1 pm
Weather Conditions: Bright, cold & frosty
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The Sanctuary in Hastings Park

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Area	Observations / Remarks
1. Sanctuary	
Structures	Some posts have been replaced (left), several others need replacing (right).
	Replaced board on N bridge (left); Existing log planters now empty but good for habitat (right); Garbage cans intact – no graffiti.
Wildlife	Clouds of young goldfish at floating bridge (left); Crows, 50 Mallard Ducks, 2 Varied Thrushes, 2 Common Mergansers, 12 Juncos, lots of wasp galls on collapsed shrub by E bridge (middle); chafer beetle/crow damage at Stone Terraces (as in neighbourhood as it spreads through the city) (right).

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Vegetation	Lovely rosehips (left); Snowberries (right).
	We have apples!! (left); Sweet Woodruff pretty with frost (right);
Many trees with very shallow roots (right).	

Trees falling over (right)

Terrain

Water erosion at W entrance (left); and N of floating bridge (right).

Boggy pathway at N end (left); Leaves cleared from paths and shoulders (right).

	Stump moved in good for wildlife habitat (right).	
Pond (*including water quality, water levels, water flow*)	Lots of water circulating under the bridge (left); Water levels very high - the near rock was under water on Nov 28th (right).	
	NE end of floating bridge clogged drain (left) & is this a spring? (right).	

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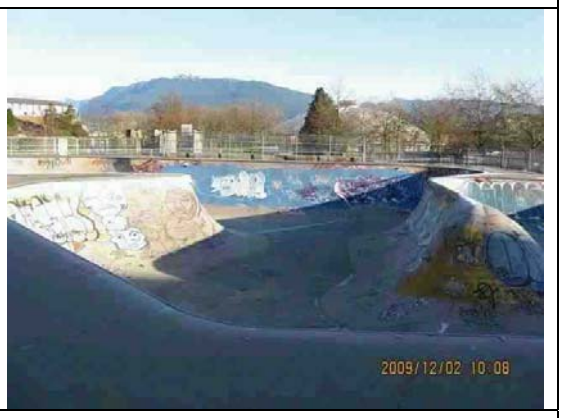
Park Activities	Workers' truck in Sanctuary (left); Enthusiastic crew planting fern garden above Boat Launch where nine bark was removed will give good sightline (right); Buddleia has been removed; 1 jogger, 1 cyclist with dog, 2 power walkers, 1 grandparent with stroller, 1 dog-walker with leash, 2 park watchers (us), 3 landscapers.
Miscellaneous	Frost (far left); Tire ruts where the white rail fence on W side of Sanctuary used to protect the grass (left); Serious tire damage NE of Stone Terraces (right); More tire damage – *couldn't a golf cart be used instead?* (far right & bottom row).

2. Italian Gardens	
Structures	N side bollard at W end of Opera Walk fountains tilted, maybe hit by vehicle? (left); What's this? (right).
	Water feature not draining (left); Skateboard bowl painting has declined in quality (right).
	
Vegetation	Trees warmly wrapped (left); Beds cleared out (right).

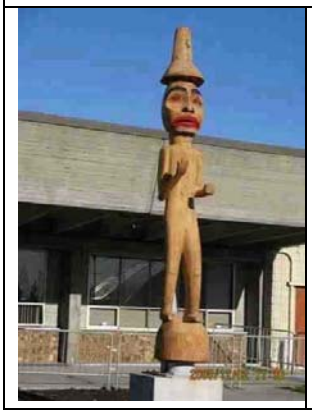
	Whatever is happening here has eaten away some of our green grass (right).	
Park Activities		Gardeners pruning trees – the flowering pear tree that was between these 2 has been lost due to installation errors (left); 1 cyclist, no skaters, 3 cars zooming from Renfrew to the CASINO ignoring stop signs.
Miscellaneous	Tire ruts (left); large service truck making ruts (right);	

	Unsightly graffiti-ed Johnnies on the spot (left).	BBQ now concreted to the fence (right).

3. Empire Bowl DID NOT VISIT

4. General Site Miscellaneous

First Nations figure outside Coliseum already missing part of foot (left).
Repaving Coliseum plaza (middle).
PNE house site is an eyesore – will not impress any Olympic visitors (right).



Key Locations:

- West Entrance, Southwest Entrance, Southeast Entrance, East Entrance, North Entrance
- West Platform (Boat Launch)
- Islands
- Floating Bridge/Boardwalk
- East Bridge
- Stone Terraces (Facing large pond)
- North Platform (Facing small pond and red barns)
- North Bridge