

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

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<p>Trees falling over (right)</p>		
<p>Terrain</p>	<p>Water erosion at W entrance (left); and N of floating bridge (right).</p>	
		
	<p>Boggy pathway at N end (left); Leaves cleared from paths and shoulders (right).</p>	
		







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

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<p><i>Park Activities</i></p>	<p>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.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>		
<p><i>Miscellaneous</i></p>	<p>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 - <i>couldn't a golf cart be used instead?</i> (far right & bottom row).</p>		
			
			

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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).  

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

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