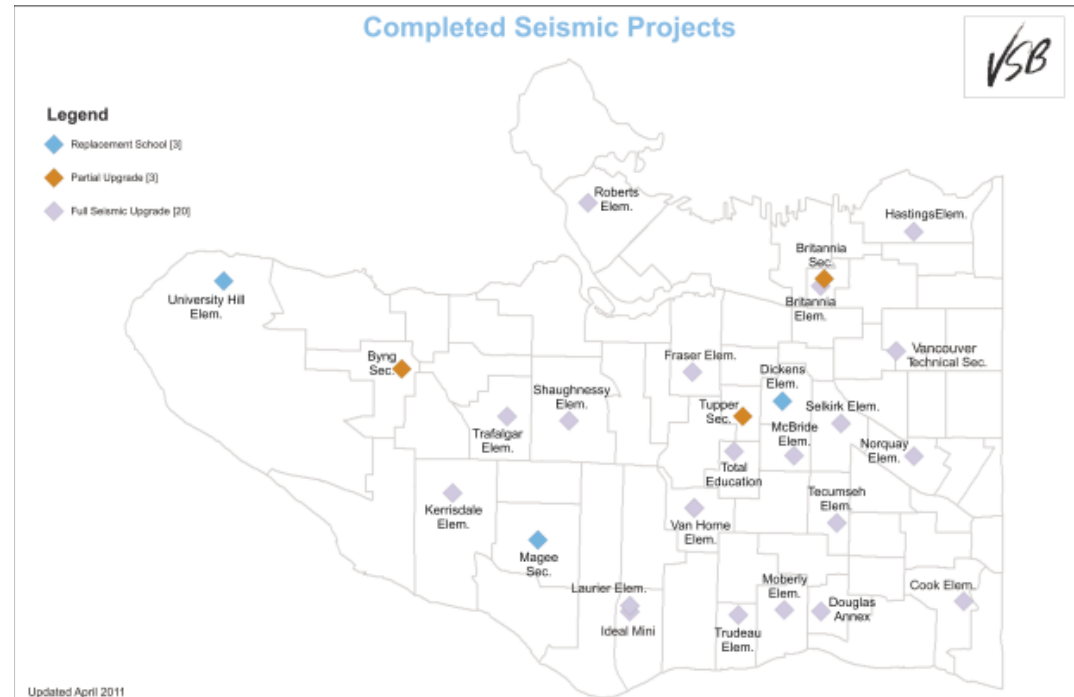


Renewing General Gordon Elementary School

Why Renewal?

The VBE has undertaken numerous seismic projects in the city, resulting in schools being fully or partially upgraded or completely replaced. Ensuring seismic safety and meeting the educational needs of each school are the key objectives of the VBE. Strathcona and Queen Mary Schools are two other schools currently undergoing a similar process as Gordon.

General Gordon Elementary School has embarked on a Project Definition planning process to create a seismically safe and renewed school. The school has been rated to have a high seismic risk. It also has obsolete mechanical and electrical systems, and does not meet current life safety requirements such as sprinklers, fire separations, and fire rated doors.



Map of completed seismic projects

The critical need to create a safer facility has opened up an opportunity to renew the entire school to support contemporary curriculum needs, create a much more sustainable building, and envision the school as a community-serving Neighborhood Learning Centre (NLC).

This process will result in the development of a Project Definition Report (PDR), which is a high priority for the Vancouver Board of Education (VBE). The PDR is scheduled to be submitted to the BC Ministry of Education in November 2011 in order to secure funding for detailed design and construction phases of the project.



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