

Rocky Point Park & Old Orchard Park Master Plans

Public Engagement Summary Phase 2



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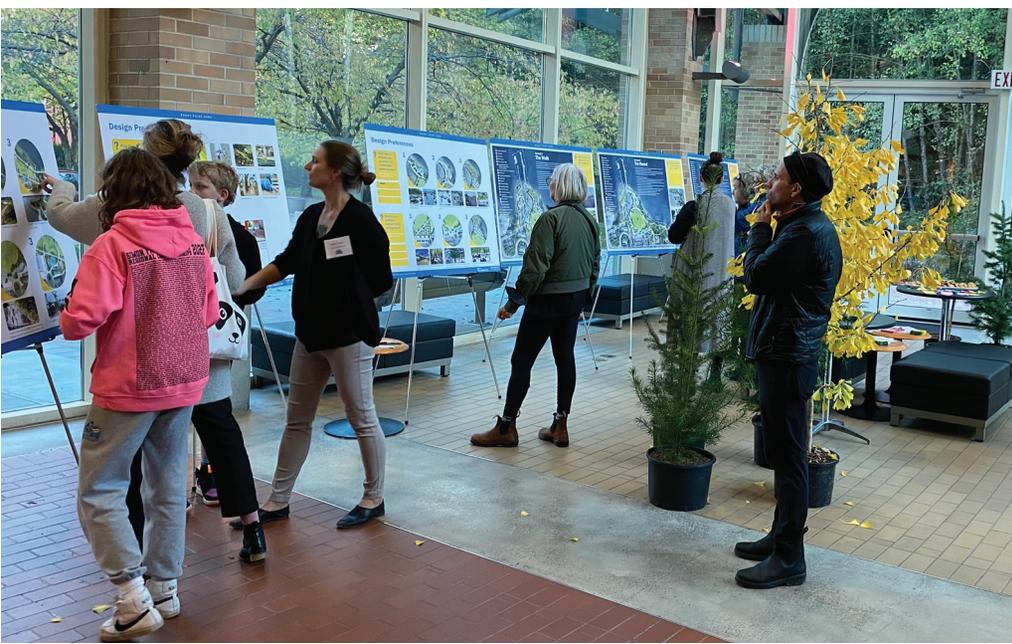
Project Context

Purpose

The City of Port Moody is drafting a comprehensive update to the existing Rocky Point Park Master Plan (adopted in 2000) and developing a Master Plan to guide upgrades for Old Orchard Park.

Rocky Point and Old Orchard parks are well enjoyed by the local community and visitors from throughout the region. As the region's population grows, however, these parks face increased use pressures which can lead to additional stress on aging infrastructure and the natural environment. An updated assessment of park spaces and plans for strategic renewal will help us improve community well-being, social equity, and the resiliency of the parks' natural Habitats.

It will be important for the Master Plans to be a collaborative process with the public and stakeholders, and to align with important municipal and regional policies both completed and in development.



The following engagement principles guide our engagement process:

Transparency in how the feedback will be used to inform the draft concepts and final Master Plans and communicating where there is room for public influence. An aspect to engagement will also be change management to ensure the public knows the changes that will happen in the park by necessity.

Mutual Learning in providing opportunities to learn about the histories about the parks, the diverse marine and land habitats and biodiversity that exists in and around each park.

Expectation Management in how we define and frame the vision for the two parks and understanding what is realistic for the city to commit to.

Shared Understanding in how we facilitate engagement activities, encouraging participants to think beyond their individual interests and understand the various interests/needs of the park. This also includes recognizing the needs of those who do not live in Port Moody now but may in the future.

Timeline

We are now in Phase 3 of the Parks Master Plan process, having completed the second round of public and stakeholder engagement. Below is a timeline of the planning process and engagement.



Engagement Process

Phases of Engagement

During Phase 1 engagement in July and August 2022, we hosted a number of engagement events to gain a better understanding of the hopes and needs for Rocky Point and Old Orchard. We asked participants how they use the parks today, and what they want the parks to be like in the future. What we heard during the first phase of community engagement informed the development of a vision for each park and six overarching guiding principles that apply to both Rocky Point Park and Old Orchard Park. We then built on the feedback to develop draft design concepts and proposed actions.

Phase 2 engagement took place in October and November 2023. We asked for feedback on the draft design concepts, including three concept options for Rocky Point Park and one for Old Orchard Park. We also asked participants to share their thoughts on how we should prioritize potential improvements, as we won't be able to achieve everything. Input during this phase will inform the refinement of draft master plans which will be presented to Council for their consideration in early 2024.



This report highlights takeaways from the second phase of engagement. For more project information including the draft park concepts and a summary of the first phase of engagement, please see the project webpage:

<https://engage.portmoody.ca/rocky-point-and-old-orchard-parks-master-plans>

Phase 2 Activities

Meetings & Workshops

The project team presented project updates to several groups where we received feedback to guide the direction of each park design. These meetings occurred in between the first and second rounds of public engagement during the concept development phase.

- Youth Focus Committee Workshop* - November 9th, 2022
- Staff Workshop - November 23rd, 2022
- Parks and Environment Committee Meeting - July 17th, 2023

Virtual Information Session

The virtual webinar was held on October 25th, 2023 with 12 viewers from the public. This event was intended to present the draft concepts and big moves and design ideas that shaped each concept. After the presentation, there was a Q & A period where the project team answered questions submitted by attendees. A full recording of the session is available on the [project webpage](#).

Public Open House

The in-person Open House on October 26th, 2023 gave participants an opportunity to learn about the draft design concepts for each park and provide their feedback on specific programming elements and park design overall. Approximately 70 people attended. The Open House panels can be accessed through the [project webpage](#).

Community Survey

The community survey was available on the project website from October 10th to November 15th 2023. There were 174 submitted surveys for Old Orchard Park and 240 submissions for Rocky Point Park. Feedback from the surveys helped to confirm priorities for each park and will inform the final master plan concepts and design directions.

*minutes from this workshop can be found in Appendix B.



80+

participated in the virtual information session and public open house



414

submitted surveys (for one or both parks)



1,060

visited multiple project pages, contributed to a tool or downloaded documents



2,261

viewed the project webpage at least once

First Nations Engagement

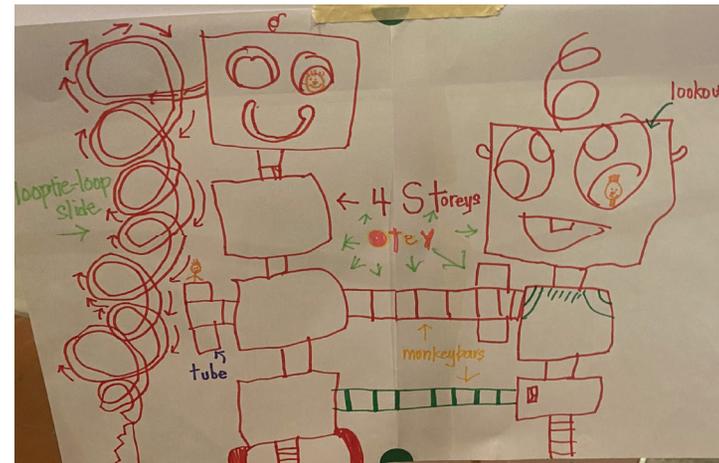
During Phase 2, the project team has shared several updates with local First Nations. We have also had the opportunity to meet with kʷikʷə́ləm (Kwikwetlem) First Nation and sə́lilwə́təʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation to provide further details and answer questions. Feedback indicated that project information was well received and the planning process was generally supported.

The following activities were conducted with First Nations during this phase:

- Project Updates – December 15th, 2022; February 9th, 2023
- Team meeting with kʷikʷə́ləm (Kwikwetlem) First Nation- March 29th, 2023
- Team meeting with sə́lilwə́təʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation- April 21st, 2023
- Field visit with kʷikʷə́ləm (Kwikwetlem) First Nation- May 24th, 2023
- Project Update- July 31st, 2023
- Field visit with sə́lilwə́təʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation- September 14th, 2023

Youth Engagement

At the Open House and Youth Focus Committee Workshop*, we heard from youth about the type of playground adventures and youth zone amenities that should be considered, including opportunities for waterfront activities and dedicated sports spaces.



* minutes from this workshop can be found in Appendix B.

Old Orchard Park



Online Survey Results

Q1. Vision and Guiding Principles

We asked respondents: “Do you think anything is missing from the vision or the guiding principles? Is there anything you think we should add?”
We received comments and suggestions on the following topics:

- preservation and enhancement of natural areas, including restorative pruning of existing fruit trees, planting and preserving more trees for shade
- environmental education to increase understanding and enjoyment of the marine environment
- direct alignment with the City’s Climate Action Plan
- connection to water, where people can interact with the marine environment
- water-based recreational activities, including kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding
- amenities and services, such as pickleball courts, spaces for art, water parks, and a concession or commercial stand
- concern for potential overcrowding
- health and wellness, which could include water fountains and bottle-refill stations along running routes
- acknowledgment of the history of First Nations and unique character of the area
- connection between Old Orchard Park and other parks, such as Rocky Point Park
- more space dedicated to parking and parking access
- accessibility considerations such as an upgraded washroom, dedicated spaces for those who need to drive, benches, lighting, and wayfinding
- safety concerns (e.g., boats coming too close to swimmers, pedestrians close to the rail line)
- pet and dog-friendly spaces, such as a designated off-leash dog beach
- access and gathering spaces for young families, including children’s play areas

Q2 & Q3. Action Priorities

Respondents ranked nine actions from highest (1) to lowest (9) priority and shared missing actions that should be considered a high priority. The actions below are listed in order of ranked priority. The three highest priority actions are highlighted in yellow.

Action Rankings

- 1 protect the beach and park from coastal erosion and sea level rise while enhancing habitat through shoreline features such as habitat islands
- 2 improve and enhance the sandy beach area
- 3 improve accessibility throughout the park, prioritizing beachfront access, with a new gently sloped path
4. improve the ecological and habitat value of the park through forest and creek restoration projects
5. improve the arrival experience for the park and the entrance to the Shoreline Trail
6. add washroom and changeroom facilities within the park, to expand on the existing washroom within Old Orchard Hall
7. improve the open lawn area for picnicking and small events, creating more flat areas with views to the water
8. build a new, improved playground which makes use of the slope and is well integrated with the rest of the park
9. provide additional water-related experiences for times when beach swimming is unavailable or during extreme heat events (e.g. water play elements, outdoor showers, misting features, etc.)

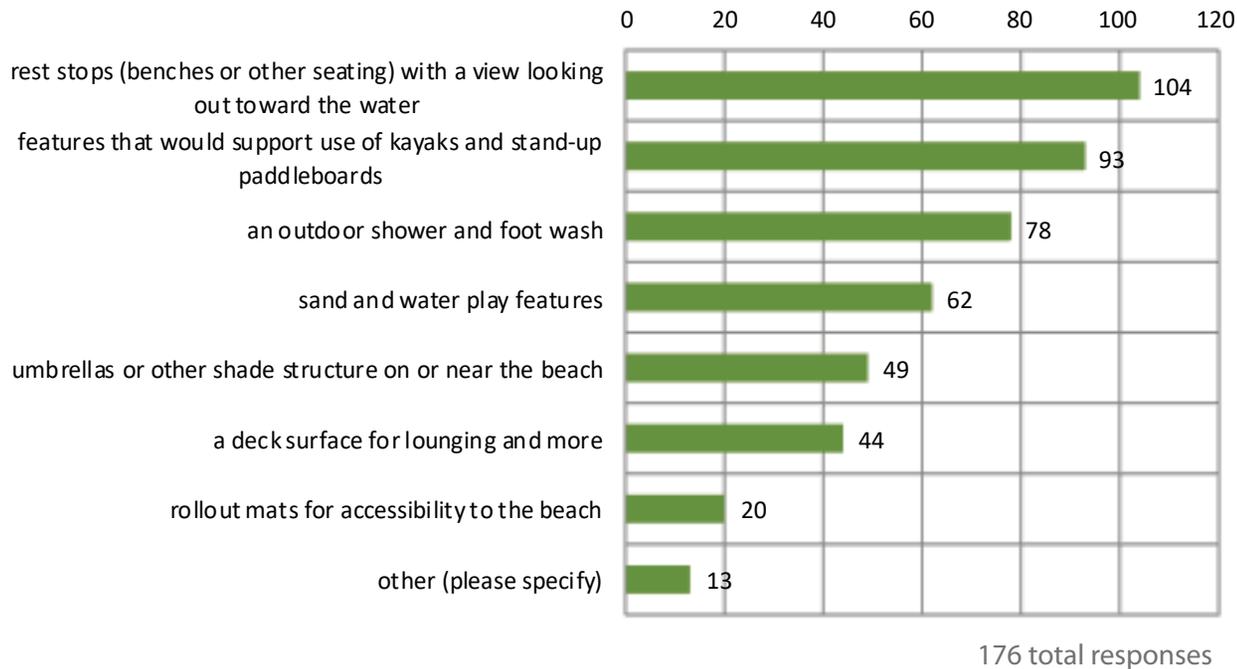
Missing Actions*

- **Traffic and transportation:** parking options, parking signage, access from loco Road, considerations for a water ferry across the Inlet, bike paths and bike storage
- **Sustainability:** along with increasing biodiversity and protecting the shoreline, there was concern about the impact of water features, such as excess water use
- **Recreational amenities and commercial uses:** concession stands, spaces for sports such as basketball and pickleball and water activities such as stand-up paddle boards and kayaks and a dock for swimming
- **Spaces for pets:** dog-friendly beaches, potentially the area east of the main beach (with regulations to enforce pet bylaws).
- **Safety and accessibility:** particularly lighting at night on pathways between the beach and washrooms
- **Enforcement of park rules:** specifically regulations to not allow tents on the beach, as they take space away from others and only allowing BBQs in certain areas to contain smoke

*all verbatim comments are included in Appendix A.

Q4. Beachfront Experience

Respondents chose up to three features that they see as the best way to improve the beachfront experience.



Key Highlights

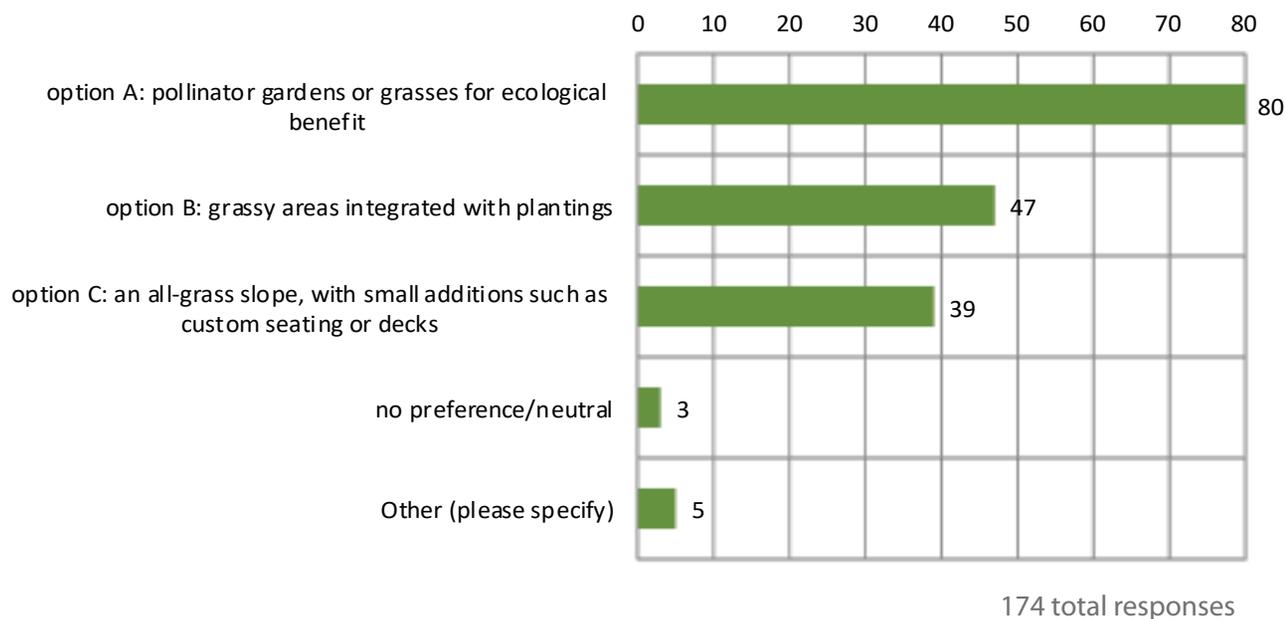
- There is interest in both passive and active use of Old Orchard Park, including spaces for resting or viewing (104 responses) and opportunity for water-related recreation activities (93 responses).
- Feedback from the **Open House** also indicated preference for rest stops with a view looking out towards the water (5 responses) as well as a deck surface for lounging (4 responses).

There were several “Other” suggestions for commercial uses such as an outdoor cafe or concession stand.*

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Q5. Slope Design

Respondents chose one of three options for the slope design for the challenging terrain.



Key Highlights

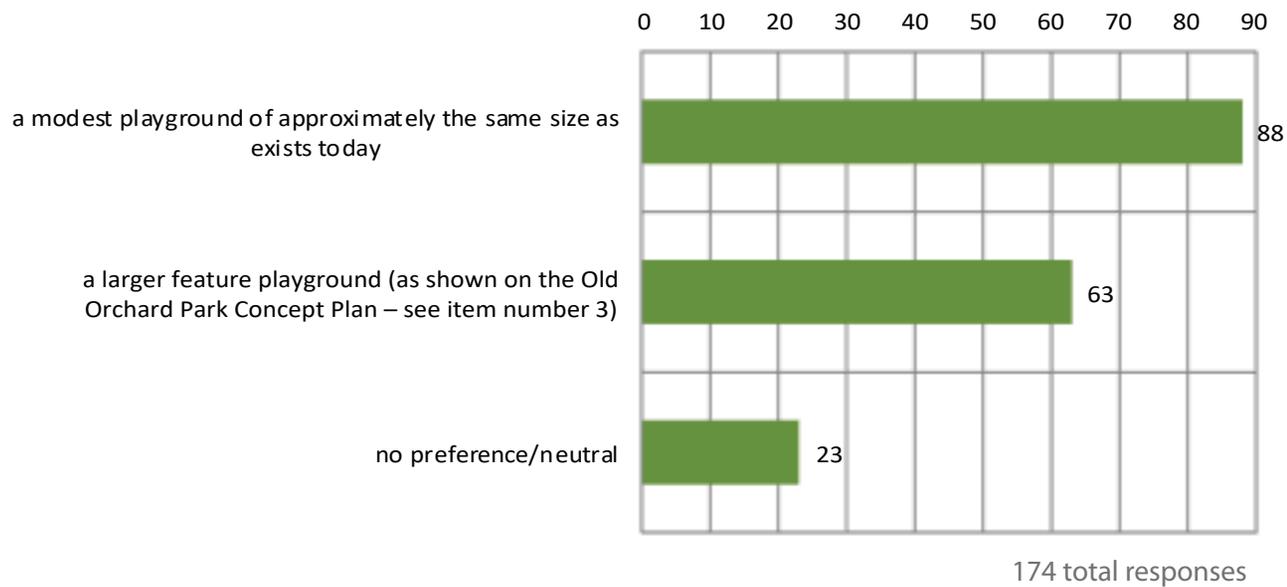
- Option A: pollinator gardens or grasses for ecological benefit is the most preferred option for slope design (80 responses).
- Feedback from the **Open House** was consistent with survey results, where the most support was for pollinator gardens between pedestrian paths (6 responses).

There were several “Other” comments and suggestions that emphasized ecological protection as a priority or supported a mix of some or all the options.*

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Q6. Future Playground

Respondents indicated a preferred size and arrangement for a future playground.

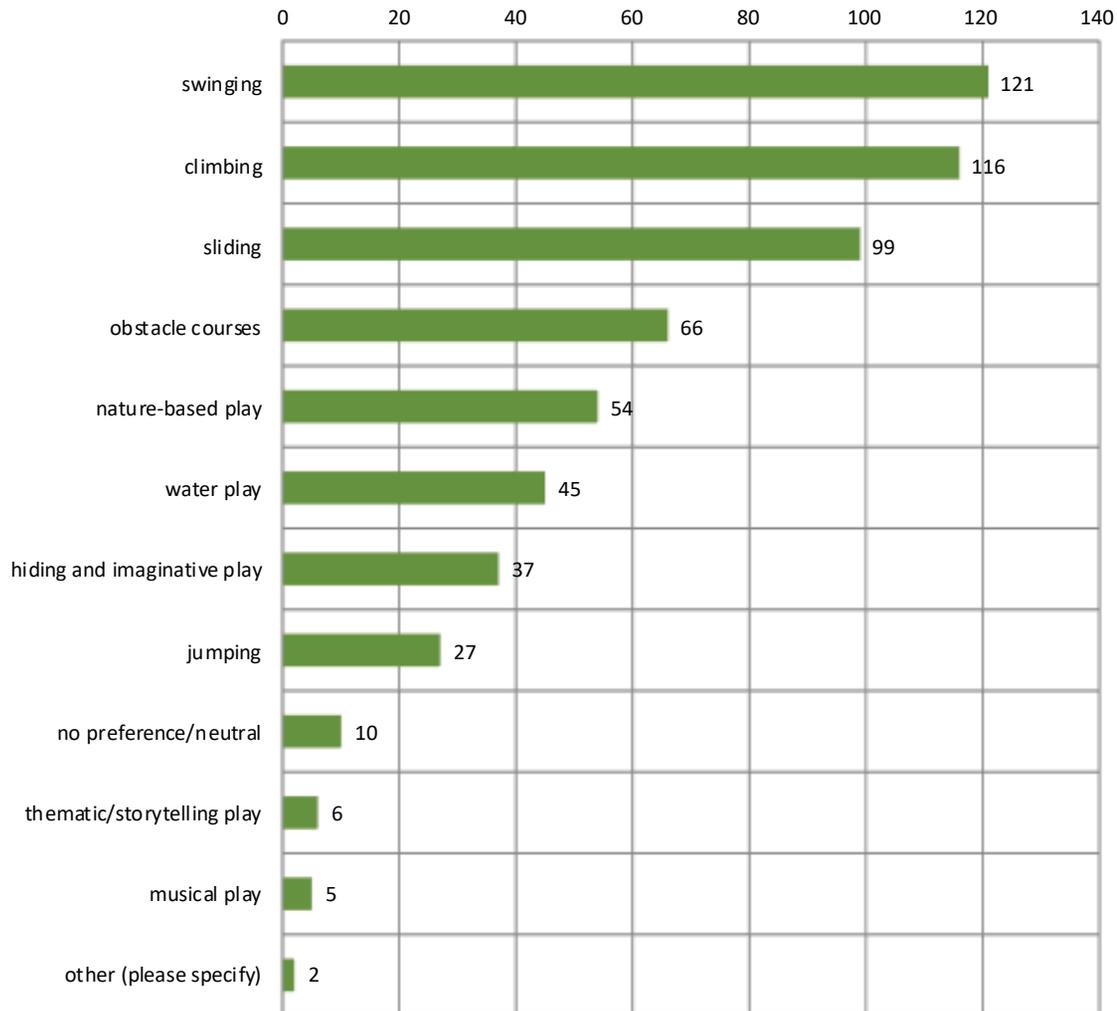


Key Highlights

- A modest playground of approximately the same size as the existing one is the more preferred size for the future (88 responses).
- **Open House** participants expressed mixed preference for a larger feature playground (3 responses) and a modest playground of approximately the same size as the existing (2 responses).

Q7. Playground Adventures

Respondents chose up to four activities/adventures for Old Orchard Park.



173 total responses

Key Highlights

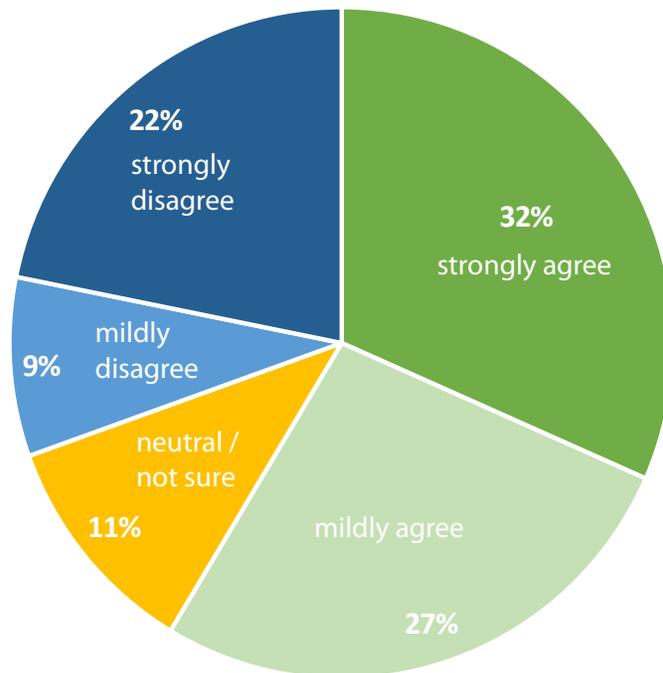
- Physical and more active play on playgrounds are more preferred at Old Orchard Park, including swinging (121 responses), climbing (116 responses) and sliding (99 responses).
- Open House** participants indicated nature-based play (5 responses) as the preferred activity.

There were two "Other" suggestions that included recreation activities such as pickleball.*

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Q8. New Washroom/Changeroom

The draft design concept for Old Orchard Park includes a new washroom/changeroom facility that's closer to the beach than the current washroom facilities located at Old Orchard Hall. Respondents chose their level of support for the idea of using space in the park for a new washroom/changeroom.



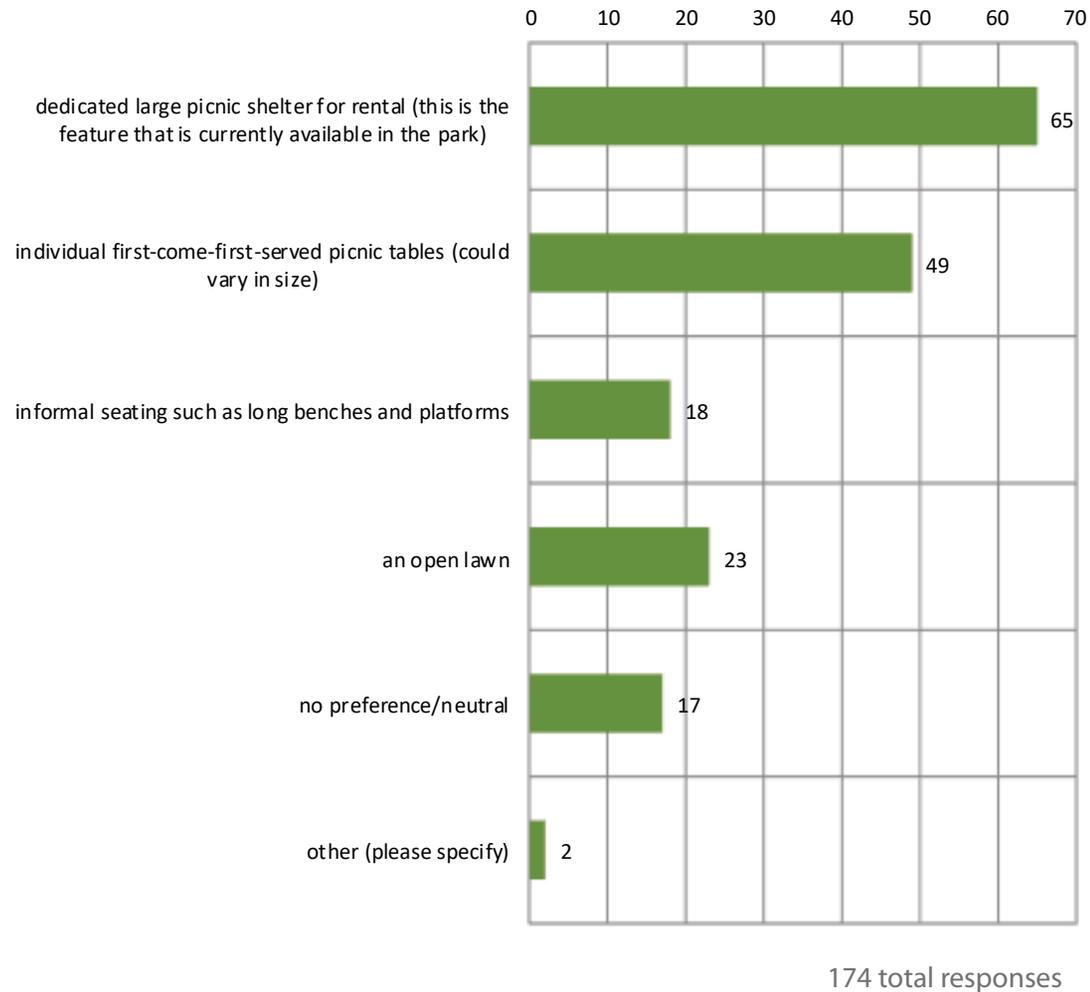
174 total responses

Key Highlights

- More than half of respondents (59%) mildly or strongly agree with using space in the park for a new washroom or changeroom.

Q9. Social Gatherings/Events

Respondents chose their preferred setting/feature to accommodate social gathering and events (e.g. picnics, birthday parties).



Key Highlights

- A dedicated large picnic shelter for rental (like what is currently available in the park) is more preferred to accommodate social gatherings and events (65 responses).
- **Open House** participants also had a preference for a dedicated large picnic shelter available to rent (4 responses).

There were two "Other" comments that suggested more places to sit at the beach and in the lawn area.*

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Q10. Additional Comments

Respondents had the opportunity to share additional comments about the proposed actions, draft design concepts and potential improvements for Old Orchard Park.*

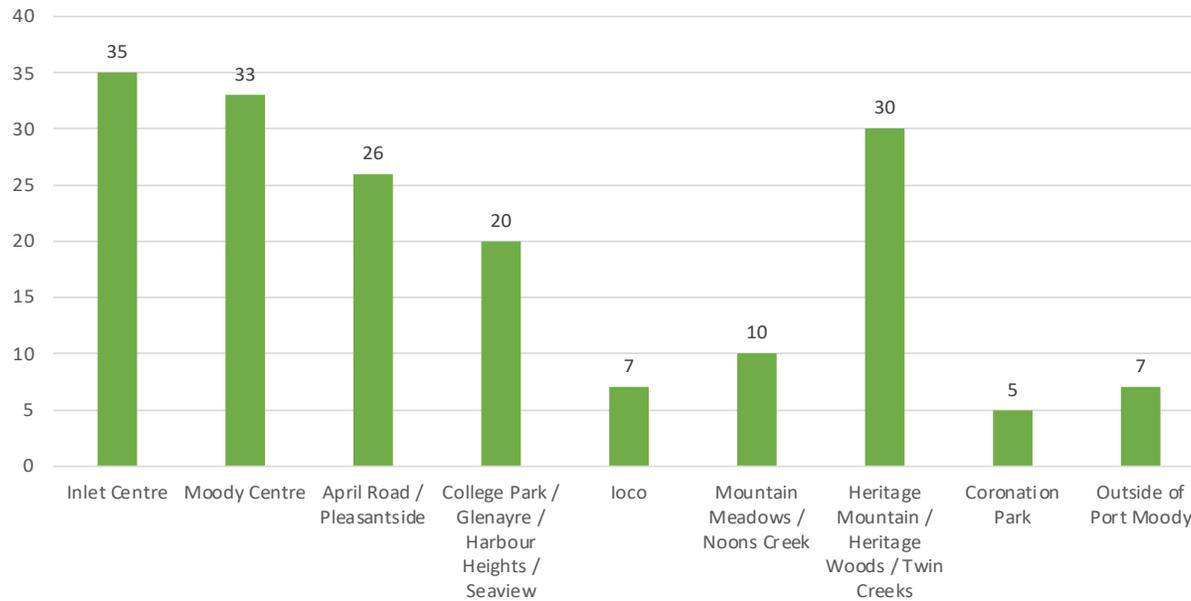
- **General support** for the proposed changes and plan.
- Considerations for **addressing ecology, climate and environmental education**, including keeping the park as natural as possible and a desire for more flowers, planting species with climate change in mind, and opportunities for natural play.
- **Transportation suggestions**, including safe parking for bicycles and bike racks, as well as increasing the ability to access the park by water. There is interest in promoting active transportation and expressed need for more access to parking.
- Emphasis on **spaces for children and families**, including improving the playground.
- Few suggestions for **recreation, amenities and commercial uses**, including a concession, coffee shop, and a covered picnic area.
- Some respondents felt that **enhancement to the ecosystem** in the current park network should be prioritized over any new park infrastructure. There were some concern about the cost of potential improvements.
- Ideas to promote **health and wellness**, especially in extreme heat, which could include a water bottle filling station and more tree-shaded areas. This also includes suggestions for all ages to have the opportunity get outside and exercise.
- Several suggestions for **safety and accessibility**, including washrooms closer to the picnic shelter, beach and playground as well as more places to sit.
- Interest in increased **swimming opportunity**, including a protected swim area between the proposed habitat islands.
- Some interest in **spaces for pets**, including a dog-friendly beach area.
- Few comments on the **planning process**, including suggestions to plan for long-term improvements and enhancements, keeping the park open during construction, and suggestions to keep it simple and not over-program the park.

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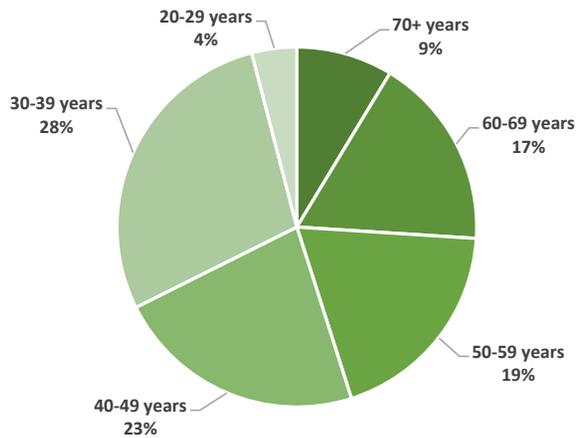
Who We Heard From

Through the public survey, we collected demographic information to understand who we are hearing from. The following charts show a snapshot of who engaged in the public survey.

Neighbourhood



Age



Summary of Key Highlights

ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS	MASTER PLAN RESPONSE
<p>Ecological protection was a priority for participants. Most respondents in the public survey and participants at the open house supported pollinator gardens or grasses for ecological benefit to address the challenging terrain. Protecting the park from coastal erosion, through strategies such as habitat islands, was ranked as the highest priority action that should be considered in the masterplan.</p>	<p>Enhancements and protection of the park’s ecology are recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habitat islands located off of the shoreline • Pollinator gardens incorporated into slope design • Forest and creek restoration projects <p>Additional sustainability measures that could be implemented include water shut-offs or other water smart tools, along with water recirculation.</p>
<p>Improvements to park accessibility is important to participants, recognizing the varied abilities of park users. More than half of respondents to the public survey (59%) support the idea of using park space for a new washroom or changeroom. Rest stops (benches or seating) was the most preferred way to improve to the beachfront experience.</p>	<p>Accessible design and additional amenities recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved park arrival experience from the Shoreline Trail • Accessible route down to the beach (‘Meander Path’) that accommodates the gently sloped landscape • New washroom and/or changeroom facilities (i.e., family-friendly, unisex, modest in size, potentially seasonal) • Nodes with rest stops and additional seating along accessible pathways • Pedestrian-oriented and dark sky compliant lighting for park pathways can be considered <p>Although there will not be any additional parking allocated within the park, access from alternative modes can be supported through additional bike racks and connected bike paths that will be considered in the Trail Network Plan.</p>

ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS	MASTER PLAN RESPONSE
<p>Waterfront access should be maintained to accommodate the many water-based recreational activities at Old Orchard Park as Port Moody's only swimming beach. There was notable interest in features that would support the use of kayaks and stand-up paddleboards to improve the beachfront experience. Overall, improving the sandy beach area was ranked as the second highest priority action that should be addressed.</p>	<p>Better access to the water and beachfront is addressed through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved sandy beach area • Space for storage and use of water recreation activities <p>The Master Plan can also consider allocating space at the waterfront for kayaks and stand-up paddleboards. Although there was interest in increased space for swimming, expansion of the swimming area is not feasible as it would require dredging.</p>
<p>A balance of programmed and green spaces should be considered to provide users with sufficient areas for gathering and playing while maintaining the natural feel of the park. Participants preferred a dedicated large picnic shelter for rental to accommodate gatherings and most indicated a preference for a modest size playground.</p>	<p>Balance of programming and green space is considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintained large picnic shelter dedicated for events and gatherings (potentially at two locations to accommodate one shelter for rental and one that is first come-first serve) • Enhanced playground that is the same size as the existing (and opportunity for including both sliding and climbing features in detailed design) • Additional seating areas with tables and benches on the Lounge Deck and in the "Meadow" • Potential to designate BBQ areas in the park to contain smoke and ensure beach space is not occupied by large gatherings

Rocky Point Park



Online Survey Results

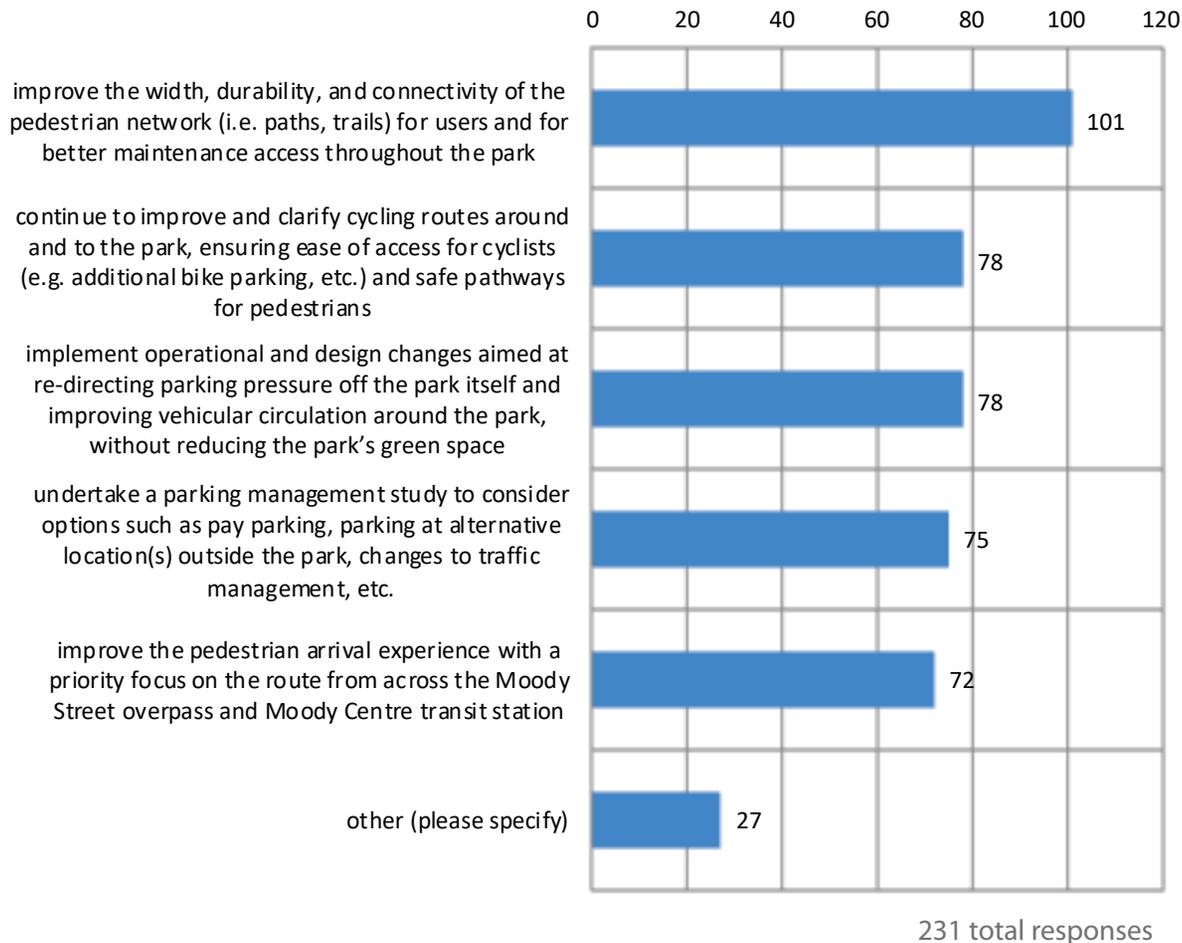
Q1. Vision and Guiding Principles

We asked respondents: “Do you think anything is missing from the vision or the guiding principles? Is there anything you think we should add?”
We received comments and suggestions on the following topics:

- comfortable place for people to convene
- natural and sustainable materials
- artwork to align with Port Moody’s slogan
- heritage features
- support for maintaining existing pool or if it is removed, that Port Moody build another in the City
- importance of First Nations input in masterplanning process
- enhancement of the safe and complete trail system for pedestrians and cyclists
- management of parking and traffic needs
- connection to Oceanfront District as part of park network
- consideration of park expansion for long-term use of the park, particularly with the projected population growth in Port Moody and surrounding municipalities
- ensure that the park be welcoming and accessible for all users, including children, youth, seniors, persons with disabilities, pets, and visitors from around the world

Q2.1 Big Moves 1 - Improve Access To and Throughout the Park

Respondents chose up to two actions from the list regarding park access.



Key Highlights

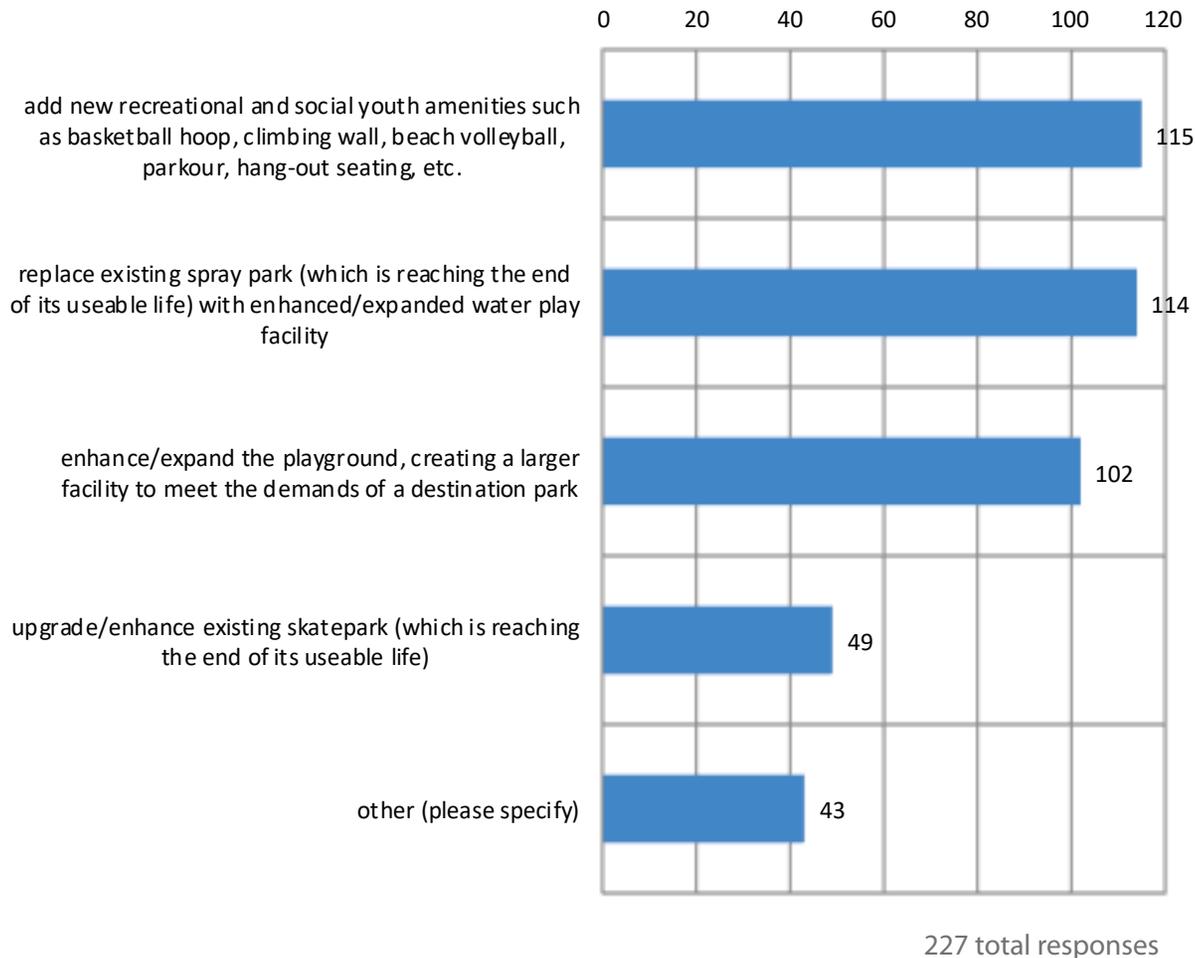
- Participants prioritized improving the width, durability and connectivity of the pedestrian paths and trails for users and for better maintenance throughout the park (101 responses).
- **Open House** participants prioritized improving the pedestrian arrival experience (10 responses) and improving the width, durability and connectivity of the pedestrian network (9 responses).

Several "Other" comments and suggestions included a shuttle service and additional parking options along Murray Street. Some comments expressed equity concerns with pay parking, particularly for low-income users or people with disabilities.*

*all verbatim "other" comments are included in Appendix A.

Q2.2 Big Moves 2 - Re-envision an Enhanced Kids and Youth Zone

Respondents chose up to two actions from the list regarding an enhanced kids and youth zone to prioritize in planning.



Key Highlights

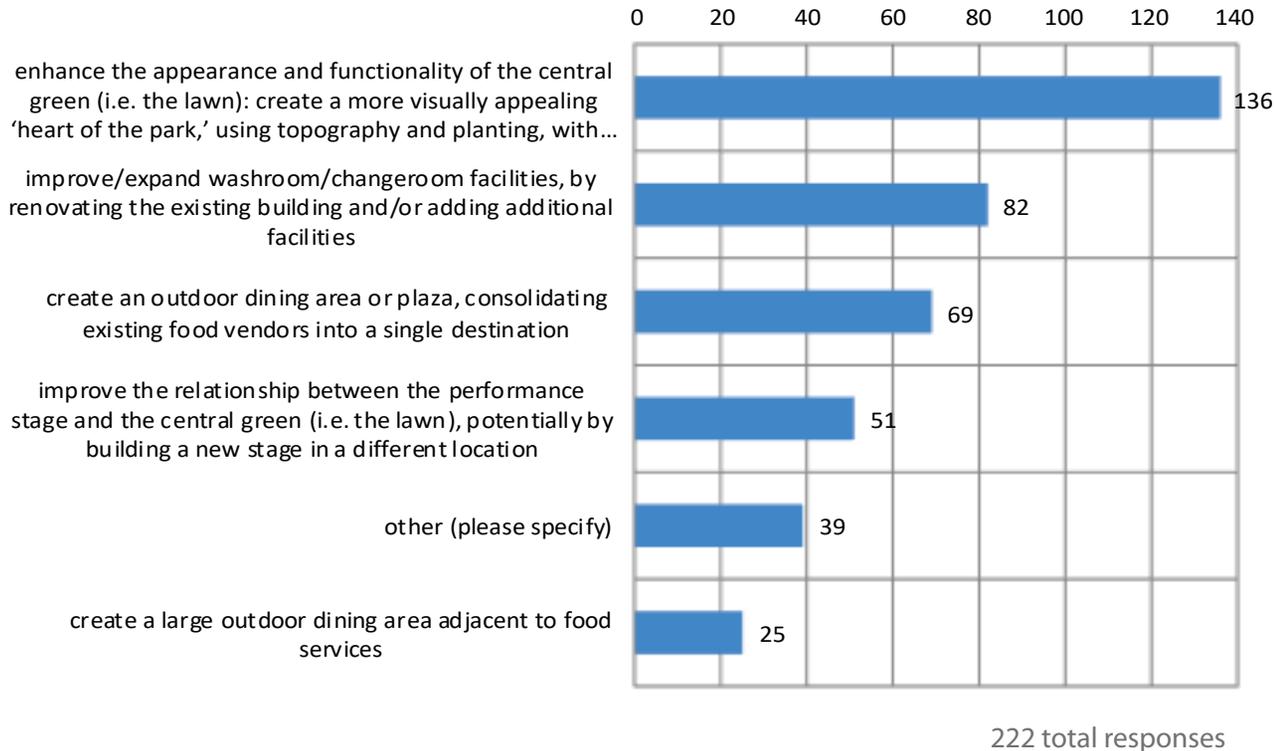
- Participants preferred to add new recreational and social youth amenities (such as basketball, climbing wall, beach volleyball, parkour) (115 responses) and to replace the spray park with an enhanced water play facility (114 responses)
- Open House** participants prioritized enhancing/expanding the playground into a larger facility (8 responses). There was also support for adding new recreational and social youth amenities (7 responses) and upgrading/enhancing the existing skatepark (7 responses).

There were several "Other" comments and suggestions that emphasized the preservation of greenspace (instead of additional programming) and new outdoor community pool.*

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Q2.3 Big Moves 3 - Open Up and Improve the Central Green

Respondents chose up to two actions from the list regarding opening up and improving the central green to prioritize in planning.



Key Highlights

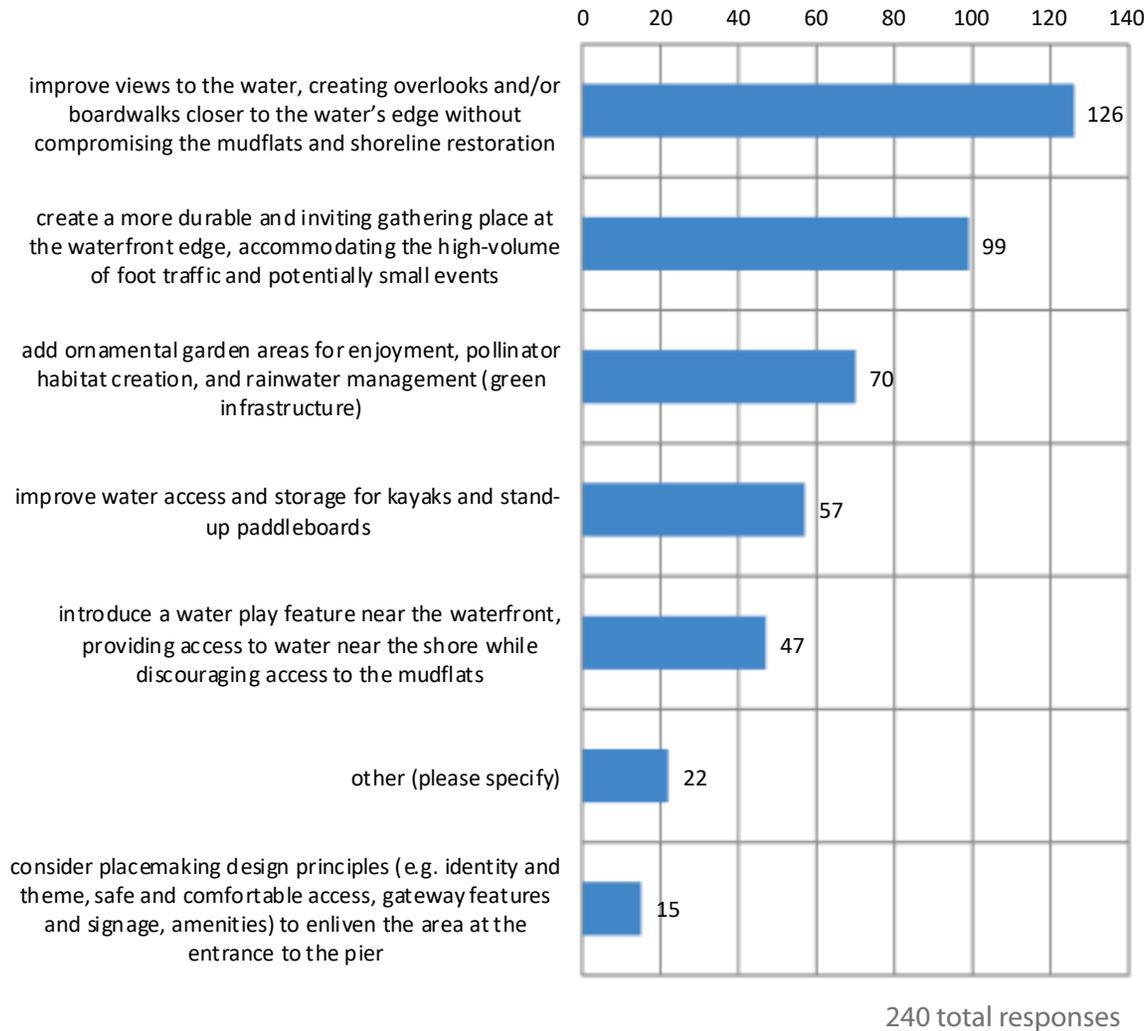
- Participants preferred to enhance the appearance and functionality of the central green as the 'heart of the park' (136 responses).
- **Open House** participants prioritized enhancing the appearance and functionality of the central green (7 responses) and creating an outdoor dining area or plaza in a single destination (4 responses).

There were several "Other" suggestions for more planted trees to provide shade on the lawn and drainage improvements for stormwater runoff.*

*all verbatim "other" comments are included in Appendix A.

Q2.4 Big Moves 4 - Re-imagine the Waterfront

Respondents chose up to two actions from the list regarding a re-imagined waterfront to prioritize in planning.



Key Highlights

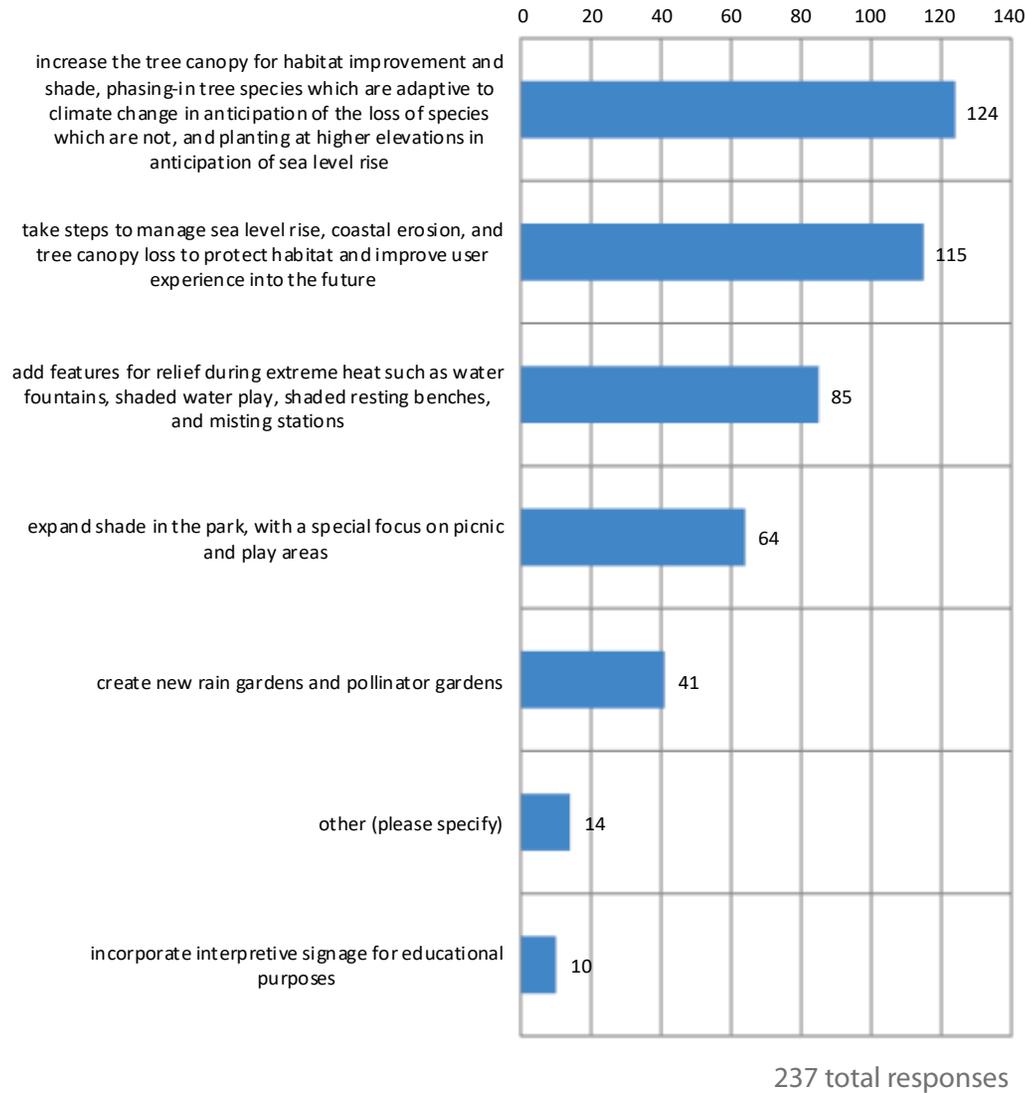
- Participants preferred to improve views to the water with overlooks and/or boardwalks close to the water's edge without compromising the mudflats and shoreline restoration (126 responses)
- **Open House** participants prioritized creating a more durable and inviting gathering place at the waterfront edge (8 responses) and improving water access and storage for kayaks and stand-up paddleboards (5 responses).

Several "Other" comments to prioritize additional seating along the waterfront, artwork, and an extended pier. Some would like to see minimal waterfront development to protect the marine ecosystems and habitats.*

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Q2.5 Big Moves 5 - Create a Resilient Park Environment in a Changing Climate

Respondents chose up to two actions from the list regarding a resilient park environment in a changing climate to prioritize in planning.



Key Highlights

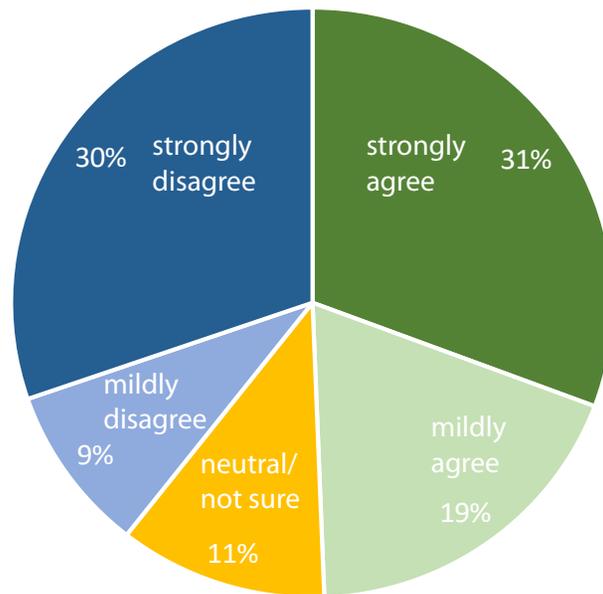
- Participants preferred to increase the tree canopy for habitat improvement and shade (124 responses) and take steps to manage sea level rise, coastal erosion and tree canopy loss (115 responses).
- **Open House** participants prioritized the same two actions to create a resilient park environment by increasing the tree canopy (7 responses) and taking steps to manage sea level rise, etc. (9 responses)

There were several “Other” suggestions to prioritize mitigation strategies such as large trees for refuge from extreme heat or rain, a dyke, and invasive plant species removal.*

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Q3. Pool

The pool at Rocky Point Park is near the end of its useable life. The City has not yet studied options for financing a proposed capital project to build a new pool, or determined if there are any suitable alternative locations for a pool within Port Moody. When thinking of long-term planning for the future of Rocky Point Park, respondents shared their level of support with the idea of using the current pool space in other ways that would benefit the community.



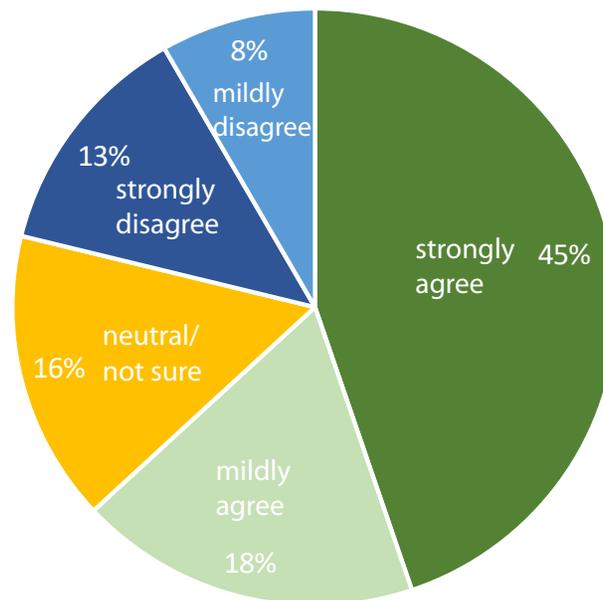
241 total responses

Key Highlights

- Respondents were fairly split on the idea of using the current pool space in other ways that would benefit the community, with 50% mildly or strongly agreeing and 39% mildly or strongly disagreeing.
- The number of respondents who felt 'strongly' was equal between those who agreed and those who disagreed.

Q4. Boat Launch

The boat launch, a regional facility, has a large footprint in the park. When thinking of long-term planning for the future of Rocky Point Park, respondents shared their level of support with the idea of using the current boat launch parking area in other ways that would benefit the community.



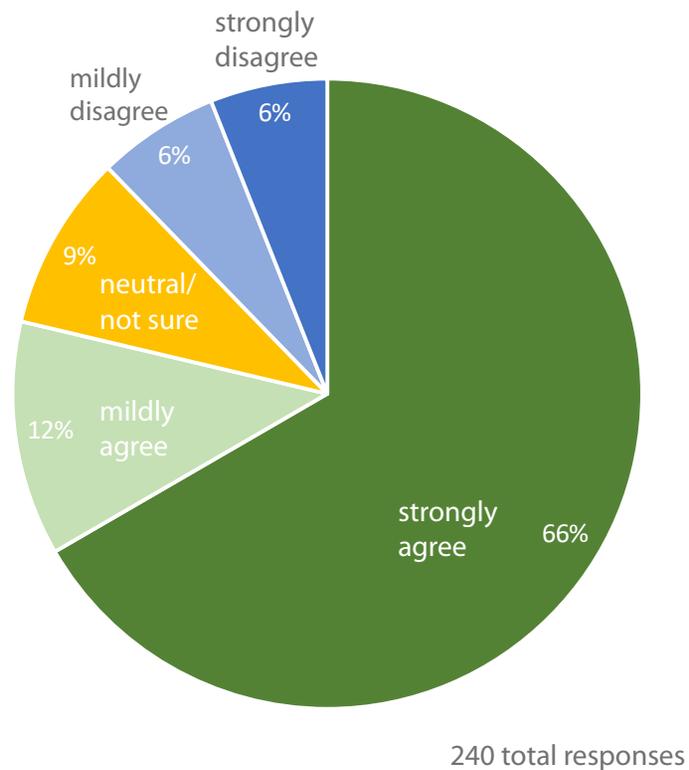
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Key Highlights

- Respondents were mostly supportive (63%) of the idea to use the current boat launch parking area in other ways that would benefit the community.

Q5. Parking Capacity and Alternative Modes of Transportation

The three draft design concepts for Rocky Point Park do not include additional parking spaces, as the City hopes to address parking capacity issues in other ways, such as encouraging people to choose alternative modes of transportation instead of driving and improving access into and through the park. When thinking of long-term planning for the future of Rocky Point Park, respondents shared their level of support with the proposed plan to retain the current amount of green space for programming and amenities, rather than using some of the green space for new parking spaces.

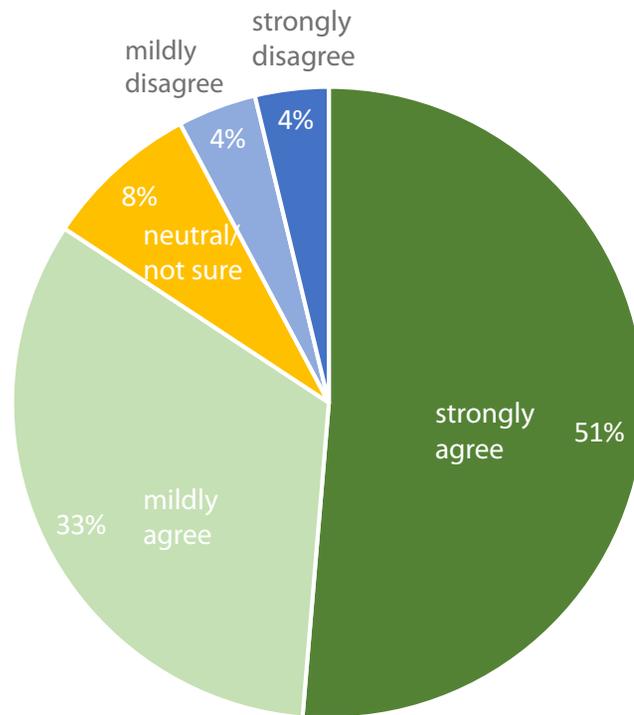


Key Highlights

- Most respondents (78%) agreed with the proposed plan to retain the current amount of green space for programming and amenities rather than new parking space.

Q6. Natural Green Space

The City is committed to preserving and enhancing Rocky Point Park's natural green space. High use areas, however, often require special consideration and added maintenance effort. All three draft design concepts suggest a small gathering area – a place for people to stop and appreciate the views – at the water's edge. A paved or wood-decking surface is proposed for this type of gathering area, as it's more durable than grass lawn. Respondents shared their level of support with the idea of using a small section of pavement or wood decking in very high use areas of the park.



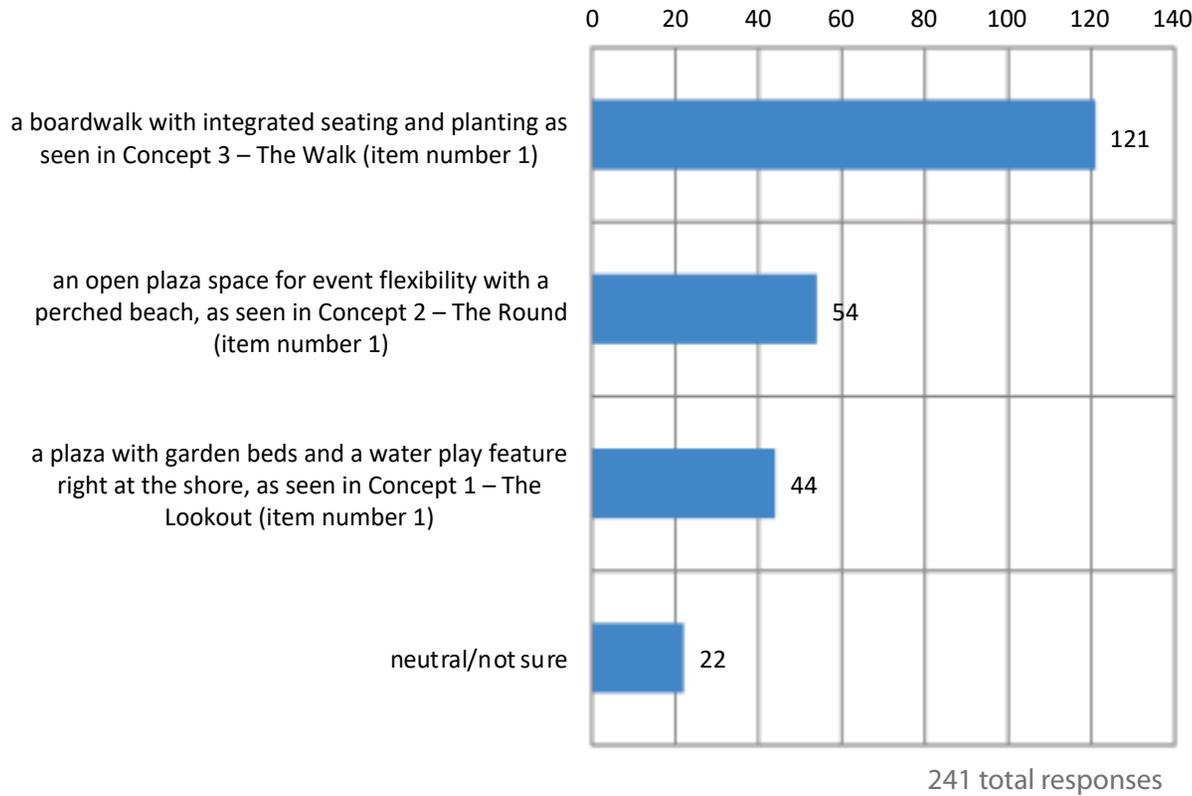
240 total responses

Key Highlights

- Most respondents (84%) agreed with the idea to use a small section of pavement or wood decking in very high use areas of the park.

Q7. Waterfront Character

Respondents chose one type of character that they most preferred for the waterfront.

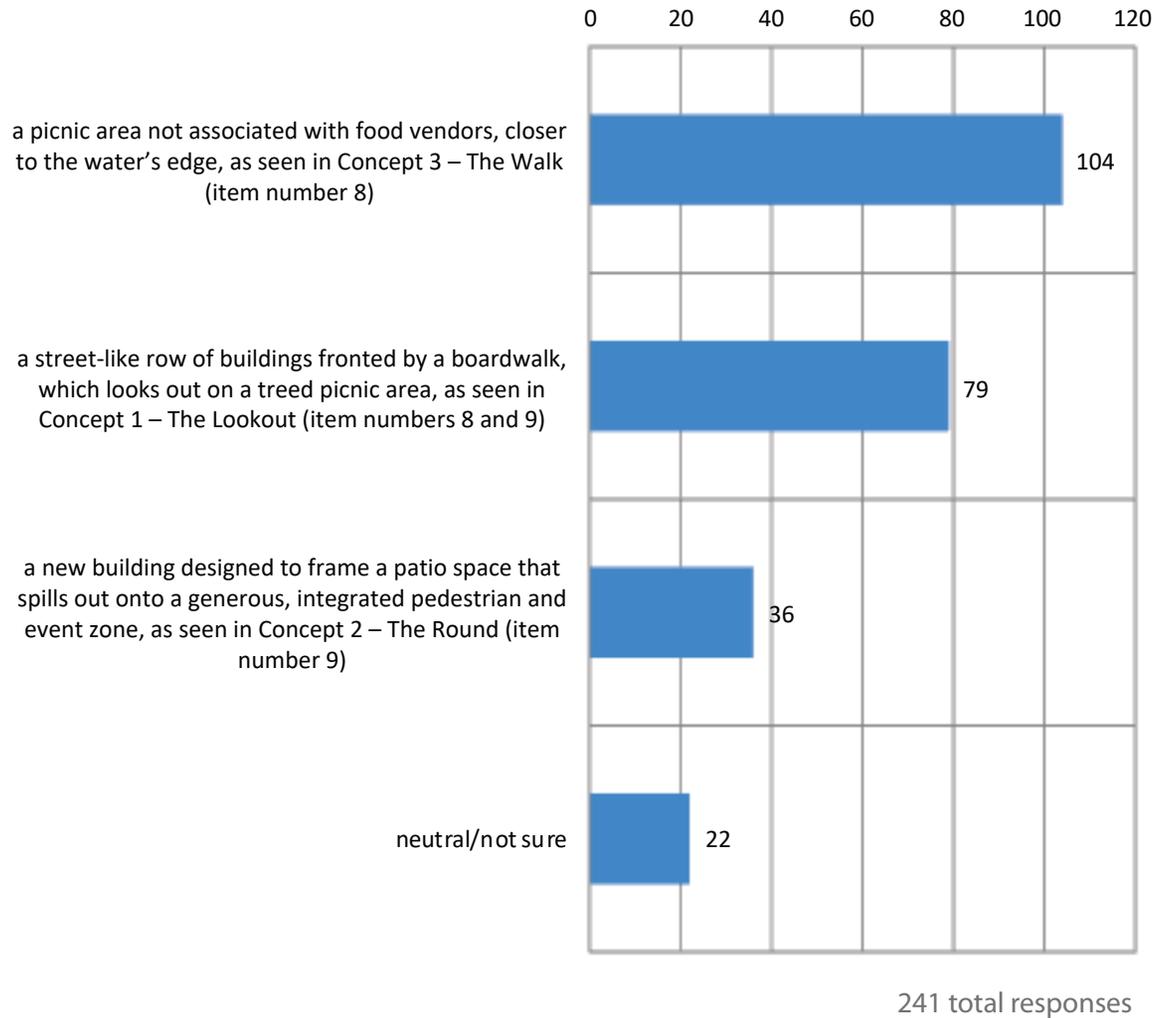


Key Highlights

- “The Walk” is the most preferred option with a boardwalk and integrated seating/planting (121 responses)
- **Open House** participants preferred “the Lookout” option, a plaza with garden beds and water play features (8 responses).

Q8. Outdoor Dining

Respondents chose their preferred dining arrangement.

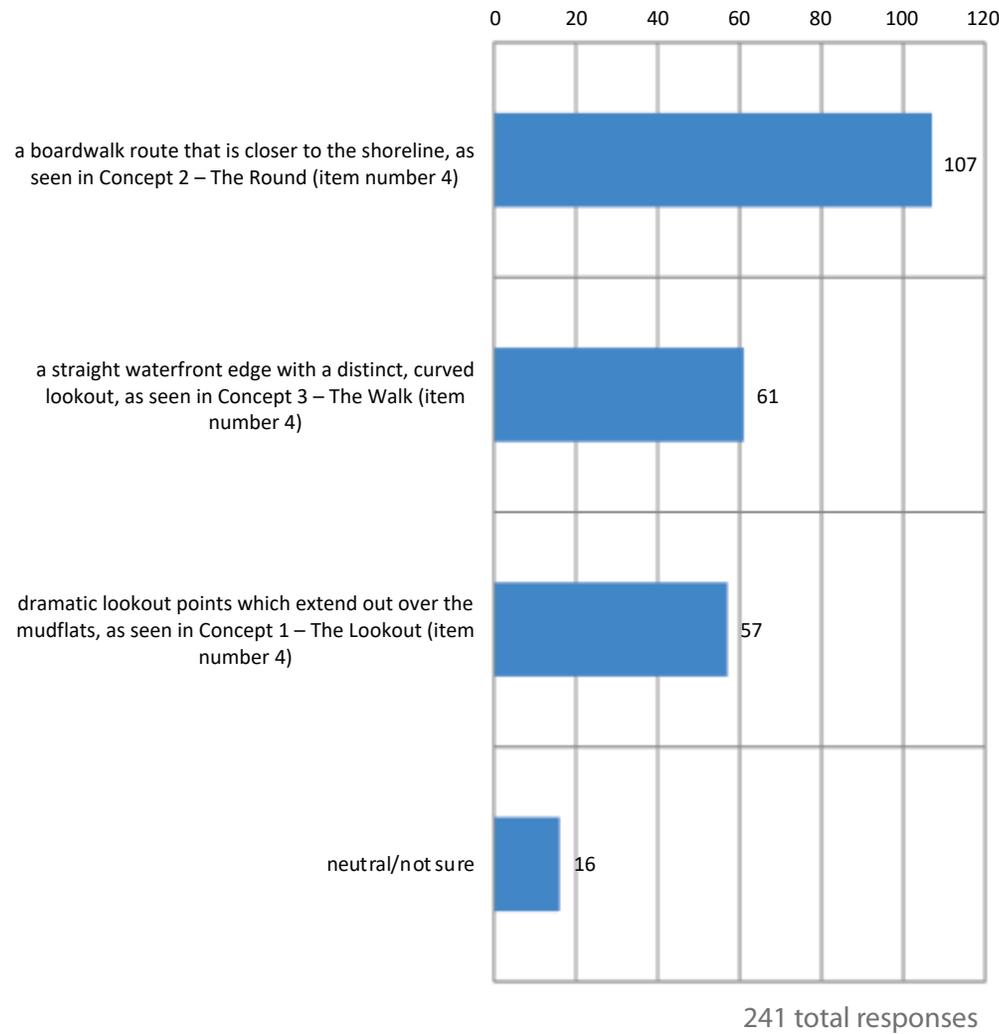


Key Highlights

- “The Walk” is the most preferred dining arrangement with a picnic area not associated with food vendors that is closer to the water’s edge (104 responses)
- **Open House** participants also preferred “The Walk”, a picnic area not associated with food vendors, closer to the water’s edge (6 responses).

Q9. Water’s Edge Lookout Experience

Respondents chose their preferred lookout experience at the water’s edge, east of the gathering area.

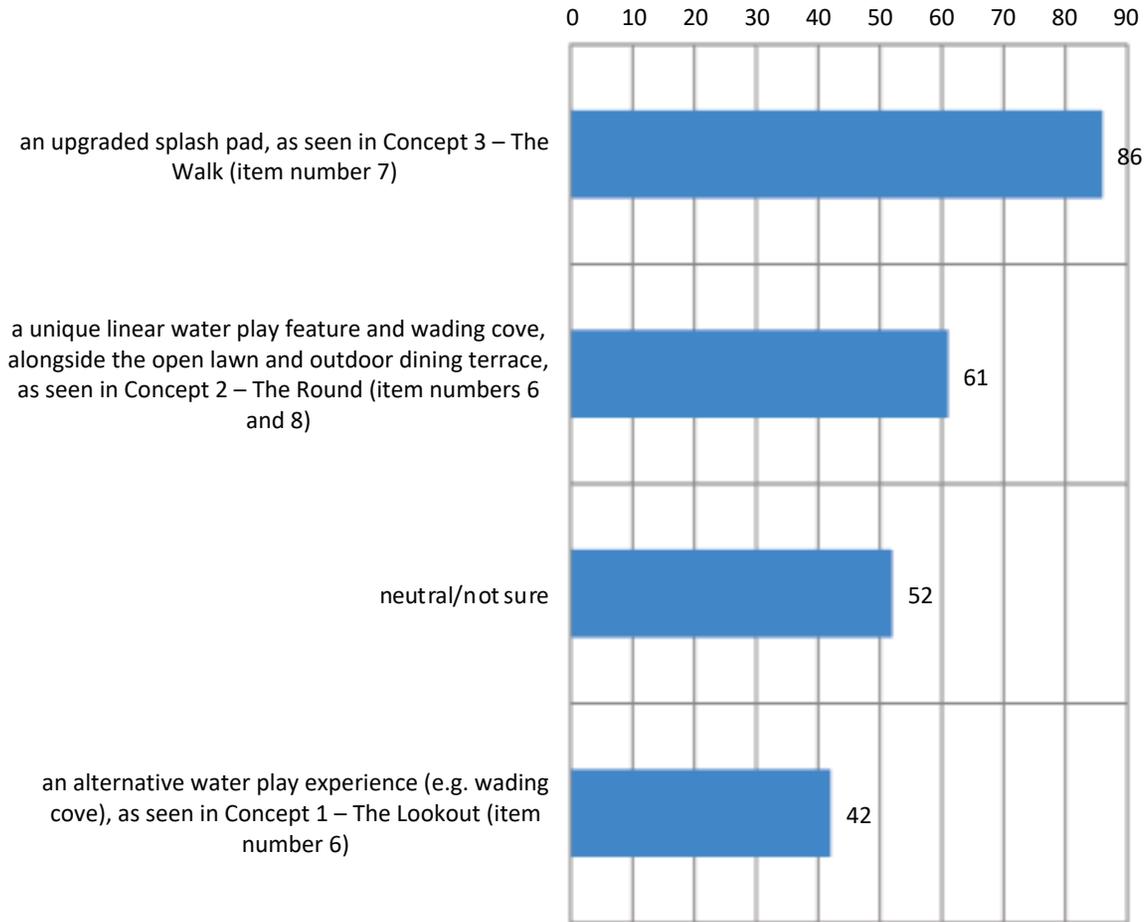


Key Highlights

- “The Round” option with a boardwalk that is closer to the shoreline is the most preferred lookout experience (107 responses).
- **Open House** participants also indicated preference for “The Round”, a boardwalk route that is closer to the shoreline (13 responses).

Q10. Water Play Arrangement and Experience

Respondents chose their preferred water play arrangement and experience.



241 total responses

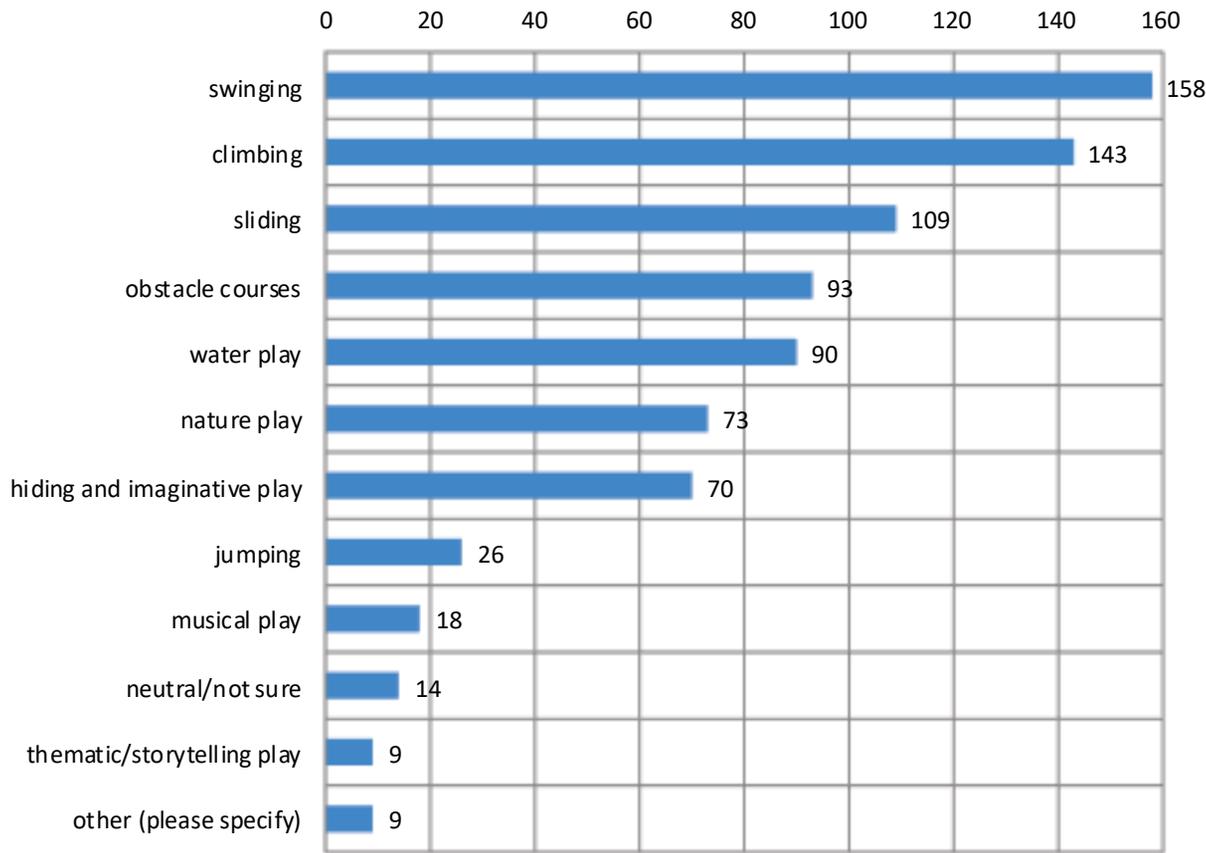


Key Highlights

- “The Walk” is the preferred water play arrangement with an upgraded splash pad (86 responses).
- **Open House** participants indicated preference for an alternative water play experience such as interactive water pumps or artistic water installations (8 responses).

Q11. Playground Adventures

Thinking about themselves or someone they know, respondents chose up to four activities/adventures for Rocky Point Park.



241 total responses

Key Highlights

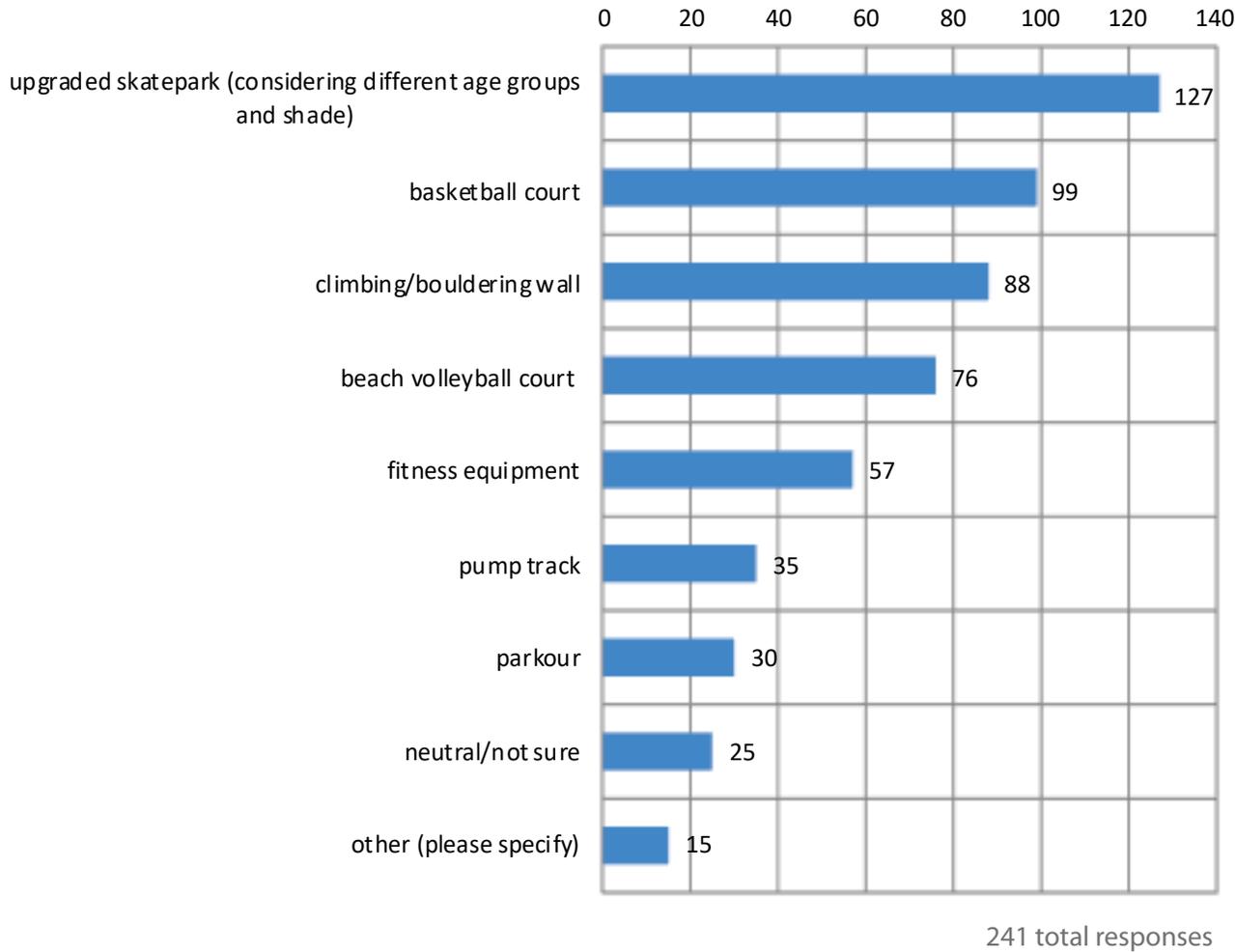
- Participants preferred more physical playground activities including swinging (158 responses), climbing (143), sliding (109) and obstacle courses (93).
- **Open House** participants preferred nature-based play (8 responses), jumping (6), climbing (5) and obstacle courses (5).

There were several "Other" suggestions to add a workout area, create play structures for older children and improve the skatepark (i.e., with cover).*

*all verbatim "other" comments are included in Appendix A.

Q12. Youth Zone Expansion

Considering the proposed expansion of the youth zone, respondents chose up to three preferences for improvement.



Key Highlights

- Participants preferred to improve an upgraded skatepark (127 responses), basketball court (99) and climbing/bouldering wall (88).
- **Open House** participants expressed significant support for an upgraded skatepark (29 references).

There were several "Other" suggestions to maintain/expand the green space and to allocate space for other sports such as tennis or hockey.*

*all verbatim "other" comments are included in Appendix A.

Q13. Additional Comments

Respondents had the opportunity to share additional comments about the proposed actions, draft concept plans and potential improvements for Rocky Point Park.*

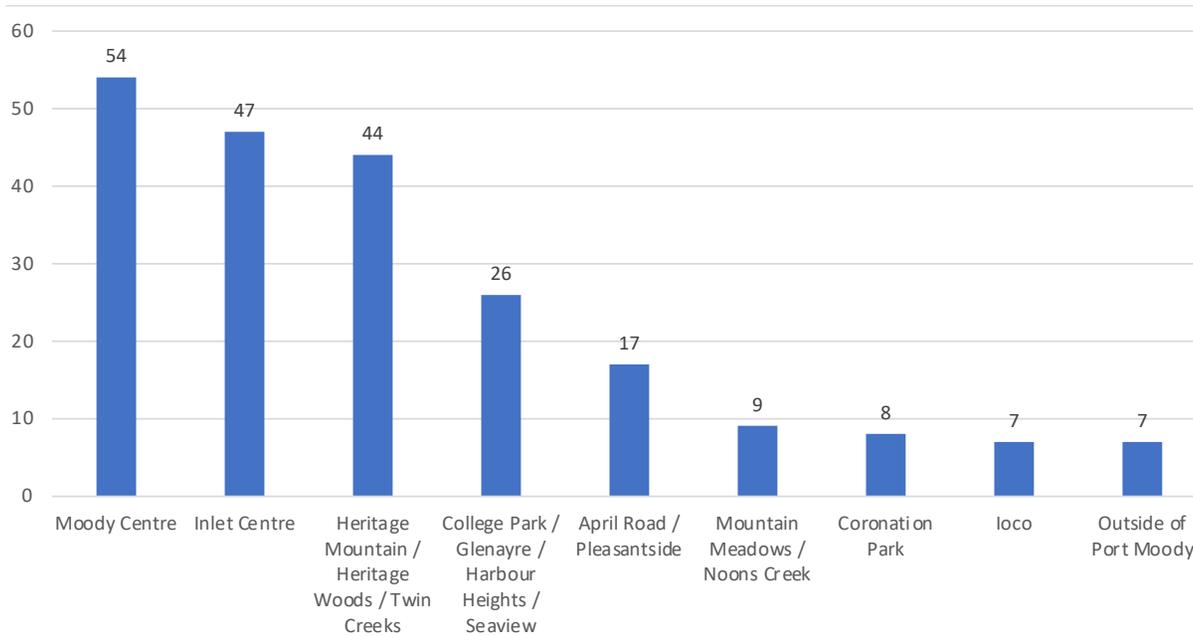
- Emphasis on the **connectivity of cycling routes and walkways** throughout the park and to the water, including suggestions to re-imagine the boat launch area to be more pedestrian-friendly and a direct path to Brewers Row.
- Mixed opinions on the **boat launch area**, with some suggestions to relocate and repurpose that space while others value its current location.
- Centering **environmental considerations** throughout the planning process, including mitigation strategies for sea level rise and protection of marine habitat.
- **Balance between natural elements of the park and programmed spaces** for a variety of users, including covered areas, more seating, water fountains, quiet zones, and well-maintained lawns and bathrooms.
- Some concern about **potential overcrowding** of Rocky Point Park in accommodating the influx of population long-term, and particularly after further development of the Oceanfront District.
- Need for **improved parking and traffic management**, including support for reduced parking while maintaining access for families, seniors, and persons with disabilities who rely on vehicles. There are suggestions to provide other transportation options such as a shuttle service, shared vehicle programs, and bike racks.
- Mixed comments expressing support for and opposition to the **pool removal**. Several respondents reiterated that the pool is vital at Rocky Point Park, particularly for children and young families. Some respondents are open to having it removed if another pool is developed in Port Moody to accommodate the number of users.
- **Variety of programming**, including an upgraded and covered skatepark, an area for entertainment/music, pickleball courts, table tennis tables, basketball courts, playgrounds for different age groups, and space for non-motorized water activities (e.g., kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding).

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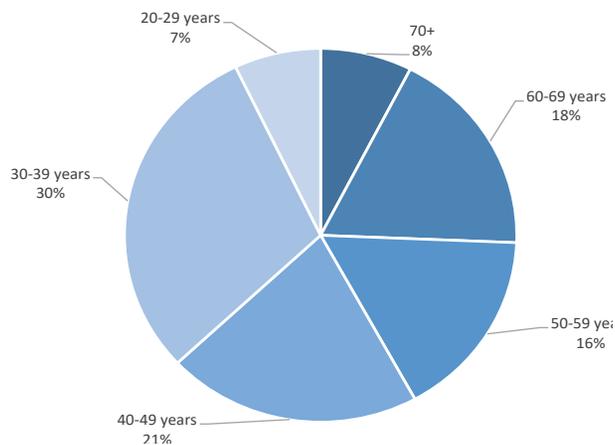
Who We Heard From

Through the public survey, we collected demographic information to understand who we are hearing from. The following charts show a snapshot of who engaged in the public survey.

Neighbourhood



Age



Summary of Key Highlights

ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS	MASTER PLAN RESPONSE
<p>There is opportunity and interest in increased access and activity around the waterfront. An upgraded splash pad was the most supported water play experience, however, many people also appreciated the idea of a more integrated and unique linear water feature. While the public preference was for a boardwalk with seating and planting that extends onto the mudflats, there was also interest in being closer to the shoreline.</p>	<p>The different concepts highlight several notable features including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a boardwalk that allows for interaction with the waterfront, either against the shoreline or extending out into the mudflats • additional picnic areas closer to the waterfront • an upgraded splash pad
<p>Rocky Point Park should accommodate a diversity of users, providing a range of active and passive programming for all ages. Participants strongly supported the idea of an upgraded skatepark. New recreational and social youth amenities was the top ranked action to enhance the kids and youth zone. The central green was also seen as a priority to enhance its appearance and functionality to be more visually appealing.</p>	<p>While all new amenities will be subject to spatial requirements, an expanded youth zone could consider activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • outdoor skatepark (exploration for covered/partially covered) • basketball net • climbing/bouldering wall • beach volleyball • parkour <p>The Master Plan can also prioritize the central green (i.e., lawn) by addressing the lack of shade and goose trapping so it is more attractive for park users.</p>
<p>In expanding commercial/food services and eating areas, there was the most support for a picnic area not associated with the food vendors but located closer to the water's edge.</p>	<p>"The Walk" design concept features an additional picnic area that is on the water and separate from the food vendors and commercial businesses.</p>

Summary of Key Highlights

ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS	MASTER PLAN RESPONSE
<p>Park access should be considered across different modes of travel to encourage active transportation and reduce vehicle traffic. Most participants (78%) are supportive of the proposed plan to retain the current amount of green space for programming and amenities rather than new parking space for private vehicles. Participants (63%) also indicated support for the idea to use the current boat launch parking area in other ways that would benefit the community, such as additional or overflow parking in times of peak demand or during special events.</p>	<p>The park design will seek to better define pedestrian and bike flow and improve quality of paths for safety and accessibility. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accommodating connections to future developments, as well as transit stops and Moody Centre station • improving the width, durability and connectivity of the pedestrian paths and trails for users and for better maintenance throughout the park
<p>It is important that park improvements address climate change and consider long-term environment resilience. Participants expressed significant support for increasing the tree canopy for habitat improvement and shade.</p>	<p>Adaptation measures against coastal flooding, erosion, extreme heat are recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increased tree canopy, phasing-in tree species which are adaptive to climate change and planting at higher elevation to address sea level rise (while considering placement of trees so that Inlet views are not blocked) • manage sea level rise and coastal erosion
<p>Participants were fairly split on the idea of using the current pool space in other ways that would benefit the community, with 50% mildly or strongly agreeing and 39% mildly or strongly disagreeing.</p>	<p>Decisions on the Rocky Point Park pool will be further discussed. Design implications of the pool removal would provide an option to consolidate food and commercial vendors into a central destination in the park.</p>