

Summit Park and Reservoir Public Engagement Report

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Project:

Summit Park is being re-designed to accommodate the upcoming expansion of Summit Reservoir. The reservoir's expansion will allow it to better meet the needs of the growing Dilworth neighbourhood and increase water resources for firefighting.

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Engagement Overview

Input Purpose & Processes

Residents in the neighbourhoods surrounding Summit Park were engaged to learn more about the project, ask questions to the project team and provide feedback on elements they would rank most highly in the park's redesign. Feedback was generated through an online survey on the *Getinvolved* engagement portal and an in-person survey completed during the Walkshop held on March 07, 2024. The survey included 17 questions and went from March 07, 2024, to March 21, 2024.



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Last updated: 16 Apr, 2024

Summit Park is receiving a thoughtful redesign and restoration in order to make space for the much needed expansion of Summit Reservoir.

Promotion and information on the engagement opportunities included:

- Instagram reach: 1763 (42 post engagements)
- Facebook reach: 879 (24 post engagements)
- Letters to 116 properties 1 week in advance of the Walkshop
- Walkshop notice was added to the project sign that was installed in the Park last fall
- Emails sent to 5 adjacent residents who previously showed interest in the project, and to confirm receipt of letter.



Quantity of Engagement Responses



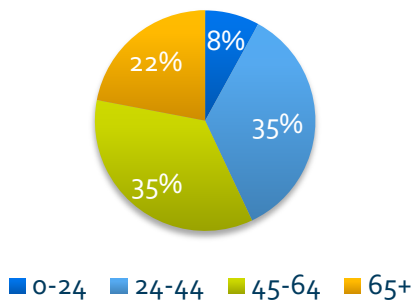
During the engagement period, 24 people attended the Walkshop and 8 of these attendees completed the survey during the event. The online survey was completed by 14 respondents.

Given the high quantity of multi-choice questions, most of the results are quantitative.

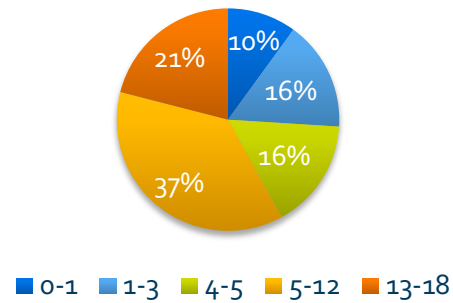
Respondent Demographics

There was a range of age among the respondents, with a majority (70%) of respondents between the ages of 24-64. Of the 22 respondents, 14 (64%) noted that they live with children or dependents. The age range of the children visiting the park was split, with 42% under the age of 5 and 58% 5-18 years old.

Age of respondents



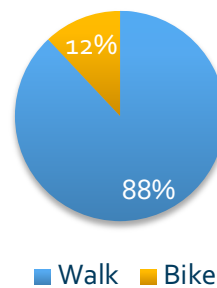
Age of children using park



Park Access and Travel

There are two entrances into the park, and three-quarters of the respondents noted that they accessed the site from Lilloet Crescent. Most respondents walk to the park, and a small percentage bike there. None of the respondents drive, take transit, or use a personal mobility device to get to the park.

Travel to Summit Park



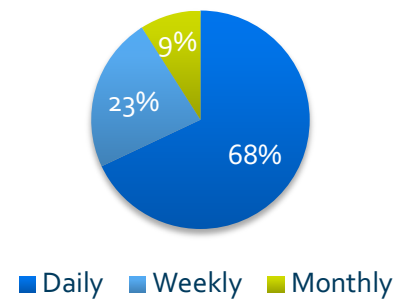
Existing Park Use

Frequency of Use

Respondents noted frequent use of the park, with over half stating that they use it daily.

In the long answer question, a few respondents noted using the park multiple times per day.

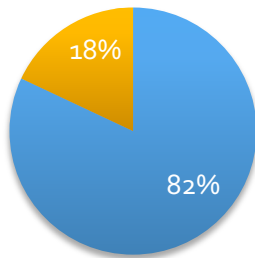
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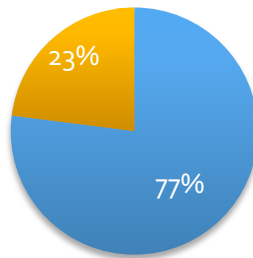
Seasons of Use

Based on the answers from respondents, the site appears to be used throughout all seasons of the year, with the most popular times of use in spring and summer.

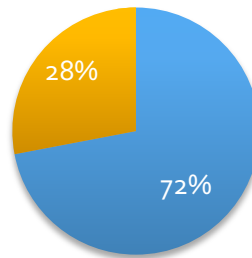
Spring use



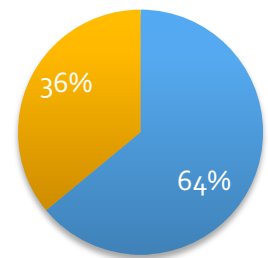
Summer use



Fall use



Winter use

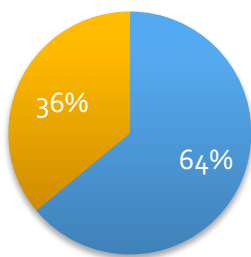


■ Use ■ Don't use

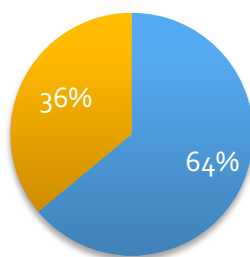
Participant Activities & Use of Site Features

Respondents provided feedback on the activities they performed in the park. Of the options provided: walking, dog walking, children's play, and fitness, the most popular activities were dog walking and walking.

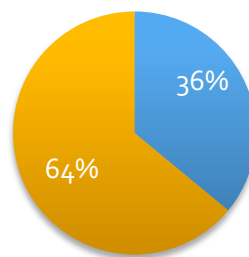
Dog walking



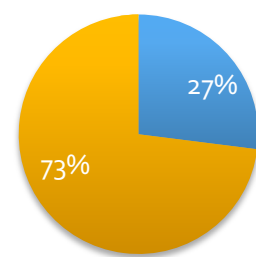
Walking



Children's play

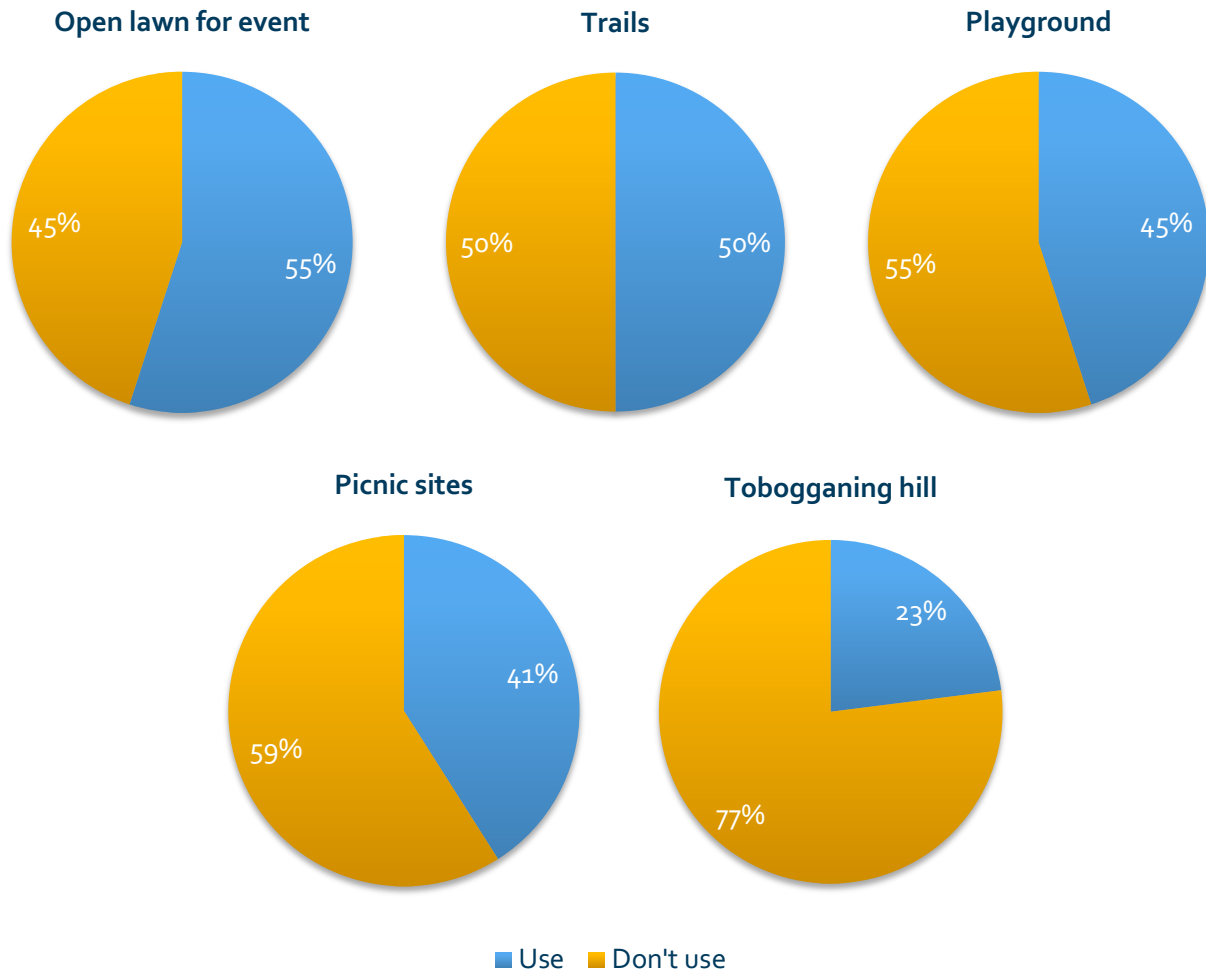


Fitness



■ Participate in ■ Don't

The use of the existing park aspects were ranked, and the most used park aspects were the open lawn area, trails and playground. In the long answer sections, some respondents noted using the open lawn space for baseball, soccer, family gatherings, and/or playing with dogs and children.

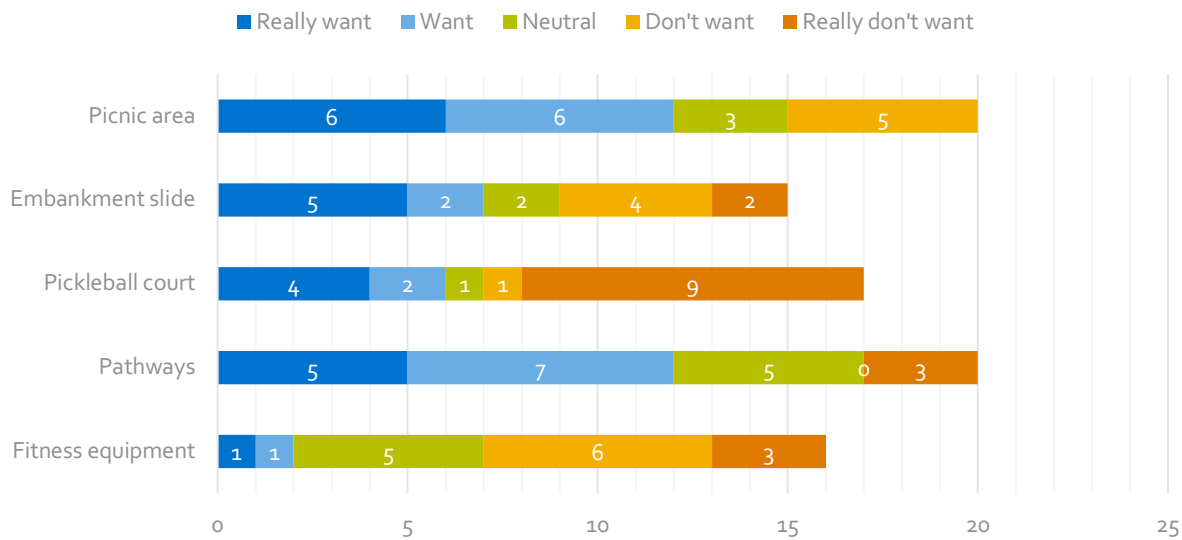


Park Re-Design

Proposed Re-design Elements

Respondents ranked the following elements: picnic area, embankment slide, pickleball court, pathways, and fitness equipment based on their desire to see it included in the park re-design. The most favoured elements were a picnic area, embankment slide and pathways. The least favoured element was the fitness equipment. Responses regarding including a pickleball court in the park demonstrated mixed feelings on the topic; however, more people noted not being in favour of this element.

Importance of proposed park design

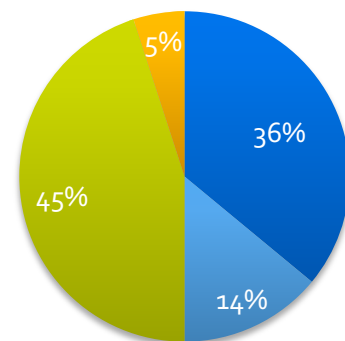


Favourability of Proposed Re-design Elements

Respondents were encouraged to provide additional feedback related to the proposed re-design elements. Below is a summary of those comments. The number adjacent to each comment denotes how many respondents provided feedback on a particular element:

- New play structure/equipment and play space (8)
- Strongly oppose the idea of a pickleball court in the park (7)
- Utilize the space on top of the reservoir for court sport such as pickleball (5)
- Maintaining or expanding the open space is important (5)
- Strongly oppose the idea of fitness equipment (1)
- Interest in tennis court instead of pickleball (1)
- Restore trees (2)

Thoughts on proposed re-design elements

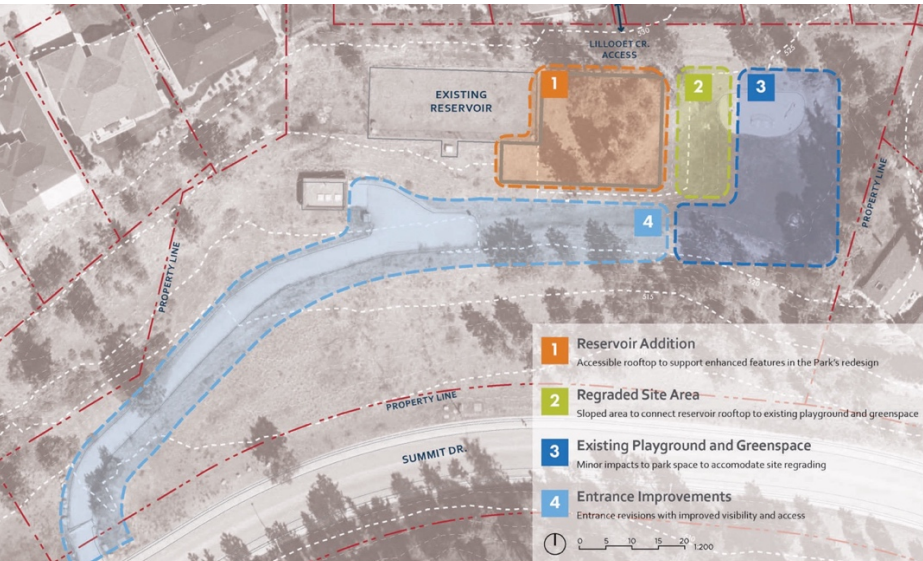
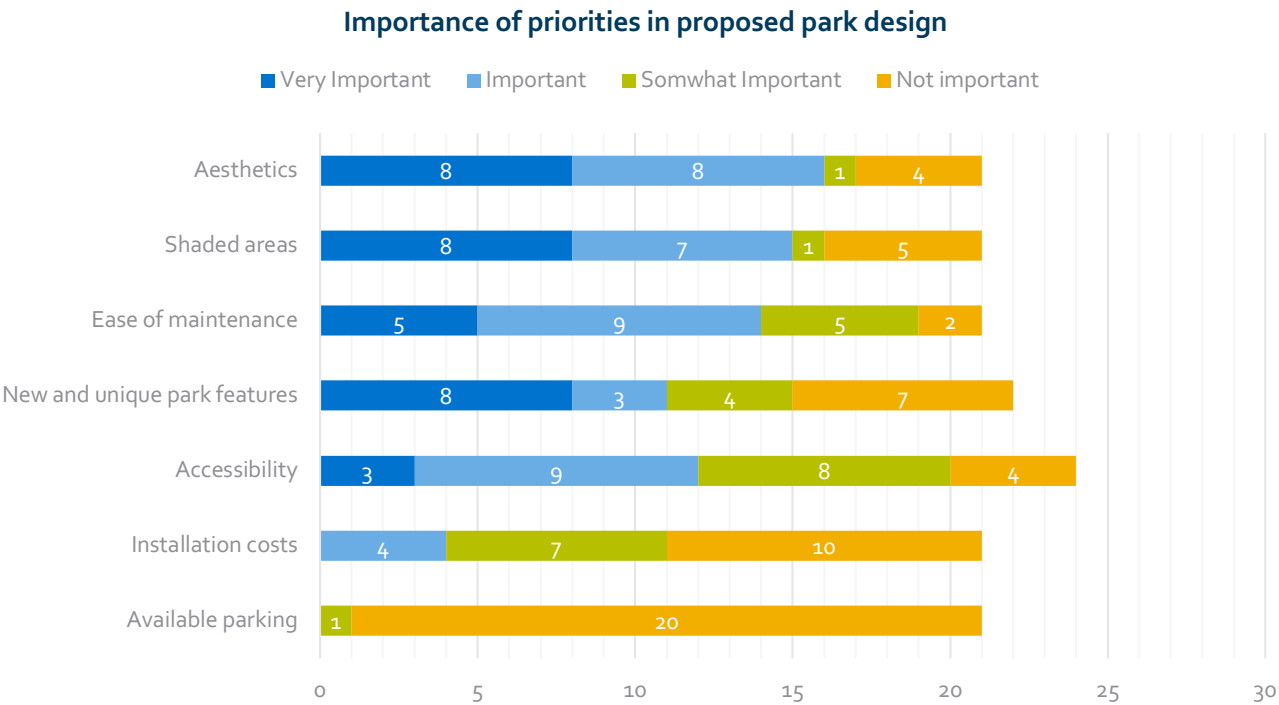


- Very much in favour
- In favour
- Somewhat in favour
- Not in favour

Of the 5 design elements suggested for the re-design, the most common response from respondents was "somewhat in favour".

Re-design Priorities

Respondents ranked re-design priorities on a scale from very important, important, somewhat important, to not important. The suggested priorities were: new and unique park features, accessibility, available parking, installation cost, aesthetics, ease of maintenance, and shaded area. Results from this question showed that aesthetics, ease of maintenance, shaded areas and new and unique park features are a priority to at least half of the respondents, and available parking is not important to almost all.



Site plan embedded in survey demonstrating areas for potential improvements

Next Steps

City staff and the design consultants are reviewing survey results and synthesizing the data. Using the information provided, a design will be developed to restore and enhance the park after the reservoir expansion is completed.

Timeline & Project Process

The reservoir construction is scheduled to begin following the Walkshop:

