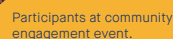
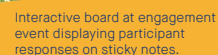


Spring 2025



Project background

The Vancouver Park Board is planning a one-hectare park located between two fast-growing neighbourhoods of Fairview and Kitsilano.

The new Burrard Slopes Park* will bring much needed green space to residents, workers and visitors alike. Its design will need to support city-wide initiatives related to Truth and Reconciliation, sustainability, park activities and resilience.

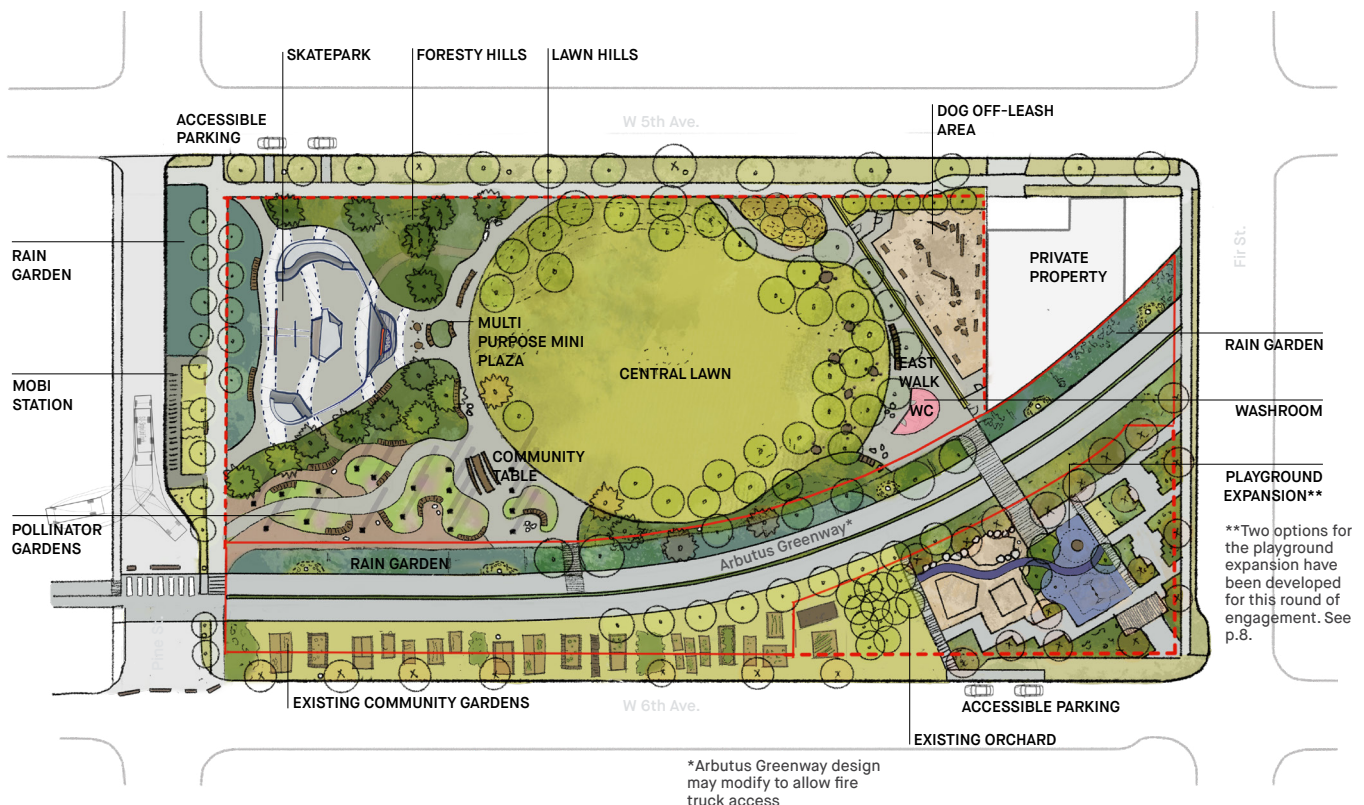
The site is within the shared and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̍əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

This development of a draft concept design for the park began in spring 2023. A first round of engagement was aimed at gathering feedback on the current use of the park and future aspirations. This input informed the development of a vision and guiding principles for the park, and directed the development of a draft concept plan. This plan was shared with the public in a second round of engagement in spring 2025.

More information including a summary from the [first round of engagement](https://shapeyourcity.ca/burrard-slopes-park) can be found at shapeyourcity.ca/burrard-slopes-park.

*Burrard Slopes Park is a temporary name and we plan to identify an official park name through a separate process.

Draft concept plan



What we did

From April 9-30, 2025, the Park Board sought input from local residents, business owners and users of the park about their **opinions on the draft concept plan for the park**. This engagement took place through a virtual survey and in person at a pop-up event within the park.

The public was notified of the engagement process by email, media/social media, postcards and site signage.

Input from this round of engagement will help us shape the final concept plan for the park.



1,042

Survey responses



138

Notification emails



7

Site signs



7,520

Postcards distributed



11

Media mentions



62,000+

Social media hits



225

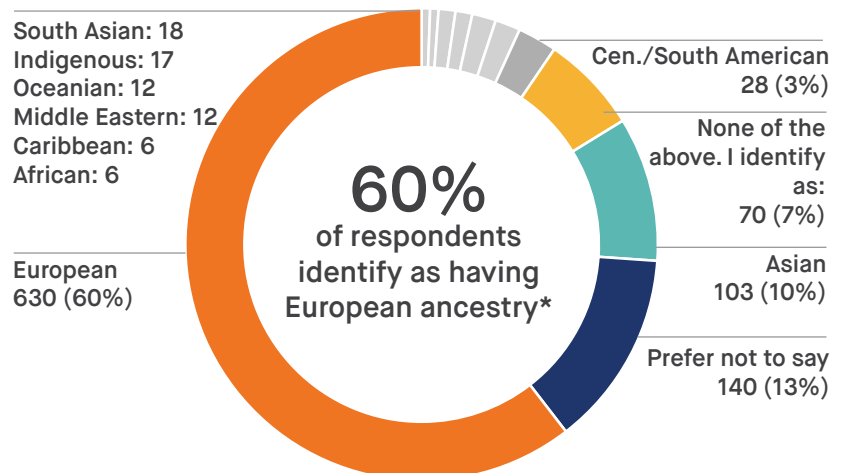
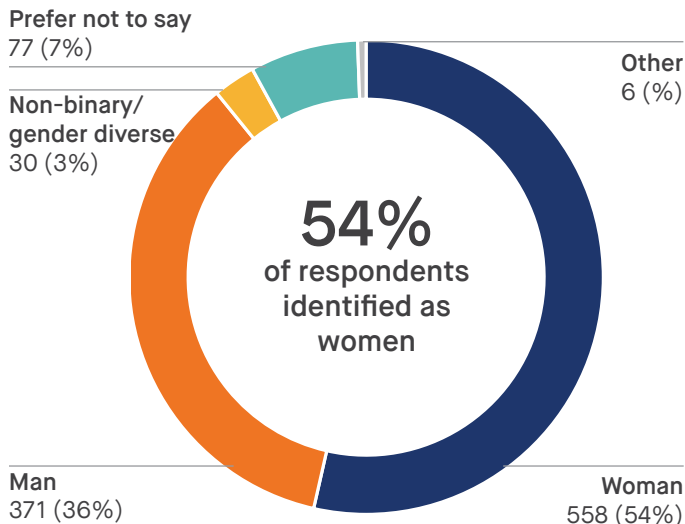
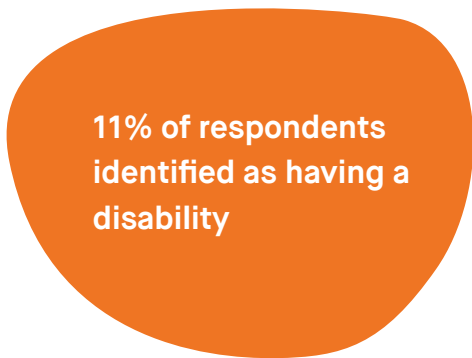
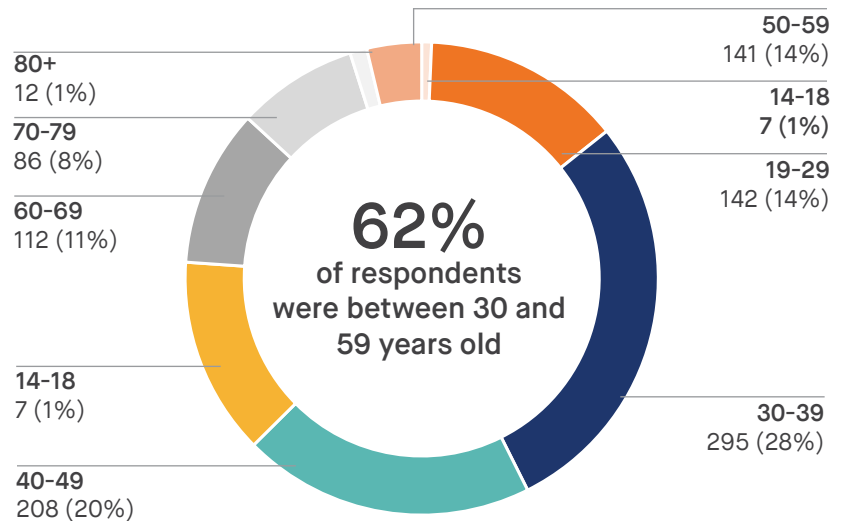
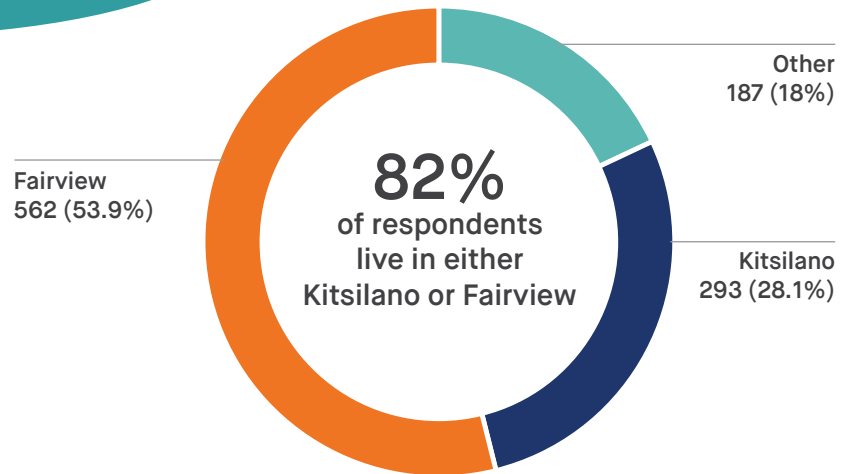
Pop-up attendees

On April 26, we hosted an in-person drop-in event at Burrard Slopes Park. 225 participants joined us to review the boards and to share their priorities for the park.

Who we heard from

An online survey was hosted on the Shape Your City platform with paper copies available by request. We received a total of 1042 survey responses.

We heard from a diverse range of people and age groups. The majority of participants (82%) live in the Kitsilano or Fairview neighbourhoods which are adjacent to the park. Below are some further highlights of who we heard from.

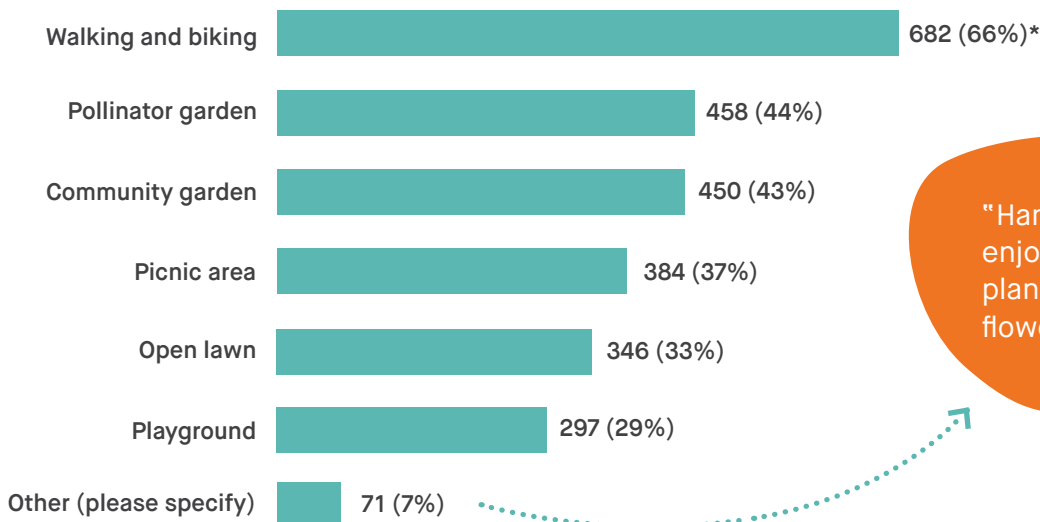


*Residents of Vancouver and those connected to the city come from many different backgrounds. We asked respondents what they consider their main ethnic origin, or that of their ancestors, to help us understand if we're hearing from and reflecting the diversity of Vancouver.

About the existing park

Q:

What do you enjoy most about the existing park spaces in the project area? Please select your top three (3):



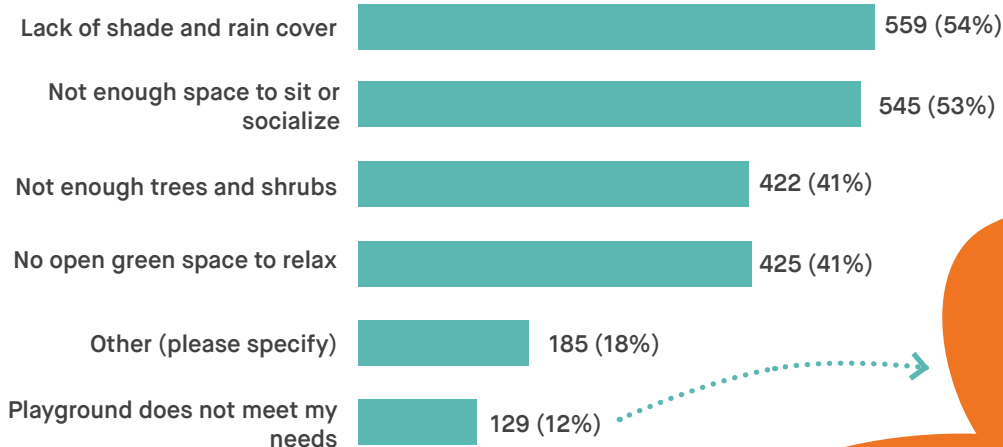
"Walking and playing with my dog."

"Hanging out and enjoying beautiful plants, trees and flowers."



Q:

What challenges or barriers do you encounter in using and accessing the existing park spaces in the project area? Select all that apply.



"Lack of dog friendly amenities."

"An area for active play for more ages than just children, such as a skatepark."

"No washroom facilities limits time you can spend here."

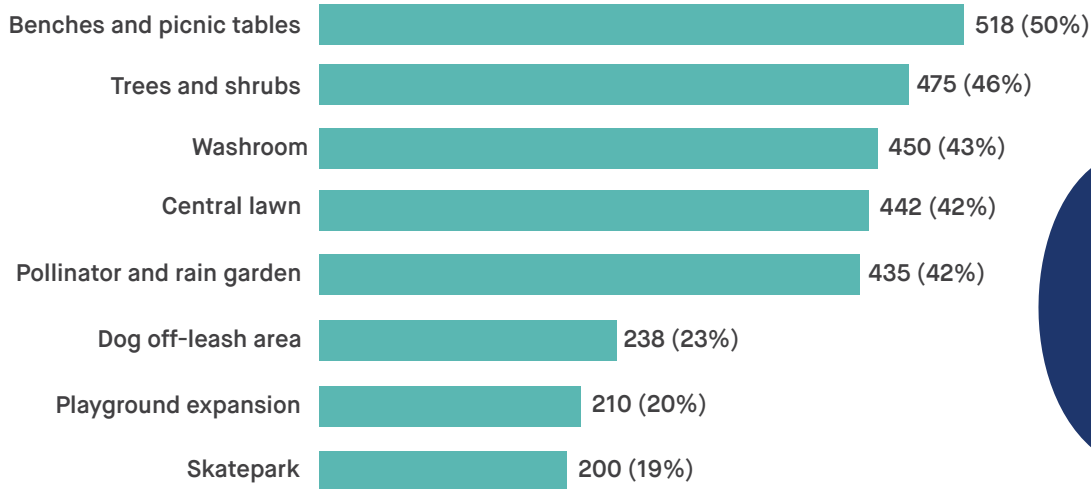
*Note: for some survey questions, we asked participants to choose multiple answers, meaning some of the percentages in this section add up to over 100.

What we heard

About the proposed park plan

ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

Q: What features do you like the most in this concept? Please select your top three (3):

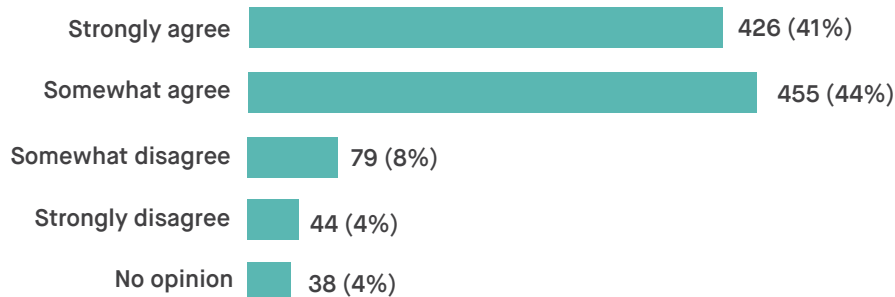


"Far too many dogs with no proper place to play. Many let them off-leash in the garden area. They need a nice large area."

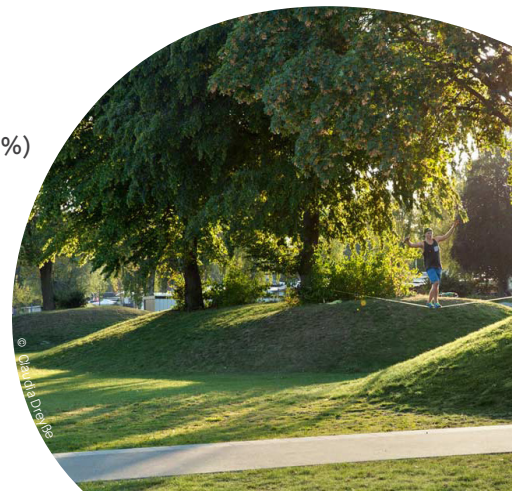
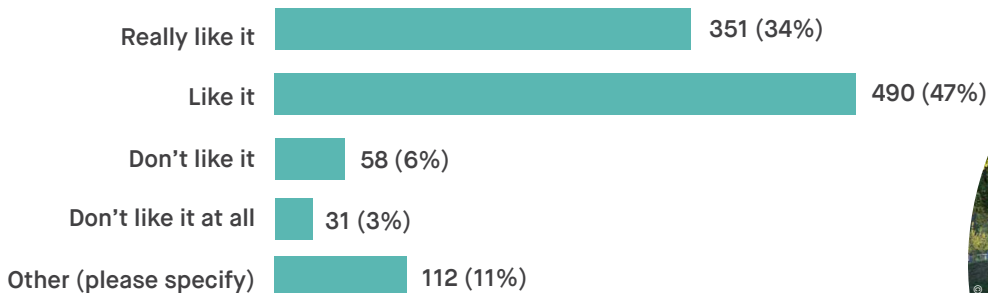
Key takeaway

A majority of people (81%) like the park concept design, especially the seating areas and green spaces.

Q: Do you think the design will meet the community need for a welcoming and safe park?



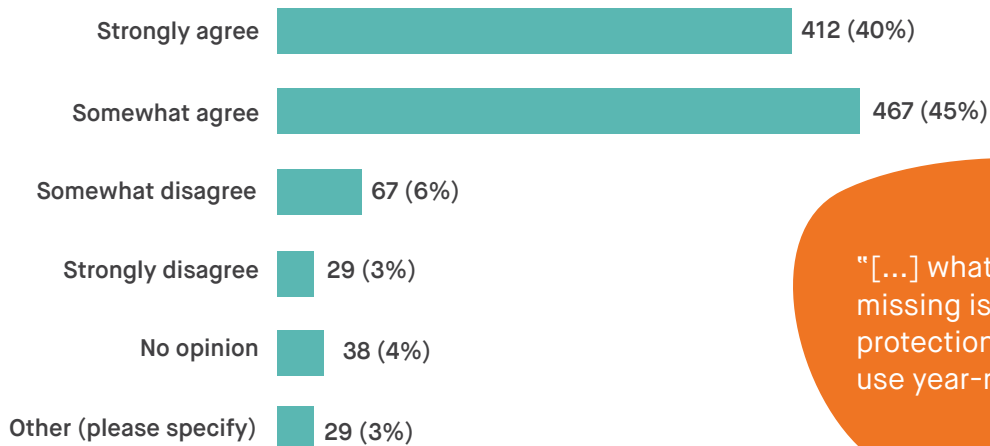
Q: What do you think of the overall park concept design?



About the proposed park plan

Q:

Do you agree that the passive use areas will meet your needs and the needs of the community in the renewed park?



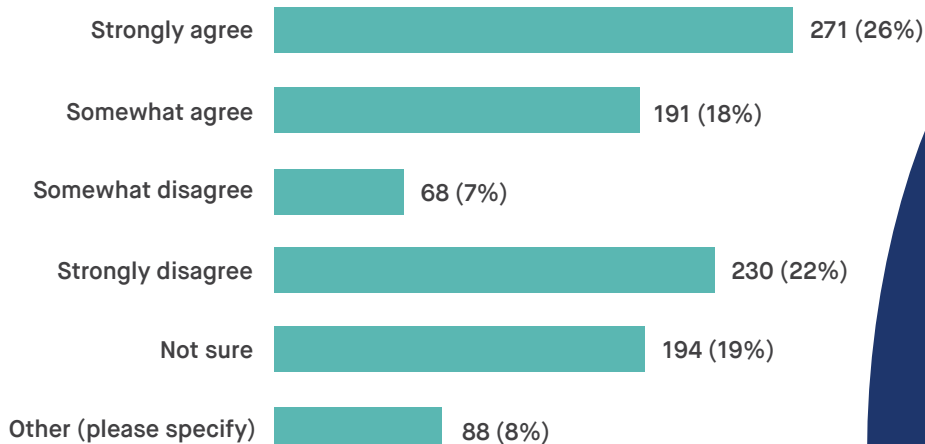
Key takeaway

There is a lot of support for the passive areas in the park plan which include the lawn and pollinator garden.

"[...] what appears to be missing is sun and shade protection [...] for more use year-round."

Q:

Do you think the skatepark will meet the needs of the community in the renewed park?



Key takeaway

44% of respondents (462) felt the skatepark will meet the needs of the community, while 29% (298) said it will not. Additionally, 8% (88 respondents) selected 'Other' and provided comments. Of those respondents who selected 'Other', 23 indicated support for the concept of a skatepark with many noting desire for a covered area, specific skate features, or accommodation for other wheeled sports; 54 indicated opposition highlighting concerns about sound, lack of green space, perceived inappropriate behaviour, or incompatibility with other park uses; 11 were neutral or commented on other topics.



What we heard

About the playground expansion

ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

We shared two layout options for the proposed playground expansion. Both options include new trees for shade.

Option 1 includes two new play features and retains a small portion of the existing lawn.

Option 2 includes three new play features and a circuit for wheeling. No significant lawn area is retained in this option.

Key takeaway

Survey responses were nearly evenly split, with slightly more support for Option 2. This suggests a modest preference for more play features and reduced lawn space.

Q: Which playground layout do you like better?

Option 1  375 (36%)

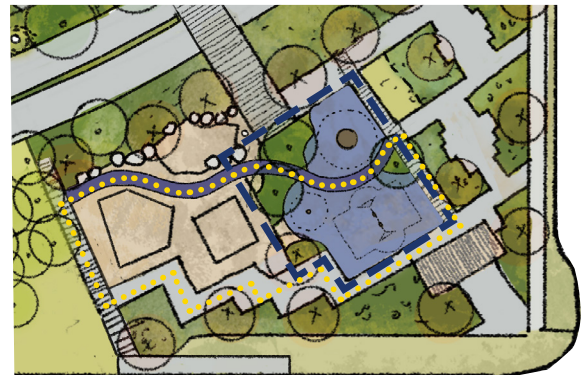


— play area expansion

Like them both equally  221 (21%)

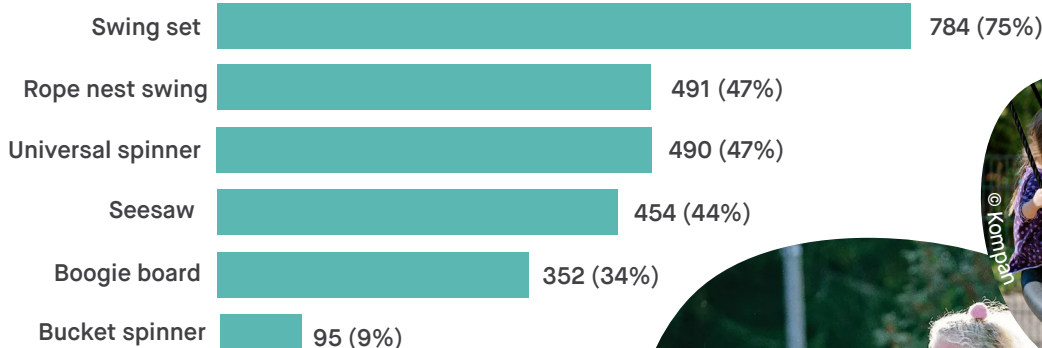
Other (please specify)  49 (5%)

Option 2  397 (38%)



..... trike circuit

Q: Which type(s) of new play equipment would you most like to see in the new playground expansion area? Please select up to three (3):



Key takeaway

The most desired play features are swings, a spinner and a seesaw.



Open house results

What we heard

On April 26, 2025, we hosted a drop-in event at Burrard Slopes Park.

Over 225 people joined us to review the draft concept plan and share their priorities for the future of the park.

Here are some of the key things we heard.

Skatepark

- Many people are excited about the idea of a skatepark. They see it as a great way to promote active lifestyles and give youth a dedicated space in the park.
- Some nearby residents are worried about sound carrying from the skatepark, especially those in nearby buildings overlooking the park.

"Skatepark please!
Gives the opportunity
to bring together more
demographics. It's a
big park! Let's facilitate
community."

"Skatepark? Far too
noisy in this residential
neighbourhood."

"Thank you, keeping
the Pine Street garden
matters!!"

Community gardens

- There's strong support for keeping the existing garden plots.
- A few people raised concerns about how construction might disturb the gardens.

Washroom

- Many respondents support the addition of a washroom, especially for families using the playground.
- Some concerns were raised about safety, particularly at night.

"I want to say how much
I support there being
washrooms here - we
really need more public
washrooms, so this is great."

What we heard

Exercise equipment

- People said they'd love to see more ways to be active in the park, suggesting outdoor fitness and calisthenics amenities.

"Please consider/add calisthenics equipment/bars! It's great for the community to exercise outdoors."



"Variety of green environments and water. More pollinator environments!"

Green space

- Green space and biodiversity are really important to park users.
- Some people would like to see even more pollinator gardens throughout the park.

Cooling and hydrating features

- People shared their concern about heat events and are asking for ways to stay cool and hydrated. Suggestions include misting poles, and water fountains for people and dogs.

"Water fountain and misting and dog water for heat dome."



"Yes, to dog park! Even if it's small. It helps create separation of space for kids and dogs! So many dogs in the area."

Dog Park

- Many people said they would love to see a space for dogs that is separate from other park uses. Others shared concerns about adding a single-use space to the park.

"No dog park – single use and takes up too much space."

What's next

The results from this second phase of engagement, as well as input from the local Nations, interest holders, and staff will be used to develop a preferred concept plan.

The refined plan will be shared with the public before it is presented to the Park Board for decision.

Once approved, the concept plan will be developed to a detailed design level, with a targeted construction start of 2027-2028.

Stay informed!

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Project and engagement timeline

