

VANCOUVER BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

COLLINGWOOD PARK RENEWAL

ROUND 1 ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY I SPRING 2022

What's Happening?

The Vancouver Park Board is renewing Collingwood Park!

This project will make improvements to old features and establish new ones for park users. Some of the features that will be replaced or renovated include the washrooms, wading pool, playground, sports court, and pathways.

We asked residents and park users to let us know their priorities for the renewal to help shape the design. This is what we heard.

ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

A survey for the Collingwood Park renewal project was hosted on SYC and open for feedback from May 20 2022 - June 9, 2022.

An in-person event was held on May 25, 2022 where we spoke to over 40 people.

6600 post-cards were mailed to residents within a 4-block area of the park.

Signage was installed in the park and posters were displayed in Renfrew Community Centre.

Social media posts and ads were made on the Vancouver Park Board Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram - over 29,000 people were reached.

Local schools, community groups and organizations were contacted.

563 surveys were completed and included 1428 additional comments.





Images from the in-person engagement event

Who provided feedback?

Majority of responses were from ages 20 - 50 (81%), followed by over 50 (16%), and ages 13 - 19 (3.2%).

Majority of responses were from; Women (65%), Men (24%).

The ethnic and ancestral origin of respondents were primarily Asian (46%) and European (29%). We also heard from people who identified as Indigenous, Central/South American, South Asian, Middle Eastern, African, Oceanic, Caribbean.

WHAT WE HEARD

HOW PEOPLE USE THE PARK

Current park uses...

We heard that most people visit the park with their immediate family, friends, children, and dogs. Most use the park for casual walks, play in the open field, picnics, and to bring children to the playground.

Over 63% of respondents reported that they use the park once per week or more.

Over 84% of respondents reported that they live in the Renfrew Collingwood area.

We heard that people appreciate:

- How close the park is to their home
- The open-use flexible space
- The large shade trees
- The playground
- The washroom facilities

Improvements desired:

- More seating
- Newer amenities
- More shade and plants
- Accessible paths and features



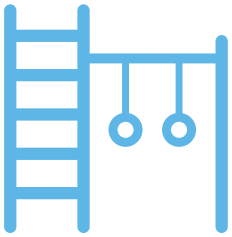
Favourite existing playground features:

- Swings
- Slide
- Seesaw

Most desired features:

- Climbing play
- Slides
- Rubber play surface







WHAT WE HEARD

TOP PRINCIPLES FOR THE PARK

We asked you to rank your top 3 priorities from 7 options. Here is what you said (in ranked order):



1. An inviting and playful space for children of all ages and abilities with a range of options for play



5. Contribute to a healthy environment with a focus on increasing tree canopy and natural areas



2. Should contribute to an active and healthy neighborhood with spaces for sports, fitness, and recreation



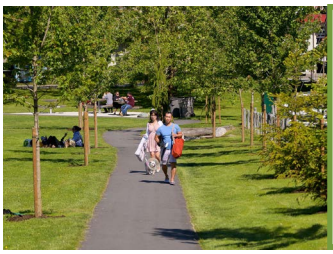
6. Improve drainage and water quality that flows from the park with green infrastructure



3. A welcoming space with opportunities to gather, hold community events, socialize and connect



7. Should contribute to local food production



4. To make park elements more accessible, providing a new pathway or loop through the park

Other suggested principles:

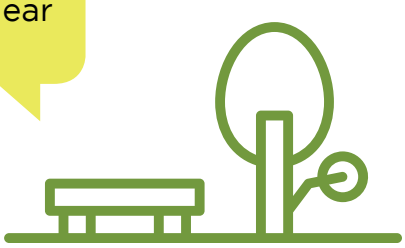
"The park should design for climate change."

"Integrate cultural elements in the park's design."

"An improved sense of safety."

"Should contribute to free activities at the park for all ages."

"The present park lacks a clear theme."



*Comments in quotation are based off of comments in the open-ended question.

WHAT WE HEARD

PARK VISION

We asked you to choose your top 5 amenities from 15 options. Here is what you said (in ranked order):



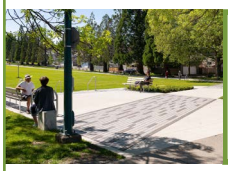
1. Picnic tables and seating for gatherings



2. Children's playground upgrade



3. Water play feature/ splash pad



4. A plaza for small groups to gather



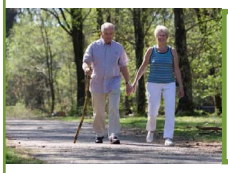
5. Raingardens & improved drainage



6. Biodiversity: new trees and plants



7. Small fenced off-leash dog area



8. Walking/ jogging/ rolling paths



9. Multi-sports court improvements



10. Open lawn areas



11. Fitness stations



12. Seating areas to watch sports



13. Space to grow food



14. Sports field improvements



15. Outdoor learning area with planting

Other suggested priorities for spaces + amenities:

"A place to securely lock bikes."

"Safer upgraded washrooms and a water fountain."

"Litter receptacles to keep the park clean."

"Skateboard area and features."

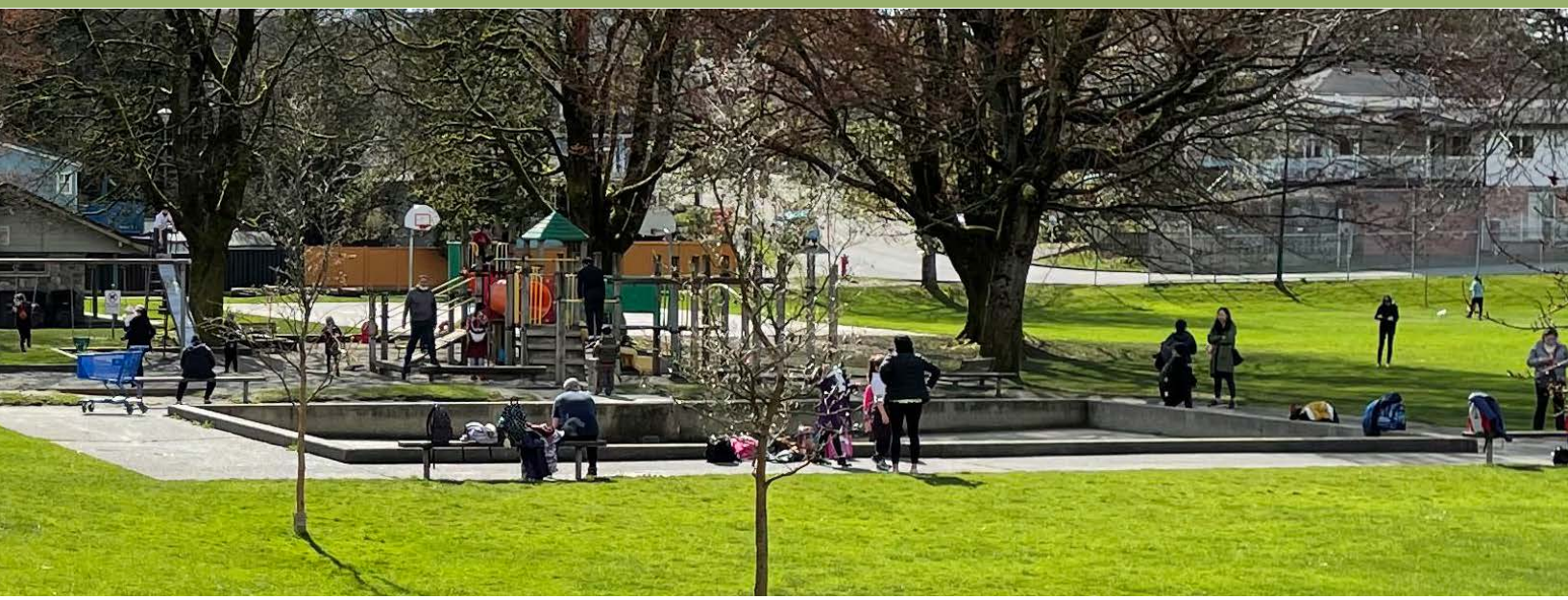
"Space for movie night/ theatre for outdoor fun, with electrical outlets."

"Space for arts, music and cultural gatherings."

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WHAT WE HEARD

WADING POOL



Replacing the Wading Pool

As part of the Collingwood Park renewal, the wading pool is to be removed due to its poor condition and does not comply with Health Act regulations, as noted in the VanSplash Strategy.

We asked the community if they are in favor of replacing the wading pool with a new water play feature.

Over 75% of respondents were in favor of replacing the wading pool with a new water play feature.

Wading pool / water play comments:

"Explore features, such as nozzle stations or water tunnels"

"Add features that shoot up from the ground!."

"Include features adults may enjoy too."

"Please make something that does not waste water."

"I'd love to see a splash pad."

WHAT'S NEXT?

Results from the first engagement will be used to help develop a conceptual design for the park. In the next round of engagement, this fall, the community will be asked to provide their feedback on the design.

For more information and to participate:

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