Tatlow Park Playground Renewal
Engagement Summary | Spring 2021

619
people responded to the survey

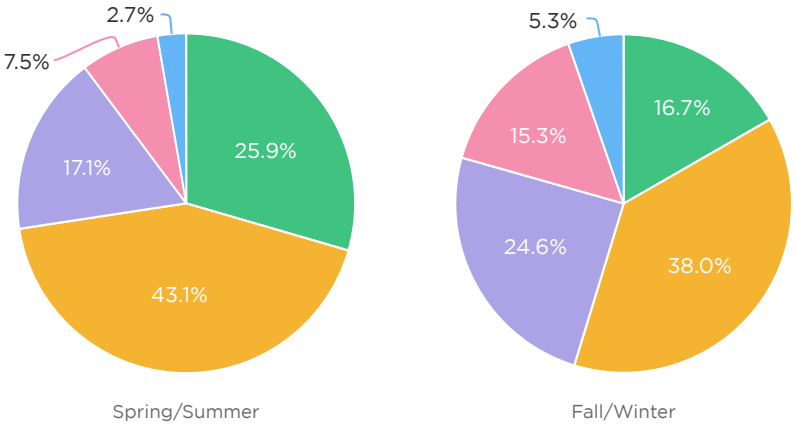
From March 8 to March 29, 2021, an online survey was available to the public, on the city's Shape Your City website,for feedback on the proposed conceptual designs for a new playground at Tatlow Park.

The community was notified through mail-outs, site signs, emails, and social media. Highlights from the survey results are summarized here.

Q1|Q2

On average how often do you visit Tatlow Park Playground?

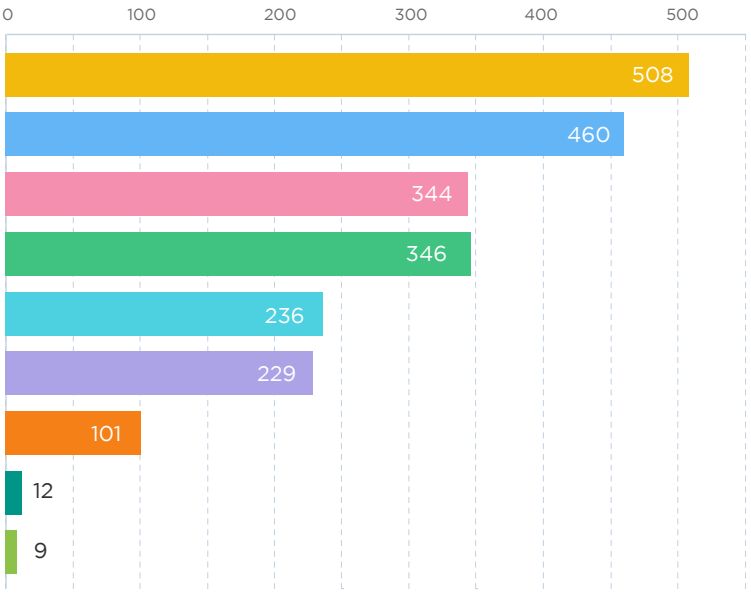
- Almost Everyday
- One to two times a week
- One to two times a month
- Less than once a month
- Never



Q3

What do you like about the existing playground?

- Trees
- Location
- Swings
- Slides
- Play equipment
- Seating
- Other features
- Nothing that I can think of
- Don't know



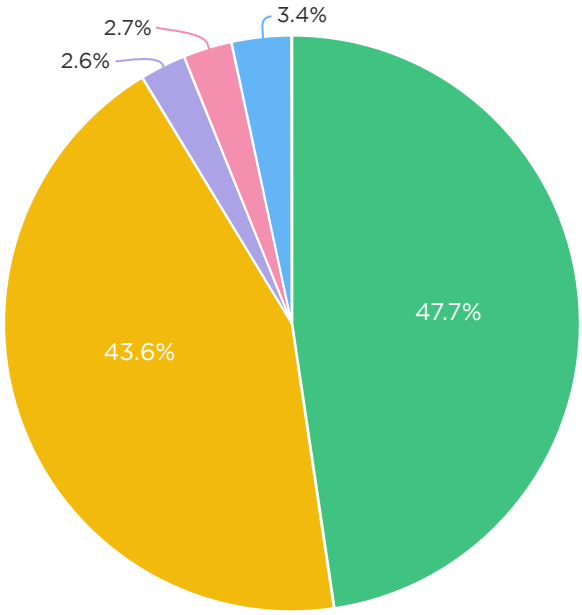


What We Heard

Q6

Which concept do you prefer?

- Concept A (South) *Existing location*
- Concept B (North) *Next to tennis courts*
- No preference
- Don't like either concept
- Other



Out of the 619 respondents, 47.7% prefer Concept A – keeping the playground in its current location. 43.6% prefer Concept B – moving playground next to the tennis courts.

Main themes we heard on concept preference:

Concept A (South)

Easier access to the washrooms when caring for young children

The large trees in the current location provide much needed shade. Other playgrounds can be too hot in the summer

The existing location is quiet when compared to Concept B, which is closer to the busier McDonald Street

The tennis courts are often full, to lose one would cause long waits

Concept B (North)

A larger playground with more challenging equipment that is possible in the new location

The existing location is too shaded and cold much of the year





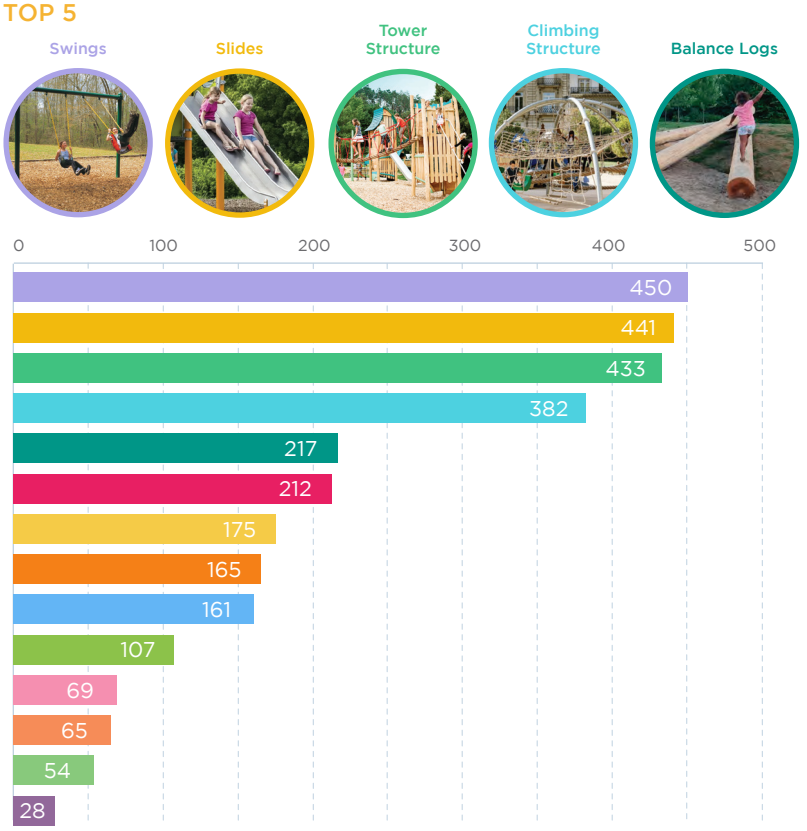
What are the Preferences

Q4

What are your favourite pieces of playground equipment?

- Swings
- Slides
- Tower structure
- Climbing structure
- Balance logs
- Sand play area
- Exercise equipment
- Play house
- Spinners
- See-saw
- Springers
- Other features
- Custom thematic characters
- Don't know

TOP 5



Q5

What other features of a playground are important to you?

- Shade trees
- Natural elements (i.e. boulders/logs)
- Benches
- Picnic tables
- Rubber surfacing
- Planting
- Drinking fountain
- Bike racks
- Fencing
- Other features
- Don't know

TOP 3



Key Themes We Heard

Out of the 619 respondents, we received an additional 980 written comments with ideas and suggestions for consideration for the new playground design. Key themes we heard are summarized here:

Incorporate natural elements and information on the daylighted stream into the design to help support nature based learning

The creek and hiding places created by trees in this park are unique and should be considered when designing the playground

Include a water play feature in the playground

Trees, and the shade they provide, are a very important part of this playground

Include more seating and tables near the playground for caregivers

"Please remember that children benefit from as much 'nature' as possible in our parks... so balance logs, large stones to jump on and off of, and natural building materials are all good"

Improve the accessibility of the playground for a wide range ages and abilities

Tatlow Park is already great with its natural features. The playground design should be simple and in keeping with it's character

Include larger more challenging equipment, keep the current number of swings and monkey bars, add slides and a trampoline





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