

08 OPEN HOUSE #2 + SURVEY



8.0 OVERVIEW

Date / Time:

Saturday September 9th, 2017, 10 am - 1 pm

Open House Location:

River District Centre, Farmers Market

Number of Participants: Approximately 50

Online Survey Dates: Sept 9 - 25, 2017

Number of Participants: 109

CONTEXT

The second round of engagement included a second Open House, associated online survey, and initial meetings with stakeholders, the public art team, and Park Board / City of Vancouver.

OPEN HOUSE #2 + SURVEY PURPOSE / FORMAT

The purpose of this open house/survey was to communicate the results of the previous consultations and the preferred concept design for the parks, and to obtain public feedback on:

- the updated design principles
- the illustrated concepts to confirm which elements are working well as well as the level of support for design elements and park programming

The open house was a 'drop in' format, with ten graphic information boards displayed to lead participants through the different elements of the proposed preferred concept plan. Staff from space2place and the Park Board/City of Vancouver were on hand at the boards to engage in discussion with attendees and to answer questions.

A survey was available for the public to complete online, and 109 survey responses were received.

AUDIENCE

The main audiences that are being engaged in the development of East Fraser Lands include neighbourhood residents and nearby residents, existing park users, the general public, particular stakeholder groups / participants, and, for the purposes of coordination, the developers.

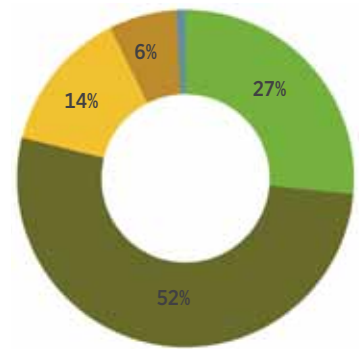
8.1 SURVEY RESULTS

The following diagrams illustrate public feedback to the proposed park design presented at the second open house and through the online survey.

OVERALL CONCEPT DESIGN

1. What do you think of the overall concept plans for the parks?

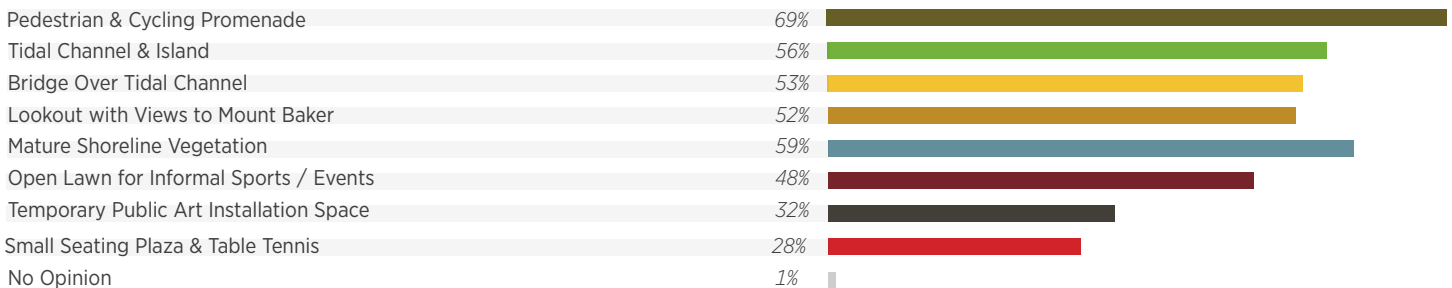
Total responses (109)



FORESHORE PARKS LIKES

2. What aspects of the design do you like the most?

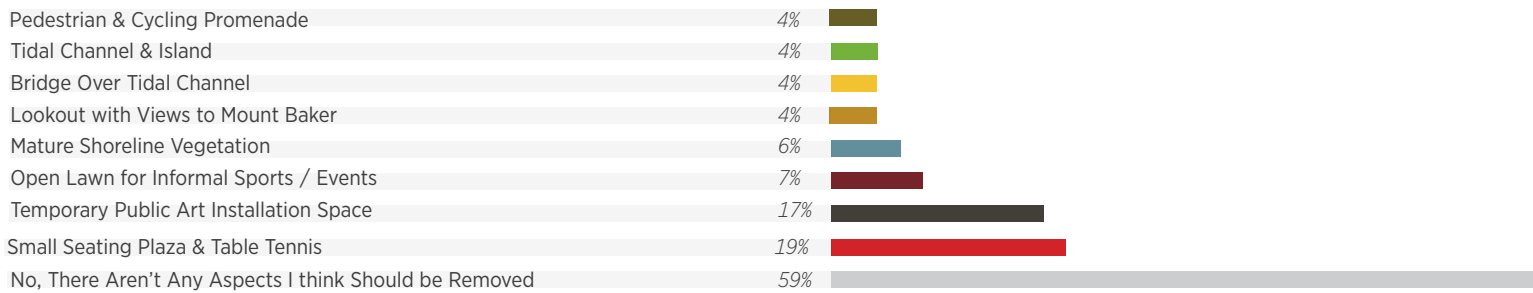
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FORESHORE PARK DISLIKES

2a. Are there any aspects of the design you don't like and think should be removed?

Total responses (109)



SOUTH KINROSS LIKES

3. What aspects of the design do you like the most?

Total responses (109)



SOUTH KINROSS DISLIKES

3a. Are there any aspects of the design you don't like and think should be removed?

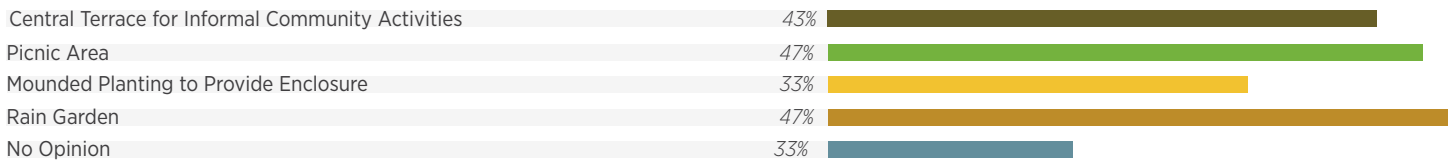
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MIDDLE KINROSS LIKES

4. What aspects of the design do you like the most?

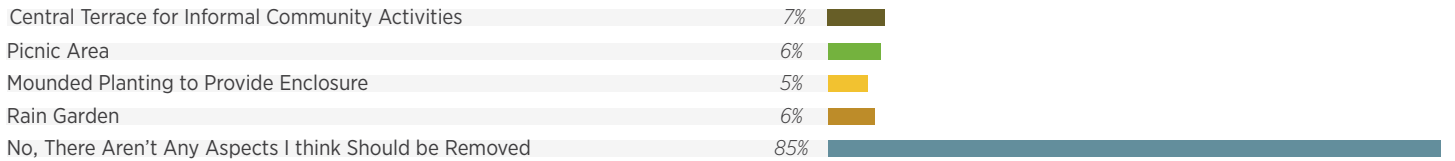
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MIDDLE KINROSS DISLIKES

4a. Are there any aspects of the design you don't like and think should be removed?

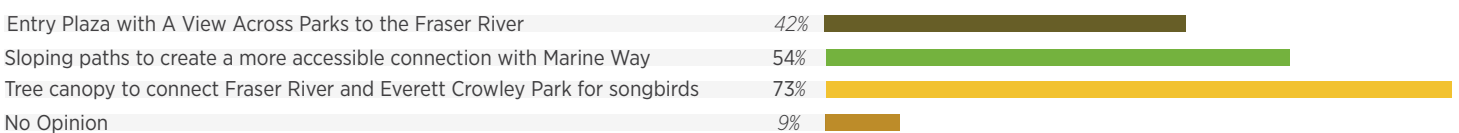
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NORTH KINROSS LIKES

5. What aspects of the design do you like the most?

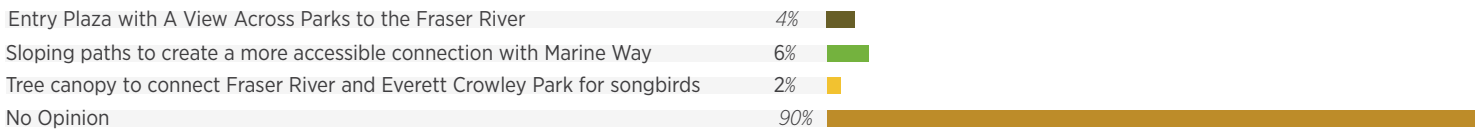
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NORTH KINROSS DISLIKES

5a. Are there any aspects of the design you don't like and think should be removed?

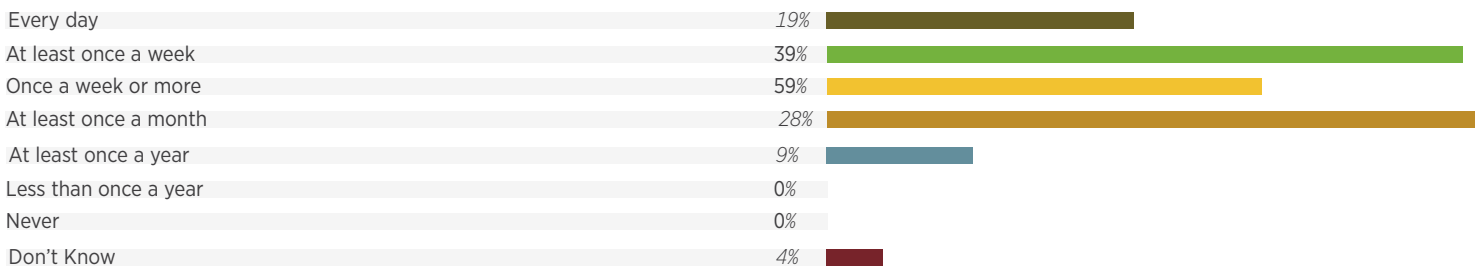
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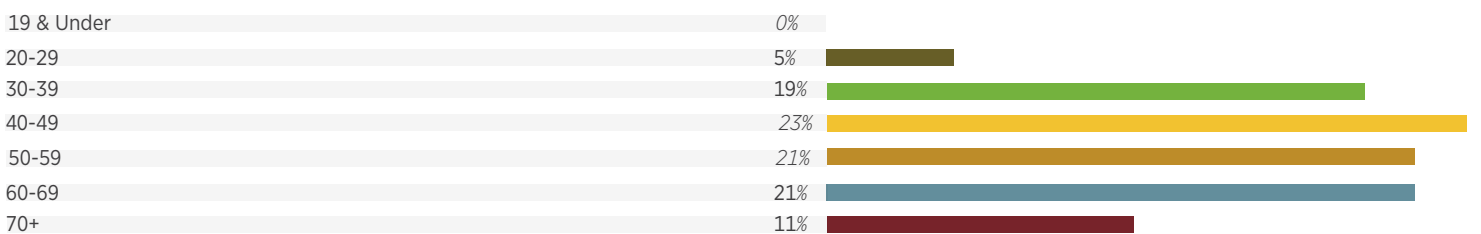
PARK USAGE

8. How often do you think you'll visit the parks after they are built?

Total responses (109)



AGE GROUPS



WHAT WE HEARD: WRITTEN RESPONSES

The open house & survey provided insight for the design team into what aspects of the proposed park the participants liked, disliked, and would like to see added or removed.

The following section organizes this feedback into three categories including recurring requests, other requests, and oppositions/concerns, and includes a response from the design team.

RECURRING RESPONSES

Below is a summary of recurring requests with a corresponding response from the design team.

Public Washrooms

A public washroom will be added to the South Kinross playscape.

Parking

Parking will not be provided in the park. Visitors may use street parking. Active transportation (walking, cycling, etc) is encouraged by way of improved off-street facilities.

Dog Off-Leash Area

This area is well served by dog-off leash areas compared with other areas in the city. The park will improve access to Kinross Ravine Park. The fast-tracking of a new path into Everett Crowley Park from the north side of Kinross Ravine Park will be explored.

Play Elements for Older Kids & Teens

Several of the play elements are geared to older kids, ages 8 and up.

More Water Play

The amount of water play is limited by water conservation objectives. A water recirculation system is cost-prohibitive.

Separated Bike / Pedestrian Paths to Reduce Conflicts

Separated bike / pedestrian paths are included where possible along foreshore promenade. Paving materials will convey a pedestrian prominence over cycling routes.

Picnic Tables near Open Lawn / Playscape

Picnic tables at the edge of the open lawn / playscape will be added in consultation with Operations staff.

More Trees for Shade, Habitat, and Year Round Interest

More Trees will be added. Species selected to provide diversity, structure, shade, and year-round interest.

Provide Natural Areas

The park design has a large focus on natural areas and habitat.



OTHER RESPONSES

In addition to reoccurring requests, public feedback included other comments and requests including the following items. Alongside is a response from the design team.

Access to Drinking Water

A drinking fountain is proposed in the playscape. Label to be added.

Interpretive Signage (History & Ecology)

Opportunities for interpretive signage will be explored during the detailed design process.

Garbage / Recycling / Dog-waste Bins

Waste and recycling receptacles will be added during detailed design.

Improving Drainage in Neighbourhood Park / Foreshore Park

Drainage will be addressed through detailed design of parks and flood protection.

Beautify Pump House

Joe to contact Wally Kochuck to discuss pump house and opportunities to beautify the facade and the surrounding landscape

Path and Landscape Lighting

Pedestrian lighting is proposed along paths and in parks (including playscape). Existing street lighting levels can be evaluated to determine appropriate pedestrian lighting levels in park areas adjacent to streets.

Provide a Buffer Between Residences and Park Paths

The available space between the residences and shoreline, as well as the requirement for a dike, constrains where the paths can be aligned. The design of the path and planting between the path and residences will take into consideration the desire for a buffer.

Improve Access to Everett Crowley Park

The Kinross Parks will provide an improved connection to the crosswalk at Marine Way & Kinross Ravine Park. The fast-tracking of a new path into Everett Crowley Park from the north side of Kinross Ravine Park will be explored.

Signage to Direct Dog Owners to Nearby Off-Leash Facilities

Wayfinding signage, including signage to nearby dog off-leash facilities, will be included.

A Second Playscape

A playscape will be located in one, central area.

Skatepark

Consistently ranked very low on the list of desired elements for the park.

A Covered Playground

trees will be provided for shade. A roof over the playscape does not fit the character of the play area.

Zipline

With all of the program requirements and other play features, there is not sufficient space for a zipline.

Reduce the Size of the Playscape

The playscape is the size it needs to be to provide a range of play experiences for all ages and abilities.

Daylight Kinross Creek

Daylighting of Kinross Creek is not feasible. A proposed terraced wetland will convey stormwater through South Kinross Park.

Fountain in North/Mid Kinross Park to Drown Out Traffic Noise

A fountain in North Kinross Park will have limited effect on traffic noise. Middle Kinross is far enough away from and below Marine Way that drawing out noise should not be required.

Fishing Dock

A fishing dock is not appropriate along this part of the shoreline.

Marina

A marina is not compatible with ecological focus of the shoreline works nor the program for the park.

Outdoor Pool

An outdoor pool is not compatible with the program for the park.

OPPOSITIONS & CONCERNS

In addition to reoccurring requests, and other requests, the following elements were opposed by some participants who completed the online survey. Alongside is a response from the design team.

Table Tennis in the Location Shown

Table tennis will be deleted from Neighbourhood Park South.

Public Art

The reservations about public art are assumed to be due to the uncertainty about what form it could take and who will pay for it. Cultural Services to collaborate with Wesgroup to reach a clearer understanding of the expectations and possibilities for a public art program would be well suited to this area.

Paved Plaza in Middle Kinross Park

The effect of the trees and mounded vegetation surrounding the plaza may not be fully appreciated by the respondent. We will explore modifying the design to expand the green space and add more trees and vegetation to the area.



8.2 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC FEEDBACK FOR THE PREFERRED CONCEPT

Overall, there is generally a high level of support for what is included in the preferred concept design as presented at Open House 2.

Seventy-seven percent (77%) either like or really like the overall concept plans, 14% were neutral, and about 9% either don't like or don't like at all the preferred concept. Although there were some items that scored lower on the level of support, there was generally high support for not making any significant changes to the designs presented.

A number of the written responses/requests will be accommodated within an updated park design that is presented to the Board for approval in November 2017, and included in the detailed design as it is developed.

These include:

- Adding a public washroom in the playscape in South Kinross Park
- Play elements for older kids and teens
- Separated bike / pedestrian paths to reduce conflicts
- Additional picnic tables near the open lawn and playscape
- Natural areas
- More trees for shade, habitat and year round interest
- Access to drinking water
- Interpretive signage (history & ecology)
- Signage directing dog owners to nearby off-leash parks
- Garbage, recycling, and dog waste bins
- Improved drainage
- Path and landscape lighting
- A buffer between residences and park paths
- Recommendations for an improved access to Everett Crowley Park