



Champlain Heights NW Walkway Playground Removal

Summary of Findings
April 2016





Consultation Overview

- This summary provides an overview of feedback from community members on the removal of the Champlain Heights NW Walkway Playground, located off of Champlain Crescent along the Douglas Fir Trail. The Vancouver Park Board proposed to remove the play structure along the Douglas Fir Trail in the spring of 2016 due its age, condition and safety concerns.
- Members of the public were asked to provide feedback about potential options for the site going forward, in an online questionnaire. The feedback questionnaire ran from March 15, 2016 to April 10, 2016, on the City's online public engagement platform Talk Vancouver.
- A total of 138 respondents completed the questionnaire. The questionnaire was accessed by email invitation from Talk Vancouver and an open online invitation to the general public via the Playground Renewals project page on the City of Vancouver website.

How did we reach out?

- Residents were notified using multiple forums, including:
 - Large posters at the playground site;
 - Flyers distributed throughout the neighbourhood proximate to the site (2-block radius); and
 - Advertising on City of Vancouver Park Board website.



Summary of Results

Who did we hear from?

- The majority of the questionnaire respondents were residents in the neighbourhood surrounding the contemplated playground removal (80%).
- An equal percentage of parents reported that their children use the Douglas Fir Trail playground and the Community Centre playground.
- Approximately 63% of respondents have children under the age of 18 living at home. Of these children, 62% are under 5 years old.

Preferred Options for the Site

- The majority of respondents would like to see a new playground replace the structure if it is removed (72%), with some also interested in having planted areas or seating at the site.

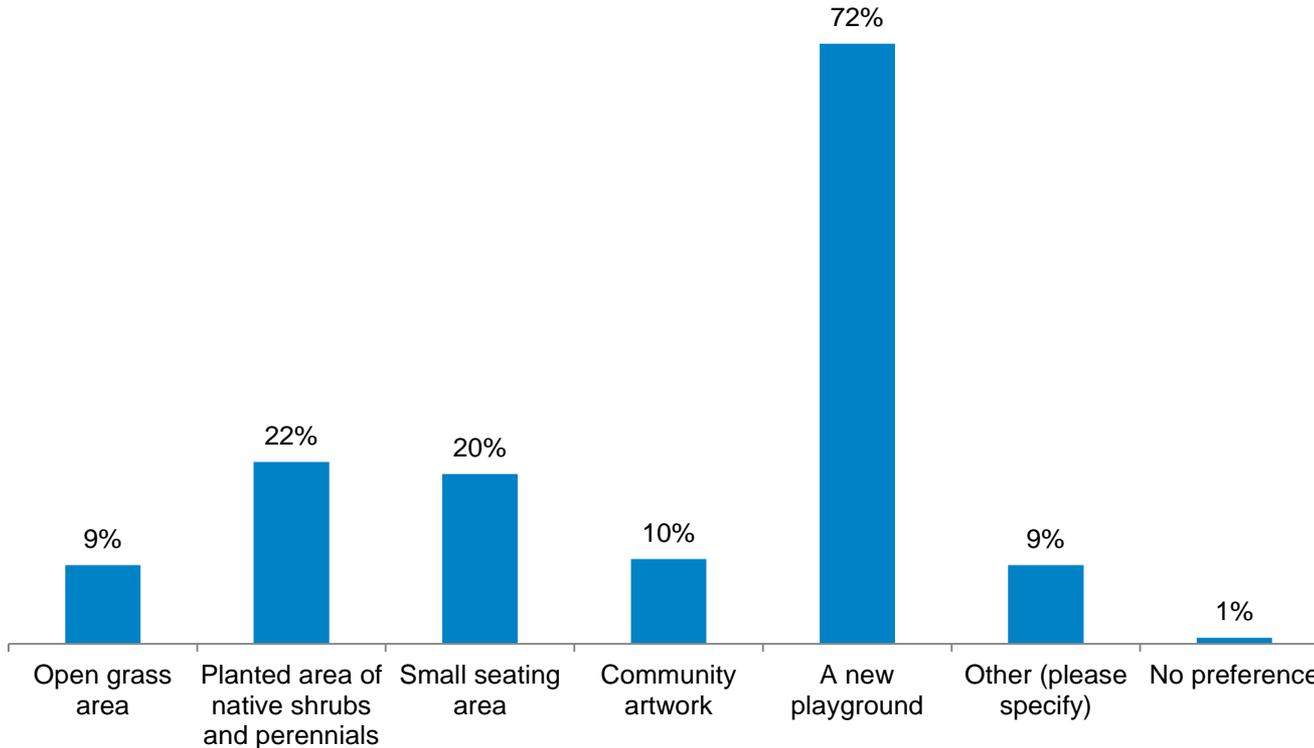


Questionnaire Topline Results



Preferred Options for the Site

There may be plans to renew the Champlain Heights NW walkway location once the structure is removed. What would you like to see in place of the current structure? (Select your top 2 choices)



Base: All respondents (n=138)

Note, comments indicated that many respondents were thinking of the Community Centre playground when answering the questionnaire, not the playground along the Douglas Fir Trail.



Preferred Options for the Site: Additional Comments

The following are some of the responses received for the question “There may be plans to renew the Champlain Heights NW walkway playground location once the structure is removed. What would you like to see in place of the current structure?”

“Remove! it is a hangout for dope smokers and noisy gatherings when pub closes.”

“Open, non fenced off leash dog park”

“New trees”

“I would like to have fencing between green space and townhouses.”

“New playground”

“Pollinator Garden”



General Comments

The following are some of the responses received for the question “Please provide any additional comments you may have”

“A seating area seems the most practical and versatile use of the area in question. The paths are used by many residents, most of whom do not have small children, and many would appreciate a place to sit and enjoy the park.”

“A nicer park would be great for this area.”

“Additional ideas include community gardens, rest area and picnic benches.”

“The play structure is used by families walking through the paths. It would be a great places for benches too.”

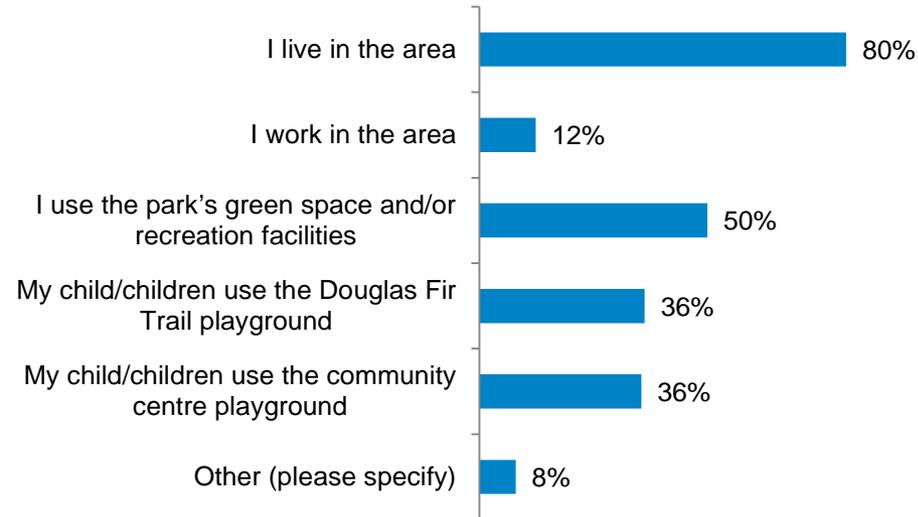
“My kids love walking through the trails and stopping to play at the playground. But it's old and dangerous. We need a new structure that kids can enjoy. And please don't put sand at the bottom of structure as dogs and cats use it as a litter box! Better to use that soft playground material.”



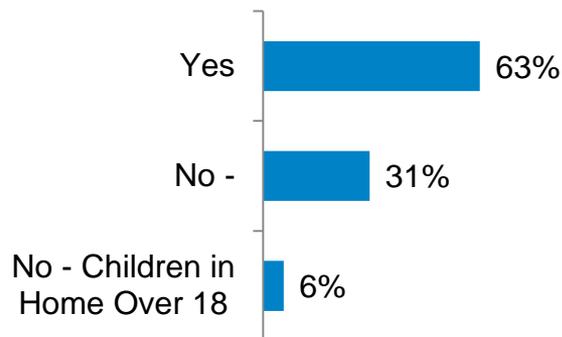
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