

Clark Park East Proposed Playground Removal

Summary of Findings
April 2016



Consultation Overview

- This summary provides an overview of feedback from community members on the removal of the Clark Park East playground located in the NE corner of Clark Park. The Vancouver Park Board proposed to remove the play structure on the east side of the park 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 283 respondents completed the questionnaire. The questionnaire was accessed by an 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 (78%).
- An equal percentage of children use the east and west playground
- Approximately 78% of respondents have children under the age of 18 living at home. Of these children, 58% 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 (74%), with some also interested in having a seating at the site. Other common suggestions were a spray park, BBQ area and improved lighting.



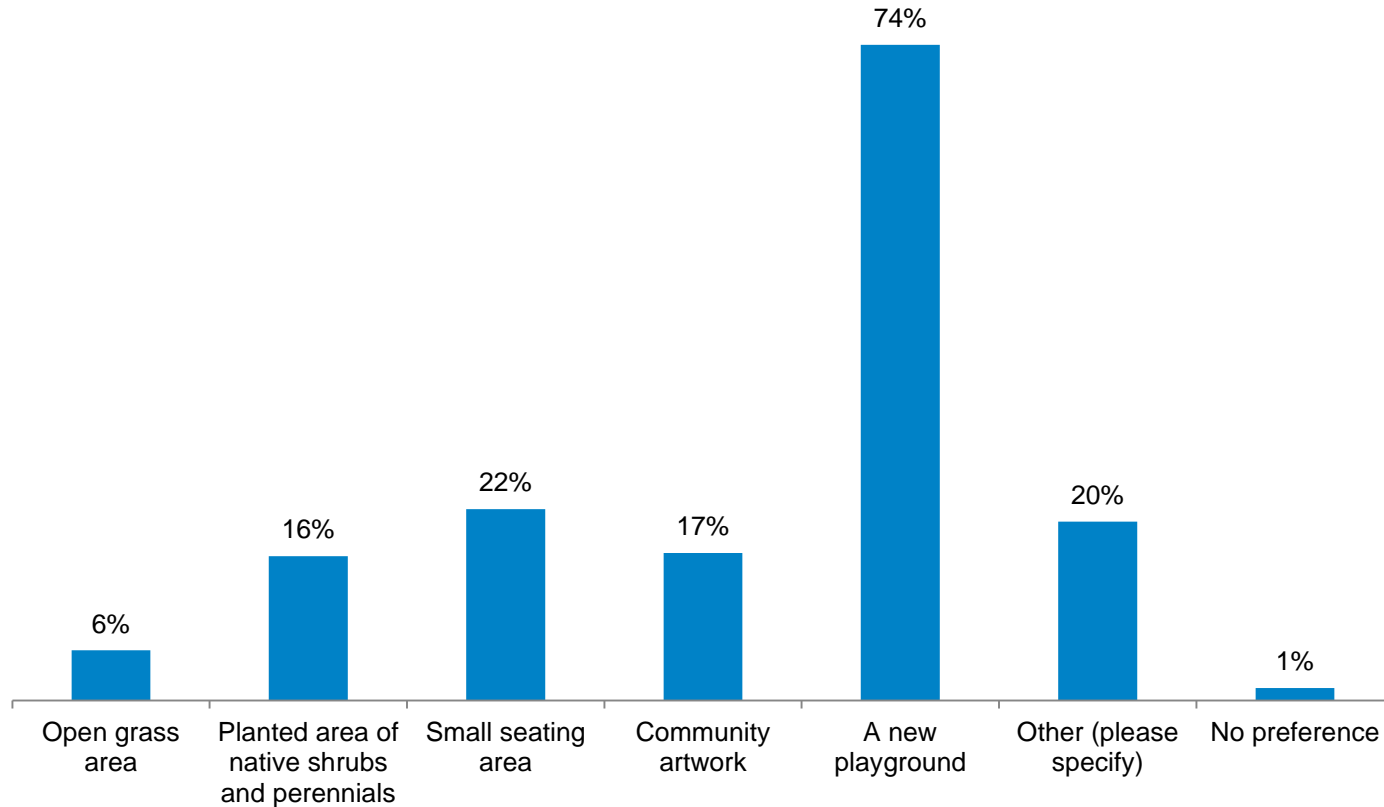
Questionnaire Topline Results



Preferred Options for the Site



There may be plans to renew the Clark Park east 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=283)



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 Clark Park east location once the structure is removed. What would you like to see in place of the current structure?”

Fenced Dog
Park

Picnic
Tables

Exercise
Equipment

More
Lighting

A family picnic
and BBQ area

Water Park

Restore and
Repair
Current



General Comments

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

Unfortunately, a seating area will attract loiterers. No matter what is done, I think it would be beneficial to install more garbage cans.

The playground is an integral part for the kids at Stratford Hall and new playground would also be beneficial for the families in the area.

Nature-based playground with stumps, logs, & rocks surrounded by native shrubs.

East van needs more play areas to encourage an increase in activity, especially in the very urban area in there between commercial and Clark.

Need space for outdoor, social eating, It would be nice to have outdoor public gas BBQ`s like they do in Australia.



General Comments

The old concrete "splashpad" just west of the playground also needs to be removed. This no longer operational and is an eyesore for the park. A new splashpad would be fantastic.

This northeast area is very dark and we in the neighbourhood have repeatedly asked for my lighting and the removal of some of the trees and shrubbery at the edge of the sidewalk going up the northeast side.

Would be good if plants were suitable/high value for pollinators and native species.

The area of the playground is extremely dark (always in the shade). It might make sense to trim back branches on some of the trees.

Replacing the unused wading pool and play structure with a splashpad would be ideal given the influx of young families into the neighbourhood.

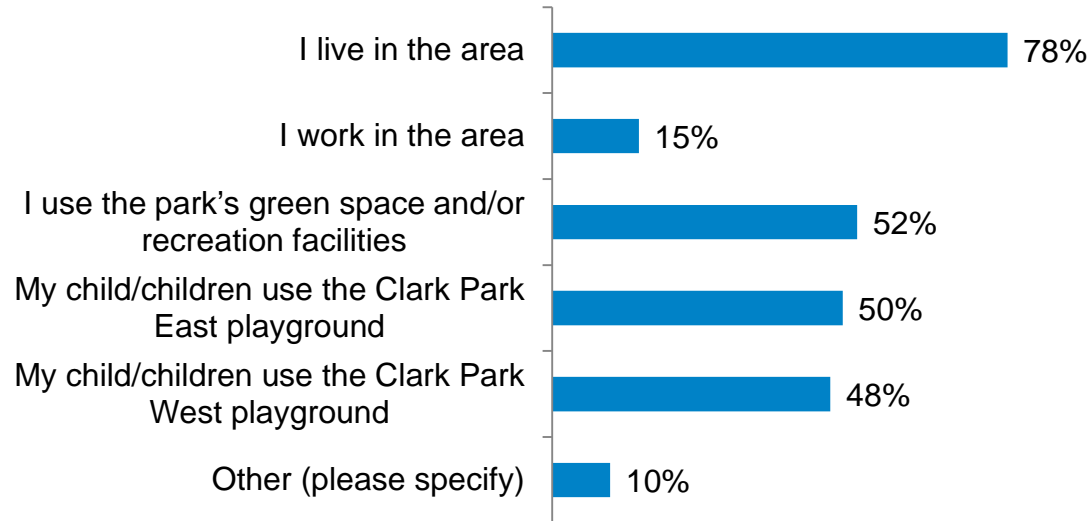


Demographics

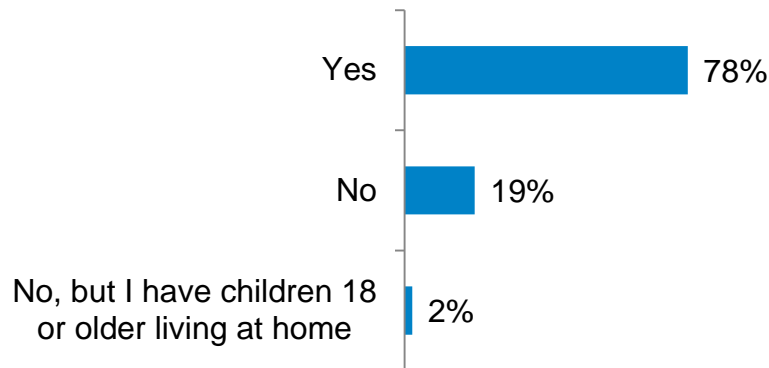


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Connection to Clark Park



Children at Home Under 18



Age of Children at Home Under 18 (n=222)

