



Guelph Park 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 central wooden play structure in Guelph Park. The Vancouver Park Board is removing the central play structure in the spring of 2016 due to 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 148 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 Guelph Park (84%).
- 39% of respondents have children under the age of 18 living at home. Of these children, 72% are under 5 years old.
- 60% of respondents do not have children under the age of 18.

Preferred Options for the Site

- 48% of respondents would like to see a new playground replace the structure being removed, with some also interested in having an off-leash dog area and additional community garden space.



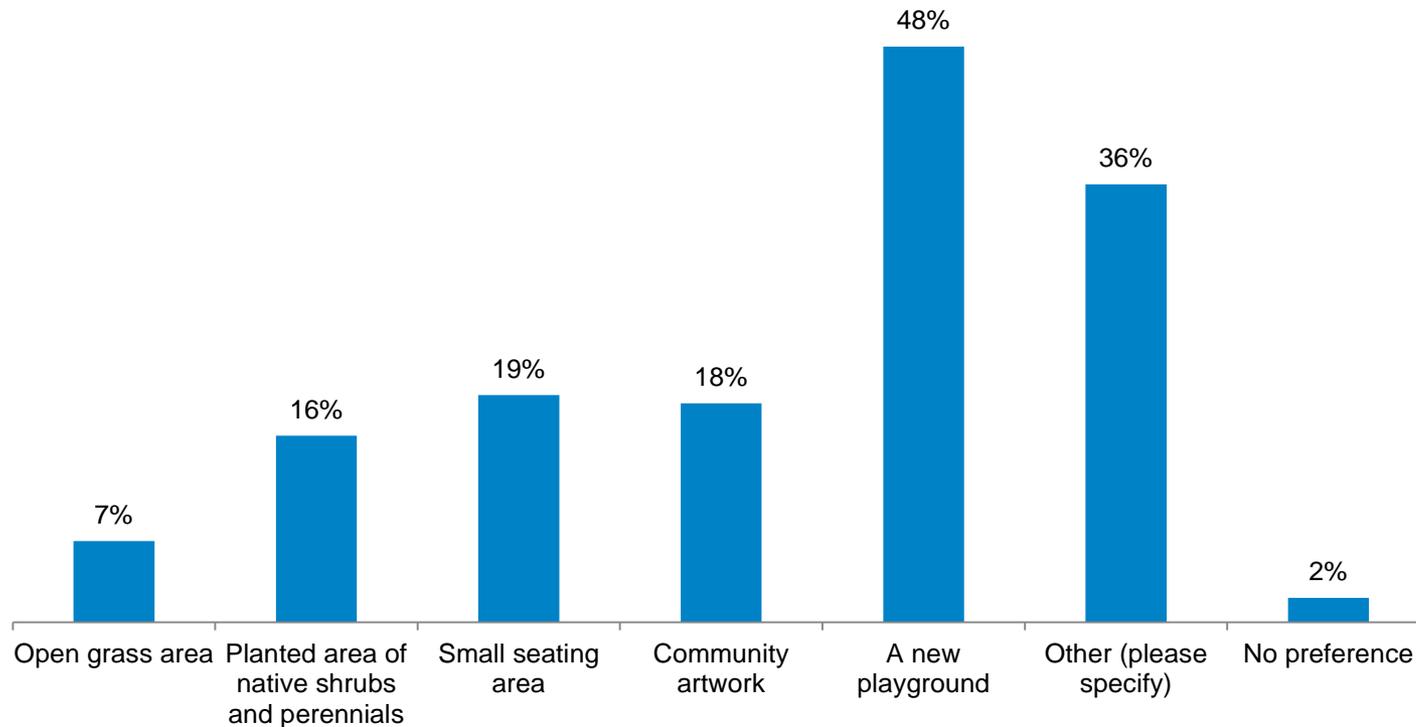
Questionnaire Topline Results



Preferred Options for the Site



There may be plans to renew the Guelph Park central playground 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=148)



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

“Additional community garden space”

“Outdoor fitness equipment”

“Bocce ball pitch”

“Waterpark”

“Off-leash dog area”

“Natural play area”



General Comments

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

“If this site is too small for a dog park, please build another in the neighborhood. We need a place to go where we won't be ticketed.”

“A playground with more baby swings - these structures are often very busy and there is a line for the baby swings.”

“The waiting list for the existing community garden is over 50 people long. More garden space would be great!”

“Me and my family love spending time there in the summer. Lots of kids play there. Parents like having various places they can sit. Maybe a few picnic tables as well.”

“The older play structure was better for younger children (toddlers). Playgrounds for different ages is needed!”



General Comments

We love this area and would use it more if there were activities targeting children under 5. We love our village of pemberton junior bike park - easy, low cost but a splash pad would be particularly awesome.

“Because of the location of the swings and the playground, that middle area is going to be used a lot by the kids. Having a natural play area with shrubs, boulders and logs would be a fun space for them and would add to the nature element of the park.”

“There are currently no off-leash dog parks in Mount Pleasant and Guelph Park would offer a perfect central location that dog owner in the neighborhood could all walk to. Thanks!”

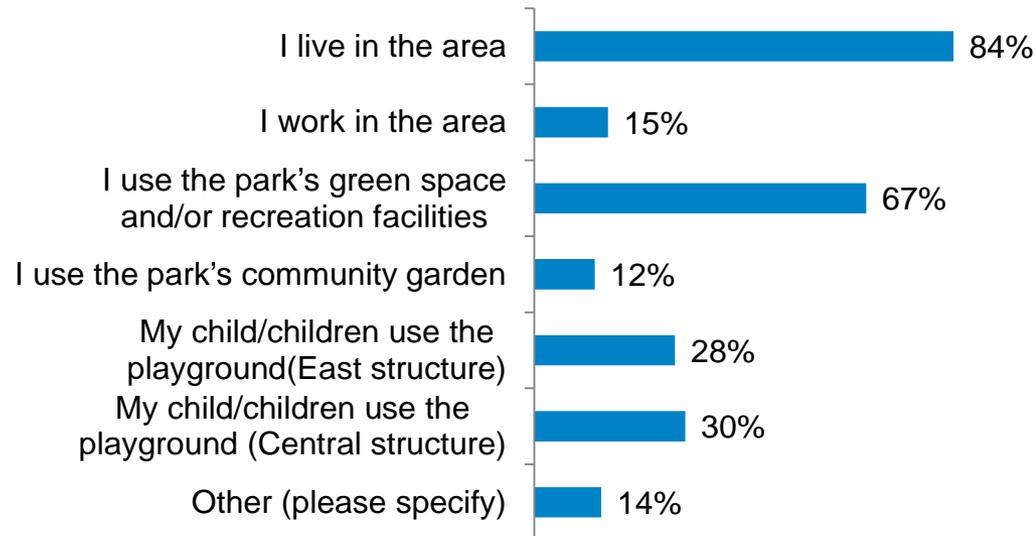


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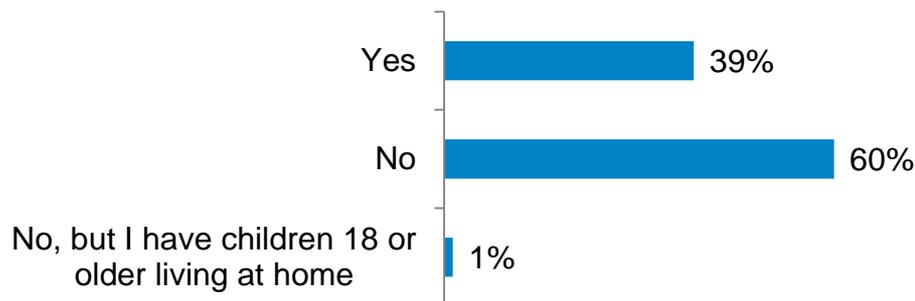


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Connection to Guelph Park



Children at Home Under 18



Ages of Children at Home Under 18 (n=57)

