



Riverfront Park West 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 Riverfront Park West Playground located at E Kent Avenue and Elliott St. The Vancouver Park Board proposed to remove the 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 the form of 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 227 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 (87%).
- Approximately 55% of respondents have children under the age of 18 living at home. Of these children, 72% are under 5 years old.

Preferred Options for the Site

The majority of respondents would like to see a new playground replace the structure being removed (79%), with some also interested in having a small seating area. Other common suggestions were swings and a park for young people.



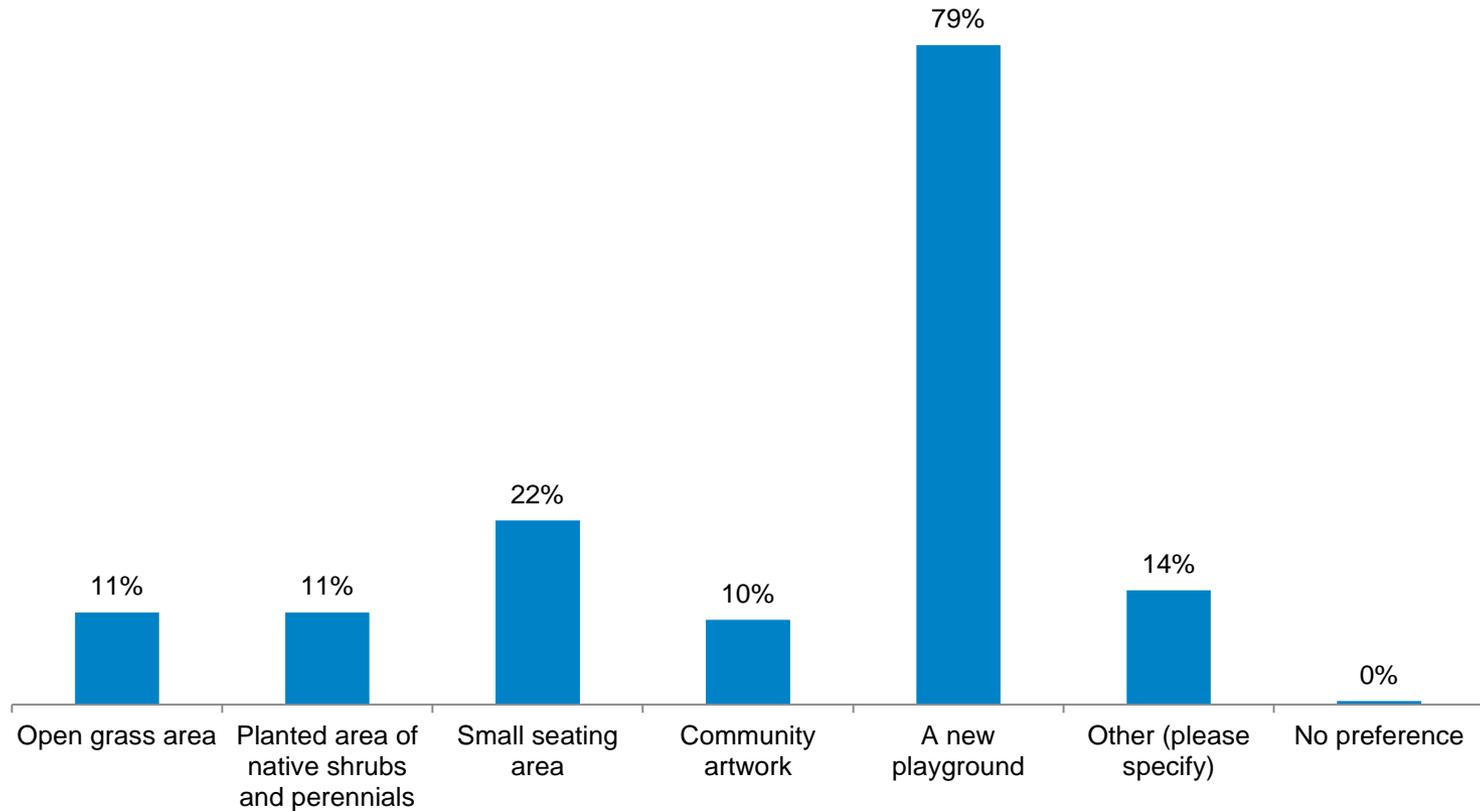
Questionnaire Topline Results



Preferred Options for the Site



There may be plans to renew the Riverfront Park West 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=227)



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

“Dog off-leash
area”

“Improved
Drainage”

“Swings”

“Park for young
people”

“Fix up the park that is
already there”

“Outdoor
Workout
Circuit.”



General Comments

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

“The two parks referenced in the diagram are for kids aged 5 and up. This park is appropriate for 1 - 3 year olds. Given the high density living here, many, many families have children in this age group and use this park.”

“There are a lot of children who play on these playgrounds. If they are removed where do they go?”

“There are many children in the nearby townhouse developments and this is very well used by the neighborhood.”

“This play area is used by very young children/toddlers and the play area and structure are a good fit for this younger age group and the only one in the area that is suitable.”

“This area has offered a good, safe alternative to the larger playground, especially for very young children.”



Additional Comments

“There are lots of children and families around here, and not very many playgrounds in the riverfront area. The River District needs more services, not less, please put in a new and improved playground!”

“We use this little playground all the time, as do my neighbours with kids. Not many of us have backyards down here and we need playgrounds like this.”

“Keep the playground.”

“This neighbourhood has become very family oriented and there needs to be common community space for the children to play and parents to mingle. Most of housing is condos without play areas for the children.”

“There are so many kids in this neighbourhood. We need to keep playgrounds in the area.”

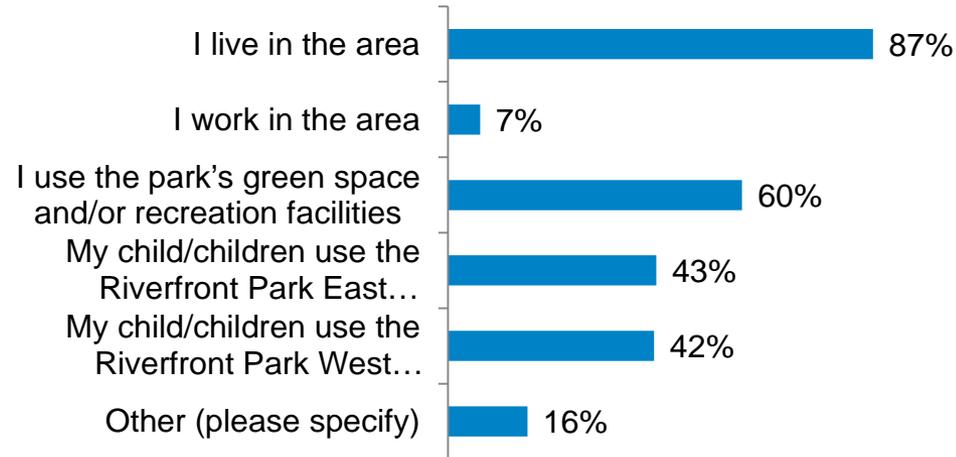


Demographics

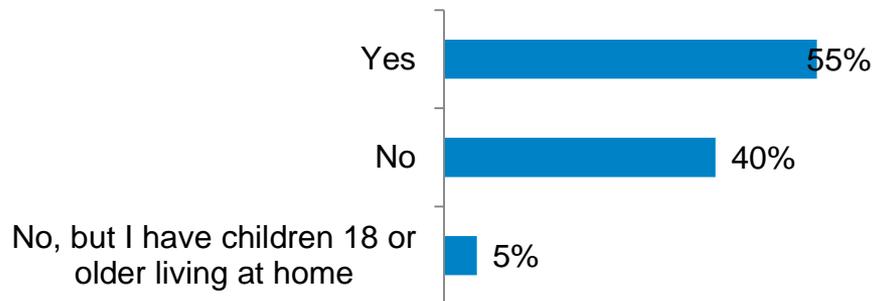


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Connection to Riverfront Park West



Children at Home Under 18



Ages of Children at Home Under 18 (n=125)

