



China Creek North Open House 2 Public Engagement

Summary of Findings
June 2017





Consultation Overview

- This summary provides an overview of feedback from community members following China Creek North Park Improvements Open House 2, on the concept design regarding the China Creek North Park Renewal project. Main focal points include playground design, the staircase in the northwest corner of the park, the new accessible pathway connecting to the playground in the southwest corner of the park, general site improvements for universal accessibility, the new pump-house and washrooms in the southeast corner, and the proposed interpretive panel on the exterior building wall.
- Members of the public were asked to provide feedback about upgrades, at China Creek Open House 2, and in an online questionnaire. The feedback questionnaire ran during May 2017, on the City's online public engagement platform Talk Vancouver. Feedback was also obtained via pen-and-paper questionnaires at the open house on May 25th, 2017.
- A total of 123 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 China Creek North Park Renewal project page on the City of Vancouver website.

How did we reach out?

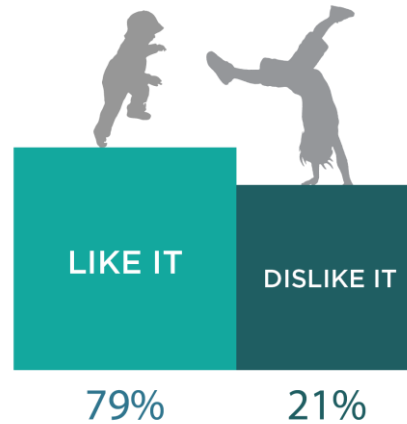
- Residents were notified using multiple forums, including:
 - Flyers distributed throughout the neighbourhood proximate to the site (2-block radius);
 - Advertising on City of Vancouver Park Board website; and
 - Large posters at the playground site



Playground Design

Overall, community members are in favor of the new playground design.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE
NEW PLAYGROUND DESIGN?



HOW CAN THE
PLAYGROUND
BE
IMPROVED?

THEME:
"It looks
completely man
made and not
'natural' as people
had asked for."

SURFACING:
"The colours are a
bit garish. I would
prefer something
more natural and
fitting in with the
foliage and
biology of the
area."

EDUCATION:
"Need more
education about
historical site
significance, flora,
fauna. Geared to
different ages, and
multi-lingual."

SEGREGATION:
"I would like to see
a barrier between
the running path
and the kids
playground to
prevent kids from
running into
joggers."

RISK ELEMENT:
"The play structure
needs to include a
"risk" element like
the very popular
one in Terra Nova,
Richmond."

**CLIMBING
STRUCTURE:**
"Need a proper
climbing structure
with rope ladders,
stairs, slides, poles.
Hill grade is too
flat for net feature
to be fun."

SWINGS:
"Add more swings -
at least four total. I
know they take up a
lot of space but kids
loooove them."

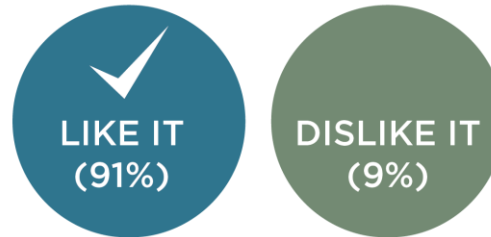
- 20% of respondents (9 of 45) who commented on the new playground design stated their desire for more swings
- 40% of respondents (18 of 45) who commented on the new playground design disliked the playground color scheme



Staircase

Overall, community members are in favor of the new staircase.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE DESIGN
FOR THE NEW STAIRCASE IN THE
NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE PARK?



FEEDBACK ON
THE STAIR-
CASE DESIGN?

UNNECESSARY
AND UNNATURAL:
"it takes up green
space and
tobogganing
space. Will create
drainage issues."

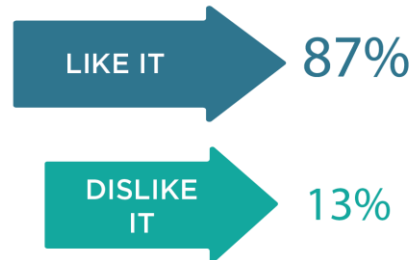
LOCATION:
"Should be along
7th Ave. No
connection with
ramp further south
and Great North-
ern Way."



Accessible Pathway

Overall, community members are in favor of the accessible pathway.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE DESIGN FOR
THE NEW ACCESSIBLE PATHWAY
CONNECTING TO THE PLAYGROUND IN THE
SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE PARK?



FEEDBACK ON ACCESSIBLE PATHWAY?

ENVIRONMENTAL:
"It cements too
much green space.
Leave things
natural, please."

UNDERUSED:
"The 8% slope, number
of switchbacks and
connection to gravel
pathway will dissuade
its intended user. Many
will just bypass the
path."

SPACE HOG:
"It takes up too
much hillspace and
interferes with
tobogganing/sit-
ting/picnicing/
dog playing."

**EXPLORE OTHER
OPTIONS:**
"Can't people just
access the park
from the side?"



Universal Accessibility

Overall, community members are in favor of the universal accessibility.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE SITE
IMPROVEMENTS FOR UNIVERSAL
ACCESSIBILITY?

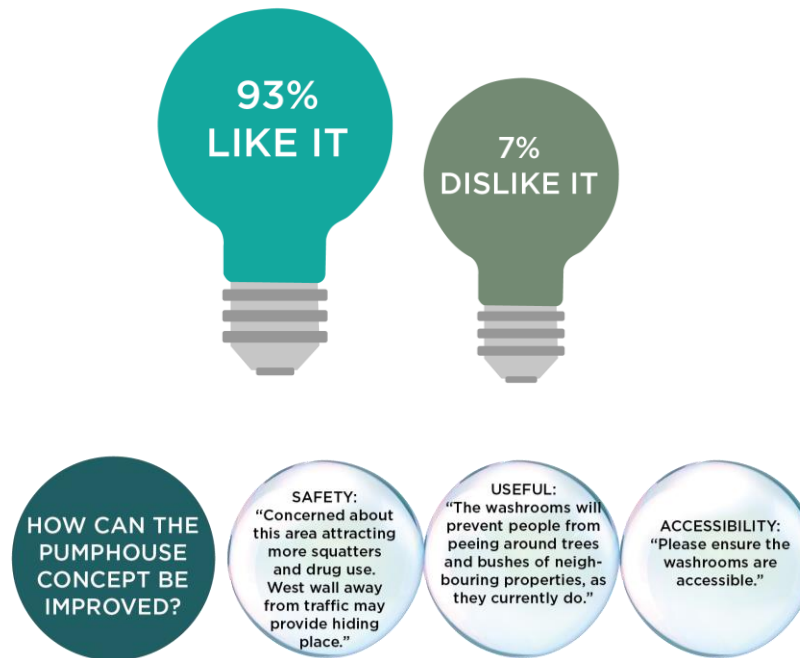




Pumphouse Concept

Overall, community members are in favor of the pumphouse concept.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE CONCEPT SHOWN FOR A NEW PUMPHOUSE AND WASHROOMS IN THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE PARK?

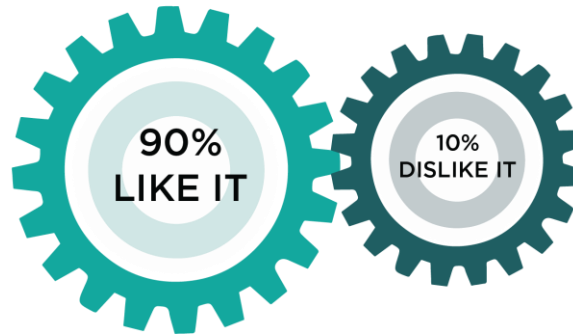




Proposed Interpretive Panel

Overall, community members are in favor of the proposed interpretive panel.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE PROPOSED
INTERPRETIVE PANEL ON THE EXTERIOR BUILDING
WALL?



HOW CAN THE
INTERPRETIVE
PANEL BE
IMPROVED?

OLDER HISTORY:
"As a City of
Reconciliation,
older pre-colonial
history should be
highlighted."

ECOLOGICAL
KNOWLEDGE:
"This used to be a
main stop for migrat-
ing birds. Flora, fauna,
historical hunting, and
sustainable systems
should be highlight-
ed."

ALTERNATIVE:
"A bouldering wall
with overhang for
rainy days or public
art/mural, or a green
wall."