



Creekside Park Playground Upgrade

Summary of Findings
January 2015





Questionnaire Overview

- A questionnaire was used to gather preliminary data on residents' usage patterns of the current Creekside Park, to determine their preferred site for the park renewal and to evaluate which playground features are most desirable in the renewed park.
- The questionnaire ran from December 3 to December 15, 2014.
- A total of 90 respondents completed the questionnaire. The questionnaire was accessed in the following ways:
 - Open invitation to the general public via the Creekside Park Renewal project page on the City of Vancouver website;
 - A paper version of the questionnaire, made available at an open house event that took place at Creekside Community Centre on December 3, 2014.
 - To advertise the consultation, the Park Board placed ads in local papers, fliers were delivered to local preschools in the area to give out to parents, a display was set up in Creekside Community Centre, and messaging was put out through the City and Park Board social media accounts.

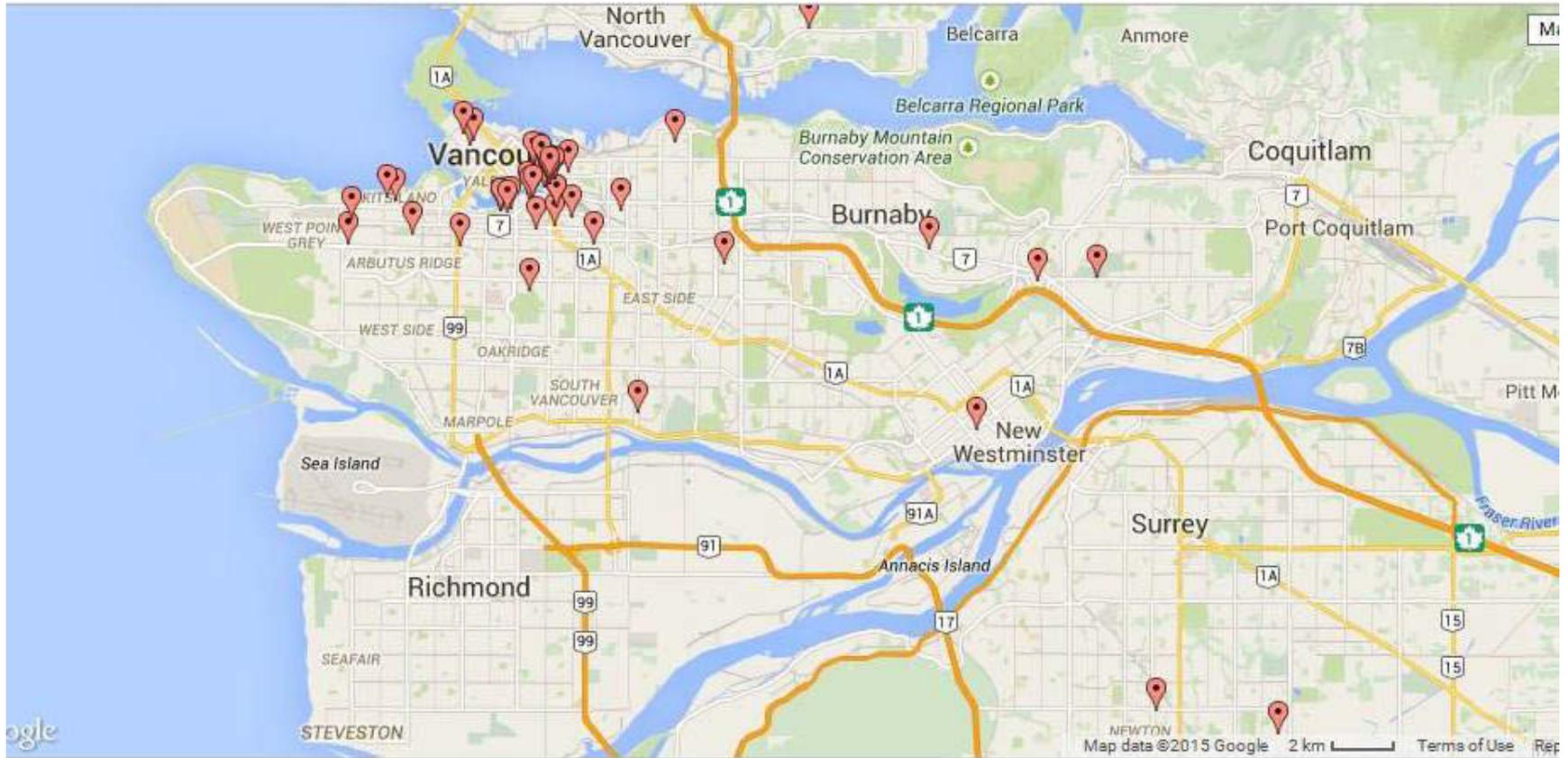
Who did we hear from?

- While many of the questionnaire respondents are residents in the immediate neighbourhood surrounding Creekside Park (with postal codes beginning with V6A), there are also many respondents from areas outside the immediate neighbourhood (please see map on the next slide for residents' location based on home postal code).
- Most respondents (75%) fall into the 20-50 year age category, with a few respondents in the 12 or under age category (4%) and in the over 50 age group (21%). We did not have any respondents in the 13-19 age group.



Questionnaire Overview

The map below shows the respondents' home location based on their home postal code provided in the questionnaire.





Summary of Results

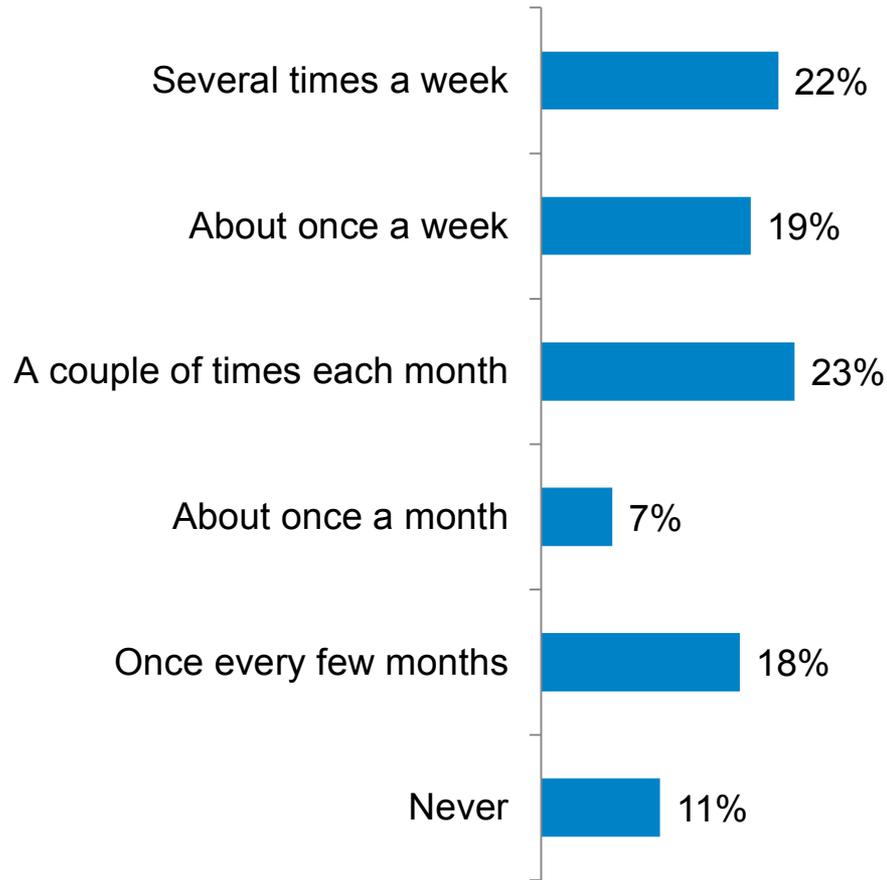


- A majority of respondents are regular users of Creekside Park, visiting this park at least a few times a month or more often.
- Location “B” is the preferred location for the proposed new playground, with a majority who selected this option.
- The top five playground elements that respondents say are important to have in the renewed Creekside Park Playground are:
 - Bridge climber
 - Ship and zip line
 - Whale slide
 - Sand and water play
 - Picnic tables





Frequency of Visits to Creekside Park Playground

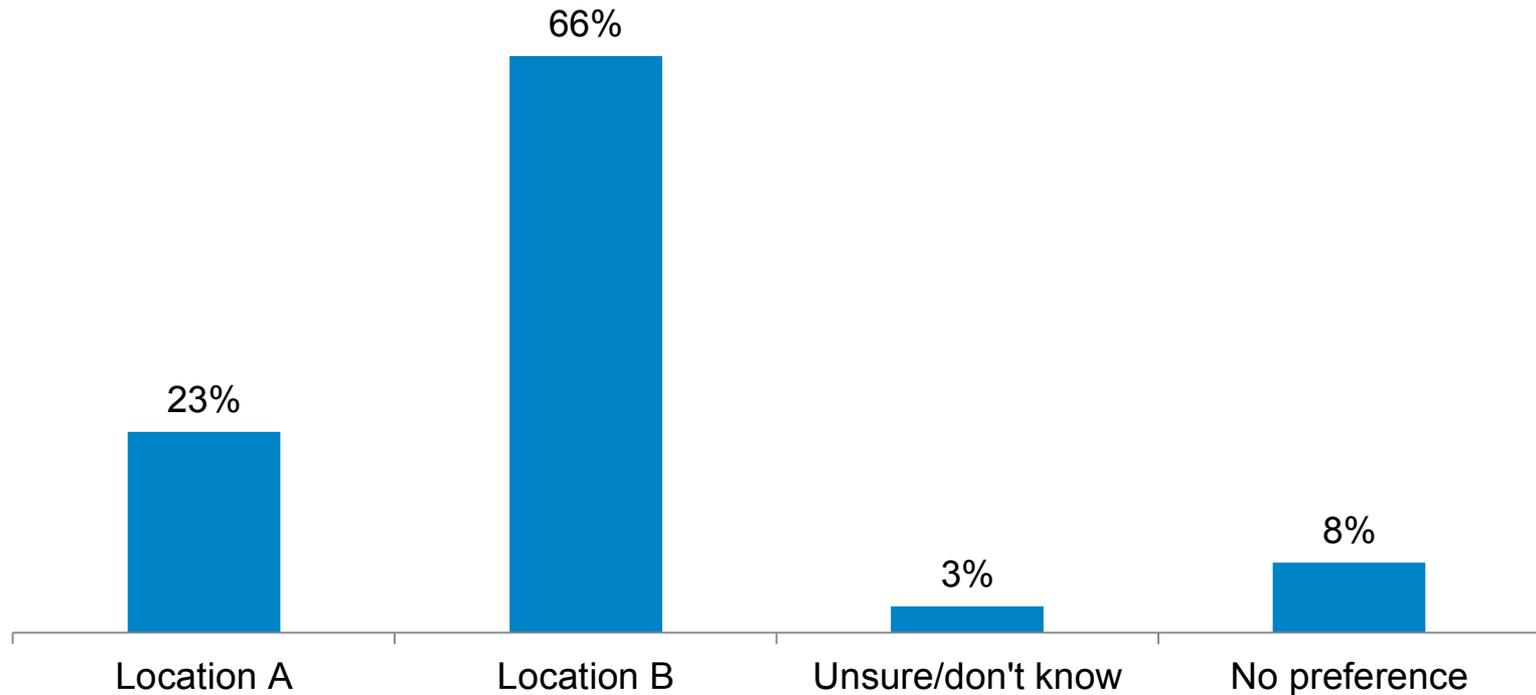


Base: All respondents (n=90)

How often do you visit the playground at Creekside Park?



Preferred Location for New Playground

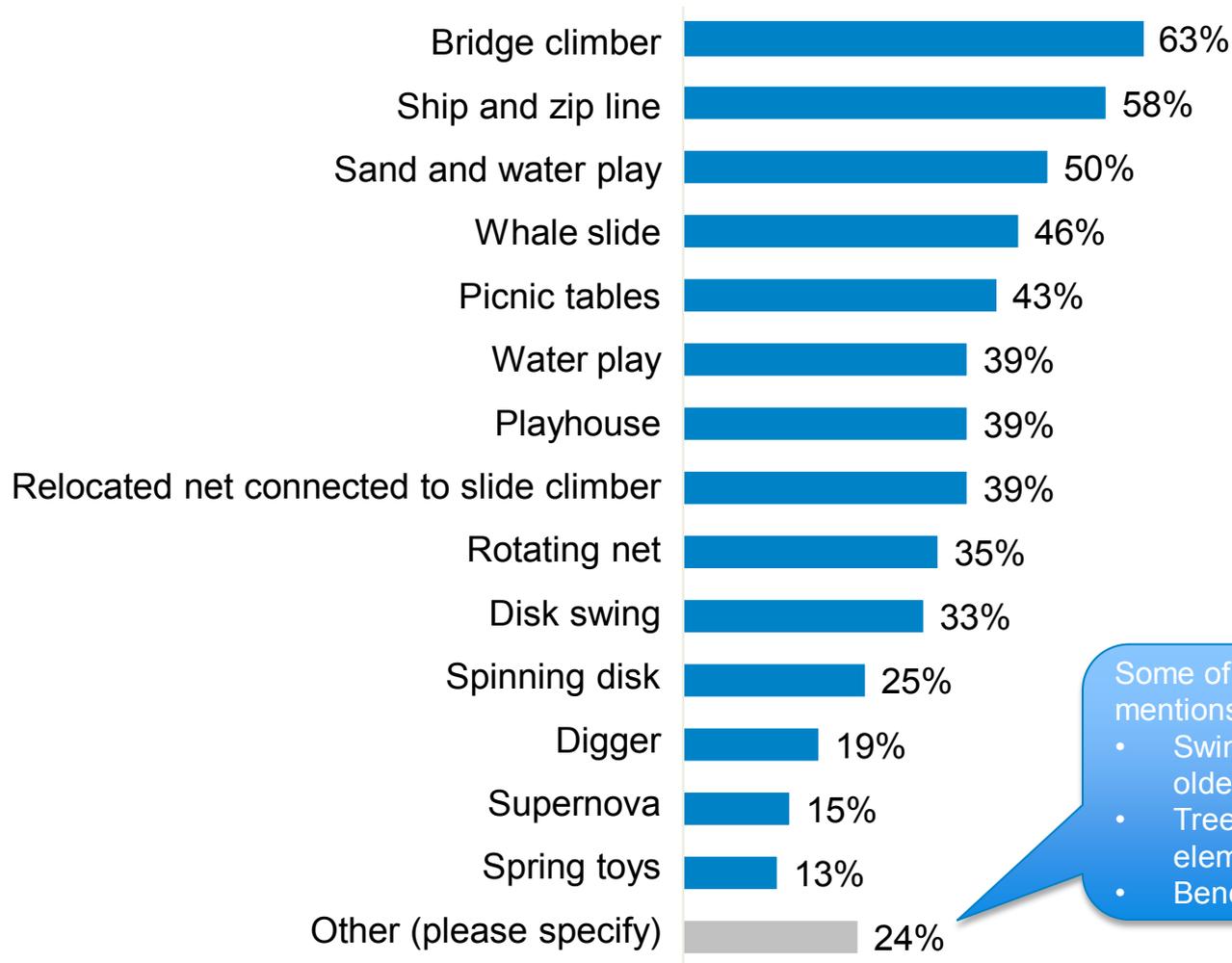


Base: All respondents (n=90)

Which location in Creekside Park do you think is best suited for the new playground? (Please refer to aerial photo below)



Important Features for Renewed Playground



Some of the common 'other' mentions include:

- Swings (for both younger & older children)
- Trees, rocks, boulders (natural elements)
- Benches

Base: All respondents (n=72)

Which of the following features are most important to you to have included in the renewed Creekside Park playground? You can choose from equipment shown in either of the concepts (e.g. sand play area, climbing structures, swings) or features you have seen in other playgrounds. Select all that apply.



Positive Features of Current Creekside Playground

The following are some of the comments received for the question “What are the features you like about the existing playground?”

“The slide, car made from wood, location, benches around the park.”

“The climbing net, the wobbly bridge and the wooden play house.”

“The relatively new climbing structure is good. Everything else is fine, no complaints, but it could certainly be improved.”

“Variety of play experiences. There is great proximity to where I live and to Science World. But the bikes travel fast downhill and there have been near collisions with little ones who wander.”

“The new pyramid is nice - but the other equipment does need an overhaul.”

“The location. The wooden house and car are great for imaginative play.

Now my daughter is nine, I would like to see some facilities designed for older kids too.”



Positive Features of Current Creekside Playground

The following are some of the comments received for the question “What is your favourite playground? What is it about that playground that you especially like?”

“False Creek elementary school. Variety of equipment for a range of ages.”

“Coopers park playground right under the Cambie street bridge. We especially like the tunnel slide.”

“Granville Island. Lots of other kids, water park in summer, water sandbox feature. close to seawall, grassy are, trees and coffee for my parents. no danger from cars.”

“Kitsilano Beach Park, Commercial Drive Park, Centennial Beach in Delta are great playgrounds. Their layout, variety of activity and natural surroundings are what make these great.”

“The new Terra Nova playground. Especially like the range of features, something for many different ages.”

“Whistler town center playground is great. So is the Olympic Village park one. Inclusion of natural elements, or reflect sense of place, unique to location. Elements where multiple children can play together vs. waiting for turns at a single use toy.”



Final Comments

The following are some of the comments received for the question “Do you have any other comments?”

“Seats for parents are important too, plus flooring to be able to push a stroller up to the area.”

“Having trees close by is very important especially in summer.”

“I’m concerned that Location A is too close to the vehicle access to Science Worlds loading bay where big trucks roll in and out with poor sight lines for little ones running about.”

“Please include swing sets! Kids love swings, but so many new parks are being built without them. All parents/kids in the area that I have talked to really want a swing set at the Creekside playground.”

“Would like the new play are to have a rubber base. I have on more than one occasion found needles/syringes in the bark mulch that is there at present.”

“I would like plenty of trees to be planted in the playground area. Especially in the summer time, it is important for mothers and young children to have shade to rest so that they can play for a long time.”