



**McLoughlin Amenity Funds:
Waterfront Parks – Public
Engagement Results**

Esquimalt Gorge Park and Saxe Point
Park

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Round 3 Waterfront Parks Engagement Summary

The proposed waterfront park improvements include a multi-purpose building, a fenced dog off leash area, and additional parking and landscaping for Esquimalt Gorge Park. In addition, there is a proposal to build a boardwalk within Saxe Point Park. Initial concept design plans were developed to facilitate further analysis and allow for the development of preliminary capital and operating budget estimates.

These initial concept plans were presented to Esquimalt residents and park users to gather feedback on the concepts and how they could be used.

Round 3 engagement began with the online survey that was open from September 11 to 29. There were also two open houses, of which the first took place at Esquimalt Gorge Park on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 from 6 to 8 PM. The second open house was at the Esquimalt Recreation Centre on Thursday, September 19, 2019, from 6 to 8 PM and child minding was available.

In total, 1,018 respondents participated in the survey and more than 200 people attended the open houses.

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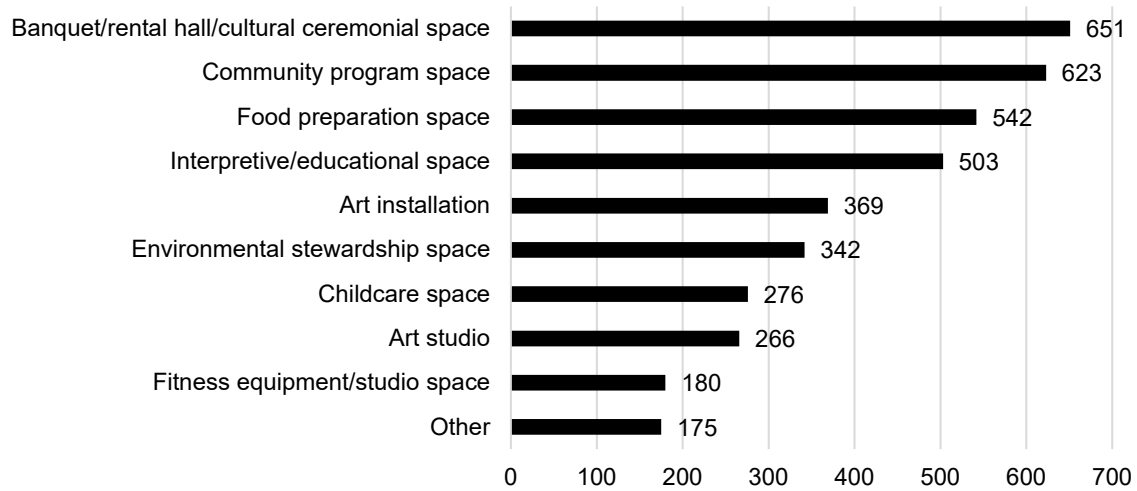
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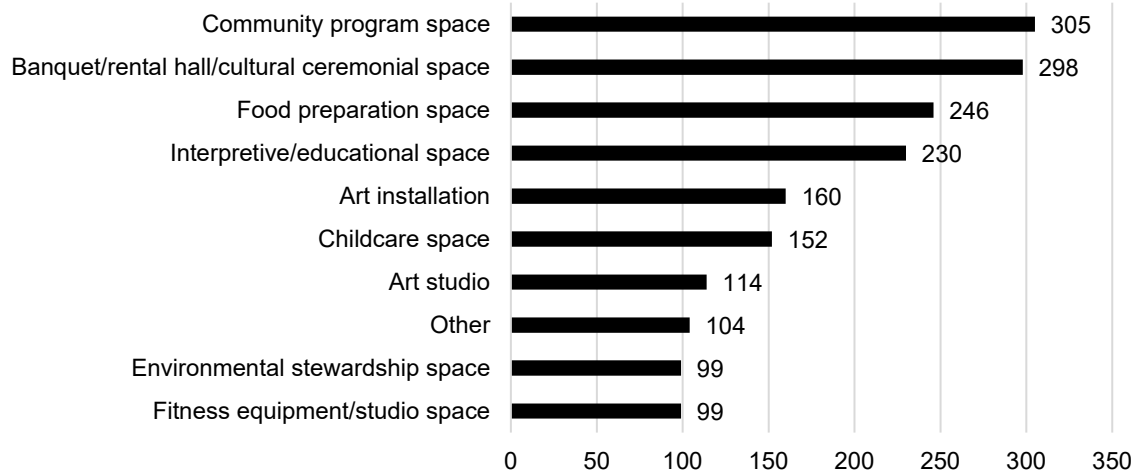


What elements do you prefer within the INTERIOR space?

All Respondents



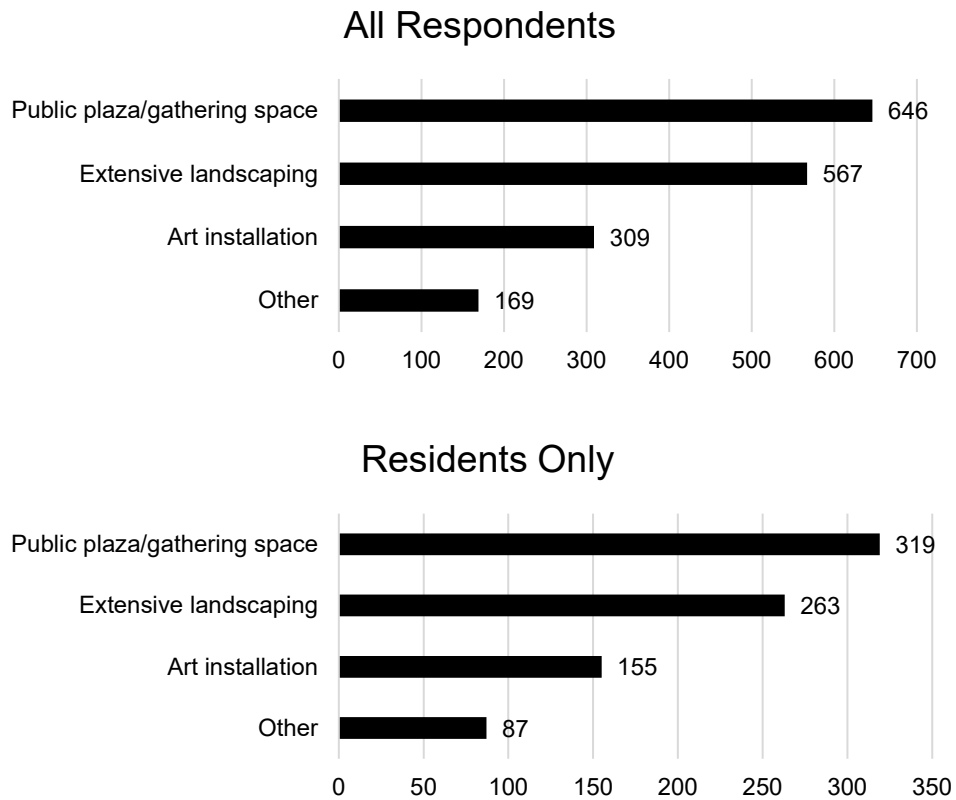
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Exterior Elements

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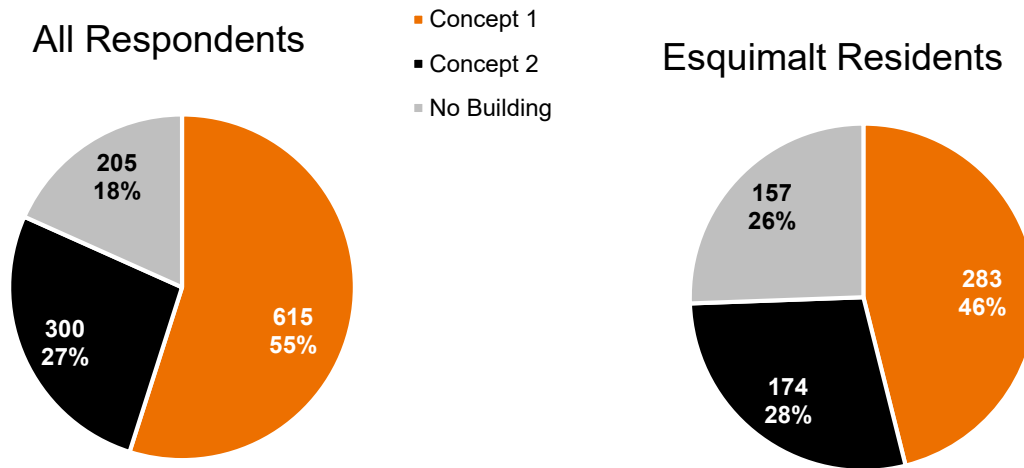
What elements do you prefer for the EXTERIOR space?



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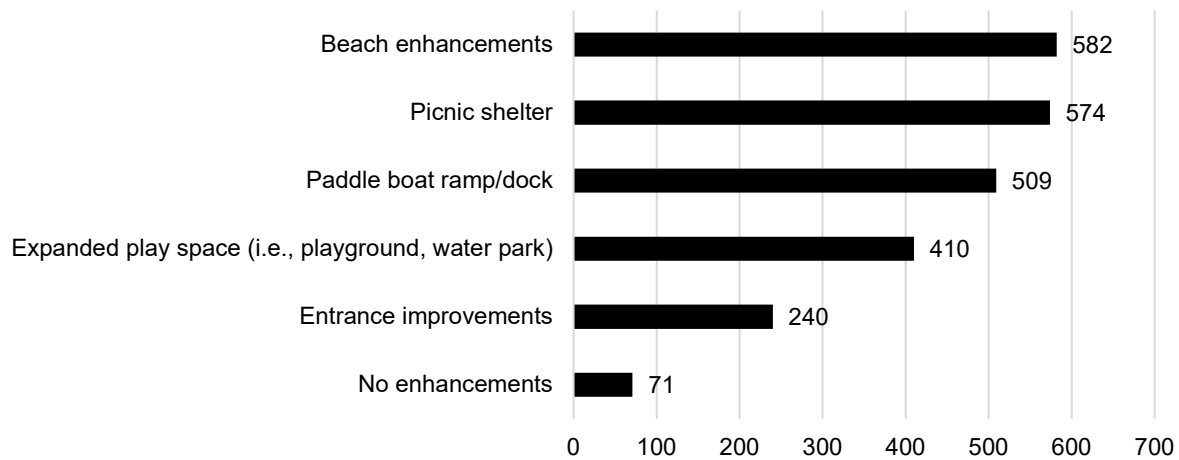


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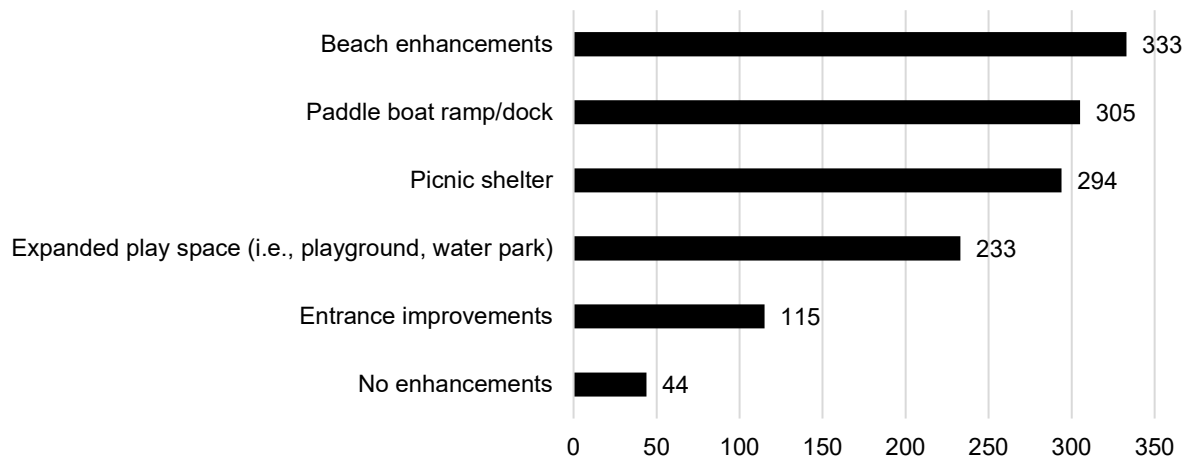
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All Respondents



Esquimalt Residents

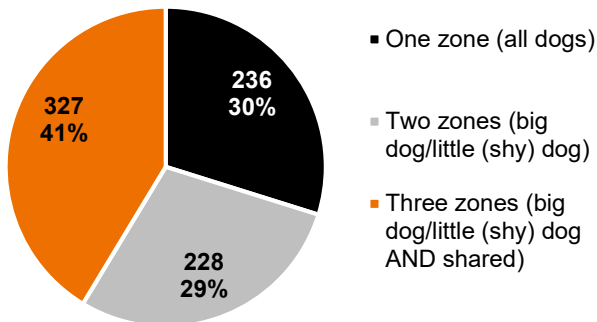


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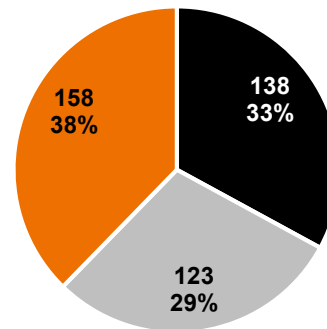
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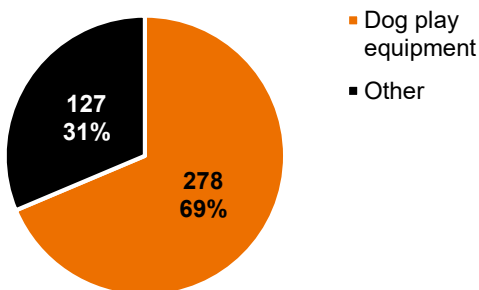
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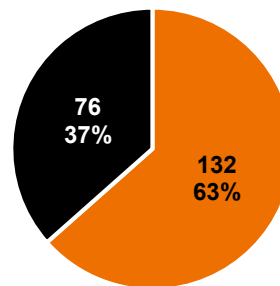
Additional Elements

Should a dog park be established, it will include a water fountain station (for dogs and humans), bag station, refuse station, dog wash station, and benches/seating. What other elements, if any, would you prefer included with the dog park? Select your preferences (multiple selections permitted)

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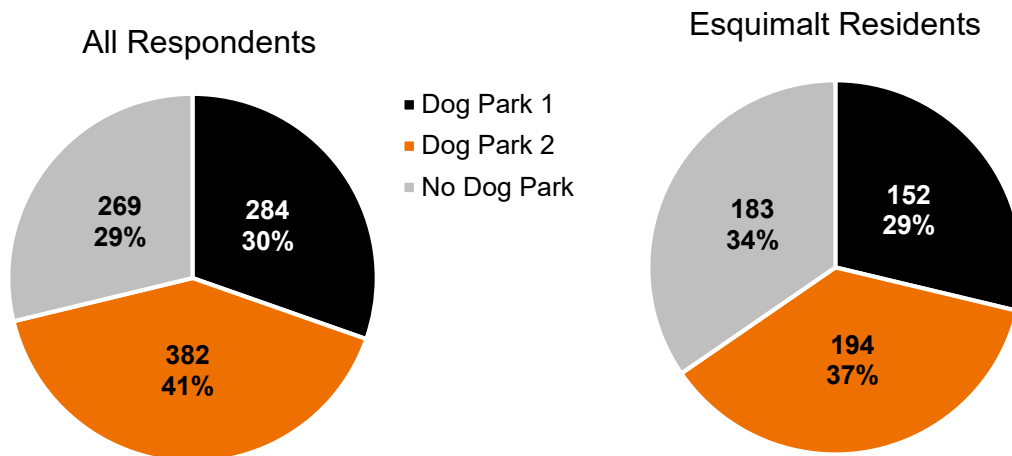
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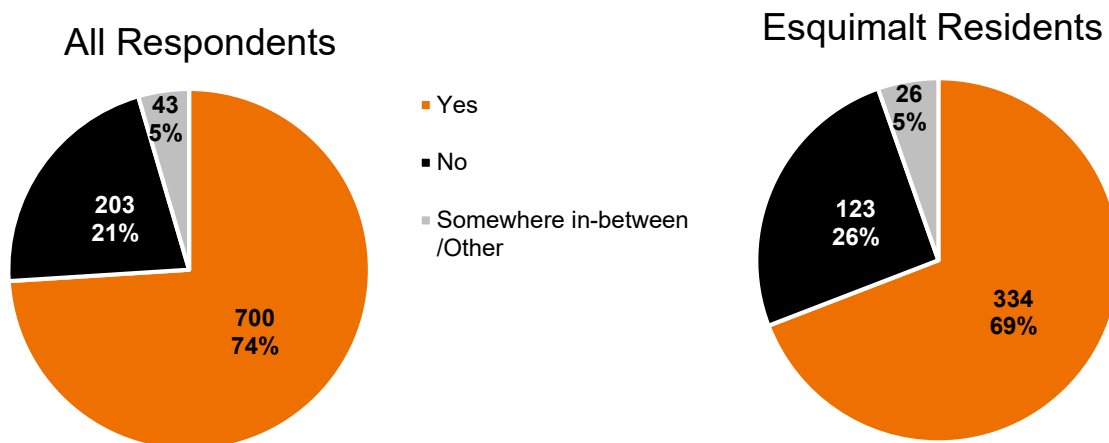
Which dog park concept do you prefer?



SAXE POINT PARK BOARDWALK CONCEPT & TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

Loop Trail, Boardwalk and Lookout

Do you like the concept of developing a boardwalk and lookout area to complete a loop trail in Saxe Point Park?



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Introduction

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Township of Esquimalt received a one-time contribution of \$17M from the Capital Regional District (CRD) as part of the McLoughlin Point Amenity Reserve Funds. Of that contribution, \$7M have been designated to be invested in capital improvements to waterfront parks. All funds must be invested within roughly five years. After undertaking two rounds of public engagement, the Township used the resulting community feedback to create a list of themed projects to consider for funding. At a high level, project ideas had to benefit the entire community; meet diverse community needs; achieve multiple purposes and uses; support healthy lifestyle choices and connect people to each other and the natural environment.

On January 23, Council approved selection criteria for the evaluation and scoring of the multiple projects identified during the two rounds of public engagement and directed staff to apply the selection criteria to the projects.

On March 25, Council reviewed the evaluated projects and further refined the list of project ideas. For waterfront parks the project ideas included:

- Multi-purpose venue integrating a possible Japanese concept at Esquimalt's Gorge Park
- Boardwalk and/or pathway connections at Saxe Point Park
- Dog-related enhancement at Esquimalt's Gorge Park

Initial concept design plans were developed to facilitate further analysis and allow for the development of preliminary capital and operating budget estimates. These initial concept plans were presented to Esquimalt residents and park users to gather feedback on the concepts and how they could be used.

This document summarizes the input heard through Round 3 of the community engagement process for Waterfront Parks. The raw data and all comments received from both the online survey and the open house boards are available in the appendices of this report.

Online survey results were combined with data reported at the open houses via presentation boards. There is a margin of error with the potential for duplicate respondents. The assumption was made that open house respondents are residents of Esquimalt and that data was included in the residents only charts.



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What We Did

2.0 WHAT WE DID

To raise awareness of the engagement events and opportunities we used several communication channels:

- Township of Esquimalt website
- Township of Esquimalt social media (Facebook, Twitter, Parks & Recreation Instagram)
- Digital displays at the Municipal Hall, Esquimalt Recreation Centre and Archie Browning Sports Centre
- Recreation Centre and Sports Centre roadside marquees Friday, September 6 to Sunday, September 27
- Recreation Centre & Sports Centre sandwich boards displayed in recreation facilities
- In-park signage
- Hand drop/mail out of printed announcement to residents on Gosper Crescent, Sioux Place and Forshaw Road
- Township and Parks & Recreation Department e-newsletter (distribution to 12,000+ subscribers)
- News release issued September 10, subsequent articles published in Victoria News and Times Colonist
- Mention in the Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce newsletter
- Paid social media ads
- Updates in the Current newsletter

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In total, 1,018 respondents participated in the survey and more than 200 people attended the open houses.

Demographic data was collected for the online survey respondents only and this information is presented in Appendix A and Appendix B.



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What We Did

Both the open house boards and the online survey posed the following questions to participants:

1. Previous public input highlighted additional enhancements for Esquimalt Gorge Park, captured below. Select your preferences (select as many options as are preferable):
 - Paddle boat ramp/dock
 - Expanded play space i.e., playground, water park
 - Entrance improvements
 - Beach enhancements
 - Picnic shelter
 - No enhancements
2. Generally, which building concept do you prefer? Select one:
 - Concept 1
 - Concept 2
 - No building
3. What elements do you prefer within the INTERIOR space? Select your preferences (select as many options as are preferable):
 - Art installation
 - Art studio
 - Banquet/rental hall/cultural ceremonial space
 - Childcare space
 - Community program space
 - Environmental stewardship space
 - Fitness equipment/studio space
 - Food preparation space
 - Interpretive/educational space
 - Other:
4. What elements do you prefer for the EXTERIOR space? Select your preferences (select as many options as are preferable):
 - Extensive landscaping
 - Public plaza/gathering space
 - Art installation
 - Other:
5. Which overall dog park do you prefer? Select one:
 - Concept 1
 - Concept 2
 - No dog park



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6. How do you prefer the space within the dog park divided? Select ONE zone:
 - One zone (all dogs)
 - Two zones (big dog/little (shy) dog)
 - Three zones (big dog/little (shy) dog AND shared)

7. Should a dog park be established, it will include a water foundation station (for dogs and humans), bag station, refuse station, dog wash station, and benches/seating. What other elements, if any, would you prefer included with the dog park? Select your preferences (multiple selections permitted):
 - Dog play equipment
 - Four parking spaces
 - No parking spaces
 - Other:

8. Do you like the concept of developing a boardwalk and lookout area to complete a loop trail in Saxe Point Park?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Other:



What We Heard

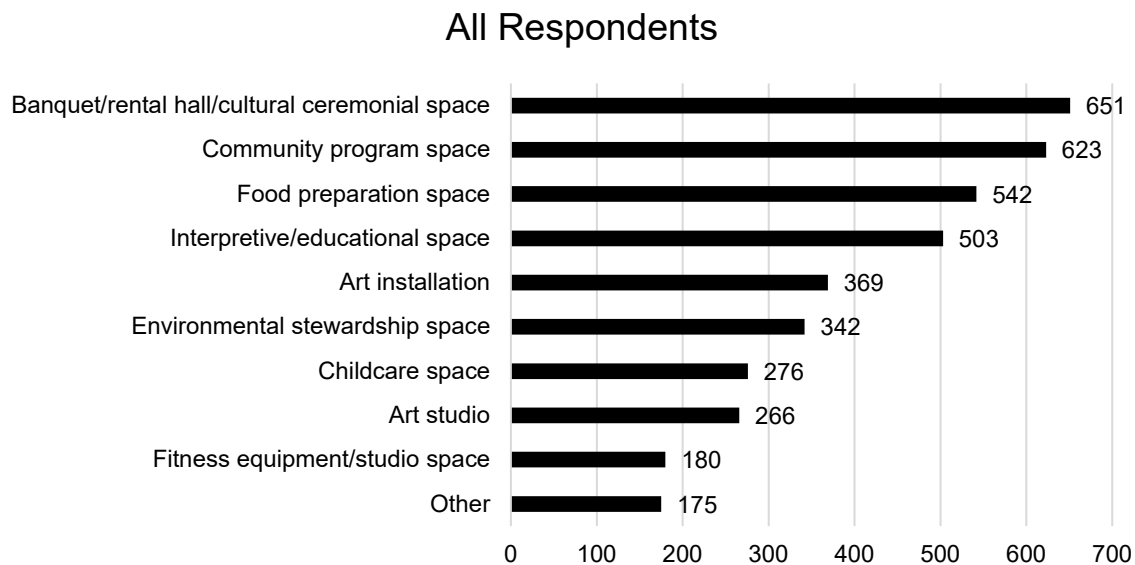
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3.1 ESQUIMALT GORGE PARK MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING

3.1.1 Interior Elements

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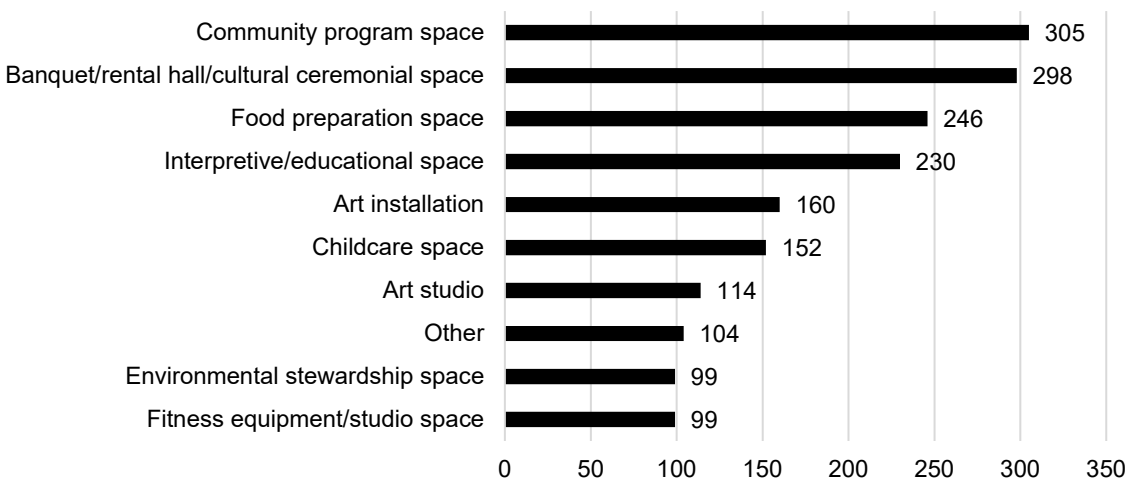
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Many respondents commented that the multi-purpose building did not match their expectations or hopes for a Japanese tea house. More Japanese elements were requested in the design, interior, or landscaping of the multi-purpose building including a designated space for tea ceremonies, tatami mat floor, and a zen or rock garden. There was also strong support for an interpretive space that would educate about the Japanese history of that area and contain historical artifacts and photos of the original tea house.

Some of the other suggestions and comments include:

- Pottery studio
- Heat and Wildfire refuge
- Indoor kids playground
- Wi-Fi
- Sports equipment. volleyball
- Indoor tennis courts
- Squash court
- Canoe and kayak rentals
- Storage for paddleboards
- First Nations art/cultural prominent
- Art should be local artists
- Interpretive area should be "hands on"
- Indigenous space
- Library hub with access to books, study hubs, satellite to Greater Victoria Public Library, lecture series, perhaps University of Victoria satellite courses or further education
- Stages, performance space
- Quiet space: reading, meditation



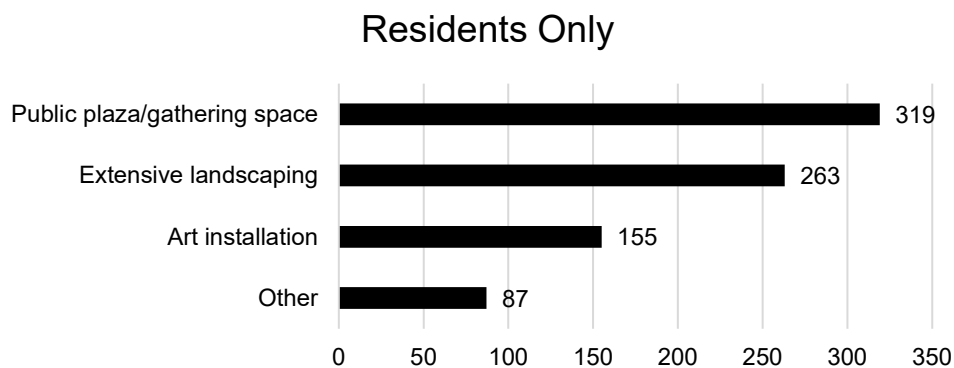
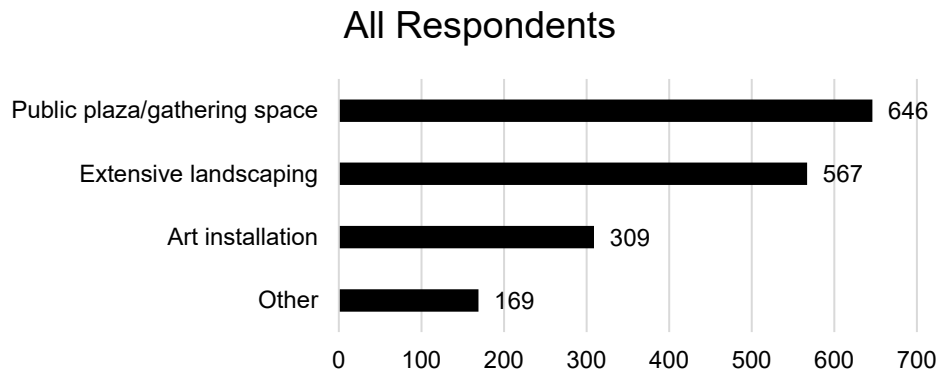
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3.1.2 Exterior Elements

For both all respondents and Esquimalt residents only, public plaza/gathering space and extensive landscaping are the preferred exterior elements.

What elements do you prefer for the EXTERIOR space?



Suggestions for the landscaping included requests for Japanese elements or design:

- Japanese rock garden like that of the Asian Centre at UBC
- Zen garden, bamboo garden, plaque that honours original
- Shade moss garden, shinto shrine
- Display of Japanese Bonsai trees and azaleas
- Japanese rain chains
- Japanese arch (Tori)
- Wall of bamboo visually separating the building from the parking lot
- Koi pond
- Cherry blossom trees



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Other landscaping suggestions included:

- Native ground cover "lawn"
- Green roof/Living roof
- Trees for shade
- Community garden

Other art installation related comments included:

- Kids painting with wall like Kohl Childrens Museum Habitat Park
- Mural on exterior stairway wall
- Indigenous art and culture

Other comments for the exterior space included:

- Smaller scale shelters for gatherings
- Seating: facing the playground, with views of the water, covered, café seating
- Covered space for kids
- Kids' rock climbing wall
- Picnic tables
- Playground
- Play area, exercise area
- Outside space for tai chi, yoga, fitness classes, etc.
- Outdoor tennis courts
- Bike racks, ecoscaping
- Skate park & pumptrack
- Recycle bins
- Bandstand
- Fish tank
- Waterfall wall
- Ensure that access between parking lot and dock for people carrying watercraft is not impeded
- Water/boat rentals/storage
- Dock for bypassing narrows for small boats
- Boat launch beside the bridge for rowboats
- Accessible beach spots
- Security cameras



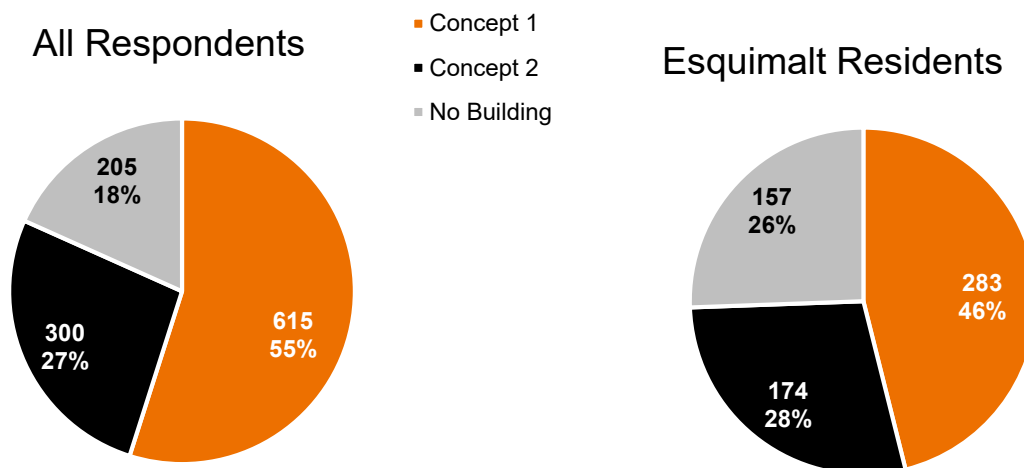
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3.1.3 Concepts

As shown by the charts below, the majority of respondents preferred Concept 1.

Generally, which building concept do you prefer?



Participants expressed concern about maintaining green space and inquired if the building or the parking area could be smaller. There were also requests to maintain the park as it is and to not build a building.

Participants commented that the building did not meet their vision of a Japanese Tea House and asked for a smaller scale building (both in footprint and single story) with commercial food and beverage space and washrooms. There was a positive response to the Engawa but requests for more Japanese design elements and a more traditional appearance to the building.

A number of respondents requested both Japanese and Indigenous informative cultural and historical displays. A memorial to the original tea house and associated history was also suggested.

Some participants suggested upgrading or making modifications to the existing Nature House in place of a new facility or building the new facility where the nature house is currently located and relocating it inside the new facility.

Concerns were noted regarding the increase of traffic that the building would bring to the surrounding area and the park. Safety was a concern for a number of participants and suggestions included more lighting, cameras, and on-site security to ensure the safety of the park and help with the increase in park users. An increase in noise and light pollution at night that would affect the people who live in the vicinity of the park was another concern.

Respondents raised the operational cost (i.e., staff and maintenance) for a multi-purpose building as a concern.



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Other comments and suggestions included:

- Change rooms as well as washrooms
- Electric vehicle charging station
- External power access for events
- Multifaith chapel at the University of Victoria as an example of Japanese design elements expressed in a modern style
- Accessibility challenges for the second level
- Bandstand
- Showers
- Japanese-inspired tea house that could be leased out to an organization/company to operate. A successful model includes <https://www.japaneseteagardensf.com/> that exist in San Francisco
- Improve existing features: lighting, pathways, fortification of the waterway wall, chain linked railing, wood bridge connecting the park to Sioux Place
- Moveable screens/walls that allow the rooms to be reconfigured as needed - including opening to the balcony for "moon viewing" and shelter from winter rains
- Details to enhance Japanese features: large circular screened window, shoji-influenced doors or windows, exterior rain chains, yakisugi treatment (charring) of some of the exterior wood, a narrow indoor lit rock garden along the path that goes through the building
- Improve walking and cycling access to the park
- A large enough room to host a wedding reception, plus a large outdoor green space to host a wedding ceremony
- The amount of exposed glass in Concept 2 may cause fatalities for birds striking glass, particularly with the location of the building between the waterway and the gardens
- Small Japanese wood structure, like a gazebo or hut, that uses traditional construction
- A stage for performing arts
- Big enough space for Nikkei Cultural Festival, etc.

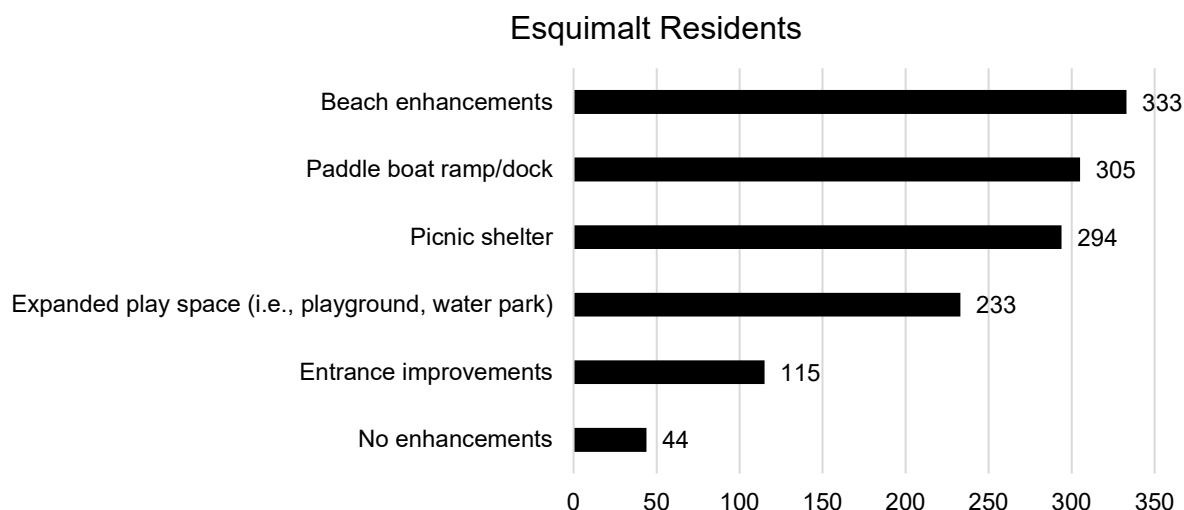
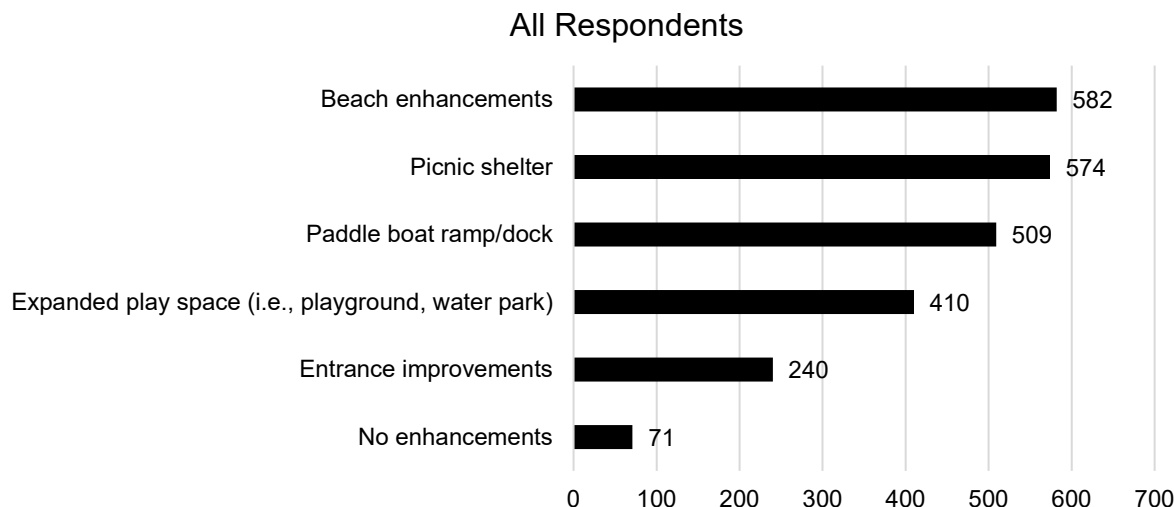


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3.2 ESQUIMALT GORGE PARK LONG RANGE PLANNING

3.2.1 Future Enhancements

Previous public input highlighted additional enhancements for Esquimalt Gorge Park, captured below. Select your preferences (select as many options as are preferable)



Comments included both support for the park enhancements and concerns over losing green space and a desire for the park to be left alone or for small enhancements, excluding the multi-purpose building. A number of participants suggested a smaller proposed parking area and to continue using the green space as overflow parking for the bigger events. There were also comments expressing concern regarding the



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maintenance costs of a green parking system and what materials would be used. Participants also suggested upgrading the current parking with trees and cross walks.

Some participants felt that beach enhancements mean enhancing the shoreline for wildlife habitat while others assumed it meant increasing the sandy beach and improving access for humans to swim.

There is a concern among participants that increased use of water vessels will destroy habitat and disturb birds and marine mammals. There is also a concern that the new trails will affect wildlife habitat.

There was support for the paddle boat ramp/floating dock but requests that it should be placed closer to the bridge. Participants commented that moving the proposed dock to the SE corner of the bridge would enable paddlers to exit/enter the water and would provide a safe portage route around the Tillicum Narrows tidal rapids. Supporters noted that this would support a regional amenity and a key initiative of the Victoria Waterways Loop (vicwaterloop.ca).

Other thoughts and comments included:

History/Culture/Education

- Interpretive signage/acknowledgment of First Nations history on the site including the story of Camossung and the spirit rock located in Tillicum Narrows
- Interpretive signs to explain the importance of wildlife habitat, native vegetation, and the history of the park
- Program or interactive exhibit that involves the wildlife life living in/around the Gorge
- Interpretive signs about the history of the park, including how it was a major destination for the people of Victoria
- Interpretive signage around Japanese Garden
- Increase size of Japanese Garden
- Use some funds directed to upgrade Nature House/Washrooms and increase hours of operation

Amenities

- Amenities for seniors
- Outdoor water and electricity access for garden events
- Showers for beach users
- Improve lighting throughout the park
- Benches with back rests
- More waste receptacles
- Recycling and compost receptacles
- Outdoor pool
- EV charging stations
- Skate park and pump track
- Tennis courts
- Pickle ball courts
- Permanent food concession/service with hours well into the evening during summer



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- Outdoor fitness circuit
- Drinking water/water bottle station
- More washrooms, more handicap spaces
- Washrooms open longer
- Water park
- Expansion/improvement of the current playground
- Accessible playground for children with different abilities
- Swing designed for people in wheelchairs

Park Access

- Lighted cross walk, pedestrian controlled traffic light at park entrance (so people getting off bus on opposite side can get across safe without having to go under the bridge)
- Improvements to the Tillicum frontage to make it safer to approach it other than in a vehicle
- Improved pedestrian and bike routes across the Gorge (i.e., a pedestrian/bike bridge connecting Saanich and Esquimalt)
- Traffic lights on Tillicum (challenging to get out onto Tillicum from Gosper Crescent)
- Traffic light at the entrance/exit on TILLICUM Road, to help with left turns into, and out of the park
- Pedestrian/cycling bridge on the narrow passage of the Gorge
- Bicycle improvements on Tillicum Rd to provide for safer turns into the park at the park entrance

Bikes/Pedestrians

- Bike path
- Extended board walk or pedestrian/cycling bridge that would connect with the other side of Gorge Park
- Additional bike parking area(s)
- All ages and abilities bicycle facilities
- Separate bike and walking trails
- Improve the flow of pedestrian traffic

Picnic Space

- Family picnic space, inclusive of dogs
- Picnic shelter with washrooms and a cooking facility
- More picnic tables near the play area
- More picnic/BBQ friendly spaces, with shade

Water Use/Access

- Boat rental, storage and perhaps a paddle club
- Boat dock needs access to parking as people coming and going with boats can get the boats to their vehicle
- Swim dock
- Car-top boat launch



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- Drive up access and parking for boat launch
- Water play structure at the beach
- Fishing pier
- Dock to enable the harbour ferry to pick up and drop off
- Designated area for dogs to access the water from the beach

Vegetation/Wildlife

- Stream enhancements
- Continue to remove invasive species and plant rest of park to native species
- Ongoing forest management and tree replacement
- Garry oak ecosystem and pollinator gardens
- Wildlife management for geese and deer
- Decrease/manage geese feces
- Enhance wild habitat, particularly to benefit the bird life protected by the migratory bird reserve



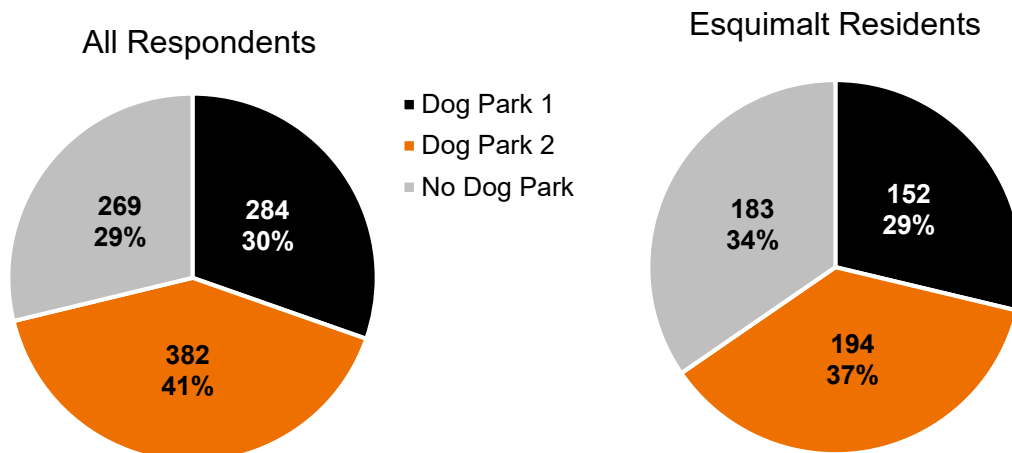
What We Heard

3.3 ESQUIMALT GORGE PARK DOG PARK

3.3.1 Concepts

Participants were divided almost equally between the two dog park concepts and no dog park. There is slightly more support but Dog Park Concept 2; by 11% for all respondents and by only 3% for Esquimalt residents.

Which dog park concept do you prefer?



Some participants felt that fencing would detract from the park and that the current off leash area is sufficient and is well used as multi-purpose space when needed. Others suggested maintaining the dog off leash area where it currently is and fencing it in there.

Concern was raised regarding the proximity of the current off leash area and trails to the Migratory Bird Sanctuary and the creek as a bird respite area, and that trees or plants would have to be removed to make space for the park.

Respondents expressed concern at the proximity of the proposed off leash dog park to the road and suggested that the existing mound/hill that remains from the daylighting of Gorge Creek could be removed and the park located there.

Additional comments included:

- Use natural elements for play equipment rather than plastic
- Provide parking near the fenced dog off leash area because of the distance from the current parking area
- Dog obedience classes
- Signage regarding responsible use of off leash area
- Water fountain for dogs and humans



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What We Heard

- Proposed area gets very boggy in winter
- Trees for shade
- Get rid of thistle mound/dirt pile in current off leash area to create more play space
- Three zone off leash park with the shared space as the largest area and the divided spaces smaller
- More shrubs and trees between the dog park and Gosper to reduce noise, clear paths & waste bins next to the parking area
- Concerns regarding the location of the swale that runs through the proposed fenced off leash area and that if it leads to fish habitat, it has the potential of transporting sediment (from dogs running through wet areas) and fecal matter. Additionally, if the swale is wet, how do the humans and dogs cross without getting soaked?
- Proposed site is on a slope
- A fenced off leash area would detract from the entry into the park
- Design a surface that will not become mud in the wet months
- Do not use dusty gravel like what is used in the off leash park in Vic West across from the Save On Foods
- A new dog park at this location should mean the closure of the open field off leash dog park area that currently exists and is inappropriately located next to the nature reserve area

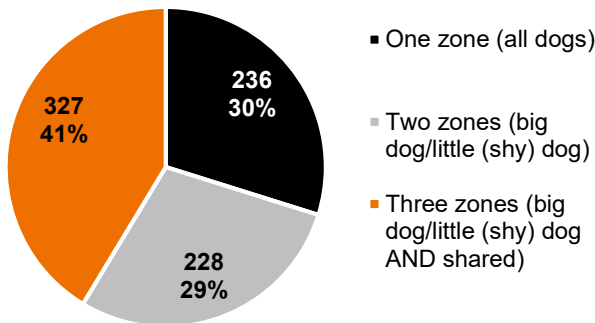


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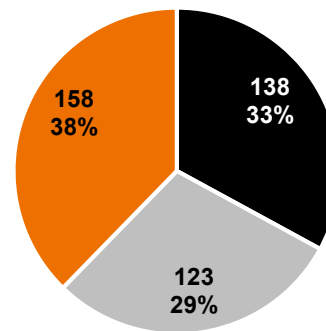
3.3.2 Dividing the Space

How do you prefer the space within the dog park divided?

All Respondents



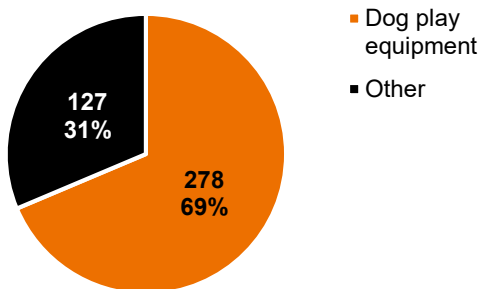
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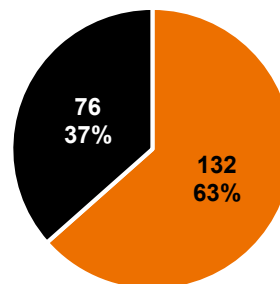
3.3.3 Additional Elements

Should a dog park be established, it will include a water fountain station (for dogs and humans), bag station, refuse station, dog wash station, and benches/seating. What other elements, if any, would you prefer included with the dog park? Select your preferences (multiple selections permitted)

All Respondents



Esquimalt Residents



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Other comments and suggestions included:

- Swimming area for dogs
- Trees, bushes, large rocks/terrain variations, a hill
- Some shaded areas
- No gravel (hard on dog feet and pea gravel gets dirty and muddy)
- Grass rather than wood chips or dirt.
- Covered area/seating for rain
- Ability to see kids' playground from dog park
- Vending machine offering dog treats.
- Signage informing of on and off leash areas, rules, and etiquette
- Signage/information on how to report a negative interaction with an aggressive dog
- Multiple seating areas, especially close to parking lot for those with limited mobility
- Agility course/equipment
- Picnic tables
- A small platform like Langford dog park has so you can put extra balls or treats up high in a basket
- By play equipment such as tunnels, ramps, and stairs like the setup behind the Saanich police station
- Good lighting for use in months with shorter days
- Natural materials for dogs to play: log teetertotters, wood hoops for jumping
- First aid station
- More trees near Gosper
- Human shoe wash station
- Organic disposal moving away from plastic doggie bags

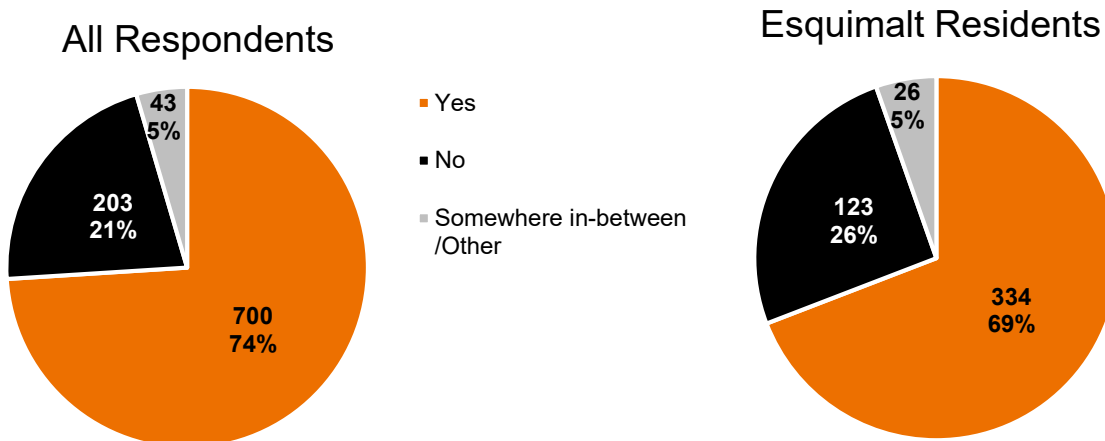


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3.4 SAXE POINT PARK BOARDWALK CONCEPT & TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

3.4.1 Loop Trail, Boardwalk and Lookout

Do you like the concept of developing a boardwalk and lookout area to complete a loop trail in Saxe Point Park?



Respondents expressed concern for native plant species/species at risk at Saxe Point that might be damaged by the boardwalk. Other participants felt that the boardwalk may protect the natural shoreline ecosystem. Invasive plant control was also raised as a concern and there is a desire to maintain access to the green space and rocks if the boardwalk is constructed.

Accessibility was an important matter for the respondents and they requested to ensure that all improvements are accessible and to be aware of how materials, such as flag stones, may not work well for park users with mobility aids such as wheelchairs.

There are concerns about what material would be used for the boardwalk, its longevity, whether it would be slippery in the wet winter months, and the maintenance required. Some respondents commented that a trail, chip or gravel, would be preferable over a boardwalk.

Participants inquired about a trail to connect Saxe Point to Macaulay Point and wondered why no funds were being put towards improvements at Macaulay Point. There was a request to upgrade the Anglers Building at Macaulay, add a cafe and commercial space, and for a structure down to cobble/rocky beach.

Other suggestions and comments included:

- Covered shelter or picnic area, or cover for part of the overlook structure
- Covered space for a BBQ
- Fishing pier



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- Improvements to the washroom (accessibility) or additional washrooms
- Playground
- Connect the sidewalk into Saxe Point Park or the trails on the east side of the park instead of ending at the parking lot
- Start boardwalk at west edge of parking area
- Improve access to the beach on the west side of the park
- Cull some trees in trajectory of sun to beach – make it a sunny (rather than shaded) beach for visit of day/season and replace those trees elsewhere
- Fix Steps on beach + path down the beach (westside)
- Create access to the water on the Constance Avenue side
- Join the beach and Constance Avenue with a boardwalk
- Improve some of the trails, signage for trails, dog rules



Conclusion

4.0 CONCLUSION

Based on the participation of over 1,018 respondents in the online survey (with more than 50% of respondents consisting of Esquimalt residents) and the attendance of more than 200 people at the open houses, this public engagement provides a statistically significant representation of the community. The outcomes of the engagement were consistent between all respondents and Esquimalt residents only.

The majority of respondents preferred building concept 1 for the multi-purpose building in Esquimalt Gorge Park. Concerns and suggestions included maintaining green space, the size of the proposed parking area being too large, and reducing the size/height of the multi-purpose building. More Japanese elements were requested in the design, interior, and landscaping of the multi-purpose building.

Within the interior space the top four elements preferred are banquet/rental hall/cultural ceremonial space, community program space, food preparation space, and interpretive/educational space. For that interpretive/educational space there is strong support for content that would educate about the Japanese history of that area and contain historical artifacts and photos of the original tea house.

For the exterior space, public plaza/gathering space and extensive landscaping are the preferred elements.

The top three preferred additional enhancements for Esquimalt Gorge Park were beach enhancements, a picnic shelter, and a paddle boat ramp/dock. There were comments and suggestions regarding changing the proposed location of the paddle boat ramp/dock.

Participants were divided almost equally between the two dog park concepts and no dog park. There is slightly more support but Dog Park Concept 2; by 11% for all respondents and by only 3% for Esquimalt residents. The preference for the dividing the space within the dog park is three zones, but again only by a majority of 11% for all respondents and by only 5% for Esquimalt residents. There was strong support for dog play equipment to be included should a dog park be established.

The majority of respondents like the concept of developing a boardwalk and lookout area to complete a loop trail in Saxe Point Park. Concerns were raised regarding the effect of these enhancements on native plant species and wildlife, what materials would be used for the boardwalk, and maintenance of the boardwalk.

The feedback from the public engagement process on the waterfront park projects will be presented to Council on October 22, 2019 for consideration.



APPENDICES

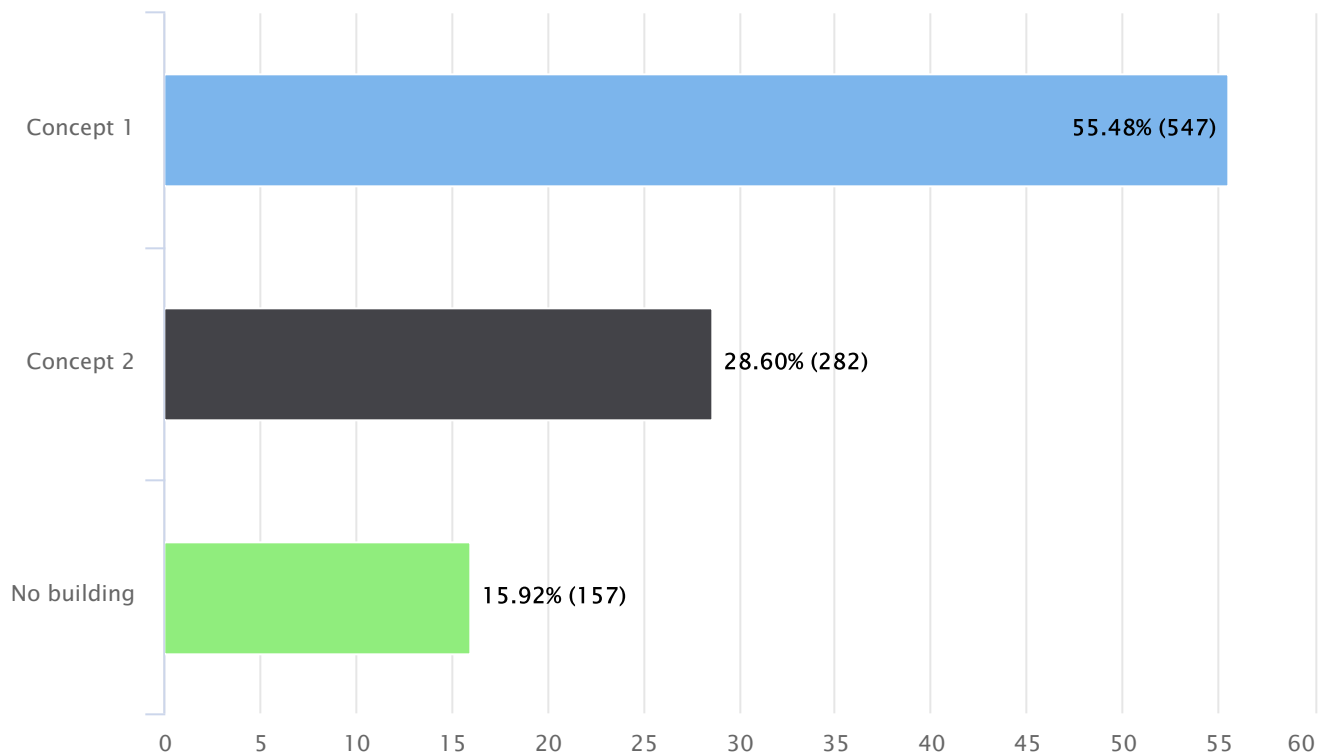
Appendix A ONLINE SURVEY SUMMARY REPORT—ALL RESPONDENTS



MAF Engagement Round 3 – Waterfront Parks

1) Generally, which building concept do you prefer? Select one:

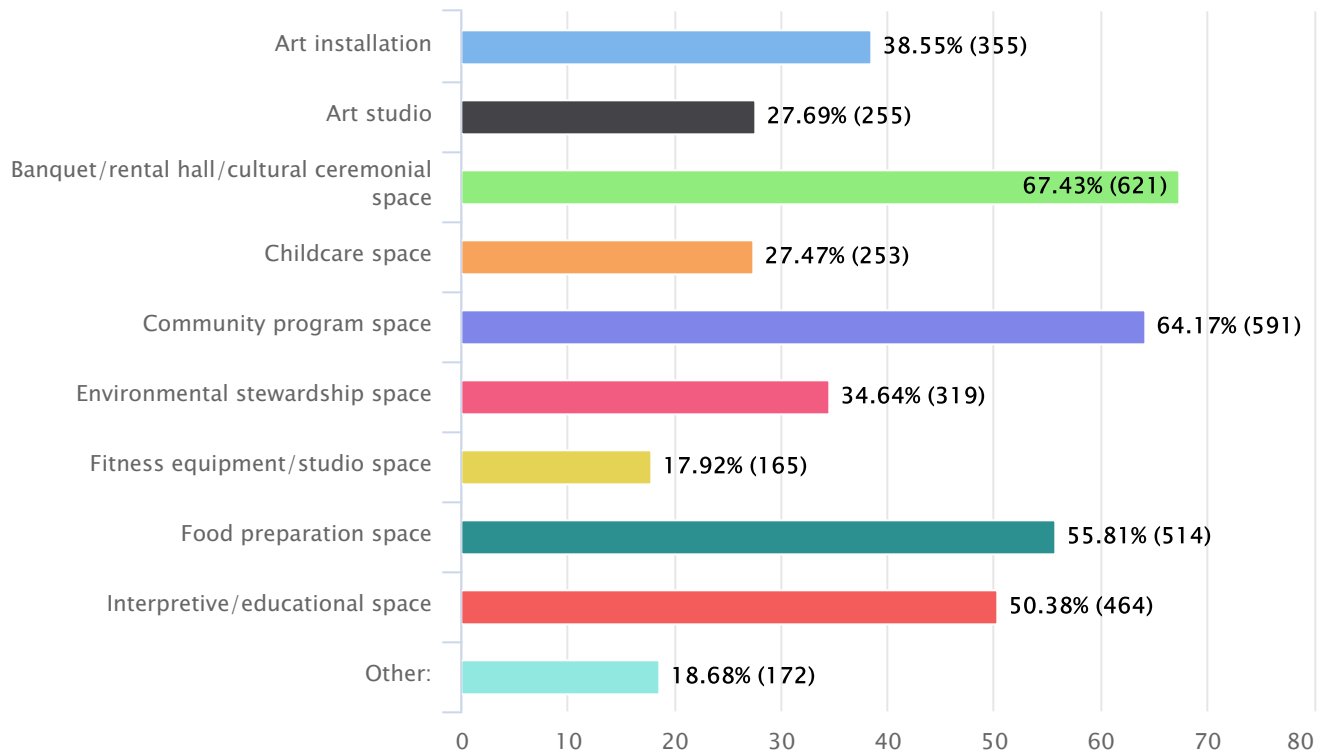
Respondents: 986



Choice	Count
Concept 1	55.48% 547
Concept 2	28.60% 282
No building	15.92% 157
Total	100% 986

2) What elements do you prefer within the INTERIOR space? Select your preferences (select as many options as are preferable):

Respondents: 921



Choice	Count
Art installation	38.55% 355
Art studio	27.69% 255
Banquet/rental hall/cultural ceremonial space	67.43% 621
Childcare space	27.47% 253
Community program space	64.17% 591
Environmental stewardship space	34.64% 319
Fitness equipment/studio space	17.92% 165
Food preparation space	55.81% 514

Interpretive/educational space	50.38%	464
Other:	18.68%	172
Total	100%	921
#	Respondent	Other:
1	44	access to the water
2	59	Accessible washrooms
3	82	cafe
4	93	Ensure accessibility
5	134	Heat and Wildfire refuge
6	154	Japanese tea room
7	162	tea-house history display
8	209	historical display (teahouse)
9	221	Pottery studio
10	222	Tea
11	267	Recognition of history of Japanese gardens and culture in this space and same recognition of importance of this area for Indigenous
12	272	NONE
13	310	The interior of both designs are similar
14	319	Indigenous space
15	320	museum about Japanese culture in BC (and maybe Canada)
16	352	Commercial kitchen, concessions (including tea shop!)
17	360	Japanese tea house
18	413	no fitness space please
19	422	Some acknowledgement of Japanese tea house
20	438	Japanese tea house
21	574	Facility to accommodate Traditional Japanese tea ceremony.
22	610	No building
23	618	none
24	632	None

25	679	Restaurant/cafe/tea room
26	691	Maybe to banquet/rental hall/cultural ceremonial space; we already have a pool and community centre, no fitness equipment/studio space needed; maybe used for interpretive space - we already have an under utilized nature house
27	695	None of the proposed - leave park structure as is
28	696	Leave it alone
29	699	No building
30	700	I am not in favour of this development
31	703	Green space
32	707	cafe that serves snacks, wine and beer
33	723	Nature House
34	726	Dedicated space for Japanese tea ceremony (tatami mat floor would be ideal)
35	733	Nature house
36	756	Japanese Tea House
37	761	Japanese Tea House
38	803	POTTERY studio
39	810	japanese tea room
40	817	Ensure to include nods to Japanese culture
41	819	Preserve park land
42	820	Original Japanese Tea House
43	822	Japanese tea experience
44	836	No building
45	837	I am not in favour of a building, the concepts provided are too large.
46	850	No building
47	870	Food concession, with ongoing open hours for the public.
48	871	Dedicated space to show history of Japanese-Canadians, immigration, internment, and the original tea house that occupied the space
49	880	kids program space
50	882	Wifi, Sports equipment. Volleyball, ...;
51	883	First Nations art/cultural prominent

52	888	indoor tennis courts
53	912	Art should be local artists
54	920	Commercial Food & Beverage
55	940	Interpretive area should be "Hands on".
56	942	Japanese Tea House
57	961	Permanent Room for displaying Japanese Canadian history in Victoria/Esquimalt area
58	986	Japanese cultural elements- shoji screens, art and photos honoring the Japanese history
59	988	Japanese elements to honor the history of the Japanese Tea House such as shoji screens, Japanese art, photos and artifacts of the tea house
60	1038	Tea house with Tatami
61	1116	No building
62	1126	Why are you putting a building in the park?
63	1130	Don't ruin this hidden slice of untouched nature.
64	1135	Cafe and food sales
65	1138	Japanese Tea Room
66	1139	definetly not for weddings/banquets..no building at all
67	1148	No building
68	1150	something Japanese
69	1152	a simple Japanese tearoom
70	1153	Space for Japanese Cultural Activities / Tea House / History of the Japanese Gardens
71	1157	viewe of Japanese garden
72	1165	don't see any mention of Japanese tea room
73	1166	Japanese tea house
74	1170	No building no nothing!
75	1201	Park land. This is a park and should be left and not have further development.
76	1202	Prefer to have no additional buildings in the park
77	1217	Washroom only
78	1231	Japanese Tea Room

79	1237	green space only
80	1283	Outdoor preschool
81	1309	Park space should be respected as outdoor park space. No buildings please!
82	1310	Preserve parkland
83	1319	I have been an Esquimalt resident for my entire life, 28 years and as a new parent in the community, I just don't see a need for this space. A multi purpose building would take away from the beauty of the park. I personally would never use this amenity, and even at this time we don't even really go into the nature house. We enjoy nature and the park and all the birds and wildlife that live there. That's why we go to Gorge park. The proposed plan only suites part of the community.
84	1331	No building
85	1360	none
86	1370	I'm not sure what is meant by food preparation space, but I would definitely welcome a cafe
87	1378	Indoor Zen rock garden, taraji room for traditional Japanese activities such as tea ceremony and flower arranging
88	1387	Tea room referencing the original location of the Tea House
89	1416	Tea room
90	1493	Functionality for Japanese tea House
91	1502	Over all concept & use of space
92	1507	Private family party space
93	1522	No building
94	1529	TEAHOUSE
95	1540	Library hub with access to books, study hubs, satellite to gvpl , lecture series, perhaps uvic satellite courses or further education
96	1542	Canoe and kayak rentals
97	1546	Storage for paddleboards
98	1555	History of Japanese Tea house
99	1559	None
100	1590	Indoor kids playground
101	1600	sliding doors/screens

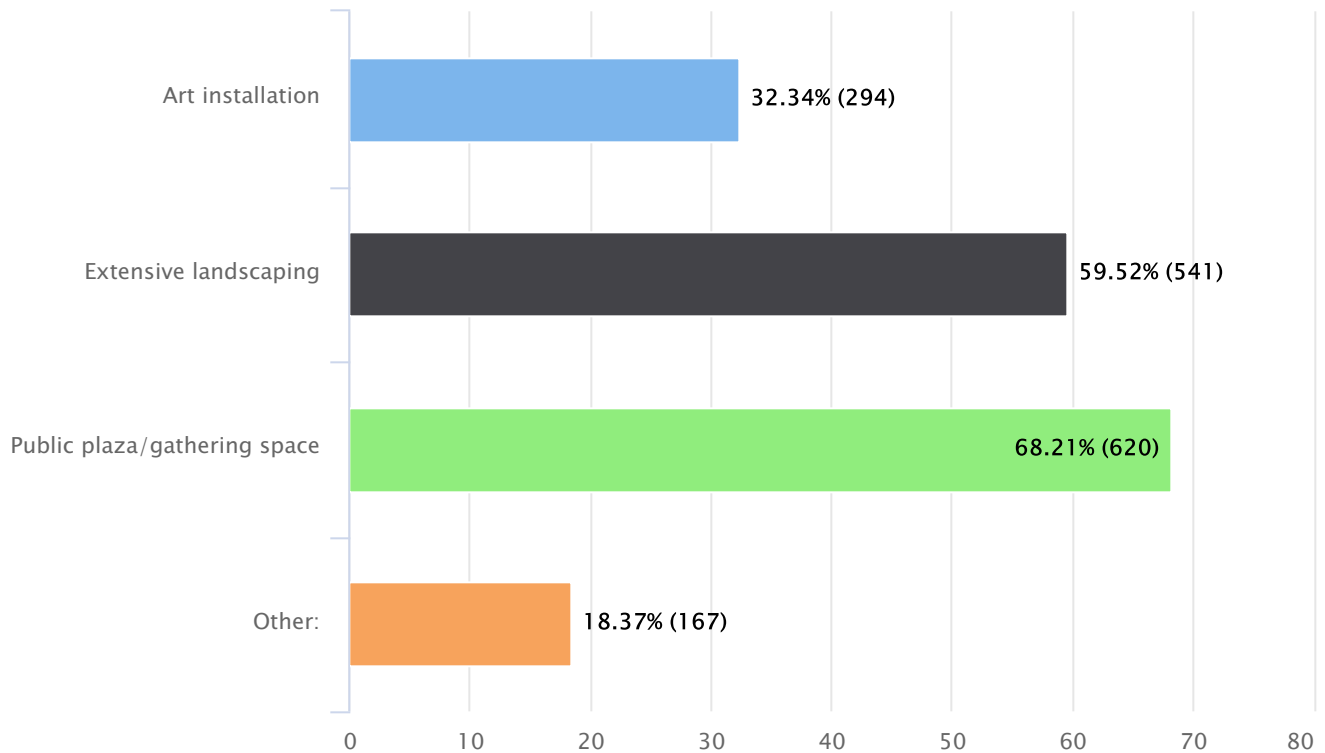
102	1643	Think this is not nessecary
103	1646	Japanese art or style, history of the area
104	1681	Gorge Waterway Nature House
105	1687	Tatami room
106	1702	tea house
107	1741	Other Japanese design elements like sliding doors and screens or a tsuboniwa
108	1752	Japanese tea house & cultural education
109	1753	Japanese tea ceremony space
110	1763	japanese tea room
111	1767	Japanese Tea Room
112	1776	Japanese Tea Room
113	1782	Tea room
114	1790	Japanese teahouse
115	1791	exterior should be more Japanese in style, also there should be something like an interior non-denom. chapel/memorial commemorating the Japanese
116	1798	Japanese tea house
117	1821	Japanese Tea House
118	1835	Memorial monument
119	1838	No buiding
120	1839	Tea house
121	1854	Tea Room
122	1867	Movie theatre showing Japanese Heritage tea gardens etc.
123	1874	Build an original Japanese Teagarden in the area also
124	1876	Tea House
125	1887	Incorporate Japanese architectural elements in interior design
126	1892	tea education, bakery
127	1937	Tea house as part of the facility, not a separate structure
128	1953	Teahouse such as that which was destroyed.
129	1957	Used like the original
130	1962	Tea house

131	1964	traditional tearoom
132	1990	No building
133	2027	Pottery studio
134	2028	Pottery Studio
135	2036	Please keep the info about the old Japanese tea house and community.
136	2048	A traditional/historical wooden japanese teahouse
137	2075	easy access bathrooms
138	2100	tatami room for tea ceremonies
139	2101	Japanese teahouse
140	2114	Japanese tea room/education area
141	2115	Japanese tea room/education area
142	2144	basic noh theatre stage
143	2151	Japanese Tea House
144	2160	no building
145	2172	Library about Japanese culture
146	2195	A Japanese historical display
147	2202	Location is important & unclear in this presentation. Are you replacing the existing building? That would be the only acceptable location!
148	2214	make it a tea house for Pete's Sake and serve tea and Japanese art/bonsai/garden/reflecting space etc. In other words, as much Japanese aesthetic, art, culture etc. as possible please!
149	2223	Historical pictures of original site
150	2228	Japanese tearoom
151	2276	Japanese tearoom
152	2278	tea house commemoration, Japanese cultural space
153	2287	Bad weather space for tai chi, yoga, etc.
154	2302	none
155	2310	Tatami room
156	2313	No building
157	2330	The scale of this building is too large. It overshadows the natural beauty of the area.

158	2333	No building
159	2373	stages, performance space
160	2432	Have a building that looks like a teahouse.
161	2453	Commercial kitchen and concessions
162	2461	Quiet space: reading, meditation
163	2462	Japanese Tea Room as in original Tea House If Japanese community wants it
164	2471	reconstruct the original teahouse
165	2487	Japanese tea room
166	2508	Japanese tea house
167	2511	washrooms
168	2515	tea service
169	2518	Squash court
170	2523	Benches, picnic tables
171	2568	Tea House Japanese
172	2585	Japanese Cultural & First Nations Cultural Space

3) What elements do you prefer for the EXTERIOR space? Select your preferences (select as many options as are preferable):

Respondents: 909



Choice	Count
Art installation	32.34% 294
Extensive landscaping	59.52% 541
Public plaza/gathering space	68.21% 620
Other:	18.37% 167
Total	100% 909
#	Respondent
Other:	
1	39
2	59
3	77
	I like the current playground for my son. More picnic tables near the playground would be nice. Maybe with softer corners so little ones can't hurt themselves
	Shade
	Community garden

4	82	Under covered kids space
5	85	water elements (eg fountain, waterfall)
6	104	bike racks, ecoscaping
7	134	Skate park & pumptrack
8	146	Playground
9	162	additional Japanese motifs
10	198	Seating facing the playground
11	222	Japanese Art
12	225	Play area, exercise area
13	272	NONE
14	276	Zen Rock Garden
15	301	environmental stewardship space
16	310	Wooden features are in keeping with traditional Japanese architecture. So, too, the vertical lines.
17	313	Playground
18	319	Indigenous culture
19	320	memorial to those who were interned
20	352	Fitness equipment?
21	416	Sports
22	422	Japanese elements
23	438	Japanese gardens
24	482	Trees for shade
25	532	Fitness place
26	605	Attractive building if a building is necessary
27	609	Keep it green
28	610	No building
29	618	none
30	632	None
31	654	Ensure that access between parking lot and dock for people carrying watercraft is not impeded.
32	682	Ample bike parking, and varied seating/picnic spots with a nice view

33	691	use the money to enlarge the Japanese Garden
34	695	leave and beautify the existing park
35	696	Perfect now
36	699	No building
37	700	Leave it as is - its beautiful
38	707	Japanese themed landscaping
39	722	Japanese tea house
40	726	Additional Japanese design features such as Japanese rain chains, a zen rock garden, bamboo, a Japanese arch (Tori) etc.
41	771	Wider driveway into park
42	819	No building
43	820	Exterior of the original Japanese tea house
44	837	As note above, I am not in favour of a building, a public plaza/bandstand type of space would be useful, art installations are always a nice addition
45	850	Open space
46	870	Japanese tea house, not concrete building
47	871	Japanese rock garden would be nice around the building, like that of the Asian Centre at UBC
48	880	water/boat rentals/storage
49	882	Security cameras. Park camera. Safety. Grafitti and safety
50	883	Emphasis on First Nations
51	888	outdoor tennis courts with bathrooms nearby
52	940	Native art should be featured
53	961	Extensive Japanese garden
54	984	Japanese Style Garden to connect and compliment the building design
55	986	Zen garden. Again, I believe it is important to honor the history of the Japanese tea garden that graced this space before the war.
56	988	Zen garden, bonsai
57	1038	Japanese garden
58	1046	Japanese garden style
59	1052	Japanese screens, tea ceremony room

60	1054	No daycare or commercial space
61	1058	Minimal impact on pre existing environment.
62	1071	Japanese garden
63	1116	No building
64	1117	A Japanese Tea room
65	1126	Let the park be natural
66	1130	Please leave as is!!
67	1135	Natural Art, Green Space
68	1148	No building
69	1152	As little disruption as possible
70	1157	Japanese landscaping
71	1170	Leave as is!
72	1201	Natural plants and trees, community garden
73	1202	Prefer to have no additional buildings in the park
74	1217	Dock for bypassing narrows for small boats
75	1224	Nothing
76	1235	Fit in with surroundings
77	1237	no building-green space only
78	1250	Access to the Gorge, ability to launch a boat other than a canoe or kayak. I would like to see a boat launch beside the bridge for rowboats ect
79	1283	Seating with views of water
80	1309	Green natural plants and park spaces. Grass, trees, shrubs, accessible beach spots.
81	1310	Preserve green space
82	1319	Prefer no building at all.
83	1320	green space with indigenous garden
84	1329	keep it Simple, money spent on crazy things that appease ego is a waste of money
85	1331	No building
86	1378	Landscaping could include a wall of bamboo visually separating the building from the parking lot.
87	1387	Engawa refers to the original Japanese tea house

88	1389	Make it appealing for weddings
89	1400	Zen or bamboo garden
90	1416	Zen garden
91	1502	Over all concept
92	1507	Outside space for yoga and fitness classes
93	1520	Nothing
94	1521	Native plants
95	1522	These buildings are terrible
96	1540	Extra picnic tables
97	1559	Keep the green with native plants
98	1590	fish tank, waterfall wall, kids rock climbing wall, kids painting with wall like Kohl Childrens Museum Habitat Park
99	1631	Playgrounds
100	1643	Nothing
101	1646	Japanese garden
102	1671	Native plants, naturalistic look
103	1677	Japanese garden
104	1679	Some Japanese concept
105	1702	not an oversize building
106	1739	Japanese style garden
107	1741	Perhaps another Japanese design feature like a a Zen Garden or bamboo garden or koi pond?
108	1752	Contemplating space in a Japanese garden
109	1790	not too much concrete. Please use natural materials and prioritize plants
110	1791	put in some distinctly Japanese elements in structure style/the art& the landscaping
111	1814	Japanese garden
112	1838	No building
113	1841	Comfortable seating for seniors
114	1867	Adding an original Japanese Teagarden to be open to Public run as original Teagarden
115	1874	Build an original Japanese Teagarden on the property

116	1888	Covered outdoor seating area
117	1891	Engawa
118	1892	low maintenance green roof type landscaping
119	1901	Engawa
120	1906	washrooms
121	1908	Engawa
122	1921	Zen garden
123	1932	music venue ampitheatre
124	1952	Natural garden
125	1964	pond, koi fish, bridge, cherry trees
126	1980	Recreation of Japanese Teahouse (Similar to San Francisco etc.)
127	1990	No building
128	2009	Native plants and as natural as possible.
129	2018	A place to have an outdoor wedding ceremony.
130	2021	japanese gardens and bonsai
131	2028	Pottery Studio
132	2048	japanese gardens
133	2090	Japanese rain chains
134	2144	zen garden
135	2151	Patio seating for the Japanese tea house
136	2152	Japanese architecture
137	2153	Zen garden
138	2160	no building
139	2171	Benches and sitting areas
140	2172	Traditional Japanese garden
141	2185	Japanese zen garden
142	2198	Bike racks, benches and recycle garbage bins.
143	2202	Native Trees and shrubs
144	2214	As much "Japanese" as possible in aesthetics, design, art, etc.
145	2228	Japanese gardens

146	2259	Natural appearance
147	2277	Replica Japanese Tea House
148	2278	Zen garden, bamboo garden, plaque that honours original Japanese teahouse
149	2287	Space for tai chi, yoga, etc.
150	2293	Homage to traditional tea house
151	2302	none
152	2313	No enhanced outdoor performance space
153	2330	Smaller scale shelters for gatherings which respect the need to preserve and enhance opportunities for wildlife
154	2333	No building
155	2336	Display of Japanese Bonsai trees and azaleas
156	2342	tea house
157	2373	Japanese Garden
158	2388	Engawa space
159	2391	Mural on exterior stairway wall
160	2409	picnic tables, places for people to rest, a usable space.
161	2432	Make it look like a Japanese tea house.
162	2453	Cafe seating
163	2461	Shade moss garden, zen garden, shinto shrine, benches, not just a lawn but a native ground cover "lawn".
164	2471	leave it
165	2473	bike stalls
166	2567	All would be nice :)
167	2568	Incorporated in Jap. Gardens

4) If you have any additional comments for the proposed multi-purpose building in Esquimalt Gorge Park, please include them in the space below.

Respondents: 308

#	Respondent	4) If you have any additional comments for the proposed multi-purpose building in Esquimalt Gorge Park, please include them in the space below.
1	16	The building should not be so large that it detracts from the quiet and peaceful nature of the park currently. It needs to integrate well with the park and should be unobtrusive.
2	39	An indoor playground for kids would be nice for rainy days
3	42	Public event space inside and out and washrooms accessible from inside and out
4	44	Make sure to included both Japanese influence and local first nations. There was a strong Japaneses presence in the past.
5	49	Parks are for nature and not brick and mortar
6	62	would be nice if the terrace's in both concepts were oriented in a way to take advantage of more sunlight
7	70	Seems like a strange place to locate this building. Everyone has to drive to get to it. Have you considered other options?
8	82	New facilities are always lack of shade
9	95	No tour buses and fit with the landscape as much as possible to re create what was their originally. A rec centre will alter the whole park if done.
10	104	I like the look of concept 2, but concept 1 has some good things in terms of features (e.g. integration with trails)
11	134	These pictures are too low res
12	135	I would like to see the nature house expanded and modelled off the Sidney Ocean discovery Center.
13	144	Exterior design, landscaping and lighting should reduce the risk of homeless encampment, transient gatherings, and discarding of needles.
14	151	Appreciate that concept 1 has Japanese elements in keeping with surrounding garden
15	154	Historical educational space documenting the original Takata Tea House and its demise
16	182	Fitness classes like yoga
17	195	additional parking area(s) for bikes

18	216	Childcare spaces are desperately needed. I think landscaping should be all indigenous plants.
19	225	Coffee / snack shop
20	232	Accessible bathrooms both inside and out, and more than one stall each!! Can't rent for small weddings anniversaries or whatever with only one bathroom
21	244	I thought a Japanese themed building was in the offing, such as a tea house, but multi-purposed? We destroyed our he original, time to make up for that. Neither of these concepts meet this. Are the architects versed in Japanese building design, because there is none of it here. Disappointed.
22	267	Make rooms flexible for large and small events, provide kitchen facility for events possibly fitness studio space
23	272	This building will require a very large amount of the FUND and I think other Esquimalt park improvements would be more cost effective and serve a wider community. Also will require staffing and maintenance unless private operation is part of it and I don't agree with private enterprises in public parks.
24	273	We should honour what was originally there and subsequently destroyed, namely the Tabata tea house and garden, by providing space for members of the public to enjoy this aspect of Japanese culture. Regular space for tea and refreshments for visitors should be provided, as well as space to hold the occasional tea ceremony. Additional ceremonial space required for first nations people, for whom this area has important spiritual significance.
25	276	The multi-purpose building should have Japanese design elements to recognize the significant Japanese history of the Gorge Park and to make amends for the destruction of the Japanese Tea Garden that existed in the Park before WWII.
26	292	I would like to see the history of the Japanese tea house honored in some way in and around this installation
27	295	Please remember this is going to be a tea room. This is going to be about Japanese Reconciliation.. not about "everyone else reconciliation" how ever you choose to build it.. it should reflect that.
28	301	long-term and short-term kayak and canoe storage
29	310	I hope ample room is provided for an overview of early twentieth century Japanese Canadian life on Vancouver Island and the lower mainland prior to WWII, the internment, and reconciliation such as it has been.

30	312	I would prefer an upgrade to the westbay walk way.
31	330	Unique and up to date technology
32	334	Would love it to be a unique, creative design that stands out!
33	345	I think the park should be left unbuilt and as natural as possible. Any building should be like a nature centre to educate.
34	352	Can the concept include some additional traditional desing elements, such as a tatami-floored room or space? Also, noting I found the multifaith chapel at UVic is an intriguing example of Japanese design elements expressed in a modern style.
35	358	How will people with physical challenges access 2nd level of the building?
36	360	Please honour the Japanese tea house and rebuild
37	365	How will physically challenged people access 2nd level?
38	368	Japanese elements are really important but like the simplicity of the second building. Concerned about to much coverage for homeless people in the first design.
39	373	Escalator? For physically challenged.
40	382	Japanese elements are really important but I feel that there would be too much cover for homeless people in design one. Like the simplicity of second design
41	385	Japanese elements are really important but I feel design 1 has too much cover for homeless people.
42	421	The building concept #1 's simplicity and use of wood seem to represent both Japanese and First Nations culture.
43	422	I know the tea house was a part of the park prior to World War II. It would be great if this local history could be commemorated some way
44	426	I'm nervous these buildings will take away too much green space -- assuming they aren't replacing the existing building?
45	435	This project started off as a Japanese Tea House. There are almost no Japanese architectural elements. How can this be allowed to proceed without consulting the cultural group who inspired and generated the initiative? Disappointing.
46	440	Educational content about First Nations and Japanese Canadian history in the place
47	445	Please include sufficient bike parking and use a style of parking that is easy to park bikes at

48	451	- Although I have read the various links on the previous engagement website, I was not able to locate any information on the interests driving the concept of the multi-purpose building, such as a needs assessment or business case. Without this analysis, it's impossible to tell if the space will actually be well used and meet community needs. Further information needs to be provided on how Option 1 and 2 were developed (i.e., what directions Stantec was given). What gaps are there from Parks and Rec Master Plan, how does this design address them. Otherwise, I'd say direct the amenity funds to other priorities from the Master Plan. Maybe this information will be available at the open houses, but ideally it could be better communicated online for meaningful feedback. Thought to tell where these would be located and oriented, and whether existing parking would be retained (with gatherings in this space, parking demand will increase)
49	452	Off leash dog area off Gosper, near park maintenance buildings
50	456	Using local artists would be key. And an Indigenous component should be considered.
51	458	Indigenous component.
52	478	Keep the Japanese theme with Japanese Gardens
53	497	There are so few green spaces left in the city, that putting in a building would further degrade the ecosystem. How many trees would be cut down for this, and where would all those natural inhabitants go? I've seen 18 trees cut down on 5 properties in the last 3 years right in front of my place. Now there are fewer song birds and the pigeons, seagulls, and crows have moved in. We're along a migratory bird sanctuary, but I guess ESQ council doesn't care about that anymore.
54	502	Engawa is great; but I want more Japanese inspired design added; such as Shoji paper screens
55	503	to keep our parks safe..... area for security in the building to check building and park.
56	517	Should not become too commercial, keep the serenity of the park
57	521	I would like to see a strong historical/educational focus
58	564	Honouring the Japanese legacy and Indigenous peoples should be central to this building.
59	568	Food preparation rooms don't look practical, as they only have one access point and aren't easily accessed from outdoors where food would come from

60	602	Incorporate other Japanese elements such as a Zen garden.
61	605	Keep natural as possible
62	609	Small footprint if a building is necessary at all. However, building it just to spend the money is short sighted. The funds would be better spent on a water park or enhancing the nature centre than building a new structure.
63	618	Why are you wanting to disrupt the natural flow and essence of this space? Makes no sense
64	619	Don't build larger than the CURRENT parking lot can handle. We value this green space and don't want to see it paved over to accommodate large events that will themselves change the nature of the park from a family-oriented green space to a community events facility.
65	621	Better to leave it natural without more buildings for special functions
66	632	For years, my family has visited Gorge Park, and value its outdoor park qualities and natural spaces. A large new building is not appropriate for this park, and would be better constructed on the Esquimalt Road corridor or close to public schools and other community organizations.
67	642	Please keep small and blended within the beautiful environment
68	643	Cafe
69	654	Keep building small enough to be maintained over time after funding is gone.
70	656	eco friendly building products
71	658	I support enhancement of the Japanese Garden with a focus on recognition past injustice.
72	666	It would be nice to replace the Japanese tea house. It would be a lovely place to sit, relax, have tea.
73	669	I am supportive of a modest Japanese tea garden building with additional space for ceremonial purposes.
74	673	where exactly is this proposed building being located in this park?
75	679	The facility will work best if it has some sort of food/beverage business to draw people in. There are very few places on the Gorge where you can stop and enjoy food or a drink by the water - this would be a huge value add and a big draw!
76	689	Reflection in design/usage of the Japanese Tea Garden destroyed in the 1940s

77	691	I am dismayed at the design of both these buildings. It is definitely not what I had envisioned. Concept #1 looks like a mid-century Frank Lloyd Wright design. Beautiful in Palm Springs but not in our park. Concept 2 looks like a modern school building. I am not in favour of developing out beautiful, unique green space in this way. As an adjacent neighbour I don't feel I need "multi-purpose" space in this area. I can get to the pool in 6 or 7 minutes. I think it's a dangerous precedent to change out precious green space this way. The only change I would support would be a smaller building as a centre for cultural events with a design that fits into the park without changing it.
78	694	Japanese tea garden as voted
79	695	Original vote was for Japanese Garden/Tea House. Not a 2 story multi-purpose complex.
80	696	Too much traffic on Tillicum already
81	697	Another location. Too much traffic exists on Tillicum.
82	699	No building
83	700	Please do not go ahead. The money given was for beautification. This is development. We are in an era of increasing housing density. We have so little safe open green space here. This is a gem.
84	703	No more buildings in park.
85	708	Include the history of the Japanese tea house
86	723	New Nature House space
87	725	I would like to see a new building put where the Gorge Nature house is now. Either tearing the existing building down and replacing it or adding on to it and taking away some of Sherwood Fores
88	726	The building should include a permanent display highlighting the history of the Gorge park. This should include the history of the Japanese garden/teahouse which once stood there as well as highlighting the indigenous history of the Gorge. Space to display historical artifacts would be appreciated as well.
89	733	Please include a space for a new nature house
90	736	We would like to see the Gorge Waterway Nature House interpretive centre moved into this space.
91	751	good to transfer some recreation programming space as the current recreation center can't handle increased growth

92	756	We need to make up for the past denigration of the Japanese tea house. We can include a tea room space and an interpretative centre of that history as well as of the gorge waterway and its connection to the Songhees and Esquimalt peoples
93	757	I'd like to see the Japanese Teahouse back at Gorge Park.
94	759	a band stand and public washrooms, other than that keep all the green space.
95	764	Energy efficiency and accessibility is a MUST
96	771	Buildings should not be built in parks. This is PARK land, NOT building land.
97	781	To have the building integrated into the landscape with plenty of trees and foliage and perhaps a water feature.
98	801	please include elements of Japanese design to honour and to acknowledge the history of the place
99	802	please include element of Japanese design to acknowledge and to honour the history of the land on which this is to be situated.
100	803	I would love to see a public, pay-for-use pottery space somewhere in Victoria!
101	808	This should be designed and managed to be a 'green' space - using high environmental standards, materials and supplies.
102	809	Don't see it as providing much for a huge expense.
103	810	showers for those swimming in the water
104	816	I hope that there are clear nods to Japanese Culture due to the tragic events that took place in WWII
105	819	No building
106	820	I like the idea of putting back the original Japanese tea house, to go with the beautiful new Japanese garden.
107	823	I think Esquimalt Gorge Park such a great option for this community development. Please not at Saxe Point
108	829	2 buildings much too big; original concept presented was for tea house ??; concept envisions new parking - inconsistent with

109	835	<p>If you must do any building at all, a Japanese Tea Room would be appropriate but nothing else is. We need green space and promotion of indigenous plant species and to provide green space for people and animals - not more structures that will take away green space. This building doesn't connect with the existing Japanese garden in anyway and thus doesn't stay true to the historical replacement that a tea room would provide. Gyms? Are you kidding me? There are many gyms in this city already.</p>
110	837	<p>The buiding concepts are too large for the area. That is not to say they are not lovely buildings but with the drive towards increased density we need to hold on to our green space. There are a number of studies out that demonstrate the value of all ages spending time around trees, etc.</p>
111	857	<p>As a very close neighbour to this site (100 m, direct sightline), I am extremely concerned that either of these two new building concepts will lead to increased noise for us and our neighbours, increased light pollution at night, and generally attracting a lot more people to gather after hours in the park. Landscaping is beautiful, but needs regular care and watering; will the budget be there for such maintenance? Will there be increased security?</p>
112	862	<p>I hope the building and landscaping will look slightly Japanese because this land was taken from Japanese Canadians.</p>
113	870	<p>Please don't put either of those ugly rectangle buildings in the middle of that beautiful park. Instead, please honour the original intent, which was supposed to be a tea house/Japanese style building. We don't need another community/rec centre style building. And, please add food/concession service. The greater Victoria area is completely lacking in park amenities like food concessions and plentiful washrooms.</p>
114	871	<p>Unnecessary to expand parking. Parking lot is underutilized most of the time as is. Building can take space from current parking lot. I think a space must be dedicated to the history of Japanese-Canadians in Esquimalt/Victoria, as well as a space to share the history and stories of Indigenous peoples. Extensive landscaping is unnecessary as park is already a beautiful and natural setting.</p>
115	877	<p>The multi-purpose use of a facility is important</p>
116	882	<p>Concept 1 or 2 is fine. External secure power outdoor plugs for events. Security cameras. Park camera. Sandy beach for families. Geese avoidance equipment. Security is very important as this building is away from street, etc. Security lighting.</p>

117	884	I hope you are not planning to build in place of the existing parking lot. Lots of events require parking space
118	888	we used to have out door tennis courts in GORGE Park
119	891	This cannot encroach on the already minimal dog friendly areas at this park
120	901	Why is this even necessary? No building required
121	902	Why is this building necessary - park is great as it is
122	907	We loved the open house on Sept. 11th; with many Esquimalt officials in attendance. We also are not opposed to progress; but only if it benefits the park...and in this proposal we do not find it beneficial. The wonder of a park is outside activities, which are currently enjoyed by a variety of groups; many of different cultures. The building of a facility will only lead to indoor activities; such as banquets and weddings; both of which could be destructive to the present surroundings. We are opposed to the 'building' but would rather see money spent on existing features; such as lighting, pathways, fortification of the waterway wall where needed, and chain linked railing. Again, thanks for hearing our voice.
123	909	I wish that i would be bigger to accommodate larger events like the Japanese festival.
124	920	Focus on Japanese heritage with aligned commercial food & beverage space
125	925	I find the exterior design of both buildings quite ugly, and out of keeping with the heritage of the area
126	934	It would be fitting to correct the wrongs which occurred following the internment of Japanese-Canadians in 1942, and the vandalism of the original Japanese teahouse in the Park.
127	942	There should be educational/interpretive signage to commemorate the history of the Takata Tea House and informative signage for the existing Japanese Garden that the municipality already cares for. If the building could include a Japanese-inspired tea house that could be leased out to an organization/company to operate, it would be ideal to follow successful models such as https://www.japaneseteagardensf.com/ that exist in San Fransisco.
128	954	I couldn't get a sense of the location in relation to the rest of the park.
129	961	Love to have a concept and vision of "Peace" in this multi purbuilding

130	995	signage - explaining the history of the site and to commemorate the Takata family and their loss.
131	998	Information boards that go into greater detail of the Japanese connections to the park & the processes of the interactive displays.
132	999	Information boards on the Japanese connections to the park and on the process of the each cultural display.
133	1046	A building that holds Japanese design elements is fitting for honouring the Japanese influence in the neighbourhood.
134	1052	Japanese Garden
135	1056	No daycare or commercial space.
136	1058	I believe some sort of community centre would be valuable in this space, however ensuring that we are not negatively impacting the parkland with any developments is top priority. Homage to the park's Japanese cultural roots is also very important to me.
137	1062	A Japanese tea house
138	1110	The proposed new buildings look fine but where's the restoration of the Japanese Tea House. I would prefer to keep Gorge Park as it is which is quaint and beautiful. It is only on rare occasions that the parking lot is ever full. There is no doubt in my mind that instituting the proposed building changes would increase the numbers of visitors/dogs to the park. And with that will come the inevitable vandalism that will be irresistible to some people. I understand that video cameras were once installed in the park but they were destroyed by vandals. Do you really want to bring that kind of energy into this beautiful park? My recommendation is restoring the Japanese Tea House and leaving the rest of the park as is. Thank you.
139	1114	really like the gathering stairs with option 2...extensive landscaping should relate/connect to Japanese gardens
140	1117	Keep spaces multifunctional with creative storage. A childcare room could also be a multipurpose room or fitness studio.
141	1126	Seems like a waste of \$
142	1130	Please do not disturb the peaceful environment of Gorge Park. It is one of the only places left that is truly one of a kind.
143	1135	Make them community minded, not just family focused. Keep the building for community and private functions
144	1136	Community paddling facility
145	1138	Would like to see having Japanese Tea House

146	1139	Not in favour of building. People come to the park for the just that, a park. Don't need an expanded parking lot. Don't prefer a building that is not even clear if would be used and for what. Then the up keep? Don't prefer the extra traffic. How about beautify what exists, new bridge, walkway, plants, trail thru Sherwood park to flush out campers, covered picnic areas.
147	1150	Difficult to see on line. A Japanese Tea House was there before being vandalized in 1941 or 2
148	1152	I don't want to see a huge building like this in the Gorge Park. I thought we might get a nice little tearoom. This is a monstrosity and it will fundamentally change the character and useage of the park. Not in favour!
149	1153	There is an opportunity here for reconciliation with the Japanese community
150	1164	I was expecting a Japanese tea house that would be small and unobtrusive and fit into the design of the garden.
151	1165	As noted, there is no specific mention of a Japanese tea room, which seems high on the public consultation list. Not convinced a building of this size is required. In favour of public washrooms and boat launch but boat launch parking seems a bit far from the actual launch area. How about improving area #13 at foot of Sioux Place as paddle board/kayak launch? It's just a mud hole now. boat launch.for the launchi area seems
152	1166	I was hoping to see a small Japanese teahouse that fit into the landscape. I don't see the need of a large building taking up park space.
153	1167	Canoe / Kayak / SUP Dock at start of WestBay walkway
154	1170	First correct all the sewer cross connections
155	1201	Parks need to be protected from governments who think they can use them as sources of revenue.
156	1202	Prefer to have no additional buildings in the park
157	1217	Focus on water/sewer systems

158	1225	<p>This is not the place for a building such as this. The green space that is there already is beautiful and natural - there is no need for "extensive landscaping". I would support a clearly demarked boundary for an off-leash area. We were under the impression the Township was considering a tea house, like what was originally in this space. We would support a much smaller, single story building like that. There is a rec center just down the road in Vic West, as well as the Esquimalt Rec Center. Putting up a 2 story building with accompanying parking for 100-150 people defeats the purpose of this peaceful place. Please don't go through with either option.</p>
159	1233	<p>I'd like to see features evocative of Japanese design elements (rice-paper dividers, tatamis etc.)</p>
160	1237	<p>This park is not suitable for any of the concepts shown - it is a pleasant, walkable park without buildings</p>
161	1265	<p>Concept 1 preferred; if i must</p>
162	1280	<p>Do not use invasive plants, including bamboo.</p>
163	1283	<p>If an outdoor preschool had a space here for part of the day it would be well used! An alternative would be to renovate the nature centre for this purpose... closer to the playground/forest/wetland. We need more preschool spaces in Esquimalt with the many children.</p>
164	1309	<p>Please do not build a large building in one of the few small green spaces esquimalt. Please respect the land and forests which are there</p>
165	1310	<p>Do not build buildings and parking spots in parks</p>
166	1319	<p>As a young family in the community, I just don't see a need for this GIANT project. Originally when a tea house was proposed I didn't see how it would benefit a good portion of the community, but okay a tea house is one thing but a multi purpose LARGE building on beautiful park land is unnecessary. A small tea house and sure maybe my small family would go to check it out, but likely not again. If anything Gorge park could use a preschool aged park closer to the entrance/parking lot, as the park there currently doesn't suit all kids, not a multi purpose building! Gorge park has been one of my favourite parks for years and I cringe at the thought of this massive building.</p>
167	1326	<p>This is such a bad idea. The Gorge park does not need a massive water view building.</p>

168	1327	Moveable screens/walls that allow the rooms to be reconfigured as needed - including opening to the balcony for "moon viewing" and shelter from winter rains.
169	1329	Don't like either concepts of the building allotted. Which doesn't mean i'm not in favour of some sort of building.
170	1331	No building
171	1347	Since this would be a completely new concept , it's hard to know all of the uses it might get. I would like to see some form of food-service available to the public, since that was the purpose of the original tea house.
172	1355	Assure accessibility for all including wheelchair access and tactile cues for the blind
173	1359	An area showcasing the history of the park and educating about Japanese internment
174	1370	I'm very supportive of using the building as a reconciliation opportunity for past injustices. I think work could be done to reflect the history of indigenous and Japanese Canadians who previous used the land. Also would welcome environmental stewardship being reflected in the building
175	1374	Any building that is constructed should be as green as possible.
176	1378	People unfamiliar with contemporary Japanese architecture may have difficulty recognizing the design as Japanese. Perhaps other small details could help with that. Ex. A large circular screened window, shoji-influenced doors or windows, exterior rain chains, yakisugi treatment (charring) of some of the exterior wood, a narrow indoor lit rock garden along the path that goes through the building (Thus protected from the elements and vandalism), etc.
177	1387	I think it's very important we use this opportunity to bring awareness of the injustices suffered by Japanese Canadians during WWII. This is a way to acknowledge our dark history of internment and property seizures during that time.
178	1389	It would be nice to recreate the Japanese Tea House that was once in Gorge Park. The area needs a vendor.
179	1402	The building design is too modern for the location.

180	1403	based on 19-140 selection criteria & project evaluation, I cannot see how these 2 building concepts at Gorge Park came about. It appears that Saxe Point also had a multi use venue planned from 19-140, but it does not appear. from the 20 page round 1 summary on website, there is 145 tally for building improvement / addition re: teahouse. this was my understanding of the direction. this 5000 square foot building does not blend in with natural surroundings of park, with first nations & recreational history of park. with capacity of 100-150 people for 4 rooms, there is not sufficient parking. building more parking would reduce green space in park, which goes against the selection criteria 2.3 environmental impact. the long range plan page later in survey point 18 lists "green infrastructure parking lot" to accomodate needs of building users.
181	1440	Building should reflect history of Japanese Tea Garden on that site- with elements of Japanese design and Tea House
182	1451	I like the idea of Engawa as a tribute to the original Japanese tea house and befitting the gardens
183	1473	Please support the VNCS in having a space for the tea house. It would mean everything to the Japanese community in Victoria
184	1493	The building and its function should replace the Japanese tea house that was in the park prior to WWII
185	1506	They both look great!
186	1507	Just a caution that any building facility be fairly basic in nature that requires minimum staffing or otherwise we just create a community liability due to operating costs
187	1520	I do not want an enormous building on the gorge that is not in the spirit of reconciliation of the Japanese tea house
188	1529	WOULD LIKE TO SEE JAPANESE TEAHOUSE AND MEMORIAL
189	1533	Given the location it is hard to access for many esquamalt residents except by car. There will need to be good vehicle access and parking if it is going to benefit the entire community. It would also be nice if it was designed in a Japanese style to honour the history of the site and complement the gardens
190	1546	The proposed size of the building and extension of parking is out of proportion. I wish a smaller design had been included and commercial space such as a coffeeshop
191	1548	This is precious green space....leave Gorge park as it is.

192	1559	What an insult to existing private businesses and facilities. Outrageous use of taxpayer dollars to compete with existing businesses.
193	1582	Keep Japanese style, Eco/LEED design, green roof, natural materials
194	1600	Recognition of the Japanese teahouse history
195	1615	Zen garden design that commemorates the history of a Japan garden.
196	1629	Tea house
197	1677	a commemorative Japanese garden to donate the historical tea house that existed before WWII
198	1678	The design should be more traditional Japanese tea house style...this is too modern and does not fit in the landscape of a Japanese garden
199	1687	it would be very nice if there is a tatami room for the Japanese tea ceremony in the building
200	1702	A teahouse to recognize the Japanese tea house that used to be there.
201	1741	I would really like to see stronger Japanese architectural features. I find the modern box look very inelegant.
202	1757	Tea ceremonial room
203	1778	Gorge Park is very inaccessible by walking or cycling, due to the terrible design and traffic flows on Tillicum. Before investing in adding amenities to the park, we need to fix its access. The reason that it was successful as a Tea House in the early 20th century was because it was a streetcar terminus.
204	1787	It should include memorials of and apologies to the Japanese Canadian community
205	1790	I think it would be very fitting, for historical and cultural reasons, to have an actual Japanese teahouse on the site. There are enough bland multipurpose rooms; please construct something that reflects the cultural significance of this site. Please respect the principles of Japanese design and respect for nature. Please do not have a parking lot just in front; that's so ugly. Thank you for this opportunity.
206	1791	all good ideas for facility, but haven't you forgotten that the impetus for this is the Japanese internment? where are the Japanese elements? and the memorial for that?
207	1798	rebuild japanese tea house

208	1808	It should be a tea house
209	1809	extensive landscaping reflecting Japanese garden design
210	1816	I'd like to see a more purposefully design interface between interior and exterior spaces. The boundary between the two is harsh , and neither concept appears to offer a sense of intimacy; both designs, especially design 1, seem sterile.
211	1835	No tea house
212	1839	Fitness space be studio- oriented to allow for diversity of classes
213	1851	PLEASE - both of these buildings are far too modern - I do not note any obvious Japanese design elements at all. I'm all for modern, but we must include the past as well. The existing buildings look like anything you would find at simin Fraser or BCIT.
214	1854	Tea Toom
215	1866	Would love a small tea house, but community space is most important.
216	1867	I think there should be added a original Teagarden put back on the property to let that heritage continue as it once was separate building if possible
217	1874	There should be a original Japanese Teagarden on the property for people to go to enjoy the past
218	1876	Rebuild the tea house
219	1887	Outdoor or indoor Zen garden or bamboo garden
220	1888	It would be ideal to have the food preparation space open out to an outdoor seating area. The space could be used by the Nikkei Society to run a Japanese Tea Room on a sessional basis (ie. Sunday afternoons etc.) while also allowing flexibility for the space to be used by other groups as well.
221	1891	The Japanese history should most definitely be honored & preserved. A traditional Teahouse is a must.
222	1892	full service tea house with tea themed desserts and baked goods for sale, Japanese porcelain / decor and teas for sale
223	1894	Space for traditional Japanese tea room
224	1901	Most definitely honour & preserve the Japanese history & also include a new Tea House
225	1902	no additional parking on site.

226	1908	honour & preserve Japanese culture, build new Tea House, plant more cherry blossom trees
227	1909	interpretive plaques with history of original Japanese teahouse
228	1921	Honour Japanese garden and tea house
229	1924	Make Japanese art, design, ethos central
230	1935	I want to come and have Japanese tea any day of the week, and kimono classes
231	1941	No design looks like the traditional teahouse, which is disappointing. I'd love to see a more traditional look.
232	1953	Get it done asap
233	1957	Get started asap
234	1964	Classrooms for teaching Japanese arts
235	1982	Put the tea house back
236	1990	No building
237	2017	Could the exterior design have a bit more traditional Japanese architectural design.. does not look japanese
238	2018	A large enough room to host a wedding reception, plus a large outdoor green space to host a wedding ceremony would help secure continuous revenue for the facility.
239	2019	The Japanese heritage element should be strong
240	2022	Proposal appears to be very car centric
241	2028	Pottery Studio
242	2034	Please keep a strong nod to the Japanese tea house that was. Also please keep parking and driving spaces moderate so as not to overwhelm the beauty of the grounds and building. Better that the able bodied have to walk farther.
243	2036	Please don't overwhelm the gardens and building with space for cars. Let the able bodied walk farther. Love having the strong nod to the Japanese history of the place.
244	2038	This should be a multi-purpose community hub type space similar to Cowichan HUB
245	2048	Neither proposed building looks to have any connection to a traditional japanese teahouse. The two concepts presented are lifeless, bland, typically municipal and really quite boring.
246	2074	Highlight Japanese-Canadian tea garden history and replacement facility

247	2090	We need more Japanese elements in the design such as shoji screens
248	2121	I would like to see more traditional Japanese architecture and culture in the design.
249	2125	All property boarding onto the park should have a fence. Around their property residence on Gosper Cres do not have any fence above the Esquimalt Gorge Park.
250	2141	Please include some Japanese elements
251	2144	outdoor patio / cafe table
252	2145	Option 1 includes more bird-friendly design guideline elements. I have concerns with the amount of exposed glass in Option 2, which is likely to cause fatalities for birds striking glass, particularly with the location of the building between the waterway and the gardens.
253	2160	no building
254	2172	Would be nice to have a small japanese wood structure, like a gazebo or hut, that uses traditional construction
255	2178	consideration to attract daily useage activity.
256	2183	Japanese Tea House
257	2185	I think it is important to honour the history of the Japanese tea garden that once graced this park in the design, landscaping and educational/cultural elements in the space.
258	2190	Would prefer the building to reflect the original theme of a Japanese tea house - neither options reflect this
259	2198	The park is a beautiful park! The addition of the building could be used for cultural gatherings but the focus should not be renting the space for weddings. The purposed parking is too excessive.
260	2199	Keep part of the lawn space open to the public but do not allow dogs off leash there
261	2202	Ecosystem services provide more benefit for future generations than more foreign pretty flowers
262	2204	multipurpose
263	2205	Theatre (elevated stage) for performances
264	2214	Re-tool your bylaw to allow for another Japanese teahouse!
265	2223	Buildings should be more Japanese style as the original.
266	2234	0

267	2235	Know,please.Looks like buying a boat.Once in the money keeps flowing out of our coffers
268	2247	We loved the tea ceremony room
269	2259	If the large multi-purpose room in concept 1 is overlooking the parking lot, perhaps the plan could be flipped so the large room views the gardens or natural space.
270	2276	I support the smaller Japanese tearoom. These 2 proposed buildings are too big and the design doesn't fit the charm of the park. Ideally, a smaller building similar to the Japanese tearoom which was there would be a much better fit to the park. Even a building built in the similar style to the utility building that is currently in the Japanese garden would look nicer. Also, if you are intending to produce childcare space, the building should be designed specifically for childcare rather than putting childcare into a multipurpose spot. In my opinion, upgrading the Nature House would make a better space for childcare.
271	2278	I would like the township to restore a historic wrong and build a multi-purpose building that commemorates the Japanese history of Esquimalt's Gorge Park.
272	2287	To me, Concept 1 embodies the Japanese concept, in keeping with the gardens, much more than does concept 2
273	2297	The proposed buildings should reflect the Japanese tea house theme originally put forward, neither options here reflect that in their architecture or proposed usage!
274	2302	This is a wonderful park as is. A building will c0mpletely destroy the ambience and nature of the park. This is simply another rec centre in effect!
275	2313	No multipurpose building. Covered picnic areas would be good.
276	2317	Bioswale for parking area, native plantings.
277	2330	These funds are a unique opportunity to preserve nature in the face of urbanization. Don't blow it on bits and pieces. Have the vision to invest in the long-term future and if necessary, negotiate longer spending deadlines.
278	2333	No building
279	2340	I think the food purpose room should be on the first floor for ease of carrying in food.
280	2351	A lot smaller than current concepts. Wood and glass. Serve simple food.

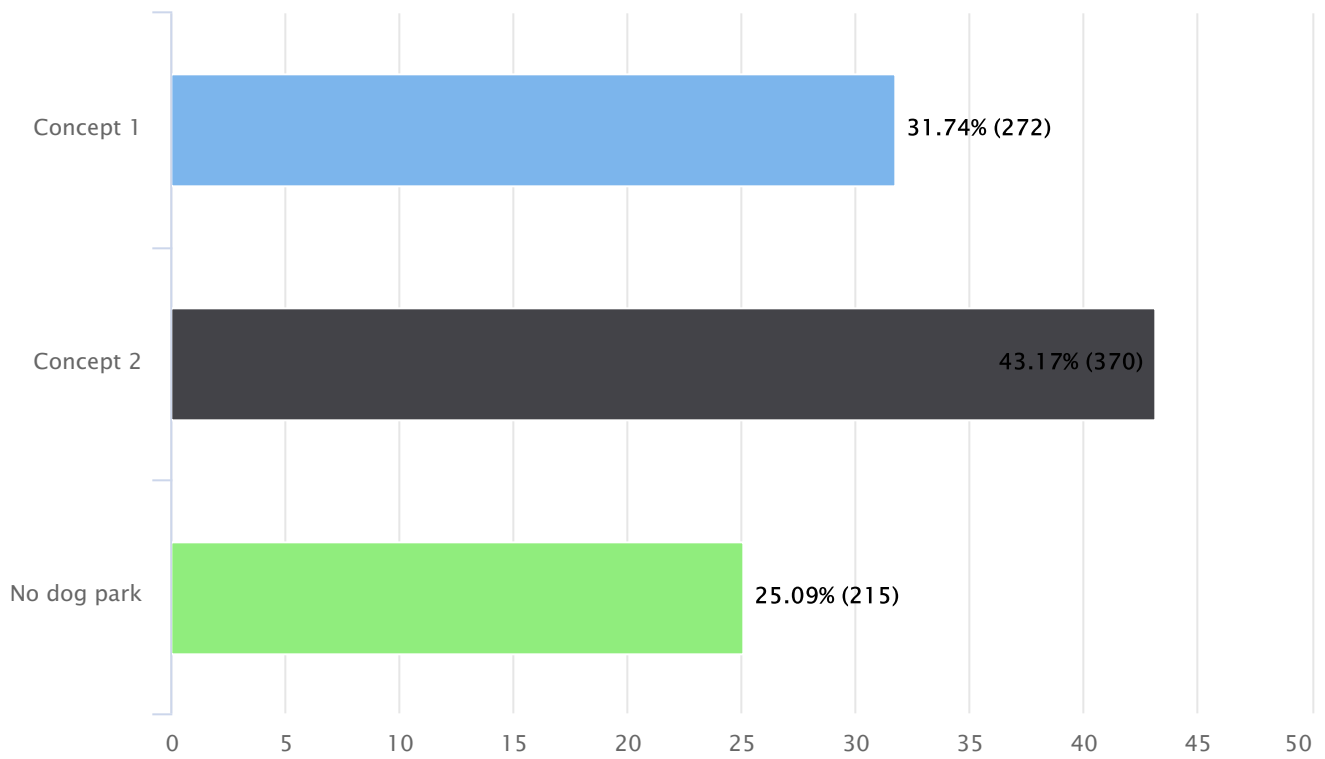
281	2357	<p>1) Why is the building so large? 2) How does the building and use align with the Park Master Plan, the building size is a major change in the use of the park that has not been consulted with the public 3) What are the operating costs (liabilities) associated with the building? 4) How is sustainable transport being improved on tillicum road and bridge BEFORE the building is constructed? How sensible is it to increase vehicle traffic to the park when there is already heavy congestion on tillicum road and so little infrastructure to make biking and walking more viable options to the park? I also feel as though the multi-purpose building was originally conceived to be a teahouse and now the vision has morphed into something much larger and that is a building form and size that isn't consistent with the recent use or master plan for the park. Architecturally I would prefer it to be First Nations focussed as the historical ties of the area and land to First Nations is much longer and substantive than the enjoyable, albeit relatively short-lived history as a Japanese tea house.</p>
282	2359	<p>I'm wondering if there is any possibilities for making a daycare facility in this building. I am running a preschool and looking for space to rent for daycare. There is demand but hard to find suitable space to get licenced.</p>
283	2360	<p>A stage for performing arts</p>
284	2373	<p>Big enough space for Nikkei Cultural Festival, etc.</p>
285	2391	<p>Please add a living roof</p>
286	2398	<p>Space for cultural performances</p>
287	2432	<p>As above. Make a tea house. Sell tea and other goodies.</p>
288	2453	<p>Let's incorporate not just modern, but traditional elements of Japanese and First Nations design. I'd love to see natural materials, sliding doors, a tatami room, "borrowed scenery" and other traditional Japanese elements. Would be great to have concessions (tea and snacks) as we've often enjoyed at Japanese tea houses in gardens and natural areas. Definitely want child care, and a commercial kitchen.</p>
289	2455	<p>Include easy access interior and exterior for handicapped people and mobility scooters.</p>
290	2461	<p>A Japanese traditional teahouse with pond and square covered wooden outdoor performance stage</p>
291	2462	<p>This is to replace tea house that was destroyed. What does Japanese community want! I. Would hope it could be rebuilt as original</p>
292	2471	<p>if anything build a teahouse like it was before</p>

293	2478	Japanese style garden should be built around
294	2487	There used to be a Japanese tea house in the park, and it will be desirable to have a tea room in the building.
295	2488	I think that any building of that footprint in that location in the park, especially one could potentially try to cover so many and varied purposes and wishes, would seriously compromise the environment and atmosphere of the park as a whole, but more significantly I think the quiet and meditative atmosphere of the Japanese Garden which is fundamentally a space and place representing our redressment and reconciliation for historical wrongdoing. Also, I didn't see or hear any mention of consultation with the Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations peoples about the use and development of their land.
296	2489	unless the building speaks clearly at its core, both in design and operation to the redressment of the Japanese and their former tea house, it is better not to have one at all.
297	2502	Will current parking lot be sufficient to support it? Our run group often meets there and there is often also a boot camp there
298	2505	A small Japanese style coffee house is what was originally proposed, and that would be acceptable.
299	2508	Only a small unobtrusive tea house
300	2513	Esquimalt can't afford the additional yearly operating costs that would go along with tis building.
301	2515	make it a smaller Japanese teahouse - see letter
302	2516	smaller historical japanese tea house
303	2530	With the trend towards 'green space' being so important would hate to see parks become more 'buildings' lets leave parks green as much as possible... love the idea of more community building just not at the expense of green space....
304	2568	A traditional tea house - only.
305	2569	This looks like another vain legacy project - can't wait to get your name on a placque. "Develop" until it's not a pak anymore.
306	2573	I feel they should complete the projects already on the go before starting new projects. I believe there were going to replace ALL old lamps however to date it's never been finished (and this was four years ago). Ten yearsago they said they were replacing the wood bridge connecting the park to Siouz Place (this has not been done). Several people have fallen on it - it is a safety hazard.

307	2585	Prefer limited intrusion of green space. Concept 2 or no building.
308	2586	Incorporate Japanese cultural ownership of space given history

5) Which dog park concept do you prefer? Select one:

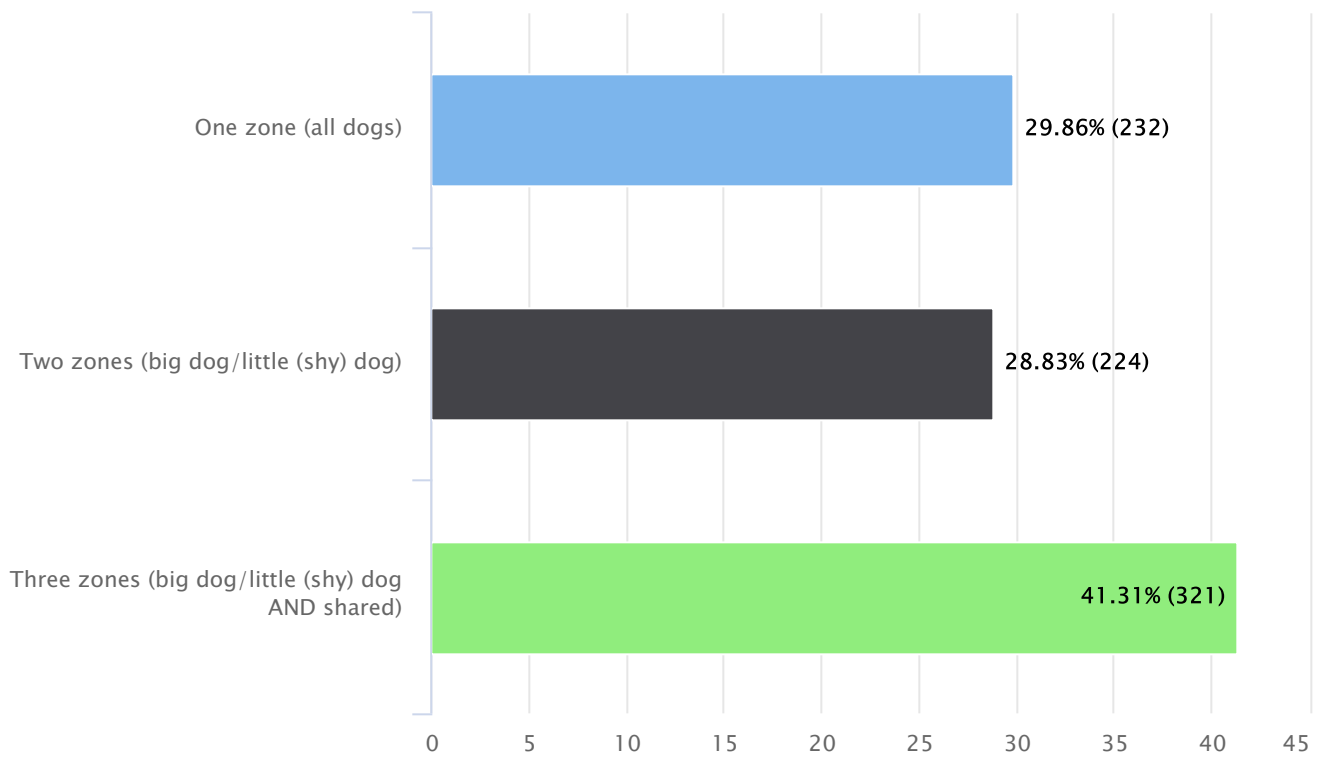
Respondents: 857



Choice	Count
Concept 1	31.74% 272
Concept 2	43.17% 370
No dog park	25.09% 215
Total	100% 857

6) How do you prefer the space within the dog park divided? Select one:

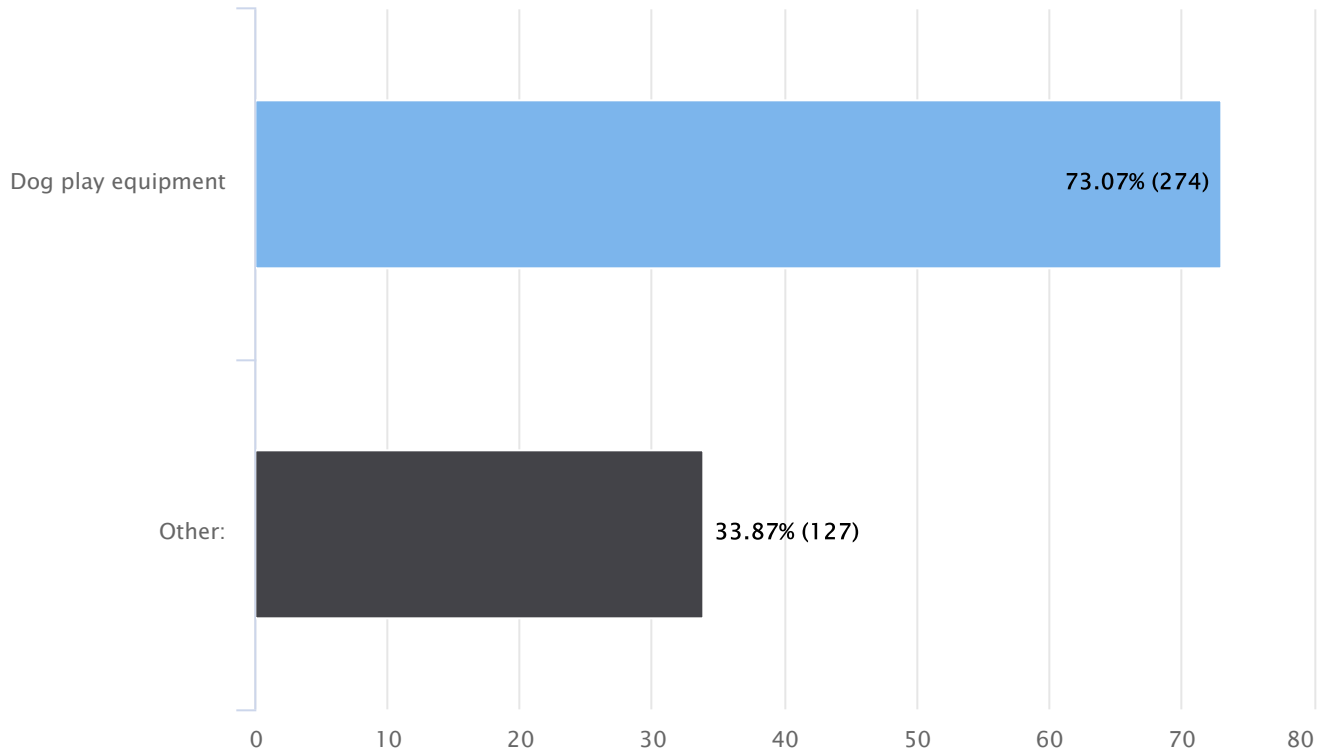
Respondents: 777



Choice	Count
One zone (all dogs)	29.86% 232
Two zones (big dog/little (shy) dog)	28.83% 224
Three zones (big dog/little (shy) dog AND shared)	41.31% 321
Total	100% 777

7) Should a dog park be established, it will include a water fountain station (for dogs and humans), bag station, refuse station, dog wash station, and benches/seating. What other elements, if any, would you prefer included with the dog park? Select your preferences (multiple selections permitted):

Respondents: 375



Choice	Count	
Dog play equipment	73.07% 274	
Other:	33.87% 127	
Total	100% 375	
#	Respondent	Other:
1	8	No more dog amenities
2	43	Swimming area
3	52	I dont have a dog
4	59	Shade and trees
5	70	a dog wash off station. It will be muddy 4-5 months of the year
6	77	Fencing, no gravel (hard on dog feet)

7	80	No dog park
8	85	shaded seating areas for humans
9	95	No dog park.
10	190	Multi dog drinking fountain in the play areas
11	195	bike storage area(s)
12	196	covered area for rain
13	198	Able to see kids playground from dog park
14	202	No dogs
15	244	No dog park.
16	264	Some shade areas
17	267	Shaded area and landscaping for climbing ie a hill
18	272	None
19	301	Vending machine offering dog treats.
20	320	"agility" and "flyball" space at a minimum
21	334	Lots of seating for owners.
22	359	Rules/guidelines and how to report a negative interaction with an aggressive dog.
23	445	I don't have a dog so I don't feel qualified to comment
24	458	Proper fencing. Better than at Macaulay.
25	503	no dog park....I had to answer #6 to complete survey
26	507	Not in favour
27	564	outdoor lighting and rain shelter
28	594	Multiple seating areas, especially close to parking lot for those with limited mobility
29	609	Fence to prevent balls rolling onto the road
30	618	Keep it simple
31	632	Only a designated non-fenced area. A water station and garbage can are all our dog requires.
32	646	Ev charger free
33	693	Make the dog park bigger. Washroom for people
34	695	All dogs welcome
35	697	Keep existing location for dogs on large grass flat area., Water fountain, sheltered areas, a pond for the dogs to swim in

36	699	Leave dog park as is. Leave existing dog park. Clean up existing dog park.
37	701	Min. 6 ft high fence
38	759	signage on keeping the park clean
39	781	Personally as a dog lover but not current owner I feel that people come first and dogs second.
40	788	Dog equipment???????????
41	819	No dog wash station
42	822	agility course
43	836	No dog park
44	854	Agility equipment
45	877	fencing to prevent dogs from encroaching on others using the park
46	880	no dog park
47	891	Water feature for dogs to cool themselves in
48	935	Water area for dogs to cool off in
49	990	Shades
50	999	A covered area to recover from too much sun or rain.
51	1038	No dog park
52	1052	None
53	1054	None
54	1056	None
55	1126	This is just asking for problems with poor behaviour of people/ their dogs
56	1129	Accessible for people of all abilities
57	1130	Please leave as is!
58	1135	NO PEA GRAVEL - it is dirty muddy and messy for all
59	1170	As is, looks too good!
60	1201	Dogs don't need equipment and fancy plants they play just fine if you let them be a dog.
61	1227	A large enough area to throw balls
62	1237	just as is
63	1254	none. space is enough

64	1265	Reduced size such as concept 1
65	1331	People seats and benches
66	1378	Grass! Wood chips and dirt turn into mud...
67	1400	fountain, benches, refuse station
68	1416	Benches, fountains
69	1542	No dog park!
70	1559	Stop pandering to dog owners. How about a seniors park instead. So often dog advocates take over the public agenda.
71	1589	Trees and bushes. Natural things that will help break up the space
72	1590	Shade sitting area for hot days
73	1643	More parking.
74	1666	N.a.
75	1739	shelter from rain, for people
76	1741	A sign with basic dog park etiquette
77	1757	Dog grooming area
78	1759	Dog grooming area
79	1787	A dog swimming pool
80	1790	No dog park!!! Keep them out of the Japanese gardens.
81	1791	people washroom
82	1802	Sign listing off leash park etiquette
83	1808	Seating the human kind
84	1816	Please offer some protection from sun and rain.
85	1851	Question 6 requires a "None of the Above" option for those not wanting a dog park...
86	1854	Refreshment station
87	1874	Maybe some me shelter for dog owners and pets from the elements rain/heat
88	1894	Outdoor with roof for rainy days
89	1895	Ample parking
90	1901	benchs outside dog park for other family members/children
91	1902	Supervision of owners

92	1906	clear rules and enforcement of leash and poo pick up outside of the park.
93	1908	washrooms by dog park
94	1920	No dog park
95	2028	Macaulay requires stairs to dog beach
96	2036	Only a few benches for those that really need them. Better for people to be up and moving with their dogs and talking to other people. Water fountain sounds nice. Poop bags and garbage a must.
97	2048	No dog park
98	2059	First aid station
99	2075	More trees near Gosper
100	2151	large rocks/terrain variations
101	2161	Human shoe wash station, organic disposal moving away from plastic doggie bags
102	2172	agility in the big dog section
103	2214	How about a doggy hose-down area in case of muddy conditions?
104	2259	Natural materials for dogs to play; log teetertotters, wood hoops for jumping, etc
105	2276	Ability to throw a ball a longer distance without hitting trees. Covered seating would be great too. Good lighting until 9 pm would also be great.
106	2278	As long as it is fenced I am happy
107	2287	By play equipment I mean tunnels, ramps, stairs and the like (see the setup behind the Saanich police station)
108	2302	leave as is!!!
109	2310	Garbage cans and composte for doggy doodoo
110	2313	Keep it simple...
111	2317	none
112	2330	Keep the off leash area as it is.
113	2333	No dog park
114	2340	picnic tables or some form of sitting so you can watch your dog play
115	2345	Obstacles/agility equipment

116	2357	Notice that dogs must be on leash in all other areas of the park and appropriate enforcement
117	2373	no preference
118	2384	That would be enough.
119	2388	Gazebo or an area with a roof for sudden rain or strong sun
120	2391	Eliminate parking
121	2397	A small platform like Langford dog park has so you can put extra balls or treats up high in a basket, some dogs can become toy crazy & need to be put away up high.
122	2408	table
123	2432	Leave it as it is. It works fine.
124	2471	Leave it be
125	2518	I don't care because I don't have a dog and am not planning to have a dog
126	2523	Picnic tables
127	2585	Accessible dog park

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Respondents: 171

#	Respondent	8) If you have any additional comments for the proposed dog park at Esquimalt Gorge Park, please include them in the space below.
1	8	No dog amenities.
2	16	This is not the right place for a dog park. It is too close to residences on Gosper Crescent. I also don't think this level of dog related infrastructure is necessary. The existing open fields can be used for multiple purposes including dogs. If these fences are built it means the park can only be used for dogs. It would make the park less appealing to other segments of the population who don't own dogs.
3	20	It is very hard to review without any dimensions but this park looks way too small.
4	42	Don't care at all (Sorry)
5	44	One of the things i have enjoyed the most in esquimalt is the access to dog parks. I am at saxe park and macaulay park every day. It the best part of my day and mostly my dogs
6	49	When dogs pay taxes they can get a park.
7	151	One or two pieces of agility equipment could be fun, esp. to dissuade ball use (which tends to create situations of conflict). Put up signage regarding responsible use (e.g. not to use if dog is ill; clean-up and licensing bylaw). I don't think a 3rd zone is necessary; it's up to owners if they want to bring their "small dog" into the "big dog" zone. A fenced dog area is probably a good idea at Gorge Park due to extensive landscaping and wedding use.
8	164	Dog obedience claseses would be great!
9	190	A leash rack for hanging the leash and or harness
10	216	Safety for children is a huge priority
11	221	As long as it is fenced! I don't use MacCauley or Saxe Point any more after too many run-ins with out of control off-leash dogs and their owners. Hopefully this would mean that the public areas outside the fence would now require leashes so I can go back to our park!
12	244	Not answer should be required for #6 if no dog park was chosen for #5. This is faulty methodology., and forces a predetermined outcome of a dog park.

13	272	I do not prefer a black chain link fence around the dog park, and definitely not located along the scenic driveway into the park. And I don't want to see regulations that a dog cannot be walked in any other location in the park.
14	310	Minimize impact on green space. Dogs just want some place to run. Please do not eliminate any more trees and shrubs than necessary.
15	352	I do not own a dog, so can't comment, but appreciate areas for dogs to play with their humans.
16	398	waaaaaaaaaay more parking
17	413	great idea !
18	421	Those people who don't have any dogs seem to feel excluded in this plan.
19	451	a formal dog park is expensive to maintain and will become a destination for dog walking business and residents from beyond the neighbourhood. Prefer to keep the neighbourhood level feel of the existing shared dog area, perhaps with a refuse station and water fountain. Fencing off separate enclosures encourages people to not exercise effective control over their dogs, and requires intensive maintenance. Saanich has gone to not providing taxpayer funded dog bags, and I encourage dog owners to take responsibility for providing their own bags. I don't expect a diaper dispenser at the playground, why should I as a dog owner expect taxpayers to pay for bags at the park? This of course takes sound information on operational costs for dog bag station maintenance, but the precedent is already established in Saanich.
20	482	Not enough parking spaces
21	497	No way! (What the hell, you made me choose a park vs. not answer - my vote is no park!) There are very few parks left in this city for people to be free of dogs running around like crazy. Not everyone feels safe around dogs, and dog owners have a sense of entitlement around their pet, treating them as though they have more value than other humans. We don't need the dogs destroying a section of park and having the bins overflowing with the rancid smell of their feces. How many trees will be cut? Refer to bird concerns above. These are terrible ideas...
22	503	we have enough dog parks already
23	507	Not in favour of dog park
24	517	Dogs should be on leash at all times

25	527	Needs to be big enough to play fetch
26	531	no
27	538	Great idea. Sets a regional model for dog lovers everywhere. We need separation when necessary
28	564	The 3 zone option is very smart. I fully support it.
29	568	parking area looks to be too small for such a luxurious dog park
30	609	Dog park is already fine where it is.
31	611	Leave dog run where it is. Get rid of dirt hill to increase dog area.
32	619	The best plan for a dog park is what exists already. The large open green space is ideal. Paving over half or any of that would be a real loss.
33	620	One zone, left where it is
34	621	Leave it natural instead of a destination dog park , where people will only come to let dogs play
35	632	Keep it open and as natural as possible.
36	640	Dog wash station??? Seems like a waste of money.
37	666	Much needed play space for condo dwelling dogs.
38	669	Leave it as it is.
39	691	Don't have an opinion - no dog. I only care that owners clean up after dogs.
40	693	Taller fence, washrooms
41	694	Keep as is
42	697	No further parking spaces on large grass area.
43	700	We do not need a dog park stuck next to a busy road.
44	701	Officially make what is left of the old dog park a "dog park". Leave dog park where it is and redesign the new parking.
45	702	Please don't make our dog park smaller or move it. We love it as is.
46	703	Change location of site to the space that is used now. Upgrade the dog park space that is used now across from parking lot, not at entrance space (prob. with parking on Gosper)
47	707	I think this is a great idea! We have a big Newfoundland who is very friendly...but big. So dividing into big dog/small dog spaces makes sense to me.

48	723	No dog park. There is already an off leash area within the park. Funding better spend elsewhere
49	725	I would like to see the dog park stay where it is and having a water fountain for dogs and humans installed.
50	751	good to take pressure off Saxe and Macaulay Park what ever is affordable
51	756	A dog park will destroy the aesthetic harmony of the Park and the one place where one can walk in many places. There are already too many dogs there. It will dissaude people from visiting the park.
52	757	No dog park. I'd like to see the Japanese Teahouse on the original site.
53	761	Dog park would disturb the peace and quite of the Gorge waterway since it is one of the migratory bird sanctuary
54	764	Shared space for big & small dogs is important for people that have both kinds of dogs. Hard to supervise dogs in seperate areas.
55	771	I have no dog so I won't comment other than: "I 'm happy that it is fenced because we have been rushed at by two snarling bulldogs while walking the paths in the park.
56	781	There are plenty of places for dogs to be free and run as they wish with their owners all over lower Vancouver island . As harsh as it might sound, I firmly place all people before spending money on dogs in our community. Period.
57	788	This is most ridiculous! How can we be spending funds on dogs. That ought to be for the owner to provide not a community facility. This facility should be for the people in the community for which it is being designed.
58	803	This space is way too small for a dog park. Neither of these options offer a decent space for dogs to run. I would prefer you simply fence off zones 5 and 6 (current dog space)
59	808	I resent tax dollars spent on managing and maintaining space for pets. Charge a fee for dog owners or leave them at home.
60	810	This removes usable space for those who are dog-phobic or allergic
61	816	Very cool!
62	817	Great work!
63	835	Excellent idea to have dog park at Gorge - truly needed.

64	836	I walk here nearly every day and have yet to see a negative reaction between a dog and people
65	857	Big dogs need a lot of room to run, to stay healthy. Make their space as big as possible please. There should be multiple entrances to the dog parks. It is important that the ground be prepared well so that the actual dog park does not simply become a dust bowl in summer or a big boggy area in winter. The area where this is scheduled to go is very boggy in winter. Will any of the old dog park stay as a dog park? It serves many dogs and their owners and should not be just paved over. Dogs that play in the current dog park area are almost always staying within the designated area, without going into the tended gardens or stream areas.
66	863	Just fence in the existing flat off leash dog area.
67	870	This area is natural habitat for wild birds, please don't encourage more dogs coming to the park. No to the dog park.
68	880	if you add dog park at gorge, you need to remove dog park area at saxe or macaulay park. enough already.
69	888	FOR USE OF DOGS LICENSED IN ESQUIMALT ONLY
70	891	Existing off and on leash dog area at the park is a good size and any proposed fenced dog park should be the current field and some wooded area to shade the dogs. The existing field is a good size but the entirety of it should be off leash dog park. As a everyday user of this park dog owners are the primary users of the park and need to be accommodated in any changes.
71	912	I feel this park could just be made off leash in the non-picnic areas and playgrounds. Don't need to spent so much money on this infrastructure
72	935	Dog park should be at least the same size as the current on and off leash area if not bigger and encompassing Sherwood Forest since it is currently only used by teenagers to do drugs, litter and vandalize. It would be good to make that space have a purpose.
73	940	The area selected seems overly large, even the one zone concept should be reduced.
74	1054	Area for all dogs off leash
75	1056	Open area for all dogs off leash
76	1058	I am concerned that a dog park and community centre would develop too much of the parkland.

77	1071	My not being a dog owner I cannot offer a preference re. 5),6)or7), but imagine a dog park would be welcome.
78	1083	I am only in favour of a dog park if there are bylaw officers to patrol them. Otherwise it is a free for all.
79	1130	Please leave as is, the dogs love it why spend money on a this land that is already a beautiful mix of human and nature interaction.
80	1135	Water Pad/Splash pad for the summer, otherwise open for dogs to run and play - or natural rock formation to climb.
81	1137	It will be very popular. Four parking spaces?? Where will they park?
82	1139	develop the exisitn area used by dogs, remove the unsightly and useless thistle mound (that was just a dumping pile from digging the creek?)
83	1150	Please, no fancy dog park
84	1152	Perhaps an obstacle course?
85	1157	don't treat dogs as babies
86	1165	No opinion on dog park.
87	1167	Canoe / Kayak / SUP Dock at start of WestBay walkway
88	1170	Consider parking as many will driver here from all over.
89	1201	Just a fenced area with a gate is all that is required. Save the money for things that really matter... like space for people to live. Why isn't that in the master plan.
90	1202	Put the dog park where the current dog area is (west of the existing parking lot), rather than repalcing this green space with new parking
91	1203	If there is a dog park, no dogs anywhere else on the grounds.
92	1250	If there has to be a dog park, I would like to see a fence around it so that park users are not forced into a dog encounter.
93	1294	no opinion on dogs just clea up after they poop
94	1310	Simple non-destructible elements which need very low maintenance and replacement are preferred I.
95	1321	Get ride of the prickle hill, it's full of weed. By doing this you will extend the doggy play area.
96	1329	You're over thinking everything. a simple dog space is fine, What if i have a medium sized dog? a big dog that is shy? And only 4 parking spots in an area the the majority of Esquimalt residents will have to drive to. All the other stuff is just fluff.

97	1347	I don't have a dog, so have no preferences. But I do like the idea of a dog park.
98	1362	The inclusion of a dog park should offer a by-law officer who stops in at busy times not just when a complaint is made. This would ensure the safety of all people and pets. They could check for licensing and behaviour issues to prevent problems as opposed to enforcement after the fact.
99	1369	Whatever is chosen needs to be fully fenced as indicated, and dogs must be on leash inside the zone before they leave. No off leash dogs
100	1374	I have a dog and would welcome an enclosed off-leash area.
101	1389	Please include Outdoor fitness equipment for humans
102	1403	existing area is well used & maintained by current dog owners. there may be hundreds of users a day, as I frequent park daily at different times of day. simple improvements like water station are good.
103	1415	If money is spent on a dog park, the now off leash area needs to be closed.
104	1448	lets leave some of the waterway for the birds and other wild life, they don't need to be chased or scared by dogs
105	1482	No dogs period this was restored to allow for wildlife habitat, our Gorge because of bad management the natural areas for Birds and Wildlife has diminished, we went through a public process on this 20 years ago, you want your dog to run wild buy a farm
106	1506	I am neutral about a dog park
107	1507	Again keep the facility or facilities basic in nature and that they can be readily cleaned through a spray and wash system
108	1522	This dog park just steals space from other park users
109	1542	No need. Existing dog park is great.
110	1546	Would this replace the existing dog park or be a 2nd edition? The current location and (multi) function of the dog park works fine. No need to build a big dog park, also it's proposed next to a road, a sloped section.
111	1559	No. No. No. no dog pandering please. Let the owners buy their own lot for dogs . This is a business opportunity for someone else.
112	1615	Keep the current rule where all dogs must be on leashed

113	1643	I live near Macaulay point and many people who use the dog area drive there. The parking needs to be close to the park as the dogs will be off leash getting to the dog park area. Signage does not work, during the high peak fishing season, those parking in front of my home have their dogs off leash on my front lawn and travel to the Macaulay dog area off leash.
114	1644	More parking is needed for people will travel here just for the enclosed dog space.
115	1660	I don't have a dog, so am unbiased
116	1671	As someone with two dogs: one large and one small who often walks with a friend whose dog is "medium", the big dog and small dog separated areas would not work at all.
117	1741	Please include a sign with basic dog park etiquette
118	1748	seating for people with shade.
119	1778	Don't have strong opinions, but would like dog amenities to be supplemented with better enforcement of off leash dogs in other parks.
120	1791	I have big dogs&they like more naturalized areas. Lawns are not req'd & will get ripped up. Put in wild stuff and more trees out in middle. A big grassy field is not good. At least put a few trees in middle so there are diff. areas within the lrg. dog area. Most dog parks are TOO small and TOO groomed.
121	1809	dogs leashed in park except for dog parks
122	1883	Not a dog owner, have little interest,
123	1901	4-6 benches inside dog park & 16 parking spots, washrooms
124	1902	Concerned about restrictions to be imposed elsewhere in the area - not a fan of dog parks.
125	1908	4 benches inside dog park, 16 parking spots, 4 benches outside dog park for families with children
126	1916	Why wasn't there in question #5 a fourth option - Leave it the way it is - Or - Where it is -
127	1920	No dog oatk
128	1947	Keep the dog owners out of the park - they're not very nice people
129	1966	The fenced-in dog park in Vic West has gravel and it become very dusty and stinky. Please do not use gravel - grass is better.
130	2008	Fenced in to protect people from getting knocked down by playful dogs.

131	2018	Please provide ample parking!
132	2022	Leave park where it is as a multi use area
133	2038	I have one big dog and two small dogs and we spend a lot of time at UVic dog park. It would be restrictive if we had to take our big dog to one area and our small dogs to another area. What if you had three zones but rather than have the shared space be the smallest space make the shared space the largest and the divided spaces small.
134	2048	Dog parks and japanese gardens aren't going to make for an harmonious combination at all. No dog park please.
135	2075	More shrubs and trees between the dog park and Gosper to reduce noise, clear paths & waste bins next to the parking area
136	2097	Do not support a dog park
137	2144	10 or 12 parking spaces
138	2145	I have concerns with the location of the swale running through the park. This swale, if it leads to fish habitat, has the potential of transporting sediment (from dogs running through wet areas) and fecal matter. Additionally, if the swale is wet, how do the humans and dogs cross without getting soaked?
139	2160	Nothing that has to be serviced or maintained. Taxes already too high. Reduce property taxes not increase them.
140	2172	no dogs on leash in the dog park
141	2178	Is the bag station necessary? dog owners should bring own bags. This has already been looked at by other municipalities and the cost/nuisance factor of filling and maintaining bag stations.
142	2198	No designated park, leave off leash area as is. Purposed site is on a slope and would be an eyesore for the beautiful green space and entry into the park.
143	2199	Add more than 4 parking stalls since they will be greatly needed for the amount of users coming to the space.
144	2202	https://creativelyunited.org/this-is-not-a-drill-video-from-greta-thunberg-and-george-monbiot/
145	2204	no preference as I'm not a dog owner
146	2214	Please ensure that the play area is not all full sun , plants trees or take advantage of existing trees as much as possible! Can you design the surface so that in wet months it doesn't revert to mud so the dogs get filthy?

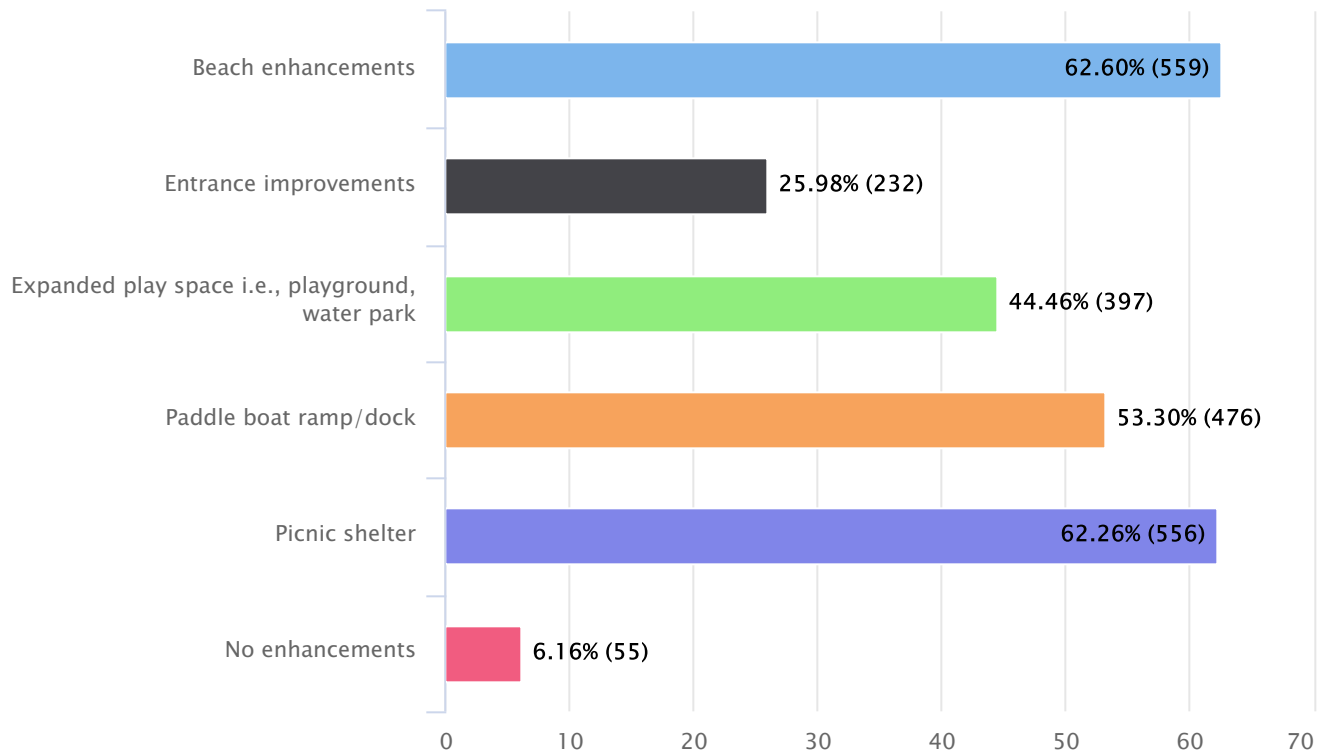
147	2235	They bought them,so let them figure where to go besides our parks.Nothing like sliding on your ass because of some one has diarea.
148	2276	Another option I would like is just to fence the existing off leash dog park at Gorge Park.
149	2287	<p>I didn't choose between Concept 1 and 2 as I found the graphics unclear - in particular, I couldn't figure out what the green "holes" are supposed to represent. Looking at the following page, I see that your goal is to greatly reduce the size of the dog park. Greater Victoria is known for having a large population of dog owners and dog-friendly people. The downsizing of the dog park appears to ignore that considerable segment of our population. I do want to point out that I have never seen dogs playing at the park creating any nuisance, disturbance or danger, to people, traffic or other dogs. Consequently, I can't help but wonder if a fenced area is actually needed. Benches: I do think several wooden (not concrete) benches placed periodically would be beneficial. Gravel: I STRONGLY urge Esquimalt NOT to use the kind of dusty gravel used at the dog park in Vic West (across from Save-On Foods) anywhere in this park - for the sake of infants and young children as well as dogs. The dust is hazardous to health, particularly for small humans and dogs whose noses are. of course, closer to the ground than are those of adults and large dogs. I also urge Esquimalt to ensure sufficient watering and drainage; because if the dog park area is to be so greatly reduced, dogs will be peeing in a much smaller area. In such a reduced area, grass will be adversely affected and unless good drainage is ensured, odours will ensue. While I think that delicate/shy dogs could benefit from a safe place to socialize, I think it is also important for dogs of various sizes to mingle.</p>
150	2302	DO NOT fence off any area. big and small dogs like to play with each other - irrespective of size
151	2313	Yes there should be an open space for dogs. Keep them out of the Gorge Creek and japanese garden
152	2330	Don't turn this park into a zoo with fenced activity areas.

153 2333	<p>Urban dwellers need dogs like they need tatoos, and for the same reasons. Dogs are harmful to the environment - their urine harms trees and science backs that up; their excrement soils school grounds, playgrounds and boulevards; their barking and yapping increases noise pollution; dogs chase small birds and shore birds; etc. Esquimalt has already gone to the dogs too much. The dog business is huge, whether it be kennels, walkers, veterinarians, dog psychologists, pet food vendors, groomers, clothiers, dog toy manufacturers or whatever else some entrepreneur can fabricate. I used to see people walking along my street; now I see a parade of people watching their several dogs soil the boulevard or, frequently, other people's gardens. It is disgusting. Yes, seeing eye dogs are terrific but I have watched epeople parade their pooches in seniors' lodges and noticed most seniors are not interested - like tatoos, for the vanity of the dog owner. The dog business is a huge industry. I want that industry to be diminished, not enlarged, in Esquimalt. I am suspect of the people who are promoting this industry and think my elected representatives should be too.</p>
154 2340	<p>I like the idea of having a playground, which is why I picked 2. However, more room in the parking lot is very important to me! Either put in large parking spots or don't have it so contained between two places. These are OFF leash areas right?</p>
155 2357	<p>A new dog park at this location should mean the closure of the open field off leash dog park area that currently exists and is inappropriately located next to the nature reserve area. With an official enclosed dog run there should be greater enforcement of off leash dogs</p>
156 2391	<p>Drawings don't indicate size, please add that info</p>
157 2397	<p>I think the fence should be 5 ft high. There may be problems with deer running by & dogs jumping the fence. A lot if people with physical disabilities bring their dogs into the gated dog park. I dont believe u have enough parking. The double gates are fantastic. A gated dog park is a fantastic idea. People from other municipalities use these dog parks.</p>
158 2432	<p>Don't ruin this well used beautiful park. Leave the dog area as it is. Build a traditional style Japanese teahouse. The large open areas as now are used by lots of groups and special events. People love the openness. Put in a decent bigger nature house.</p>
159 2455	<p>Include sunny and shady areas in all dog zones.</p>
160 2471	<p>spend money on the people who need it. like the homeless</p>

161	2488	Leave the dog park as is other than to ameliorate the wetness that accumulates at certain times of the year if that is possible. Why must we be so attracted to the idea of doing something to open natural space which is freeing and relaxing? ng
162	2489	The existing dog park is open, accessable and works well. an enclosure will have serious environmental consequences
163	2505	I don't use this area but I have heard comments from users that they like the park the way it is now.
164	2513	Don't take up park space with additional parking for the dog park. More than enough parking already exists in the park.
165	2515	I do not support either concept one or two but fence existing dog run
166	2516	The existing run should be fenced.
167	2566	Small area that has sun/shade & drinking water for dogs
168	2567	This all sounds very nice. I am good with the majority of people's responses.
169	2568	No high (or low) fencing
170	2573	Prefer to see it as an "on leash" dog park.
171	2585	More swimming areas

9) Previous public input highlighted additional enhancements for Esquimalt Gorge Park, captured below. Select your preferences (select as many options as are preferable):

Respondents: 893



Choice	Count
Beach enhancements	62.60% 559
Entrance improvements	25.98% 232
Expanded play space i.e., playground, water park	44.46% 397
Paddle boat ramp/dock	53.30% 476
Picnic shelter	62.26% 556
No enhancements	6.16% 55
Total	100% 893

10) If you have any additional comments for the long range planning of Esquimalt Gorge Park, please include them in the space below.

Respondents: 211

#	Respondent	10) If you have any additional comments for the long range planning of Esquimalt Gorge Park, please include them in the space below.
1	16	A paddle boat dock/ramp should definitely be installed, but closer to the bridge
2	20	This park desperately needs improvements to the Tillicum frontage to make it safer to approach it other than in a vehicle. It needs a crosswalk and bike path to make it a much more accessible park.
3	39	More picnic tables near the play area. Water park would be awesome!
4	59	Better washrooms and water bottle station
5	77	KEEP and update nature house, have it open more
6	82	Always nice to have covered space for all seasons.
7	104	I know this has basically no chance of happening, but I would *love* improved pedestrian and bike routes across the Gorge (i.e. a pedestrian/bike bridge connecting Saanich and Esquimalt) as Tillicum Road is narrow and busy
8	117	More amenities for kids and families
9	134	less non native plants. Skate park and pump track
10	135	Extended board walk that would connect with the other side of Gorge park
11	151	Improve the flow of pedestrian traffic. I often feel I need to retrace my steps when at Gorge instead of enjoying a circuit. I also like that the children's play area is near the Nature House and away from the serenity of the Japanese Gardens.
12	195	additional bike parking area(s), local chip trails for running
13	233	I like the trail additions

14	272	I think the existing off leash area and general open space use area (5 and 6 on the concept plan above) still remain the best location for dog play and open space. Do not create a black chain link fenced/developed area along the scenic entrance road in to the park. It will be an eyesore, possibly distracting, noisy (not welcoming into the park's overall attraction). Dog play and general open space area remains better tucked away in the present location. I think cluttering the entrance into the park is not a good planning idea.
15	310	Why add a water park if the beach is improved and ramp/dock added? A water park seems redundant and frankly ridiculous. Let's encourage kids to swim in the Gorge as people have for decades.
16	320	sufficient parking for the busiest days - perhaps in the form of overflow parking
17	334	Having an accessible playground for children with different abilities!
18	345	As natural as possible!!!
19	352	Would be great to introduce boat storage or rental, sandy play space at the beach, shade and picnic structures.
20	368	Water park would be so great as well as an expansion on the playground.
21	382	Water park would be amazing along with expansion of the playground
22	385	Water park please and expansion of playground
23	413	having a paddle space with access to parking lot would be fantastic, we live on Craigflower and parking is limited to drop kayaks and go;
24	421	The construction of the multi-purpose building is strongly recommended.
25	435	Increase size of Japanese Garden. Celebrate its heritage- why is there no signage?
26	451	be careful of long term maintenance costs of green parking systems. Suggest consulting with Saanich Parks on park parking lot design experience, as they have done many in recent years. Can;t tell what the design would be from the rendering, but beware of geogrid gravel systems like the one installed (and removed later at high cost) at the VI Tech Park. Bioswales yes, permeable paving no.
27	482	Separate bike and walking trails

28	497	No more trails! Keep this ecosystem as natural as possible! These "improvements" require a lot of construction and destruction of already perfect green spaces. If you really want to do something for that park, put a crosswalk at the entrance so people can get across safely from bus stop to bus stop, rather than having to go all the way around and under the bridge or run accords the road. Pull the stats of how many people have been hit or in accidents there by the pub.
29	503	Esquimalt already has water parkthe best ever....so nice to keep this park nice but not a replica of what we have
30	507	What about the tea house?
31	509	Utilize the waterfront better. Like a nice beach for swimming.
32	538	Tillicum Narrows tidal rapids can be dangerous. Paddlers need a "portage route" around. Moving the proposed dock to the SE corner of the bridge enables paddlers to exit / enter the water and go around. If exciting, they can take the paddle craft to the Esquimalt beach. This is a regional amenity and a key initiative of the Victoria Waterways Loop. vicwaterloop.ca
33	568	Boat dock needs access to parking as people coming and going with boats can get the boats to their vehicle. Boat dock on other side of the narrows needed to allow portaging rapids.
34	569	no commercial development allowed
35	574	Preservation of natural and landscapes features should take precedence over 'developed' areas (buildings, playgrounds etc)
36	605	Protected my bird area so no waterfront enhancements made e.g. No paddle my board, canoe launch a reason etc
37	609	A water/play park for children and beach enhancement (e.g. more sand) are preferable to a multi purpose building.
38	619	We were disappointed when the existing playground was installed, as most of the pieces were just cheap nausea-inducing spinning devices. The playground is used extensively and there are much bigger and better playground structures available.
39	621	Leave it natural as possible
40	632	Keep the park as natural as possible. We have used the beach for years to launch canoes and kayaks and for play. A new large building would be an eyesore, and a boat ramp/dock is unnecessary.
41	646	Ev super chargers free use

42	654	Ensure dock is low enough so kayakers can access their craft, otherwise we will continue to use the beach since it is safe.
43	657	Refurbish and reopen Japanese Tea House
44	669	This park is unique and valuable green space. I would want minimal changes to it
45	691	Tides are too strong for paddleboats. I have lived in this area when there was the pond. I attended many meetings with beautiful landscape design posters. There were some big mistakes made. Side walls of the channel are too high, the water rarely over flows, the plants couldn't withstand the sry season & all died. where are the plants, flowers, birds, insects, butterflies from the drawing. It looks like a moonscape most of the year. Put the money into making that project work before taking on another one.
46	693	More washrooms, more handicap spaces
47	694	Concession stand
48	695	Continue to beautify the park and keep the community (locals) happy. Please don't make the Gosper Cres. residents that live directly across from the exiting park have to "sell" their homes.
49	696	Washrooms open longer, traffic lights on Tillicum cannot get out onto Tillicum from Gosper
50	697	Bigger Japanese Gardens, access to drinking water, traffic light on Tillicum and Gosper Cres (closest to Craigflower)
51	699	Clean up existing dog park.
52	700	These are much better ideas that a building.
53	703	Boat ramp
54	707	I'd really like to see some of the history of the park (see the Gorge book) brought back into it. This used to be a major destination for the people of Victoria.
55	722	As Japanese style as possible and plaque in memory of original tea house.cherry bloosm trees
56	723	Nature House space in new building
57	725	I think we should replace the Nature House building with a new one in the spot that it is currently located and possibly take some of Sherwood Forest away as this isn't a space that is well used. I don't want to see more buildings in the park but we could use a space that could be rented out and maybe incorporate the Nature House in a piece of this building. I would like to see the dog park stay where it is and put in a water fountain for the dogs.

58	733	Please have a new Nature House space
59	736	We would like to see the current nature house space moved to the new building
60	751	what no tennis courts??? esquimalts tennis court areas were lost with the creek renovation project
61	757	I'd like to see the Japanese Teahouse be restored on the original site. Not just read about it at the Horticultural Center of the Pacific.
62	761	There should be a pedestrian controlled traffic light at the entrance to the park
63	770	I would like to see an outdoor pool
64	771	If the building is built, who will pay for it's upkeep (cleaning, repairing, heating, etc), security, management, through it's lifespan?
65	808	This is a green space and I do not support enhancements that make it into an artificial playground. We need open green areas where people can enjoy natural landscapes and growth and not continually seek man-made entertainment.
66	819	Remove mud hill and invasive thistles - open wood area behind present washrooms over to dog park. Don't use bark mulch anywhere in park. Teach employees how to drive on road ways in case. Now add more waste cans throughout park.
67	820	I like the native plant area and trails. I would prefer to have the treed/natural areas protected.
68	835	All suggested improvements on the list are good but do NOT do the multipurpose building. Not needed. We don't go to a park to go inside a building. We go to a park to go OUTSIDE.
69	836	Esquimalt has precious little natural open green space. At a time when we know that urban density is occurring, we should be adding to our green spaces, not building on them. Countless studies point to the beneficial effects of being outside in nature, and of the importance of exercise, so why on earth would we plonk a building and huge parking lot right in the middle of this beautiful park? Let us heed the health studies and care for our green spaces and where possible, extend them. It will be so much healthier for our community. Yes, build a small teahouse, but leave the rest of our park alone please,
70	837	I can appreciate it is a balance between providing "enhancements" and maintaining green space. The focus should be providing the minimal enhancements and retaining the green space.

71	857	<p>If you are doing anything to increase usage in this park, there will be more car traffic. It is absolutely important that a traffic light be installed at the entrance/exit on TILLICUM Road, as even now, there are many times when left turns into, and out of, the park are very tricky and dangerous. As a resident on Forshaw Road, looking straight at the beach and the future amenities building, I must say that I am extremely disappointed that such a large building will be right in our face. The noise and light pollution at night will drastically alter the peaceful view and setting that led us to buy our house.</p>
72	870	<p>Please add a some sort of program or interactive exhibit that involves the animal life living in/around the Gorge. Please also add a permanent food concession/service to this park, with hours well into the evening during summer. The lack of concession at a park this size is unfortunate.</p>
73	871	<p>The expansion of the parking lot to the south over the grass fields seems unnecessary as the parking lot is often underutilized. Transit and bicycle use should be encouraged, especially though improvements for bikes on Tillicum Rd to provide for safer turns into the park using that park entrance. Please no expanded playground or water park at Gorge Park. Kids LOVE the natural setting and can go to the rec centre for playgrounds and water parks.</p>
74	880	<p>There needs to be VERY SERIOUS consideration to non-vehicle access to the park. you can only access this park by car, unlike other more usable parks in esquimalt that DON'T have playgrounds but familys and kids can safely get to.</p>
75	882	<p>Sandy beach. Safe swimming area. Geese control. Deer control. Pickle ball courts.</p>
76	884	<p>Provide electric car charger</p>
77	889	<p>It would be great to see docks on either side of the reversing falls allowing for a short portage.</p>
78	891	<p>Zone 23 should have some off leash dog area or be designated so that dogs can access the water from the beach area at 23. Some 6 should remain parking as it is now instead of being a small and unusable green area in the center of a parking lot, keeping zone 6 a parking area will allow the proposed zone 18 parking area to be halved as the proposed rendering is quite large and significantly encroaches onto zone 5 and 6 the field large field which should be all off leash dog park.</p>
79	901	<p>Park is great as it is</p>
80	907	<p>Enhance the outdoor activities that already exists. No need for anything indoors...that is not a park.</p>

81	940	Gorge Park has always been under utilized therefore ensure there is no major reduction in parking availability Even with a new proposed building the existing Nature House should be retained.
82	961	Concept of "Peace" park
83	1054	No commercial groups
84	1056	No commercial groups/enterprises
85	1058	Please don't add in more parking. This is developing a really large amount of the parkland, and it's hard to go back after we build a parking lot on top of it.
86	1114	maintain as much natural space as is possible
87	1117	A tea room should be incorporated. Perhaps having the food preparation space open to the Japanese garden side would allow for it operate on a sessional basis as with any kitchen rental. I.e. Japanese Tea Room society could operate a tea room on Sunday afternoons May-September.
88	1129	Restore the historic wooden portage route under the bridge for paddlers during dangerous tidal periods.
89	1130	Please leave as is!
90	1132	Use beach as a water park. So maybe on the beach, put water play structure.
91	1135	Keep as much green space for picnic and quiet walking trails - Not just playgrounds it is a community park
92	1136	Dock for launching paddle crafts
93	1152	Please let's not overdo the 'enhancements' to an already beautiful location! it will become overused, over built and completely spoiled. It's perfect the way it is - calm, relaxing, and something for everyone.
94	1165	Comments already provided.
95	1166	I would like to see an improved kayak/paddle board launch at #13
96	1167	Canoe / Kayak / SUP Dock at start of WestBay walkway
97	1170	It's very well maintained and very attractive as is.
98	1182	This waterways loop is an important addition for locals as well as visitors/tourists.
99	1183	I would like to see a bypass trail or portage trail to get kayaks/canoes/SUPs past the rapids under the Tillicum Bridge

100	1184	You need a portage trail under the bridge so that kayakers and other people in small boat can go up the waterway
101	1201	Stop putting concrete in the park. I am opposed to adding anymore concrete to this park. How many trees will be removed how much green space will be removed. You didn't mention the current features that will be gone forever!
102	1203	More public washrooms
103	1215	Kayak launch site, safe portage route and launch locations
104	1222	no dock!
105	1237	It is enjoyable to see the children playing on the new equipment - frankly, the park feels safe, comfortable and very enjoyable. Why is the municipality so eager to spend all the money so fast - this park is a PERFECT GEM!
106	1245	No dog around
107	1252	"Tillicum Narrows tidal rapids can be dangerous. Paddlers need a "portage route" around. Moving the proposed dock to the SE corner of the bridge enables paddlers to exit / enter the water and go around. If exciting, they can take the paddle craft to the Esquimalt beach. This is a regional amenity and a key initiative of the Victoria Waterways Loop.
108	1262	Tillicum Narrows tidal rapids can be dangerous. Paddlers need a "portage route" around. Moving the proposed dock to the SE corner of the bridge enables paddlers to exit / enter the water and go around
109	1265	Less development
110	1280	Restore a natural shoreline.
111	1283	Adding sand to beach. Any way to decrease geese poo? Enhance existing nature centre to allow for nature preschool/kids programming.
112	1287	Parking will be at a premium with the enhancements to the park. There should be All Ages and Abilities bicycle facilities to give people alternatives to get to the park. There would also need to be upgrades to access to the park for those on bikes; right now, Tillicum acts as a wall to getting to the park or going east-west, as well as being an extremely unsafe north-south route.
113	1294	make the gorge more accessible for kayaking and paddling and rowing
114	1310	Improve access to the park for bicycle and pedestrian traffic using expanded lanes or traffic calming measures.

115	1321	The negative feedback on our street seems to be the shortening of the doggy play area. So get rid of the "eye sore" hill that's only soil and sludge removed to create the estuary, this could be smoothed and seeded for extra play area.
116	1329	Would like to see either the proposed structure building built in a contemporary Japanese style or an MAJOR enhancement to the Japanese gardens, Right a wrong.
117	1331	Additional washrooms
118	1347	I really like the ideas for future enhancements in the rendering. It's a beautiful park already, and making it even more attractive to visitors would be wonderful.
119	1355	Any additional work must incorporate accessibility
120	1387	A car-top boat launch would be awesome
121	1389	We need a dock to enable to the harbour ferry to land. In the past, a ferry would bring tourists from downtown to Gorge Park.
122	1403	parking lot expansion to existing grass fields is big no-no. all polls, surveys, feedbacks support high public support for environmental goals & policies. building more parking space in largest green space in central victoria goes entirely against this. this is one of few open, flat areas in a natural surrounding in victoria where people can get in touch with nature without needing a car to travel long distances. this is the what draws so many hundreds every day to this park. in addition to mothers / children at playground, people of all ages walking with or without dogs, bus loads of seniors being taken by their senior facility for day trips, people picnicking mostly on weekends; for all these different groups / people a nice addition to park would be teahouse type concept for them to rest. a new coffee shop at new Amica facility at gorge rd & admiral goes over well. why not have better playground facilities for children, & some amenities for seniors who visit park. for example there is special swing designed for people in wheelchairs which could be offered. also, why not expand / build on current nature house due to great public interest in environmental issues ?
123	1404	Save swimming beach
124	1414	Safe bypass of the Tillicum Rapids would greatly increase human-powered water access of the Park and the Gorge Waterway/Loop. Personally I'd also like to engineer a surfable wave to honour the spirit of Camosang, but I realize that is a long way off.
125	1445	The tea room should be a priority.
126	1464	Beach access for kayaks to land

127	1482	No Docks as perceived, there are other ways to address access , no water parks this is a wildlife area, if planning for more people, better designed parking with run-off remediation, a simple lighted cross walk at Park Entrance
128	1506	The entrance is a problem -perhaps beyond the scope of this project, but I wish Tillicum bridge were safe for bikers and pedestrians. I drive over it nearly daily and would never want to walk or bike over it.
129	1507	Special attention should be given to placing additional beach sand on the present beach area and to maintain and control number of geese population so that the beach is well used by young families with children
130	1522	Washroom enhancements and electric car charging
131	1542	Use the monies for the proposed dog park for a swim dock and improved beach access
132	1548	Enhancements but NO building....no bigger parking lot
133	1559	Park is great as it is. Put in some security to stop the metal thieves
134	1582	Would love a pedestrian/cycling bridge to the Saanich side so that we don't have to go out to Tillicum to get there. Also would love to be able to swim at the beach (sand/geese deterrents) and have a dock in a good location for paddleboard/canoeing.
135	1590	Flower garden, little nature museum
136	1643	Desperately need a good calm water canoe/SUP/kayak launc area with drive up access and parking.
137	1671	Not only a floating dock but a place that might encourage kayakers doing the vicwaterloop.ca Victoria Waterways Loop paddle to get out of their boats and enjoy the park, esp those waiting for the tide to go through Tillicum Narrows. Work on integrating the water to the land, and enhance wild space, particularly to benefit the bird life protected by the migratory bird reserve. Make use of nice panels to explain the importance of it, native vegetation and the history of the park.
138	1677	A Japanese garden would greatly enhance the park as well as reflect its historical past
139	1702	play area should be in bright colours and not dull green
140	1739	please make sure the spac3 is walker/wheelchair friendly
141	1741	A water park area would be really cool
142	1757	A sand beach for swimming

143	1759	A sandy beach for swimming
144	1778	That's a huge increase in the amount of parking/infrastructure dedicated to the automobile and not to green space. I have no problem with the proposed building, but not at the expense of green space.
145	1782	Ongoing forest management and tree replacement programs
146	1787	24-hour open washrooms and spaces open for homeless population
147	1790	Proper recycling and compost facilities so that recyclables and compostables do not get thrown into the regular garbage cans.
148	1791	PLEASE make dog park bigger or more of them. DON'T groom them, just fence them off. Dogs don't need that, they need space and doggie bags.
149	1816	No water park, please — water conservation, etc. No need for potable water, especially during water restrictions, to just go down the drain.
150	1831	Bring back tennis courts which can double with pickle ball. Have an outdoor fitness circuit nearby the tennis courts.
151	1888	Considering the history of this park, I believe it is crucially important and timely to include a Japanese Tea House or at least a flexible space that could accommodate one at this time. We won't get this chance again, let's do it right.
152	1894	Outdoor water and electricity access for garden event
153	1901	relocate the messy, aggressive geese from the park, construct new Japanese Tea Gardens, 2nd washrooms by new dog park
154	1902	Concerns about water quality and household waste in creek.
155	1908	rebuild Japanese Tea House, 2nd washrooms by dog park, relocate messy, aggressive geese, more garbage cans
156	1909	move the proposed paddle entry to the site paddlers identified
157	1916	You want to add a dock and water access point, but move the parking farther away? A new building on the water will be underutilized, and cost more than will contribute.
158	1966	The planned dog park appears smaller than the existing park. It is important to have proper space for dogs as offleash parks in this end of Esquimalt are absolutely necessary.
159	1980	Real Japanese tea garden (like before)
160	2006	Please respect the Japanese heritage of the area when taking any of the landscaping, design and additional enhancements.

161	2009	Remember to keep the natural environment in mind for all decisions.
162	2010	There needs to be an exit from the water at Tillicum Narrows.
163	2022	Parking lot is too large. Prefer a minimal size parking lot.
164	2038	Food forest
165	2048	A covered picnic area and a kayak/canoe launch would be good additions to the park if placed away from the teahouse and Japanese garden.
166	2058	Be bold! Design & build a portage under Gorge Bridge. Long over due. Build kayaking/canoeing tourism. Launch site (beach in park) already there; no additional parking needed.
167	2075	Is there a no motorised boats rule? above the Tillicum bridge it should be non motorized crafts only
168	2094	showers for the beach users
169	2102	More picnic/BBQ friendly spaces
170	2134	More seating in dog areas, playground & beach areas. Bike racks.
171	2141	More access for swimming please
172	2144	turn in_turn out small and mid size vehicle access to paddle ramp/dock
173	2160	Save money for odour mitigation at sewage treatment plants.
174	2172	pay showers, the water in the Gorge can be pretty nasty and I would want to shower kids right after they have been wading
175	2183	As much Trees and greenspace as possible
176	2198	Parking should remain where it is (closer to the building). A smaller parking lot could be added to the green space but keep parking limited and allow for overflow parking on the green space if needed for larger events. The old parking concept with trees and crosswalks would be beneficial.
177	2199	Do not allow people to go near the bird estuary as it will take away precious animal nesting grounds. Dogs will be brought in by ignorant owners and they will disturb the grounds even though there is signage saying stay out.
178	2202	'Everything counts, what you do counts' - plant more trees - we are in a climate emergency!!

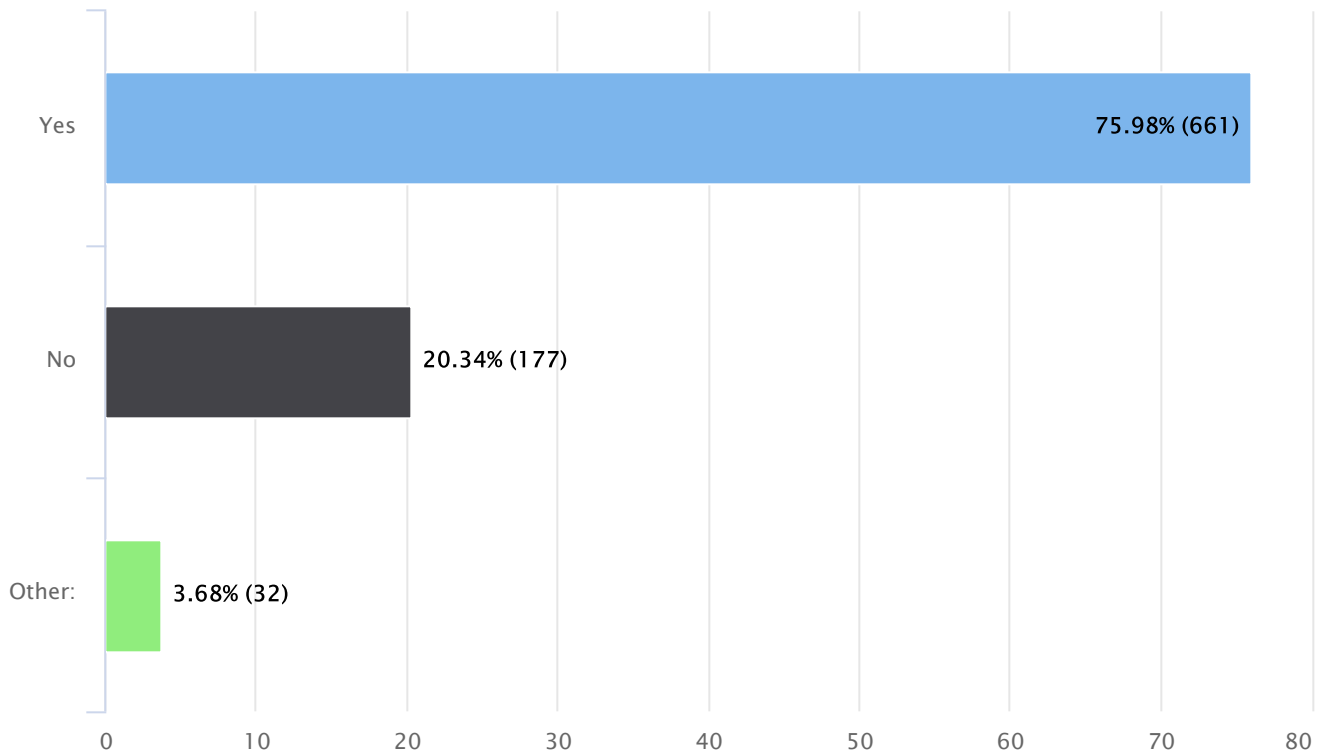
179	2204	<p>Having the #11 Sioux Place parking lot right by the water doesn't seem to best utilize water access, particularly as cyclists and pedestrians will be coming over the bridge. I'm not seeing a safe route for these modalities to travel through the park. The biggest issue for me living on the other side of Gorge Road (in Saanich) is to access the park safely via bike or on foot. With a small child the walkway on Gorge is terrible for cyclists, slightly better for foot traffic. Vehicles move very quickly through that route. Is there thought to add an additional pedestrian/cycling bridge on the narrow passage of the Gorge Inlet to connect Saanich to Esquimalt Gorge Park? This would increase our access drastically. We love this park! Looking forward to the improvements.</p>
180	2214	<p>BBQ pits/grill areas for cooking</p>
181	2235	<p>Picnic shelter will be covered with wine bottles and tarps. Now try to remove them?</p>
182	2259	<p>Incorporate indigenous art/culture</p>
183	2276	<p>Improve lighting throughout the park. I am a frequent user of the park (live across the street with a dog), but I don't go into the park after sunset because it is dark & creepy.</p>
184	2287	<p>To me, this plan appears to focus on cutting the park into numerous segments, to its detriment. As the park now is, there are numerous places for large gatherings, whether loud or quiet. There are many peaceful places to walk. There is a goodly amount of parking spaces. This plan allows for beach enhancements, etc., as well as a paddle boat ramp/dock. It would seem much more logical to have the paddle boat ramp/dock near the beach rather than creating yet another interruption to the waterfront walkway. I agree that added picnic tables could be welcomed. My fear is that the number of intended improvements will chop up the park to a distressing extent. It seems that the planners are trying to make everyone happy and in doing so work against preserving the integrity and natural beauty of the park. I would like to see the proposed building (I have chosen Concept#1 as roughly representing the Japanese style - if it were closer to the current Japanese garden and water feature, it would pay homage to original tea house and create a lovely setting for events. I do think the present parking lot serves the park well. I can see some of these improvements being put into place if the case is simply that Esquimalt has an extra large amount of funds to spend - but if that is the case, perhaps some of those funds could benefit the community even more if applied elsewhere.</p>

185	2297	Improvements need to maintain the tranquility of the park eg improved playgrounds would be good but not a water park. Would prefer to see new car park in its current location rather than removing precious green space to create a new car park on existing dog off leash area. Trail improvements are good if existing gorge walkways are also upgraded. Don't support a trail alongside the gorge creek as this is a wildlife habitat which should be preserved as such.
186	2302	Leave it alone.
187	2317	Restoring the native ecosystems and improving ecological integrity is a must. Priority to be given to creating a Garry oak ecosystem and pollinator gardens.
188	2330	For me beach enhancement means returning the estuary to a more wildlife habitat friendly form. I do not support returning this to a swimming area. There needs to be a safer solution for boaters who seek a portage around the Gorge narrows. Please respect and honour the First Nations history, e.g. midden. The Japanese culture is memorialized in the garden. The proposed overscale multipurpose building designed with a nod to Japanese architecture is tokenism. Keep the organized recreation spaces in the core of Esquimalt where the population is centred. Leave the small population of the Gorge View panhandle alone with the wildlife to enjoy the quiet of the outdoors. Is anyone at Esquimalt Township or Indigifest taking responsibility for ensuring that people respect the peace ? On Saturday August 24, people were screaming swear words (sh*t, f*ck) into a microphone from 8pm to 10pm. Totally unacceptable in any culture.
189	2333	Decision makers should think again.
190	2336	a Japanese garden that will include bonsai trees
191	2340	definitely think having an additional play space near the dog park would be good. Kid and dog both get out that way.
192	2357	Why is trail #20 through an area that was traditionally reserved as a wildlife area? Isn't this use inconsistent with the existing park master plan. I also think the amenities that are not part of the MAF funding at this time are out-of-scope for this engagement and a bit mis-leading (e.g., the bridge replacement for gorge creek is long overdue and there are no funds in place to do this replacement... to me, this should be what MAF funds should be for to "enhance" and build infrastructure that is additional to what existed before but also takes care of Esquimalt parks capital infrastructure deficit (seawall another item...)

193	2391	Add Japanese tea house to this design, do not take up usable flat recreational space with parking
194	2425	Boardwalk for swimmers to deeper waterway to avoid mud bogavoid
195	2432	People love the park as it is. Useful beautiful and lots of open space. Families gather for picnics. Tourists love the Japanese gardens especially the water features. Just add a small traditional teahouse.
196	2447	Water Access for Paddlers Please! Public Dock Perhaps?
197	2453	Let's start to re-naturalize part of the shoreline to create habitat. Also, let's add boat rental, storage and perhaps a paddle club (for kids and adults; perhaps with First Nations management). Finally, lets set aside a space to expand the Japanese garden.
198	2461	A Japanese traditional teahouse
199	2462	This park is such a treasure
200	2471	Leave it green. Dont destroy what little green space there is
201	2488	Please don't pave any more of our lovely park paradise for more parking. We have a fantastic community centre already and this park one of our most beautiful natural areas. Let's not commercialize this gem or make it about seemingly trendy activities like paddle boats. Let's not encourage more docks on the waterway in a very sensitive eco system and Bird Sanctuary. The open water right off the park is a particularly favoured one for waterBIRDS and I'd like to see us stand firm in protecting them.
202	2489	Beach enhancements to protect waterfoul and aquatic life only
203	2502	As long as there is enough parking for everything that's great. Would you need to bring you own boat or would there be rentals?
204	2505	Try to keep areas as natural as possible with enhancements as unobtrusive as possible. No multipurpose building of paving over currently green areas.
205	2515	please consider traffic security staff and parking
206	2516	worry about security, parking and traffic
207	2567	It is perfect :) Maybe a few more benches for seating.
208	2569	Gardens, playspace
209	2573	Do not want to see any current green space removed.
210	2585	BBQ Stations

11) Do you like the concept of developing a boardwalk and lookout area to complete a loop trail in Saxe Point Park? Select one:

Respondents: 870



Choice	Count
Yes	75.98% 661
No	20.34% 177
Other:	3.68% 32
Total	100% 870

#	Respondent	Other:
1	67	As long as all green space and the rocks are still accessible. If barriers created (like Ogden Point Breakwater) than no thank you
2	70	not sure-what is there now
3	164	Not sure
4	310	Saxe Point is a perfect hideaway as it is.

5	352	Why not continue it around to provide accessible access to the pocket beach?
6	402	Depends on the cost
7	416	Leave it natural
8	620	Put in a playground
9	621	Limited boardwalk
10	695	n/a
11	751	you could design the walk to project endangered species
12	880	other things can happen at this park
13	882	Where is the community meeting building???
14	888	WALKWAY SHOULD BE LOCATED TO PROTECT SPECIES AT RISK
15	930	Outlook and water access only.
16	1126	As long as no trees are removed
17	1129	Potentially. Careful attention needs to be paid to protect the natural elements of the park. No blasting of rock.
18	1135	worries about long term maintenance
19	1280	There are rare and at risk plants in Saxe Point and they have such a value that no changes should negatively impact them.
20	1310	Does a boardwalk preserve the park and forests? If so yes I agree. If not, then no, it is not worth the inevitable future maintenance
21	1791	lots of benches - great
22	1816	No large wood deck feature , as this takes away from the beautiful rock formation which are an integral part of the beach scape. There is plenty to enjoy without such a huge man made structure. Also - please clean up dog area on north west side of Park - it is shoddy - obviously uncared for. Please DO continue to allow dogs in some areas of park. As it stands the option for dog owners/families is to sit in squalor or leave their furry companions at home.
23	2036	Don't overspend. Keep it simple.
24	2038	This seems unnecessary
25	2202	Are enough good lookout areas at Saxe Pt. Park
26	2285	wood chip trail would be adequate; lookout area unnecessary
27	2297	Possibly

28	2317	Needs improvement.
29	2351	I'm not for or against. Allowing scuba down is good. Rest of ideas are meh. I would rather not spend the money on most of those proposals. Keep looking for ideas. Don't spend just to spend.
30	2391	The trail system at Saxe is great already, the \$\$ is best allocated elsewhere
31	2471	none
32	2585	Keep the rock wild

12) If you have any additional comments for the proposed boardwalk at Saxe Point Park, please include them in the space below.

Respondents: 187

#	Respondent	12) If you have any additional comments for the proposed boardwalk at Saxe Point Park, please include them in the space below.
1	15	Why pave paradise - it adds minimal value. Why not connect Denniston park with Saxe, or at least end of Constance with Saxe and enhance the beech? Similar to WestBay walkway it expands the park!! Is it the couple of effected residents along the shoal?
2	20	maintenance of this will be very expensive. Why not a gravel path at grade? Please remove the concrete bunker as part of any improvements.
3	38	I would like to see a perimeter trail that
4	52	Please leave saxe point as a natural habitat. The existing trails are nice but its also nice to walk over rocks and boulders and natural elements
5	62	would like the new board walk to allow dogs year round (on leash in summer months)
6	70	Why do you need the boardwalk? It is currently accessible. Are you looking at the area from a habitat perspective? What is happening to plant material under boardwalk-sensitive design?? What is there right now?
7	80	I think Saxe point would be better suited with a covered open area (such as large gazebo) to accommodate gathering in the rain or other. I don't think a boardwalk is necessary for this area.
8	82	bird watching area with bird houses
9	85	I like the natural features and trails of Saxe Point the way they are. I think a boardwalk would take away from the natural experience of this park.
10	91	Would love a natural elements playground. To be able to walk the trails and then sit and let the kids play would be lovely
11	93	Accessibility for people with disabilities
12	151	Keep the lookout structure simple (i.e. not like the first image with the suspension bridge) and the boardwalk material natural (i.e. no concrete). Any boardwalk should require "dogs on leash".

13	161	spend the money to improve and maintain the existing natural pathways and trail systems
14	164	I support the idea of making the park more accessible, just not quite sure if it would intrude on the natural look
15	195	chip trails for running/jogging
16	196	allows for accessibility for people with mobility limitations
17	221	Don't make it a boardwalk, but a trail similar to the others around the park. That would make a great, continuous trail around the park.
18	233	Connecting waking and bike trails eventually to west bay and E&N trails would be excellent
19	246	Making the new boardwalk dog friendly and providing pet poop bag dispensers.
20	265	Seems like a lot of money to make a smooth path. Nice for the elderly and handicapped, but doesn't change much for most people.
21	266	Wonderful idea!!!!
22	272	I think the boardwalk and lookout area should be closer along the ocean (at rocks edge and overlooking from there) not through the current lawns and grassy areas and where people currently have created worn pathways. Nothing new if boardwalk is essentially built on top of existing grass. Also the boardwalk should start at the west current lookout and follow the rocky pathway along the ocean from there.at the
23	310	I've been in a community that put in a boardwalk before and it was washed away by high tides only months after it was finished. Don't want to see a repeat experience and could easily happen, given unpredictability of climate change
24	330	Playground. Glass floor Walkout area to the ocean. Art sculpture. Pinocular.
25	334	Safety for small children and accessibility should be the priority.
26	345	Keep people on the boardwalk and off sensitive zones.
27	352	Picnic spaces, and perhaps a small kids play space (integrated with sensitivity to nature). Overall, I love the natural feel, forest, meadow, and broad views.
28	398	why would you take the ruggid beauty of the park and put a path over it? kids love playing on those rocks.
29	402	Childrens playground

30	429	Saxe Point park is one of the last small captures on what Esquimalt used to look like. Lets leave it as it is
31	435	It is already a perfect place. Do not alter the water front access
32	448	I like the grassy area to the east of the parking lot and would prefer not to have a walking path there
33	451	use synthetic wood like the boardwalks in Mount Douglas Park. Non-slippery, long lasting, non-fading, non splinters, low maintenance cost in marine environment. Use aluminum supports and frame in non-visible features.
34	458	I don't think this is enhancing the park.
35	464	Out door Pool!!!
36	472	The lookout is too big and does not seem to fit well
37	482	Don't allow bikes or have separate bike boardwalk
38	497	This makes more sense, as it will have minimal impact to the existing park and no trees will need to be cut!
39	503	I love Saxe point and would love this boardwalk
40	507	Done sensitively and respecting the environmental footprint
41	508	Safer way for children and elderly to enjoy the view close to the water.
42	509	Saxe point is perfect the way it is.
43	538	Do not put in a boardwalk. An improved walking surface, but the boardwalk can be slippery in storms and high maintenance
44	568	add access point for paddling put-in/takeout of canoes, sups and kayaks
45	618	Leave it natural
46	621	Maybe a pathway about a mile or so where people with walkers could safely walk
47	632	It does not fit with the park environment and would require expensive maintenance. Keep it all as natural as possible with unobtrusive additions, if any.
48	640	Saxe point park is perfect. Do not do anything.
49	642	Do not destroy a beautiful natural outcrop. So few of them are left in the urban area. There is a path there already that could be maintained a bit better...
50	643	It would be great to see a fenced in playground for kids!
51	646	Ev parking/charging free to use at both parks.

52	679	Would be a shame in my opinion to take away from the breathtaking natural landscape of the rocks along the water...
53	696	Food
54	700	If you are going to spend money, it should be on controlling spear grass which is dangerous to children and wildlife.
55	707	Great idea! Love it!
56	751	you realize of course that some of this board walk goes over endangered species sites - feature wood deck area for example
57	764	Why some boardwalk and some flagstone? Isn't boardwalk more accessible?
58	808	Please stop overbuilding natural areas! We do not need a boardwalk along the water, let people sit and climb on the rocks.
59	809	Don't see the point of this. The viewing platform provides no better view than any other rock at the park. What does this really accomplish?
60	835	I am concerned about the water access for scuba and kite surfing. What does that entail? Details needed before I can approve this plan or not.
61	836	Please take care of the spear grass here that is harmful to children and animals of all kinds
62	837	Absolutely not, not a good use of funds, not very much "bang for your buck"; the beauty of Saxe Point is it's water, beautiful gardens and greenspace (which is quite small). As well, we have seen increased whale activity in this area and developing a boardwalk would be detrimental. As well, increased traffic, parking issues. Basically in our parks people want very nice washrooms and should be left to enjoy nature as it is.
63	880	how about a natural playground to enhance the common grass area and rock????? remove the off leash dog park.
64	882	Add community meeting building. Add security cameras for public safety.
65	888	PROTECT THE ENDANGERED PLANTS
66	901	Not needed - have loved going to this park almost all my life and it's perfect the way it is
67	902	I've been enjoying this park almost all my life - don't change anything! It's beautiful as it is
68	904	Dog Free walkway

69	930	Wooden boardwalk sounds like a maintainance nightmare to me, and a future budgetary burden. Any railing or fencing along the water would spoil the view.
70	935	The boardwalk should go all the way to Macaulay
71	942	I grew up in Esquimalt and my family still lives there - I visit often but work and live in Burnaby.
72	952	Saxe Point is great the way it is
73	995	partially canopied at the large oval section (lookout point) , picnic shelters
74	1048	Child play area/park
75	1114	drop the scuba and board sailing access...this is not a safe place to launch
76	1115	It's fine how it is. Natural is beautiful.
77	1117	I like the water access for scuba etc.
78	1120	Hook it to Westbay to town.
79	1121	I do not think a board walk is a good idea for this park.
80	1129	Two alternate waterfront investments that I think deserve consideration: 1. Purchasing the undeveloped waterfront lot at the end of Grafton Street on the left side of the road. This would be amazing expansion of Deniston park. If that lot was developed, the negative impact on Deniston Park would be devastating. 2. A swimming and paddling dock at Arm Street Park. If you look at the popularity of Banfield Park dock and Curtis Point Park in Saanich, you'll see how well used this waterfront access would be.
81	1130	Please leave as is!
82	1135	Keep the space natural to trails - wooded chips, or small gravel, no need for boardwalk - just the trails Open and wuiet
83	1140	washroom facility
84	1152	Please keep it simple and in tune with the beauty and ruggedness of the coastline. Less is more.
85	1165	No opinion on Saxe Point.
86	1167	Canoe / Kayak / SUP Dock at start of WestBay walkway
87	1201	Please try to reduce the impact on the park. Your walkways and path need to be removable and not require the existing plants and soil to be disturbed.
88	1231	Please do not ruin the natural landscape of Saxe Point with a boardwalk

89	1237	Saxe Point park is another park which has survived with no interference from open green space, safe forested space to walk pets and a beautiful view.
90	1261	I would prefer that Saxe Point Park be left as is.
91	1265	Leave it as it is
92	1276	A wooden boardwalk is a high maintenance item. Why not a gravel pathway?
93	1287	Is wood the best material for this path? What would have the lowest life-cycle costs?
94	1305	The big deck area should be further inland if built
95	1310	Do not "enhance" the park with improvements that require considerable future maintenance if there are low benefits to the plant life in the area. If a boardwalk supports plants and habitat, then it is desirable.
96	1320	Saxe point beach and shore areas are one of the last "wild" outdoor spaces left, please leave as is, my children need somewhere to play
97	1329	Why? What purpose would this serve other than putting wood over rock. There are lots of places to walk along the grass and trails where you can get a 100 view of the ocean.
98	1331	Lots of seatings should be included. Need another washroom area.
99	1355	Flagstones are very problematic for wheelchair users. Ned to incorporate tactile cues
100	1356	This is number one on my families list.
101	1374	Don't do anything to reduce the dog off-leash area. There is no need to build a boardwalk or lookout area.
102	1387	I like the natural look and don't think a boardwalk is necessary. The existing trails are more than enough
103	1389	Please provide binocular stations
104	1403	I find it difficult to see image of this from diagram above, but any improvement to access for children, seniors, handicapped is preferred. lots of seating, viewpoints, beach access is wanted by all
105	1404	Keep it low maintenance and as natural as possible
106	1414	while as a kitesurfer I applaud the thought of creating an access here, I don't believe a safe launch could be created.
107	1415	Make sure all pathways are marked no off leash

108	1417	Public access to a walkway along the waters edge should be there for all to enjoy.
109	1502	Allow on leash dogs
110	1518	Like the loop trail to be completed but doesn't necessarily need to be a boardwalk
111	1521	Railings for safety
112	1529	THE IDEA OF ACCESS FOR SCUBA/KITE SURF IS GOOD; BOARDWALK TAKES AWAY FROM THE NATURAL FEEL OF THE ROCKS
113	1540	Eventually wrap around to Fleming Perhaps a suspension bridge at some point
114	1542	Beach access from the pathway.
115	1559	Stop hardscaping over every piece of nature. It is a climate emergency, people.
116	1571	Would love to see a boardwalk go all along ESQUIMALT and meet up with the blue bridge
117	1582	Loop trail, no boardwalk, yes to lookout
118	1590	Wood stair to access down the beach
119	1599	Please please do not encroach on this wild space with a boardwalk. It is important for habitat and important for people to experience nature in its natural form. This area is very widely used and I don't think people using the park need a boardwalk in order to enjoy the space.
120	1600	It would be good to include some rest areas/seating.
121	1643	Boardwalks are really slippery when they get wet. A well maintained path would be better. The park really needs invasive plant control and a dog friendly picnic area.
122	1644	It would ruin the park. It would be a loss of nature. It is not needed and is just a waste of money.
123	1652	I only support a boardwalk if there will be increased parking available. Current parking is abysmal.
124	1739	rain shelter for a wheelchair at vantage point
125	1748	keep the off leash dog area.
126	1757	Protect the trees
127	1759	Protect trees

128	1778	Doesn't seem like it is much of an improvement over existing infrastructure, except perhaps for those in wheelchairs. Wonder if there is better accessibility improvements for the money that would benefit more people (this will only benefit mobility challenged people who have access to a car, as getting Saxe Point otherwise is difficult for disabled folks without access to a vehicle.)
129	1790	Please use natural materials for the boardwalk, not concrete. Please include recycling bins along the way so that people are not throwing out recyclables into ordinary garbage cans.
130	1791	lots of benches thru-out park would be great for an aging population!
131	1839	Leave as is please
132	1901	Better safety lighting throughout park including solar, more garbage cans, small playground, more benches by grassy field area
133	1902	gravel a pathway - no need for a boardwalk.
134	1908	more safer lighting including solar, more garbage cans, more bench seating by large lawn area
135	1909	keep the foreshore natural, reduce further manmade elements
136	1916	A wood walkway in our climate? Gravel or nothing
137	1924	Bathrooms and lots of benches
138	1957	I live across the street. This is long overdue. Please link to the Westbay Walkway.
139	1963	This looks like it would be a better idea for Macaulay Point.
140	1966	Allow an area for dogs to be offleash
141	2006	Perhaps you could provide some educational pieces about the area and the Japanese internment in WWII.
142	2009	Please keep the natural environment foremost in mind.
143	2028	More garbage cans. Dog waste bag dispensers.
144	2048	the park is already plenty functional and no boardwalk is needed.
145	2121	This park is very well developed, if there is money for parks it should be spread to those in Esquimalt in lower income areas.
146	2141	Brilliant idea I love a boardwalk
147	2144	is 2 meter wide boardwalk overly wide

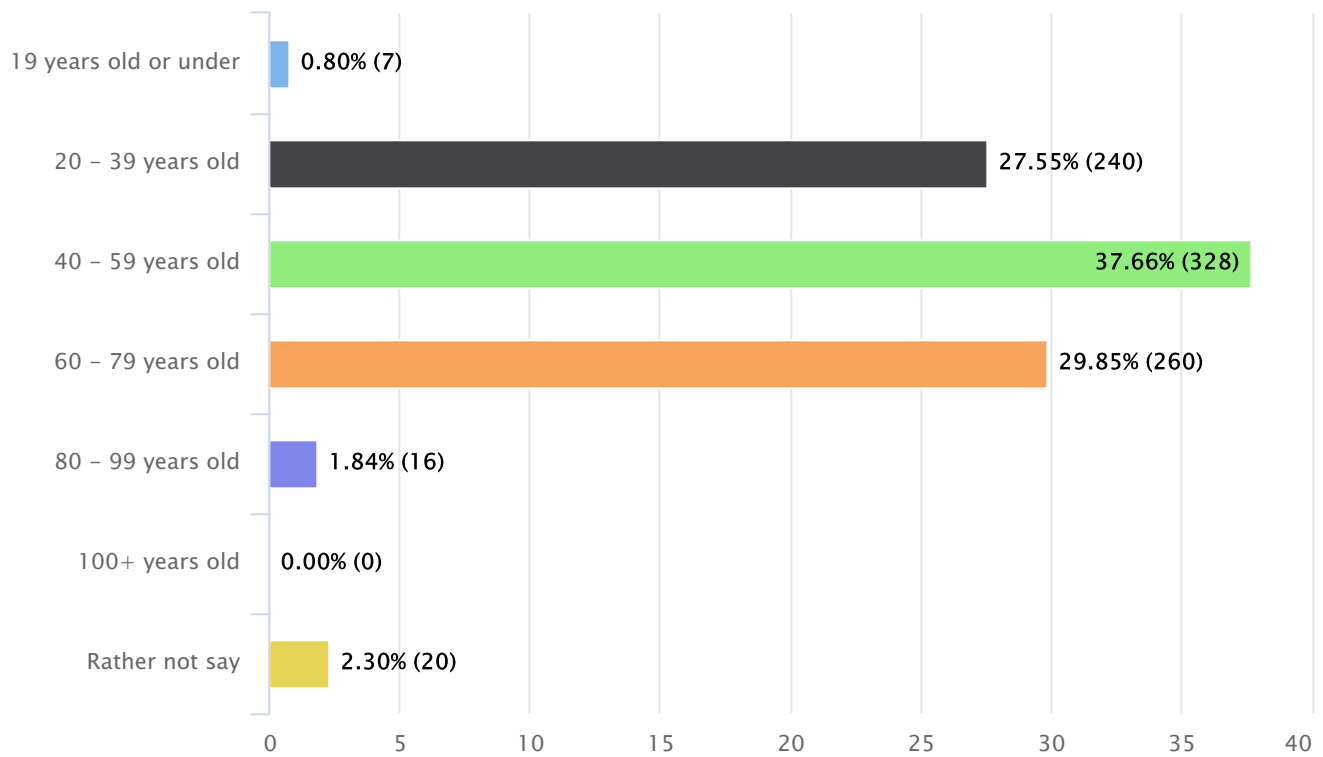
148	2145	On-leash dog use of the proposed walkway to connect with the other dog-friendly trails would be appreciated.
149	2171	As long as it doesn't invade the trees or damage the wildlife already there.
150	2172	lots of benches
151	2185	I hope this enhancement can be done without reducing the amount of off-leash area currently in the park--we make daily use, rain or shine, of the lovely off-leash area, and would like it to stay as it is, with woods trails and some beach access available to dogs.
152	2198	Updated washrooms should be considered!
153	2199	You are covering over federally mandated species at risk! I will send in a report stating that you are putting in infrastructure over a known area that has protected native species. Stop this work or get fined by the federal government. And it will go to the news as well that council has no regard for our native plants that are in decline from infrastructure be put down. This is a horribly thought out plan that is a waste of money that could be used in a better community minded project!
154	2202	Spend the money on shoreline restoration - get rid of the invasive species
155	2205	I like the idea of a walk, but are there other alternatives to boards, boards and wet weather are not conducive to a long life. Wouldn't the maintenance be an extra burden of cost to the parks division and soft boards (poor quality or damaged from rain) can lead to accidents.
156	2235	Now we can stroll down the boardwalk pushing a wheel chair with my mom or holding my grandmother arm in arm as we walk where during rainy seasons is a no go.if this is a go,like the water park ,will be a hit.Many young people around Sax point ,with children, that would use this then driving to Gorge park.Sax point is where there is "SHOALING WATERS " . A board walk hope fully using Esquimalt workers when appropriate would be a plus. The art show along the walk ,weddings, and accessibility for our aged .
157	2259	Love the scuba access. Accessible access directly from parking spaces to boardwalk.
158	2276	Looks good.

159	2287	I think the boardwalk would intrude upon the natural wild beauty of the waterfront. The lookout area is a nice concept but please note that it will interfere with the current habitats of creatures such as otters. Have sufficient studies been done to ensure the area proposed for kite surfing and scuba diving has no dangerous currents?
160	2296	want the park left as natural as possible
161	2297	I am broadly supportive of the idea of a boardwalk but very concerned that it will give dog walkers an excuse to access the main lawn which is currently supposed to be off limits to dogs.
162	2317	a low railing/fence should be added along the boardwalk to keep users off sensitive coastal plants. Efforts should be made to restore native plants outside the boardwalk.
163	2320	Playground equipment and community bbq stations (these are available for online booking in a lot of municipal parks in the US)
164	2330	This area is already overworked by paths.
165	2340	how many years will this take? I think it would be nice but too much construction?
166	2389	Curious as to why gorge park has a huge amount of \$\$ going towards it but saxe's only idea is a boardwalk why is that?
167	2391	Could a small dock structure be added for water access
168	2397	A small public washroom near the parking lot.
169	2399	Nothing needs to be changed at saxe point oark. There are two established lookouts and paths all throughout. We don't need anymore construction especially in this peaceful place.
170	2406	Hopefully the new design will take into consideration rising sea levels from climate change
171	2432	No. Saxe point is great as is. Also lots of room for kids to play, weddings to happen, groups to have special occasions. Only need more bathrooms like the Portland loo.
172	2453	I'm not so enthused about a boardwalk - if it adds options for those with disabilities, yes; otherwise it just seems we are looking to spend money for little gain. The views are great from the grassy area, the existing path could be improved, and I like the rocky shore. I'd rather see us reclaim the parking lot at the waterfront (parking could be added as parallel or angle parking off of the roadway further from the shore.)
173	2471	none

174	2488	I don't know Saxe Point Park very well, but if a boardwalk serves to protect rather than disrupt the natural shoreline ecosystem, then maybe it's a good plan.
175	2492	Connect a boardwalk from Macaulay Point Park to Saxe Point
176	2505	I use this park on a daily basis. It's beautiful in it's natural state - the rocks are wonderful to climb and sit on - and there are already two viewpoints. A boardwalk would spoil the natural beauty and views.
177	2508	Boardwalk not needed. Perfectly good as is. Instead get rid of the ivy. Looks like a scene out of war of the worlds but green not red.
178	2511	I do like, it, but more integrated with nature would be better
179	2513	Don't ruin the natural landscape by putting in a boardwalk.
180	2530	I would rather see a trail that somehow links saxe with macauley point.... saxe is pretty accessible... I think maybe a second bathroom stall would be a better use!
181	2544	The park is beautiful as is.
182	2566	Connector from CFB Esquimalt to Saxe Point to Macaulay to West Bay to City --- all the way
183	2567	It would be nice to connect Saxe Point and Macaulay Point as then we could almost have a complete connection to the west Bay Marina. I realize after that it is Base (Military) land, so perhaps just paint some footprints or have signs pointing to West Bay Marina. Would be lovely to have this. Great idea :)
184	2568	Leave Saxe Point Park alone - It is perfect as is.
185	2569	Why are you covering shoreline carved by iceage. Saxe Point Park is the most properly used park ever. Leave it alone. I go there every day and have for over thirty years. I have never seen you there...
186	2585	If being built, ensure accessibility. Expand smaller waterfront parks like Denniston Park. Explore the creation of more swimming beaches and docks.
187	2586	Buy the property at the end of Grafton and make it part of Denniston Park!

13) What is your age?

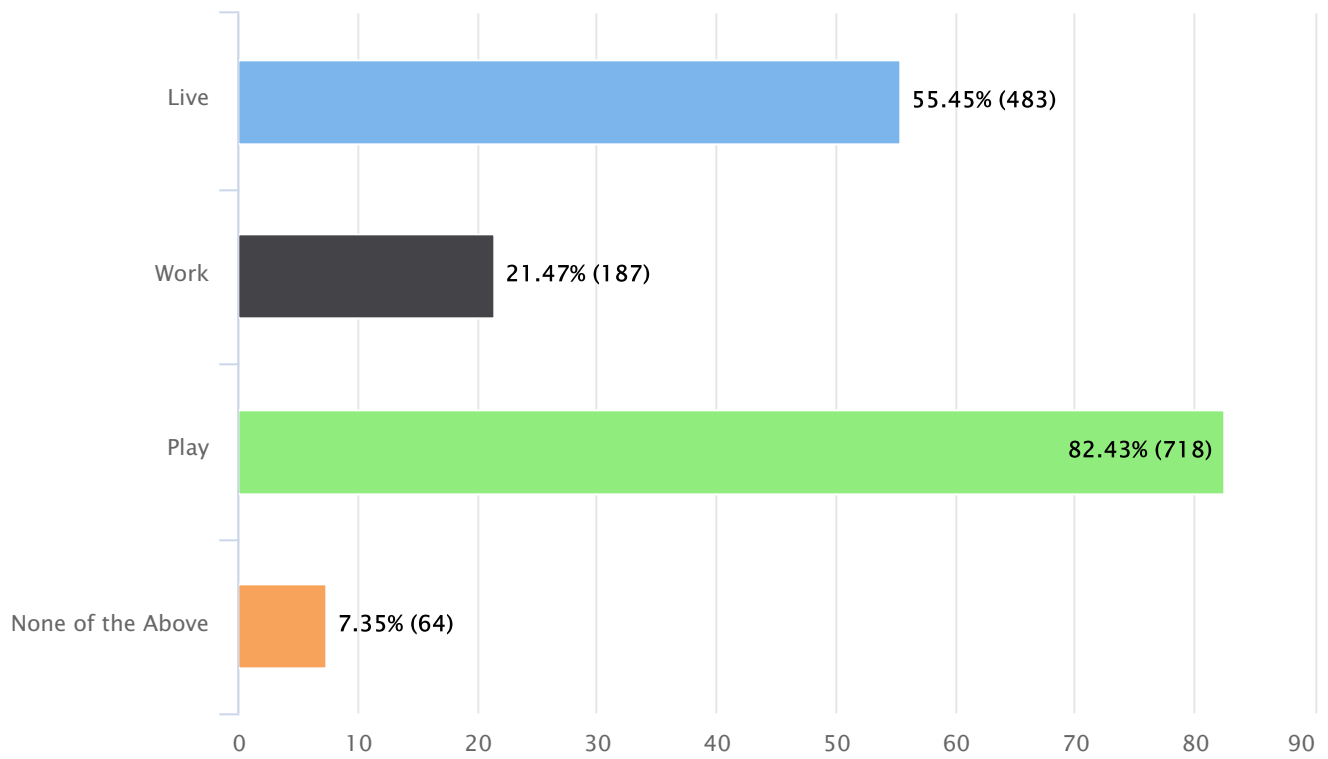
Respondents: 871



Choice	Count
19 years old or under	0.80% 7
20 - 39 years old	27.55% 240
40 - 59 years old	37.66% 328
60 - 79 years old	29.85% 260
80 - 99 years old	1.84% 16
100+ years old	0.00% 0
Rather not say	2.30% 20
Total	100% 871

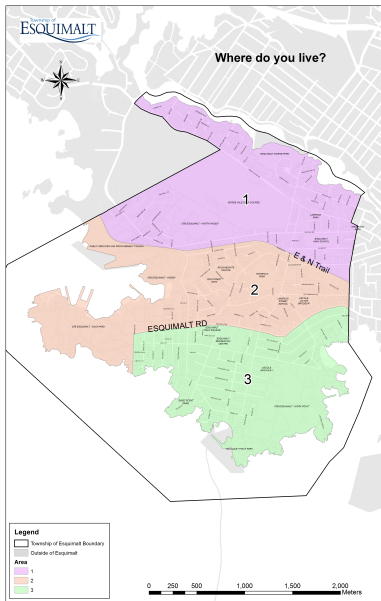
14) Do you live, work or play in Esquimalt? Select all that apply:

Respondents: 871



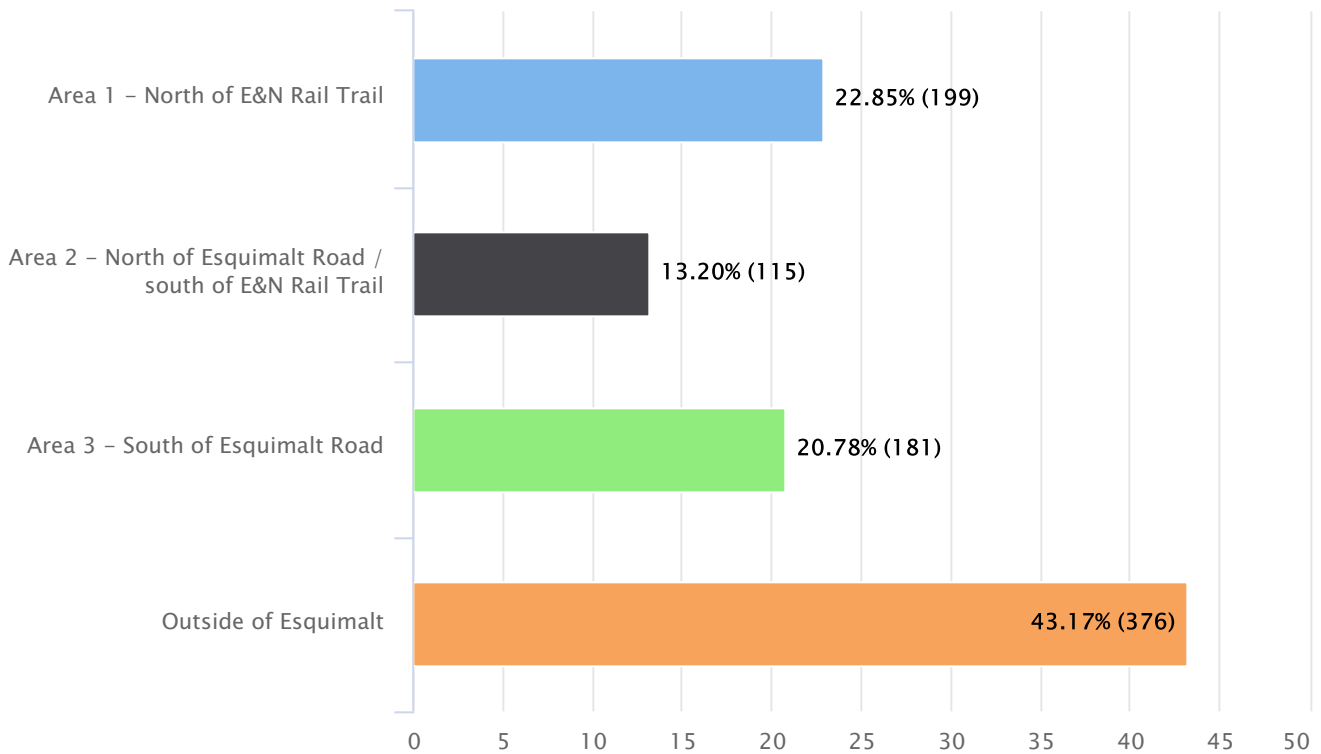
Choice	Count
Live	55.45% 483
Work	21.47% 187
Play	82.43% 718
None of the Above	7.35% 64
Total	100% 871

15) Please indicate where you live using the map of Esquimalt. Click image to enlarge.



(https://www.esquimalt.ca/sites/default/files/docs/events/MAF_round3/WhereDoYouLive.pdf)

Respondents: 871



Choice	Count
Area 1 - North of E&N Rail Trail	22.85% 199
Area 2 - North of Esquimalt Road / south of E&N Rail Trail	13.20% 115

Area 3 - South of Esquimalt Road	20.78% 181
Outside of Esquimalt	43.17% 376
Total	100% 871

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**Appendix B ONLINE SURVEY SUMMARY REPORT—
ESQUIMALT RESIDENTS ONLY**



MAF Engagement Round 3 – Waterfront Parks

Esquimalt Gorge Park - Multi-purpose building

1) Generally, which building concept do you prefer? Select one:

Respondents: 480

Choice	Count
Concept 1	44.79% 215
Concept 2	32.50% 156
No building	22.71% 109
Total	100% 480

2) What elements do you prefer within the INTERIOR space? Select your preferences (select as many options as are preferable):

Respondents: 445

Choice	Count
Art installation	32.81% 146
Art studio	23.15% 103
Banquet/rental hall/cultural ceremonial space	60.22% 268
Childcare space	28.99% 129
Community program space	61.35% 273
Environmental stewardship space	33.48% 149
Fitness equipment/studio space	18.88% 84
Food preparation space	48.99% 218
Interpretive/educational space	42.92% 191
Other:	22.70% 101
Total	100% 445
#	Respondent
1	10
2	15
3	26
4	35
5	55
6	67
7	69
	Other:
	access to the water
	Accessible washrooms
	Ensure accessibility
	Heat and Wildfire refuge
	Pottery studio
	Recognition of history of Japanese gardens and culture in this space and same recognition of importance of this area for Indigenous
	NONE

8	72	The interior of both designs are similar
9	75	Indigenous space
10	81	Japanese tea house
11	97	no fitness space please
12	141	none
13	148	None
14	158	Restaurant/cafe/tea room
15	160	Maybe to banquet/rental hall/cultural ceremonial space; we already have a pool and community centre, no fitness equipment/studio space needed; maybe used for interpretive space - we already have an under utilized nature house
16	162	None of the proposed - leave park structure as is
17	163	Leave it alone
18	165	No building
19	166	I am not in favour of this development
20	168	Green space
21	169	cafe that serves snacks, wine and beer
22	170	Nature House
23	174	Japanese Tea House
24	176	Japanese Tea House
25	183	POTTERY studio
26	188	Ensure to include nods to Japanese culture
27	190	Preserve park land
28	191	Japanese tea experience
29	195	No building
30	196	I am not in favour of a building, the concepts provided are too large.
31	199	No building
32	204	Food concession, with ongoing open hours for the public.
33	205	Dedicated space to show history of Japanese-Canadians, immigration, internment, and the original tea house that occupied the space
34	208	kids program space

35	209	Wifi, Sports equipment. Volleyball, ...;
36	210	First Nations art/cultural prominent
37	212	indoor tennis courts
38	222	Art should be local artists
39	224	Commercial Food & Beverage
40	227	Interpretive area should be "Hands on".
41	251	Why are you putting a building in the park?
42	253	Don't ruin this hidden slice of untouched nature.
43	255	Cafe and food sales
44	257	definetly not for weddings/banquets..no building at all
45	258	something Japanese
46	259	a simple Japanese tearoom
47	260	Space for Japanese Cultural Activities / Tea House / History of the Japanese Gardens
48	261	viewe of Japanese garden
49	262	don't see any mention of Japanese tea room
50	263	Japanese tea house
51	265	No building no nothing!
52	267	Park land. This is a park and should be left and not have further development.
53	268	Prefer to have no additional buildings in the park
54	271	Washroom only
55	275	green space only
56	283	Outdoor preschool
57	293	No building
58	296	none
59	302	Tea room referencing the original location of the Tea House
60	318	Functionality for Japanese tea House
61	320	Over all concept & use of space
62	322	Private family party space
63	328	No building
64	330	TEAHOUSE

65	332	Library hub with access to books, study hubs, satellite to gvpl , lecture series, perhaps uvic satellite courses or further education
66	333	Canoe and kayak rentals
67	334	Storage for paddleboards
68	336	History of Japanese Tea house
69	337	None
70	341	Indoor kids playground
71	344	sliding doors/screens
72	347	Think this is not nessecary
73	351	tea house
74	362	exterior should be more Japanese in style, also there should be something like an interior non-denom. chapel/memorial commemorating the Japanese
75	368	Memorial monument
76	369	No buiding
77	370	Tea house
78	373	Tea House
79	376	Incorporate Japanese architectural elements in interior design
80	386	Used like the original
81	398	Pottery studio
82	399	Pottery Studio
83	400	Please keep the info about the old Japanese tea house and community.
84	403	easy access bathrooms
85	404	tatami room for tea ceremonies
86	414	no building
87	422	Location is important & unclear in this presentation. Are you replacing the existing building? That would be the only acceptable location!
88	426	Japanese tearoom
89	430	Japanese tearoom
90	431	tea house commemoration, Japanese cultural space
91	433	Bad weather space for tai chi, yoga, etc.

92	437	No building
93	440	The scale of this building is too large. It overshadows the natural beauty of the area.
94	441	No building
95	465	Have a building that looks like a teahouse.
96	470	reconstruct the original teahouse
97	477	Japanese tea house
98	480	washrooms
99	483	Benches, picnic tables
100	489	Tea House Japanese
101	494	Japanese Cultural & First Nations Cultural Space

3) What elements do you prefer for the EXTERIOR space? Select your preferences (select as many options as are preferable):

Respondents: 438

Choice	Count
Art installation	31.96% 140
Extensive landscaping	54.11% 237
Public plaza/gathering space	66.89% 293
Other:	19.41% 85
Total	100% 438

#	Respondent	Other:
1	8	I like the current playground for my son. More picnic tables near the playground would be nice. Maybe with softer corners so little ones can't hurt themselves
2	15	Shade
3	24	water elements (eg fountain, waterfall)
4	35	Skate park & pumptrack
5	53	Seating facing the playground
6	69	NONE
7	72	Wooden features are in keeping with traditional Japanese architecture. So, too, the vertical lines.
8	74	Playground
9	75	Indigenous culture
10	98	Sports
11	129	Fitness place
12	136	Attractive building if a building is necessary
13	139	Keep it green
14	141	none
15	148	None
16	160	use the money to enlarge the Japanese Garden

17	162	leave and beautify the existing park
18	163	Perfect now
19	165	No building
20	166	Leave it as is - its beautiful
21	169	Japanese themed landscaping
22	179	Wider driveway into park
23	190	No building
24	196	As note above, I am not in favour of a building, a public plaza/bandstand type of space would be useful, art installations are always a nice addition
25	199	Open space
26	204	Japanese tea house, not concrete building
27	205	Japanese rock garden would be nice around the building, like that of the Asian Centre at UBC
28	208	water/boat rentals/storage
29	209	Security cameras. Park camera. Safety. Grafitti and safety
30	210	Emphasis on First Nations
31	212	outdoor tennis courts with bathrooms nearby
32	227	Native art should be featured
33	238	No daycare or commercial space
34	240	Minimal impact on pre existing environment.
35	251	Let the park be natural
36	253	Please leave as is!!
37	255	Natural Art, Green Space
38	259	As little disruption as possible
39	261	Japanese landscaping
40	265	Leave as is!
41	267	Natural plants and trees, community garden
42	268	Prefer to have no additional buildings in the park
43	271	Dock for bypassing narrows for small boats
44	275	no building-green space only

45	276	Access to the Gorge, ability to launch a boat other than a canoe or kayak. I would like to see a boat launch beside the bridge for rowboats ect
46	283	Seating with views of water
47	289	green space with indigenous garden
48	291	keep it Simple, money spent on crazy things that appease ego is a waste of money
49	293	No building
50	302	Engawa refers to the original Japanese tea house
51	320	Over all concept
52	322	Outside space for yoga and fitness classes
53	326	Nothing
54	327	Native plants
55	328	These buildings are terrible
56	332	Extra picnic tables
57	337	Keep the green with native plants
58	341	fish tank, waterfall wall, kids rock climbing wall, kids painting with wall like Kohl Childrens Museum Habitat Park
59	347	Nothing
60	351	not an oversize building
61	362	put in some distinctly Japanese elements in structure style/the art& the landscaping
62	369	No building
63	377	Covered outdoor seating area
64	379	Engawa
65	394	Native plants and as natural as possible.
66	396	japanese gardens and bonsai
67	399	Pottery Studio
68	414	no building
69	419	Japanese zen garden
70	420	Bike racks, benches and recycle garbage bins.
71	422	Native Trees and shrubs
72	426	Japenese gardens

73	429	Natural appearance
74	431	Zen garden, bamboo garden, plaque that honours original Japanese teahouse
75	433	Space for tai chi, yoga, etc.
76	434	Homage to traditional tea house
77	437	No enhanced outdoor performance space
78	440	Smaller scale shelters for gatherings which respect the need to preserve and enhance opportunities for wildlife
79	441	No building
80	454	Mural on exterior stairway wall
81	462	picnic tables, places for people to rest, a usable space.
82	465	Make it look like a Japanese tea house.
83	470	leave it
84	488	All would be nice :)
85	489	Incorporated in Jap. Gardens

4) If you have any additional comments for the proposed multi-purpose building in Esquimalt Gorge Park, please include them in the space below.

Respondents: 168

#	Respondent	4) If you have any additional comments for the proposed multi-purpose building in Esquimalt Gorge Park, please include them in the space below.
1	5	The building should not be so large that it detracts from the quiet and peaceful nature of the park currently. It needs to integrate well with the park and should be unobtrusive.
2	8	An indoor playground for kids would be nice for rainy days
3	10	Make sure to included both Japanese influence and local first nations. There was a strong Japaneses presence in the past.
4	11	Parks are for nature and not brick and mortar
5	16	would be nice if the terrace's in both concepts were oriented in a way to take advantage of more sunlight
6	27	No tour buses and fit with the landscape as much as possible to re create what was their originally. A rec centre will alter the whole park if done.
7	35	These pictures are too low res
8	36	I would like to see the nature house expanded and modelled off the Sidney Ocean discovery Center.
9	38	Exterior design, landscaping and lighting should reduce the risk of homeless encampment, transient gatherings, and discarding of needles.
10	39	Appreciate that concept 1 has Japanese elements in keeping with surrounding garden
11	48	Fitness classes like yoga
12	51	additional parking area(s) for bikes
13	54	Childcare spaces are desperately needed. I think landscaping should be all indigenous plants.
14	67	Make rooms flexible for large and small events, provide kitchen facility for events possibly fitness studio space
15	69	This building will require a very large amount of the FUND and I think other Esquimalt park improvements would be more cost effective and serve a wider community. Also will require staffing and maintenance unless private operation is part of it and I don't agree with private enterprises in public parks.

16	72	I hope ample room is provided for an overview of early twentieth century Japanese Canadian life on Vancouver Island and the lower mainland prior to WWII, the internment, and reconciliation such as it has been.
17	73	I would prefer an upgrade to the westbay walk way.
18	76	Unique and up to date technology
19	78	Would love it to be a unique, creative design that stands out!
20	81	Please honour the Japanese tea house and rebuild
21	86	Escalator? For physically challenged.
22	89	Japanese elements are really important but I feel design 1 has too much cover for homeless people.
23	100	I'm nervous these buildings will take away too much green space -- assuming they aren't replacing the existing building?
24	103	This project started off as a Japanese Tea House. There are almost no Japanese architectural elements. How can this be allowed to proceed without consulting the cultural group who inspired and generated the initiative? Disappointing.
25	108	- Although I have read the various links on the previous engagement website, I was not able to locate any information on the interests driving the concept of the multi-purpose building, such as a needs assessment or business case. Without this analysis, it's impossible to tell if the space will actually be well used and meet community needs. Further information needs to be provided on how Option 1 and 2 were developed (i.e., what directions Stantec was given). What gaps are there from Parks and Rec Master Plan, how does this design address them. Otherwise, I'd say direct the amenity funds to other priorities from the Master Plan. Maybe this information will be available at the open houses, but ideally it could be better communicated online for meaningful feedback. Thought to tell where these would be located and oriented, and whether existing parking would be retained (with gatherings in this space, parking demand will increase)
26	119	There are so few green spaces left in the city, that putting in a building would further degrade the ecosystem. How many trees would be cut down for this, and where would all those natural inhabitants go? I've seen 18 trees cut down on 5 properties in the last 3 years right in front of my place. Now there are fewer song birds and the pigeons, seagulls, and crows have moved in. We're along a migratory bird sanctuary, but I guess ESQ council doesn't care about that anymore.

27	121	to keep our parks safe..... area for security in the building to check building and park.
28	125	Should not become too commercial, keep the serenity of the park
29	136	Keep natural as possible
30	139	Small footprint if a building is necessary at all. However, building it just to spend the money is short sighted. The funds would be better spent on a water park or enhancing the nature centre than building a new structure.
31	141	Why are you wanting to disrupt the natural flow and essence of this space? Makes no sense
32	142	Don't build larger than the CURRENT parking lot can handle. We value this green space and don't want to see it paved over to accommodate large events that will themselves change the nature of the park from a family-oriented green space to a community events facility.
33	144	Better to leave it natural without more buildings for special functions
34	148	For years, my family has visited Gorge Park, and value its outdoor park qualities and natural spaces. A large new building is not appropriate for this park, and would be better constructed on the Esquimalt Road corridor or close to public schools and other community organizations.
35	150	Please keep small and blended within the beautiful environment
36	151	Cafe
37	155	I am supportive of a modest Japanese tea garden building with additional space for ceremonial purposes.
38	156	where exactly is this proposed building being located in this park?
39	158	The facility will work best if it has some sort of food/beverage business to draw people in. There are very few places on the Gorge where you can stop and enjoy food or a drink by the water - this would be a huge value add and a big draw!

40	160	I am dismayed at the design of both these buildings. It is definitely not what I had envisioned. Concept #1 looks like a mid-century Frank Lloyd Wright design. Beautiful in Palm Springs but not in our park. Concept 2 looks like a modern school building. I am not in favour of developing out beautiful, unique green space in this way. As an adjacent neighbour I don't feel I need "multi-purpose" space in this area. I can get to the pool in 6 or 7 minutes. I think it's a dangerous precedent to change out precious green space this way. The only change I would support would be a smaller building as a centre for cultural events with a design that fits into the park without changing it.
41	161	Japanese tea garden as voted
42	162	Original vote was for Japanese Garden/Tea House. Not a 2 story multi-purpose complex.
43	163	Too much traffic on Tillicum already
44	164	Another location. Too much traffic exists on Tillicum.
45	165	No building
46	166	Please do not go ahead. The money given was for beautification. This is development. We are in an era of increasing housing density. We have so little safe open green space here. This is a gem.
47	168	No more buildings in park.
48	170	New Nature House space
49	172	I would like to see a new building put where the Gorge Nature house is now. Either tearing the existing building down and replacing it or adding on to it and taking away some of Sherwood Fores
50	173	good to transfer some recreation programming space as the current recreation center can't handle increased growth
51	174	We need to make up for the past denigration of the Japanese tea house. We can include a tea room space and an interpretative centre of that history as well as of the gorge waterway and its connection to the Songhees and Esquimalt peoples
52	177	Energy efficiency and accessibility is a MUST
53	179	Buildings should not be built in parks. This is PARK land, NOT building land.
54	183	I would love to see a public, pay-for-use pottery space somewhere in Victoria!

55	184	This should be designed and managed to be a 'green' space - using high environmental standards, materials and supplies.
56	185	Don't see it as providing much for a huge expense.
57	190	No building
58	192	I think Esquimalt Gorge Park such a great option for this community development. Please not at Saxe Point
59	194	If you must do any building at all, a Japanese Tea Room would be appropriate but nothing else is. We need green space and promotion of indigenous plant species and to provide green space for people and animals - not more structures that will take away green space. This building doesn't connect with the existing Japanese garden in anyway and thus doesn't stay true to the historical replacement that a tea room would provide. Gyms? Are you kidding me? There are many gyms in this city already.
60	196	The buiding concepts are too large for the area. That is not to say they are not lovely buildings but with the drive towards increased density we need to hold on to our green space. There are a number of studies out that demonstrate the value of all ages spending time around trees, etc.
61	201	As a very close neighbour to this site (100 m, direct sightline), I am extremely concerned that either of these two new building concepts will lead to increased noise for us and our neighbours, increased light pollution at night, and generally attracting a lot more people to gather after hours in the park. Landscaping is beautiful, but needs regular care and watering; will the budget be there for such maintenance? Will there be increased security?
62	204	Please don't put either of those ugly rectangle buildings in the middle of that beautiful park. Instead, please honour the original intent, which was supposed to be a tea house/Japanese style building. We don't need another community/rec centre style building. And, please add food/concession service. The greater Victoria area is completely lacking in park amenities like food concessions and plentiful washrooms.
63	205	Unnecessary to expand parking. Parking lot is underutilized most of the time as is. Building can take space from current parking lot. I think a space must be dedicated to the history of Japanese-Canadians in Esquimalt/Victoria, as well as a space to share the history and stories of Indigenous peoples. Extensive landscaping is unnecessary as park is already a beautiful and natural setting.

64	209	Concept 1 or 2 is fine. External secure power outdoor plugs for events. Security cameras. Park camera. Sandy beach for families. Geese avoidance equipment. Security is very important as this building is away from street, etc. Security lighting.
65	212	we used to have out door tennis courts in GORGE Park
66	214	This cannot encroach on the already minimal dog friendly areas at this park
67	219	Why is this building necessary - park is great as it is
68	221	We loved the open house on Sept. 11th; with many Esquimalt officials in attendance. We also are not opposed to progress; but only if it benefits the park...and in this proposal we do not find it beneficial. The wonder of a park is outside activities, which are currently enjoyed by a variety of groups; many of different cultures. The building of a facility will only lead to indoor activities; such as banquets and weddings; both of which could be destructive to the present surroundings. We are opposed to the 'building' but would rather see money spent on existing features; such as lighting, pathways, fortification of the waterway wall where needed, and chain linked railing. Again, thanks for hearing our voice.
69	224	Focus on Japanese heritage with aligned commercial food & beverage space
70	230	I couldn't get a sense of the location in relation to the rest of the park.
71	233	signage - explaining the history of the site and to commemorate the Takata family and their loss.
72	239	No daycare or commercial space.
73	240	I believe some sort of community centre would be valuable in this space, however ensuring that we are not negatively impacting the parkland with any developments is top priority. Homage to the park's Japanese cultural roots is also very important to me.
74	247	really like the gathering stairs with option 2...extensive landscaping should relate/connect to Japanese gardens
75	251	Seems like a waste of \$
76	253	Please do not disturb the peaceful environment of Gorge Park. It is one of the only places left that is truly one of a kind.
77	255	Make them community minded, not just family focused. Keep the building for community and private functions

78	256	Community paddling facility
79	257	Not in favour of building. People come to the park for the just that, a park. Don't need an expanded parking lot. Don't prefer a building that is not even clear if would be used and for what. Then the up keep? Don't prefer the extra traffic. How about beautify what exists, new bridge, walkway, plants, trail thru Sherwood park to flush out campers, covered picnic areas.
80	258	Difficult to see on line. A Japanese Tea House was there before being vandalized in 1941 or 2
81	259	I don't want to see a huge building like this in the Gorge Park. I thought we might get a nice little tearoom. This is a monstrosity and it will fundamentally change the character and useage of the park. Not in favour!
82	260	There is an opportunity here for reconciliation with the Japanese community
83	262	As noted, there is no specific mention of a Japanese tea room, which seems high on the public consultation list. Not convinced a building of this size is required. In favour of public washrooms and boat launch but boat launch parking seems a bit far from the actual launch area. How about improving area #13 at foot of Sioux Place as paddle board/kayak launch? It's just a mud hole now. boat launch.for the launchi area seems
84	263	I was hoping to see a small Japanese teahouse that fit into the landscape. I don't see the need of a large building taking up park space.
85	264	Canoe / Kayak / SUP Dock at start of WestBay walkway
86	265	First correct all the sewer cross connections
87	267	Parks need to be protected from governments who think they can use them as sources of revenue.
88	268	Prefer to have no additional buildings in the park
89	271	Focus on water/sewer systems

90	273	<p>This is not the place for a building such as this. The green space that is there already is beautiful and natural - there is no need for "extensive landscaping". I would support a clearly demarked boundary for an off-leash area. We were under the impression the Township was considering a tea house, like what was originally in this space. We would support a much smaller, single story building like that. There is a rec center just down the road in Vic West, as well as the Esquimalt Rec Center. Putting up a 2 story building with accompanying parking for 100-150 people defeats the purpose of this peaceful place. Please don't go through with either option.</p>
91	275	<p>This park is not suitable for any of the concepts shown - it is a pleasant, walkable park without buildings</p>
92	283	<p>If an outdoor preschool had a space here for part of the day it would be well used! An alternative would be to renovate the nature centre for this purpose... closer to the playground/forest/wetland. We need more preschool spaces in Esquimalt with the many children.</p>
93	291	<p>Don't like either concepts of the building allotted. Which doesn't mean i'm not in favour of some sort of building.</p>
94	293	<p>No building</p>
95	294	<p>Since this would be a completely new concept , it's hard to know all of the uses it might get. I would like to see some form of food-service available to the public, since that was the purpose of the original tea house.</p>
96	300	<p>Any building that is constructed should be as green as possible.</p>
97	302	<p>I think it's very important we use this opportunity to bring awareness of the injustices suffered by Japanese Canadians during WWII. This is a way to acknowledge our dark history of internment and property seizures during that time.</p>
98	304	<p>The building design is too modern for the location.</p>

99	305	<p>based on 19-140 selection criteria & project evaluation, I cannot see how these 2 building concepts at Gorge Park came about. It appears that Saxe Point also had a multi use venue planned from 19-140, but it does not appear. from the 20 page round 1 summary on website, there is 145 tally for building improvement / addition re: teahouse. this was my understanding of the direction. this 5000 square foot building does not blend in with natural surroundings of park, with first nations & recreational history of park. with capacity of 100-150 people for 4 rooms, there is not sufficient parking. building more parking would reduce green space in park, which goes against the selection criteria 2.3 environmental impact. the long range plan page later in survey point 18 lists "green infrastructure parking lot" to accomodate needs of building users.</p>
100	312	<p>Building should reflect history of Japanese Tea Garden on that site- with elements of Japanese design and Tea House</p>
101	318	<p>The building and its function should replace the Japanese tea house that was in the park prior to WWII</p>
102	321	<p>They both look great!</p>
103	322	<p>Just a caution that any building facility be fairly basic in nature that requires minimum staffing or otherwise we just create a community liability due to operating costs</p>
104	326	<p>I do not want an enormous building on the gorge that is not in the spirit of reconciliation of the Japanese tea house</p>
105	330	<p>WOULD LIKE TO SEE JAPANESE TEAHOUSE AND MEMORIAL</p>
106	331	<p>Given the location it is hard to access for many esquimalt residents except by car. There will need to be good vehicle access and parking if it is going to benefit the entire community. It would also be nice if it was designed in a Japanese style to honour the history of the site and complement the gardens</p>
107	334	<p>The proposed size of the building and extension of parking is out of proportion. I wish a smaller design had been included and commercial space such as a coffeeshop</p>
108	335	<p>This is precious green space....leave Gorge park as it is.</p>
109	337	<p>What an insult to existing private businesses and facilities. Outrageous use of taxpayer dollars to compete with existing businesses.</p>
110	340	<p>Keep Japanese style, Eco/LEED design, green roof, natural materials</p>
111	344	<p>Recognition of the Japanese teahouse history</p>

112	345	Tea house
113	351	A teahouse to recognize the Japanese tea house that used to be there.
114	358	Gorge Park is very inaccessible by walking or cycling, due to the terrible design and traffic flows on Tillicum. Before investing in adding amenities to the park, we need to fix its access. The reason that it was successful as a Tea House in the early 20th century was because it was a streetcar terminus.
115	361	It should include memorials of and apologies to the Japanese Canadian community
116	362	all good ideas for facility, but haven't you forgotten that the impetus for this is the Japanese internment? where are the Japanese elements? and the memorial for that?
117	368	No tea house
118	370	Fitness space be studio- oriented to allow for diversity of classes
119	371	PLEASE - both of these buildings are far too modern - I do not note any obvious Japanese design elements at all. I'm all for modern, but we must include the past as well. The existing buildings look like anything you would find at Simon Fraser or BCIT.
120	373	Rebuild the tea house
121	376	Outdoor or indoor Zen garden or bamboo garden
122	377	It would be ideal to have the food preparation space open out to an outdoor seating area. The space could be used by the Nikkei Society to run a Japanese Tea Room on a sessional basis (ie. Sunday afternoons etc.) while also allowing flexibility for the space to be used by other groups as well.
123	379	honour & preserve Japanese culture, build new Tea House, plant more cherry blossom trees
124	380	interpretive plaques with history of original Japanese teahouse
125	385	I want to come and have Japanese tea any day of the week, and kimono classes
126	386	Get started asap
127	395	Could the exterior design have a bit more traditional Japanese architectural design.. does not look Japanese
128	397	Proposal appears to be very car centric
129	399	Pottery Studio

130	400	Please don't overwhelm the gardens and building with space for cars. Let the able bodied walk farther. Love having the strong nod to the Japanese history of the place.
131	401	This should be a multi-purpose community hub type space similar to Cowichan HUB
132	407	I would like to see more traditional Japanese architecture and culture in the design.
133	408	All property boarding onto the park should have a fence. Around their property residence on Gosper Cres do not have any fence above the Esquimalt Gorge Park.
134	411	Option 1 includes more bird-friendly design guideline elements. I have concerns with the amount of exposed glass in Option 2, which is likely to cause fatalities for birds striking glass, particularly with the location of the building between the waterway and the gardens.
135	414	no building
136	417	Japanese Tea House
137	419	I think it is important to honour the history of the Japanese tea garden that once graced this park in the design, landscaping and educational/cultural elements in the space.
138	420	The park is a beautiful park! The addition of the building could be used for cultural gatherings but the focus should not be renting the space for weddings. The purposed parking is too excessive.
139	421	Keep part of the lawn space open to the public but do not allow dogs off leash there
140	422	Ecosystem services provide more benefit for future generations than more foreign pretty flowers
141	423	Theatre (elevated stage) for performances
142	427	Know,please.Looks like buying a boat.Once in the money keeps flowing out of our coffers
143	429	If the large multi-purpose room in concept 1 is overlooking the parking lot, perhaps the plan could be flipped so the large room views the gardens or natural space.

144	430	I support the smaller Japanese tearoom. These 2 proposed buildings are too big and the design doesn't fit the charm of the park. Ideally, a smaller building similar to the Japanese tearoom which was there would be a much better fit to the park. Even a building built in the similar style to the utility building that is currently in the Japanese garden would look nicer. Also, if you are intending to produce childcare space, the building should be designed specifically for childcare rather than putting childcare into a multipurpose spot. In my opinion, upgrading the Nature House would make a better space for childcare.
145	431	I would like the township to restore a historic wrong and build a multi-purpose building that commemorates the Japanese history of Esquimalt's Gorge Park.
146	433	To me, Concept 1 embodies the Japanese concept, in keeping with the gardens, much more than does concept 2
147	436	The proposed buildings should reflect the Japanese tea house theme originally put forward, neither options here reflect that in their architecture or proposed usage!
148	437	No multipurpose building. Covered picnic areas would be good.
149	440	These funds are a unique opportunity to preserve nature in the face of urbanization. Don't blow it on bits and pieces. Have the vision to invest in the long-term future and if necessary, negotiate longer spending deadlines.
150	441	No building
151	444	I think the food purpose room should be on the first floor for ease of carrying in food.
152	448	A lot smaller than current concepts. Wood and glass. Serve simple food.

153	451	<p>1) Why is the building so large? 2) How does the building and use align with the Park Master Plan, the building size is a major change in the use of the park that has not been consulted with the public 3) What are the operating costs (liabilities) associated with the building? 4) How is sustainable transport being improved on tillicum road and bridge BEFORE the building is constructed? How sensible is it to increase vehicle traffic to the park when there is already heavy congestion on tillicum road and so little infrastructure to make biking and walking more viable options to the park? I also feel as though the multi-purpose building was originally conceived to be a teahouse and now the vision has morphed into something much larger and that is a building form and size that isn't consistent with the recent use or master plan for the park. Architecturally I would prefer it to be First Nations focussed as the historical ties of the area and land to First Nations is much longer and substantive than the enjoyable, albeit relatively short-lived history as a Japanese tea house.</p>
154	454	Please add a living roof
155	465	As above. Make a tea house. Sell tea and other goodies.
156	469	Include easy access interior and exterior for handicapped people and mobility scooters.
157	470	if anything build a teahouse like it was before
158	475	Will current parking lot be sufficient to support it? Our run group often meets there and there is often also a boot camp there
159	476	A small Japanese style coffee house is what was originally proposed, and that would be acceptable.
160	477	Only a small unobtrusive tea house
161	481	Esquimalt can't afford the additional yearly operating costs that would go along with tis building.
162	482	smaller historical japanese tea house
163	485	With the trend towards 'green space' being so important would hate to see parks become more 'buildings' lets leave parks green as much as possible... love the idea of more community building just not at the expense of green space....
164	489	A traditional tea house - only.
165	490	This looks like another vain legacy project - can't wait to get your name on a placque. "Develop" until it's not a pak anymore.

166	493	I feel they should complete the projects already on the go before starting new projects. I believe there were going to replace ALL old lamps however to date it's never been finished (and this was four years ago). Ten years ago they said they were replacing the wood bridge connecting the park to Siouz Place (this has not been done). Several people have fallen on it - it is a safety hazard.
167	494	Prefer limited intrusion of green space. Concept 2 or no building.
168	495	Incorporate Japanese cultural ownership of space given history

Esquimalt Gorge Park - Dog park

5) Which dog park concept do you prefer? Select one:

Respondents: 451

Choice	Count
Concept 1	31.04% 140
Concept 2	40.35% 182
No dog park	28.60% 129
Total	100% 451

6) How do you prefer the space within the dog park divided? Select one:

Respondents: 405

Choice	Count
One zone (all dogs)	33.09% 134
Two zones (big dog/little (shy) dog)	29.38% 119
Three zones (big dog/little (shy) dog AND shared)	37.53% 152
Total	100% 405

7) Should a dog park be established, it will include a water fountain station (for dogs and humans), bag station, refuse station, dog wash station, and benches/seating. What other elements, if any, would you prefer included with the dog park? Select your preferences (multiple selections permitted):

Respondents: 186

Choice		Count
Dog play equipment		68.82% 128
Other:		40.86% 76
Total		100% 186
#	Respondent	Other:
1	1	No more dog amenities
2	9	Swimming area
3	12	I dont have a dog
4	15	Shade and trees
5	23	No dog park
6	24	shaded seating areas for humans
7	27	No dog park.
8	50	Multi dog drinking fountain in the play areas
9	51	bike storage area(s)
10	52	covered area for rain
11	53	Able to see kids playground from dog park
12	64	Some shade areas
13	67	Shaded area and landscaping for climbing ie a hill
14	69	None
15	78	Lots of seating for owners.
16	80	Rules/guidelines and how to report a negative interaction with an aggressive dog.
17	121	no dog park....I had to answer #6 to complete survey
18	122	Not in favour
19	133	Multiple seating areas, especially close to parking lot for those with limited mobility

20	139	Fence to prevent balls rolling onto the road
21	141	Keep it simple
22	148	Only a designated non-fenced area. A water station and garbage can are all our dog requires.
23	152	Ev charger free
24	162	All dogs welcome
25	164	Keep existing location for dogs on large grass flat area., Water fountain, sheltered areas, a pond for the dogs to swim in
26	165	Leave dog park as is. Leave existing dog park. Clean up existing dog park.
27	190	No dog wash station
28	191	agility course
29	195	No dog park
30	200	Agility equipment
31	208	no dog park
32	214	Water feature for dogs to cool themselves in
33	226	Water area for dogs to cool off in
34	238	None
35	239	None
36	251	This is just asking for problems with poor behaviour of people/ their dogs
37	252	Accessible for people of all abilities
38	253	Please leave as is!
39	255	NO PEA GRAVEL - it is dirty muddy and messy for all
40	265	As is, looks too good!
41	267	Dogs don't need equipment and fancy plants they play just fine if you let them be a dog.
42	275	just as is
43	277	none. space is enough
44	293	People seats and benches
45	333	No dog park!
46	337	Stop pandering to dog owners. How about a seniors park instead. So often dog advocates take over the public agenda.

47	341	Shade sitting area for hot days
48	347	More parking.
49	350	N.a.
50	357	Dog grooming area
51	361	A dog swimming pool
52	362	people washroom
53	364	Sign listing off leash park etiquette
54	371	Question 6 requires a "None of the Above" option for those not wanting a dog park...
55	379	washrooms by dog park
56	382	No dog park
57	399	Macaulay requires stairs to dog beach
58	400	Only a few benches for those that really need them. Better for people to be up and moving with their dogs and talking to other people. Water fountain sounds nice. Poop bags and garbage a must.
59	403	More trees near Gosper
60	429	Natural materials for dogs to play; log teetertotters, wood hoops for jumping, etc
61	430	Ability to throw a ball a longer distance without hitting trees. Covered seating would be great too. Good lighting until 9 pm would also be great.
62	431	As long as it is fenced I am happy
63	433	By play equipment I mean tunnels, ramps, stairs and the like (see the setup behind the Saanich police station)
64	437	Keep it simple...
65	440	Keep the off leash area as it is.
66	441	No dog park
67	444	picnic tables or some form of sitting so you can watch your dog play
68	445	Obstacles/agility equipment
69	451	Notice that dogs must be on leash in all other areas of the park and appropriate enforcement
70	454	Eliminate parking

71	456	A small platform like Langford dog park has so you can put extra balls or treats up high in a basket, some dogs can become toy crazy & need to be put away up high.
72	461	table
73	465	Leave it as it is. It works fine.
74	470	Leave it be
75	483	Picnic tables
76	494	Accessible dog park

8) If you have any additional comments for the proposed dog park at Esquimalt Gorge Park, please include them in the space below.

Respondents: 123

#	Respondent	8) If you have any additional comments for the proposed dog park at Esquimalt Gorge Park, please include them in the space below.
1	1	No dog amenities.
2	5	This is not the right place for a dog park. It is too close to residences on Gosper Crescent. I also don't think this level of dog related infrastructure is necessary. The existing open fields can be used for multiple purposes including dogs. If these fences are built it means the park can only be used for dogs. It would make the park less appealing to other segments of the population who don't own dogs.
3	10	One of the things i have enjoyed the most in esquimalt is the access to dog parks. I am at saxe park and macaulay park every day. It the best part of my day and mostly my dogs
4	11	When dogs pay taxes they can get a park.
5	39	One or two pieces of agility equipment could be fun, esp. to dissuade ball use (which tends to create situations of conflict). Put up signage regarding responsible use (e.g. not to use if dog is ill; clean-up and licensing bylaw). I don't think a 3rd zone is necessary; it's up to owners if they want to bring their "small dog" into the "big dog" zone. A fenced dog area is probably a good idea at Gorge Park due to extensive landscaping and wedding use.
6	45	Dog obedience clasees would be great!
7	50	A leash rack for hanging the leash and or harness
8	54	Safety for children is a huge priority
9	55	As long as it is fenced! I don't use MacCauley or Saxe Point any more after too many run-ins with out of control off-leash dogs and their owners. Hopefully this would mean that the public areas outside the fence would now require leashes so I can go back to our park!
10	69	I do not prefer a black chain link fence around the dog park, and definitely not located along the scenic driveway into the park. And I don't want to see regulations that a dog cannot be walked in any other location in the park.
11	72	Minimize impact on green space. Dogs just want some place to run. Please do not eliminate any more trees and shrubs than necessary.

12	92	waaaaaaaaaay more parking
13	97	great idea !
14	108	a formal dog park is expensive to maintain and will become a destination for dog walking business and residents from beyond the neighbourhood. Prefer to keep the neighbourhood level feel of the existing shared dog area, perhaps with a refuse station and water fountain. Fencing off separate enclosures encourages people to not exercise effective control over their dogs, and requires intensive maintenance. Saanich has gone to not providing taxpayer funded dog bags, and I encourage dog owners to take responsibility for providing their own bags. I don't expect a diaper dispenser at the playground, why should I as a dog owner expect taxpayers to pay for bags at the park? This of course takes sound information on operational costs for dog bag station maintenance, but the precedent is already established in Saanich.
15	119	No way! (What the hell, you made me choose a park vs. not answer - my vote is no park!) There are very few parks left in this city for people to be free of dogs running around like crazy. Not everyone feels safe around dogs, and dog owners have a sense of entitlement around their pet, treating them as though they have more value than other humans. We don't need the dogs destroying a section of park and having the bins overflowing with the rancid smell of their feces. How many trees will be cut? Refer to bird concerns above. These are terrible ideas...
16	121	we have enough dog parks already
17	122	Not in favour of dog park
18	125	Dogs should be on leash at all times
19	127	Needs to be big enough to play fetch
20	139	Dog park is already fine where it is.
21	140	Leave dog run where it is. Get rid of dirt hill to increase dog area.
22	142	The best plan for a dog park is what exists already. The large open green space is ideal. Paving over half or any of that would be a real loss.
23	143	One zone, left where it is
24	144	Leave it natural instead of a destination dog park , where people will only come to let dogs play
25	148	Keep it open and as natural as possible.

26	149	Dog wash station??? Seems like a waste of money.
27	155	Leave it as it is.
28	160	Don't have an opinion - no dog. I only care that owners clean up after dogs.
29	161	Keep as is
30	164	No further parking spaces on large grass area.
31	166	We do not need a dog park stuck next to a busy road.
32	167	Please don't make our dog park smaller or move it. We love it as is.
33	168	Change location of site to the space that is used now. Upgrade the dog park space that is used now across from parking lot, not at entrance space (prob. with parking on Gosper)
34	169	I think this is a great idea! We have a big Newfoundland who is very friendly...but big. So dividing into big dog/small dog spaces makes sense to me.
35	170	No dog park. There is already an off leash area within the park. Funding better spend elsewhere
36	172	I would like to see the dog park stay where it is and having a water fountain for dogs and humans installed.
37	173	good to take pressure off Saxe and Macaulay Park what ever is affordable
38	174	A dog park will destroy the aesthetic harmony of the Park and the one place where one can walk in many places. There are already too many dogs there. It will dissaude people from visiting the park.
39	176	Dog park would disturb the peace and quite of the Gorge waterway since it is one of the migratory bird sanctuary
40	177	Shared space for big & small dogs is important for people that have both kinds of dogs. Hard to supervise dogs in seperate areas.
41	179	I have no dog so I won't comment other than: "I 'm happy that it is fenced because we have been rushed at by two snarling bulldogs while walking the paths in the park.
42	183	This space is way too small for a dog park. Neither of these options offer a decent space for dogs to run. I would prefer you simply fence off zones 5 and 6 (current dog space)
43	184	I resent tax dollars spent on managing and maintaining space for pets. Charge a fee for dog owners or leave them at home.

44	188	Great work!
45	194	Excellent idea to have dog park at Gorge - truly needed.
46	195	I walk here nearly every day and have yet to see a negative reaction between a dog and people
47	201	Big dogs need a lot of room to run, to stay healthy. Make their space as big as possible please. There should be multiple entrances to the dog parks. It is important that the ground be prepared well so that the actual dog park does not simply become a dust bowl in summer or a big boggy area in winter. The area where this is scheduled to go is very boggy in winter. Will any of the old dog park stay as a dog park? It serves many dogs and their owners and should not be just paved over. Dogs that play in the current dog park area are almost always staying within the designated area, without going into the tended gardens or stream areas.
48	202	Just fence in the existing flat off leash dog area.
49	204	This area is natural habitat for wild birds, please don't encourage more dogs coming to the park. No to the dog park.
50	208	if you add dog park at gorge, you need to remove dog park area at saxe or macaulay park. enough already.
51	212	FOR USE OF DOGS LICENSED IN ESQUIMALT ONLY
52	214	Existing off and on leash dog area at the park is a good size and any proposed fenced dog park should be the current field and some wooded area to shade the dogs. The existing field is a good size but the entirety of it should be off leash dog park. As a everyday user of this park dog owners are the primary users of the park and need to be accommodated in any changes.
53	222	I feel this park could just be made off leash in the non-picnic areas and playgrounds. Don't need to spent so much money on this infrastructure
54	226	Dog park should be at least the same size as the current on and off leash area if not bigger and encompassing Sherwood Forest since it is currently only used by teenagers to do drugs, litter and vandalize. It would be good to make that space have a purpose.
55	227	The area selected seems overly large, even the one zone concept should be reduced.
56	238	Area for all dogs off leash
57	239	Open area for all dogs off leash

58	240	I am concerned that a dog park and community centre would develop too much of the parkland.
59	243	I am only in favour of a dog park if there are bylaw officers to patrol them. Otherwise it is a free for all.
60	253	Please leave as is, the dogs love it why spend money on a this land that is already a beautiful mix of human and nature interaction.
61	255	Water Pad/Splash pad for the summer, otherwise open for dogs to run and play - or natural rock formation to climb.
62	257	develop the exisitn area used by dogs, remove the unsightly and useless thistle mound (that was just a dumping pile from digging the creek?)
63	258	Please, no fancy dog park
64	259	Perhaps an obstacle course?
65	261	don't treat dogs as babies
66	262	No opinion on dog park.
67	264	Canoe / Kayak / SUP Dock at start of WestBay walkway
68	265	Consider parking as many will driver here from all over.
69	267	Just a fenced area with a gate is all that is required. Save the money for things that really matter... like space for people to live. Why isn't that in the master plan.
70	268	Put the dog park where the current dog area is (west of the existing parking lot), rather than repalcing this green space with new parking
71	276	If there has to be a dog park, I would like to see a fence around it so that park users are not forced into a dog encounter.
72	290	Get ride of the prickle hill, it's full of weed. By doing this you will extend the doggy play area.
73	291	You're over thinking everything. a simple dog space is fine, What if i have a medium sized dog? a big dog that is shy? And only 4 parking spots in an area the the majority of Esquimalt residents will have to drive to. All the other stuff is just fluff.
74	294	I don't have a dog, so have no preferences. But I do like the idea of a dog park.
75	298	The inclusion of a dog park should offer a by-law officer who stops in at busy times not just when a complaint is made. This would ensure the safety of all people and pets. They could check for licensing and behaviour issues to prevent problems as opposed to enforcement after the fact.

76	300	I have a dog and would welcome an enclosed off-leash area.
77	305	existing area is well used & maintained by current dog owners. there may be hundreds of users a day, as I frequent park daily at different times of day. simple improvements like water station are good.
78	308	If money is spent on a dog park, the now off leash area needs to be closed.
79	316	No dogs period this was restored to allow for wildlife habitat, our Gorge because of bad management the natural areas for Birds and Wildlife has diminished, we went through a public process on this 20 years ago, you want your dog to run wild buy a farm
80	321	I am neutral about a dog park
81	322	Again keep the facility or facilities basic in nature and that they can be readily cleaned through a spray and wash system
82	328	This dog park just steals space from other park users
83	333	No need. Existing dog park is great.
84	334	Would this replace the existing dog park or be a 2nd edition? The current location and (multi) function of the dog park works fine. No need to build a big dog park, also it's proposed next to a road, a sloped section.
85	337	No. No. No. no dog pandering please. Let the owners buy their own lot for dogs . This is a business opportunity for someone else.
86	347	I live near Macaulay point and many people who use the dog area drive there. The parking needs to be close to the park as the dogs will be off leash getting to the dog park area. Signage does not work, during the high peak fishing season, those parking in front of my home have their dogs off leash on my front lawn and travel to the Macaulay dog area off leash.
87	348	More parking is needed for people will travel here just for the enclosed dog space.
88	355	seating for people with shade.
89	358	Don't have strong opinions, but would like dog amenities to be supplemented with better enforcement of off leash dogs in other parks.

90	362	I have big dogs&they like more naturalized areas. Lawns are not req'd & will get ripped up. Put in wild stuff and more trees out in middle. A big grassy field is not good. At least put a few trees in middle so there are diff. areas within the lrg. dog area. Most dog parks are TOO small and TOO groomed.
91	379	4 benches inside dog park, 16 parking spots, 4 benches outside dog park for families with children
92	381	Why wasn't there in question #5 a fourth option - Leave it the way it is - Or - Where it is -
93	382	No dog oatk
94	388	The denced-in dog park in Vic West has gravel and it become very dusty and stinky. Please do not use gravel - grass is better.
95	397	Leave park where it is as a multi use area
96	401	I have one big dog and two small dogs and we spend a lot of time at UVic dog park. It would be restrictive if we had to take our big dog to one are and our small dogs to another area. What if you had three zones but rather than have the shared space be the smallest space make the shared space the largest and the divided spaces small.
97	403	More shrubs and trees between the dog park and Gosper to reduce noise, clear paths & waste bins next to the parking area
98	411	I have concerns with the location of the swale runnig through the park. This swale, if it leads to fish habitat, has the potential of transporting sediment (from dogs running through wet areas) and fecal matter. Additionally, if the swale is wet, how do the humans and dogs cross without getting soaked?
99	414	Nothing that has to be serviced or maintained. Taxes already too high. Reduce property taxes not increase them.
100	420	No designated park, leave off leash area as is. Purposed site is on a slope and would be an eyesore for the beautiful green space and entry into the park.
101	421	Add more than 4 parking stalls since they will be greatly needed for the amount of users coming to the space.
102	422	https://creativelyunited.org/this-is-not-a-drill-cideo-from-greta-thunberg-and-george-monbiot/
103	427	They bought them,so let them figure where to go besides our parks.Nothing like sliding on your ass because of some one has diarea.
104	430	Another option I would like is just to fence the existing off leash dog park at Gorge Park.

105 433	<p>I didn't choose between Concept 1 and 2 as I found the graphics unclear - in particular, I couldn't figure out what the green "holes" are supposed to represent. Looking at the following page, I see that your goal is to greatly reduce the size of the dog park. Greater Victoria is known for having a large population of dog owners and dog-friendly people. The downsizing of the dog park appears to ignore that considerable segment of our population. I do want to point out that I have never seen dogs playing at the park creating any nuisance, disturbance or danger, to people, traffic or other dogs. Consequently, I can't help but wonder if a fenced area is actually needed. Benches: I do think several wooden (not concrete) benches placed periodically would be beneficial. Gravel: I STRONGLY urge Esquimalt NOT to use the kind of dusty gravel used at the dog park in Vic West (across from Save-On Foods) anywhere in this park - for the sake of infants and young children as well as dogs. The dust is hazardous to health, particularly for small humans and dogs whose noses are, of course, closer to the ground than are those of adults and large dogs. I also urge Esquimalt to ensure sufficient watering and drainage; because if the dog park area is to be so greatly reduced, dogs will be peeing in a much smaller area. In such a reduced area, grass will be adversely affected and unless good drainage is ensured, odours will ensue. While I think that delicate/shy dogs could benefit from a safe place to socialize, I think it is also important for dogs of various sizes to mingle.</p>
106 437	<p>Yes there should be an open space for dogs. Keep them out of the Gorge Creek and Japanese garden</p>
107 440	<p>Don't turn this park into a zoo with fenced activity areas.</p>

108	441	<p>Urban dwellers need dogs like they need tatoos, and for the same reasons. Dogs are harmful to the environment - their urine harms trees and science backs that up; their excrement soils school grounds, playgrounds and boulevards; their barking and yapping increases noise pollution; dogs chase small birds and shore birds; etc. Esquimalt has already gone to the dogs too much. The dog business is huge, whether it be kennels, walkers, veterinarians, dog psychologists, pet food vendors, groomers, clothiers, dog toy manufacturers or whatever else some entrepreneur can fabricate. I used to see people walking along my street; now I see a parade of people watching their several dogs soil the boulevard or, frequently, other people's gardens. It is disgusting. Yes, seeing eye dogs are terrific but I have watched eople parade their pooches in seniors' lodges and noticed most seniors are not interested - like tatoos, for the vanity of the dog owner. The dog business is a huge industry. I want that industry to be diminished, not enlarged, in Esquimalt. I am suspect of the people who are promoting this industry and think my elected representatives should be too.</p>
109	444	<p>I like the idea of having a playground, which is why I picked 2. However, more room in the parking lot is very important to me! Either put in large parking spots or don't have it so contained between two places. These are OFF leash areas right?</p>
110	451	<p>A new dog park at this location should mean the closure of the open field off leash dog park area that currently exists and is inappropriately located next to the nature reserve area. With an official enclosed dog run there should be greater enforcement of off leash dogs</p>
111	454	<p>Drawings don't indicate size, please add that info</p>
112	456	<p>I think the fence should be 5 ft high. There may be problems with deer running by & dogs jumping the fence. A lot if people with physical disabilities bring their dogs into the gated dog park. I dont believe u have enough parking. The double gates are fantastic. A gated dog park is a fantastic idea. People from other municipalities use these dog parks.</p>
113	465	<p>Don't ruin this well used beautiful park. Leave the dog area as it is. Build a traditional style Japanese teahouse. The large open areas as now are used by lots of groups and special events. People love the openness. Put in a decent bigger nature house.</p>
114	469	<p>Include sunny and shady areas in all dog zones.</p>
115	470	<p>spend money on the people who need it. like the homeless</p>
116	476	<p>I don't use this area but I have heard comments from users that they like the park the way it is now.</p>

117	481	Don't take up park space with additional parking for the dog park. More than enough parking already exists in the park.
118	482	The existing run should be fenced.
119	487	Small area that has sun/shade & drinking water for dogs
120	488	This all sounds very nice. I am good with the majority of people's responses.
121	489	No high (or low) fencing
122	493	Prefer to see it as an "on leash" dog park.
123	494	More swimming areas

Esquimalt Gorge Park – Long range planning

9) Previous public input highlighted additional enhancements for Esquimalt Gorge Park, captured below. Select your preferences (select as many options as are preferable):

Respondents: 480

Choice	Count
Beach enhancements	64.58% 310
Entrance improvements	22.29% 107
Expanded play space i.e., playground, water park	45.83% 220
Paddle boat ramp/dock	56.67% 272
Picnic shelter	57.50% 276
No enhancements	5.83% 28
Total	100% 480

10) If you have any additional comments for the long range planning of Esquimalt Gorge Park, please include them in the space below.

Respondents: 136

#	Respondent	10) If you have any additional comments for the long range planning of Esquimalt Gorge Park, please include them in the space below.
1	5	A paddle boat dock/ramp should definitely be installed, but closer to the bridge
2	8	More picnic tables near the play area. Water park would be awesome!
3	15	Better washrooms and water bottle station
4	31	More amenities for kids and families
5	35	less non native plants. Skate park and pump track
6	36	Extended board walk that would connect with the other side of Gorge park
7	39	Improve the flow of pedestrian traffic. I often feel I need to retrace my steps when at Gorge instead of enjoying a circuit. I also like that the children's play area is near the Nature House and away from the serenity of the Japanese Gardens.
8	51	additional bike parking area(s), local chip trails for running
9	57	I like the trail additions
10	69	I think the existing off leash area and general open space use area (5 and 6 on the concept plan above) still remain the best location for dog play and open space. Do not create a black chain link fenced/developed area along the scenic entrance road in to the park. It will be an eyesore, possibly distracting, noisy (not welcoming into the park's overall attraction). Dog play and general open space area remains better tucked away in the present location. I think cluttering the entrance into the park is not a good planning idea.
11	72	Why add a water park if the beach is improved and ramp/dock added? A water park seems redundant and frankly ridiculous. Let's encourage kids to swim in the Gorge as people have for decades.
12	78	Having an accessible playground for children with different abilities!
13	89	Water park please and expansion of playground

14	97	having a paddle space with access to parking lot would be fantastic, we live on Craigflower and parking is limited to drop kayaks and go;
15	103	Increase size of Japanese Garden. Celebrate its heritage- why is there no signage?
16	108	be careful of long term maintenance costs of green parking systems. Suggest consulting with Saanich Parks on park parking lot design experience, as they have done many in recent years. Can;t tell what the design would be from the rendering, but beware of geogrid gravel systems like the one installed (and removed later at high cost) at the VI Tech Park. Bioswales yes, permeable paving no.
17	119	No more trails! Keep this ecosystem as natural as possible! These "improvements" require a lot of construction and destruction of already perfect green spaces. If you really want to do something for that park, put a crosswalk at the entrance so people can get across safely from bus stop to bus stop, rather than having to go all the way around and under the bridge or run accords the road. Pull the stats of how many people have been hit or in accidents there by the pub.
18	121	Esquimalt already has water parkthe best ever....so nice to keep this park nice but not a replica of what we have
19	122	What about the tea house?
20	124	Utilize the waterfront better. Like a nice beach for swimming.
21	130	no commercial development allowed
22	136	Protected my bird area so no waterfront enhancements made e.g. No paddle my board, canoe launch a reason etc
23	139	A water/play park for children and beach enhancement (e.g. more sand) are preferable to a multi purpose building.
24	142	We were disappointed when the existing playground was installed, as most of the pieces were just cheap nausea-inducing spinning devices. The playground is used extensively and there are much bigger and better playground structures available.
25	144	Leave it natural as possible
26	148	Keep the park as natural as possible. We have used the beach for years to launch canoes and kayaks and for play. A new large building would be an eyesore, and a boat ramp/dock is unnecessary.
27	152	Ev super chargers free use

28	155	This park is unique and valuable green space. I would want minimal changes to it
29	160	Tides are too strong for paddleboats. I have lived in this area when there was the pond. I attended many meetings with beautiful landscape design posters. There were some big mistakes made. Side walls of the channel are too high, the water rarely over flows, the plants couldn't withstand the sry season & all died. where are the plants, flowers, birds, insects, butterflies from the drawing. It looks like a moonscape most of the year. Put the money into making that project work before taking on another one.
30	161	Concession stand
31	162	Continue to beautify the park and keep the community (locals) happy. Please don't make the Gosper Cres. residents that live directly across from the exiting park have to "sell" their homes.
32	163	Washrooms open longer, traffic lights on Tillicum cannot get out onto Tillicum from Gosper
33	164	Bigger Japanese Gardens, access to drinking water, traffic light on Tillicum and Gosper Cres (closest to Craigflower)
34	165	Clean up existing dog park.
35	166	These are much better ideas that a building.
36	168	Boat ramp
37	169	I'd really like to see some of the history of the park (see the Gorge book) brought back into it. This used to be a major destination for the people of Victoria.
38	170	Nature House space in new building
39	172	I think we should replace the Nature House building with a new one in the spot that it is currently located and possibly take some of Sherwood Forest away as this isn't a space that is well used. I don't want to see more buildings in the park but we could use a space that could be rented out and maybe incorporate the Nature House in a piece of this building. I would like to see the dog park stay where it is and put in a water fountain for the dogs.
40	173	what no tennis courts??? esquimalts tennis court areas were lost with the creek renovation project
41	176	There should be a pedestrian controlled traffic light at the entrance to the park
42	178	I would like to see an outdoor pool

43	179	If the building is built, who will pay for it's upkeep (cleaning, repairing, heating, etc), security, management, through it's lifespan?
44	184	This is a green space and I do not support enhancements that make it into an artificial playground. We need open green areas where people can enjoy natural landscapes and growth and not continually seek man-made entertainment.
45	190	Remove mud hill and invasive thistles - open wood area behind present washrooms over to dog park. Don't use bark mulch anywhere in park. Teach employees how to drive on road ways in case. Now add more waste cans throughout park.
46	194	All suggested improvements on the list are good but do NOT do the multipurpose building. Not needed. We don't go to a park to go inside a building. We go to a park to go OUTSIDE.
47	195	Esquimalt has precious little natural open green space. At a time when we know that urban density is occurring, we should be adding to our green spaces, not building on them. Countless studies point to the beneficial effects of being outside in nature, and of the importance of exercise, so why on earth would we plonk a building and huge parking lot right in the middle of this beautiful park? Let us heed the health studies and care for our green spaces and where possible, extend them. It will be so much healthier for our community. Yes, build a small teahouse, but leave the rest of our park alone please,
48	196	I can appreciate it is a balance between providing "enhancements" and maintaining green space. The focus should be providing the minimal enhancements and retaining the green space.
49	201	If you are doing anything to increase usage in this park, there will be more car traffic. It is absolutely important that a traffic light be installed at the entrance/exit on TILLICUM Road, as even now, there are many times when left turns into, and out of, the park are very tricky and dangerous. As a resident on Forshaw Road, looking straight at the beach and the future amenities building, I must say that I am extremely disappointed that such a large building will be right in our face. The noise and light pollution at night will drastically alter the peaceful view and setting that led us to buy our house.
50	204	Please add a some sort of program or interactive exhibit that involves the animal life living in/around the Gorge. Please also add a permanent food concession/service to this park, with hours well into the evening during summer. The lack of concession at a park this size is unfortunate.

51	205	The expansion of the parking lot to the south over the grass fields seems unnecessary as the parking lot is often underutilized. Transit and bicycle use should be encouraged, especially though improvements for bikes on Tillicum Rd to provide for safer turns into the park using that park entrance. Please no expanded playground or water park at Gorge Park. Kids LOVE the natural setting and can go to the rec centre for playgrounds and water parks.
52	208	There needs to be VERY SERIOUS consideration to non-vehicle access to the park. you can only access this park by car, unlike other more usable parks in esquimalt that DON'T have playgrounds but familys and kids can safely get to.
53	209	Sandy beach. Safe swimming area. Geese control. Deer control. Pickle ball courts.
54	213	It would be great to see docks on either side of the reversing falls allowing for a short portage.
55	214	Zone 23 should have some off leash dog area or be designated so that dogs can access the water from the beach area at 23. Some 6 should remain parking as it is now instead of being a small and unusable green area in the center of a parking lot, keeping zone 6 a parking area will allow the proposed zone 18 parking area to be halved as the proposed rendering is quite large and significantly encroaches onto zone 5 and 6 the field large field which should be all off leash dog park.
56	221	Enhance the outdoor activities that already exists. No need for anything indoors...that is not a park.
57	227	Gorge Park has always been under utilized therefore ensure there is no major reduction in parking availabilityEven with a new proposed building the existing Nature House should be retained.
58	238	No commercial groups
59	239	No commercial groups/enterprises
60	240	Please don't add in more parking. This is developing a really large amount of the parkland, and it's hard to go back after we build a parking lot on top of it.
61	247	maintain as much natural space as is possible
62	252	Restore the historic wooden portage route under the bridge for paddlers during dangerous tidal periods.
63	253	Please leave as is!
64	254	Use beach as a water park. So maybe on the beach, put water play structure.

65	255	Keep as much green space for picnic and quiet walking trails - Not just playgrounds it is a community park
66	256	Dock for launching paddle crafts
67	259	Please let's not overdo the 'enhancements' to an already beautiful location! it will become overused, over built and completely spoiled. It's perfect the way it is - calm, relaxing, and something for everyone.
68	262	Comments already provided.
69	263	I would like to see an improved kayak/paddle board launch at #13
70	264	Canoe / Kayak / SUP Dock at start of WestBay walkway
71	265	It's very well maintained and very attractive as is.
72	267	Stop putting concrete in the park. I am opposed to adding anymore concrete to this park. How many trees will be removed how much green space will be removed. You didn't mention the current features that will be gone forever!
73	275	It is enjoyable to see the children playing on the new equipment - frankly, the park feels safe, comfortable and very enjoyable. Why is the municipality so eager to spend all the money so fast - this park is a PERFECT GEM!
74	283	Adding sand to beach. Any way to decrease geese poo? Enhance existing nature centre to allow for nature preschool/kids programming.
75	290	The negative feedback on our street seems to be the shortening of the doggy play area. So get rid of the "eye sore" hill that's only soil and sludge removed to create the estuary, this could be smoothed and seeded for extra play area.
76	291	Would like to see either the proposed structure building built in a contemporary Japanese style or an MAJOR enhancement to the Japanese gardens, Right a wrong.
77	293	Additional washrooms
78	294	I really like the ideas for future enhancements in the rendering. It's a beautiful park already, and making it even more attractive to visitors would be wonderful.
79	302	A car-top boat launch would be awesome

80	305	<p>parking lot expansion to existing grass fields is big no-no. all polls, surveys, feedbacks support high public support for environmental goals & policies. building more parking space in largest green space in central victoria goes entirely against this. this is one of few open, flat areas in a natural surrounding in victoria where people can get in touch with nature without needing a car to travel long distances. this is the what draws so many hundreds every day to this park. in addition to mothers / children at playground, people of all ages walking with or without dogs, bus loads of seniors being taken by their senior facility for day trips, people picnicking mostly on weekends; for all these different groups / people a nice addition to park would be teahouse type concept for them to rest. a new coffee shop at new Amica facility at gorge rd & admiral goes over well. why not have better playground facilities for children, & some amenities for seniors who visit park. for example there is special swing designed for people in wheelchairs which could be offered. also, why not expand / build on current nature house due to great public interest in environmental issues ?</p>
81	306	Save swimming beach
82	313	The tea room should be a priority.
83	316	No Docks as perceived, there are other ways to address access , no water parks this is a wildlife area, if planning for more people, better designed parking with run-off remediation, a simple lighted cross walk at Park Entrance
84	321	The entrance is a problem -perhaps beyond the scope of this project, but I wish Tillicum bridge were safe for bikers and pedestrians. I drive over it nearly daily and would never want to walk or bike over it.
85	322	Special attention should be given to placing additional beach sand on the present beach area and to maintain and control number of geese population so that the beach is well used by young families with children
86	328	Washroom enhancements and electric car charging
87	333	Use the monies for the proposed dog park for a swim dock and improved beach access
88	335	Enhancements but NO building....no bigger parking lot
89	337	Park is great as it is. Put in some security to stop the metal thieves

90	340	Would love a pedestrian/cycling bridge to the Saanich side so that we don't have to go out to Tillicum to get there. Also would love to be able to swim at the beach (sand/geese deterrents) and have a dock in a good location for paddleboard/canoeing.
91	341	Flower garden, little nature museum
92	347	Desperately need a good calm water canoe/SUP/kayak launc area with drive up access and parking.
93	351	play area should be in bright colours and not dull green
94	357	A sandy beach for swimming
95	358	That's a huge increase in the amount of parking/infrastructure dedicated to the automobile and not to green space. I have no problem with the proposed building, but not at the expense of green space.
96	361	24-hour open washrooms and spaces open for homeless population
97	362	PLEASE make dog park bigger or more of them. DON'T groom them, just fence them off. Dogs don't need that, they need space and doggie bags.
98	367	Bring back tennis courts which can double with pickle ball. Have an outdoor fitness circuit nearby the tennis courts.
99	377	Considering the history of this park, I believe it is crucially important and timely to include a Japanese Tea House or at least a flexible space that could accomodate one at this time. We won't get this chance again, let's do it right.
100	379	rebuild Japanese Tea House, 2nd washrooms by dog park, relocate messy, aggressive geese, more garbage cans
101	380	move the proposed paddle entry to the site paddlers identified
102	381	You want to add a dock and water access point, but move the parking farther away? A new building on the water will be under utilized, and cost more than will contribute.
103	388	The planned dog park appears smaller than the existing park. It is important to have proper space for dogs as offleash parks in this end of Esquimalt are absolutely necessary.
104	394	Remember to keep the natural environment in mind for all decisions.
105	397	Parking lot is too large. Prefer a minimal size parking lot.
106	401	Food forest

107	402	Be bold! Design & build a portage under Gorge Bridge. Long over due. Build kayaking/canoeing tourism. Launch site (beach in park) already there; no additional parking needed.
108	403	Is there a no motorised boats rule? above the Tillicum bridge it should be non motorized crafts only
109	410	More seating in dog areas, playground & beach areas. Bike racks.
110	414	Save money for odour mitigation at sewage treatment plants.
111	417	As much Trees and greenspace as possible
112	420	Parking should remain where it is (closer to the building). A smaller parking lot could be added to the green space but keep parking limited and allow for overflow parking on the green space if needed for larger events. The old parking concept with trees and crosswalks would be beneficial.
113	421	Do not allow people to go near the bird estuary as it will take away precious animal nesting grounds. Dogs will be brought in by ignorant owners and they will disturb the grounds even though there is signage saying stay out.
114	422	'Everything counts, what you do counts' - plant more trees - we are in a climate emergency!!
115	427	Picnic shelter will be covered with wine bottles and tarps. Now try to remove them?
116	429	Incorporate indigenous art/culture
117	430	Improve lighting throughout the park. I am a frequent user of the park (live across the street with a dog), but I don't go into the park after sunset because it is dark & creepy.

118 433

To me, this plan appears to focus on cutting the park into numerous segments, to its detriment. As the park now is, there are numerous places for large gatherings, whether loud or quiet. There are many peaceful places to walk. There is a goodly amount of parking spaces. This plan allows for beach enhancements, etc., as well as a paddle boat ramp/dock. It would seem much more logical to have the paddle boat ramp/dock near the beach rather than creating yet another interruption to the waterfront walkway. I agree that added picnic tables could be welcomed. My fear is that the number of intended improvements will chop up the park to a distressing extent. It seems that the planners are trying to make everyone happy and in doing so work against preserving the integrity and natural beauty of the park. I would like to see the proposed building (I have chosen Concept#1 as roughly representing the Japanese style - if it were closer to the current Japanese garden and water feature, it would pay homage to original tea house and create a lovely setting for events. I do think the present parking lot serves the park well. I can see some of these improvements being put into place if the case is simply that Esquimalt has an extra large amount of funds to spend - but if that is the case, perhaps some of those funds could benefit the community even more if applied elsewhere.

119 436

Improvements need to maintain the tranquility of the park eg improved playgrounds would be good but not a water park. Would prefer to see new car park in its current location rather than removing precious green space to create a new car park on existing dog off leash area. Trail improvements are good if existing gorge walkways are also upgraded. Don't support a trail alongside the gorge creek as this is a wildlife habitat which should be preserved as such.

120 440

For me beach enhancement means returning the estuary to a more wildlife habitat friendly form. I do not support returning this to a swimming area. There needs to be a safer solution for boaters who seek a portage around the Gorge narrows. Please respect and honour the First Nations history, e.g. midden. The Japanese culture is memorialized in the garden. The proposed overscale multipurpose building designed with a nod to Japanese architecture is tokenism. Keep the organized recreation spaces in the core of Esquimalt where the population is centred. Leave the small population of the Gorge View panhandle alone with the wildlife to enjoy the quiet of the outdoors. Is anyone at Esquimalt Township or Indigifest taking responsibility for ensuring that people respect the peace ? On Saturday August 24, people were screaming swear words (sh*t, f*ck) into a microphone from 8pm to 10pm. Totally unacceptable in any culture.

121	441	Decision makers should think again.
122	444	definitely think having an additional play space near the dog park would be good. Kid and dog both get out that way.
123	451	Why is trail #20 through an area that was traditionally reserved as a wildlife area? Isn't this use inconsistent with the existing park master plan. I also think the amenities that are not part of the MAF funding at this time are out-of-scope for this engagement and a bit mis-leading (e.g., the bridge replacement for gorge creek is long overdue and there are no funds in place to do this replacement... to me, this should be what MAF funds should be for to "enhance" and build infrastructure that is additional to what existed before but also takes care of Esquimalt parks capital infrastructure deficit (seawall another item...)
124	454	Add Japanese tea house to this design, do not take up usable flat recreational space with parking
125	464	Boardwalk for swimmers to deeper waterway to avoid mud bogavoid
126	465	People love the park as it is. Useful beautiful and lots of open space. Families gather for picnics. Tourists love the Japanese gardens especially the water features. Just add a small traditional teahouse.
127	467	Water Access for Paddlers Please! Public Dock Perhaps?
128	470	Leave it green. Dont destroy what little green space there is
129	475	As long as there is enough parking for everything that's great. Would you need to bring you own boat or would there be rentals?
130	476	Try to keep areas as natural as possible with enhancements as unobtrusive as possible. No multipurpose building of paving over currently green areas.
131	482	worry about security, parking and traffic
132	488	It is perfect :) Maybe a few more benches for seating.
133	490	Gardens, playspace
134	493	Do not want to see any current green space removed.
135	494	BBQ Stations
136	495	Work with Gorge waterways loop

Saxe Point Park boardwalk

11) Do you like the concept of developing a boardwalk and lookout area to complete a loop trail in Saxe Point Park? Select one:

Respondents: 483

Choice	Count	
Yes	69.15% 334	
No	25.47% 123	
Other:	5.38% 26	
Total	100% 483	
#	Respondent	Other:
1	18	As long as all green space and the rocks are still accessible. If barriers created (like Ogden Point Breakwater) than no thank you
2	45	Not sure
3	72	Saxe Point is a perfect hideaway as it is.
4	95	Depends on the cost
5	98	Leave it natural
6	143	Put in a playground
7	144	Limited boardwalk
8	162	n/a
9	173	you could design the walk to project endangered species
10	208	other things can happen at this park
11	209	Where is the community meeting building???
12	212	WALKWAY SHOULD BE LOCATED TO PROTECT SPECIES AT RISK
13	225	Outlook and water access only.
14	251	As long as no trees are removed
15	252	Potentially. Careful attention needs to be paid to protect the natural elements of the park. No blasting of rock.
16	255	worries about long term maintenance

17	362	lots of benches - great
18	400	Don't overspend. Keep it simple.
19	401	This seems unnecessary
20	422	Are enough good lookout areas at Saxe Pt. Park
21	432	wood chip trail would be adequate; lookout area unnecessary
22	436	Possibly
23	448	I'm not for or against. Allowing scuba down is good. Rest of ideas are meh. I would rather not spend the money on most of those proposals. Keep looking for ideas. Don't spend just to spend.
24	454	The trail system at Saxe is great already, the \$\$ is best allocated elsewhere
25	470	none
26	494	Keep the rock wild

12) If you have any additional comments for the proposed boardwalk at Saxe Point Park, please include them in the space below.

Respondents: 149

#	Respondent	12) If you have any additional comments for the proposed boardwalk at Saxe Point Park, please include them in the space below.
1	4	Why pave paradise - it adds minimal value. Why not connect Denniston park with Saxe, or at least end of Constance with Saxe and enhance the beech? Similar to WestBay walkway it expands the park!! Is it the couple of effected residents along the shoal?
2	7	I would like to see a perimeter trail that
3	12	Please leave saxe point as a natural habitat. The existing trails are nice but its also nice to walk over rocks and boulders and natural elements
4	16	would like the new board walk to allow dogs year round (on leash in summer months)
5	23	I think Saxe point would be better suited with a covered open area (such as large gazebo) to accommodate gathering in the rain or other. I don't think a boardwalk is necessary for this area.
6	24	I like the natural features and trails of Saxe Point the way they are. I think a boardwalk would take away from the natural experience of this park.
7	25	Would love a natural elements playground. To be able to walk the trails and then sit and let the kids play would be lovely
8	26	Accessibility for people with disabilities
9	39	Keep the lookout structure simple (i.e. not like the first image with the suspension bridge) and the boardwalk material natural (i.e. no concrete). Any boardwalk should require "dogs on leash".
10	44	spend the money to improve and maintain the exisisting natural pathways and trail systems
11	45	I support the idea of making the park more accessible, just not quite sure if it would intrude on the natural look
12	51	chip trails for running/jogging
13	52	allows for accessibility for people with mobility limitations

14	55	Don't make it a boardwalk, but a trail similar to the others around the park. That would make a great, continuous trail around the park.
15	57	Connecting waking and bike trails eventually to west bay and E&N trails would be excellent
16	60	Making the new boardwalk dog friendly and providing pet poop bag dispensers.
17	65	Seems like a lot of money to make a smooth path. Nice for the elderly and handicapped, but doesn't change much for most people.
18	66	Wonderful idea!!!!
19	69	I think the boardwalk and lookout area should be closer along the ocean (at rocks edge and overlooking from there) not through the current lawns and grassy areas and where people currently have created worn pathways. Nothing new if boardwalk is essentially built on top of existing grass. Also the boardwalk should start at the west current lookout and follow the rocky pathway along the ocean from there.at the
20	72	I've been in a community that put in a boardwalk before and it was washed away by high tides only months after it was finished. Don't want to see a repeat experience and could easily happen, given unpredictability of climate change
21	76	Playground. Glass floor Walkout area to the ocean. Art sculpture. Pinocular.
22	78	Safety for small children and accessibility should be the priority.
23	92	why would you take the ruggid beauty of the park and put a path over it? kids love playing on those rocks.
24	95	Childrens playground
25	102	Saxe Point park is one of the last small captures on what Esquimalt used to look like. Lets leave it as it is
26	103	It is already a perfect place. Do not alter the water front access
27	106	I like the grassy area to the east of the parking lot and would prefer not to have a walking path there
28	108	use synthetic wood like the boardwalks in Mount Douglas Park. Non-slippery, long lasting, non-fading, non splinters, low maintenance cost in marine environment. Use aluminum supports and frame in non-visible features.
29	112	Out door Pool!!!

30	119	This makes more sense, as it will have minimal impact to the existing park and no trees will need to be cut!
31	121	I love Saxe point and would love this boardwalk
32	122	Done sensitively and respecting the environmental footprint
33	123	Safer way for children and elderly to enjoy the view close to the water.
34	124	Saxe point is perfect the way it is.
35	141	Leave it natural
36	144	Maybe a pathway about a mile or so where people with walkers could safely walk
37	148	It does not fit with the park environment and would require expensive maintenance. Keep it all as natural as possible with unobtrusive additions, if any.
38	149	Saxe point park is perfect. Do not do anything.
39	150	Do not destroy a beautiful natural outcrop. So few of them are left in the urban area. There is a path there already that could be maintained a bit better...
40	151	It would be great to see a fenced in playground for kids!
41	152	Ev parking/charging free to use at both parks.
42	158	Would be a shame in my opinion to take away from the breathtaking natural landscape of the rocks along the water...
43	163	Food
44	166	If you are going to spend money, it should be on controlling spear grass which is dangerous to children and wildlife.
45	169	Great idea! Love it!
46	173	you realize of course that some of this board walk goes over endangered species sites - feature wood deck area for example
47	177	Why some boardwalk and some flagstone? Isn't boardwalk more accessible?
48	184	Please stop overbuilding natural areas! We do not need a boardwalk along the water, let people sit and climb on the rocks.
49	185	Don't see the point of this. The viewing platform provides no better view than any other rock at the park. What does this really accomplish?

50	194	I am concerned about the water access for scuba and kite surfing. What does that entail? Details needed before I can approve this plan or not.
51	195	Please take care of the spear grass here that is harmful to children and animals of all kinds
52	196	Absolutely not, not a good use of funds, not very much "bang for your buck"; the beauty of Saxe Point is it's water, beautiful gardens and greenspace (which is quite small). As well, we have seen increased whale activity in this area and developing a boardwalk would be detrimental. As well, increased traffic, parking issues. Basically in our parks people want very nice washrooms and should be left to enjoy nature as it is.
53	208	how about a natural playground to enhance the common grass area and rock????? remove the off leash dog park.
54	209	Add community meeting building. Add security cameras for public safety.
55	212	PROTECT THE ENDANGERED PLANTS
56	219	I've been enjoying this park almost all my life - don't change anything! It's beautiful as it is
57	220	Dog Free walkway
58	225	Wooden boardwalk sounds like a maintainance nightmare to me, and a future budgetary burden. Any railing or fencing along the water would spoil the view.
59	226	The boardwalk should go all the way to Macaulay
60	229	Saxe Point is great the way it is
61	233	partially canopied at the large oval section (lookout point) , picnic shelters
62	236	Child play area/park
63	247	drop the scuba and board sailing access...this is not a safe place to launch
64	248	It's fine how it is. Natural is beautiful.
65	249	Hook it to Westbay to town.
66	250	I do not think a board walk is a good idea for this park.

67	252	Two alternate waterfront investments that I think deserve consideration: 1. Purchasing the undeveloped waterfront lot at the end of Grafton Street on the left side of the road. This would be amazing expansion of Deniston park. If that lot was developed, the negative impact on Deniston Park would be devastating. 2. A swimming and paddling dock at Arm Street Park. If you look at the popularity of Banfield Park dock and Curtis Point Park in Saanich, you'll see how well used this waterfront access would be.
68	253	Please leave as is!
69	255	Keep the space natural to trails - wooded chips, or small gravel, no need for boardwalk - just the trails Open and wuiet
70	259	Please keep it simple and in tune with the beauty and ruggedness of the coastline. Less is more.
71	262	No opinion on Saxe Point.
72	264	Canoe / Kayak / SUP Dock at start of WestBay walkway
73	267	Please try to reduce the impact on the park. Your walkways and path need to be removable and not require the existing plants and soil to be disturbed.
74	275	Saxe Point park is another park which has survived with no interference from open green space, safe forested space to walk pets and a beautiful view.
75	278	I would prefer that Saxe Point Park be left as is.
76	281	A wooden boardwalk is a high maintenance item. Why not a gravel pathway?
77	289	Saxe point beach and shore areas are one of the last "wild" outdoor spaces left, please leave as is, my children need somewhere to play
78	291	Why? What purpose would this serve other than putting wood over rock. There are lots of places to walk along the grass and trails where you can get a 100 view of the ocean.
79	293	Lots of seatings should be included. Need another washroom area.
80	295	This is number one on my families list.
81	300	Don't do anything to reduce the dog off-leash area. There is no need to build a boardwalk or lookout area.
82	302	I like the natural look and don't think a boardwalk is necessary. The existing trails are more than enough

83	305	I find it difficult to see image of this from diagram above, but any improvement to access for children, seniors, handicapped is preferred. lots of seating, viewpoints, beach access is wanted by all
84	306	Keep it low maintenance and as natural as possible
85	308	Make sure all pathways are marked no off leash
86	309	Public access to a walkway along the waters edge should be there for all to enjoy.
87	320	Allow on leash dogs
88	324	Like the loop trail to be completed but doesn't necessarily need to be a boardwalk
89	327	Railings for safety
90	330	THE IDEA OF ACCESS FOR SCUBA/KITE SURF IS GOOD; BOARDWALK TAKES AWAY FROM THE NATURAL FEEL OF THE ROCKS
91	332	Eventually wrap around to Fleming Perhaps a suspension bridge at some point
92	333	Beach access from the pathway.
93	337	Stop hardscaping over every piece of nature. It is a climate emergency, people.
94	339	Would love to see a boardwalk go all along ESQUIMALT and meet up with the blue bridge
95	340	Loop trail, no boardwalk, yes to lookout
96	341	Wood stair to access down the beach
97	343	Please please do not encroach on this wild space with a boardwalk. It is important for habitat and important for people to experience nature in its natural form. This area is very widely used and I don't think people using the park need a boardwalk in order to enjoy the space.
98	344	It would be good to include some rest areas/seating.
99	347	Boardwalks are really slippery when they get wet. A well maintained path would be better. The park really needs invasive plant control and a dog friendly picnic area.
100	348	It would ruin the park. It would be a loss of nature. It is not needed and is just a waste of money.
101	355	keep the off leash dog area.
102	357	Protect trees

103	358	Doesn't seem like it is much of an improvement over existing infrastructure, except perhaps for those in wheelchairs. Wonder if there is better accessibility improvements for the money that would benefit more people (this will only benefit mobility challenged people who have access to a car, as getting Saxe Point otherwise is difficult for disabled folks without access to a vehicle.)
104	362	lots of benches thru-out park would be great for an aging population!
105	370	Leave as is please
106	379	more safer lighting including solar, more garbage cans, more bench seating by large lawn area
107	380	keep the foreshore natural, reduce further manmade elements
108	381	A wood walkway in our climate? Gravel or nothing
109	386	I live across the street. This is long overdue. Please link to the Westbay Walkway.
110	387	This looks like it would be a better idea for Macaulay Point.
111	388	Allow an area for dogs to be offleash
112	394	Please keep the natural environment foremost in mind.
113	399	More garbage cans. Dog waste bag dispensers.
114	407	This park is very well developed, if there is money for parks it should be spread to those in Esquimalt in lower income areas.
115	411	On-leash dog use of the proposed walkway to connect with the other dog-friendly trails would be appreciated.
116	419	I hope this enhancement can be done without reducing the amount of off-leash area currently in the park--we make daily use, rain or shine, of the lovely off-leash area, and would like it to stay as it is, with woods trails and some beach access available to dogs.
117	420	Updated washrooms should be considered!
118	421	You are covering over federally mandated species at risk! I will send in a report stating that you are putting in infrastructure over a known area that has protected native species. Stop this work or get fined by the federal government. And it will go to the news as well that council has no regard for our native plants that are in decline from infrastructure be put down. This is a horribly thought out plan that is a waste of money that could be used in a better community minded project!

119	422	Spend the money on shoreline restoration - get rid of the invasive species
120	423	I like the idea of a walk, but are there other alternatives to boards, boards and wet weather are not conducive to a long life. Wouldn't the maintenance be an extra burden of cost to the parks division and soft boards (poor quality or damaged from rain) can lead to accidents.
121	427	Now we can stroll down the boardwalk pushing a wheel chair with my mom or holding my grandmother arm in arm as we walk where during rainy seasons is a no go.if this is a go,like the water park ,will be a hit.Many young people around Sax point ,with children, that would use this then driving to Gorge park.Sax point is where there is "SHOALING WATERS " . A board walk hope fully using Esquimalt workers when appropriate would be a plus. The art show along the walk ,weddings, and accessibility for our aged .
122	429	Love the scuba access. Accessible access directly from parking spaces to boardwalk.
123	430	Looks good.
124	433	I think the boardwalk would intrude upon the natural wild beauty of the waterfront. The lookout area is a nice concept but please note that it will interfere with the current habitats of creatures such as otters. Have sufficient studies been done to ensure the area proposed for kite surfing and scuba diving has no dangerous currents?
125	435	want the park left as natural as possible
126	436	I am broadly supportive of the idea of a boardwalk but very concerned that it will give dog walkers an excuse to access the main lawn which is currently supposed to be off limits to dogs.
127	439	Playground equipment and community bbq stations (these are available for online booking in a lot of municipal parks in the US)
128	440	This area is already overworked by paths.
129	444	how many years will this take? I think it would be nice but too much construction?
130	453	Curious as to why gorge park has a huge amount of \$\$ going towards it but sax's only idea is a boardwalk why is that?
131	454	Could a small dock structure be added for water access
132	456	A small public washroom near the parking lot.

133	457	Nothing needs to be changed at Saxe Point Park. There are two established lookouts and paths all throughout. We don't need anymore construction especially in this peaceful place.
134	460	Hopefully the new design will take into consideration rising sea levels from climate change
135	465	No. Saxe Point is great as is. Also lots of room for kids to play, weddings to happen, groups to have special occasions. Only need more bathrooms like the Portland loo.
136	470	none
137	472	Connect a boardwalk from Macaulay Point Park to Saxe Point
138	476	I use this park on a daily basis. It's beautiful in its natural state - the rocks are wonderful to climb and sit on - and there are already two viewpoints. A boardwalk would spoil the natural beauty and views.
139	477	Boardwalk not needed. Perfectly good as is. Instead get rid of the ivy. Looks like a scene out of War of the Worlds but green not red.
140	480	I do like it, but more integrated with nature would be better
141	481	Don't ruin the natural landscape by putting in a boardwalk.
142	485	I would rather see a trail that somehow links Saxe with Macaulay Point... Saxe is pretty accessible... I think maybe a second bathroom stall would be a better use!
143	486	The park is beautiful as is.
144	487	Connector from CFB Esquimalt to Saxe Point to Macaulay to West Bay to City --- all the way
145	488	It would be nice to connect Saxe Point and Macaulay Point as then we could almost have a complete connection to the West Bay Marina. I realize after that it is Base (Military) land, so perhaps just paint some footprints or have signs pointing to West Bay Marina. Would be lovely to have this. Great idea :)
146	489	Leave Saxe Point Park alone - It is perfect as is.
147	490	Why are you covering shoreline carved by ice age. Saxe Point Park is the most properly used park ever. Leave it alone. I go there every day and have for over thirty years. I have never seen you there...
148	494	If being built, ensure accessibility. Expand smaller waterfront parks like Denniston Park. Explore the creation of more swimming beaches and docks.

149 495

Buy the property at the end of Grafton and make it part of
Denniston Park!

Demographics

13) What is your age?

Respondents: 495

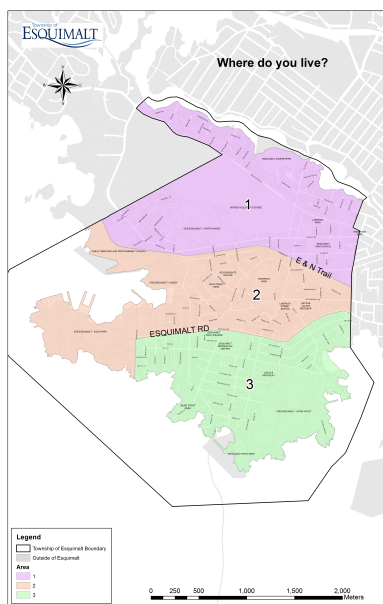
Choice	Count
19 years old or under	1.21% 6
20 - 39 years old	30.10% 149
40 - 59 years old	39.39% 195
60 - 79 years old	25.25% 125
80 - 99 years old	1.62% 8
100+ years old	0.00% 0
Rather not say	2.42% 12
Total	100% 495

14) Do you live, work or play in Esquimalt? Select all that apply:

Respondents: 495

Choice	Count
Live	96.97% 480
Work	29.90% 148
Play	83.43% 413
None of the Above	0.20% 1
Total	100% 495

15) Please indicate where you live using the map of Esquimalt. Click image to enlarge.



(https://www.esquimalt.ca/sites/default/files/docs/events/MAF_round3/WhereDoYouLive.pdf)

Respondents: 495

Choice	Count
Area 1 - North of E&N Rail Trail	40.20% 199
Area 2 - North of Esquimalt Road / south of E&N Rail Trail	23.23% 115
Area 3 - South of Esquimalt Road	36.57% 181
Outside of Esquimalt	0.00% 0
Total	100% 495

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Appendix C OPEN HOUSE BOARDS

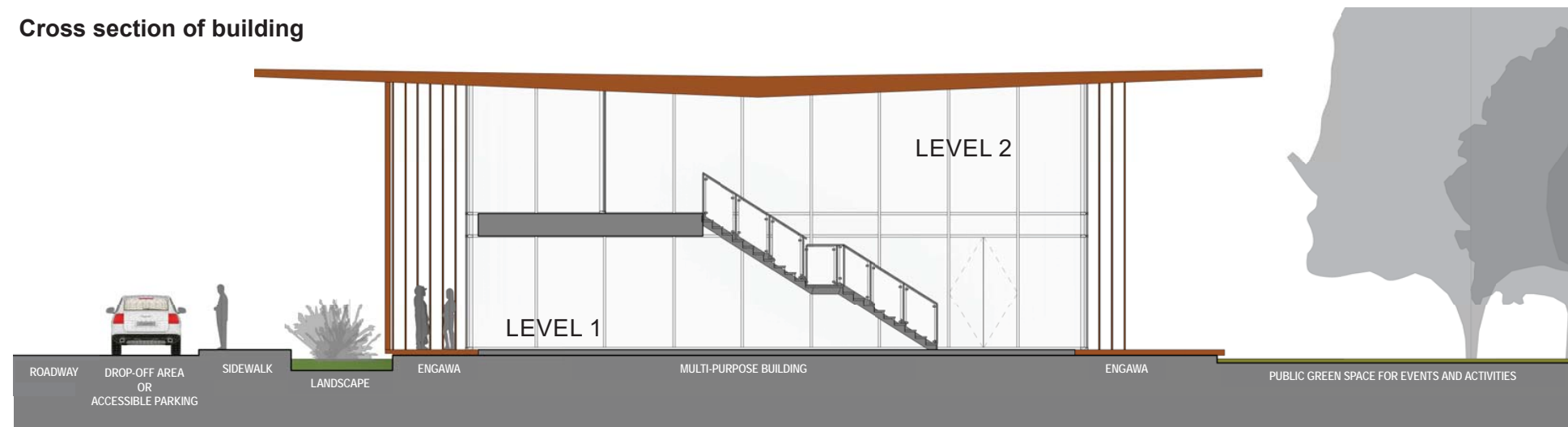




This concept is not a final design. It presents potential design features of a possible building in the park.

View from the south

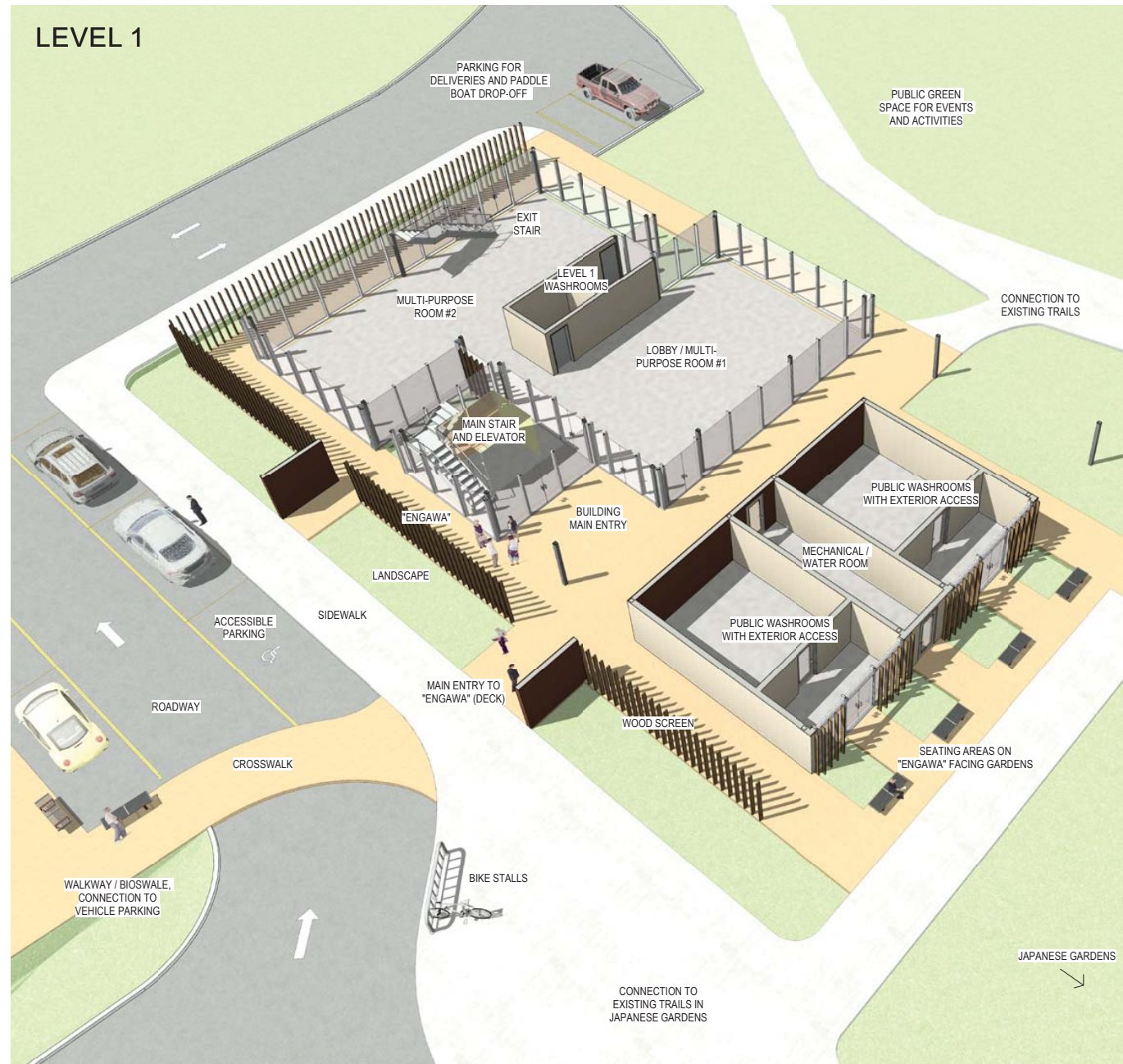
Cross section of building



Engawa is a reference to traditional Japanese architecture. This wood deck, which wraps around the building, defines the multi-purpose building exterior space by supporting the exterior wood screen and by providing connections to sidewalks and trails.

Building concept 1 would provide the following:

- Multi-purpose rooms (4)
- Food preparation space
- Multi-purpose terrace
- Seating areas facing the Japanese gardens
- Exterior public space, Engawa
- Public green space for events and activities
- Connection to existing trails
- Walkway / bioswale, connection to vehicle parking
- Parking for deliveries and paddle boat drop-off
- Washrooms
- Public washrooms with exterior access
- Mechanical/water room



Level 1
 Lobby / multi-purpose room #1: 125 m² (1,350 ft²)
 Multi-purpose room #2: 139 m² (1,500 ft²)



Level 2
 Multi-purpose room #3: 125 m² (1,350 ft²)
 Multi-purpose room #4: 111 m² (1,200 ft²)

Total
 Total multi-purpose room area: 502 m² (5,400 ft²)
 Total building area: 678 m² (7,300 ft²)
 Building capacity = 100–150 people



This concept is not a final design. It presents potential design features of a possible building in the park.

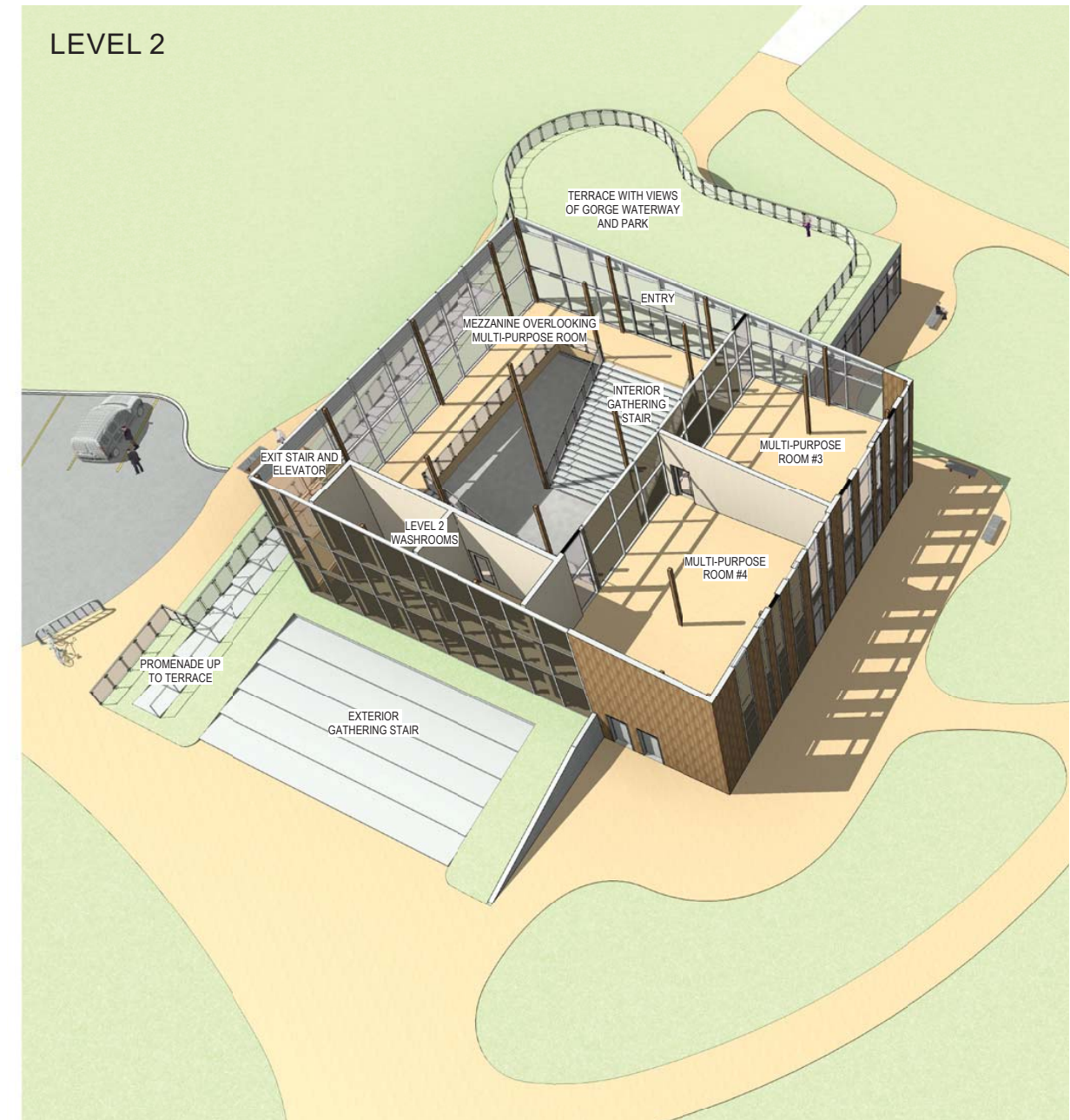
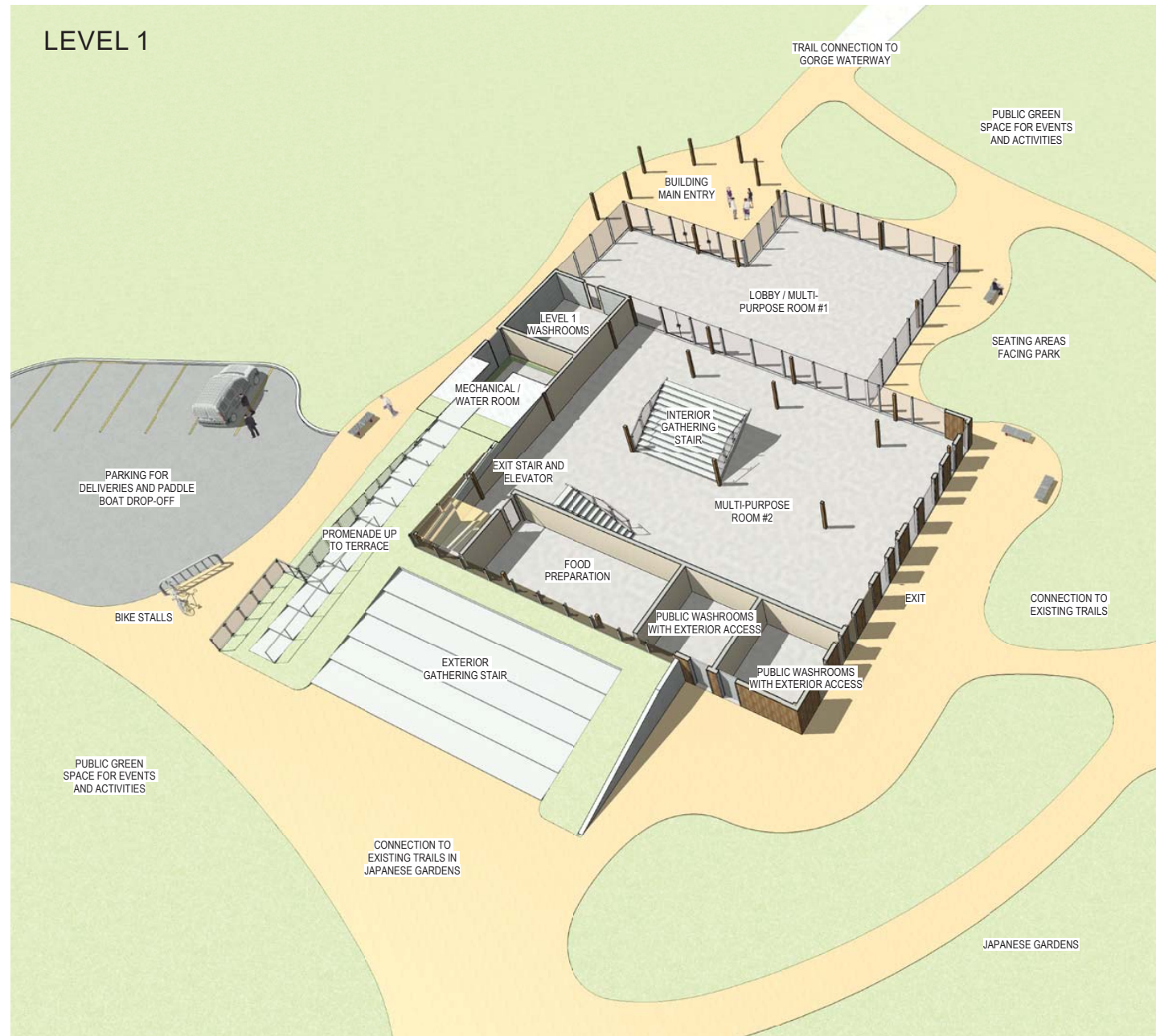
View from the north-west

Cross section of building



Building concept 2 would provide the following:

- Multi-purpose rooms (4)
- Interior gathering stair
- Food preparation space
- Multi-purpose terrace
- Seating areas facing the park
- Exterior gathering stair
- Public green space for events and activities
- Connection to existing trails
- Parking for deliveries and paddle boat drop-off
- Washrooms
- Public washrooms with exterior access
- Mechanical/water room



Level 1
 Lobby / multi-purpose room #1: 158 m² (1,700 ft²)
 Multi-purpose room #2: 186 m² (2,000 ft²)

Level 2
 Multi-purpose room #3: 93 m² (1,000 ft²)
 Multi-purpose room #4: 102 m² (1,100 ft²)

Total
 Total multi-purpose room area: 539 m² (5,800 ft²)
 Total building area: 734 m² (7,900 ft²)
 Building capacity = 100–150 people



There are many options for the multi-purpose areas.
Tell us your preference!

Place a sticky dot in
a box below to mark
which concept you
prefer.

What elements do you prefer within the
INTERIOR space?

Art installation	
Art studio	
Banquet/rental hall/ cultural ceremonial space	
Childcare space	
Community program space	
Environmental stewardship space	
Fitness equipment/studio space	
Food preparation space	
Interpretive/educational space	
OTHER Write your suggestion on a sticky note and place it here.	

What elements do you prefer within the
EXTERIOR space?

Extensive landscaping	
Public plaza/gathering space	
Art installation	
OTHER Write your suggestion on a sticky note and place it here.	

Building concept 1

Building concept 2

No building

Let us know your thoughts!

What do you like? What don't you like?

Write your
comments on
sticky notes
and place them
in the box!





CONCEPT 1



CONCEPT 2



We heard from participants in the Round 1 and Round 2 feedback that park users would like to see dog-related enhancements at Esquimalt Gorge Park. These are some concepts that we have developed to get your feedback.

These concepts are not final designs. They present potential design features.



How do you prefer the space within the dog park divided?

One zone (all dogs)	
Two zones (big dog/little (shy) dog)	
Three zones (big dog/little (shy) dog AND shared)	

Should a dog park be established, it will include a **water fountain station** (for dogs and humans), **bag station**, **refuse station**, **dog wash station**, and **benches/seating**.

What other elements, if any, would you prefer included with the dog park?

Dog play equipment	
OTHER Write your suggestion on a sticky note and place it here.	

Write your comments on sticky notes and place them in the box!

Let us know your thoughts!

What do you like? What don't you like?

Large dotted-line box for sticky notes.



Place a sticky dot in a box below to mark which concept you prefer.

Dog park concept 1

Light blue box for marking preference for Dog park concept 1.

Dog park concept 2

Light blue box for marking preference for Dog park concept 2.

No dog park

Light blue box for marking preference for No dog park.





**SAXE
POINT
PARK**

Boardwalk concept + trail improvements

Township of
ESQUIMALT



Accessible access boardwalk

Flagstone path connection

2 m wide boardwalk
flush with existing grade

Flagstone path connection

Water access for scuba, kite surfing

Existing trail

Connection to existing trail

Custom built-in bench to
edge of existing rock outcropping

Feature wood deck overlook structure



Do you like the concept of developing a **boardwalk** and **lookout area** to complete a **loop trail** in Saxe Point Park?

YES	
NO	
Somewhere in between	

Write your comments on sticky notes and place them in the box!

Let us know your thoughts!

What do you like?
What don't you like?

Large dotted-line box for writing comments.



SHARE YOUR IDEAS
FOR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

No time now?
Provide your ideas online at Esquimalt.ca/engage





What future enhancements do you want to see in Esquimalt Gorge Park?

Paddle boat ramp/dock	
Expanded play space	
Entrance improvements	
Beach enhancements	
Picnic shelter	
No enhancements	

Let us know your thoughts!

What do you like? What don't you like?

Write your comments on sticky notes and place them in the box!



McLoughlin amenity funds waterfront parks

Projects that benefit the entire community; meet diverse community needs; achieve multiple purposes and uses; support healthy lifestyle choices and connect people to each other and the natural environment.

October 2016

Township of Esquimalt and Capital Regional District (CRD) Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project Board begin discussions on community amenities associated with locating a wastewater treatment plant at McLoughlin Point in Esquimalt

February 27, 2017

Council approves development permit for wastewater treatment plant at McLoughlin Point

January 2017

CRD and Township of Esquimalt agree on amenity funding package

One-time CRD contribution of \$17 million (McLoughlin Point Amenity Reserve Funds) will be used for capital projects in three areas: waterfront parks, recreation facilities, and a public safety facility

January 23, 2017

McLoughlin Point Wastewater Treatment Plant open house on proposed community amenities

May 24 to September 23, 2018

Round 2 Survey to gather feedback on the emerging themes and ideas from Round 1

Survey tool was accessible online and at a mobile engagement booth in place at key locations and community events

1,771 people responded in total (835 Esquimalt residents, 934 residing outside of Esquimalt)

Feb 22, 2018

Township of Esquimalt launches Round 1 of engagement process

Ideas Fair, an interactive public event captures ideas for community projects related to the three areas of funding

Feb 22 to March 15, 2018

Questionnaire/Idea Walls, Interactive posters (at the Township Office, Library, and Recreation Centre) and an online tool gather input from those unable to attend the Ideas Fair

October-December 2018

Township of Esquimalt compiles Round 2 Survey input

January 23, 2019

Council approves selection criteria for the evaluation and scoring of the multiple projects identified during the two rounds of public engagement and directs staff to apply the selection criteria to the projects

March 25, 2019

Council reviews the evaluated projects and further refines the list of project ideas:

Waterfront parks

- Acquire new parkland
- Multi-purpose venue integrating a possible Japanese Tea House concept at Esquimalt's Gorge Park
- Boardwalk and/or pathway connections at Saxe Point Park
- Dog-related enhancement at Esquimalt's Gorge Park

Summer 2019

Begin development of initial concept design plans

Initial concepts facilitate further analysis and allow for the development of preliminary capital and operating budget estimates

September 11 + 19, 2019

Open houses to gather feedback on proposed concepts for waterfront park improvements at Esquimalt Gorge Park, Saxe Point Park, and Macaulay Point Park

WE ARE HERE

WHAT'S NEXT

Early Fall

Present feedback from the public engagement process on the waterfront park projects and preliminary cost estimates to Council for consideration

STAY INFORMED THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS!

Web: Esquimalt.ca/engage

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twitter.com/EsquimaltBC

Sign up for e-mail notification at esquimalt.ca/subscribe



Have we missed anything?

Write your
comments on
sticky notes and
place them in
the box!

A large, empty rectangular area with a dotted blue border, intended for users to place sticky notes with their comments.

Appendix D RAW OPEN HOUSE RESULTS





Open House Feedback

Esquimalt Gorge Park and Saxe Point
Park

October 10, 2019

Prepared for:

Township of Esquimalt

Prepared by:

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OPEN HOUSE FEEDBACK

Esquimalt Park

1.0 Esquimalt Park

1.1 BUILDING

1.1.1 What elements do you prefer within the INTERIOR space?

	Count	Comments
Art installation	14	
Art studio	11	
Banquet/rental hall/cultural ceremonial space	30	
Childcare space	23	
Community program space	32	
Environmental stewardship space	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I love it!
Fitness equipment/studio space	15	
Food preparation space	28	
Interpretive/educational space	39	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEW NATURE HOUSE SPACE. Enviro. Stewardship Education is important in the greater community 😊
Other		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zen rock garden (4) Yummy food for the public (3) Waterfall feature in front – zen like look A small Japanese-style tearoom would be perfect. There is no need to build the larger sized multipurpose building (5)

1.1.2 What elements do you prefer within the EXTERIOR space?

	Count	Comments
Extensive landscaping	26	
Public plaza/gathering space	26	
Art installation	15	
Other	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partially covered outdoor seating around building (aside from breeze way) would be nice Important to have interpretation, historical dedication to history of Taketa tea house Outdoor/Indoor event space weddings; Community; 🎵 ; family parties



OPEN HOUSE FEEDBACK

Esquimalt Park

1.1.3 Place a sticky dot in a box below to mark which concept you prefer.

	Count	Comments
Building concept 1	68	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't double the size of the parking lot! Use grass for overflow! • Building is too large and warrants too much parking • What is operational cost for this building? (i.e: staff + maintenance); Is this rental fee concept? What kind of purpose for use of rooms? • Building in Migratory Bird Sanctuary; Was this considered? Then include educational feature • How does this building communicate the history of the Takata tea house? • Love the concept #1 – Great idea for day park. •
Building concept 2	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep it Japanese style • Concept + 2 multiuse rooms have beams that impose on space and potentially limit use options poor design
No Building	48	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please maintain Gorge Park as is. No building in our valued green space.

1.1.4 Let us know your thoughts! What do you like? What don't you like? ¹

- Increasing density / # of cars accessing the park will destroy current feeling this green space has. There is no need to expand the building / use of the area.
- When the building is being used there will be no park space for people who want to use this as a park. (1)
- Don't destroy the park for a building.
- Like → Community Amenity But Maintain Naturalness of Park
- No Building! Terrible Idea.
- Much smaller building so no need for significant increase in parking space and encroachment on existing dog park.
- This is park land! Not construction land we have enough meeting rooms in the arena + rec centre but insufficient parks in there.
- Cost? % of Amenity found for just this project? Private or public project cost of operation + maintenance
- For 100-150 guests how much additional green space will be paved over for parking?
- Keep the green space! Climate change! Existing infrastructure
- Focus on bike parking, less car parking, previous surface for parking
- Enviro. Impact of Development; Stormwater management; does the new parking lot need to be so big? Why not use the existing lot + expand...slightly; increased use

¹ Numbers in parentheses after a comment indicate the amounts of dots placed on that comment. We considered this as support for those comments.



OPEN HOUSE FEEDBACK

Esquimalt Park

- Why not have a smaller building and put some money into the Nature House/ Washrooms by the playground?
- What is cost of these 2 concepts re: \$7M budget? Can we have something more modest to dove tail with nature house?
- Could this concept be condensed to a single level?
- More Japanese elements such as shoji paper screens. (3)
- Instead of a large building I would welcome a small scale teahouse that provides inside/outside seating & coffee/tea etc. This would be more in line with the size of the Japanese garden.
- Something to honour the original teahouse that was here. (6)
- Add a few more Japanese design features such as Japanese rain chains or shoji screens. (1)
- The only building I would support is a proper Japanese tea house as before 1942. No! No! No! To concepts 1 & 2 return parks to more natural environment.
- No Tea House in Saxe Pt. (Too small of a park)
- Where is the tea house?! (3)
- Need somewhere to have tea.
- This is not the Tea House I was expecting. I would something more traditional
- SHOULD LOOK LIKE A JAPANESE TEA HOSE GET A JAPANESE ARTHITECT'S OPINION
- Let the Japanese Community choose.
- Tea house and connecting Docz
- A building that more closely resembles The Japanese Tea House
- I welcome a small sized tea house that can serve coffee/tea. The proposed buildings are way too big for the size of the park
- A Japanese style tea house would be great. No multipurpose buildings and pavement eating up our limited green space.
- Resurrecting the Tea house, rather than a large modern building
- Indoor zen rock garden along the park inside the building (#1) Easy to maintain. (1)
- Set the building back further from the parking lot. Surround one side with bamboo for a more natural look. (1)
- Meeting rooms should have the option of being completely self enclosed for function and sound!
- Program consideration? Family demographic – use to help alleviate #'s at rec centre? Childcare? Park office?
- Multiple washrooms w/full privacy vs. Men's/Woman's/Family due to changing society...Anyone can go, just wash your hands 😊
- I have seen people living in tents in the park. If a new building is proposed, perhaps it could offer facilities for those people: food, laundry, showers. (1)
- Tori gate between the parking lot + the main entrance. (1)
- What an amazing addition to this area!! Would love to see this space better utilized.
- ALL PROPERTY FACING ESQ. GORGE PARK SHOULD HAVE A FENCING ALL AROUND THEIR PROPERTY
- Street access for emergency vehicles?
- Shading on patio of building
- What kind of blinds will be used?
- What material is Roof – needs to cast a shaft of light into heart of building



OPEN HOUSE FEEDBACK

Esquimalt Park

- External power close to + further out for event use 😊
- Small library extension of GVPL study area
- Canoe + Kayak rental
- Coffee + tea house; day camp space; recreation rentals
- Lecture series from UVIC; Further education
- Need change rooms as well as washrooms
- Electric vehicle charging station? Instead of food prep – have concession or is that what you meant 😊
- Don't invest a large portion of the funds in a building when you don't even know the uses and users who benefit – it won't be best use of funds for the majority of residents.



OPEN HOUSE FEEDBACK

Esquimalt Park

1.2 LONG RANGE PLANNING

1.2.1 What future enhancements do you want to see in Esquimalt Gorge Park?

	Count	Comments
Paddle boat ramp/dock	33	
Expanded play space	13	
Entrance improvements	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pedestrian/Bike bridge from Esquimalt Park to Saanich Side• Make more bicycle accessible (2)
Beach enhancements	23	
Picnic shelter	18	
No enhancements	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Esq. Gorge Park is a Migratory Waterfowl Sanctuary and a Nature Park – Now you want to “pave paradise and put up a parking lot – on our DOG PARK

1.2.2 Let us know your thoughts! What do you like? What don't you like? ²

- Do not encourage boating
- Boaters are destroying habitat and disturbing Birds & Marine Mammals.
- Forage Fish + Stream enhancement
- Prioritize investments for water dock + beach improvement NOT DOG PARK
- (13) Paddle Boat Ramp and (24) We Thank you for that. F.s
- Please make it possible to easily canoe or paddle at reversing falls (Tillicum Bridge) regardless of current direction
- Make Gorge park more accessible to all paddlers (canoers, kayakers, etc) especially @ reversing falls area.
- DO NOT double the size of parking and take away green space
- Make Parking area less and use green space as overflow parking for the few bigger events held.
- Less parking in current off leash area. Perhaps more at the park Entrance
- Parking area is more than adequate / park is already too built up / long range plan should be to lever off nature house to return park to nature
- Continue to remove invasive species and plant rest of park to native species – expand natural ares gradually to include > 50% of park
- I love the idea of more community space, but not at the cost of Green Space. Why (of all places?) are we putting a building on a Green Space?
- Trail enhancements

² Numbers in parentheses after a comment indicate the amounts of dots places on that comment. We considered this as support for those comments.



OPEN HOUSE FEEDBACK

Esquimalt Park

- Cross walk at entrance to get across street would be fantastic so people getting off bus on opposite side can get across safe without having to go under the bridge.
- Use some funds to upgrade Nature House /Washrooms
- Smaller building (or just washrooms) and install 2 picnic shelters
- Picnic shelter seems more reasonable than a large multipurpose building. Perhaps a picnic shelter with washrooms and a cooking facility.
- Sand on beach (3)
- #19 Dog Park Terrible place to put a dog park. This is a sloped area not suitable for a place to run dogs. Leave park where it is currently!!

1.3 DOG PARK

1.3.1 How do you prefer the space with within the dog park divided?

	Count	Comments
One zone (all dogs)	4	
Two zones (big dog/little (shy) dog)	4	
Three zones (big dog/little (shy) dog AND shared)	6	

1.3.2 Should a dog park be established, it will include a water fountain station (for dogs and humans), bag station, refuse station, dog wash station, and benches/seating.

What other elements, if any, would you prefer included with the dog park?

	Count	Comments
Dog play equipment	4	
Other		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep dog park where is it on flat ground. Provide shelter area and water fountain. • Equipment not needed. Dogs just need area to socialize and play together. Like current off leash area. • Ban dogs from Macauly and Saxe Point. There is dog poop everywhere 😞(1) • Every day, I walk all our parks (mid. Carin Rock). I do <u>not</u> see dog poop very often and certainly not everywhere.



OPEN HOUSE FEEDBACK

Esquimalt Park

1.3.3 Place a sticky dot in a box below to mark which concept you prefer.

Elements	Count	Comments
Dog Park 1	12	
Dog Park 2	12	
No Dog Park	54	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Existing dog park being the way it is fenced. No parking. No to 1 and 2.Existing dog park to remain where it is No to concept #1 + #2Leave dog park field + fence it to prevent trail users from out of control dogs rushing at them.

1.3.4 Let us know your thoughts! What do you like? What don't you like? ³

- Keep dog park where it is but more compact with complete dog proof fence around. Dogs only permitte off leash within fenced area.
- Leave existing Dog Park as is. Clean up some of the area around swale.
- Leave unfenced area for off leash as is. Then is can be used for multi use when need be.
- Keep the existing dog park space. Don't expand parking beyond the southern boundary of the road. Build in structured that your existing parking space can accommodate.
- Current dog park works great. Leave the proposed location as open space!
- No dog park is needed!
- Dog park works great as is
- In the existing dog area, all dogs play together without any problems. Dog waste is not a problem (1)
- Funding Better Spent ANYWHERE ELSE! (1)
- No single dedicated purpose area! (No dog fenced park)
- Leave existing off leash area as is. (1)
- Leave existing off leash area/open space area as is.
- Open green space NOT Fenced single use areas
- NO DOG PARK; NO FENCED DOG PARK; NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE PARKS IN VIC/ESQ
- Dog Park is not necessary.
- NO FENCED DOG PARK; the off-leash area is fine. Educational Signage; integrate Nature House Education, Enhance Partnership
- Don't fence especially not along the main entrance road
- Shift dog park to Saxe Pt only
- Now off leash dogs on trails are issue in water walkway area
- Too many dogs + dog poop already
- Close trail on craigflower side of creek for respite-bird area

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OPEN HOUSE FEEDBACK

Esquimalt Park

- Impact of Dog Park in proximity of Migrating Bird Sanctuary; Hard fences in currently open space unappealing
- Proposed location of dog park is on traditional tea house site; Bad idea!
- Proposed dog park is on a slope!
- Use natural elements for pad play equipment. Not plastic. Thank you!
- Good use of underutilized space.
- Designated dog area good idea. Serenity of Japanese Gardens / Tea house is incompatible with free-running dogs.
- PARKING FOR DOG OWNER WHO TRAVEL TO THE PARK FOR DOG OFF LEASH AREAS – QUITE A WALK FROM PARKING AREA



OPEN HOUSE FEEDBACK

Saxe Point Park

2.0 Saxe Point Park

2.1 BOARDWALK CONCEPT & TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

2.1.1 Do you like the concept of developing a boardwalk and lookout area to complete a loop trail in Saxe Point Park?

	Count	Comments
Yes	39	
No	26	
Somewhere in-between	11	

2.1.2 Let us know your thoughts! What do you like? What don't you like? ⁴

- I think the grass + rock are natural accessible (mostly) and fine. No / little added value to full walkway – water access good.
- Absolutely unnecessary! No To Boardwalk
- DO NOT WANT BOARD WALK (2)
- No Board Walk
- Please – NO BOARDWALK NOT NEEDED! Thanks.
- Do not want board walk, need natural spaces (4)
- No, it ain't broke... Please improve washroom facilities though. Thanks!
- Existing trail is fine. Boardwalk would need to be regularly maintained; issue for safety for children
- No "board" walk; connect existing trails – leave gravel; observation deck yes
- No to purposely complete a loop/trail because we can already loop around. The boardwalk + look out should be stand alone amenity – would be outstanding
- Why boardwalk on the lawn/grass area. Way more amazing to have the boardwalk/lookout (if even necessary) down lower along rocky shoreline
- If build boardwalk make sure to put non slip mesh on it
- Maybe a boardwalk in the field where it gets swampy instead.
- Make Sure Boardwalk is over the screed areas of the trails now. Such as The Steep rivered area to the cliffed area.
- Washrooms (1)
- The bathrooms are not wheelchair accessible 😞 (1)
- Need improved washrooms facilities

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OPEN HOUSE FEEDBACK

Saxe Point Park

- Improved/ updated washroom facility as well as a smaller secondary washroom facility on the water frontage side. (3)
- Connect sidewalk into Saxe Point Park o the trails on the east side of the park instead of ending at the parking lot – unsafe for kids
- Start boardwalk at west edge of parking area. Leave west side alone. If further, washrooms build on east side.
- No Boardwalk Fix Steps on beach + path down the beach (westside)
- Staircase upgrade badly needed. This is a well used beach (2)
- UPGRADE STAIRS + ACCESS TO BEACH ON WEST SIDE OF PARK. (MIDDLE OF PARK) UNDER EAGLES NEST.
- SAXE PT : NO BOARDWALK–Safety! ACCESS TO WATER ON CONSTANCE AVE SIDE. IMPROVE SOME OF THE TRAILS SIGNAGE FOR TRAILS + DOG RULES (1)
- At least join beach + Constance with a Boardwalk
- Cull some trees in trajectory of sun to beach – make it a sunny (rather than shaded) beach for visit of day/season.
- Replace those trees elsewhere.
- No tour buses please.
- Add a playground. (3)
- Install a play-ground area with swings, slide – etc.
- Fishing Pier? (2)
- Make a covered picnic area for poor weather.
- Future plans add covered picnic spaces and possibly outdoor BBQ like @ goldstream
- GET RID OF THE IVY FIRST
- SPECIES @ Risk (1)
- EXISITNG TRAILS ARE FINE NO MORE TRAILS SINCE IT WILL AFFECT VEGETATION.
- Has disruption of the coastal bluff ecosystem been considered? Improve by less human contact or Hindered via boardwalk construction?
- Yes to loop trail; No to boardwalk.



OPEN HOUSE FEEDBACK

Have we missed anything?

3.0 Have we missed anything?

3.1 COMMENTS

- I am not in favour of removing so much green space to parking.
- Park should be left as is! Use the money to clean the existing park. No more parking spots! Leave existing dog area alone!
- Could you please leave things alone. The park needs to be maintained not developing new parking.
- Do not increase spatial footprint of parking lot! In Gorge Park
- We need a clean plan for the protection of wild life habitat here in the park – bird sanctuary especially.
- Not protecting wildlife areas which are so rare in Esquimalt.
- The money should be used to enhance the park as a park. Honour site as a migratory bird sanctuary. Fence off-leash dog area – maybe 75% of current area.
- Highlight, celebrate the Migratory Bird Sanctuary with better signage and art. There should be a 20 year plan to restore native habitat along the creek and around nature house – make it a wildlife refuge.
- HAVE THE ENVIROMENTAL IMPACTS BEEN CONSIDERED IN ALL PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS? (2)
- Can we put \$\$ towards planting trees/preserving habitat + wild space? Please 😊
- Both building concepts are not inspiring as a Japanese Tearoom. They seem like blank concepts. I think taking more traditional Japanese design concepts would be more appealing. (see the small building already in the Japanese garden).
- I'd like to see a part of the building that represents traditional Japanese. The two design are missing the feeling. (2)
- TEA HOUSE CONNECTED TO NATURE
- Japanese Tea House!
- I like the concept 1 for the dog park but the big dog zone should be bigger so ball throwing is possible. Also ensure good lighting as that side of the park is always dark + creepy when walking at night.
- Dog parks too small for ball. Too much vegetation. Leave large open area suitable for dogs running.
- ACCESS TO GORGE PARK (TILlicum RD) MUST BE IMPROVED; DANGEROUS; ROAD IN TO BUILDING AREA NOT GOOD FOR THOSE COMING BY BUS ETC. (1)
- Would prefer to see a cross walk by pub/bus stops so people can access park safely
- Can you please install a crosswalk by the entrance on Tillicum Road? Thanks
- Triangle Bike Racks accessible from both sides please.
- More all weather bike parking. A cross walk on Tillicum Rd to access this park.
- Safe bike access connecting Saanich (Gorge Rd) to Tillicum; Currently it's treacherous. (2)
- Covered space for picnic table + BBQ in Saxe Point (1)
- We need a family picnic and somewhere that dogs can be brought to.
- Covered picnic space (tables to sit). Safe BBQ area like @ Goldstream. Benches with back rest as well as flat so anyone can enjoy.
- Integrate history of the Gorge area more in the design.



OPEN HOUSE FEEDBACK

Have we missed anything?

- A floating dock to provide amenity for the growing number of paddlers & swimmers.
- Canoe launch in Gorge Park
- CANOE/KAYAK/SUP LAUNCH AT WESTBAY WALKWAY (1)
- I was surprised that the proposed buildings were so large – could they be smaller, more discrete?
- Highlight the “Spirit Rock of Comossung” next to or under the Gorge Bridge in Tillicum Narrows.
- Washrooms should be private and for anyone, not men’s, women’s, and family. Look to Europe for design.
- All Esquimalt parks need improved washroom facilities. In addition to better washrooms at Saxe Pt, I’d like to see washrooms at MacCaulay Park + the tennis courts at Westbay.
- Updated washroom facilities; consideration for sensitive ecosystem.
- Fishing pier in Gorge Park
- Steps to MacCaulay Point Beach (War Side) (1)
- Big Swimming Dock in Gorge Park with Paddle Board Entrance/Launch
- Upgrade Anglers Building at MacAulay – add cafe + commercial space
- Always possible to negotiate a dream, even with DND. Need a structure down to cobble/rocky beach at Macaulay Point.
- Any upgrades planned for Macaulay? Most of the funds going into a building seems like an unfair distribution of funds. (2)
- Ridiculous to spend money when streets + sidewalks + pipes need fixing. (1)
- It’s a shame the money could not be used to improve infrastructure. All ideas are unnecessary – just searching for a way to spend the dollars. (1)
- This whole process has been corrupt. What a waste of MILLIONS of dollars.
- Bread + circuses For Shame.
- Keep coming back to public for input!
- EXISTING WASHROOMS SHOULD BE OPEN UNTIL 9 P.M. EVERYDAY



Appendix E ADDITIONAL WRITTEN COMMENTS



MCLOUGHLIN AMENITY FUNDS: WATERFRONT PARKS – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

Appendix E Additional Written Comments

A.1 EMAILS

Date Received	Comment
Friday, September 13, 2019 - 08:12	Those letter is for Mayor, Council, and Manager of Parks, supporting the proposal to reestablish a Japanese tea house and garden in Kinsmen Gorge Park, as per before interment of operators in 1942. This would be a welcome restoration of a culturally valuable part of Esquimalt and Greater Victoria diversity, and would be well used.
September 17, 2019 at 7:35:26 AM	When I initially read about the Japanese Tea House in Gorge Park being restored, I thought it was a great idea and would be a wonderful addition to this beautiful park. After reading the Letter to the Editor in today's Times Colonist, I have changed my mind. Seriously changed my mind. Why would you pave over a green space and build a parking lot? Why would you not restore the Japanese Tea House to look like it was instead of "modernizing" it with a two-story building? What are you thinking?
September-10-19 6:27 PM	Why is Macaulay Point/Fleming Beach/Bullen Park not included as one of the waterfront parks where \$\$ can be allocated? This park is heavily used too. I believe that even though DND owns Macaulay Point, Esquimalt Council can negotiate for trail and beach access expenditures on the circle trail around Macaulay Point. For example, a stairway down to the cobble beaches and rocky headland is much needed to make access safer and easier for children and seniors. Witty Beach in Metchosin has a stairway to the beach, several stairways exist along Dallas Road beach in Victoria. Thank you
September-25-19 10:21 AM	I would like to add to the on line survey. I was saddened to hear that the Gorge Park is destined to be ruined by adding commercial/recreational buildings and more pavement. This park is one of the few left that is quaint and natural. We should be adding a significant number of trees and maintain the natural beauty of it.
September-12-19 12:12 PM	I read the letter to the editor in the TC today. I'd like to strongly support the reestablishment of a Japanese Tea House in the Kinsman Gorge Park. It's time to right an old wrong.
September-12-19 11:56 AM	I would like you to add my voice in support for the design, and building of a traditional tea house in Kinsmen Gorge Park. There are lots of old historical photos of the original building where we can see how beautiful the tea house looks. Wouldn't it be wonderful for our Victoria area to add this to delight locals and visitors?? We tend to forget that the gems we have like The Empress Hotel, Craigdarich Castle, Butchart's Gardens, the Parliament buildings, Hatley Castle and our Museum are what attracts visitors and give all the local people living here a sense of cultural pride. There are many talented architects and designers who could create a traditional or contemporary Japanese building for the community.
September-19-19 8:18 AM	I heard on CBC radio about plans for a Tea House to be added to the Japanese Gardens in Gorge Park. Although I am not a resident of Esquimalt, nor am I of Japanese heritage, I am writing to add my support for the facility. Having an interest in history, I believe it is an opportunity to opportunities to educate the general population of the "bad" behaviour of humans that reoccurs time after time. With that said, I believe that there should be an interpretive, historical installed in the Tea House to remind us of the appropriation and destruction of property, and internment of Canadian Japanese that occurred in response the Pearl Harbour attacks of WW II. Thank you for considering my point of view.



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Appendix E Additional Written Comments

Date Received	Comment
October 09 2019	<p>I hope this is the correct email inbox, if not, would you kindly forward it to the appropriate department?</p> <p>Last month, I filled out the online survey regarding a new building at Gorge Park. However, it has been on my mind that in all of the designs there was never any mention of the building's sustainability.</p> <p>I've been reading up on the Living Building initiative and would like to know if it would be possible for Esquimalt to consider adopting it for future projects.</p> <p>I have supplied a few links below for more information:</p> <p>https://living-future.org/lbc/ https://youtu.be/gSMecC6pcGo https://www.vancouverisawesome.com/2019/06/20/living-building-challenge-greenest-home-vancouver-canada/ (An older video) https://youtu.be/ExZtEAH_kNw</p>



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Appendix E Additional Written Comments

A.2 COMMENT CARDS AND PRIZE BALLOT FORM GORGE PARK OPEN HOUSE

Date Received	Source	Comment
September 11, 2019	Additional comment on prize ballot form Gorge Park Open House	Please enforce no smoking, vaping, etc.
September 11, 2019	Additional comment on prize ballot form Gorge Park Open House	Please consider free bus passes for school aged kids.
September 11, 2019	Additional comment on prize ballot form Gorge Park Open House	Tillicum road calming with single lane with added bike paths.
September 25, 2019	Esquimalt Recreation Centre Comment Card	Please leave both Saxe Point Park and Gorge waterway Park alone. No "improvements" please. We like/love them exactly as they are.



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Appendix E Additional Written Comments

A.3 WEB CONTACT FORM RESPONSES

Submitted Time	Municipality of Residence	Comments
9/10/2019 8:11	Esquimalt	Totally opposed to a multi-use venue in Esqu GorgePrk. Heavily used park (I walk through daily at all hours) which still has some open space and even a copse of trees. Please leave it as is.
9/10/2019 8:16	Esquimalt	Totally opposed to a multi-use venue in Esqu GorgePrk. Heavily used park (I walk through daily at all hours) which still has some open space and even a copse of trees. Please leave it as is.
9/10/2019 22:11	Esquimalt	In the Gorge park long range planning it refers to "Park Entrance Improvements" but doesn't explain what changes are wanted. It looks like the entrance is blocked off in the Gorge Park Master Plan. Being a resident I am concerned and would like to know how this going to affect the immediate streets and residents in the area? Add on to the gym space by extending the top floor north to the reception counter .the weight machines should all be replace ,they are old and were never the best equipment to begin with,the extra space could be filled with many more machines and make it a much more desirable destination for locals now that Phoenix and Goodlife are no longer around.After having been a member of both, Esquimalt rec center gym is a huge letdown,i keep looking for equipment you don't have .I understand it is a rec center and not just a gym but it could be so much better....thankyou.
9/16/2019 14:43	Esquimalt	
9/25/2019 12:51	Esquimalt	I like the idea of a boardwalk at Saxe Point,it will serve more people with the least stress on the green space and environment
9/28/2019 23:10	View Royal	Just a few comments - I am totally supportive of the effort to acknowledge and reflect the Japanese heritage at Gorge Park through a new community building. Let's incorporate as many traditional elements as we can into the modern design, considering natural materials, sliding doors, maybe a tatami room, etc. We love the options at the little Vic West community centre and would love to see child care, community classes, an art studio (we need more art spaces!) and a commercial kitchen for family dinners, community cooking and events. Concessions would be a wonderful addition to the park, and I'd love to see indoor/outdoor seating and a Japanese flavour to the concessions to reflect "teahouse" even if that's not what was served at the Takata's. Finally, lets set aside land for the community to expand the Japanese garden in the future - it could easily double in size and provide a wonderful amenity for our community! Re: parking and access to Gorge Park. I would not want to see the parking area expanded. It is large enough already on this precious land, and I've seen the field used for overflow on those couple occasions where there is a large holiday event. We usually get here by bus (my daughter and I) or bicycle, occasionally by car and can always park. Let's improve trail connections and signage to Craigflower road and the 14 bus; enhance bus stops on Tillicum road; and address the fact that Tillicum Road is a barrier to cycling both east-west and north-south, and is indeed one of our big regional gaps in a comfortable cycling system.
9/28/2019 23:15	View Royal	



A.4 LETTERS TO COUNCIL



Jess (A.C.A.O)

To Mayor and Council, Esquimalt Municipality.

September 16, 2019

Dear Madams and Sirs,

In reference to Wednesday's park meeting: I wish to express my definite NO to this project. Gorge Park is a jewel among parks. It is perfectly designed for all ages and handicapped. The plan for the so-called improvement appears to be the perfect "make-work" project where only planners, contractors and builders profit and we Esquimalt taxpayers pay for Insurance, Heating, Maintenance, Management staff, etc., **forever** .

Why would we need four (4 !) more meeting rooms when the municipal hall, the arena, the Recreation Centre and various churches (also good for weddings) provide plenty?

Why rip the parking lot apart to build a grass area then rip apart an existing grass area to build a parking lot in a worse place for the purpose? There is no rhyme or reason for that.

The proposed building will be the **white elephant** that costs us money and spoils the ambience of the peaceful park. Hundreds of people (many in wheelchairs or with walkers) will be cut off from close access from their cars to the easy walkway along the water, the main reason for choosing this park. Is their loss worth a few commercial activities? Not to me! Also, the picnic area will be harder to reach for families with small children and large hampers.

If you have to spend the \$7 M on a park, then buy waterfront to create another park with a swimming pool, tennis courts, a wedding hall (if you please). Just leave Gorge park as it is. We have lived on Gosper Crescent for 58 years because of this park. No change is required or wanted. I am sure we speak for many other people.

And, of course, the dogs. A three-sided fence along the long grassy field has been needed for a long time now so dogs don't jump and snarl at people walking on adjacent trails and people don't snarl at the owners for not keeping control of their "harmless and friendly darlings". Destroying the bush land along Gosper crescent for a dog run is absurd.

Summary

We need more consideration and understanding from all who are involved in this project for the people of Esquimalt, their preference and, ultimately their enjoyment of this park.

Gorge park is a much needed respite from our stressful lives. It is for everyday people and not for commercial enterprises which have a tendency to get larger and larger.

Gorge Park should be left as beautiful as it is.

C.C.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT		
For Information:		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Scott		
RECEIVED: SEP 17 2019		
Referred:		
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<input type="checkbox"/> For Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Council Agenda	<input type="checkbox"/> IC

September 30, 2019

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Township of Esquimalt Municipal Hall
1229 Esquimalt Road
Esquimalt BC V9A 3P1

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
For Information:

CAO Mayor/Council

Scott

RECEIVED: OCT 01 2019

Referred:

For Action For Response COTW
 For Report Council Agenda IC

Dear Mayor Desjardins and Council Members:

As a taxpayer of Esquimalt for over 50 years and frequent user of Kinsmen Gorge Park, I am writing to request that any development in this beautiful park be disallowed. I believe that the benefits of the green space to a healthy community far out way any potential building in this serene place.

Thank you for your consideration to my request.

September 29, 2019

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of Council

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT		
For Information:		
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RE: McLouglin Amenity Funds and the Japanese style building at the Gorge Park

I am writing this letter on behalf of the constituents of Gosper Crescent regarding the above noted plans for the Gorge Park and the building of an 8000 square foot structure in said park and the relocation of the dog park.

Please be aware that I am in support of a Japanese tea house structure but was unaware that this Japanese tea structure was going to incorporate so much space and different amenities. I was hoping that council would be considering a structure more in the historical building of the past. Please be fully aware that I support the park being a green space for all of the communities and I am concerned about the following things for the immediate neighbourhood and expressed these concerns at the open house.

I am fully aware that the park has to be a community park but I had stated that I hope that council takes into consideration the problems that such a structure could bring to the park, Gosper Crescent and the immediate area as follows:

- **Security:** With more people coming to the park for weddings etc. and the potential for alcohol being served, residents near the park are concerned about noise and security. If the council is going to support this then they need to also provide security for the park at these events. We already have security issues with some of the people sleeping in the park that have been canvassing our neighbourhood.
- **Parking:** Right now we have residential parking and are continually calling in about people that are parking on the crescent that do not live here as it is blocking our sight lines when driving making it dangerous and also making it dangerous for residents to walk up and down the street as there are no sidewalks leaving us to walk in the middle of the street. Permit parking should be considered where we can call in at any time to have vehicles dealt with 24/7.
- **Traffic onto Tillicum:** Right now it is dangerous for residents to get turned on and off Gosper and with the potential for more traffic turning into and out of the park it is going to make it even harder for residents to get off of Gosper. We only have one way to turn out of Gosper and that is onto Tillicum and I have brought this issue to council before as a matter of public record that a light needs to be put in. The potential for more traffic makes it even more urgent.
- **More park staff**
- to ensure that the park is cleaned up. With more people coming to the park there is going to be more clean up. Right now there is problems with waste being left by homeless people setting up camp in Sherwood Forest and people leaving their garbage for the park employees to pick up and I have also cleaned up garbage.

I fully support engaging the public and making the park for the whole community but as I stated at the open house the neighbourhoods have been here as long as the park so I want to make sure that council is made aware of these issues and takes into consideration these constituent issues while considering the building of this structure.

I am also concerned about putting the dog park so close to Tillicum. Would it not make more sense to fence the open area that we have now so the dogs can run freely in the field and people can throw their ball? I was told that there was sensitive nature areas around the current dog park but the hill was created out of the soil that was excavated out of the creek when it was excavated (which is not exactly natural) and with a fenced park in that area the dogs would not be able to access the creek in any way. Putting a dog park so close to Tillicum is going to make it increasingly dangerous for the dogs running into traffic and the noise will make them more nervous.

There are also other things that were failed to be considered for new park infrastructure such as more lights as I will not even walk in the park in the dark and extra washroom facilities and the expansion of more gardens. I also thought that the teahouse would be located near the water where the nature house was as it would give people a beautiful close up view of the Gorge and eliminate the need to pave lawn for more parking.

I was assured at the open house that there would not be an entrance to the park from Gosper Crescent.

Thank you for your attention to this letter and the consideration of these facts and I look forward to hearing what develops in the future. I am asking to make this park work for the community as a whole but also for the local residents and constituents.