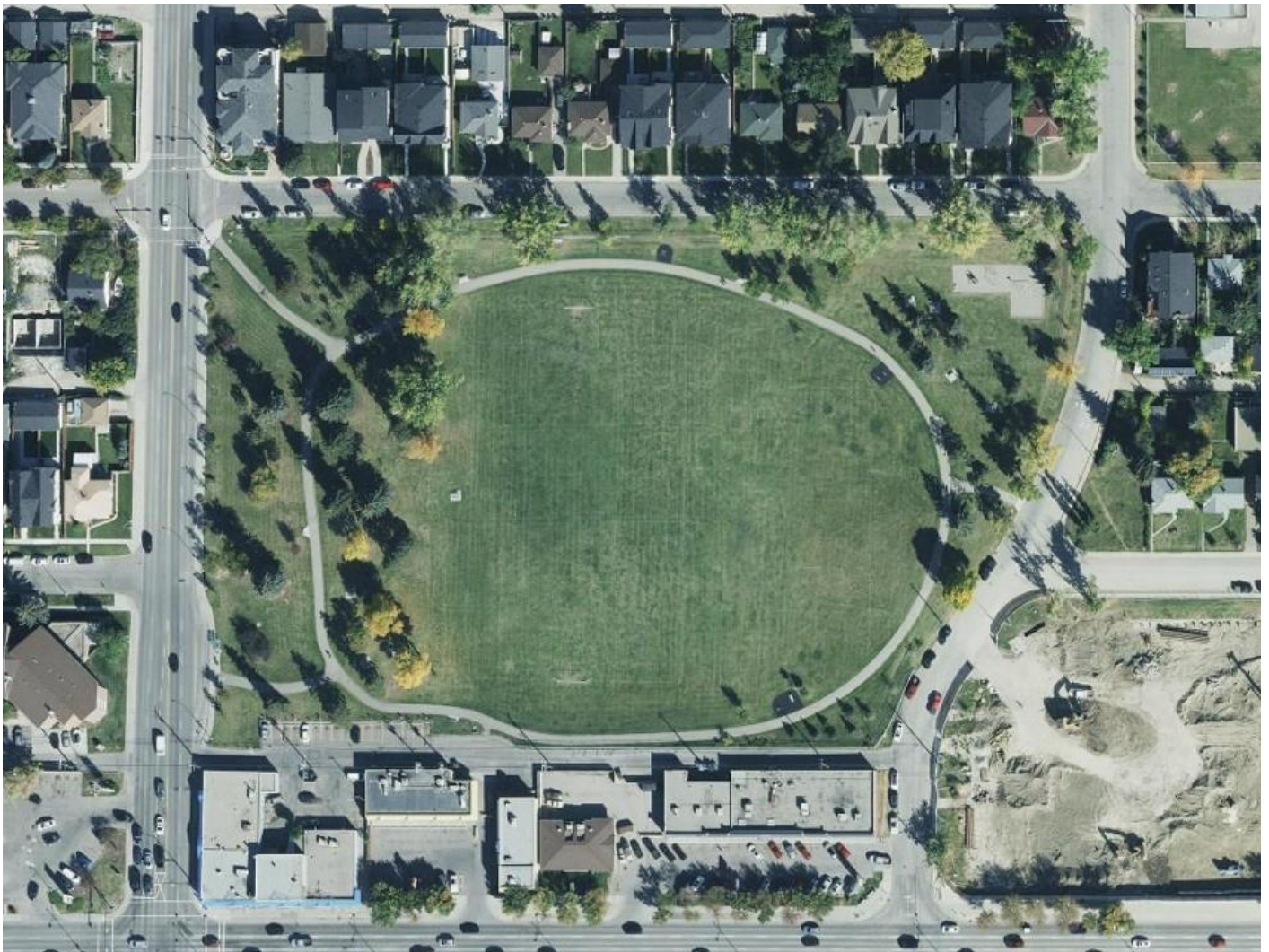


The following What We Heard (WWH) report is reflective of the input received from our engagement for Munro Park. The report gives an overview of responses to be considered in conjunction with technical expertise, research, budget, safety and operational considerations, environmental impacts, and design principles.

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Introduction

On behalf of The City of Calgary (The City), Arcadis Professional Services Design Consultants, have embarked on a Park Design Plan for Munro Park, to guide the improvements for the park over the next year.

Munro Park was identified as part of the City's Established Area Growth and Change Strategy (EAGCS). This project intends to provide important public space improvements in a growing and changing area by expanding the quality and capacity of the existing park.

The project's vision is to enhance Munro Park's identity as a vibrant destination community park for the enjoyment of neighbourhood residents and visitors.

The conceptual design for Phase 2 improvements will support The City's engagement findings and give The City direction on opportunities to enhance the park with playful amenities and ways to connect the different park spaces into something creative, fun, and inclusive for all seasons.

Background

Construction associated with Phase One of the Masterplan for Munro Park was completed in 2017, which included a constructed walking / running track with exercise nodes, additional picnic tables, trees, shrubs, and removal of the baseball diamond.

Engagement intended to address design proposals made in Phase Two improvements of the park Masterplan, completed in 2014. These improvements initially proposed an enhanced playground and additional amenities such as a small skatepark, additional pathways, and a drinking fountain. However, the final scope of work will be influenced by this current and more up-to-date public engagement process.

Engagement Overview

Engagement was conducted online at engage.calgary.ca/munropark from February 16 until March 12, 2024, asking for public input on how Calgarians would like to use the different areas within the park and what amenities are desired.

Two in person pop-ups were held near the park at the Renfrew Recreation and Aquatic Centre on February 24th and 27th, 2024, as well as a drop-in session at the Winston Heights/Mountview Community Association on February 20th, 2024. In total, almost 100 people were interacted with in person at these events.

Two targeted in person engagement presentations were delivered: One at Mountview School to the students of Grade 5/6, and another at the nearby Silvera for Seniors care home.

50 school children participated in a guided on-site park activity where they designed and drew their future Munro Park. Their teachers uploaded their artwork to the portal page's 'Kids Zone'.

A small number of seniors (6) participated in a printed survey and a project discussion at their care home.

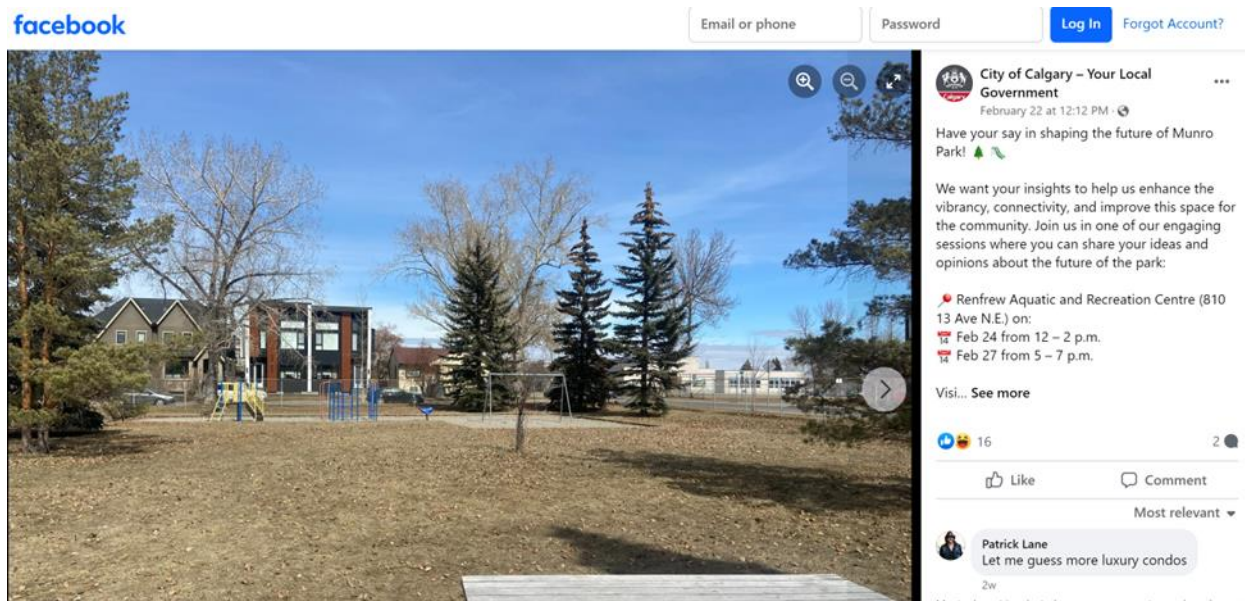
Project Communications:

A comprehensive communications plan was developed to inform the community of the project, upcoming pop ups, and direct people to the engagement portal website to provide their feedback.

Below is an overview of the tactics that were used to promote engagement for the project.

- A targeted social media campaign on Facebook from February 15 to February 27, 2024, for four communities (Tuxedo, Renfrew, Winston Heights and Crescent Heights). The campaign reached 320,000 viewers, with 363,000 impressions. It resulted in 7 link clicks to the portal page.

Facebook post:



- Three Bold signs were placed around the community of Mountview / Winston Heights directing people to the engage page and informing on pop-up dates and locations from February 19 – March 11, 2024.

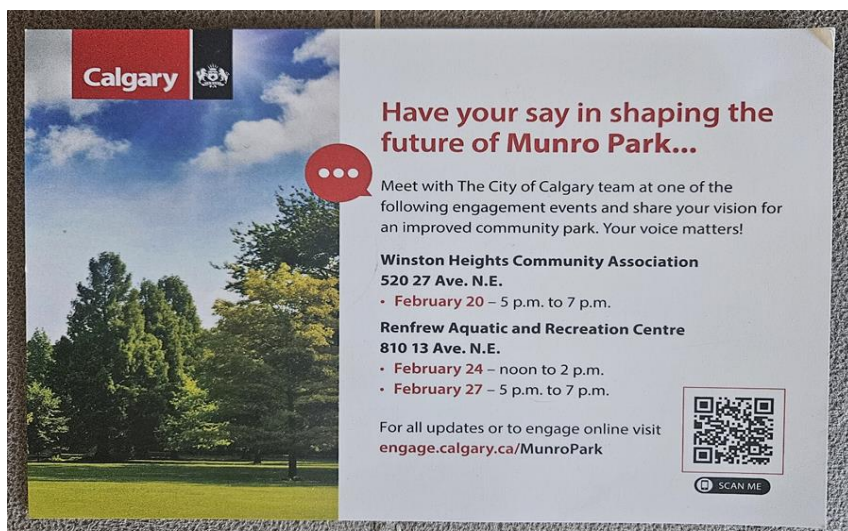
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- 250 postcards including information on the engagement and a QR code with link to the project engage portal page were direct mailed to households near the park. 100 additional postcards were handed out to citizens who attended the drop-in session at the Community Association and at the two pop-ups at Renfrew Recreation Centre.





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- Engagement opportunities were advertised in partnership with the local community association and via social media groups and newsletters.

What We Asked/ What We Heard

Engagement Summary

This report should be read comprehensively, and inform outcomes based on the collective responses and themes. Overall, the main themes heard from engagement conducted online and in person were that the community would like to see a park that is interesting, interactive, and more visually appealing. The park should support multi-generational use. The park improvements should be sensitive to the surrounding communities’ needs, promote active living, safety, a connection to nature, be accessible, and provide seasonal appropriate uses and programming.

The engagement process was very well received by the community and key interest holders and showed a highly anticipated desire, and need, for improvements to the park. Specific responses to each question we asked can be found to support this summary in the following report.

Targeted Engagement:

Due to the project’s objective to design a multi-generational community park, and their proximity to Munro Park, targeted engagement was held with Silvera for Seniors care home and the Grade 5/6 students of Mountview School.

Silvera for Seniors, March 6, 2024:

“The park needs to be more beautiful”, was a key theme that emerged in the discussion from residents who frequent the park on regular basis, some even daily as part of their morning routine. They use the east entrance to access the park.

More formal planters, a mix of ornamental and native flowers, flower beds, rose bushes, and an interpretive nature walk were their most desired features. Seating, and a lot more of it, was also strongly suggested particularly in shaded area. As well as a preference for educational signage and community art.

They requested that construction of the park is carried out in sections, so as they wouldn’t be without the park for a prolonged period.

Theme:	Comments:
Current amenities and features:	<i>The fitness equipment is not well used and too spaced out.</i>

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	<i>There is an issue with off leash dogs there. "Not fond of how it is now, dogs run loose".</i> <i>The fitness equipment is spaced too far apart to have a fitness class in the park.</i> <i>It's kept clean but needs more garbage cans.</i>
Comment on vegetation types:	<i>I want to see more flowers there.</i> <i>Can we mix ornamentals with native plants like with Alberta Wildrose?</i> <i>It needs to be made more beautiful. It is not very interesting right now.</i>
Seating:	<i>More sheltered seating needed on the eastern side of the park.</i> <i>Comfortable seating (not the stone seating, need backs on the benches).</i>
Accessibility:	<i>Sidewalks and walkways need to be maintained for walkers and wheelchairs.</i> <i>Like the nature walk idea but with an accessible (non-gravel) path.</i> <i>It needs flat surfaces.</i>
Active amenities:	<i>The park "died" when the baseball diamond was removed...would really like to see soccer replaced with baseball or softball.</i> <i>Lawn bowling is a nice idea.</i>
Additional Park Features:	<i>Would like a water fountain feature and drinking fountain.</i> <i>"In Bulgaria, they make interactive games like a big chess board."</i> <i>It needs lighting at night.</i>



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Mountview School Grades 5/6 Students, March 7, 2024:

A two-hour engagement session was held at Mountview School with the Grade 5/6 students. The school is almost directly adjacent to Munro Park. There is a curriculum connection to the democratic process for these grades, and a program was tailored to align with this.

Objective: Participants explored the area “in the shoes of another” to think about another person’s experience and the concept of equity.

Overview: The groups were provided a character or persona of an imaginary, (but possible) Calgarian who has different considerations, including people with mobility challenges, multi-generational families, seniors, teenagers, and young children.

The students returned to the classroom and designed their future park in words and art. Below is a collage of their work and is published on the project’s engage portal page: engage.calgary.ca/munropark.



Mountview Students Shape the Future of Munro Park

Top ideas and themes from the students of Mountview School:

Lost and found
 Mind puzzles
 Fire pits
 Skatepark
 Movie night
 Birthdays
 Celebrations
 Safety
 Vegetable garden
 Flowers
 Sensory puzzles
 Trees
 Shade
 Basketball
 Mini libraries
 Disability aids
 Path lights
 A rain garden
 Signage
 Resting spots
 Tables
 Roller-skating,
 Skatepark
 Skate rink
 Playground
 Activities
 A pond
 Rock climbing
 Swings
 Sand pit



We express our gratitude to the teachers at Mountain View School, Ms. Bagshaw and Ms. Ferridge, for their support.



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Online engagement:

An online survey was open for public input from February 16 - March 12, 2024.

The overall results from online engagement were 568 visits to the page, and 107 contributions.

What we asked / What we heard:

1: What do you like about Munro Park as it currently is? Please tell us why.

Sample responses:

The pathway is an amazing addition to the park. Lots of users.

Any green space is precious these days. With density housing going in through out the community, this will be needed green space for children and families.

Big and central, could easily be a major hang-out spot if it's better connected to the surrounding community.

2: What aspects of Munro Park do you not currently like? Please tell us why.

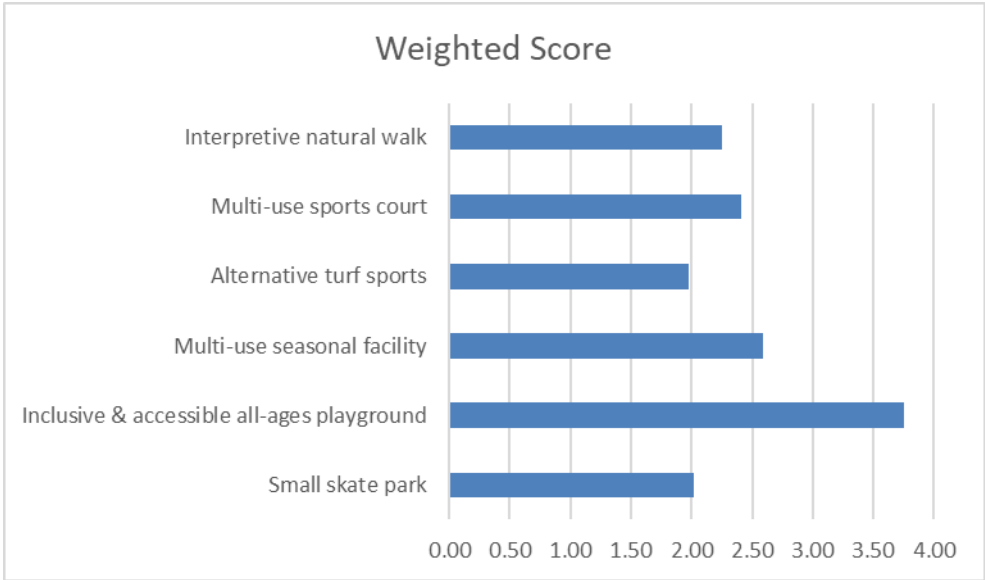
Sample responses:

SOCCER FIELD! Please Project manager, get rid of it. No one from the community gets to use this field in the summers because it's soccer everyday from people who don't live here, we pay hundreds of thousands to live here and this should be a community park for community members to enjoy as well, not just soccer players. Do something new.

There is a large homeless population that seems to live in the park. We find needles and there is nowhere to dispose of them. The city encourages field bookings but there is no bathroom facilities and no water fountain. I don't like that there is no dedicated dog area in the park.

Excessive amount of open/unused space that could be filled with other activities for public use and environmental benefit.

3: Choose 3 active amenities below and rank them by preference from 1 to 3 (where 1 is the most preferred option)



3a: Why did you rank the active amenities this way?

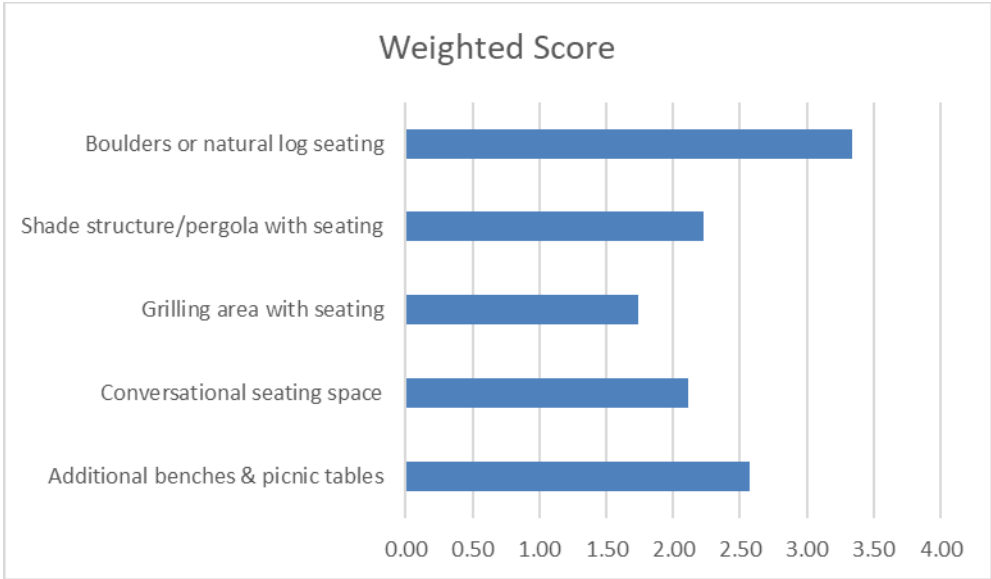
Sample responses:

There is no accessible playground in Winston Heights at all. The closest sports court is in Bridgeland. The community center already does a great job being multi-use.

The wilder, the better. More nature, less concrete.

Park infrastructure should be for a broad age of people and multi-functional. We don't need dedicated sport stuff.

4: Rank the following seating options by preference.



4a: Why did you rank the seating options this way?

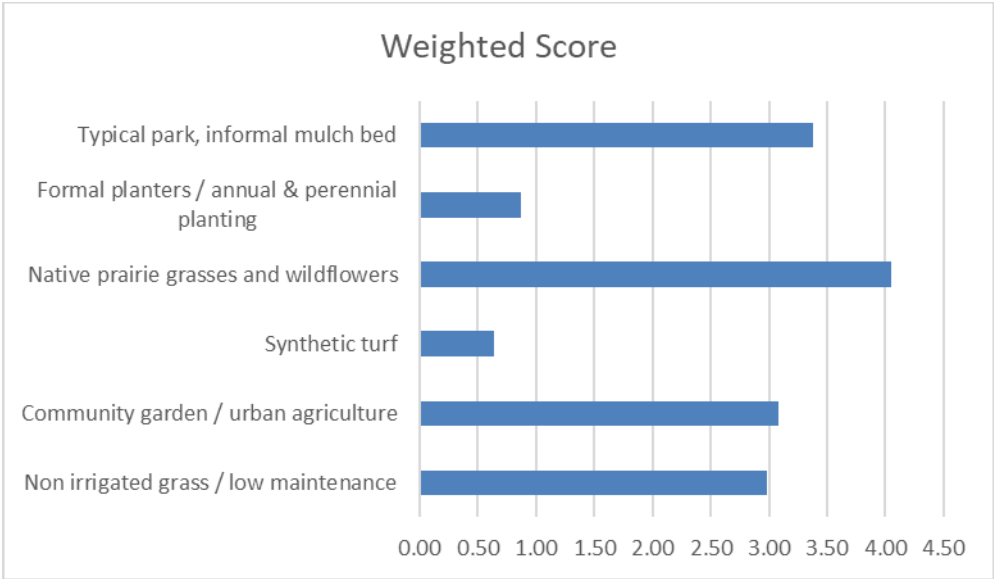
Sample responses:

Would like to see more grouped benches and seating with tables in all areas of the park, and some seating with shade: umbrellas and/or pergolas. A plaza area at the west end with conversational seating would be desirable.

Natural seating first for sustainability reasons & to add natural elements to the urban area, additional benches second so more people are able to use the space & its amenities, & the conversational seating so people can have space to hold gatherings if unable to in their house, and for children and teens to have a nice public space to hangout.

Having ways for families to spend time together would be lovely. If there was a seating structure having a stage for music and movies would be great too.

5: Rank the following softscape materials by preference.



5a: Why did you rank the softscape materials this way?

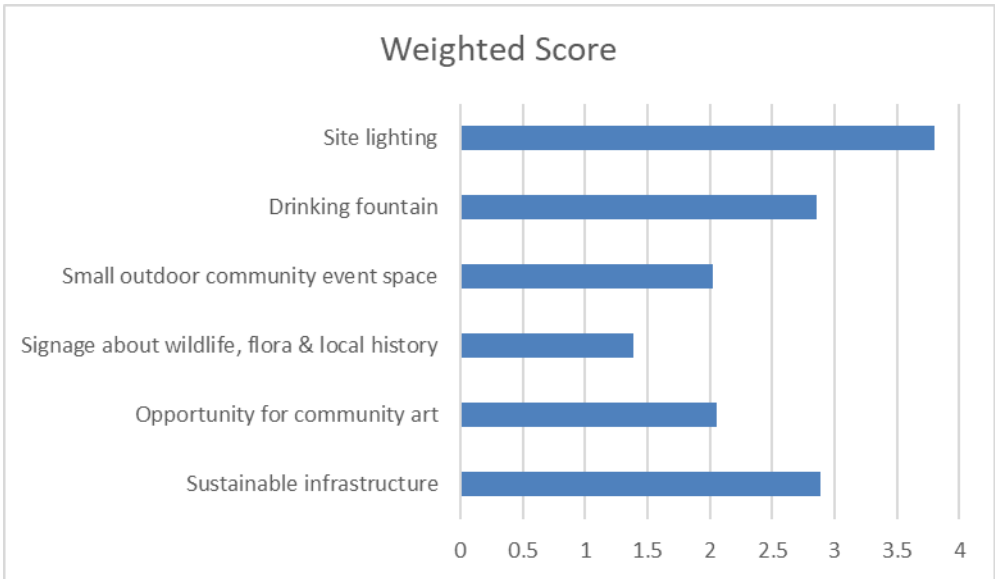
Sample responses:

I like formal planters near high visibility areas along Edmonton Trail, but also more naturalized and low water vegetation in other areas.

Munro park is lacking more nature. It has lots of grass and traditional picnic benches. Having it set up to connect people more with nature would be amazing.

The only option I am opposed to of those provided is the artificial turf. The only option I am strongly in favour of is the native prairie grasses and wildflowers, as the infills in this area often have very small yards and there is less and less natural space in the Winston Heights.

6: Rank the following additional park features by preference:



6a: Why did you rank the additional park features this way?

Sample responses:

As an environmental science student, I think sustainable infrastructure is essential with climate change & meeting climate goals, further I believe it's important for the community to become familiar with local wildlife & their challenges, & a water fountain so people in the area can reuse their own bottles instead of buying drinks from stores.

Drinking fountain for people and dogs especially with the workout equipment and playground there. Site lighting would be helpful since in the summertime there are often many unhoused and addicts in the park truthfully.

Need to create designs that consider and optimize multiple perspectives (i.e., nature / sustainability, community building and climate change).

7: What are some ways the park could be designed to be accessible for people with different needs?

Sample responses:

Create access points from all the corners and shovel the sidewalks in winter. There are many power wheelchair users in the vicinity that go to the Co-op nearby and they struggle getting on the sidewalk when trying to cross an intersection.

Add tactile strips on ramps and install raised crosswalks in high use pedestrian and biking corridors adjacent to the park.

Brail available on any signs in the park, make any playgrounds have sections that are wheelchair accessible, as well as sidewalks leading to any facility in the park.

8: Have you seen any inspiring ideas from other park spaces that you think would be good for The City to consider for our community parks in Calgary? Please upload an image below.

Image ideas uploaded:

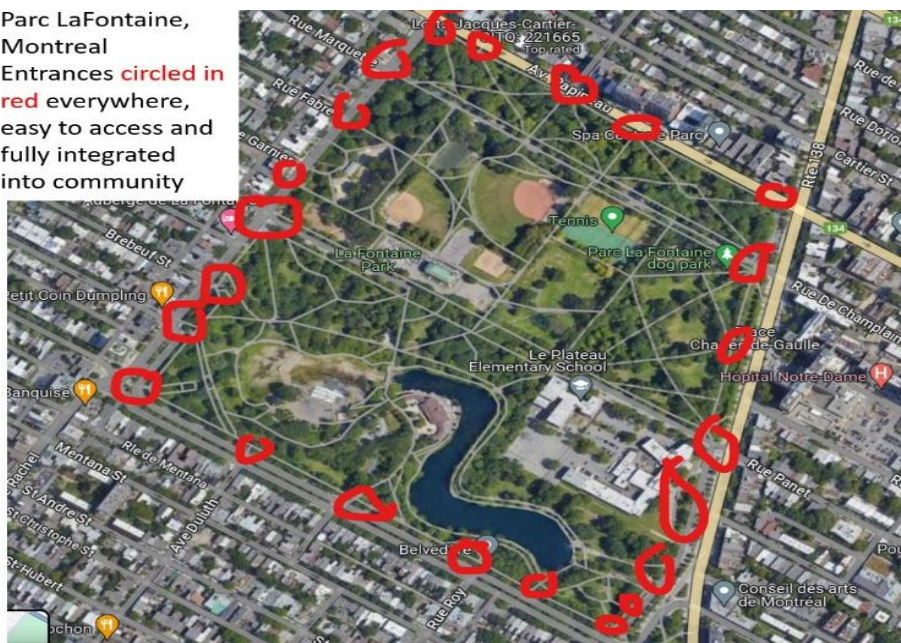


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Parc LaFontaine,
Montreal
Entrances circled in
red everywhere,
easy to access and
fully integrated
into community



Conclusion:

Below is a summary of results identified in the overall engagement process:

- The park is not currently meeting its potential as a community space.
- Site lighting was the most suggested featured to mitigate safety concerns.
- Multi-generational amenities and features are most desired.
- The soccer field is impacting the feeling of it being a community park.
- Adding a small skatepark and a drinking fountain were commonly suggested.
- Beautifying the park and providing additional types of seating is desired.



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Verbatim Comments

Verbatim comments presented here include all feedback, suggestions, comments and messages that were collected online and in-person through the engagement described in this report. All input has been reviewed and provided to the Project Team to be considered in decision making for the project.

Any personal identifying information has been removed from the verbatim comments presented here. Comments or portions of comments that contain profanity, or that are not in compliance with the [City's Respectful Workplace Policy](#) or [Online Tool Moderation Practice](#), have also been removed from participant submissions.

Wherever possible the remainder of the submissions remains. No other edits to the feedback have been made, and the verbatim comments are as received. As a result, some of the content in this verbatim record may still be considered offensive or distasteful to some readers.

1. What do you like about Munro Park as it currently is? Please tell us why.

- Any green space is precious these days. With density housing going in through out the community, this will be needed green space for children and families.
- Beautiful trees, nice walking path, well used.
- Big and central, could easily be a major hang-out spot if it's better connected to the surrounding community.
- Circle walking path
- I appreciate it is close to home and that it is well used by people who wish to improve their general health whether its walking, running or utilizing the fitness equipment.
- I enjoy the flexibility in its use. It would be nice to keep it as a quiet space for passive use.
- I enjoy the open green space and mature trees making the park feel safe from Edmonton Trail traffic. Would succession planting be valuable at this stage?
- I like all the different activity zones, playgrounds, benches and work out equipment. I like the nature trees and that it's well maintained
- I like that it's green space. I like that it has old trees. I like the circular track as the school across the street uses it (my kids go there).
- I like the circle track which is unique, and a great place for people to run or kids to practice riding their bikes. I like that people play soccer in the field and the mixture of big trees /open space. It is a great location in the community as there are not a lot of parks in that area (supporting both North Renfrew and South Tuxedo).
- I like the track/path and open space to support community sports
- I like the walking track, the fact that it is not an off leash park (we go to Victory Park for that), and the informal soccer games that happen there.
- I love the large trees and running track
- I really like the circular path and exercise equipment. We have gotten a lot of use out of this park when my kids were younger riding bikes around the path.
- I'm glad it's there.
- It is a great central community green space that can be and is used by many people in many ways. It promotes open usage of shared green space and is safe and well-located for neighbors. Existing pathways and benches are well maintained and the fitness equipment - although limited - adds to the interest and usage options.
- It is a great inner city activity park. Lots of exercise options and really convenient to access.
- it is a nice large open space, near the highway, but it reasonably quiet. Seems like a flexible park space, and I'd like to see it used more actively.
- It is a nice open space with a variety of accessible resources (playground, track, exercise equipment)
- It's a nice green space for public use.

2. What aspects of Munro Park do you not currently like? Please tell us why.

- Amount of cigarettes around the workout equipment.
- Could benefit from more developed space eg courts or rinks
- Excessive amount of open/unused space that could be filled with other activities for public use and environmental benefit.
- Firepit should be removed and also remove the lower branches of the spruce trees to prevent the unhoused from camping.
- Garbage from businesses on south side, ugly and damaged chain link fences on both north and south side. Also garbage from bus stop.
- Homeless people are a problem, but you can't really blame them when there is no affordable housing in the city.
- I didn't like when my kids were ahead of me going around the path the first time because I couldn't see them very well to know if there were any people with erratic behaviours. (Often times people hang out by the trees near Edmonton trail and sometimes they might be under the influence)
- I do not like that people sometimes use it as an off lease dog park. I do not like that it faces into an alley that is so visible - some coverage on that side of the park or a little hill would be welcome. The park is very outdated and not very inclusive.
- I do not like that there are no trees to block/separate the park from the buildings along 16th Avenue. I would be great to have a natural barrier to separate the space and keep it feeling more natural.
- I do not like the exercise nodes. I don't see them used very often and I think since covid adults are extremely hesitant to use communal exercise equipment that is never cleaned.
- I don't like that ppl use it as an off leash park. I worry about the people experiencing homelessness that use the corner of the park near the large trees. I have witnessed many people passed out or under the influence of alcohol/drugs and that's really scary. I've contemplated calling police/EMS a few times as I've seen people very intoxicated
- I understand that there are safety concerns around lines of sight, but it would be nice if there were some way to minimize the noise/view of the traffic on Edmonton Trail.
- In the winter months there's little time that the park feels safe to use due to the lack of lighting
- It needs a reason to be there. As well, the trees need to be trimmed upwards to limit sleeping space for homeless. :-(
- It's over used by soccer teams and typically the grass is in very poor conditions for passive activities. The fitness equipment is not great and a poorly laid out - the intent is great but the could have been constructed with simpler devices.
- it's too open - need more trees



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3. Rank the following types of active amenities by preference: Small skate park; Inclusive and accessible all-ages playground; Multi-use seasonal facility; Alternative turf sports; Multi-use sports court; Interpretive natural walk.

3a. Why did you rank these the way you did?

- Variety of activities in the open space is most desirable.
A temporary Small Skate Park, for young children can be requested seasonally and set up at the Community Center, as has been done in the past. Prefer to fund the playground upgrades through existing Community grants as been done twice in the past. Interpretive Natural Walk not applicable.
- I ranked a multi-use seasonal facility first as it would benefit all age groups with ice sports being a big part of Canadian culture, an all ages playground next because it's important for kids to have access to areas they can be physically active in with technology use growing & a natural walk for connection to natural aspects of the world.
- I think multi-use court would get the most people out to use the space. The playground is least needed as it's across the street from an elementary school.
- I ranked these activities because I value activities that allow knowledge and provide activities for people of all ages.
- I have a young child and looking for the best family options out there
- these uses will draw more users and increase activity in the park, by adding active uses
- Would give something for tweens and teenagers to do. We don't a good basketball court nearby We don't have a nearby skate park where kids would go to scooters and skateboard. . A skatepark would really get them active and outside!.
- Do not want a skate park, it attracts crime. New play structure would be nice. Sports activities too.
- U family would use these
- These are all things my family would use.
- I'm happy with the park as is, so minimal adjustments to the space is preferred. I am not a fan of adding more sports court/multi-use facilities that remove grass and trees for asphalt and gravel.
- I would only value a skatepark for my interests
- Stuff for kids of all ages to enjoy
- I think the park would get more family use if these were the upgrades used.
- It would be great to have tennis / pickleball courts in the community.
Ecological considerations are important--I would like to see a native plant butterfly corridor in the park.
A small skate park would complement the amenities at Mount View school (basketball, fields).
- No real preference just don't want a hockey rink, too much noise

4. Rank the following seating options by preference: Additional benches and picnic tables; Conversational seating space; Grilling area with seating; Shade structure/pergola with seating; Boulders or natural log seating.

4a. Why did you rank these the way you did?

- A lot of seniors in this area and they need additional seating
 - Additional seating is always great. Grilling g is a bonus so you have have great picnics! What they did in confederation park would be really nice.
 - Additional tables and seating area for picnics and rest
- Lack of shade in area but would be better if there were more trees rather than a shade structure
- All of these options are great. Grilling areas already exist partially and aren't used very much. Again, without using hostile architecture, please keep in mind how infrastructure will be used by homeless, which can often mean the rest of the public will not have access.
 - based on how i see myself and my family wanting to use the space
 - Being able to have group gathering place for birthdays or other celebration that it partially protected from the elements similar to the university district.
 - Both of these better align with passive use.
 - Campfire good
 - Doesn't seem like a great space for grills but it would be great to have more benches
 - Due to proximity of some homes having any kind of fire/grilling amenities may put homes/buildings at risk due to irresponsible use (Homelessness exists in the park during warmer seasons). Again, stated above too much of these structured amenities would take away from the open space but an additional feature for seating/reading would be welcome.
 - Having space for picnics and gatherings would make this more family friendly.
 - Having ways for families to spend time together would be lovely. If there was a seating structure having a stage for music and movies would be great too
 - I feel like all of these options provide for additional seating, so all would be great. I don't think we need something overly fancy but any of them would be nice.
 - I ranked these this way because they are nonconventional seating arrangements that allow for further activities rather than just the purpose of sitting. The conservation

seating arrangement and grilling areas allow for people to gather and perform additional activities but they could also just sit at these spots if they wish.

- I think adding seating should be always rop riwe
- I think they would best suit the space available
- I'd prefer not to encourage more places for people to camp out at night to be honest.
- It seems like grilling areas in Calgary are always well used in the summer.
- Keep it simple - people need places to sit and linger, lots of places. Don't over design or get quirky, just put loads of benches and picnic spots so there's always a place to sit.
- Licensed fire pit would be most used
- like the idea of shaded seating, even though the park has lots of trees. like natural materials for seating which also encourage play and climbing.
- Liked these solutions in terms of esthetics & practicality
- Make it look more natural.
- Making the area feel more natural is a great step. Having shade is always welcome.
- More nature, less concrete.
- Munro park is lacking more nature. It has lots of grass and traditional picnic benches. Having it set up to connect people more with nature would be amazing.
- My preference is for boulders/more natural seating, but I do like the idea of having grills available to the public. Shade is always an issue in the summer, although this park has a decent amount of shade from the trees as is.
- Natural log seating helps being nature to their inner sitting. With temps rising more shade is needed to help keep the outdoors accessible in warm weather
- Natural seating first for sustainability reasons & to add natural elements to the urban area, additional benches second so more people are able to use the space & its amenities, & the conversational seating so people can have space to hold gatherings if unable to in their house, and for children and teens to have a nice public space to hangout
- Need a place to sit first. Then additional shading / structure. The addition of 'picnic' facilities adds a focus.
- No preference, don't want it to turn into home form homeless
- Not sure
- People use the benches. Put more along 18th ave facing the sunshine ! Also, this park will be the gathering area & outdoor space for the new condo units above the Co-op. Have a large, natural, outdoor stadium type of seating, facing the soccer field, & the back facing the tot park. This park is sunny & the people in the condos can congregate here

- provide areas for community building, family outings with consideration for nature.
- Seating preference depends on the selected amenity enhancements. If it focuses on summer sports, then a shaded seating area would be nice.
- Shade in our climate would be lovely, but needs to be designed in such a way that it doesn't become a shelter for people who need housing.
- SHADE. There is not enough shade in parks and playgrounds for our hot summer.
- Some more private spaces but also some that are more natural looking.
- The boulders and natural logs would also be fun for children to play on as well as for seating.
- The number of picnic tables and benches seems good currently.
Natural seating matches with the above desire for natural space inner city.
Shade would also be very valuable on hot summer days.
- The open green space in the park is well used, IMO I don't want much more additional seating to clutter the space. The walking path, sport field and fitness equipment creates a very active space does integrating large gathering spaces could hinder that?
- The others will encourage people setting up camps, there should be LESS seating and spots people could use for rough sleeping.
- The seating I chose matches the options I chose for amenities (I think)
- There are enough picnic benches and they aren't typically in use. Builders/logs would fit nicely with a nature walk. A grilling area with seating would attract more people.
- These are flexible use options that don't take away a ton of area from other uses but diversify the options in the park and encourage the community to engage in different ways. Not sure about a grilling space, small ones might work in the park.
- These are spaces I would like
- They all create a places for gathering. Benches need to be comfortable, with back rests and arms.
- This is what I see being the most likely to be used
- To encourage members of the community
- Will likely allow more people to spend more time at the park
- Would like to see more grouped benches and seating with tables in all areas of the park, and some seating with shade: umbrellas and/or pergolas . A plaza area at the west end with conversational seating would be desirable.
- You can encourage cooking facilities when there is no bathroom facilities.

5. Rank the following softscape materials by preference: Non irrigated grass / low maintenance; Community garden / urban agriculture; Synthetic turf; Native prairie grasses and wildflowers; Formal planters / annual & perennial planting; Typical park, informal mulch bed.

5a. Why did you rank these the way you did?

- A community garden adds important sustainable aspects to the community & brings access to free/affordable produce & brings a sense of community, the native species next because many native plant species are endangered & it's important to support biodiversity for a healthy world, the grassed areas next for any grass activities or picnics/gatherings.
- A community garden would be lovely! Native prairie grasses would go along with a nature walk, and low maintenance greenery maintains the flexible use open space that is so nice about the park right now.
- based on how i see myself and my family wanting to use the space
- Brush is good
- Communities gardens from our experience have been great multiage community gathering and sharing of growing and food production. Native flowers and prairies grass are great ways to landscape with tolerant and drought resistance species are native to this place.
- Community gardens save people money and adding bees to the area helps with pollination.
- Current surfacing is working great. Only issue is irrigation in winter and shoulder seasons. Expanded use cases don't require resurfacing.
- Easier and cheaper
- Formal Planters can double as seating. Annual and Perennial Planting along with flowering shrubs/greenery add a beautifying element to the park. Community Garden/Urban Agriculture already exists at the Community Center. Low Maintenance Grass already exists. Synthetic Turf not necessary.
- Garden would be nice. More grass is better. Dogs love it.
- Given the impending drought and to reduce field use naturalized landscaping makes the most sense.
- I like community gardens.
- I rank the synthetic turf last because of the soccer field.
- I think that native plants and wildflowers could look really nice and hopefully be low maintenance and environmentally friendly.

- I think they would be easy to care for and look nice
- It's difficult to keep the traditional park planting/mulch beds free of weeds. Dense native plantings in mounded beds would be better and provide more ecosystem services. Need to have a physical border to keep grass from encroaching. I would love a community garden in this part of the neighbourhood. Munro Park is not irrigated in the first place.
- Keep it simple the park isn't that big
- Keeping drought in mind. I think these 3 options are the most important to give the community what they need and keep water usage to a minimum.
- Keeping it feeling like a park without the additional frequent interruptions from maintenance crews may benefit some members of the area. Many homes in the area have developed their own garden boxes and a public one may not feel necessary. Additional colour from simple planters/flowers may improve the overall look/appeal of the space
- like formal planters near high visibility areas along Edmonton Trail, but also more naturalized and low water vegetation in other areas
- Low maintenance is best
- Low maintenance is necessary. Beyond that, possibly community involvement with a community garden. Note, however, that a few miscreants can damage a lot of public good will.
- Low maintenance with some flowers makes it look welcoming to hang and play
- Low maintenance. Low water use. Keeping nature a priority
- Munro park is lacking more nature. It has lots of grass and traditional picnic benches. Having it set up to connect people more with nature would be amazing.
- Native plants
- Native plants to help the bees!
- Native prairie grasses and wildflowers are overall better for the environment, especially with predicted droughts.
- natural is good
- Natural open ended for kids all ages. Space for risky play and building
- Natural, sustainable and low cost matter most to me.
- Nature based solutions should be a priority. If there is community support for gardens that would be lovely. Our Winston Heights garden is a neighborhood gem, but also a lot of work!
- Nicer, more inviting
- No maintenance is better, and looks good

- No pref, don't want artificial turf
- Parks should not be artificial, they should have natural and native plants. Community gardens are also good. Synthetic parks are bad .
- Please increase the biodiversity of this space. Wouldn't want to grow food so close to 16th Ave.
- PLEASE NO SYNTHETIC TURF!!!! The best part about the park is the big grassy areas - dont take that away! Some additional native plants to help the bees etc would be nice, but are not critical. We already have a community garden at WHMCA which is fantastic and well maintained. PLEASE NO SYNTHETIC TURF!
- Priority on keeping green space and natural elements. Anything that can improve biodiversity is great too.
- Reduce maintenance cost
- The community garden would bring people together and allow individuals in the area to garden if their property doesn't give them a chance. I am an environmental science student so I also value the incorporation of native plants as it enhances the environment.
- The mature trees in the park are well established and provide great soft protection of the park where required without it feeling closed in. Perhaps some upgrades to the South side (adjacent to the alley) could be done to clean this edge up.
- The only option I am opposed to of those provided is the artificial turf. The only option I am strongly in favour of is the native prairie grasses and wildflowers, as the infills in this area often have very small yards and there is less and less natural space in the Winston Heights.
- The open green space is currently good. Could use some flowers for colour and variety.
- The park location and current feel would look better with a more natural look rather than urban (downtown) landscaping
- There is a well established community garden in Winston Heights already, the others just make sense... keep things natural and low maintenance
- Typical park, low maintenance would be ideal
- Watering grass is a waste of water. Getting turf to establish is a waste of water that we don't have. Native plants don't need as much watering and provide spaces for pollinators.
- we need to encourage biodiversity in urban settings
- With water restrictions common in the summer low maintance is better. Community gardens are wonderful for people and thr environment. What about a splash pad with recycled treated water?

6. Rank additional park features by preference: Sustainable infrastructure; Opportunity for community art; Signage about wildlife, flora and local history; Small outdoor community event space; Drinking fountain; Site lighting.

6a. Why did you rank these the way you did?

- A fountain would get used daily here. Dogs and people use the park
- Absolutely would love some lighting along the path to allow its use in the evenings after dark. Community/Indigenous are would certainly be welcomed by LOCAL Artists and not commissioned outside the province/city. A drinking fountain for both people and pets would be a nice addition as its well used by both
- All of these are good. Any major site additions will require lighting for safety and due to drug-use/homeless encampments. Community art would be most welcome, as would a drinking fountain for active folks/kids/dogs in the area. A small space for events would be great for the church groups/musicians who use the space currently and for more
- As an environmental science student I think sustainable infrastructure is essential with climate change & meeting climate goals, further I believe it's important for the community to become familiar with local wildlife & their challenges, & a water fountain so people in the area can reuse their own bottles instead of buying drinks from stores.
- As an environmental science student, I value sustainable infrastructure and informing the public about the environment. I also chose a drinking fountain because I think it would be valuable to allow people access to drinking water instead of having to worry about bringing water with them.
- based on how i see myself and my family wanting to use the space
- Because new communities don't have the history that these older communities do.
- Community building places for kids to experience connect outdoors in many ways
- cool aesthetics and lights
- Drinking fountain for people and dogs especially with the workout equipment and playground there. Site lighting would be helpful since in the summer time there are often many unhoused and addicts in the park truthfully.
- I am not a big fan of any of these to be honest
- I feel the most connected to these ideas for the space
- i find the park dark at night, like the idea of event spaces to add opportunity for vibrant park activity, and cool sustainable structures would be welcome and could double as art/sculptures

- I like all of the ideas listed! Lighting would also be wonderful, and temporary event space could also help make a lively dynamic park as long as it didn't permanently take away flexible space. But art and signage gives so much local character and the city has beautiful sustainable infrastructure elsewhere, would love to see some here too!
- I love a good sign, but again don't see it being critical in this park. Put up signs in Victory park where natural foliage is already there! What is a running path and soccer fields without a water fountain/lights though? This would be an excellent addition and even a wonderful place for the homeless and dogs to get clean water to drink.
- I think better lighting would make the park less scary at night, and I'd love to see a little market pop up there.
- I think it goes with my other choices, and I am not sure what the sustainable infrastructure really is..
- I think lighting could help ensure safety in the park. A drink fountain would be great!
- Improvements to the space that make the community more resilient
- It's way too dark at night and needs better safety.
- Light makes it more usable in the winter and a drinking fountain would be great for all the sports.
- Lighting for those out at night provides security.
- Lighting for walking at night and crime prevention
- Lighting is good
- Lighting is important for usage especially as the days are short in the winter time. Drinking fountain would be great too.
- Lights would extend use hours in spring and fall and increase perception of safety. Small infrastructure like art and fountains can also expand use, beauty and community feel.
- More lighting, less homeless
- More lights would make it feel safer, especially in the darker months
- Need to concentrate on safety.
- Need to create designs that consider and optimize multiple perspectives (i.e., nature / sustainability, community building and climate change)
- No need to add to light pollution. The park can already be used for events as-is.
- Safety and sustainability should be most important moving forward.
- Safety at night is a huge concern
- Safety.

- Signage are great opportunities to inform and give a further sense of connection to a place. Site lighting can provide the security and further use of the space during the winter time.
- Site Lighting and Drinking Fountain are the most desirable features. Small Outdoor Community Event Space is easily accommodated. Sustainable Infrastructure and Opportunity for Community Art are too vague of a concept to be a priority. Signage about Wildlife, Flora and Local History are not applicable.
- Some intentional lighting in the park would be nice to use the circle path in the winter months when the days are short. Baseball field lighting however I don't feel would be utilized by sport field users. Could sustainable infrastructure and opportunity and art could be combined?
- The ability to utilize the area to generate electricity would help reduce costs to the people in the area. Areas for gathering and entertaining makes the community better and more appealing.
- The lights will make the park a safer place in the dark evenings
- The park is very dark at night, the lighting can provide more sense of safety
- The soccer field is used almost daily in the warmer months, and dogs frequently stroll through the park, so fountains would be a good idea. I like the informational signage that already exists by the Winston Heights Community Centre and the other one behind the assisted living centre.
- What makes sense for this space

7. What are some ways the park could be designed to be accessible for people with different needs?

- A wheelchair ramp off 18th ave
- Add a fenced off-leash dog area (need to consider surface material, as grass becomes dusty dirt with use), or enforce the current rules. Build a sidewalk on the east side of the park, from the NE corner to the E entrance.
- Add tactile strips on ramps and install raised crosswalks in high use pedestrian and biking corridors adjacent to the park.
- ADULT PLAYGROUND structure (swing set, monkey bars... for adults to PLAY with. Play is not just for kids.
- All ages, inclusive playground
- Already accessible as the path is used regularly scooter etc

- An accessible playground for children. The beauty of the current park is that it does have an accessible pathway around it, which is nice.
- Benches in the shade for everyone.
- Brail available on any signs in the park, make any playgrounds have sections that are wheelchair accessible, as well as sidewalks leading to any facility in the park.
- Create a plaza/promenade at the west end to accommodate a food truck or small cafe and provide seating/tables (umbrellas) to encourage gathering spaces for seniors and apartment dwellers.
- Create access points from all the corners and shovel the sidewalks in winter. There are many power wheelchair users in the vicinity that go to the Co-op nearby and they struggle getting on the sidewalk when trying to cross an intersection.
- delineation between walking and biking/riding, lighting, surfaces that don't easily ice over in winter
- Different types of paths and activities for all ages
- Good interface with sidewalks and street crossings. Seating that is accessible via hard surface (where there is any significant amenity - shade, water fountain). Playground activities for more ages/abilities.
- I do like the low lighting, but I appreciate the safety concerns. If lighting were added I would hope it would be in bollards, rather than tall street lamps. The paths are in good condition right now so hopefully they will stay that way for people with mobility issues.
- I don't care
- I don't have any unique ideas about this topic
- I feel like the park is pretty accessible
- I think it's important for the path to stay as is as it is welcoming to most types of abilities. A new playground would be a big improvement to welcome Children of all abilities. Having a different areas for different activities would be great. A small pump track I think would be a great addition too (similar to Canmore park in the NW)
- I would say it's accessible for people with mobility issues already. It's the soccer field that makes it hard for people to walk or use your wheel chair on the outside because it's absolutely packed with soccer players that are not from the community
- Ice is an issue for all in the winter. Adequate waste disposal units is important, seating for older adults or people with limited mobility to stop and take breaks. I've met many neighbours in the park, am excited to see the plans to continue amplifying the community impact of the space!
- Include accessible picnic tables, benches with arm rests (easier to get up), accessible paths to different areas, improving crossings to park

- it's very accessible
- Keep it flat, maintain a paved surface all the way around. Increases to winter and shoulder season maintenance are needed even in current state for accessibility. Drainage and other issues. Ensure safe pedestrian walking options across nearby streets which include school (crosswalks needed). Rethink fencing layout for better corner/side access.
- Keeping kids with disabilities in mind when building a new playground, have different ways to enjoy the park for all types of people. Accessible for wheelchairs, different spaces in the park to enjoy if you aren't into organized sports, maybe a quiet corner with gardens, accessible tables and a variety of sports options.
- Making sure pathways are easily accessible and maintained. Having safe walk systems in place could be beneficial. This could look like safe walking posts with help buttons and information along with waking posts throughout the park.
- More every points- the park it flat and paved but there are only 2 main every points to get to the path directly without having to go on the grass
- More ramps.
- More Sonic the Hedgehog themed attractions meets everyone needs.
- No cobblestone walking paths, detrimental to walkers and wheelchairs (and shoveling)
- No stairs
- Not many, it's a great space
- Paths that can easily be cleared of snow
- Pathway entrance to park from 18th Ave.
- Paved path. Ramps and good lighting
- playground with accessibility for those in wheelchairs and with mobility issues
- Possibly an off-street parking area for handicap access so that they don't have to be on the public streets.
- Providing seating areas that can be shared by people with different types of mobility so small and large community gatherings are more inclusive. University District did a good job of this and had some unique skateboard feature built into the design. Continue with the recent accessible playground design.
- Ramps, an accessible swing set, more space between different equipment.
- Site lighting would improve safety. The park is already fairly accessible.
- Skatepark but also paved concrete
- Stay flat like the way it is now.



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- The park itself is quite flat and the path is decently wide for accessibility, however parking is typically along 18th avenue and there is no safe/reliable method to get onto the path proper for someone with mobility issues. Soft lighting is absolutely needed for evening use and safety of users with vision issues.
- The park needs a washroom
- There is not a very safe way to cross the street when coming from co op. That could be set up better.
- Traffic calming giving people time to cross the street, hi contrast, large clear font for signage, attractive barriers btwn Edmonton Trail and the park.
- Wide sidewalks, wide paths, direct between the community and the park. Don't force us to walk out of the way because the pathway is curvy or inefficient. Just be direct - the park functions for both hanging out and walking through to get to grocery stores, etc.