



Prairie Winds Park – Winter Fun

Report Back: What We Heard
September 2025

Project overview

Prairie Winds Park is a vital part of Calgary's northeast communities. This park is a very popular gathering space with many people enjoying the features that this park offers for summer activities. We wanted people to know that there are many activities they can enjoy during the winter months at this park and to gather input about winter activities that could boost park use year-round.

Engagement overview

A project page was developed and open for input from July 31 through August 28, 2025. The page was promoted throughout the park with sandwich board signage, containing a QR code linked to translated information about how to change the language on the page to your preferred language. A digital version of the signage was provided to local community associations, the ward office and councillor and other interested parties. The page was also promoted through social media.

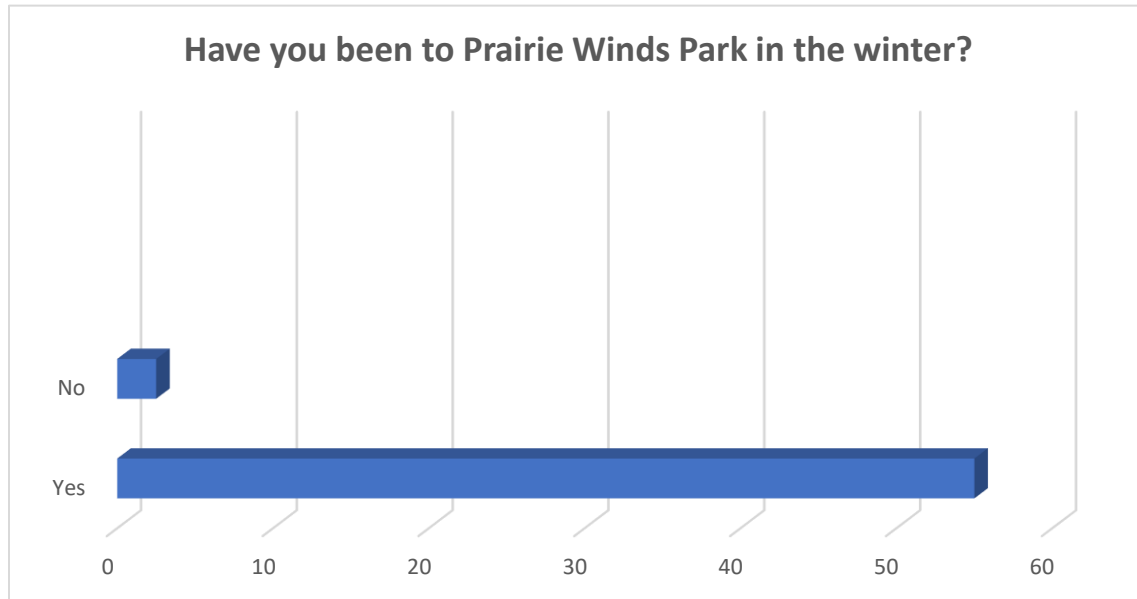
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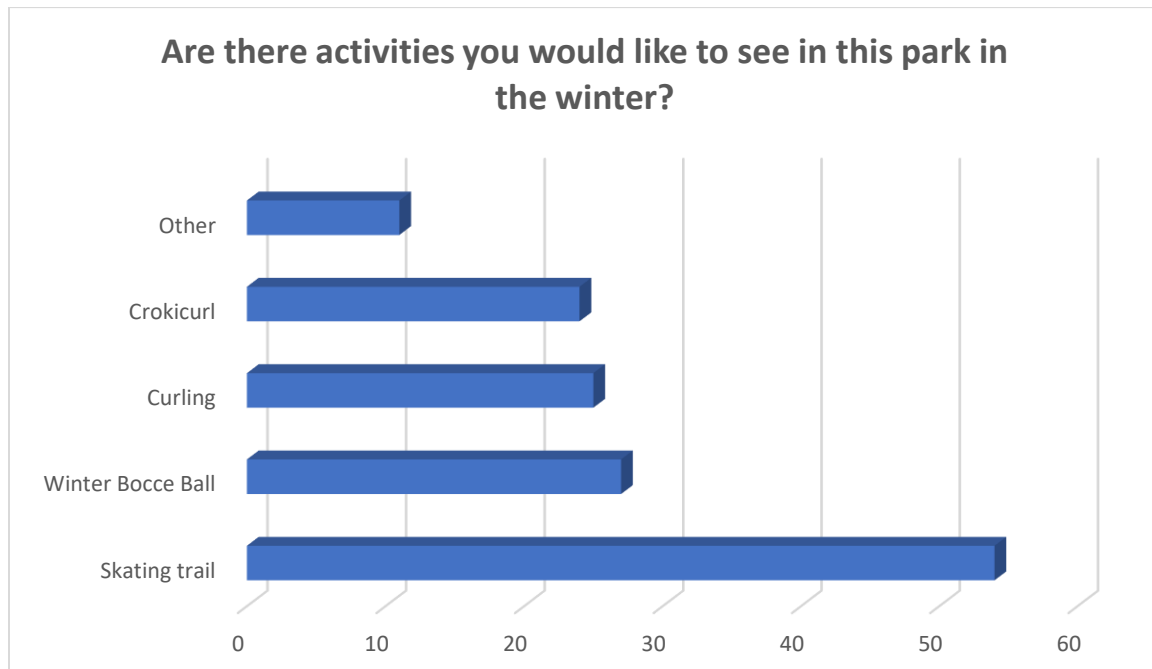
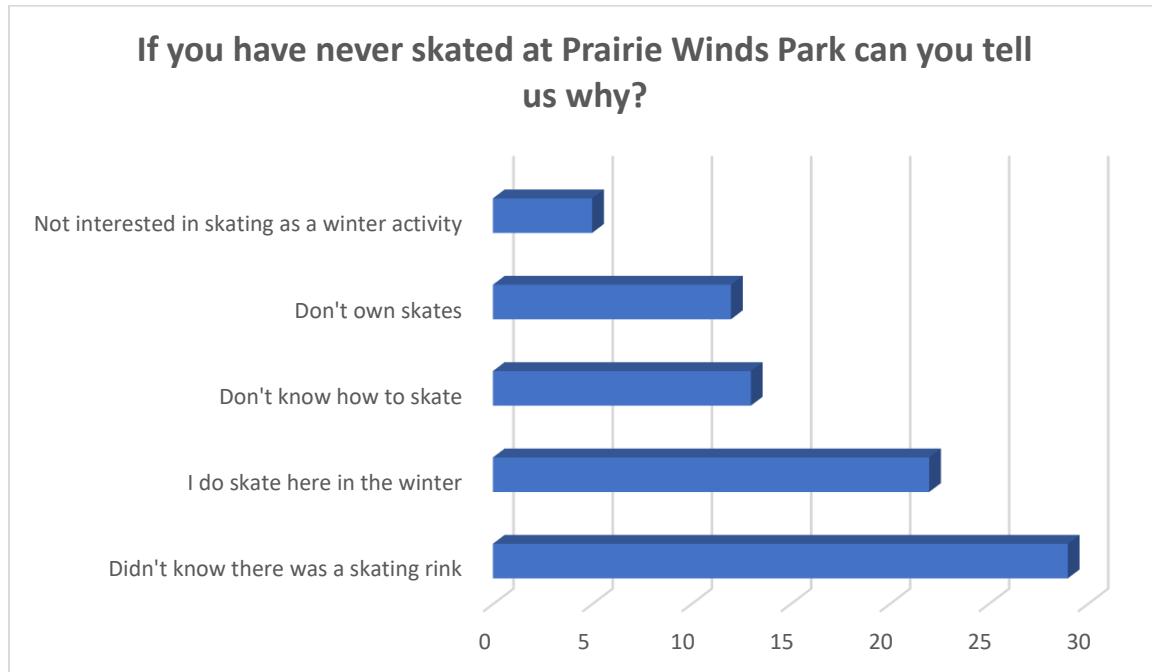
The questions were set up in a progressive format directing input to varying questions based on responses given. We had 445 visitors to the page with 71 choosing to give responses to the questions. These web statistics show that our outreach was quite effective in terms of promotion and getting individuals to the page for information purposes as well as gathering input from those who chose to provide us with more details on winter activity choices. See responses to questions represented in bar graphs below. All comments and responses in this report are meant to be purely reflective of What Was Heard and do not represent final decisions as many factors including operational and budget need to be considered in conjunction with this feedback. We will outline how your input was used in our future communications.



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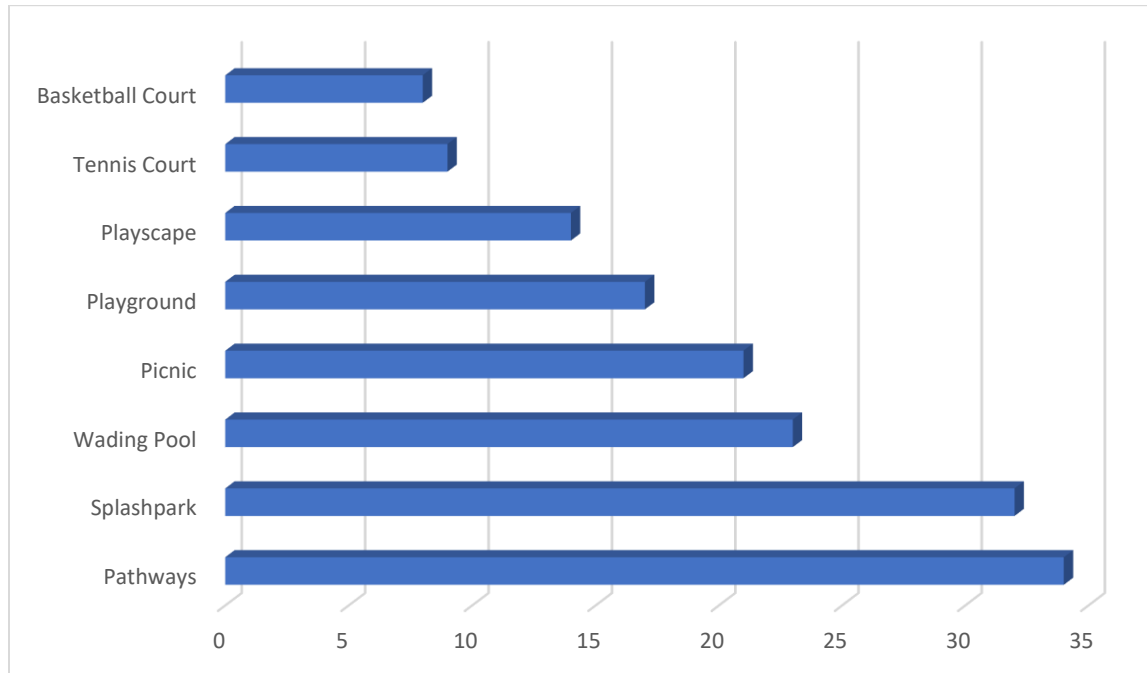
General themes emerged from the “other” comments above are noted in verbatim.



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We also did a check-in question on your favourite summer features at Prairie Winds Park:



Top 8 shown in graph above – full results shown here: Feature – # of responses

Cricket field - 1	Splash park - 32
Basketball court - 8	Picnic - 21
Soccer field - 5	Wading pool - 23
Tennis court - 9	Pathways - 34
Benches - 6	Playscape - 14
Playground - 17	Public Art Space - 7

Engagement Summation

We received good feedback from two distinct groups: those that were unaware of there being year-round activities at the park and those who do use this park in the winter months, who collectively provided some valuable insights and suggestions as to what would improve winter usage at Prairie Winds Park. The key themes represented were signage and wayfinding (creating better awareness and access for activity spaces currently available), possible added infrastructure (to enhance use of the park), creating a more notable destination space (referencing what other parks have done with lighting displays, food/drink options, and amenities).



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Next steps

All input received will be reviewed and evaluated. Thank you to all who gave their time and input! Please check back on this page [Prairie Winds Park - Winter Fun | Engage](#) for information about our future plans for this park, and the exciting changes shaped by your input.

Verbatim Comments

General Themes emerging from “other” and additional comments:

Winter Recreation & Activities

- Sledding hill with lift or magic carpet
- Ice skating rinks and hockey rink
- Ice skating trail/path with lights
- Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing tracks
- Rope tow for skiing
- Skate/ski/snowshoe/toboggan rentals
- Winter events like skating parties
- Painting igloos and snow walls

Warmth & Gathering Spaces

- Fire pits and fire cages
- Heated shelters or warming stations
- Shelters for gatherings and weather protection

Lighting & Seasonal Ambiance

- Christmas lights throughout the park
- Holiday-themed decorations
- Light shows and epic displays
- Inspired by Olympic Plaza, Confederation Park, Chestermere, Airdrie

Food & Social Spaces

- Food trucks and vendors (seasonal)
- Hot chocolate and s'mores stations
- Fire pits for cooking or socializing

Summer & Year-Round Recreation

- Mountain biking and pump tracks
 - Pickleball and tennis courts
 - Zip line repair
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- More swings/playground equipment
- Train rides around the park

Infrastructure & Accessibility

- Additional parking (permit-only in summer)
- Permanent washrooms near sports fields
- Improved security
- Clearly marked activity zones
- Pathways for walking/skating

Full Verbatim: (these comments are presented as received on the portal page and remain unaltered for spelling or grammar)

Other (related to answer given on activities you would like to see in park?)

Install beautiful Christmas light all over prairewind park for inspiring ambiance during strolling at winter time

Skating rink and Christmas decorations like it is done at olympic plaza.

Magic carpet to the top of the toboggan hill

Rope to pull you up to ski down

Painting igloos/snow walls

Fire pits/ fire cages

Lighting or light show will be awesome.

Sledding and lift to go up the hill for the kids

Cross country skiing and snow showing tracks

Cross country ski rentals/toboggan rentals

Hockey rink

Any added suggestions you would like to give us?

A slide from the top of the hill to the bottom

Toboggan hill! Play that up. Amazing place to toboggan down the hill. Maybe hot chocolate and s'mores on the weekend?

A clearly marked off sledding area. Cross country ski and snowshoe rentals.

Additional parking space for permit only especially summer time

Since it is a big park, train rides can be a good option to add on.

More Christmas lights on the winter, hot choco and even kids ride just like at Chestermere or at Airdrie

Must have some spaces like which have heat facilities



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Ice skating path

Mountain Biking Track

Bike park. Pump track

Please put more swings

Would love a pathway around the prairie winds park during winter for skating. Possibly hosting activities at the skating rink or around winter

Some shelters would be great!

Add food vendors

Please add more Christmas lights or colorful lightning. Please have someone to maintain the skating rink. Skate rentals would be cool to have one too! Please add more fire pits. And please have more tennis or pickleball courts for summer.

Christmas lights

Hot chocolate food truck for the winter

The park is already good enough

Just open the pool man

NEED MORE WASHROOM NOT PORTABLE ONE IN SOCCER OR CRICKET GROUND SIDE. PLEASE, BUILD A MORE WASHROOM IN PARK SIDE.

Zip line is broken not working.

Add a sledding lift for the hill

Skating trail with lights something to do in winter time with kids

Additional skating rinks

Would love to be able to have a fire pit in the winter, like some communities have. More parking would be good too.

larger skating rink/skating path, more tennis courts, dog park

Improve the security

Would love to see more fire pits and we want skating trail so me and my friends or family can go there and enjoy the park during winter.

Love the idea of a skating trail in the winter

Fire pits around the park would be good for winter. And somewhere to buy hot drinks.

Epic light display at Christmas. Like confederation park!

Hockey rink

Purpose-built pickleball courts