

# **Meadowview Park Community Improvement Drainage Project**

Phase 2: What We Heard Report

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## Project overview

The area of Meadowview Park (623 58 Avenue SW) will undergo construction of a dry pond to enhance the area's stormwater drainage system and reduce the chances of localized flooding during significant rainfall events. Dry ponds are created to temporarily store stormwater by restricting the flow to the stormwater system, reducing the chances of becoming overwhelmed and helps prevent water from flooding into homes or businesses. A dry pond typically remains dry unless a significant rain event occurs. The project not only focuses on the dry pond but also invites community members to share ideas for new amenities and features they'd like to see incorporated into the park space. An official construction date has not been set but could start as early as 2026 and is expected to last approximately six months. To stay updated, please visit the [project website](#).

## Engagement approach

During Phase 1, we asked community members how they currently use the space, what they would like us to know about Meadowview Park, and how they would like to see the space used in the future. The feedback revealed that the park space is well utilized and highly valued by the people in and around the neighbourhood. They would like to see the space continue to be used for recreational activities as well as an area to gather with friends, families and for celebrations. Many felt that the increased density would make it essential to have a park space for more families to come and enjoy. You can learn more about Phase 1 and read the [What We Heard Report here](#).

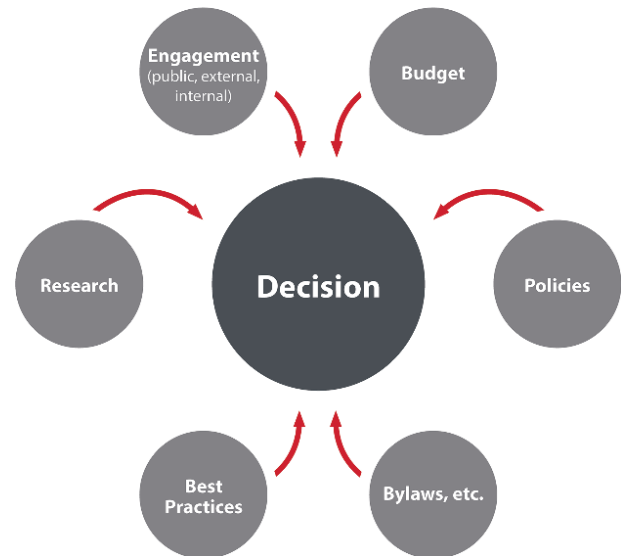
In Phase 2 of engagement, we presented two design concepts based off the feedback we received during Phase 1. Promotion of the project was done online and in-person, through social media, poster boards with QR codes, an online webpage, the Community Association and with the newly constructed Elbow 8 Boardwalk apartments on 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Public Engagement was open for input from June 8 to June 23, 2025.

## Engagement phases

- Phase 1: Envisioning the Future of the Park Space – Initial information sharing of the project and hearing from the community how they currently use the space.
- Phase 2: Explore Options – online and in-person feedback on the two proposed design concepts.

## How participant feedback will be used

Public input is essential to create an ideal park space that reflects the community vision for years to come. Feedback from **Phase 2: Explore** will offer two conceptual design options that will help determine the final outcome of the park's features and amenities. However, it is important to note that technical data, policies, budgets, and best practices will also inform concept options and ultimately, the final plan.



## Phase 2 engagement and communications overview

This section of the report provides a summary of the strategies used to inform and engage the public on the project in **Phase 2: Explore**. The goal was to gather public feedback on the two design concepts which will inform the final park design to be shared in early 2026.

### Getting the word out

To support engagement for the Meadowview Park Community Drainage Project, we collaborated with the Meadowlark Park Community Association (CA) which is in the direct vicinity of the project. We sought out opportunities to bring awareness about the project via the CA newsletter and leveraging their existing connections with community members. On May 31, 2025, we attended their Annual General Meeting where we introduced the proposed design concepts and addressed any concerns/comments that arose. There were approximately 80 people in attendance for the AGM.

We also shared information using social media channels, poster boards with QR codes displayed along the perimeter of the park space, an online website and informed management/residents living in the Elbow 8 Boardwalk apartments on 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Project team members also attended and promoted this phase of engagement at a Food Truck Frenzy event in the nearby community of Mayfair that drew in over 100 people.

### Project Objectives

- *Build community awareness around the vision and importance of the Meadowview Park Community Drainage Improvement Project (dry pond).*

- *Drive participation across diverse demographic groups, including youth and nearby communities who utilize the park space.*
- *Ensure residents felt informed, heard, and included in shaping the park's future.*

## Key Activities

### 1. **Email outreach**

Ward 11 Councillor's Office and the Community Association were contacted announcing the engagement opportunities and inviting them to share information within their networks.

### 2. **Elbowfive8 Boardwalk Apartments**

Brought awareness of the project to the newly developed Board Walk Apartments on 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue and provided printed posters with QR codes directing people to the webpage for feedback.

### 3. **Poster Boards signage**

Five poster board signs promoted online engagement and directed residents to the Engage portal using a unique QR code. These were displayed along the perimeter of the park space along Meadowview Road and 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW.

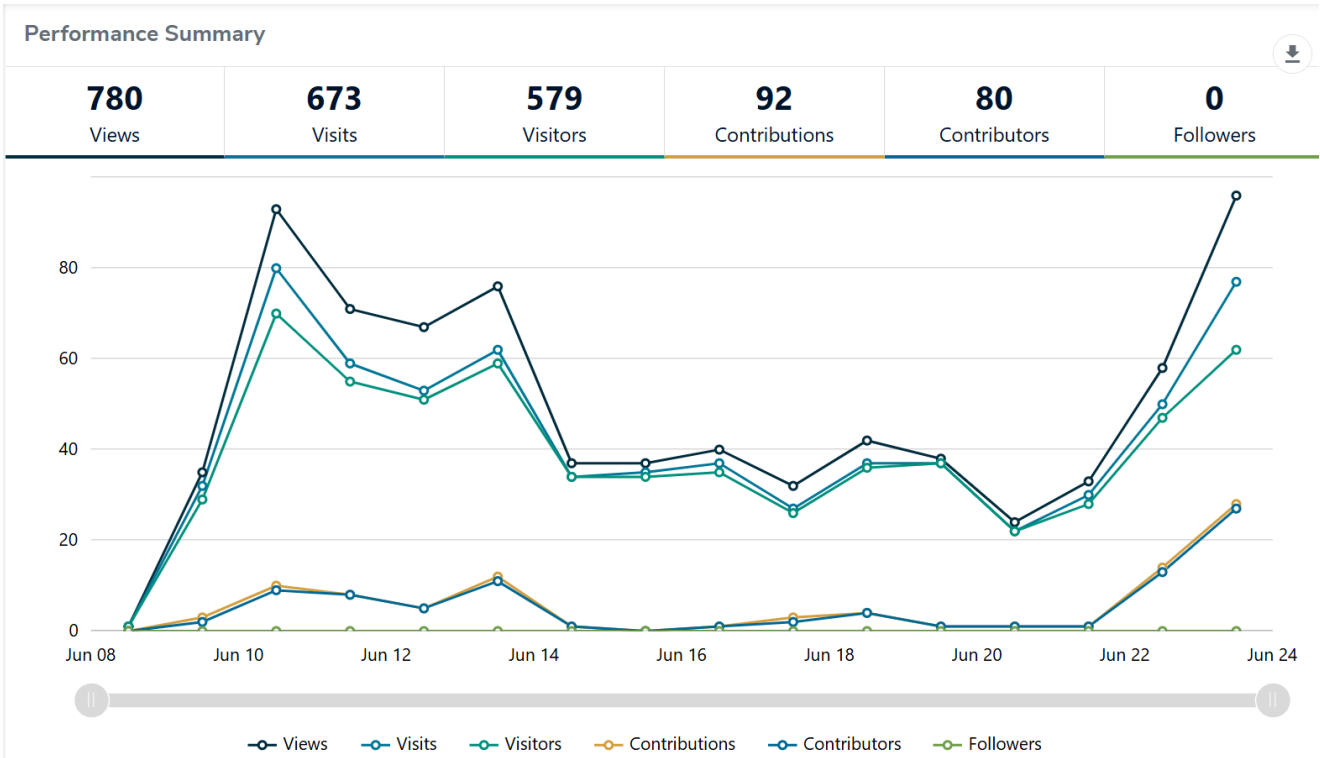
### 4. **Targeted social media campaign**

Paid advertisements ran on Facebook, Instagram, and Nextdoor as well as geotargeted to residents within a 1 km radius of Meadowview Park. The messaging highlighted key dates, in-person events, and encouraged survey participation through the engage portal (webpage).

### 5. **Engagement portal activity (webpage)**

- Visits to the Engage portal: 673
- Survey responses submitted: 92
- Total impressions were 51,053 and 556 total link clicks.





What we asked/what we heard: Phase 2

The following section summarizes what we asked and what we heard during the in-person Annual General Meeting for Meadowlark Park, Food Truck Frenzy and through the online feedback form for **Phase 2: Explore**. This section presents the types of questions asked and the corresponding response rates. It is intended purely to illustrate the distribution of responses and should not be interpreted as a voting mechanism. The comments and responses may represent a varied range of feedback. For more details, see the **Detailed summary of feedback** section.

High-level themes

- Overall, respondents were in favor of the upgrades to the park space.
- Few respondents expressed concern regarding the need for a dry pond and hoped the park would remain the same.
- Respondents valued an open space for active play, but also a place to sit and relax.
- Respondents would like to implement elements from concept 1 and 2 with most strongly favouring a sport court and a community garden.
- Respondents appreciated natural elements as well as places to sit and gather.

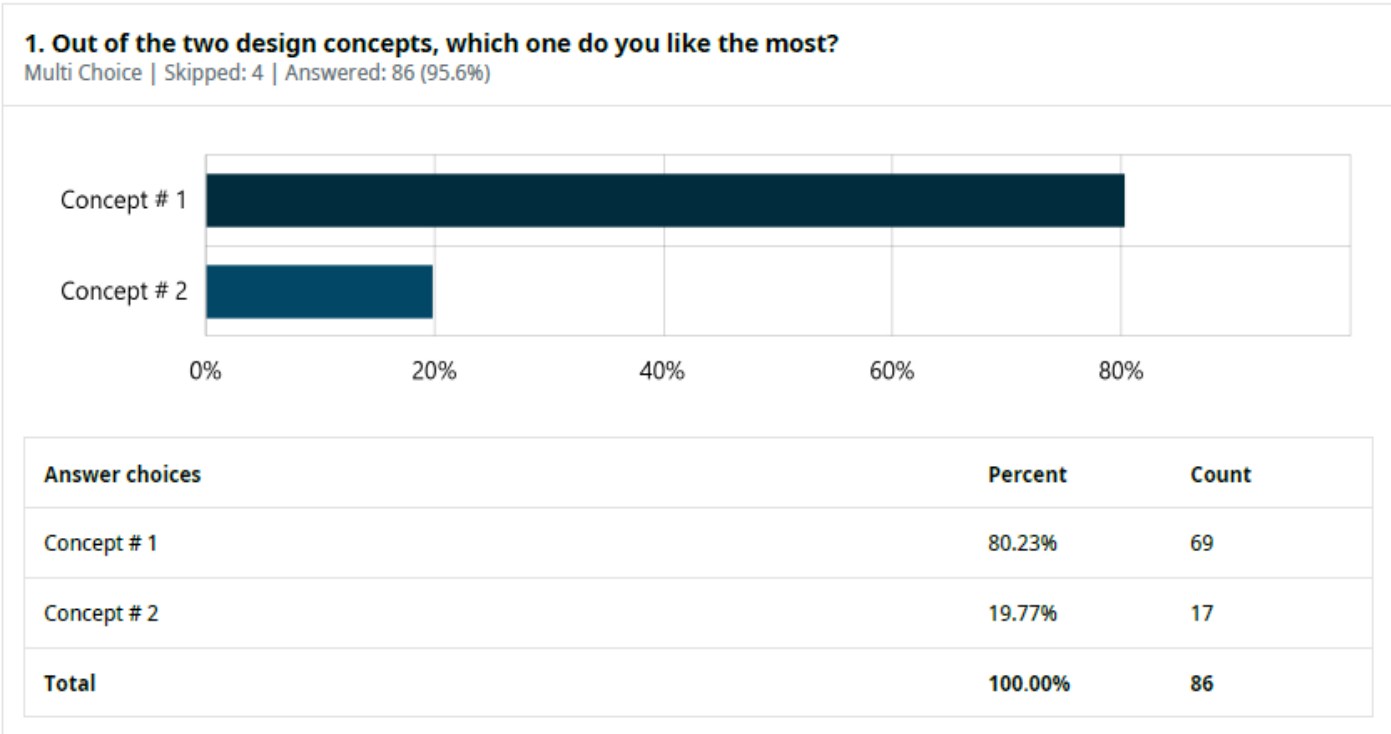


Detailed summary of feedback

The following is a detailed summary of feedback we received through the online feedback form and the in-person engagement events. We brought awareness of the project to those living in and around the area that resulted in 579 visitors to the webpage and 92 people leaving direct input. Below you will see the questions we asked, the results and the full verbatim comments captured.

Survey Questions

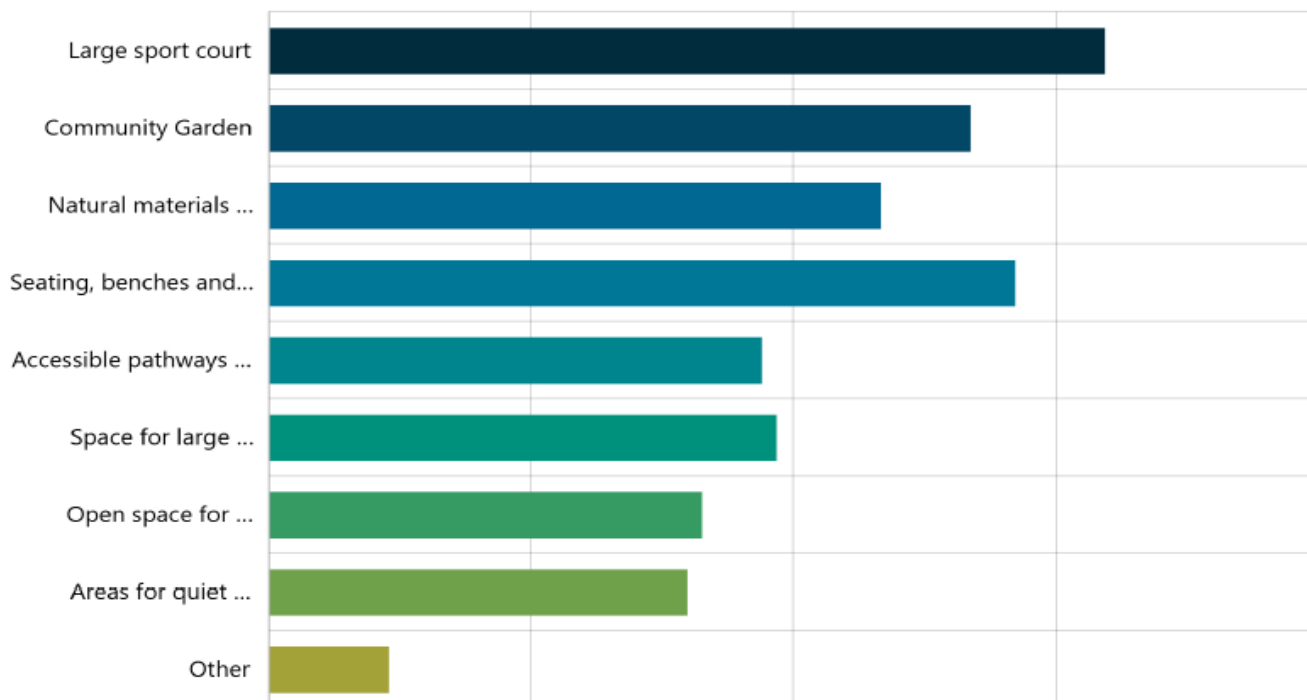
What we asked:



## What we asked:

### 2. Looking at Concept # 1, which features would you enjoy? Please choose your top 4.

Multi Choice | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 88 (97.8%)



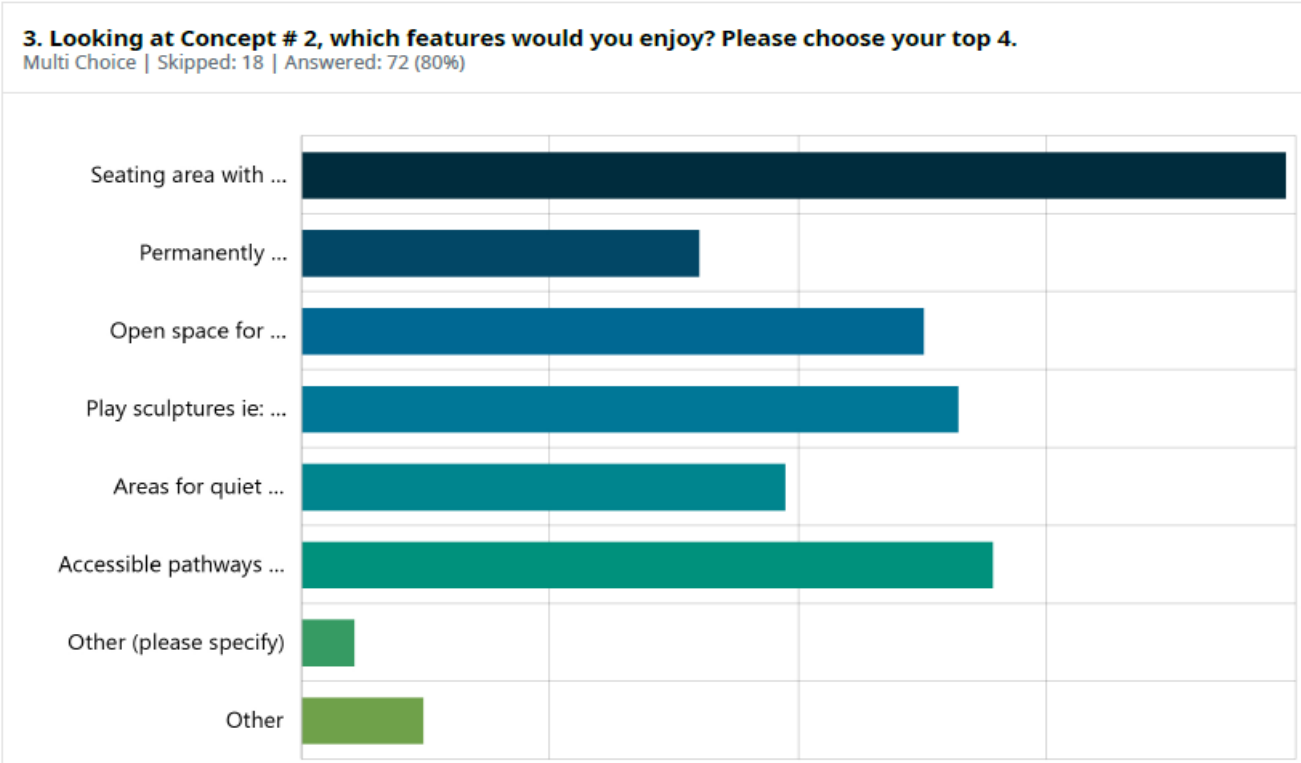
Answer choices	Percent	Count
Large sport court	63.64%	56
Community Garden	53.41%	47
Natural materials such as wood or large boulders	46.59%	41
Seating, benches and tables	56.82%	50
Accessible pathways and furnishings for all ages and abilities	37.50%	33
Space for large gatherings and community events	38.64%	34
Open space for running and unstructured play	32.95%	29
Areas for quiet reflection (reading, relaxing etc.)	31.82%	28
Other	9.09%	8



### Summary of what we heard: Top 4 choices concept #1

1. Add a large sport court
2. Add seating, benches and tables
3. Add a community garden
4. Add natural elements – wood and large boulders

### What we asked:



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Seating area with shade structure	79.17%	57
Permanently installed lawn games such as corn hole or ladder golf	31.94%	23
Open space for running and unstructured play	50.00%	36
Play sculptures ie: animal themed	52.78%	38
Areas for quiet reflection (reading, relaxing etc.)	38.89%	28
Accessible pathways and furnishings for all ages and abilities	55.56%	40
Other (please specify)	4.17%	3
Other	9.72%	7

## Summary of what we heard: Top 4 choices concept #2

1. Add seating area with shade structure
2. Add accessible pathways and furnishings for all ages and abilities
3. Add play sculptures for kids
4. Keep open space for unstructured play

### What we asked:

#### 4. Do you have additional comments about the two concepts presented?

Long Text | Skipped: 65 | Answered: 25 (27.8%)

## Summary of what we heard (additional comments)

- **Desire for balance**
  - Many respondents expressed a desire to incorporate features from both concepts that would allow for physical activities as well as relaxing/peaceful elements.
  - Inclusivity for all ages.
  - Importance for accessibility.
  - Preference for an open space for kids to run freely.
- **Strong support for a Community Garden (Concept #1)**
  - There were many comments in support of a community garden.



- Seen as valuable for people living in apartments.
- Improves quality of life.
- **Strong support for a sports court (basketball preferred, no pickleball)**
  - Important replacement for the lost baseball diamond.
  - Many were in favour of creating a place for sports or recreational activities.
- **Shaded Seating Areas**
  - Especially near playgrounds
  - Valued for relaxation
- **Dry pond concerns**
  - Some residents want to preserve the park's current flat, grassy, peaceful layout.
  - Worry about overdevelopment and increased noise/activity.
  - Unsure if a dry pond is necessary (no flooding of park space during 2013).
- **Safety**
  - Seating areas could attract loitering or transient camps.
- **Suggestions & Ideas (Other)**
  - Tree Preservation
  - Lawn Games - mixed opinions; some liked the idea but felt that ladder golf and cornhole weren't the right fit.

Overall, we heard that residents expressed a strong desire for a balanced park design that blends active and peaceful elements. Many respondents supported incorporating features from both options to allow for physical activities such as sports, while also providing relaxing and tranquil spaces. There was a consistent emphasis on inclusivity for all ages and the importance of accessibility, ensuring the space is welcoming and usable for everyone. Additionally, many valued the preservation of open space for unstructured play.

There was strong support for a community garden, suggesting it could be valuable for individuals living in apartments, and would create opportunities for community connections. Similarly, a sports court—with basketball being the preferred option—was widely supported. Preserving existing trees or planting additional ones would provide valuable shade over seating areas which were especially appreciated near the playground.

Some residents questioned whether the dry pond was necessary, especially given that the park did not flood during the 2013 event. Safety concerns were also mentioned, particularly around seating areas potentially attracting loitering or transient camps.

Lastly, opinions on lawn games were mixed; some felt that ladder golf and cornhole weren't the best fit for the space.



## Next steps

The feedback we received and summarized in this report, will inform the project team's work to prepare for the final design concept reveal which will be shared on the [Meadowview Park Community Drainage Improvement Project webpage](#) in early 2026. Construction of the dry pond and park improvements could start in early 2026 and will take approximately six months to complete. We thank you for providing your valuable input that has helped to shape the future of this park space.

## 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 remain. 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. [Full verbatim comments can be viewed via this link.](#)