



What We Heard Report

Medicine Hill / Paskapoo Slopes Park Plan: Phase 2

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Executive Summary

The City of Calgary is creating the Medicine Hill / Paskapoo Slopes Park Plan. It will guide how we can protect, improve, and celebrate this valued park space over the next decade and beyond. This report summarizes the feedback received during Phase 2, which took place from **April 7 – May 10, 2026**.

The Goal

Engagement was guided by three core objectives:

- To confirm and refine the draft Vision and Goals
- To understand preferred trail experiences and how well the proposed network supports them, and
- To gather feedback on concept designs at key interest points across the park.

This feedback is one of several inputs shaping the Park Plan. Other inputs include a study of the site, best practices, research, input from Indigenous Nations and Buddhist communities that use the stupa, perspectives from special interest groups, and City bylaws and Council policies.

Tactics

Phase 2 engagement included: an online survey on The City's Engage portal, which received 9,658 views, 6,517 visitors and 734 contributions from 694 unique participants. Three open houses and three pop-ups were held at locations within the park and in surrounding communities, providing opportunities for participants to speak directly with the project team, ask questions, and share their perspectives.

What we heard

Participants generally expressed strong support for the overall direction of the plan in the survey questions. Most respondents agreed with the draft vision and goals, and identified nature, solitude, and variety as the most valued trail experiences. The draft movement concept matched these values, with opportunities identified to improve quieter routes and trail loop options. Feedback on concept designs reflected varied preferences, with many participants supporting elements across

multiple options or expressing support for changes that were minimal and the least invasive. Across all engagement activities, three key themes emerged:

- The importance of environmental protection and wildlife conservation
- The value of trail-based recreation
- A strong desire to maintain the park's existing wild, natural character

Tensions

Overall, participants wanted to maintain the wild, natural character of Paskapoo Slopes. Many valued the idea of protecting and preserving the park. However, they differed on whether the proposed plan would protect it, which affected how much they supported the plan.

Some participants supported minimal changes that focused on restoring and maintaining the area, while others supported adding basic amenities such as washrooms, seating, and signage. Feedback on the concepts reflected a wide range of perspectives. In many cases, elements that some participants liked were met with concerns or disapproval from others, highlighting differing views on the appropriate level and type of changes within the park.

A small number of participants consistently expressed a preference to leave the park as it is, with minimal or no additional changes. This perspective was reflected across multiple questions, showing a consistent perspective across the questions rather than a strong theme across participants. The Park Plan will consider the range of perspectives shared by participants.

Project Background

Medicine Hill / Paskapoo Slopes is a living cultural landscape with deep and ongoing Indigenous significance.

It is also a valued natural area used by surrounding communities and visitors from across Calgary. The City of Calgary is developing a Park Plan to guide the future use and care of the land in a way that supports ecological health, respectful access, and cultural stewardship.

In June–July 2025, The City invited the public to share values and priorities for the park. Since then, the project team has reviewed this feedback and explored key topics in more detail to inform the draft concepts that were shared in Phase 2.

In parallel, The City continues to engage Indigenous Nations connected to this landscape. Indigenous Design Principles developed through that engagement are helping shape the emerging Park Plan.

Project Decision

By fall 2026, The City will present a draft Park Plan. It will bring together maps, design principles, and priorities. It will also explain how improvements could happen over time. The plan will guide decisions about:

- Access, safety, and how people move through the site
- Gathering areas and visitor experience
- Protecting natural areas, water, biodiversity, and wildlife habitat
- Supporting Indigenous cultural expression, stewardship, and learning
- Conserving and appropriately managing archaeological and culturally significant areas
- Trails and managing informal paths

Timeline	Milestone
June – July, 2025	Phase 1 engagement: Values and Priorities
October, 2025	What We Heard Report for Phase 1 published.
April – May, 2026	Phase 2 engagement: Presentation and feedback on early concept designs and how feedback from Phase 1 was used.
July, 2026	What We Heard Report for Phase 2 engagement published
Fall, 2026	Phase 3 engagement: Presentation of draft park plan and how feedback from Phase 2 was used.

Table 1 Project Timeline

Engagement Overview

The following section provides an overview of public engagement, the objectives, approach, and timeline for the engagement process.

What is engagement at The City?

The public plays a vital role in shaping the future of Medicine Hill / Paskapoo Slopes Park by providing ideas, feedback, and local knowledge throughout the planning process. Through meaningful conversations with the public, the project team gains a better understanding of the values and priorities to incorporate into the direction of the Medicine Hill / Paskapoo Slopes Park Plan.

Public input is collected, where appropriate, and considered with other factors (such as cost, environmental impact, technical limitations, and long-range plans/goals) before decisions are made. Because of its open and accessible nature, engagement is almost never the only source of input into whether The City should do something but helps to ensure City decision-makers have access to a range of ideas and feedback. This feedback is not statistically representative of all Calgarians, and therefore in this report, participants will be referred to as participants or respondents and not Calgarians.

Engagement Objectives and Approach

These objectives guided engagement and focused on the areas where public input could help shape the draft park plan:

- To understand whether the draft Vision and Goals align with the communities' values and refine them to ensure that future

decisions reflect what matters most to park users and the surrounding community.

- To identify which trail experiences matter most to park users, and how well the draft trail network supports those experiences, to refine the network and inform future decisions about connections, trail variety, and overall movement through the park.
- To gather feedback on proposed concepts at key interest points throughout the park, including what they like, what concerns them, and which values should guide the design and experience of these core areas.

Engagement activities were designed to capture diverse viewpoints from people with different connections to the area, including nearby residents, recreational users, cultural communities, and environmental stewards. To ensure broad participation and meaningful input, multiple opportunities were provided, including three open houses and three pop-ups at the park and in nearby communities, and an online survey hosted on The City's Engage portal.



Communications and advertising

To promote engagement opportunities and build awareness for the Phase 2 Engagement period starting April 7, 2026, we implemented a variety of communication and marketing tactics, including:

- Mailing over 19,500 postcards to residents in the communities of Patterson Heights, Coach Hill, West Springs, Cougar Ridge, Bowness, Greenwood, Green Briar and Trinity Hills.
- Installing ten bold signs on major roadways throughout the project area during the five-week engagement period.
- Displaying informative project signage along popular trails at Medicine Hill/Paskapoo Slopes.
- Deploying a five-week social media campaign on Facebook, Instagram and Next Door to inform and invite community members to participate in engagement activities.
- Handing out 200 informative project postcards to Calgarians at community events to further drive engagement

Audience and Tactic	Date	Participation number
Online portal page	April 7, 2026 – May 10, 2026	694
Pop-up: Save-On-Foods Trinity Hills	April 9, 2026	15
Open House: Cougar Ridge Pond	April 11, 2026	64
Calgary French and International School Youth Engagement	April 14-15, 2026	120
Pop-up: Paskapoo Slopes	April 19, 2026	15
Open House: Farmer's Market West	April 22, 2026	42
Pop-up: Paskapoo Slopes	April 29, 2026	13
Open House: Paskapoo Parking Lot	May 2, 2026	44

Table 2 Tactics and participation

What We Heard

Questions asked during Phase 2 engagement focused on the following key areas. The demographic information is summarized in [Appendix A](#).

- The Vision and Goals for the Park Plan
- The draft Movement Concept
- Three key Points of Interest in the park and concept ideas

The main engagement page with the complete list of questions asked is available here: www.engage.calgary.ca/Medicine-Hill.



Park Vision and Goals

Park Vision

The park vision describes the long-term role, character, and values of Medicine Hill / Paskapoo Slopes and helps guide future planning and decision-making.

Medicine Hill / Paskapoo Slopes is a protected landscape where nature thrives, cultures are honoured, and communities connect. Home to unique plant communities, natural springs, diverse wildlife, and rich archaeological resources, it honours deep cultural connections to the land. Through respectful relationships, learning, trail-based recreation, and shared stewardship, the park will be sustained and celebrated for generations to come.

Participants were asked how strongly they agreed or disagreed with the draft vision, with the majority (82%) of participants selecting 'strongly agree' or 'agree'.

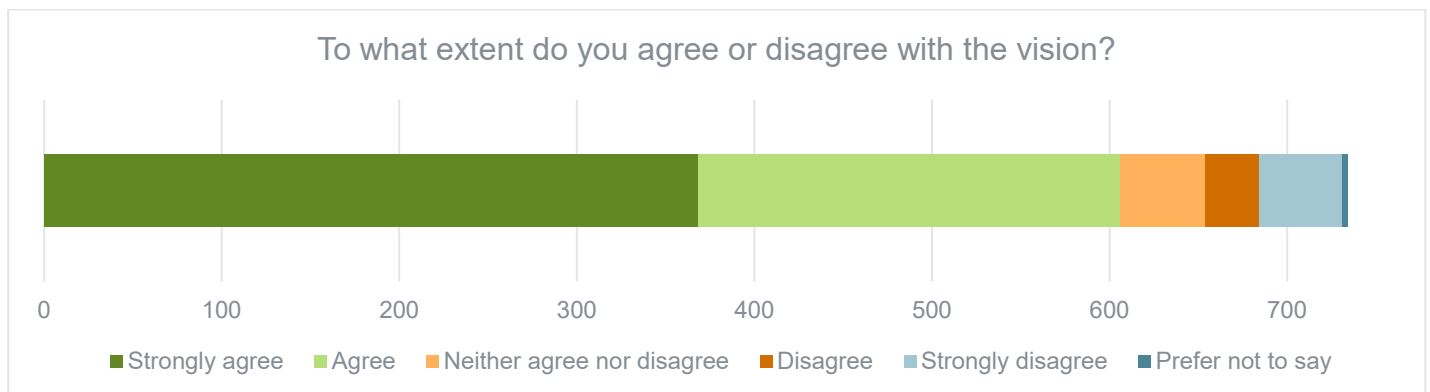


Figure 1 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the vision?



Participant Quotes

"The vision is positive overall, but it underplays the importance of existing trail-based recreation, particularly biking, which is a defining part of how the community uses and values this area today. A clearer commitment to maintaining current access and experiences would strengthen the vision and ensure it reflects both conservation goals and the realities of how people already engage with the land."

"Preserving the natural environment with minimal human disruption is paramount to this rich ecological area"

"I agree with what appears to be the intent of the above, but if that is in fact the intent, then why is the City getting involved in this space? Leave nature natural and provide means for keeping it clean (aka garbages, perhaps some ecology workers)."

Park Goals

The goals guide future decisions about protecting the land while supporting safe, respectful access and experiences.

- *Conserve natural character and restore ecosystems*
- *Honour Indigenous heritage and culture*
- *Conserve and respect archeology*
- *Support circulation & trail-based recreation*
- *Build community stewardship and accountability*
- *Foster learning and connections*

When asked how strongly they agreed or disagreed with the draft goals, the majority (82%) of respondents selected 'strongly agree' or 'agree'.

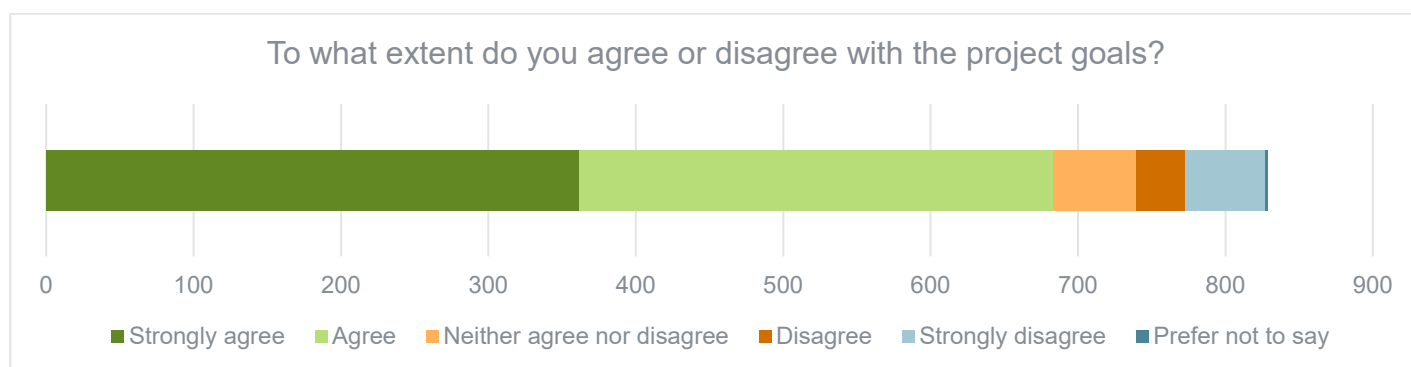


Figure 2 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the project goals

Is there anything important we missed?

When asked whether anything important was missed in both the draft vision and goals, many of the same themes emerged across the two questions. Overall, participants shared a wide range of perspectives, reflecting differing priorities for the future of the park.

Some feedback indicated that the draft vision and goals overall reflect participants' values and perspectives, including support for specific goals such as nature, trail-based recreation, and culture. Other comments emphasized the importance of environmental protection and wildlife conservation, maintaining the park largely as it is with minimal change, trail-based recreation, and concerns related to future development.

The following section summarizes the themes identified across these questions in no particular order.

Environmental protection and wildlife conservation

Participants emphasized that supporting nature, including environmental protection and wildlife conservation, are core priorities at Paskapoo Slopes that should guide actions. Comments focused on:

- The importance of preserving the natural environment and protecting wildlife
- Concerns about habitat disturbance, invasive species and damage to the habitat

- Questions about whether the proposed plan would adequately protect wildlife or calls for better protection of wildlife in the plan

Importance of trail-based recreation

Participants identified trail-based recreation as an important part of how the park is used and valued today. Comments included:

- Support for maintaining and protecting the trail experiences that allow people to feel

connected to nature while participating in a range of recreational activities

- Emphasis on the importance of activities such as mountain biking and hiking for current users
- Support for an appropriate level of management, or a more formalized and maintained system, including separated trails and designated mountain biking trails

Keep the park natural

Participants highlighted the importance of maintaining the park's existing wild, natural character, with a preference for minimal or no additional changes. Comments included:

- Support for minimal changes that serve to protect and maintain the park without changing the character of the park
- Concerns about adding built features, such as paving, parking lots, and signage
- Concerns about more people using the park
- Calls to "leave the park as is" or limit changes to the park

Concerns about further development

Participants expressed concern about residential and commercial development beyond the park itself, including:

- A desire for long-term or permanent protection from future development
- The negative impacts that surrounding developments, such as Trinity Hills, have had on the park and surrounding communities

Additional perspectives

Participants also identified a variety of additional considerations in their comments, including:

- Mixed perspectives on the role of culture, with many expressing support for honouring Indigenous culture, requests to expand cultural and heritage considerations to include other groups, and concerns about its inclusion and emphasis
- Tensions between conservation and trail-based recreation, reflecting differing views on how to balance environmental protection with recreational use
- Distrust of City planning processes and the intent of the engagement and Park Plan
- Accessibility and inclusive access for people with mobility issues
- Community impacts, such as traffic, parking, and increased users into nearby communities
- Stewardship, maintenance, and cleanliness
- Concerns regarding the quality, purpose, or clarity of the vision statement
- Requests for specific amenities in the park, such as signs, washrooms, and parking improvements
- Concerns regarding specific environmental issues including the cars, debris and waste in the park, and potential impacts to the water table



Participant Quotes

"These project goals are laudable, but they don't have equal importance. It's difficult to balance conserving the current character, restoring ecosystems, and supporting recreation. The top priority should be to conserve natural character and restore ecosystems. Everything else is less important."

"I think it is critically important that we recognize and celebrate that Indigenous Heritage and Culture is also Calgary's Heritage and Culture. It is not a separate and distinct thing. It is not us and them or past and future, it is all of Us Now."

Movement Concept

A draft movement concept was developed for Phase 2 to explore how the trail network could support circulation through the park while minimizing impacts on sensitive landscapes. The concept considers improvements to trail flow, route clarity, and opportunities to reduce user conflicts, while maintaining the immersive, nature-based experience valued by park users.

All trails in the concept remain multi-use, supporting activities such as walking, running, biking, and winter use. Proposed changes are targeted and intended to balance recreational use with the long-term stewardship of the area.

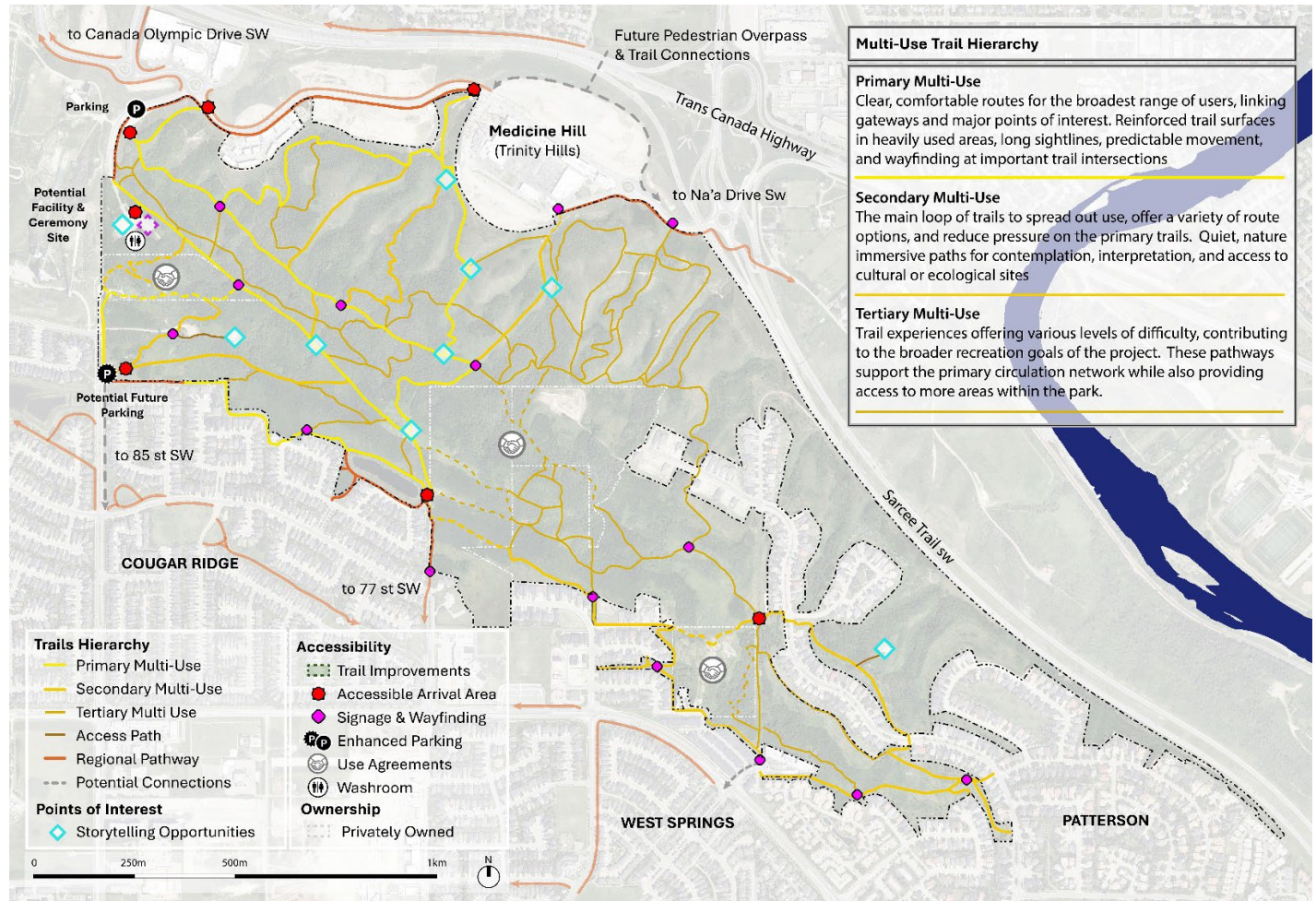


Figure 3 Draft movement concept

Participants were asked which experiences matter most to them at Medicine Hill / Paskapoo Slopes to inform the draft movement concept. The top three selected answers were Nature, Solitude, and Variety.

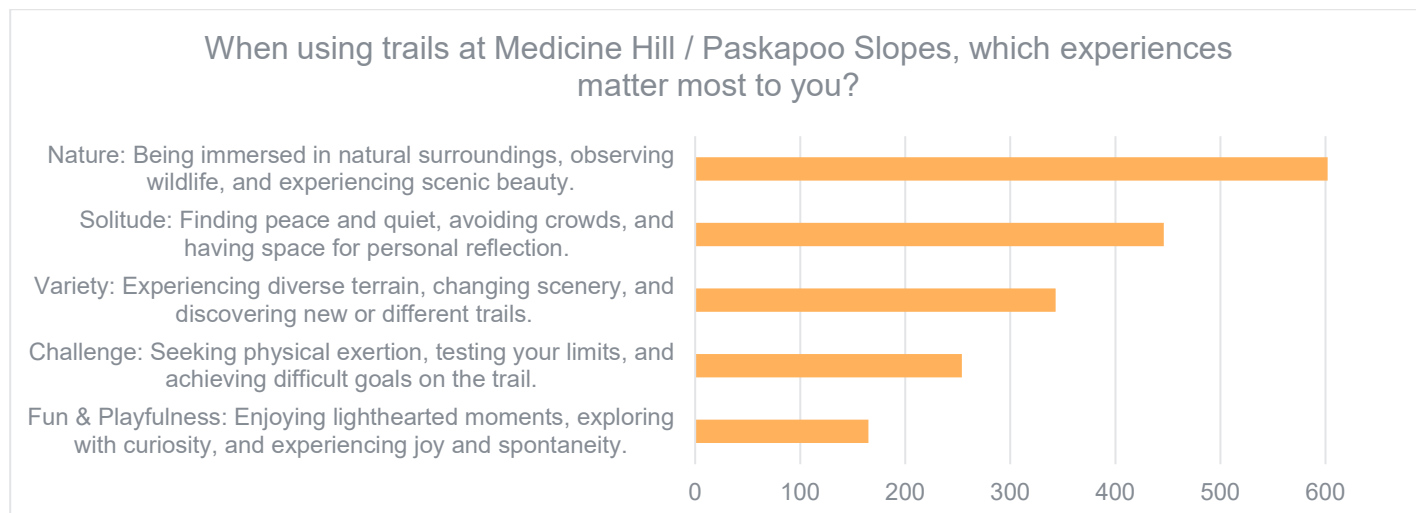


Figure 4 Trail experiences that matter to park users

Participants were asked how well the draft Movement Concept (shown on the previous page) aligns with the experiences they value most. Among those who responded, the most selected ratings were “Somewhat well”, “Neutral / unsure”, and “Very well”.

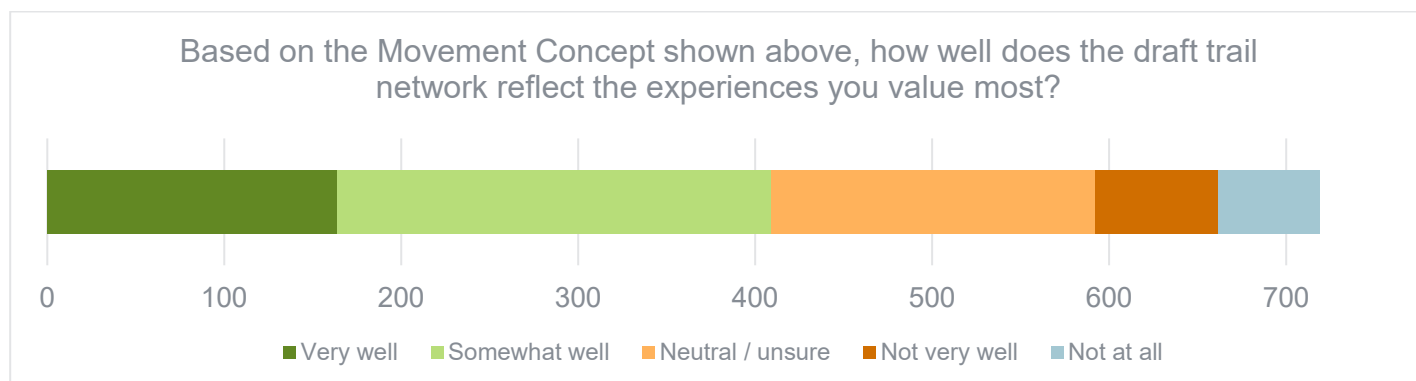


Figure 5 How well the draft trail network aligns with participants' values



When asked what elements felt missing or under-represented in the draft movement concept, the most selected answers included “Other”, “Quieter or less busy routes”, and “Loop options that start and end in the same area”.

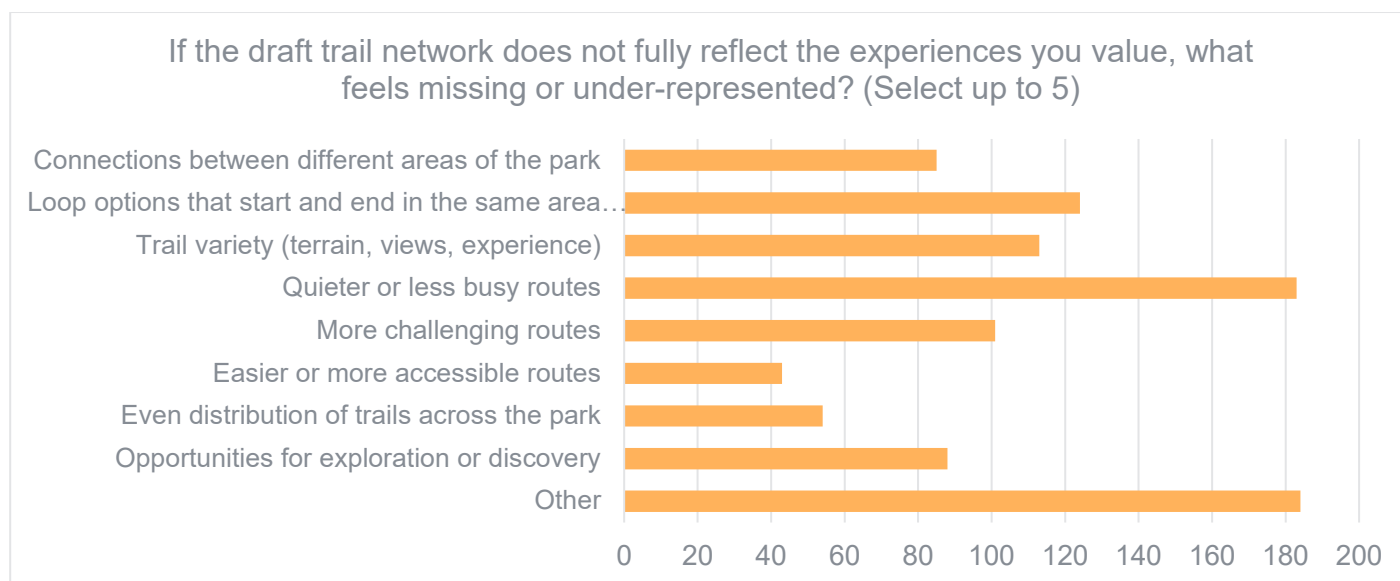


Figure 6 Missing or under-represented elements of the movement concept

Of those who selected “Other”, comments ranged from:

- **Trail density and network**, including specific trail recommendations, a perception that there are too many trails in the draft concept or calls for no new trails, support for some level of managed or maintained network, and connections to surrounding areas and entry points
- **Environmental protection and wildlife conservation**, including ensuring the trail network does not disturb natural areas or wildlife habitats, and limiting access to sensitive areas
- **The importance of mountain biking**, including requests for designated trails
- **Preference for current trail network**, including a desire to leave the park as is, perception that changes are unnecessary, concerns about new infrastructure and amenities, and concerns about increased use
- **Requests for more information** or clarity to provide feedback and concerns about decision-making and trust
- **Other considerations**, such as requests for additional amenities and facilities, accessibility and inclusivity in trail decisions, considerations relating to culture, considerations for dogs, and opportunities for other activities



Participant Quotes

"Points of conflicts between trail base recreation users, a better vision or ideas between bikes, hikers, and family exploring"

"I want to see a relatively easy and direct, paved or smooth gravel, connector/uptrack from the bottom of the hill to the top. Ideally, through the middle of the park, but it could also work well on the west perimeter near winsport or on the more eastern perimeter above Sarcee. [...]"

Points of interest

Draft concepts were developed for three key points of interest in the park: the Forest Edge, Erratic, and Forest Pond. These concepts explore different ways people could experience, learn from, and move through these areas.

The concepts are early ideas and present different design directions rather than final designs. Engagement focused on understanding what participants liked, what concerns they had, and what felt right for the park.

Common themes across concepts

Across all three points of interest, participants identified a consistent set of themes related to refining the concepts, broader considerations, and perspectives on change. These themes were expressed regardless of which concept participants selected (Concept A, Concept B, both, or neither) and reflect what stood out most to participants when reviewing the options. They are summarized below in no particular order.

Ideas and suggested changes to concepts

- Support for changes that align with minimal, natural design approaches
- Support for gathering or meeting spaces, with an emphasis on seating that naturally incorporates into the landscape
- Support for low-profile, natural signage, including elements like QR codes, guided tours, wayfinding, park etiquette, impacts of pollution, and history of the area
- Support for interpretive and educational elements
- Interest in Indigenous elements and storytelling, including a sharing circle
- Requests for basic amenities, such as seating, waste bins, and bike-related features

- Concerns related to increased visitation or larger groups gathering in the park
- Trail improvements and considerations, including maintenance, accessibility, materials, and user conflicts
- Potential environmental impacts of changes or construction, including effects on wildlife, water, and erosion
- Mentions of specific parks to serve as examples of what should or should not be done at Medicine Hill / Paskapoo Slopes

Opposition to development or change

- General disagreement with proposed changes to keep the natural, undeveloped character of the park
- Views that changes are unnecessary or intrusive
- Opposition to additional amenities and concerns about cost or new features that will not be used
- Concerns about the cost of proposed changes and suggestions that funds should be used for basic maintenance or in other parks

Broader considerations and concerns

- Accessibility in the park, particularly for people with mobility needs
- Potential impacts on surrounding communities and park users
- Ongoing management, maintenance, and safety considerations



Participant Quotes

"Again, when going into nature the main goal for many is to feel that humanity has not touched or left any evidence in the area. Nature only. A few benches for rest but that's it. I want to escape the city, not feel like it has followed me into the woods."

"Signage with information would be okay, but just not looking like tourist place. Keep it as natural and unobtrusive as possible please!"

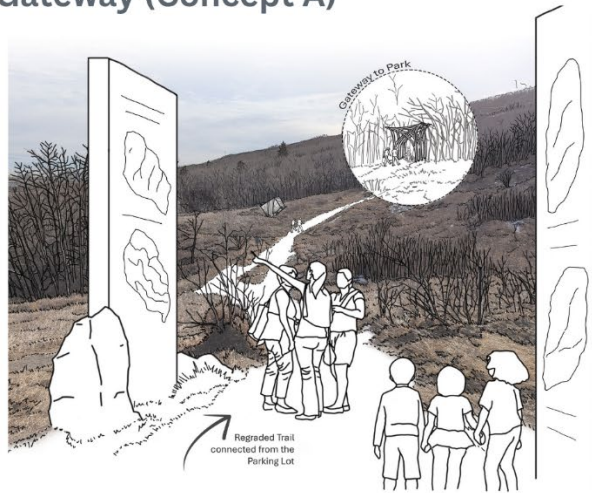
Forest Edge

The Forest Edge is a key entry point into Medicine Hill / Paskapoo Slopes from the Paskapoo parking lot. Concepts for this area were designed to explore opportunities to provide a welcoming and more accessible entry into the park, improve wayfinding and orientation from the parking area, and offer opportunities for education and gathering near the trailhead.

Gateway – A minimal, nature-first arrival with a natural forest-edge gateway, minor trail upgrades, wayfinding signage, and interpretive elements

Pavilion – An enhanced arrival with accessible trails leading to a visible pavilion that supports wayfinding, gathering, education, and amenities (e.g., rest stop, bike parking)

Gateway (Concept A)



Pavilion (Concept B)



Figure 7 Forest Edge Concepts

When asked which of the two options best support the objectives for the area, feedback on the Forest Edge concepts showed a clear preference for the Gateway option over the Pavilion. A smaller number of participants indicated they liked both concepts, while some selected neither.

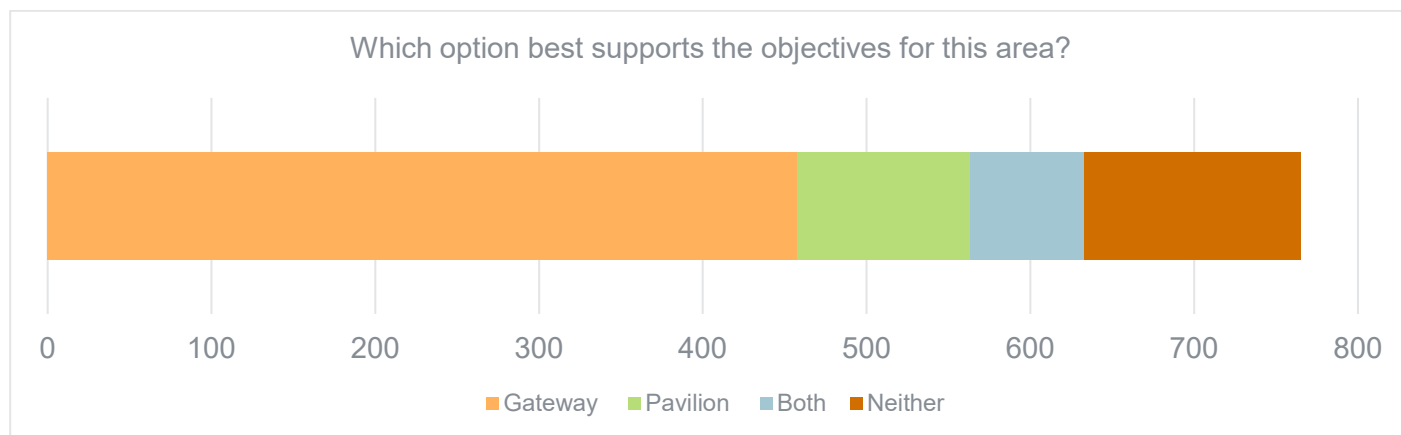


Figure 8 Forest edge feedback

Forest Edge: Perspectives on concepts

Participants identified a range of elements they liked and disliked across both concepts. Some participants also expressed general support for both concepts, indicating that elements from each could be combined to inform a refined approach. These themes are summarized below in no particular order.

Pavilion – Things participants liked

- Creation of a gathering space, including the inclusion of seating and rest areas
- Potential for amenities such as washrooms, bike parking, and waste bins
- Accessibility and inclusivity, including weather protection
- Opportunities for education and interpretive signage
- A design that concentrates activity and amenities in one area of the park

Pavilion – Things participants disliked

- Perceived as too developed or not aligned with the park's natural character
- Concerns about environmental and wildlife impacts
- Concerns related to cost, potential underuse and ongoing maintenance
- Considerations related to safety and management
- Concerns about attracting increased visitation

Gateway – Things participants liked

- Minimal, natural design that aligned with the park's character and was less intrusive
- The gateway built at the forest entrance
- Lower perceived cost and maintenance needs
- Opportunities for education and signage

Gateway – Things participants disliked

- Concerns related to maintenance, safety, and ongoing management
- Perceived impacts due to proximity to the forest and potential crowding
- Views that it still introduced unwanted development or features
- Feeling that the concept was not interesting enough

Additional considerations and suggested refinements

- General support for including amenities such as washrooms, seating, and bike parking
- Interest in wayfinding, interpretive, and educational signage, including suggestions about signage topics
- Support for creating some type of gathering or meeting space at this location
- Considerations related to the parking lot



Participant Quotes

"Both options should be utilized throughout the park. The Gateway option is best in most locations around the site and would fit in with the scale and character of the park. The pavilion could be at two or three access points near larger parking areas where groups are more likely to meet."

"Gateway offers minimal intrusion to the natural landscape - all that's needed is a map of the trails, quality, restrooms, and gathering spaces for families and friends to spend time in nature."

Erratic

The Erratic, also known as Big Rock, is a large, well-known glacial rock located at the centre of the park. Concepts for this area are intended to support learning and storytelling connected to the land and its history, provide opportunities for gathering and reflection, and help visitors connect with the significance of the Big Rock and surrounding landscape.

Big Rock Landing – A designed space for learning and gathering that supports small groups or classrooms with terraced seating, an enhanced layout, and materials that signal the significance of the area.

Visions of Past & Present – A landscape-led experience with subtle interpretive elements, including digital storytelling opportunities and scenic binoculars to share Indigenous voices and guide visitors to the key views.

Big Rock Landing (Concept A)



Visions of Past & Present (Concept B)



Figure 9 Erratic concepts

When asked which concept best supports the objectives for the area, feedback on the concepts for the Erratic reflected a range of perspectives with many participants indicating a preference for one or both of the concepts. “Visions of Past & Present” was more frequently selected than “Big Rock Landing,” while some participants indicated they liked both concepts. A large number of respondents selected the “Neither” option.

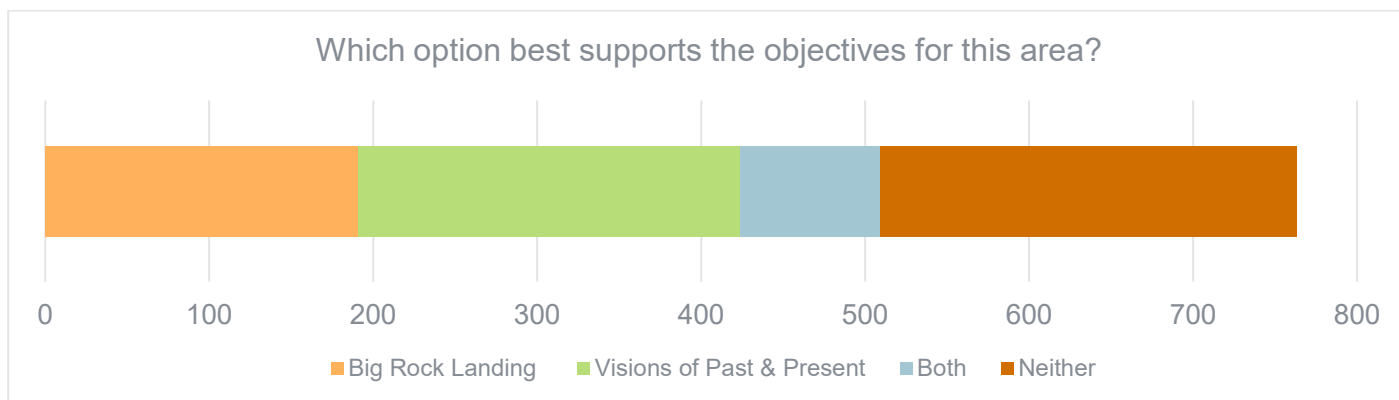


Figure 10 Erratic feedback

Erratic: Perspectives on concepts

Participants identified a range of elements they liked and disliked across both concepts. Some participants also expressed general support for both concepts, suggesting that elements from each could be combined to inform a refined approach. Others suggested different ideas or amenities for the space, or felt neither concept maintained the wild, natural character of the park and changes were not needed. The themes are summarized below in no particular order.

Big Rock Landing – Things participants liked

- Seating, including the terraced style seating
- Creation of a gathering and educational space
- Opportunities for educational or interpretive elements
- Minimal signage in the concept
- Feelings that the concept was less developed or a less intrusive approach

Big Rock Landing – Things participants disliked

- Concerns about seating and large gathering spaces, including the terraced seating
- Feeling that it could encourage higher visitation or larger groups
- Concerns related to ongoing management, maintenance, and safety
- Potential environmental and wildlife impacts, especially erosion
- Views that the concept was too developed or intrusive

Visions of Past & Present – Things participants liked

- Feelings that it was the nature-forward approach that was less intrusive
- Scenic viewing features, such as viewing devices

- Digital storytelling and educational elements
- Signage and QR codes to support interpretation

Visions of Past & Present – Things participants disliked

- Concerns about ongoing management, maintenance, and safety
- Concerns related to digital storytelling elements, signage, QR codes and scenic binoculars

Additional considerations and suggested refinements

- General support for incorporating gathering space and seating
- Preference for signage and seating that are minimal and aligned with the park's character
- Recognition of the significance of the Erratic and appreciation for the surrounding views, with interest in maintaining this experience
- Considerations related to trail access, management, and connections to the Erratic and other points of interest



Participant Quotes

"While I appreciate the educational opportunities that option A (Big Rock Landing) provides, I think it is much better to preserve the space as is. Option B might be a minimally interruptive way for visitors to learn more about the history and features of the area without requiring more built-up space."

"Consistent with my opening remarks, this is a shared space with multiple uses. It may be impossible to create a preferred pick in any case. But big rock is a great vantage point and people tend to linger, but it is not very flat so maybe a more amphitheatre style seating for education and resting. I do not support any digital media."

Forest Pond

The central route through the park is known for its streams, gentle slopes, and quiet character. Concepts for this area explore ways to create engaging stopping points along the trail, integrate art and interpretation that tells the site's natural and cultural stories, and improve trail comfort and usability while highlighting natural features.

Paskapoo Artifacts – Storytelling through interpretive signage along the trail that encourages hands on learning. The Cars of Paskapoo are relocated to a safer and more accessible setting.

Moments of Respite – Design interventions that highlight natural features such as streams and landscape, while offering quiet places to rest and reflect. The cars of Paskapoo are reused as creative signage.

Paskapoo Artifacts (Concept A)



Moments of Respite (Concept B)



Figure 11 Forest Pond Concepts

When asked which concept better supported the objectives for this area, feedback on the Forest Pond concepts reflected a range of perspectives with many participants indicating a preference for one or both of the concepts. “Moments of Respite” was selected more frequently than “Paskapoo Artifacts”, while some participants indicated they liked both concepts. A large number of respondents selected the “Neither” option.

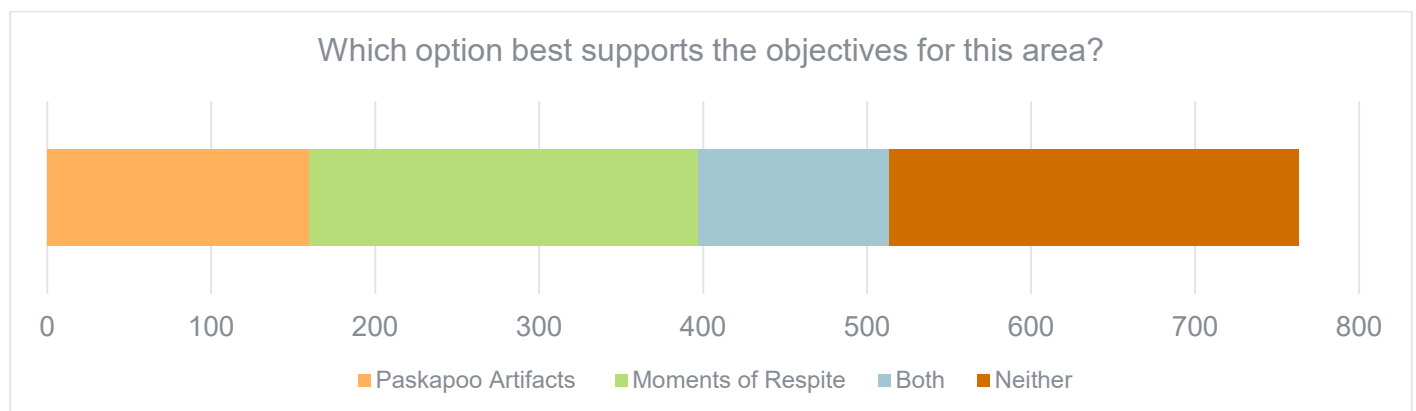


Figure 12 Forest pond feedback

Forest Pond: Perspectives on concepts

Participants identified a range of elements they liked and disliked across both concepts. Some participants expressed general support for both concepts or suggested that elements from each could be combined. Others highlighted different ideas for the space or felt neither concept maintained the natural character of the area and changes were not needed. Feedback also reflected different ideas about how this area should balance natural character, storytelling, and the level of intervention.

Moments of Respite – Things participants liked

- Natural approach with less intrusive features that aligned with goals
- Quiet rest and reflection experiences, including seating
- Removal or repurposing of cars.
- Opportunities for education and immersive experiences
- Wayfinding and orientation within the park
- Nicer and more inclusive design

Moments of Respite – Things participants disliked

- Perception of being too developed or intervention-focused
- Concerns related to built features, including resting areas and trail changes
- Potential impacts to the environment and wildlife
- Mixed views on repurposing the cars
- Concerns related to maintenance, vandalism, and ongoing management
- Concerns about attracting larger groups

Paskapoo Artifacts – Things participants liked

- Design aligned with park character and minimal intervention
- Storytelling and interactive experiences
- Rest areas and opportunities to pause
- Interest in keeping the cars and sharing their history
- Use of signage to support interpretation

Paskapoo Artifacts – Things participants disliked

- Concerns about built features such as the bridge, art, and storytelling elements
- Relocating or keeping the cars
- Perception that the concept did not align with the park's natural character
- Cost considerations

Additional considerations and suggested refinements

- A wide range of perspectives on the presence and treatment of the cars, including views that they should be removed altogether, relocated out of the water, or preserved and honoured. Some participants also questioned why the cars needed to be moved or felt they should be left as they are in the pond.
- Support for incorporating a rest area, including some form of seating
- Requests for additional amenities in this area
- Concerns about environmental impacts, including effects on water and wildlife, particularly related to potential construction



Participant Quotes

"The old car wrecks are effectively junk and need to be removed. They serve no purpose and are both unsightly and a safety hazard. I believe in keeping the park area as natural as possible with trail upgrades only. Minimize infrastructure that is easily subjected to vandalism and requires ongoing maintenance and upkeep."

"The cars of Paskapoo are unique and have history. They should remain in the area. Keeping them while also adding signs for hands on learning and rest areas is a good combination."

Additional Comments

When asked if there was anything else they would like to share, many participants used this question to reinforce feedback shared in earlier responses. Key themes are summarized below in no particular order.

Wild, natural character of the park

Participants emphasized the value of the park as a wild, natural landscape, including:

- Support for a natural, low-intervention approach in the park plan
- Desire to leave the park as is without the addition of infrastructure and added features

- Importance of the area for mountain biking, including an interest in preserving biking opportunities or having designated biking trails
- Incorporation of natural, minimal signage for wayfinding, interpretation, history, and park etiquette

Environmental protection and wildlife conservation

Many participants expressed the importance of ensuring environmental protection and wildlife conservation, including:

- Protecting wildlife and natural systems
- Concerns about invasive species, habitat impacts and increased use

Additional comments

- Concerns about decision-making and use of resources or general mistrust of processes or outcomes
- Access and accessibility considerations, including potential connections to surrounding areas and transit connections
- Incorporating Indigenous perspectives and cultural elements related to the Stupa
- Impacts on nearby residents, including parking and traffic concerns
- Requests for amenities, resources, programming or additional information
- Stewardship, safety, and cleanliness
- Interest in year-round and varied recreational use

Trails and recreation

Participants reiterated the importance of the park for trail-based recreation opportunities and ways to support users, including:

- Suggestions and considerations around trail maintenance and improvements, including specific recommendations to improve the trail network and considerations about trail materials
- Managing user conflicts between cyclists, dog use, and other users



Participant Quotes

"I do believe the area needs more signage, interpretive signs, history signs, etc."

"I definitely support the main thoroughfares being more established. However I also value all the little unofficial trails that allow for exploration. A lot of these are created or maintained by the MTB club so want to call out their importance."

"As Bhuddhist I am worried about the Bhuddhist stupa .. what are your plans? We have been coming to this Bhuddhist stupa for many years to pray and it's holy to us. With this trail opening there will be more people who will come to park and I am worried that if any one will vandalize the stupa or disrespect by climbing on it .. so what are your plans to protect the stupa and its surrounding and will it peaceful or quite enough for people like me to come there and pray."

What activities do you do in Medicine Hill / Paskapoo Slopes?

When asked what activities participants do in the park, the highest selected answers were “Walk, hike, jog, or run”, “Nature or wildlife viewing”, and “Mountain bike / cycle”. Most participants selected between 2-4 activities, highlighting that they use the park in multiple ways.

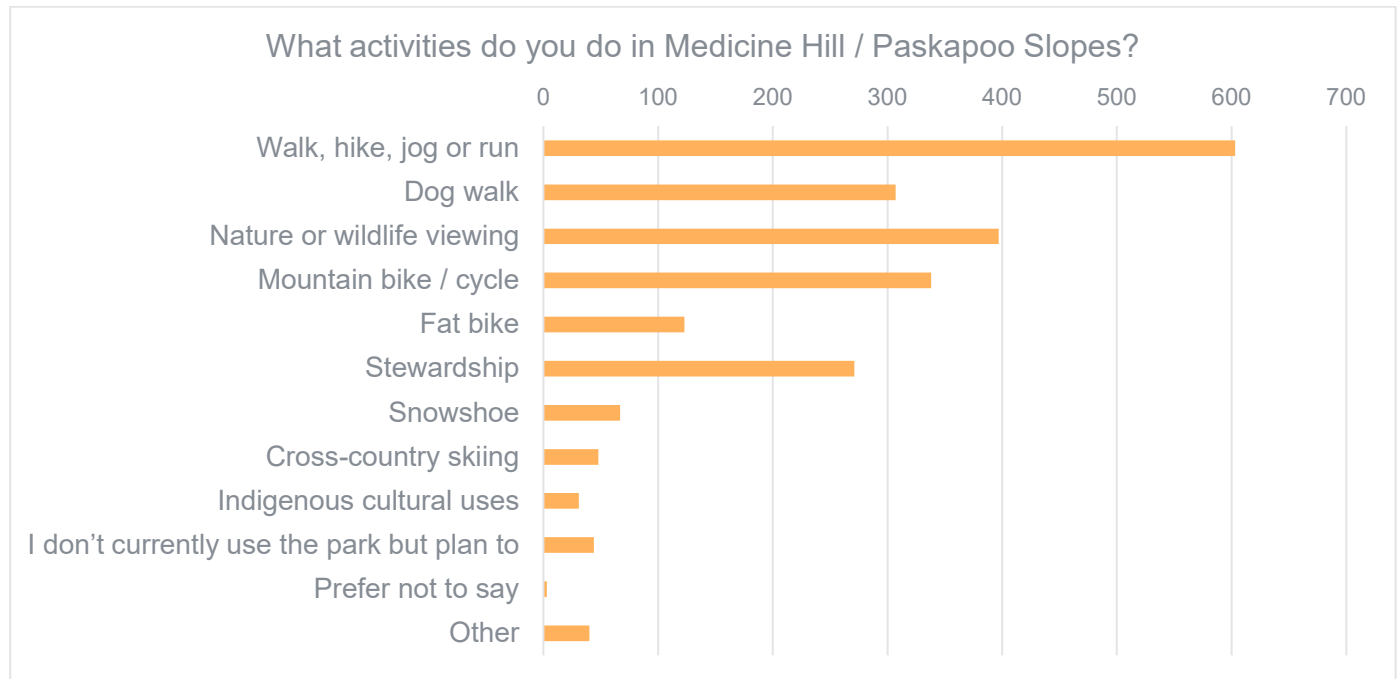


Figure 13 Activities in Paskapoo Slopes

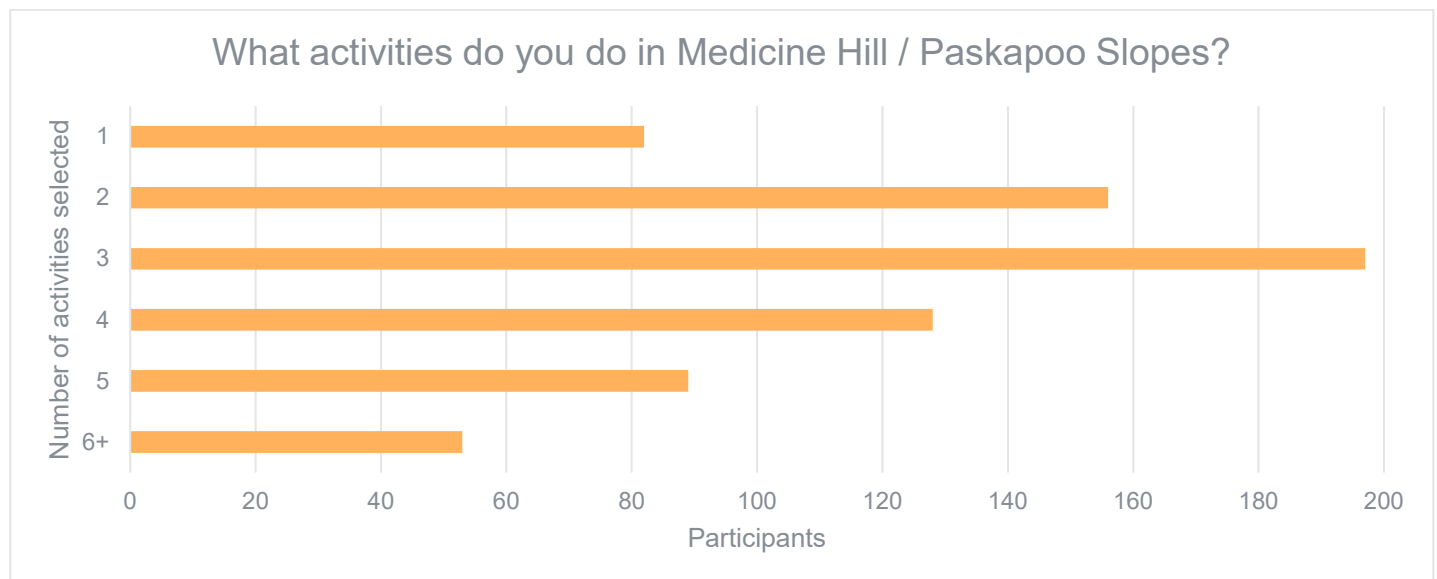


Figure 14 How many activities participants selected activities

Next Steps

The project team will review the feedback and use it to finalize the Park Plan. In fall 2026, The City will share the final plan and a What We Did Report to let participants know how their feedback influenced decision-making. Alongside this process, a Habitat Management Plan and a Historical Resource Plan will be developed to ensure the ecology, wildlife, and archaeology in the park are protected. The final Park Plan will also include a phasing and implementation plan to guide how the project moves forward.



Appendices

Appendix A: Demographics

The graphs below reflect demographic data collected from surveys on the portal page. If participants chose to complete the survey all demographic questions were optional.

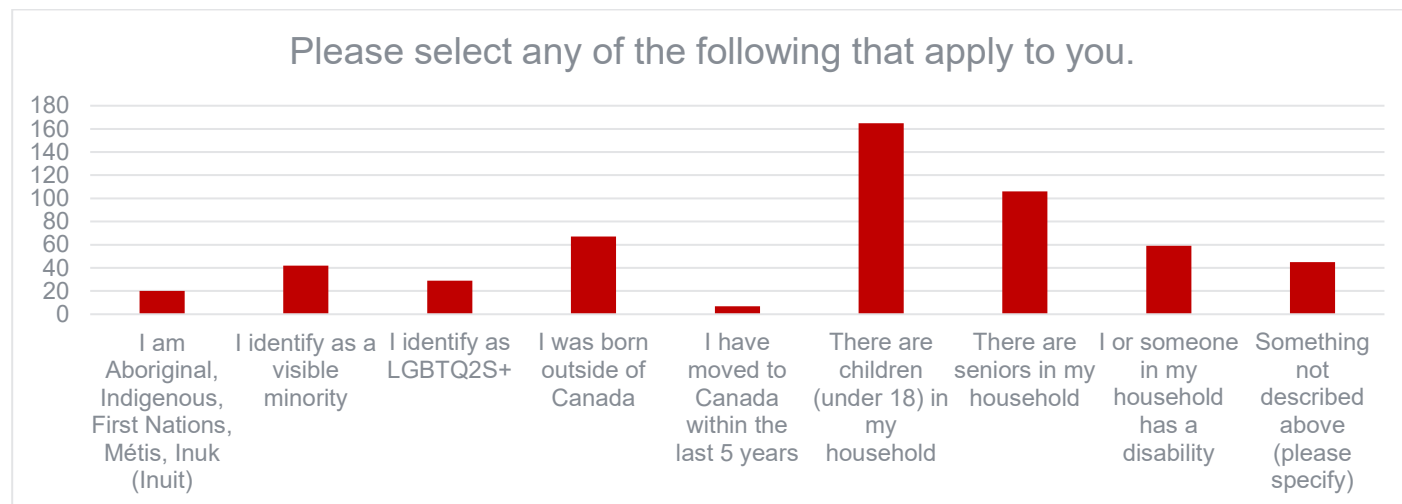


Figure 15 Demographics

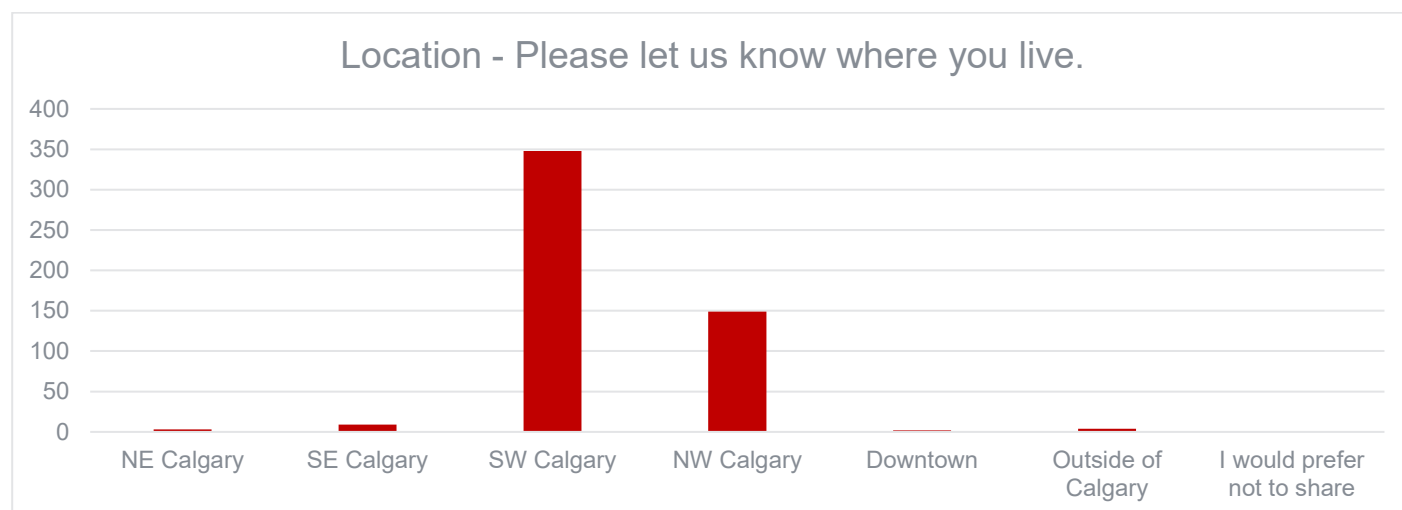


Figure 16 Location

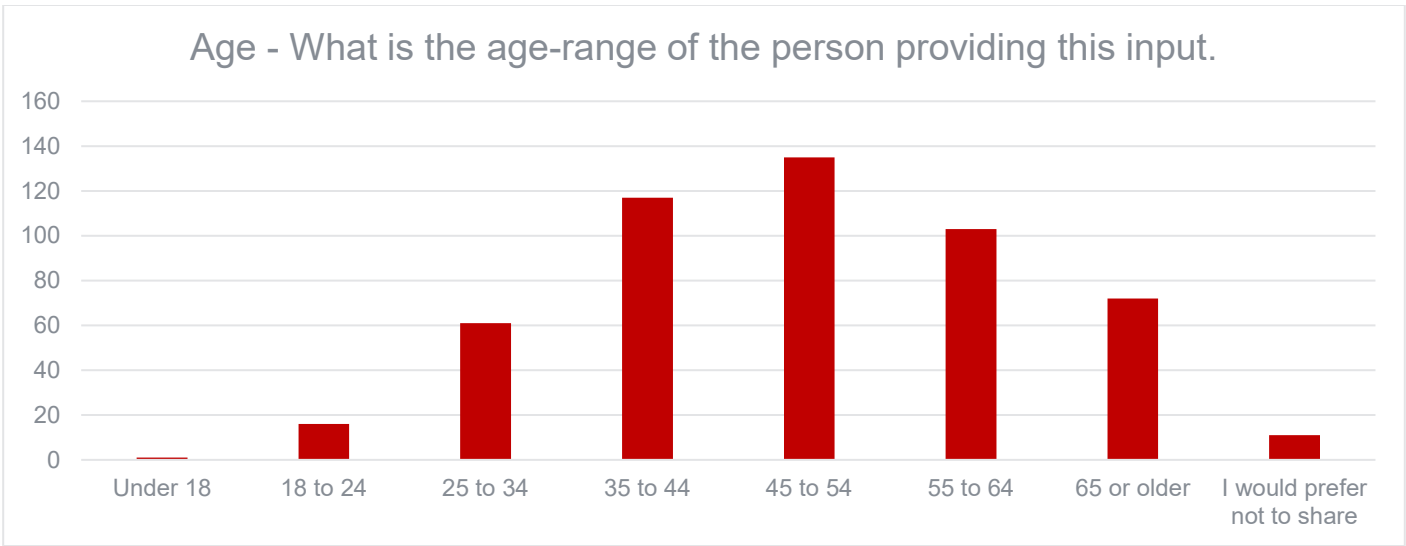


Figure 17 Age

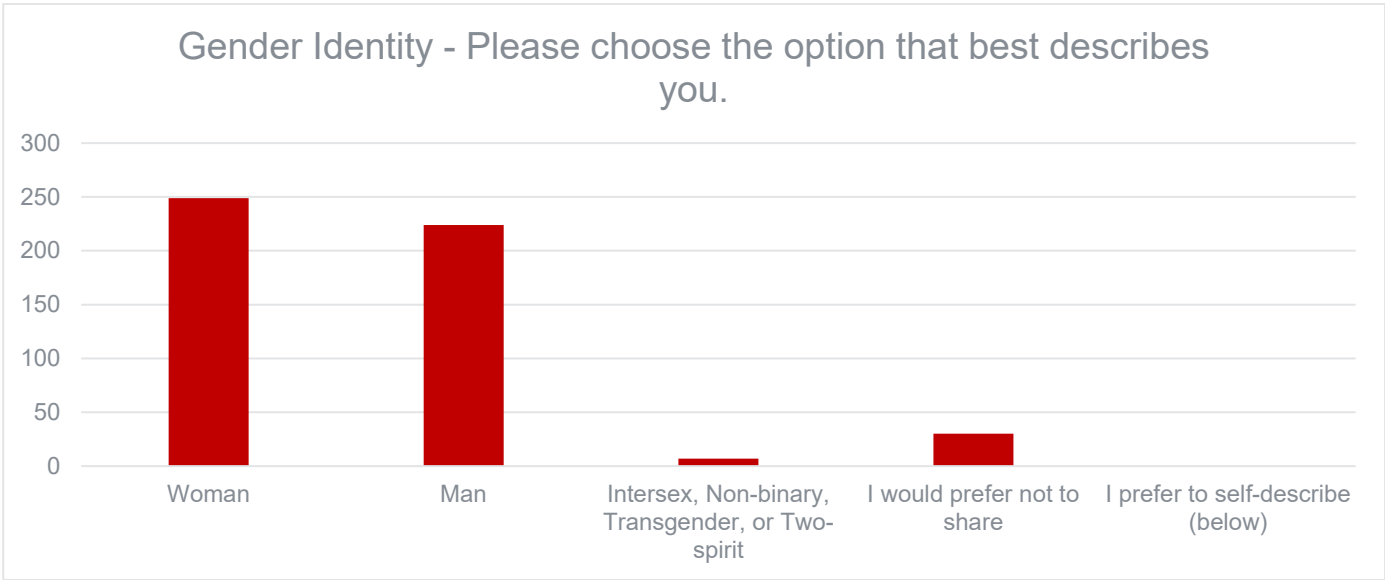


Figure 18 Gender

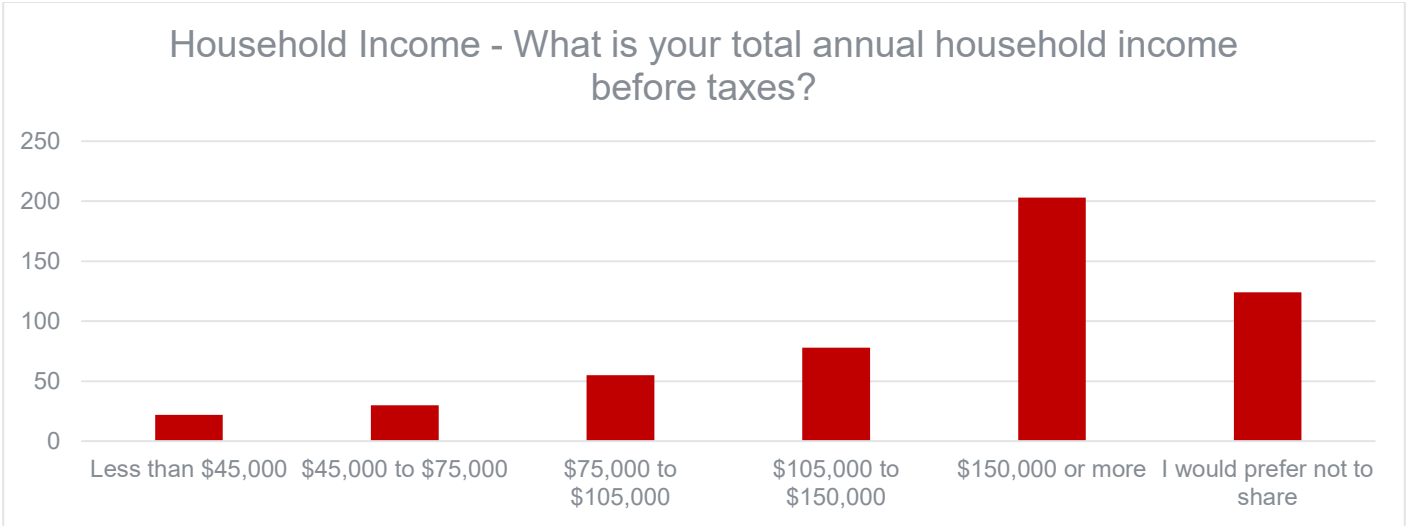


Figure 19 Household Income

Appendix B: Explanation - Verbatim comments and quotes

Verbatim comments and quotes, including all feedback, suggestions, comments and messages that were collected online and in-person through the engagement, were presented in their entirety in the associated verbatim report. Quotes included in this report are illustrative and selected to reflect a range of perspectives. They are not intended to represent the frequency of specific views. All input has been reviewed and provided to Project Teams 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.

Appendix C: Explanation – Engagement at The City

"Engagement" at The City of Calgary is defined as: Purposeful dialogue between The City and citizens and interest-holders to gather information to influence decision making.

Engagement is:

- **Citizen-centric** - focusing on hearing the needs and voices of both directly impacted and indirectly impacted Calgarians.
- **Accountable** - upholding the commitments that The City makes to Calgarians and other interested and impacted parties by demonstrating that the results and outcomes of the engagement processes are consistent with the approved plans for engagement.
- **Inclusive** - making best efforts to reach, involve and hear from those who are impacted directly or indirectly.
- **Committed** - allocating sufficient time and resources for effective engagement of citizens and interest-holders.
- **Responsive** - acknowledging Calgarian's and other interested and impacted parties' concerns; and
- **Transparent** - providing clear and complete information around decision processes, procedures, and constraints.

The City's commitment to transparent and inclusive engagement processes is outlined in the [Engage Policy \(CS009\)](#).

Appendix D: Explanation – Research versus Engagement

Engagement is a professional discipline that incorporates a variety of methodologies to gather people's opinions and views on specific issues or topics, to provide information for decision making. Engagement often involves two-way dialogues or conversations with the objective of gaining a deeper understanding of the issues.

Unlike Research, Engagement opportunities are inclusive and usually open to all interested parties who would like to have a say about the issue or topic at hand. The outputs of Engagement activities are descriptive and provide a deeper understanding of the views and sentiments of the participants. The nature of these inclusive techniques mean that information collected is directional and, as with qualitative research, cannot be generalized to the larger population.

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The City has a six-step process for engagement with citizens:

1. Assess the need for engagement.
 2. Develop a plan – determine engagement roadmap and budget.
 3. Tell the story – create content to inform and educate interest-holders.
 4. Raise awareness – promote opportunities for interest-holders to participate.
 5. Connect – open opportunities for interest-holders to provide input.
 6. Report back and evaluate – loop back to share what was heard and what was done with stakeholder input.
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 - Engagement is not meant to be a representative sample of interest-holders while quantitative Research methodologies are designed so that the data collected from a randomly selected sample of individuals is considered to be statistically representative of the larger population.
 - Research seeks answers to questions that are important to The City and looks to represent the views of Calgary's population using analytical and statistical methods. Engagement seeks feedback on issues that are important to citizen groups and looks to reflect perspectives of those citizens that are most interested or impacted by City activities.