

Summary of Public Engagement

What we heard from the Telephone Survey

A representative telephone survey of 504 Calgarians was fielded by Harris Decima from 2015 November 24 to 2015 December 6. The survey results represent the views of Calgarians with a ± 4.4 per cent margin of error at a 95 per cent confidence level.

- **General support?** *Seventy two per cent* are supportive of sports ramps being on residential properties. The main benefits included sports ramps as a tool to promote physical activity and entertain youth.
- **Rules and standards?** When asked if there should be rules and standards to regulate sports ramps, *75 per cent* said yes. Reasons mentioned include preventing injury, controlling the size, parameters around night time use, and location of structures in proximity to fences and/or homes.
- **Noise?** *Seventy four per cent* are comfortable with sports ramps in their neighbourhood, assuming that noise would be restricted between 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. on weekdays and Saturdays, and 10 p.m. to 9 a.m. on Sundays and statutory holidays. *Twelve per cent* of Calgarians surveyed said sport ramp noise would be disruptive.
- **Development Permit?** *Sixty per cent* agree a development permit should be required for a sports ramp on a residential property, and of those, the reasons given included to ensure consistent standards (39%), to reduce risk of injury (20%), to allow community involvement and opinion (7%), and to reduce noise concerns (7%).
- **Size limits?** *Fifty nine per cent* surveyed consider the proposed size [1.5 meters (5 ft) high x 5 metres (16 ft) wide x 6 metres (20 ft) long] to be appropriate. Of those who consider the size inappropriate (28%), 15% suggest it is too large and 2% too small.

Opinions on the three Notice of Motion questions include:

- Overall, a small majority (59 per cent) of residents consider the maximum size proposed in the Notice of Motion as appropriate on residential properties.
- When asked if a development permit should be required, a small majority (60 percent) of residents said yes. Thirty-nine per cent thought a permit would ensure that any standards or regulations that are developed will be consistent across properties. There is a clear preference for ramps to be in the back yard. Respondents were not generally supportive of sports ramps attached to garages, houses or fences.
- Seventy four per cent are comfortable with residential sports ramps, assuming that noise would be restricted between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. on weekdays and 10 p.m. and 9 a.m. on weekends.

What we heard from Online Engagement

The online survey resulted in a total of 1931 completed responses. Results from open surveys are a collection of opinions and perceptions from interested or potentially affected citizens, and not a statistically representative sample of all Calgarians. The themed findings suggest:

- Participants generally agreed (*74 per cent*) that sports ramps should be allowed on residential property, and the same percentage were not concerned about noise coming from those ramps. Among those who indicated concern about noise, the common concern was late night noise level.
- Participants are generally comfortable (*58 per cent*) with the proposed maximum size. Of those who were not comfortable, there was an approximate split between avid users who felt the maximum size was too small and property owners who felt the maximum size was too large to be acceptable.

- More than half of the participants (63 per cent) said a Development Permit should not be needed.

What we heard from Pop-up and Open House Engagement

The Pop-up Engagement visited Shaw Millennium Park, CKE Skatespot, and Westside Recreation Centre and engaged younger skateboarders and their parents through a series of informal conversations intended to explore if there is a gap in City amenities that sports ramps on private property might fill. The input suggests:

- ramps on residential properties would be beneficial to younger/new users who are learning/developing skills,
- the parents highlighted that they were worried about safety and were there to support and keep an eye on things.

The Open House Engagement targeted all demographics and focused on the benefits and drawbacks associated with allowing ramps on private residential property, maximum size of ramp envelope, acceptable noise limits, location of ramps and permits.

The input suggests:

- that ramps on residential property are supported,
- the proposed maximum size was not fully supported because of noise/privacy concerns,
- ramps should be located in back yards – especially larger ramps;
- further input included comments focused on noise issue enforcement, imposing possible time limits, ensuring neighbour privacy, property owner rights and liability, and
- opinions are equally divided on concerns related to noise within allowable limits.