

# District of Squamish 2012 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

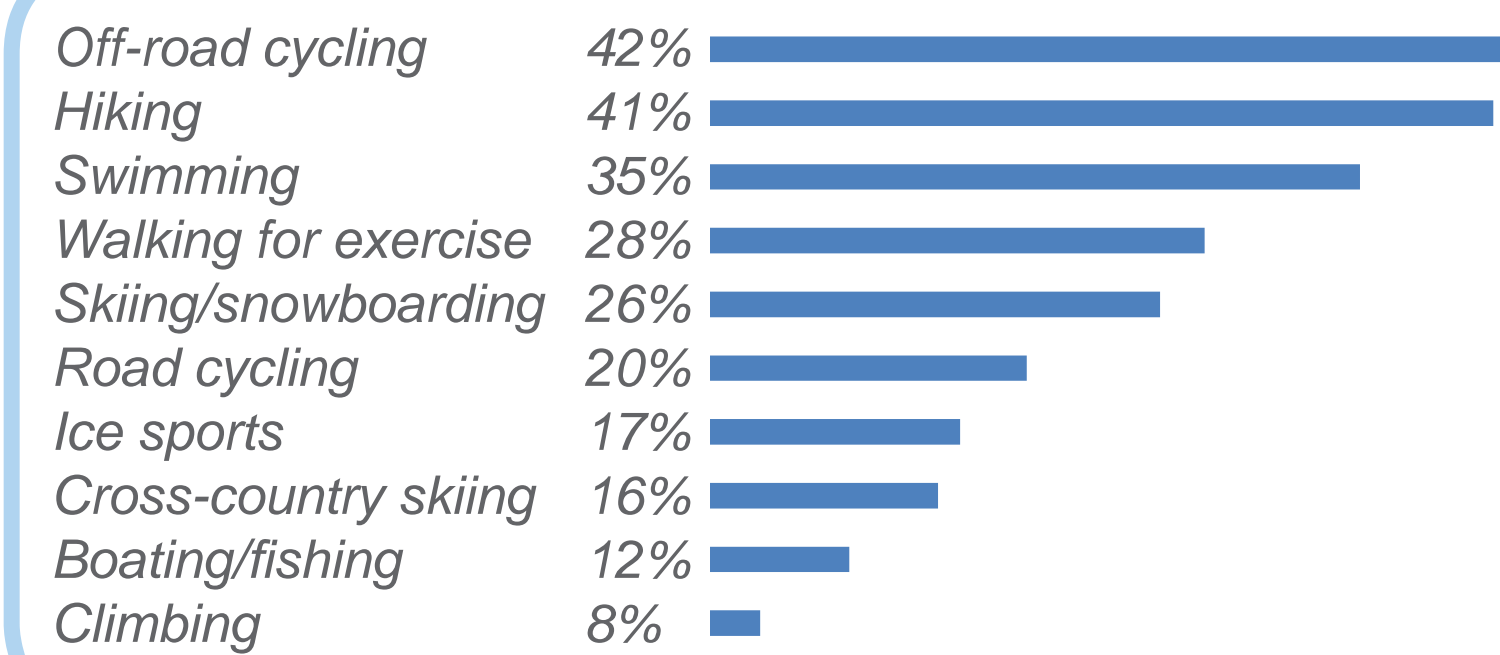
## SPORT, HEALTH + WELLNESS

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Is the sports field allocation process working? How can it be improved?
2. How should the recreation department support popular activities?
  - Entry level, advanced, or all levels?
  - Provide programs internally or partner with local organizations/businesses?
3. How can the connection with the “outdoor recreation” brand be improved?
4. Should the recreation department incorporate national athletic development principles?
  - “Canadian Sport for Life”
  - “Long-Term Athletic Development”
5. What indoor and outdoor spaces are needed to support the large number of young children? What can be provided for parents to help them stay active in recreation, too?
6. What linkages and partnerships can be developed? (local organizations, athletes, businesses, health providers, etc.)

### Top 10 Recreation Activities\*

\*Phone Survey by Mustel Group



### Children / Youth

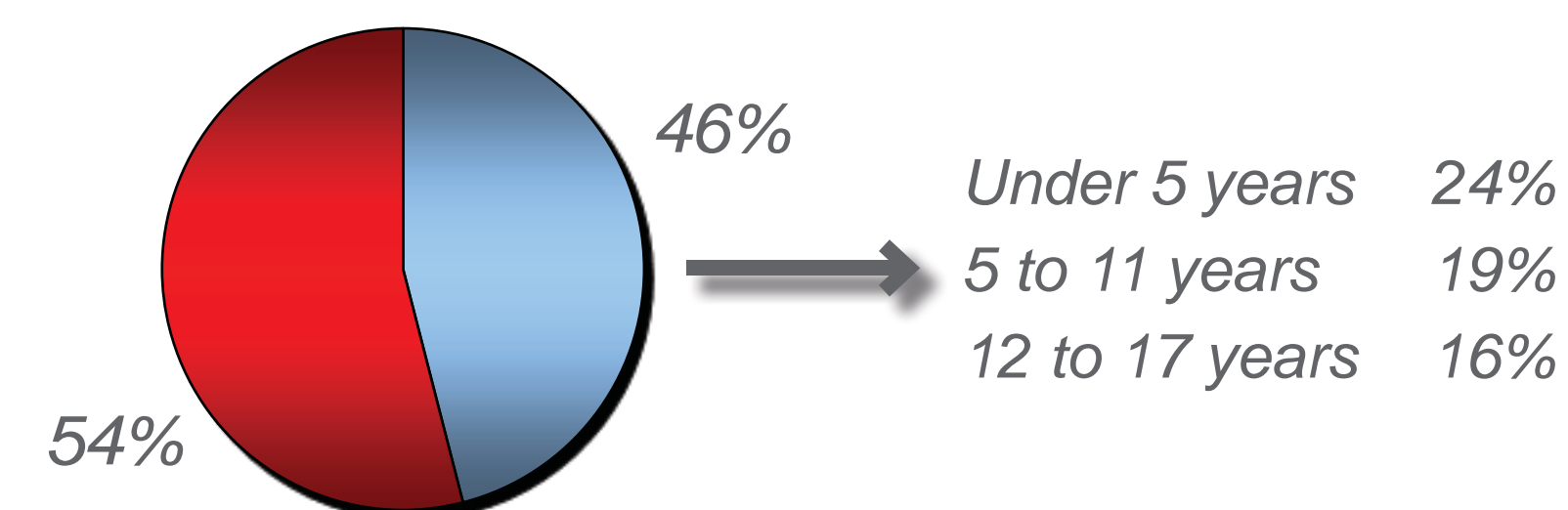
#### Top 10 Activities for Kids:

- Swimming
- Soccer
- Skiing/snowboarding
- Ice sports
- Off-road cycling
- Road cycling
- Cross country skiing
- Hiking
- Dance
- Baseball

#### COMMENTS:

- need more activities for children/youth
- playgrounds: more, better, improve maintenance, new options

#### Households with Children:



### Satisfaction with Indoor Facilities

	Total Satisfied	Total Dissatisfied
Brennan Park swimming pool	89%	7%
Brennan Park Recreation Centre	83%	12%
Brennan Park ice arena	71%	16%
Senior's Centre	68%	17%
Recreation programs for children	77%	17%
Youth programs	65%	21%
After school care programs	43%	25%

### Satisfaction with Indoor Opportunities

	Phone Survey	Paper + Online Survey
SATISFIED	71%	34%
DISSATISFIED	13%	30%

### Indoor Themes

#### Phone Survey Responses:

1. Lack of public/rec centre fitness/workout facilities - 33%
2. Need a multiplex recreation centre - 24%
3. More ice/rink time - 19%
4. Not enough programs for youth/children - 11%
5. Not enough programs in general - 9%

#### Phone/Online Survey Responses:

- Lack of public / recreation centre fitness/workout facilities (45 in favor / 3 opposed)
- Indoor space for soccer, climbing, biking, skateboarding, horseback riding, lacrosse, roller derby, inline hockey, wheelchair rugby, track, etc
- More ice/rink time / need another skating rink
- Brennan Park upgrades (pool, changerooms)
- Not enough classes and not enough variety (dance, aquafit, aboriginal activities, pilates, yoga, aerobics)
- Need more flexibility in scheduling (later evenings, drop-in, open gym, better communication)
- Add more non-competitive/recreational sports leagues
- Indoor bike skills park / pump track
- Not enough squash courts, indoor tennis
- Curling rink upgrades



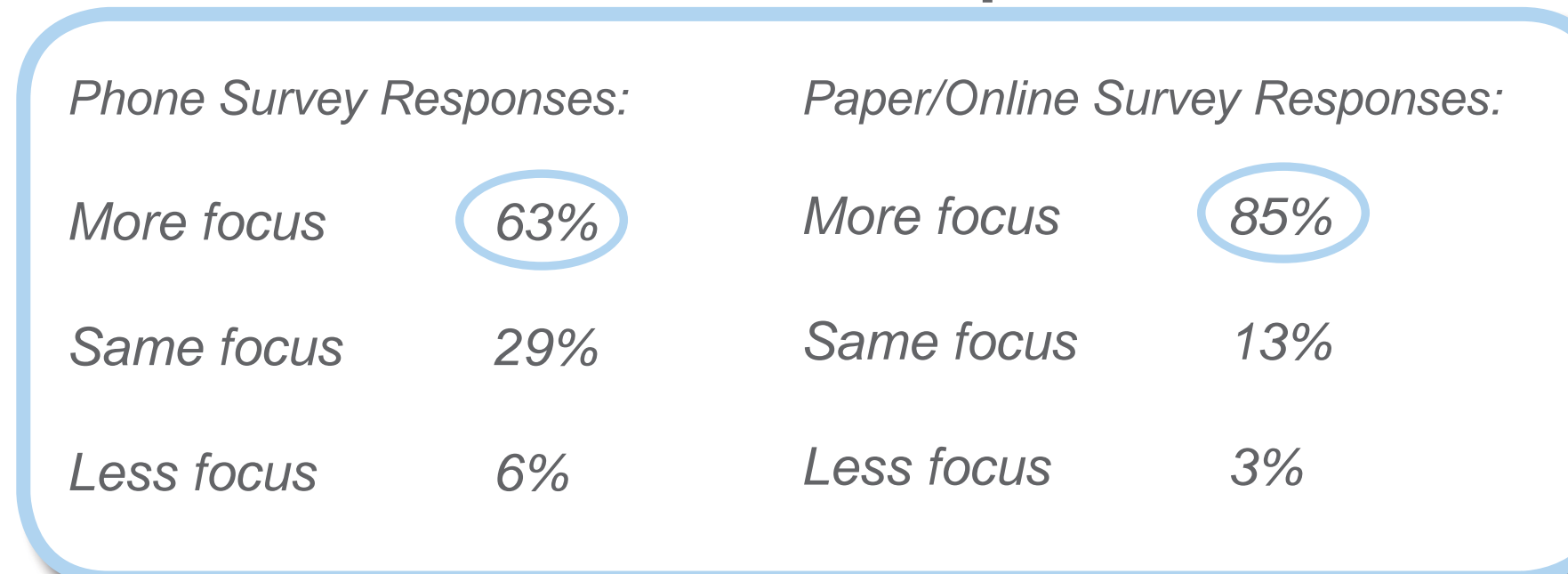
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## EVENTS + ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

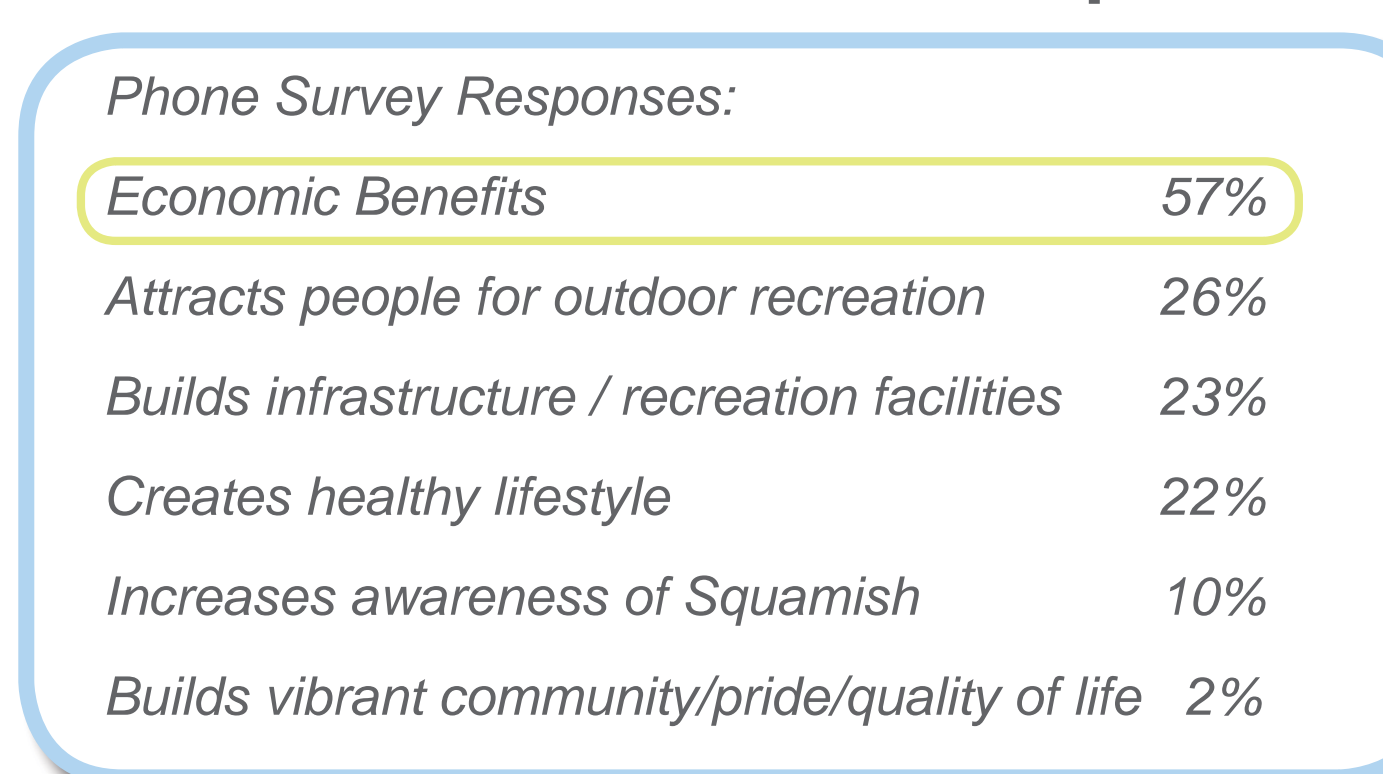
### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What should be the priority events for the District in the short term? New events? What about long-term goals?
2. What are the main issues and challenges with existing events? What could make them better and appeal to a wider variety of people?
3. If the District assigns designated staff to work on events planning, coordination, communication, and support of events and volunteers, what do you believe the key roles and priorities should be?
4. Do you see a need for new facilities to host these type of events? What do you think of a new events site somewhere other than Brennan Park?
5. What is the role of Logger Sports Days? Are there upgrades or changes to the existing site that could allow for other uses at other times of the year?
6. Could the Logger Sports event be better accommodated at a new multipurpose venue?
7. Should the District integrate private service providers directly into recreation facilities?

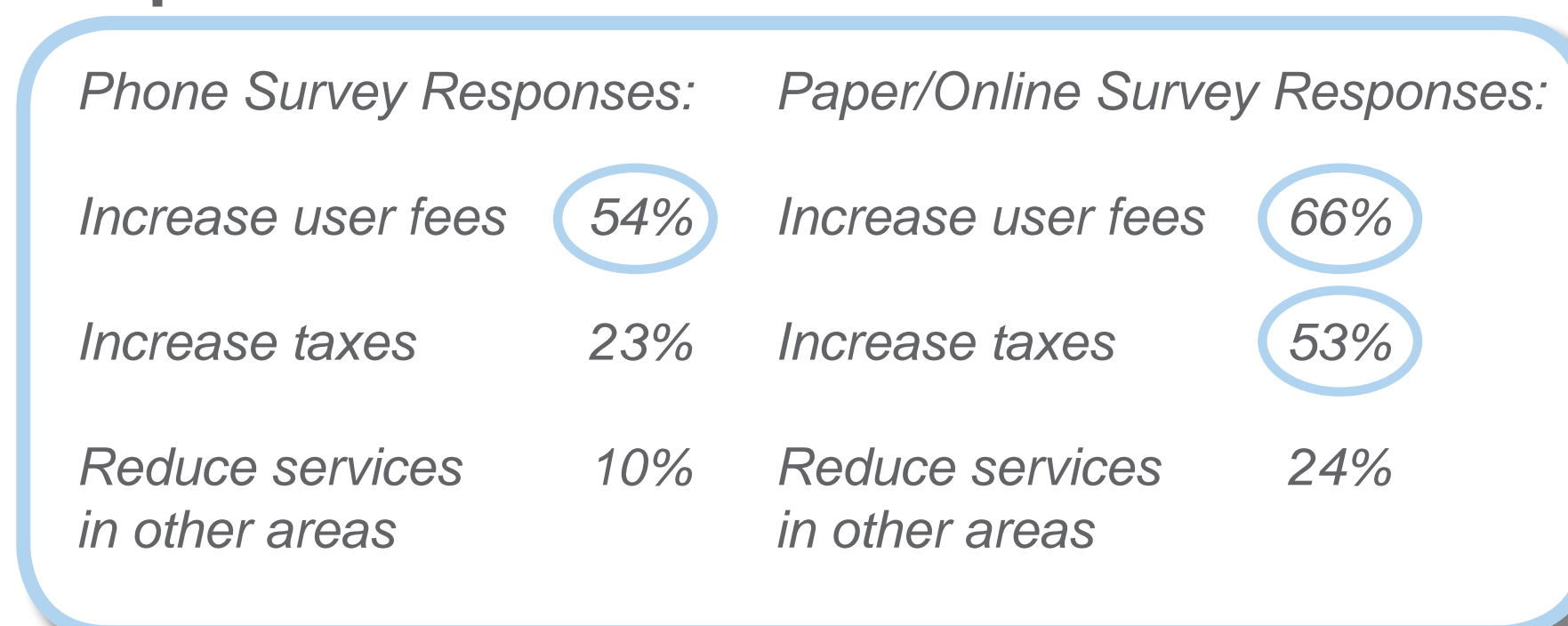
### Support for promoting Squamish as the "Outdoor Recreation Capital of Canada"



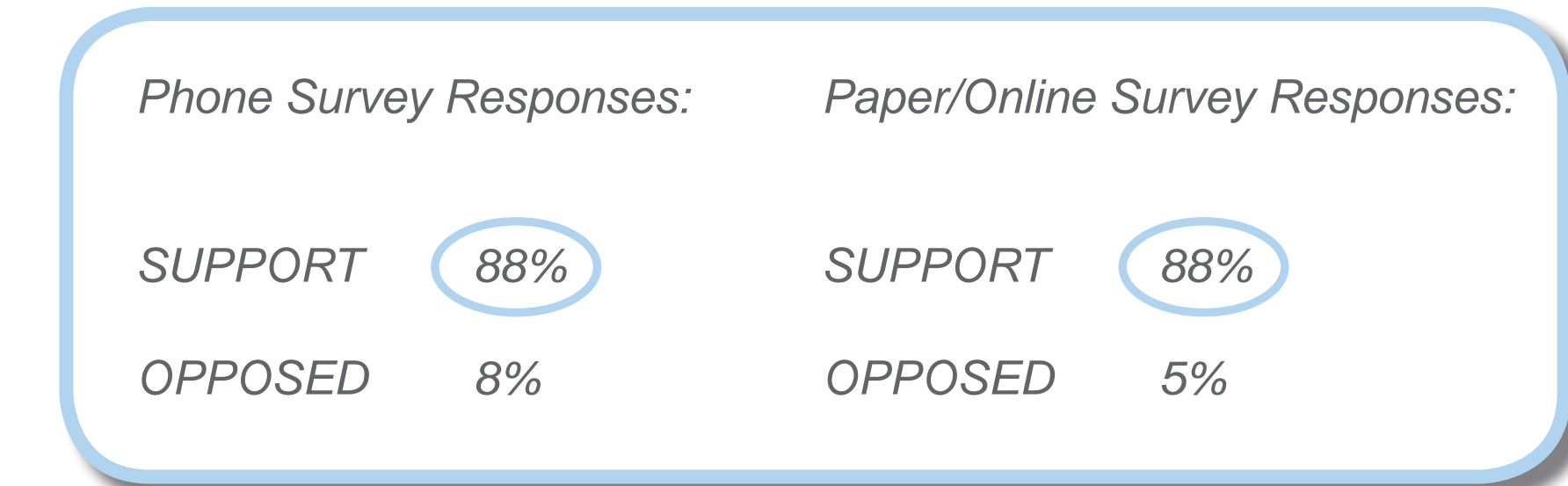
### Benefits of promoting Squamish as the "Outdoor Recreation Capital of Canada"



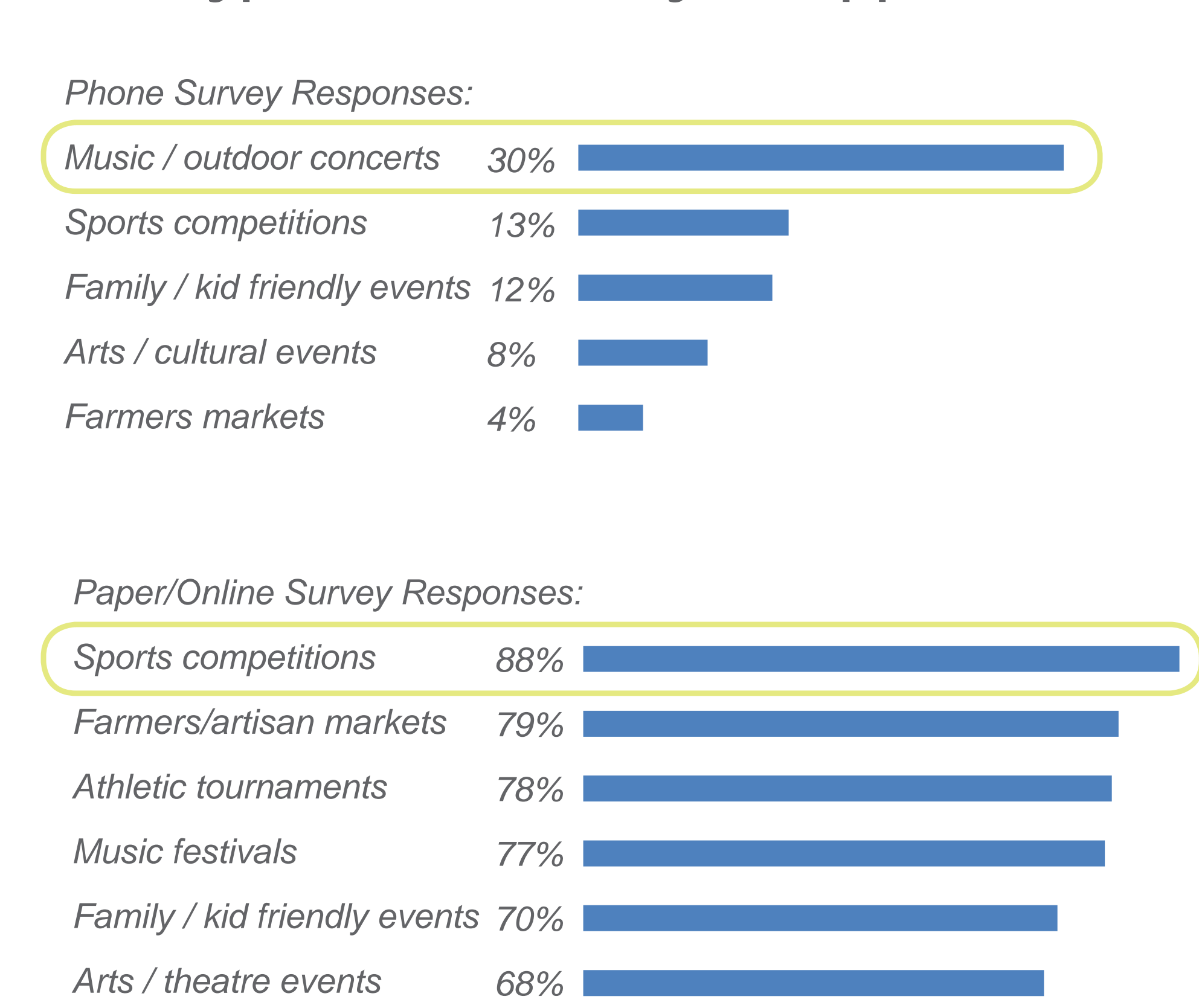
### How should the District pay for new or improved facilities?



### Do you support hosting large events?



### What type of events do you support?



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## PARKS, TRAILS, ENVIRONMENT, WATERFRONT, SMOKE BLUFFS

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Site-specific improvement plan are needed for the Estuary, Training Dyke/Howe Sound water sports precinct, and the Squamish River corridor. Which should have priority? How should these sites be developed?
2. How has the Smoke Bluffs Development Plan worked so far? Is it time to re-evaluate or reinvigorate the planning and implementation process? What's next?
3. What is the future of Brennan Park? Should it be devoted to long-term growth of community athletic infrastructure?
4. Do you have any suggestions for immediate maintenance and renewal at the existing parks?
5. What is the potential for developing neighbourhood interest groups or stewardship groups? What kind of resources should the District contribute to these kinds of efforts?
6. Should the District hold on to land indefinitely, for possible future use, or should selected sites be sold if favourable economic circumstances arise? What kind of criteria should be used to make this kind of decision?

### Satisfaction with Outdoor Facilities

	Total Satisfied	Total Dissatisfied
Walking trails	94%	3%
Bike trails	90%	6%
Parks and open space	87%	11%
Outdoor sports fields	81%	10%
Tennis Courts	62%	18%
Facilities for ocean sports	44%	34%
Childrens playgrounds	80%	13%

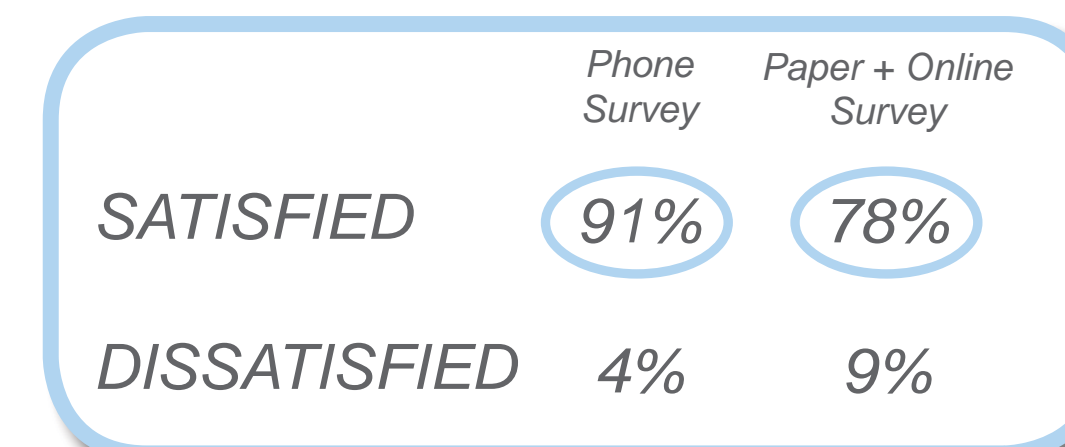
### Most important natural areas

- Alice Lake
- Smoke Bluffs
- The Chief
- The Estuary
- Lakes and Rivers
- Provincial Parks
- Brohm Lake
- Trail system
- Nexen Beach
- Paradise Valley
- Judd Beach
- The Spit
- Brackendale Eagles
- Waterfront
- Forests/Old Growth Forests
- Garibaldi Springs

### Brennan Park



### Satisfaction with Outdoor Opportunities



### Outdoor Themes

#### Phone Survey Responses:

1. Sports fields improvement/more - 15%
2. Bike trails improvement/more - 11%
3. Water/waterfront/beach access - 11%
4. More activities for children/youth - 7%
5. More parks / dog parks - 7%

### Smoke Bluffs



#### Paper/Online Survey Responses:

##### FIELDS

- improve grass field conditions
- new turf field
- more ball/soccer fields
- lighting

##### TRAILS

- concern over access
- maintenance improvements
- need support from the District: maintenance, securing access, investment/funding support, support volunteers, prioritize trails
- dog leasing regulations/trail etiquette
- direct routes and paved trails connecting neighbourhoods
- multi-use trails (mountain biking, dirt bikes, trials, horseback riding, dog walking, walking, etc)

##### WATERFRONT

- better access (community boat storage, better launching area for kayaks, canoes, wind sports, paddle boarding, etc)
- promote tourism / economic development
- Improve oceanfront park and trails

### Waterfront

