

NEIGHBOURHOOD NOOKS

Public Engagement Summary

The District of Squamish engaged residents and community groups about 12 new weather protected spaces proposed across the community. The goal was to get feedback about where to place the new structures within each of the proposed parks, as well as to learn more about which design features should be included to ensure that each space meets the needs of the neighbourhood it will serve.

The engagement ran from June 9 - July 4, 2022. Residents were able to provide ideas and ask questions using an online mapping tool hosted on LetsTalkSquamish.ca. District staff also hosted 11 pop-ups at each of the proposed locations to meet with residents in-person and learn about their ideas for the new spaces. Below is a summary of the feedback received for each of the proposed locations and a list of the community groups that were engaged.

COMMUNITY GROUP ENGAGEMENT

OurSquamish
55 Centre
Business Improvement Association
School District 48
SORCA
Chamber of Commerce
Youth Council
Tourism of Squamish
Smoke Bluffs Committee
Squamish Arts Council

GARIBALDI ELEMENTARY

DATE	June 21, 2022 3p.m.-4:30p.m.
PEOPLE	12
DEMOGRAPHIC	2 SD48 / 3 highschool students / 3 parents / 2 biker parents / 1 SORCA / 1 Lets Talk Online
COMMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Great for highschool students near bus stop drop off/pick up ○ Great for bike users, school and camp drop off pick up ○ Could be located near the existing bike facilities ○ People already “hang out” on school grounds, use would be closer to street and safer. ○ Would like hooks in structure for umbrellas, coats school bags. ○ Would like to see benches over picnic tables. ○ Concern for climbing of the structure if gaps are too big. ○ Concern that it would encourage bikers to linger on school grounds. ○ Prefer to see the structure walls more open. ○ Need a garbage can. ○ Prefer to see more open design with larger roof overhangs. Design resembles a pallet. ○ Like location in front of school. ○ Can be used by parents to wait both for school and bike camp pickup.
OUTCOMES	
TABLE/BENCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Built in cedar bench was preferred but was too costly for project budget. Structure will include a picnic table.
MATERIAL FINISH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Natural cedar stain (could be painted) and standard charcoal metal roof
WALLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Good visibility on site, normal wood sides. Wood gaps not large enough for climbing.
LOCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two location options were explored, option 1 chosen.
ADDITIONAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hooks will be added for umbrellas, bags, coats ○ Ramp to be considered at this location if budget allows.
OTHER COMMENTS	
SORCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communication delivered to SORCA on the need for better no parking signs on school grounds to address conflicts with school drop off.. ○ Existing SORCA signage may need to be moved. ○ Expressed option to add Public Art if desired/funding available.
SCHOOL DISTRICT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Initial support from School Board pending official board meeting in September. Will be built as a temporary structure until official approval is granted. ○ Expressed option to add Public Art if desired/funding available ○ Need for garbage can expressed (none near by).

GARIBALDI ELEMENTARY LOCATION:



LOCATION 1



LOCATION 2

PAT GOODE PARK	
DATE	June 21, 2022 5 - 6p.m.
PEOPLE	5
DEMOGRAPHIC	All dog walkers
COMMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 supportive, 2 expressed concern for unwanted use. ○ Dark green colour roof to match the existing park features. ○ Keep siding natural. ○ Open side panels more, overhead lighting not enough to deter unwanted use. ○ Bad drainage in park, location will need to be in elevated location.
OUTCOMES	
TABLE/BENCH	○ Picnic table
MATERIAL FINISH	○ Natural cedar stain and green metal roof to match play area.
WALLS	○ Wood slat openings at sides to promote visibility inside the structure.
LOCATION	○ Orientation to open towards park and parallel with trail.
ADDITIONAL FEATURES	○ No ramp at this location.
OTHER COMMENTS	
PUBLIC WORKS	○ Comments delivered to Public Works regarding drainage concerns and to review if existing lights work or need repair.

PAT GOODE LOCATION:



EAGLE RUN PARK	
DATE	June 22, 2022 5 - 6 p.m.
PEOPLE	17
DEMOGRAPHIC	4 Kids / 5 young families / 7 dog walkers & surrounding owners / 1 Lets Talk Online
COMMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Large need and support from young families ○ 1 person sees no need ○ Don't put in field used for sports and dogs ○ Under willow tree or closer to light near park. ○ If located near park don't place it too close to the hill section. ○ Community board needed, closest one at crab apple. ○ Concern for teenagers, beer cans already left in and around park. ○ Consider lighting in the structure. ○ Keep structure open to park, keep one side open. ○ Okay with graffiti, but support public art instead. ○ Would support community painting of the structure. ○ Would like to see BBQ pit by shelter.
OUTCOME	
TABLE/BENCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Picnic table
MATERIAL FINISH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Natural cedar stain (Future painted option) and green metal roof to match play area.
WALLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wood slat openings at sides to promote visibility inside the structure.
LOCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Orientation on angle to open up to play park but also stay open to townhome strata lanes and park trail.
ADDITIONAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Board to be considered at this location if budget allows. ○ No ramp at this location.
OTHER COMMENTS	
SQUAMISH ART COUNCIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communication given to Art Council for consideration of a future art project offering a stencil art piece where the community can come together to help paint the structure.
PUBLIC WORKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communication given to Public works to add a garbage can near the play park and to check if overhead lights work or need replacement.

EAGLE RUN LOCATION:



EAGLEWIND PARK

DATE	June 23, 2022 5 - 6 p.m.
PEOPLE	15
DEMOGRAPHIC	5 young families / 2 teenagers / 5 dog walkers / 2 Lets Talk online / 1 email comment
COMMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ All supportive of idea○ Open to both cedar look and painted option○ Green roof to match playground○ Windows at top, but not too much to still protect from sun○ Afternoon sun is very hot, needs to be at the south end of park○ Supports the idea of trees○ Picnic table most needed○ Will be used for day care groups and for coffee group meet up locations○ Concern for unwanted use from parking lot extending to shelter causing drugs and needles in park.○ Concern for structures already in Eaglewind not being maintained.
OUTCOME	
TABLE/BENCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Picnic table
MATERIAL FINISH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Natural cedar stain and green metal roof to match play area.
WALLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Wood slat openings at sides to promote visibility inside the structure.
LOCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Orientation on angle in line with existing park frame angle. Open up to play park but also stay open to park trail.
ADDITIONAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ No ramp at this location.
OTHER COMMENTS	
PUBLIC WORKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Notified about concern for maintenance needs of existing structures in Eaglewind Park area.

EAGLEWIND LOCATION:



SMOKE BLUFFS PARK

DATE	June 25, 2022 11 - 12p.m.
PEOPLE	17
DEMOGRAPHIC	1 teenager / 3 families / 1 biker / 4 climbers / 1 dog walker / 1 cyclist / 6 tourists / 1 email comment
COMMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Would like to see shelter located away from homes to reduce noise○ Picnic table preferred○ Game board would be welcomed○ Keep natural look○ Will be well used○ Tourist/hikers could use shelter on hot days○ Shelter needed for climbers to get out of sun.○ Not too close to outhouse, can get stinky
OUTCOME	
TABLE/BENCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Picnic table
MATERIAL FINISH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Natural cedar stain and standard charcoal metal roof.
WALLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Wood slat openings at sides to promote visibility inside the structure.
LOCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Two location options were explored, option 2 chosen.○ Orientation tight to existing park, leave minimum 3.5m clear gravel area for trucks to pass through park.
ADDITIONAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ramp to be considered at this location if budget allows.
OTHER COMMENTS	
PUBLIC WORKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Gravel fill needed to support new pathway around structure and help fill in slope.

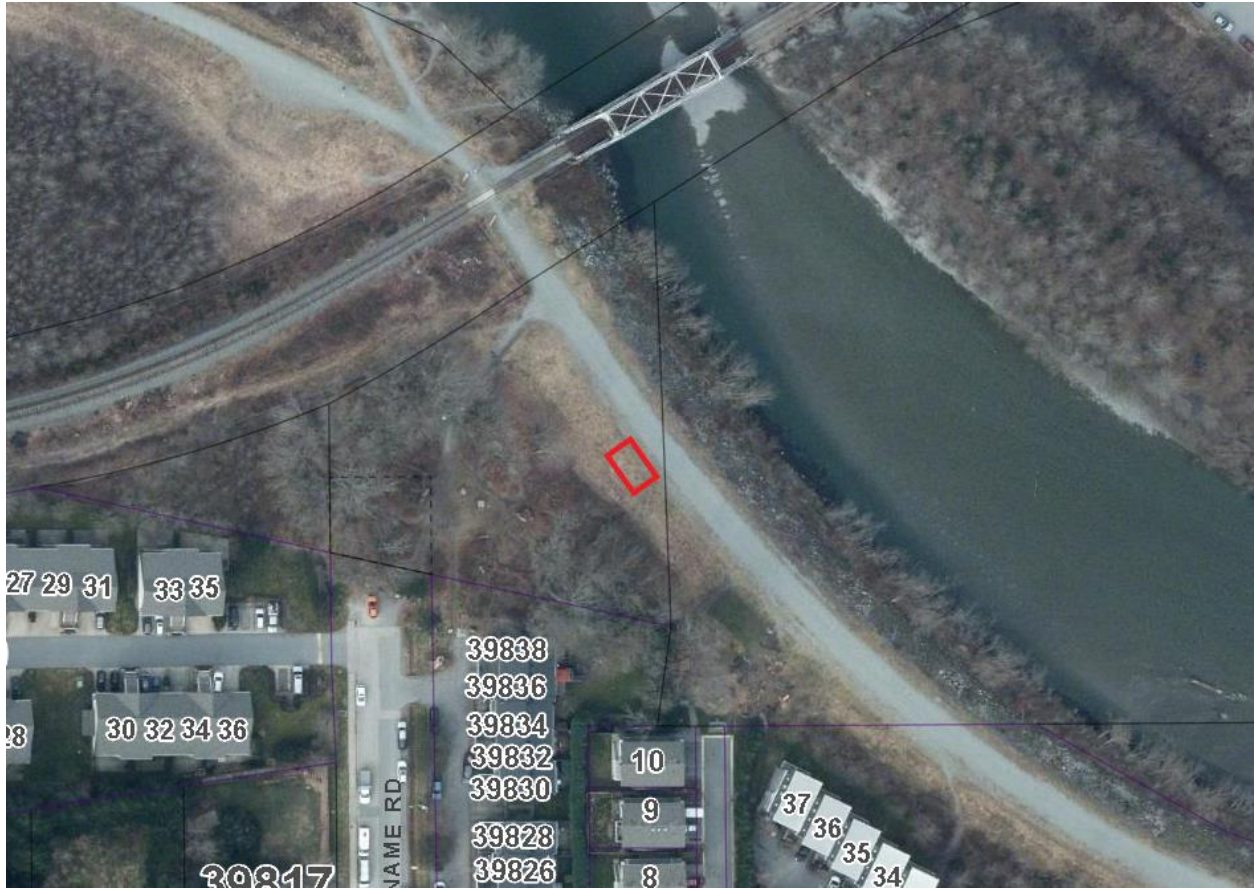
SMOKE BLUFFS LOCATION:



NO NAME RD DIKE PATH

DATE	June 27, 2022 5 - 6 p.m.
PEOPLE	14
DEMOGRAPHIC	1 young families / 1 runner / 6 dog walkers / 5 local owners
COMMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All supportive of idea ○ Off leash dog concern at dike entrance from no name rd. Entrance is too busy and not a good location. ○ Supportive of location between existing play structure area and dike entrance. ○ People meet at “the tracks”, new structure could become the new meeting spot. ○ Locating it closer to the river may attract more unwanted use. ○ Would love to see a game board ○ Would need a garbage can to reduce litter. ○ Great trail stop for dog walkers but also for breastfeeding and changing diapers. ○ Some concerns locating it too close to playground and having it feel part of the park and not part of the dike trail. ○ Lots of rain and wind, will need side protection. ○ Angle it slightly off trail to frame the mountain views. ○ Keep wood / natural aesthetic ○ Most people are dog walkers, no need for bike hooks. ○ Concern it may become a smoking spot/hang out area. ○ No issues with the existing covered structure in the play area.
OUTCOME	
TABLE/BENCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Picnic table, built in games table if budget allows.
MATERIAL FINISH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Natural cedar stain and standard charcoal metal roof.
WALLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wood slat openings at sides to promote visibility inside the structure.
LOCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Located on south side of dike trail in hard level grass area. Not on dike trail. ○ Orientation on angle from trail slightly to support mountain views. (see image below)
ADDITIONAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Game board to be considered at this location if budget allows ○ Ramp or crushed gravel to be leveled at this location if budget allows.
OTHER COMMENTS	
PUBLIC WORKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communication to budget for a garbage bin for this location.

NO NAME RD. LOCATION:



GARIBALDI POCKET PARK

DATE	June 22, 2022 12 - 1 p.m.
PEOPLE	20-25
DEMOGRAPHIC	employees/ locals/ architect/ food truck owner / shoppers / cyclist /
COMMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Positive feedback, good area for this use, great to add food trucks, space doesn't get used and should be. ○ Consider porta potty, public drinking water, electrical for food truck, future climbing wall element for children play. ○ 16" picnic table would make for a good gathering space. ○ Local who lives in area would use it for lunch, bring grand kids here to play while she shops. ○ Activated greenspace in this area would be good. ○ Security guard (part of lions club) would bring a BBQ for social gatherings. ○ Structure needs more colour. ○ Independent employee has to sit outside in the back laneway alone for lunch and this would be a much more enjoyable location. ○ Concern for homeless people, will needle disposal be available? ○ Get rid of rocks on the side as they make it hard to get into the grass space. ○ Add bike hub. Closest is Tantalus and golf course. ○ Would use it for lunch. ○ Consider lawn mowing. ○ Design should reflect desired path of travel. ○ Food trucks should consider organic, recycling garbage collection. ○ Sikh community uses this area and need somewhere to sit. ○ Lighting will help animate the space at night to avoid unwanted use. ○ Consider trimming hedge and removing bike blockers, overly inconvenient and difficult to navigate for strollers and bikes. ○ Food truck owner loved the idea and would move his truck to the new location.
CONSTRUCTION COMMENTS	
TABLE/BENCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Picnic table
MATERIAL FINISH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Natural cedar stain and standard charcoal metal roof.
WALLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wood slat openings at sides to promote visibility inside the structure.
LOCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flat grassy area. ○ Orientation on angle from sidewalk to allow for opening towards open grass space.
ADDITIONAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Game board to be considered at this location if budget allows. ○ Ramp not necessary at this location as accessible seating would be provided by OurSquamish structure. ○ Add stepping stones or crushed gravel to connect to sidewalk.
OTHER COMMENTS	
PUBLIC WORKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Future location to support power and water connections.
SQUAMISH ART COUNCIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communication given to Art Council for consideration of a future art project.
OURSQUAMISH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Future works by OurSquamish to add another structure, seating and landscaping to come in the future.

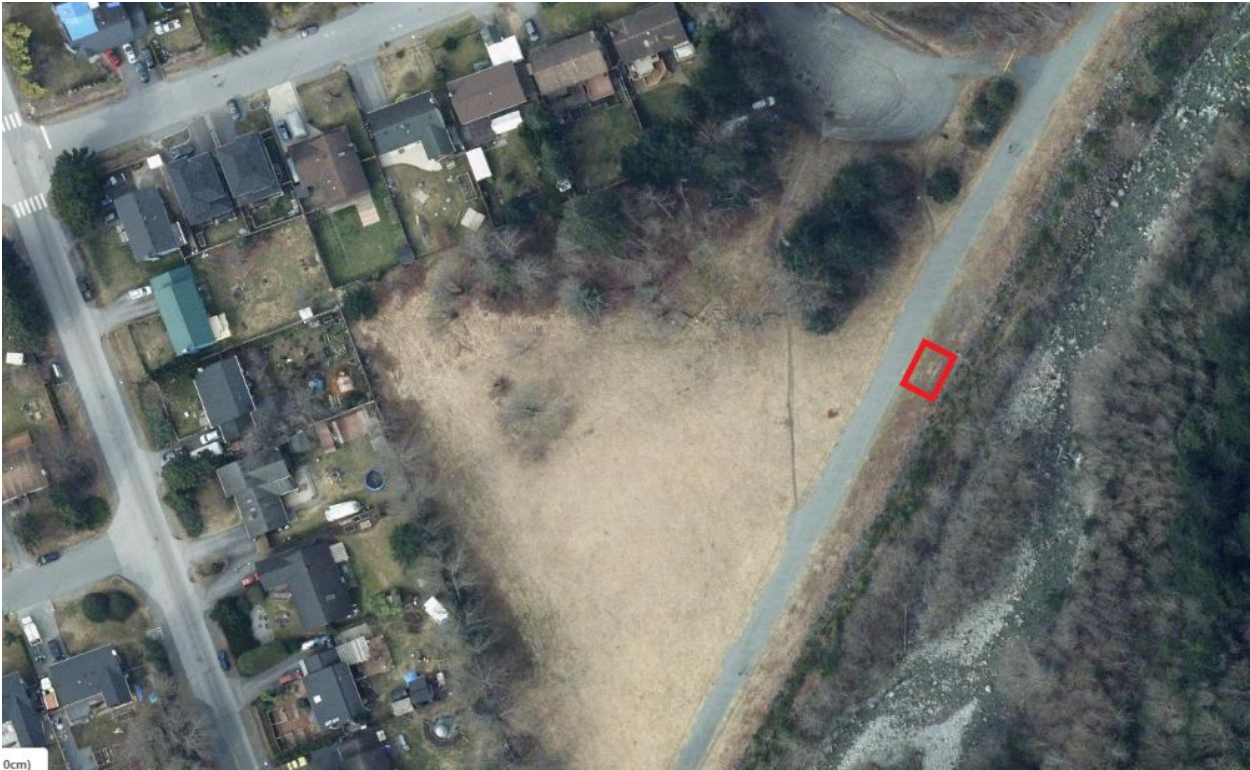
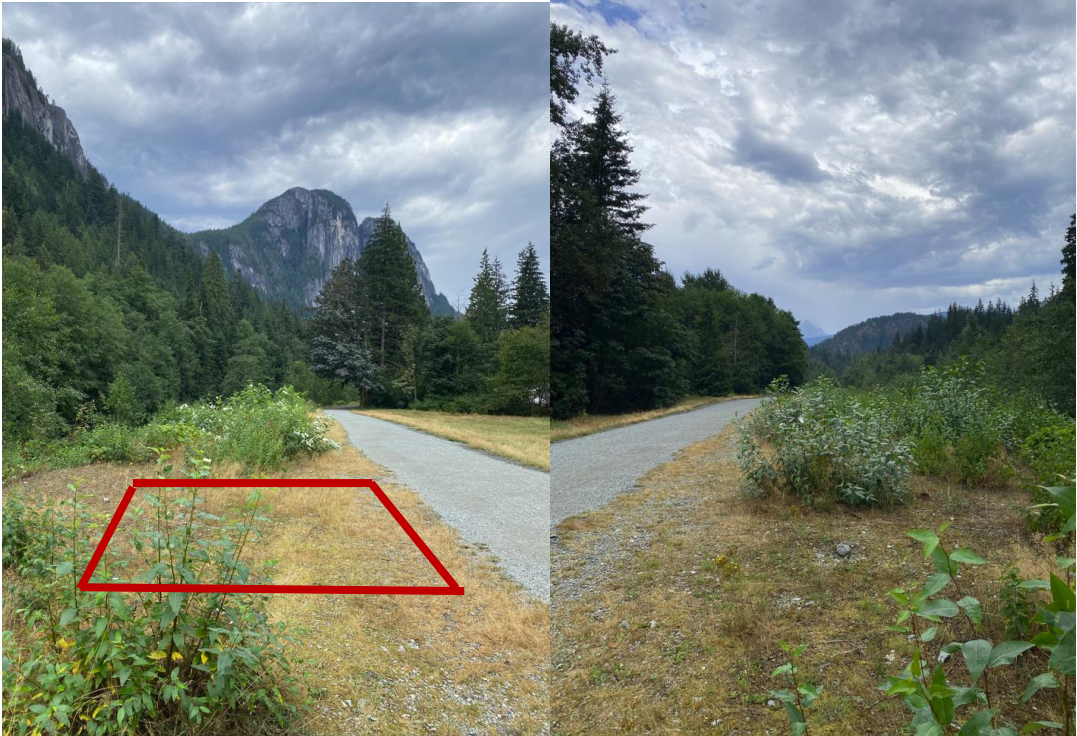
GARIBALDI POCKET PARK LOCATION:



VALLEYCLIFFE DIKE PATH

DATE	June 26, 2022 11 - 12 p.m.
PEOPLE	8
DEMOGRAPHIC	7 dog walkers / 1 Lets Talk online comment
COMMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ All supportive of idea, but several suggested location change to John Hunter Park location instead.○ Supportive as a rest stop for dog walkers○ John Hunter Park is great for dogs, would be nice to have somewhere to sit and watch them play.○ Park used for Search and Rescue helicopter, don't put structure in the middle of the field.○ Better to have the structure on the dike than in the park, can be used by more trail users.○ Great stop for young kids.
OUTCOME	
TABLE/BENCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Picnic table.
MATERIAL FINISH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Natural cedar stain and standard charcoal metal roof
WALLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Wood slat openings at sides to promote visibility inside the structure.
LOCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Located on the east side of dike trail in hard level grass area where opening in vegetation is already present. Minimal impact to existing vegetation.
ADDITIONAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ramp not considered at this location.
OTHER COMMENTS	
PUBLIC WORKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Communication to budget for a garbage bin for this location.

VALLEYCLIFFE DIKE LOCATION:



BRENNAN PARK	
DATE	June 22, 2022 5- 6 p.m.
PEOPLE	5
DEMOGRAPHIC	1 runner / 1 cyclist (parent & kid) / 1 teenager / 1 skate park user / 1 SORCA member
COMMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All supportive of structure. ○ Varied support for location of structure. Some support on the corridor trail, others prefer to see closer to sport fields, or support for location near skate and bike park. ○ Existing trees along corridor trail, prefer to see in open exposed area. ○ Trees are good for shade but no coverage from rain. ○ Location near skate park would be good for birthday parties. ○ SORCA proposing to build a larger covered structure in new bike park design, structure could be moved once this structure is built.
CONSTRUCTION COMMENTS	
TABLE/BENCH	○ Picnic table
MATERIAL FINISH	○ Natural cedar stain and standard charcoal metal roof.
WALLS	○ Wood slat openings at sides to promote visibility inside the structure.
LOCATION	○ Several locations were reviewed. Flat area in front of public work gate near skate park was considered the best location.
ADDITIONAL FEATURES	○ No ramp at this location.
OTHER COMMENTS	
PUBLIC WORKS	○ Confirmed with public works that location won't impede maintenance. Access can be by trail, bollard is removable.
SORCA	○ Communication sent to SORCA regarding structure location.

BRENNAN PARK LOCATION:



BLUE JAY WAY PARK	
DATE	June 20, 2022 5 - 6 p.m.
PEOPLE	20+
DEMOGRAPHIC	Several adjacent and surrounding residents / a few young families / local childcare owners / +7 Lets Talk online & emails
COMMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wants a larger park plan before more elements are added to park. ○ Unhappy with recent random benches and trees, needs a larger plan. Concern for size of tree installed without spikes and water bags. ○ Dislike for the design and look of the structures, not in keeping with neighbourhood style, would prefer a gazebo style without walls. ○ Some expressed the need for a play park at this location, others expressed concern for a play park at this location and to leave the area as is. ○ Need for a covered shelter in the community. ○ General support for the value of covered structures. ○ A shelter design should be part of a larger park design. ○ Concern for vandalism and unwanted use. ○ Concern for maintenance, as public works has not heard community concerns with past requests. ○ Park needs a fence, concern for dogs and young children running on to road.
OUTCOME	
NO STRUCTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The majority of the feedback received through public consultation were varied levels of concerns for safety, style and need for a larger park plan. As a result, staff's recommendation is to not build a covered structure at this location at this time. ○ Staff's recommendation instead would be to explore any further additions or changes to this park through a larger neighbourhood park planning process. A neighbourhood park planning process would allow staff to work closely with this local community to hear all needs and concerns prior to adding any other park features in this park. Timing of this process would be subject to the Parks & Recreation Master Plan update currently proposed for 2023. ○ Funds originally allocated for this structure have been redistributed to remaining 11 structures to enhance structure design and deliverables.
OTHER COMMENTS	
PUBLIC WORKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community feedback regarding maintenance concerns and new tree spike and water bags were communicated to public works.
PARK PLANNING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concerns communicated to Park Planner to be reviewed as part of Parks & Recreation Master Plan review proposed for 2023.

JUNCTION PARK	
DATE	June 26, 2022 12:30 – 2 p.m.
PEOPLE	20+
DEMOGRAPHIC	2 local families + kids / 6 tourist groups / 1 local artist / 1 paddling club member / 1 BIA member / 1 accessible wheelchair user
COMMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support for more picnic tables and seating in park ○ Support for need for covered shelter areas from rain and sun ○ Keep structures open, not too enclosed, concern for unwanted use. ○ Consider metal for less vandalism. ○ Consider putting two or more in this park so people don't fight over the space. ○ Consider Art to prevent vandalism? ○ Gaps in wood slats make art more challenging, consider diagonal wood slats for more artistic look to structures. ○ Will there be lighting considerations? ○ Quality of the structures should be high for this park.
OUTCOME	
TABLE/BENCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Picnic table
MATERIAL FINISH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Natural cedar stain and charcoal metal roof.
WALLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wood slat openings at sides to promote visibility inside the structure.
LOCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two locations. Location 2 to be built at sidewalk grade for flat accessible entrance from sidewalk.
ADDITIONAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ramp at Location 2.
OTHER COMMENTS	
SQUAMISH ART COUNCIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communication given to Art Council for consideration of a future art project.

JUNCTION PARK:

