

FOR: Community Development Standing Committee
FROM: Community Planning & Infrastructure
DATE: October 3, 2017
RE: Dentville Park Update

Purpose:

To present a summary of the results from the Dentville Park public engagement to the Community Development Standing Committee (CDC) and discuss next steps in the process.

Public Engagement Summary:

The Dentville Park public engagement consisted of an online questionnaire and two open house events. The primary goal was to determine what types of features the community would like to see in a neighbourhood park.

The questionnaire was available for one month from mid-August to mid-September. A total of 225 responses were received. Notice of the questionnaire and open houses was sent out through direct hand-delivery to the Dentville neighbourhood (344 notices delivered to residents), as well as advertised through District social media channels. Open houses were held at the Squamish Elementary School's playground, on August 22 and 31, 2017. Attendance was low, with less than 10 participants at each event.

Both the questionnaire and the displays at the open houses asked the same two main questions, summarized below. The top written comments that were most frequently heard are also summarized. For a complete summary of the results from the questionnaire and engagement events, please see Attachment 1.

Question: What are the top three (3) types of play equipment that you'd most like for Dentville Park?

Top Answers: 1. Multi-play structure (50%)
2. Swings (36%)
3. Natural equipment (33%)

Question: What additional features would you like to see with a neighbourhood playground?

Top Answers: 1. Mountain bike skills area (pump track)
2. Seating and gathering areas
3. Picnic area
4. Community garden

Top Comments: 1. Splash Pad / Water Features (68 mentions)
2. Keep the existing Pump track (35 mentions)
3. Integrate with the youth centre / offer activities for older age groups (17 mentions)



Next Steps:

An initial cost estimate has been completed to determine the order of magnitude costs; site prep (clearing, grubbing, drainage, fill, surfacing and fencing) will use approximately half of the current Dentville Park budget. Given the budget limitations and high questionnaire response rate, staff are not anticipating further collaborative overall public engagement at this time, more in the consultative range.

Staff are actively seeking out community champions from the Dentville neighbourhood to work collaboratively with the District on the preliminary park design, similar to the process used for the Willow Park playground upgrades in 2017. It is important to note a key difference in the projects is that the Willow Park site already existed, and there were no site preparation costs required that limited project scope. The majority of the Dentville Park budget will be required for site preparation, the balance for playground infrastructure. Therefore a second phase for the addition of more park infrastructure could be proposed in future budget years.

Subject to Council direction, the project will now transition to the design stage. The preliminary design will be based on the budget allocation of \$100,000, public engagement feedback, and location specific considerations (sunlight, access, drainage and fill, connectivity, parking, adjacent land uses). Preliminary design will be coordinated with the proposed affordable housing project being developed by District contractors (M'akola Development Services and CHP Architects).

Dentville Park Survey Summary

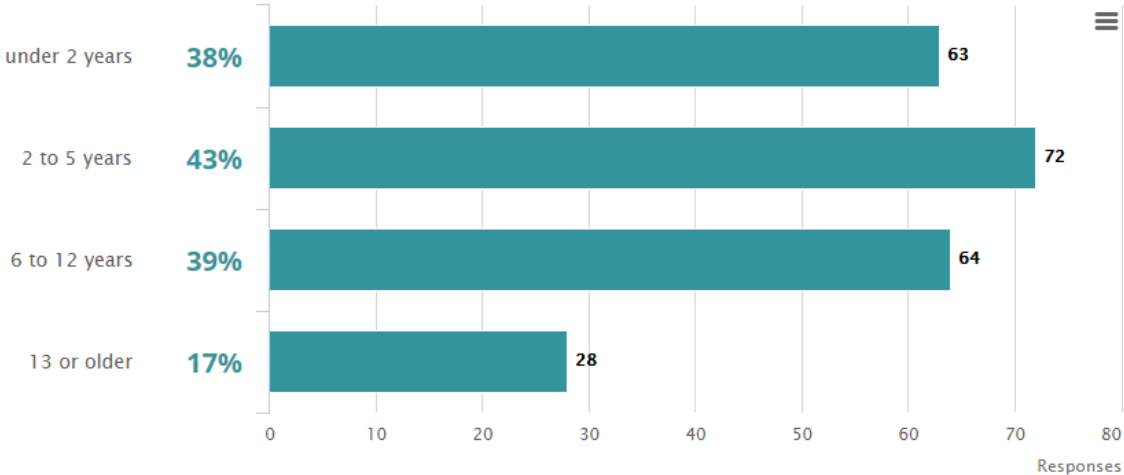
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Engagement Snapshot:

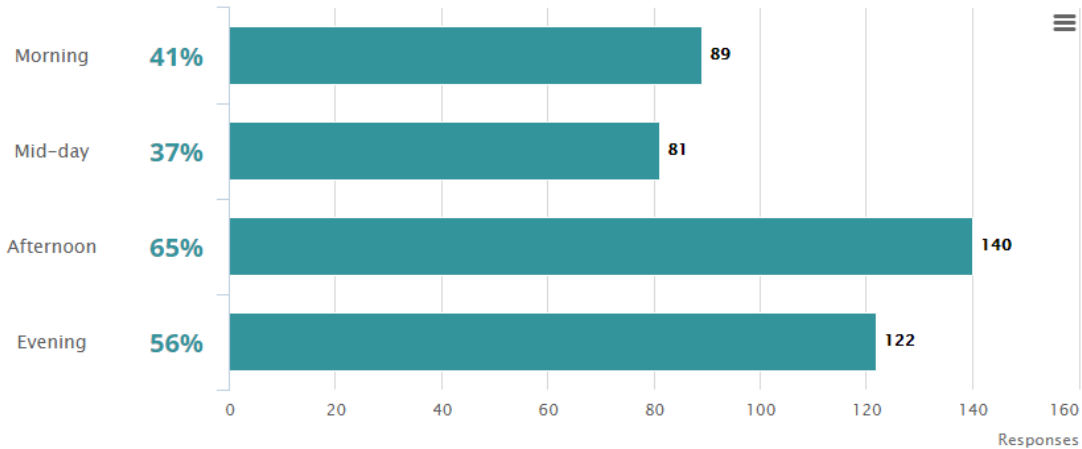
Two Park engagements were held on August 22nd and August 31st along with an electronic survey open from August 11th, 2017 to September 19th, 2017. Close to 20 people attended the in person park engagement events and 225 responded to the online survey.

Survey Results:

1) If you have children, what are their age groups?

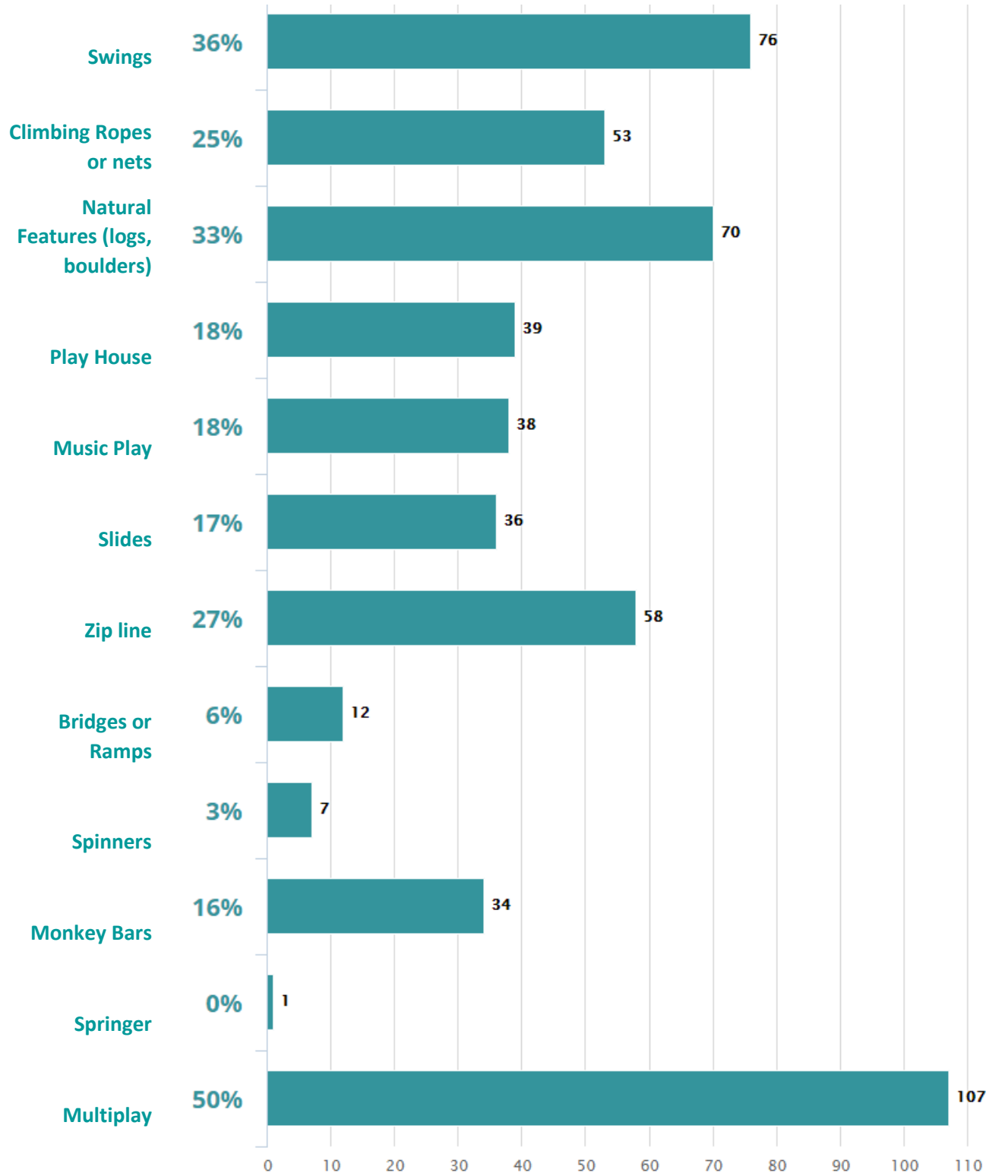


2) What time of the day are you most likely to use the park?



3) What are the top three (3) types of play equipment that you'd most like for Dentville Park?

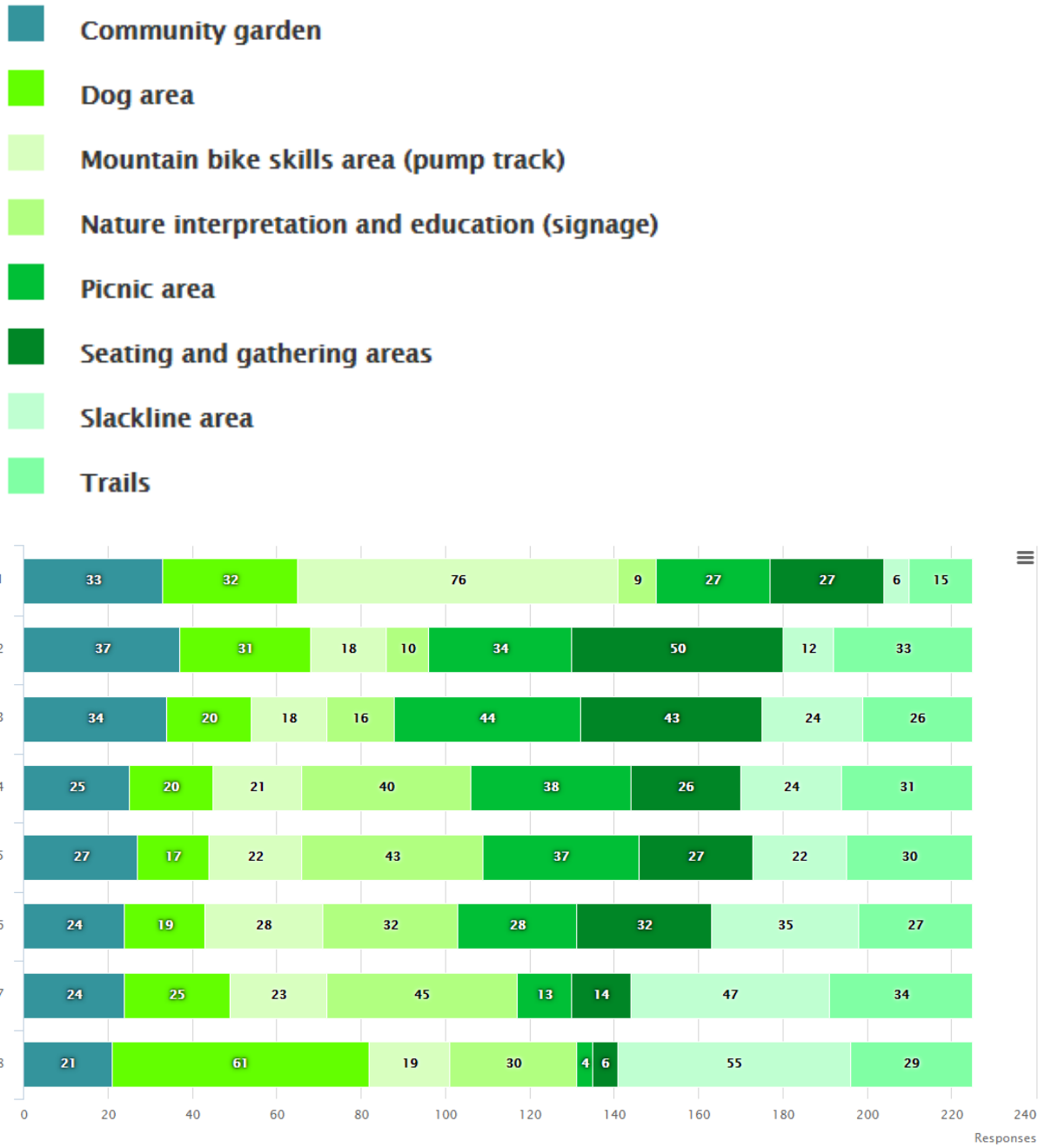
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#	Other play equipment you'd like?
1	Spray Water
2	Open space. Spend less on fixed equipment to allow a space for hockey or basketball or soccer. Less emphasis on giving kids something to play with and more emphasis on a place for kids to meet up and play. Some equipment good. Spend whole budget on it bad.
3	Kiddie water play area
4	Water features / splash park
5	Pump track.
6	SPLASH PARK!!!
7	Splash Pad
8	Water feature
9	Toddler park mixed with older kid park
10	Splash park
11	Water feature
12	Splash park, please!! It is crazy that Squamish doesn't have one yet!!
13	Dog Park
14	It's hard to pick just three - I would advocate for a play structure with natural features, a play house, and if possible music play that uses natural elements (e.g. wind). Having said that, it would be great if the above could be included in a multi-play structure with swings and slides as well.
15	Natural features.
16	Splash park / multi play area
17	Splash park
18	Waterpark
19	Water equipment!
20	Waterpark
21	Pumptrack that's kid and adult friendly
22	Pump track
23	Pump track
24	Pump track
25	mountian bike pump track
26	Pump track
27	Pump track
28	Bike asphalt pump track
29	Since most of the area is buffered by forest it would be great to see a non traditional park, and something that works better with the natural environment. Bike pump tracks, jumps, ropes course, slack line, stump fort etc.

30	Concrete Mtb pumptrack
31	Climbing rocks
32	Bike pump park
33	Pumptrack
34	Pump track kept for use
35	PUMPTRACK!
36	Scooter park
37	Water spray park
38	Spray water park
39	Tunnel, toddler 1yr-3yr old friendly equipment
40	Outdoor gym features that parents could use while their children play.
41	Paved Pumptrack
42	None of these options address outdoor gathering spaces for teens. Considering the park is so closely tied to the Skatepark and the Squamish Youth Resource Centre, a District program, I would like to see the District invest in elements that create gathering spaces and welcoming, comfortable features for youth ages 13-18. The District does not appear to invest largely in public spaces that are youth-friendly, this is a great opportunity.
43	Sea-Saw
44	place to ride bikes for the pre and primary school age kids
45	Pump track for bikes
46	We would love to see a zip line!! Just a note on Climbing nets - they are great but there is already a big one at the elementary school.
47	To include a spray water is brilliant!
48	These all seem geared at young children, but is this park not also utilized by Youth? Should we consider some items that would attract them??
49	WATER SPRAY PARK! (Summer)
50	Spray park
51	Spray Park
52	bike pump track
53	Water feature
54	Anything to encourage children to use their arms, work on balance, climbing skills and grip strength.
55	Water park
56	Please keep the pump track that is close to the skate Park and Youth Centre.

4) If the budget allows, what additional features would you like to see with a neighbourhood playground? (rank in order of priority)



#	Other play equipment you'd like?
1	DOG AREA (This section of the survey does not work via '\clicking\' with mouse... unable to rank.
2	I'd like to see a park in my neighbourhood - the upper highlands!
3	Waterpark
4	Water park
5	Water park
6	Spray park!
7	WATER PARK !!!
8	SPLASH PARK !!!
9	Both forested and lawned fenced in area
10	Shade over play structure to protect kids from sun and or rain
11	A water park for the community as a whole would be great
12	Spray features
13	Splash park #1 - don't care about above options as much
14	A combo splash park and pump track would be fabulous, but boulders and logs are a welcome addition too.
15	open grassy area for soccer, frisbee, volleyball, tag
16	And shaded area or trees planted to provide shade
17	WATER / SPLASH AREA!!!
18	Splash park water park
19	Playground cover so that we can enjoy the area in all weathers!
20	Waterpark
21	Waterpark
22	Waterpark
23	It's forested. gardens don't make sense. Dog walkers are already utilizing all of the existing forested areas extensively hence I've ranked it so low.
24	Bike maintenance area
25	Pumptrack is excellent for kids and adults of all ages
26	Dog area should consider being gravel. This would cause owners to be more responsible picking up after their dogs as it's more visible Also, consider small/big dog separation. The dog park in false creek/olympic village is a great example of this.
27	Ramps
28	Water park
29	Water spray park
30	A water feature - spray, canon or similar

31	Water park or splash park, shade protection over the equipment so little ones are protected from hot equipment and sun exposure but can still use the park at any time of day. Not many parks in Squamish offer shade and get too hot once the sun comes out to use the equipment.
32	Outdoor gym features
33	Paved Pumptrack
34	Covered areas that are still usable spaces in poor weather
35	washroom
36	Keep the trees! Love having both shade and sun. Dentville is windy! They provide a nice screen from the wind when playing outside. Keep the pumptrack, add slacklines, and build more trails so the forest becomes more accessible. A picnic table or two would be nice so parents/caregivers can have a seat and place for kids to have a snack.
37	dog area.....picnic area.....trails...
38	Everyone would love to see a Water Spray park included in this project.
39	WaterPark
40	washrooms, water fountain, bike parking and repair station like the rec centre has
41	Linear watercourse/ blueway park along Carson Place Slough and Wilson Crescent Slough

Survey Comments:

#	Comments:
1	I would love to see a park in town with a focus on older kids. Such as bigger climbing structures and a zipline/slackline area.
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3	We would love to have spray water park included in this project.
4	It's about time Dentville received a park. We are the ONLY neighbourhood in the entire district that doesn't have one.
5	Where is this proposed???
6	I'd like to see a park in my neighbourhood - the upper highlands! It takes me almost 30 minutes to walk to the nearest park - Jura Park.
7	Location?
8	Space for outside, lots of people in condos. Maybe winter friendly. Mom with grown children, im thinking what i would have liked
9	Need water park
10	A gathering place for the whole neighborhood please. There are enough biking areas and parks in town. Make it open and visible from street and neighbors to avoid problems. If budget is minimal do good quality basics and add on later. Playground equipment so expensive. My son had a great play on boulders at Mission Sports Park a few weeks ago. A feature of 5 or so boulders to jump between or climb on.
11	Great idea
12	Please balance feature with people who don't have kids. Seems like this park is only for kids judging by the survey. Thank you.
13	This is so needed for our neighbourhood. Thank you!
14	We use the park at the elementary school all the time and the 2 things that I would really love to see is 1) the ground to be made from the rubber outdoor sponge like surface - as it's durable, softer to help break the fall, non slip, less wood chip and rock wounds. 2) Sail covered play equipment, as it rains quite frequently, to have dry place to play and exert energy for the kids is wonderful. We would use this park all year round if mainly these 2 upgrades were made.
15	I thought a park is going at the new Newport development?
16	Aside from a park in the area, which would be lovely, Squamish really could use a water park.
17	Public Washrooms!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
18	A fenced in off-leash dog park is sorely needed in Squamish. It would also be great if the playground included a toddler area with more age appropriate playground equipment and fenced in to keep little ones from running off.
19	safe bike/walking trails to the park

20	Trail access similar to the youth centre would be great, to get kids off of the road. Washrooms are a must. Children have been refused washrooms at the youth centre which is upsetting and ridiculous, because they're not 13+. Bear proof garbage bins.
21	seating area for parents should have a roof for shade and crappy weather
22	Covered play area protected from elements please
23	What a great idea. The playgrounds at Eaglewinds and Downtown are a long-ish walk for us from Wilson. Although we have the playgrounds at the elementary school, we can't use them during the day. A park in Dentville would be awesome!
24	An outdoor community gym would be cool too. Just a few things people can use to workout with would be great to see and be supportive of our outdoor community. This isn't something common in the sea to sky/lower mainland but I've seen it in Australia and the US, with lots of local residents using it as part of their daily walk or run. It'd be neat to be the first community here to have one.
25	Squamish needs a splash park!!!
26	fully fenced is a must! and signage not allowing dogs in the play area
27	If budget allows, 2 small parks should be built (skate park and buffer with industrial park) that would allow more options for families in the area. A paved path from HSS to Tim Hortons along Discovery trail connecting proposed parks would make it easier for strollers, elderly and the disabled. Workout equipment for elderly is another option.
28	Natural play structures/climbing holds on boulders etc rather than a giant plastic thing :)
29	This is a great idea!
30	Maybe a water/ splash park too?
31	Place for kids with run bikes.
32	The school is already so close. More dog friendly space would seem more useful to me. An enclosed green space to let dogs off leash would be a popular spot in Squamish.
33	Covered play area, useable In our long rain season would be amazing!!!!
34	Soft pad ground like whistler village park. Much better than Sharp woodchips and rocks.
35	Thank you!!! This area needs something other than the elementary school park!
36	It would need to be family oriented but friendly to all. A place for kids (clean of dog messes and drug messes)
37	Supply water and washroom would be needed. There is no public washrooms around here.
38	We need a splash park
39	Provide a traffic barrier from Buckley ave
40	I would love to see a natural park area placed in the forest on the North side of Magee. This forest provides a beautiful barrier from the industrial zone and a park in this space would greatly help keep the area natural and ensure the forest area remains undeveloped.
41	I am thrilled that this is happening. Dentville has no designated parks! There are the school playgrounds which often can't be used because school is in session. This park is much needed and will serve a wide range of children and community members. Thank you!
42	Thanks for thinking about this neighbourhood. The nearby schools do provide some play space nearby. Where is the proposed park to be located?
43	Linking access across train tracks to estuary would be key.

44	I think more than anything else Squamish needs a splash park playground!
45	I would love to see a combined splash park play ground picnic family area
46	We need a splash park or water park
47	Re-used soft rubber for the ground
48	Please make it awesome. Our kids are excited
49	Park should be safe and oriented to a wide age group
50	Would not like a spray park as I feel that would need to be more centrally located. A community park with a play structure suited for kids aged 5-12 would be awesome! Some seating would also be nice.
51	Thanks
52	Perfect opportunity to expand the already existing pumptrack. I see kids of all ages in there everyday enjoying the work of volunteers. Everybody would love to see this get expanded!
53	Lots of tall trees and a trail would be great. Tree top suspension bridges are also nice.
54	Would love to see the pumptrack become legal and maintained by the district. Amazing spot for kids to learn basic mountain bike skills
55	Squamish needs a pump track! This would be a great spot because it is close to the youth center and high school
56	Pumptrack is currently located in the area. Easy mountain biking features for young/old would go a long way.
57	Keep the forest forested there is no need to clear area for play structures with so many existing natural assets to be built up on. Location wise the north end of Dentville would be great so as to protect the buffer zone in between the neighbourhood and industrial park. This area had a few hundred red cedar planted there in 2010 (as well as a little pumptrack and trails), so that would assist in that legacy. The other area that would be a great fit would be the forested area near the skatepark where there is already an existing pump track that could be added to. As a neighbourhood we all really like the already sanctioned wildlife sanctuary or as we like to call it where the wild things are, and would definitely be against any form of park like, or development of any sort in that zone.
58	I actually do live in dentville. Something that will branch between infants an young kids would be nice not one or the other. A theme around mountain biking as our community is so focused on it these days would be super awesome also the rubberized ground would be nice but I do magine it's quite more costly to install
59	Multi-generational components to provide amenities for everyone from toddlers to elders.
60	Covers over the playing area fro rainy days
61	Resident and strata member of the Newport Landing development. Very much looking forward to a park in Dentville (Midtown Squamish).
62	This is a mountain bike climbing town Acrock climb wall pumptrack and mountain bike skills park are essential Playgrounds are everywhrre make it unique
63	Keep the pump track is it a fixture of the area
64	Very excited about this :) M
65	Reckless spending in downtown intersections for 750 000\$ and children parks don't make sense if we are borrowing money. you are incapable of running a balanced business

(Squamish) Property values have almost tripled in the last 5 years which means property taxes have as well and yet the town Activity signs look terrible. the Airport is not maintained properly and the grass is barely cut. The existing infrastructure must be maintained and upgraded before gentrification will truly take place. Get out of debt and spend our money wisely.

66 I would like to see the current pumptrack legalized and rebuilt.

67 The Squamish Skateboard park has seen a drastic influx of scooter children recently. Our Olympic competitors need a place to skateboard and the scooters do not allow for it.

68 Water park plezzzzzz

69 Make a space as interesting for parents as for children to hang out

70 If there's money for a park we need a spray park more than anything. There are many other parks for kids but no spray park. We are driving an hour each way out of our community in the summer to give kids a chance to play in one. Look at the parks in the hot weather, they are deserted. It's too hot, all the structures heat up too much and burn them.

71 What is the proposed location? Will kids have to cross Buckley to get there? The cross walk near the high school is badly marked and cars just don't stop - I wouldn't want my kids to cross there unsupervised but I do want them to have a neighbourhood park they can go to without their parents.

72 A Spray water park would be greatly appreciated by so many for sure!

73 I fully support a park in this area as more high density housing comes into the neighbourhood. Please set some space aside for this. As you know there are a few secluded pump tracks hidden in the trees that are used by lots of neighbourhood kids so I would hate to see those taken out. They intertwine the trails and take up a small area that I think they should stay;). Cheers

74 Rubberized surface would be great. Dog free park would be good- I'm sick of my toddler running through dog poo in the playground. There's enough slack line areas for adults elsewhere in Squamish they dont need another, but there's nothing for the little kids and there's tonnes of new young families in Squamish. I live in dentville and it's annoying that there's no park to get to within a short walk from my house with my 16mth old. Would love a splash park option as well like meadowpark in whistler as the lakes are so overcrowded and dirty.

75 It would be nice if it was accessible and welcome for people with and without kids

76 Improve the existing pumptrack.

77 I would like to see the park from the road, not like the skate park in the bushes... no one can see what is going on.

78 Provide something for the teens!

79 Leave the buffer between the neighborhood and the business park alone, it blocks noise and preserves the neighborhood feel. 2 - Traffic safety! (and traffic noise) - If the park is located directly on Buckley, there needs to be screening from constant traffic noise, as well as some form of containment. Bike lanes and pedestrian access routes need better marking please - cars drive so fast coming in and out of the neighborhood. The Buckley/Britannia intersection is particularly unsafe (and scary with kids on bikes). 3 - Bike rack would be useful, though

	bikes can be locked to a fence 4 - Trees - Please keep forested areas, and make them accessible. Trees give shade and wind block. 5 - Hoping to see unique features like zip line, mountain bike area and/or pump track, slacklines... stuff that is complementary to Squamish. Thank you - really excited about this. (The older folks in the neighborhood say they've been asking Councils for this for a couple decades.)
80	If you can add a Spray water in the park that would be awesome! We are a growing community and lots of kids and they would definitely enjoy the spray water park. Thank you
81	Wheelchair and disability accessibility would be best, choose plants that have some fragran ^o e to enhance the sensory experience.
82	location...location....location...
83	.Would be amazone to hav ^o one soon
84	A park with a soft springy ground would be awesome! Also a covered park so it's appropriate in all weather.
85	I would like to see an area of Squamish that is currently being used by youth, to keep that focus. There are many areas in Squamish for young children, but our teens need a place to safely spend their time.
86	Hopefully not located along Buckley which is very high traffic load with not much regard to speed. Average speed is 65-75k an hour!!
87	More doggie bags available in the dentville and wilson area. Waterpark Upgraded tennis court Geese poop free grass areas Water fountain
88	Excited to see this happen!
89	NEEDED: Linear watercourse/ blueway park along Carson Place Slough and Wilson Crescent Slough
90	Squamish needs a water park. There are many towns around British Columbia much smaller than Squamish that have water parks
91	Garbage bins or training for kids to use them!!. No structures that allow homeless to occupy. Speed bump access as the main and side streets around Dentville seem to attract alot of speeding and therefore unsafe walking conditions due to lack of sidewalks.
92	A covered play area may be a good choice for rainy weather play.
93	As a land owner across the street I would not like and use that creates Noise! No mountain bike ramps etc. I have tennants that work at all hours and need quiet enjoyment from their surroundings.
	Open space. Spend less on fixed equipment to allow a space for hockey or basketball or soccer. Less emphasis on giving kids something to play with and more emphasis on a place for kids to meet up and play. Some equipment good. Spend whole budget on it bad.
	Better outdoor lighting
	Pod style spaces, outdoor games boards
	Permanent features such as ping pong tables, art walls (covered)"
	This money would be best spent to upgrade the existing community spaces, and should be directed to better serve the age group that is already accessing this space.
	is it possible to have a water play area for summer which can be used for alternative activity in fall thru spring"

Park Engagement Results:

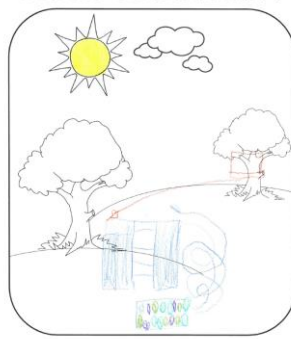
Pentville Park Ideas

Children's drawings of their Ideal Park.

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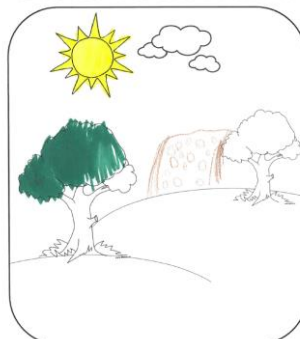
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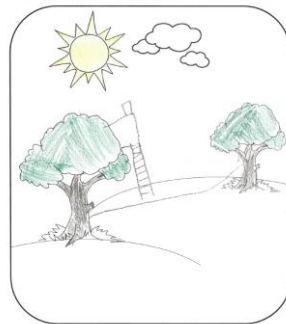
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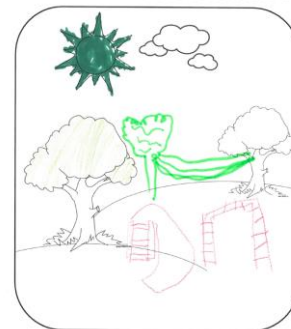
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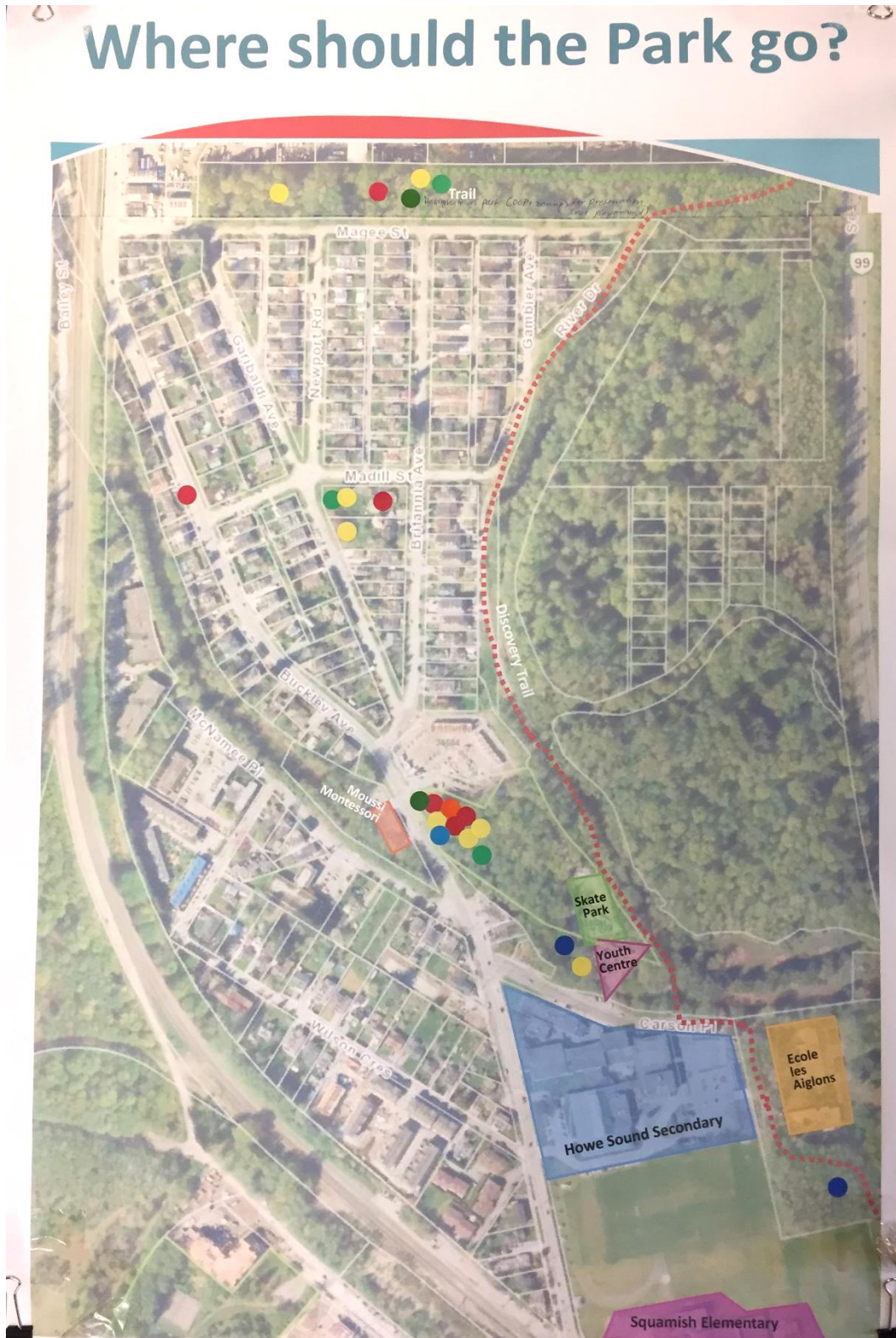
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Where should the Park go?










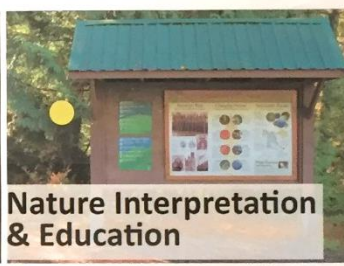







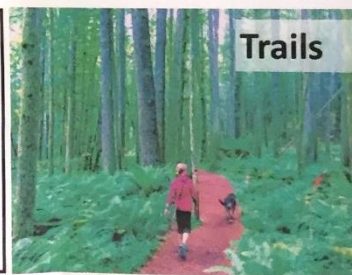
What Play Equipment do you want?

<p>Swings</p> 		<p>Climbing ropes/nets</p> 	
<p>Natural features (logs/boulders)</p> 		<p>Playhouse or hut (enclosures)</p> 	
<p>Music play</p> 		<p>Slides</p> 	
<p>Zip line or flying fox</p> 		<p>Bridges or ramps</p> 	
<p>Multi-play structure</p> 		<p>Monkey bars or climbing ladders</p> 	

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 Community Garden 	 Dog Area 
 Mtn Bike Skills Area "pump track" 	 Nature Interpretation & Education 
 Picnic Area 	 Seating Area 
 Slackline Area 	 Trails 

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