



# WHAT WE HEARD

## Doctors McLean District Park Redevelopment

### ENGAGEMENT REPORT

**Summer 2024**





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# Introduction

## Executive Summary

Thank you to all who provided thoughtful suggestions and feedback to help guide the redevelopment plans for Doctors McLean District Park. Community engagement took place in two phases, starting with an initial survey and open house in the Fall of 2023 and culminating with a draft design survey in the Spring of 2024. In total, there were nearly 250 participants across both engagement phases.

### Engagement by the Numbers

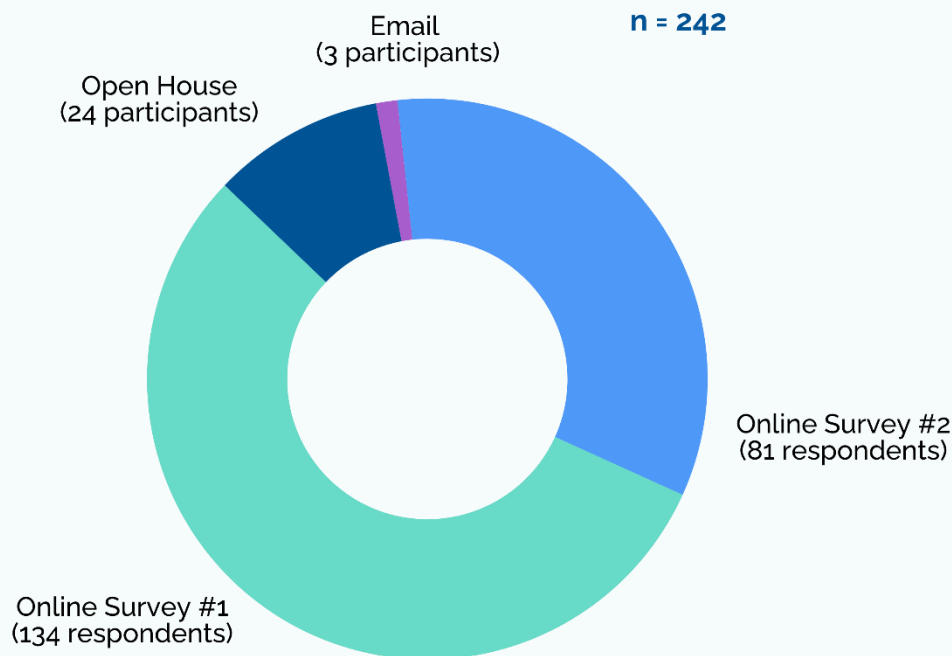


Figure 1: Engagement by the Numbers, Phases 1 and 2

In Phase One, feedback heard from the community demonstrated a desire for additional amenities and upgrades in Doctors McLean District Park, including a new shade structure for casual use, improved connections to trails and pathways, improved wayfinding and signage, lookouts to the Humber River, playground upgrades and new water play features, and more naturalization and trees.

In Phase Two, the survey results showed strong affirmation for the draft design plans. The majority of respondents felt that the overall park plan provided good pathway connections and a good balance between open space, programmed space, and preservation of the natural character of the park. There

was strong agreement that the river and adventure themes for the play area fit well with the context of the park. Results also demonstrated agreement that the new shade structure complemented the open space and should be made available for casual use.

Throughout both phases, the City heard that the park is an important local and district destination for connecting with nature and relaxing outdoors, walking and running, gatherings with friends and family, local history and Indigenous placekeeping, and ecological integrity and environmental significance. These values guide the new plans for Doctors McLean District Park with the goal of continuing to serve the community as an essential green and public space for years to come.

## Next Steps

Informed by community feedback, as well as considerations of technical and financial feasibility, the design will be finalized and shared with the public in Fall 2024. Construction is anticipated to start in Spring 2025 and end in Spring 2026.

*Table 1: Next Steps for Doctors McLean District Park*

Activity or Milestone	Anticipated Timeline	Status
Community Engagement Phase 1 & 2	Fall 2023 to Spring 2024	Complete
Draft Design	Spring 2024	Complete
Final Design	Fall 2024	Ongoing
Construction	Spring 2025 to Spring 2026	Not started

To stay informed about this project as it progresses, please visit [vaughan.ca/DoctorsMcLean](https://vaughan.ca/DoctorsMcLean).



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# Phase 1

# Engagement

# Fall 2023



# How we Engaged

## ONLINE SURVEY #1

To inform and engage a broad audience on the Doctors McLean District Park redevelopment project, the City disseminated an online survey from Nov. 9 to Nov. 30, 2023. The survey was hosted on the City's online engagement platform, *Have Your Say, Vaughan*, and consisted of 20 questions divided into sections covering the park's current uses and amenities, upgrades and additions, and respondent demographics and outreach methods. A copy of the online survey can be found in Appendix B.

## IN-PERSON PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Concurrent to the online survey, on Nov. 23, 2023, the community was invited to attend an in-person public Open House at the Woodbridge Pool and Memorial Arena (5020 Hwy 7, Woodbridge, ON L4L 1T1) between 6 and 8 p.m.

The purpose of the Open House was to inform the community about the redevelopment of Doctors McLean District Park and gather feedback on the same topics as the survey. Where possible, the information and engagement panels mirrored the survey questions for consistency of outputs.

The Open House panels were divided into two main sections in the room:

- Information panels on:
  - the Humber River trail.
  - multi-use recreational trail and bridge.
  - Doctors McLean District Park's context and nearby parks in the neighborhood.
  - the project's scope and timeline.
  
- Engagement panels on:
  - park element preferences.
  - shade structure usage.
  - playground component preferences.
  - splashpad component preferences.
  - educational and interpretive signage topics.
  - access to the park.





*Image 1: Open House with Vaughan Community Members at Woodbridge Pool & Memorial Arena*

Open House attendees were first invited to review and discuss the informational panels, which were primarily facilitated by City staff with project knowledge.

Once participants reviewed the informational panels, they were encouraged to use sticky notes, dot stickers, and stars to share their feedback on the engagement panels. The engagement panels included nine (9) questions about park preferences and were grouped into stations by theme. This was facilitated by City staff with the support of the consulting team. Participants were also encouraged to engage in conversation with City and consulting staff to share their suggestions and views, which was captured through note-taking.

A copy of the information and engagement boards presented at the Open House can be found in Appendix C.

## EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE

Three (3) community members communicated with the City project team via email following the Open House. Topics included:

- A concern about limited parking when large groups rent out shade structures.
- A suggestion for a flyway<sup>1</sup> zone for migratory birds in addition to the trails between the gardens in the neighborhood.
- A need for regular mowing of the grass, particularly around the pollinator garden.
- A desire to spend less public money by only removing currently unsafe structures and fixing the cement floor of the smaller shade structure instead of replacing it entirely.
- A need for clear informational signage to better educate park users on how to properly use existing recycling and trash bins.
- A suggestion that the ideal trail would connect Woodbridge to Kleinburg via the East Humber River Valley Trail.

These comments are incorporated into the relevant sections of the report below.

## OUTREACH

The City used multiple channels to promote the online survey and the in-person public Open House to the community, including:

- Updates to project webpage
- City eNewsletters (Vaughan News and Vaughan Engagement eNewsletter)
- Mailed notice to residents in the surrounding area
- Mobile signs
- Public Service Announcement (PSA)
- Council communications packages
- Social media
- Digital signs
- Community centre digital screens
- Hero banner on vaughan.ca home page
- Memo to Mayor and Members of Council (MMOC) (internal)

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<sup>1</sup> A flyway is an established air route of migratory birds.



In addition, an email invitation to the Open House was sent out to several ratepayers' associations in the area, including the Greater Woodbridge Ratepayers' Association, Vaughanwood Ratepayers' Association, Village of Woodbridge Ratepayers' Association and the West Woodbridge Homeowners' Association. The City offered to follow up with individual meetings with the associations if there were any specific questions about the project. The City also emailed 68 Doctors McLean District Park permit holders from 2023, inviting them to complete the online survey and participate in the Open House.

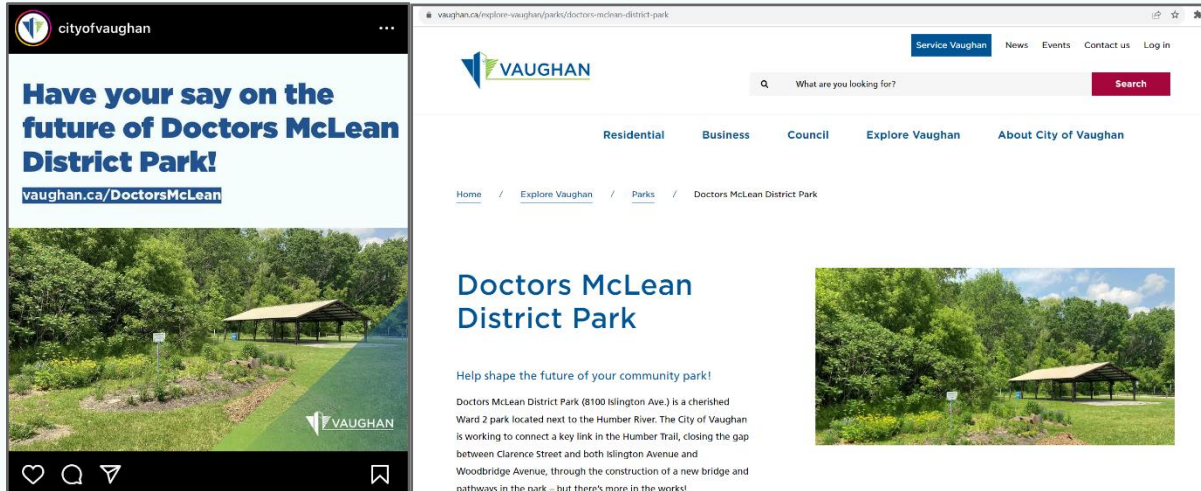


Image 2 and 3: Social media post on the City of Vaughan's Instagram page and a screenshot of Doctors McLean District Park Redevelopment webpage.

## AWARENESS

### How did you hear about this project?



#### Online Survey

The online survey results showed that most respondents heard about the project through the mailed project notice (47%), Vaughan News (16%), roadside signage (14%) and social media (13%). Respondents were able to select more than one response. This information may be useful to City staff and could inform how future engagement opportunities are promoted to residents.

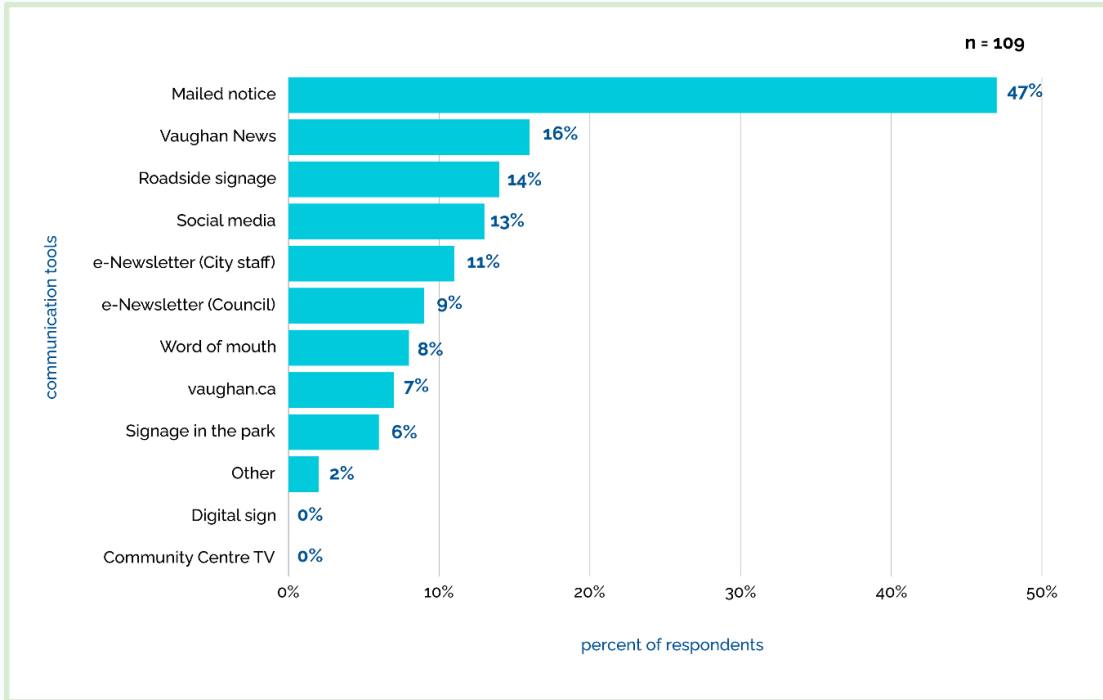


Figure 2: Survey responses to “How did you hear about this project?”



### In-person Public Open House

Six (6) of the 24 participants heard about the Open House via mailed notice or flyer, three (3) through roadside signage, and three (3) through word of mouth. Other participants heard about it through their Councillor, ratepayers’ association, and email (one each).



# Who We Heard From

In total, the City heard from 161 people, with 134 respondents to the online survey, 24 attendees of the Open House, and three (3) participants providing feedback via email. It should be noted, however, that this combined total may not represent unique respondents as the participants could provide input through multiple modes.

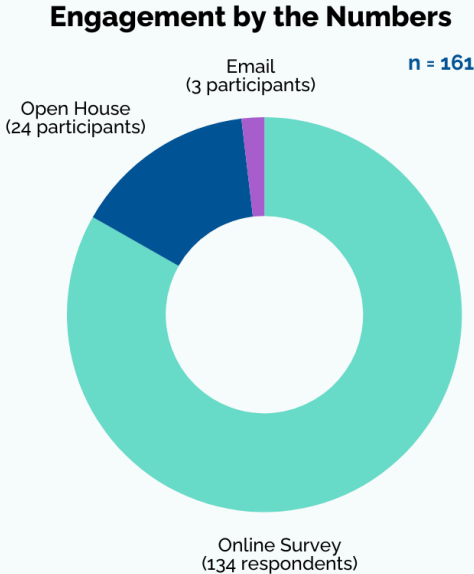


Figure 3: Engagement by the Numbers

The online survey included several anonymous demographic questions to help the City better understand who responded, including questions around age, identity, and postal codes. From those who attended the Open House, only postal code information was included in this reporting.



Image 4: Open House with Vaughan Community Members at Woodbridge Pool and Memorial Arena

# DEMOGRAPHICS

## What is your age?



Online Survey

Feedback was collected from respondents representing a range of age groups (Figure 4). The largest group of respondents were between the ages of 35 to 44 (23%) and 65+ (23%), followed by 45 to 54 (20%), 25 to 34 (15%) and 55 to 64 (15%). A small percentage of respondents were between the ages of 18 and 24 (2%). It should also be noted that the survey asked about age groups within the respondent's household (see Figure 4).

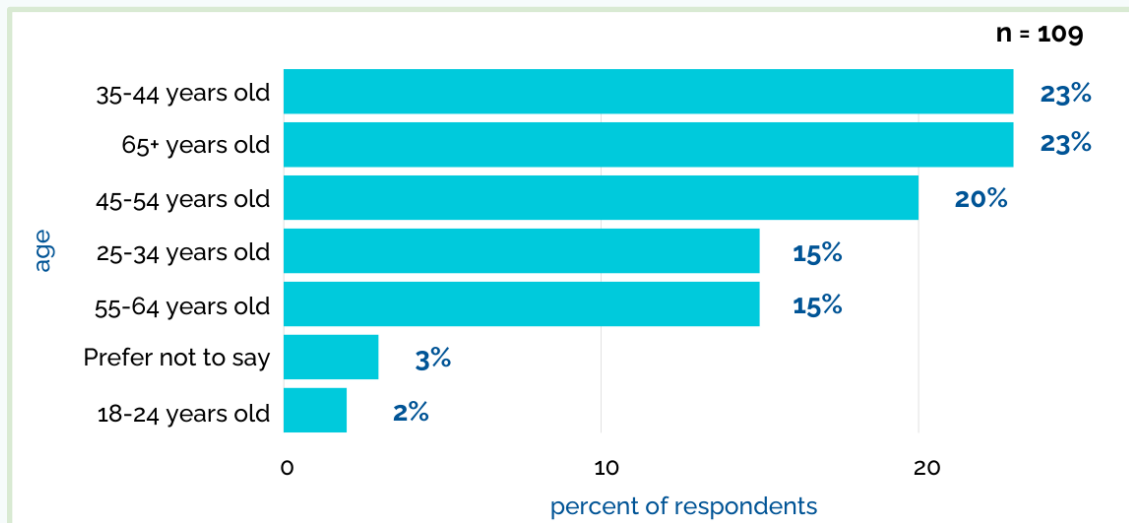


Figure 4: Survey responses to "What is your age?"

## How would you best describe your gender identity/expression?



Online Survey

Nearly two-thirds of respondents identified as women (61%), while a third identified as men (30%). Nine percent (9%) of the respondents *preferred not to say*.

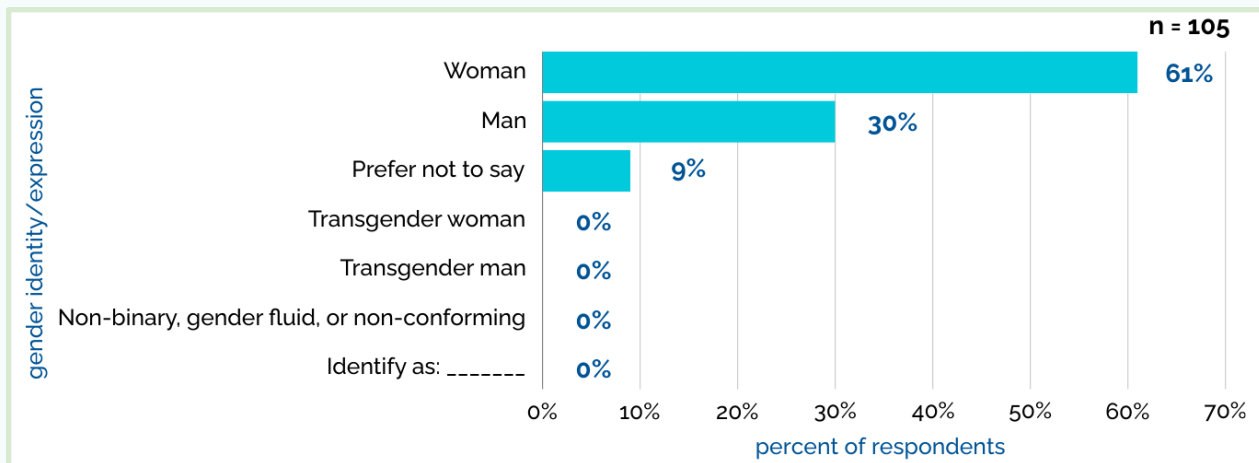


Figure 5: Survey responses to “How would you best describe your gender identity/expression?”

**Please select any of the following [various demographic factors] that apply to you.**



Online Survey

About a quarter of the respondents or someone in their household were *born outside of Canada* (27%), 11% identified themselves as *business owners in Vaughan*, six percent (6%) *did not have English as their first language*, and two percent (2%) had *French as their first language*. Two percent (2%) of the respondents *belonged to an equity-deserving group, identified as a racialized person or as 2SLGBTQ+*. Another two percent (2%) of the respondents or someone in their household had a *disability* (2%). One percent (1%) of the respondents were *Indigenous, First Nations, Métis or Inuk (Inuit)*. 24% of the respondents did not identify with any of the listed categories, and another 12% *preferred not to answer* this question.

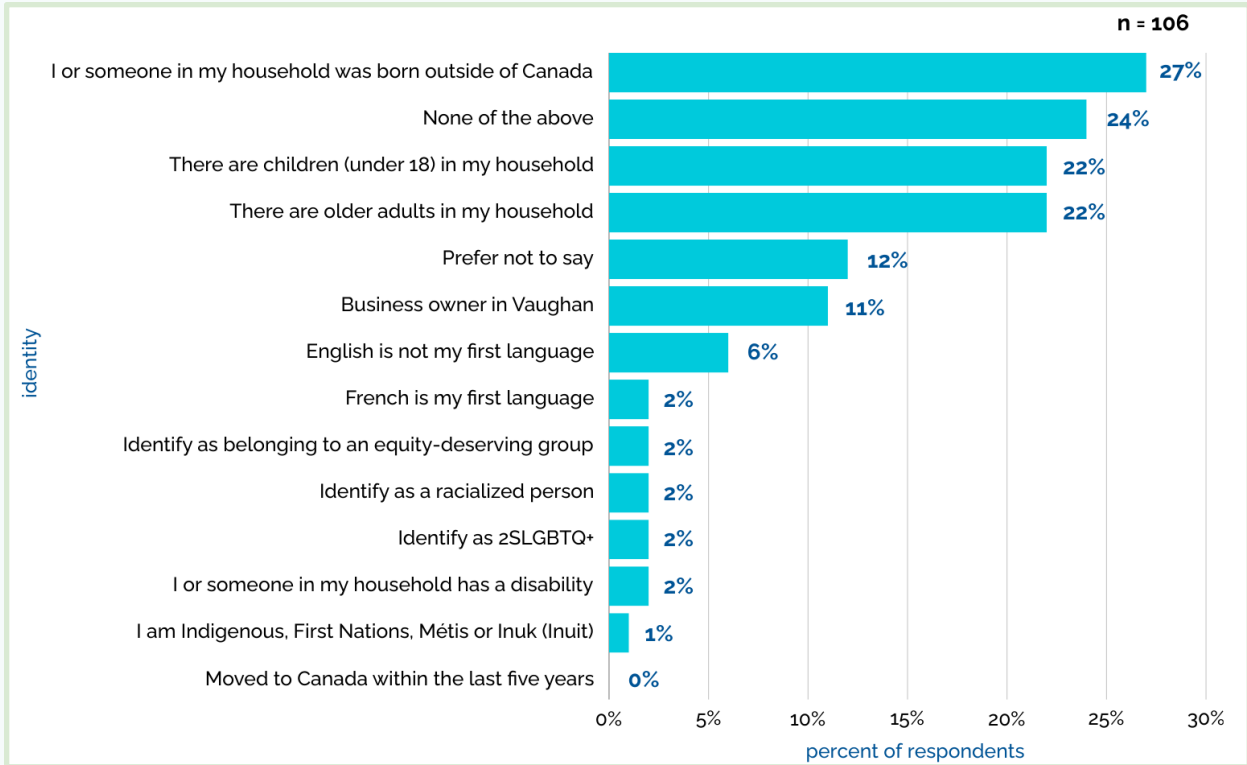


Figure 6: Survey responses to “Please select any of the following [various demographic factors] that apply to you.”



Image 5: Open House with Vaughan Community Members at Woodbridge Pool and Memorial Arena





# What We Heard

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS



### Online Survey (n=134)

- Over a third of respondents (35%) visited the park *rarely*, and another 34% visited *sometimes*.
- 33% of the respondents visited the park *with adults ages 55 and older*.
- Nearly half of respondents stated they had *not faced any barriers* (48%) accessing the park.
- The most popular reason to visit the park was *to spend time connecting with nature* (59%).
- The most popular use or amenity was the *mowed pathways and trails* (63%).
- The majority of respondents marked *improved connections to trails and pathways outside of the park* (54%) as the most important future park upgrade or addition.
- Nearly three-quarters of respondents said they would like to use the new and updated shade structures for *casual use with a few friends or family members* (72%).
- The respondents' preferred playground experiences were *swinging* (33%) and *sliding* (30%).
- The respondents' most commonly preferred splashpad feature was *run-throughs* (46%).
- More than two-thirds of respondents (70%) preferred *walking* to Doctors McLean District Park.



### In-person Public Open House (n=24)

- The most important upgrades or additions, with three (3) responses each, were: wayfinding, signage and navigational elements; lookout points to the Humber River; more naturalization; and more trees.
- Three (3) participants said they would like to use the shade structures for *casual use with a few friends or family*.
- Two (2) participants marked *sliding* as a 'very important' playground experience.
- Three (3) participants marked *run-throughs* as a 'very important' or 'somewhat important' splashpad experience.
- Seven (7) participants preferred walking, and five (5) preferred cycling to Doctors McLean District Park.

# CURRENT USES OF THE PARK

## PARK VISITS

### How often do you visit Doctors McLean District Park?



Online Survey

Survey respondents were asked how often and with whom they used Doctors McLean District Park. Over a third of respondents (35%) visited the park *rarely (a few times a year or less)*, and another 34% visited *sometimes (a few times a month)*. 16% visited *often (multiple times a week)*, and 15% responded that they *never* visit the park.

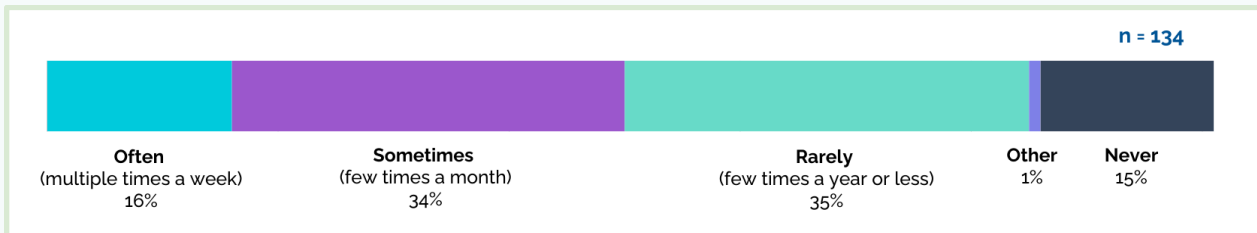


Figure 8: Survey responses to “How often do you visit Doctors McLean District Park?”

### What age groups do you visit the park with?



Online Survey

The survey also asked respondents whether they visited Doctors McLean District Park alone or with others and what age groups they visited with if they did visit with others. Almost a third (31%) of respondents typically visited alone. Of the 69% that visited with others, 33% visited the park *with adults ages 55 and older* followed by *children ages five and under* (25%) and *children ages six to 12* (21%). A smaller number of respondents stated they visited the park with *young adults ages 18 to 34* (19%), with *adults ages 35 to 54* (17%), and with *youth ages 13 to 17* (eight percent). Additionally, six percent (6%) of respondents visited the park with dogs.

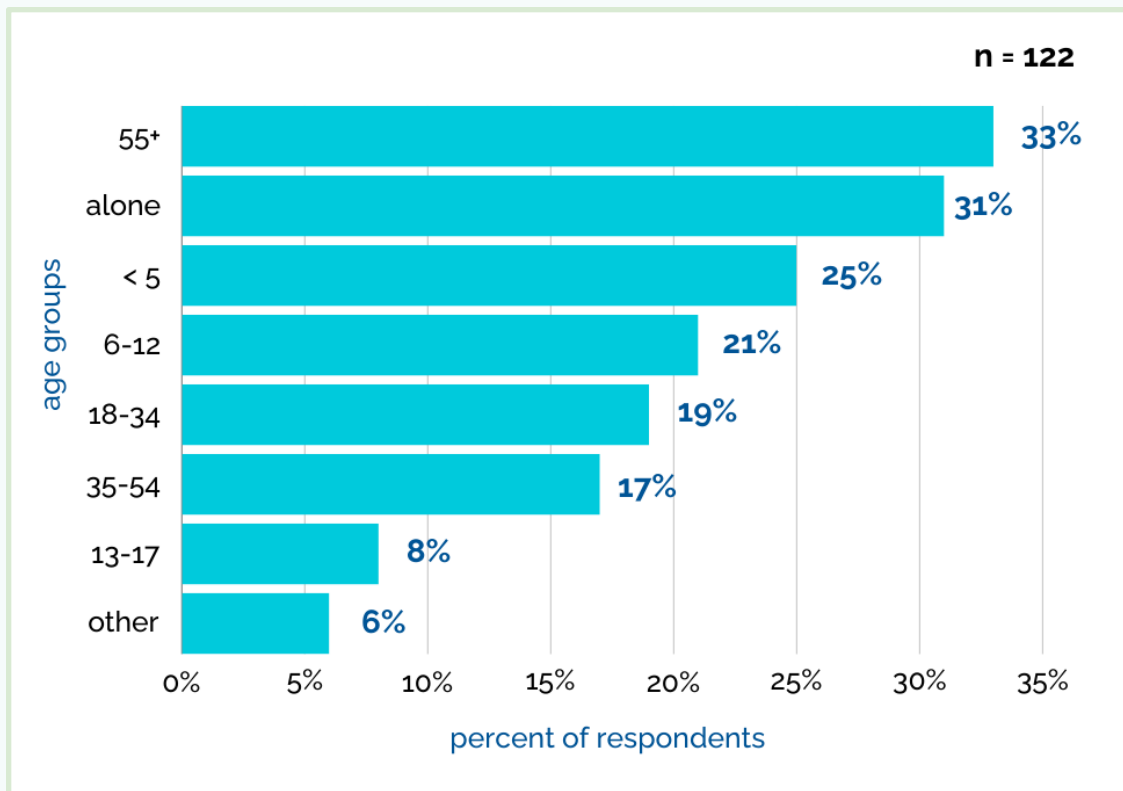


Figure 9: Survey responses to “What age groups do you visit the park with?”

## PARK VISITS

### Why do you like to visit the park?



#### Online Survey

The most popular reasons to visit the park were to spend time connecting with nature (59%), to use the mowed trails and pathways (e.g. for walking or running) (55%) and to relax outdoors (48%). Other reasons included community or family gatherings (29%), play at the playground (28%), picnics or BBQs (27%), walking the dog (21%) and sports and recreation (e.g. on the open lawn area) (17%). A small percentage (five percent) of respondents use the park for festivals or events.



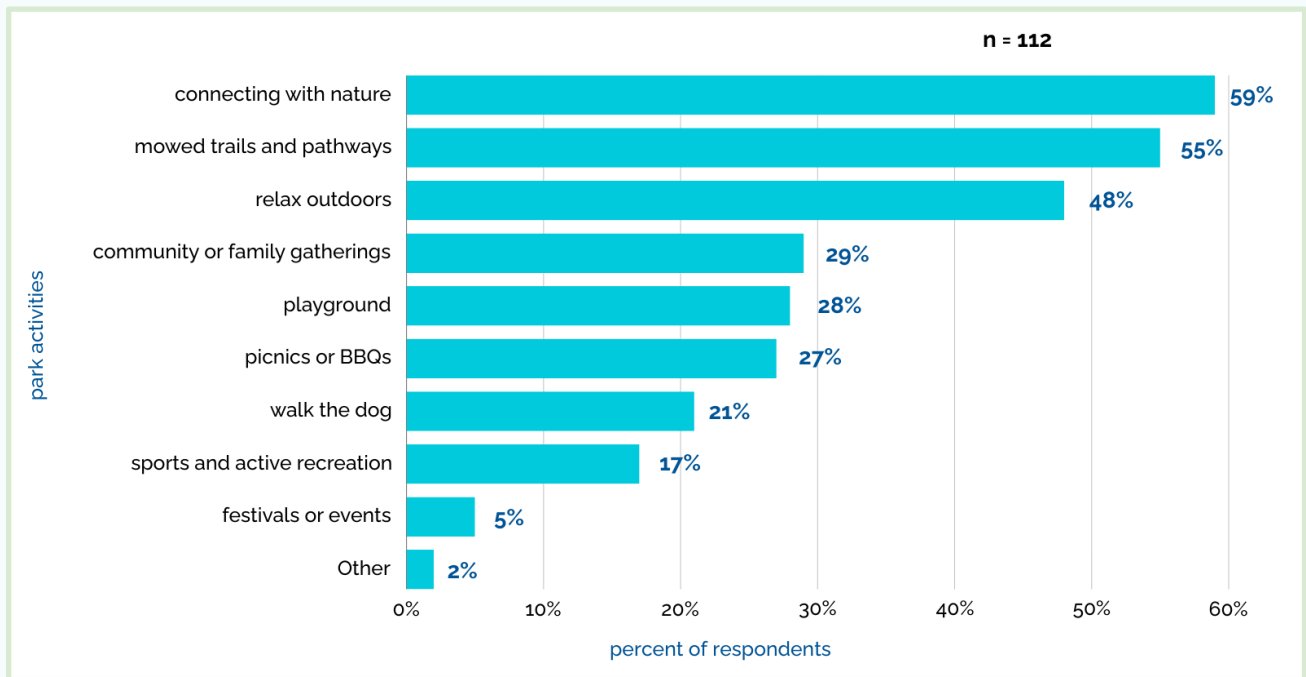


Figure 10: Survey responses to “Why do you like to visit the park?”

## Which parts of the park do you use the most?



### Online Survey

When survey respondents were asked about parts of the park they use most, the results indicated that the park as a whole is well utilized. The most popular features of the park were the *mowed pathways and trails* (63%) and *views of the Humber River* (62%). Following closely were *benches* (35%), the *open lawn area* (34%) and the *playground* (30%). Other respondents chose *picnic tables* (29%), the *larger covered pavilion with picnic tables* (27%) and the *small shade structure* (24%). Additionally, seven (7) respondents appreciated the gardens and native plants and trees within the park and suggested improvements to signage, washroom facilities and more shaded benches around the park.

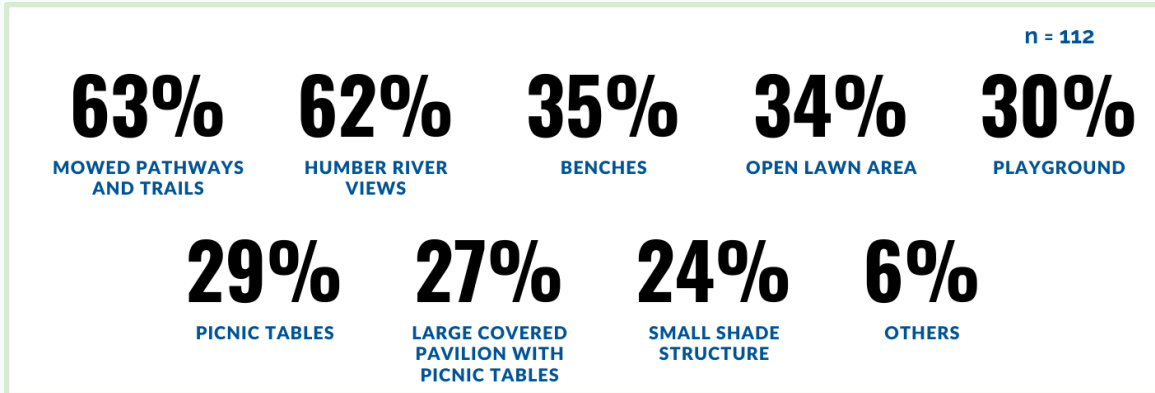


Figure 11: Survey responses to “Which parts of the park do you use the most?”

## Have you ever requested a permit to use the large pavilion or smaller shade structure?



### Online Survey

Online survey respondents were also asked if they had ever requested a permit to use the large pavilion or smaller shade structure. A large majority had not requested a permit for either of the shade structures (87%). 10% of the respondents had undergone the permit process for the large pavilion, one percent (1%) had done the same for the smaller shade structure, and three percent (3%) had requested the use of both structures.

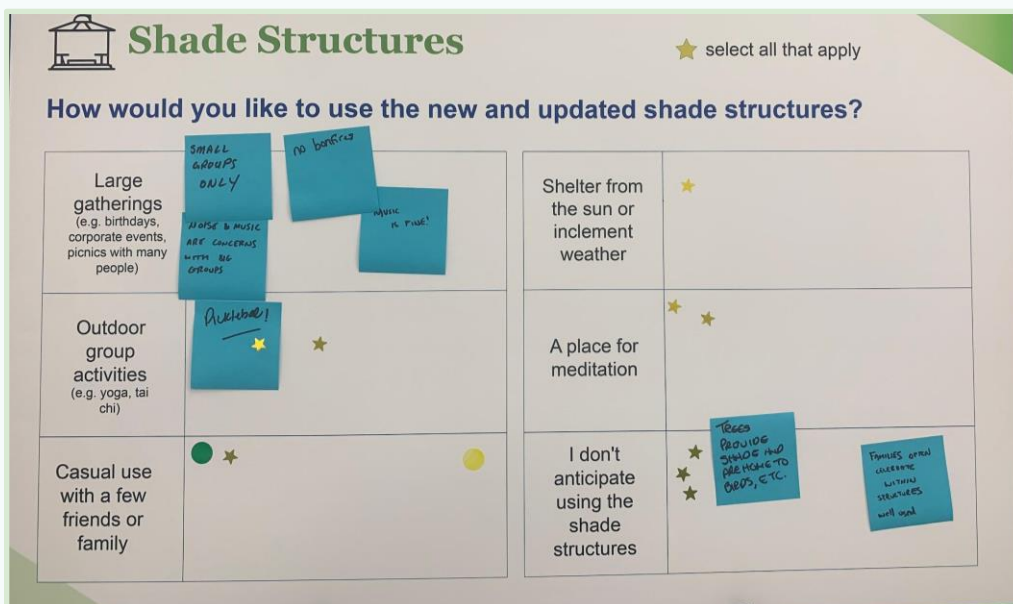


Image 6: Open House Materials at Woodbridge Pool and Memorial Arena

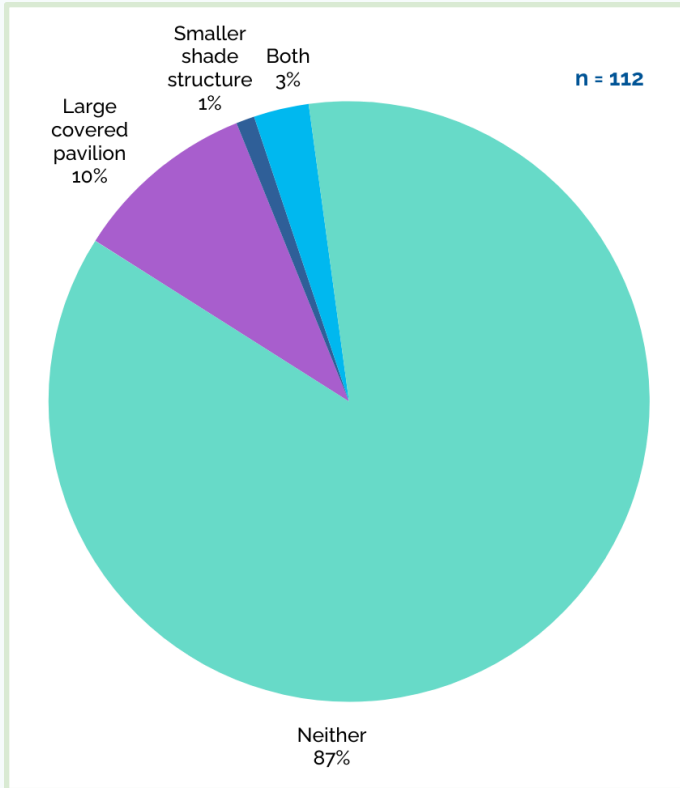


Figure 12: Survey responses to “Have you ever requested a permit to use the large pavilion or smaller shade structure?”

## BARRIERS TO PARK ACCESS

### Have you experienced any barriers to accessing the park?



#### Online Survey

Nearly half of respondents (48%) stated they had *not faced any barriers* accessing the park. 29% of respondents reported a *lack of awareness* about what is available in the park as a barrier. Some respondents stated the barrier they experience is one of *safety* (13%), while others stated *ease of access* (10%) and *time* (8%) as barriers. Other park barriers experienced by a small percentage of respondents were *accessibility and mobility* (2%) and *financial* (1%).

In the open-ended “Other” section for this question, some respondents mentioned that they believe there is insufficient parking during busy weekends. Others commented on the park’s winter shutdown schedule, when the City closes the driveway into the park, which reduces access by car. Additionally, some respondents pointed out that the park is not well signposted from the main roads. A few

respondents also shared incidents where the park seemed to have physical barriers or a locked entrance during the summer.

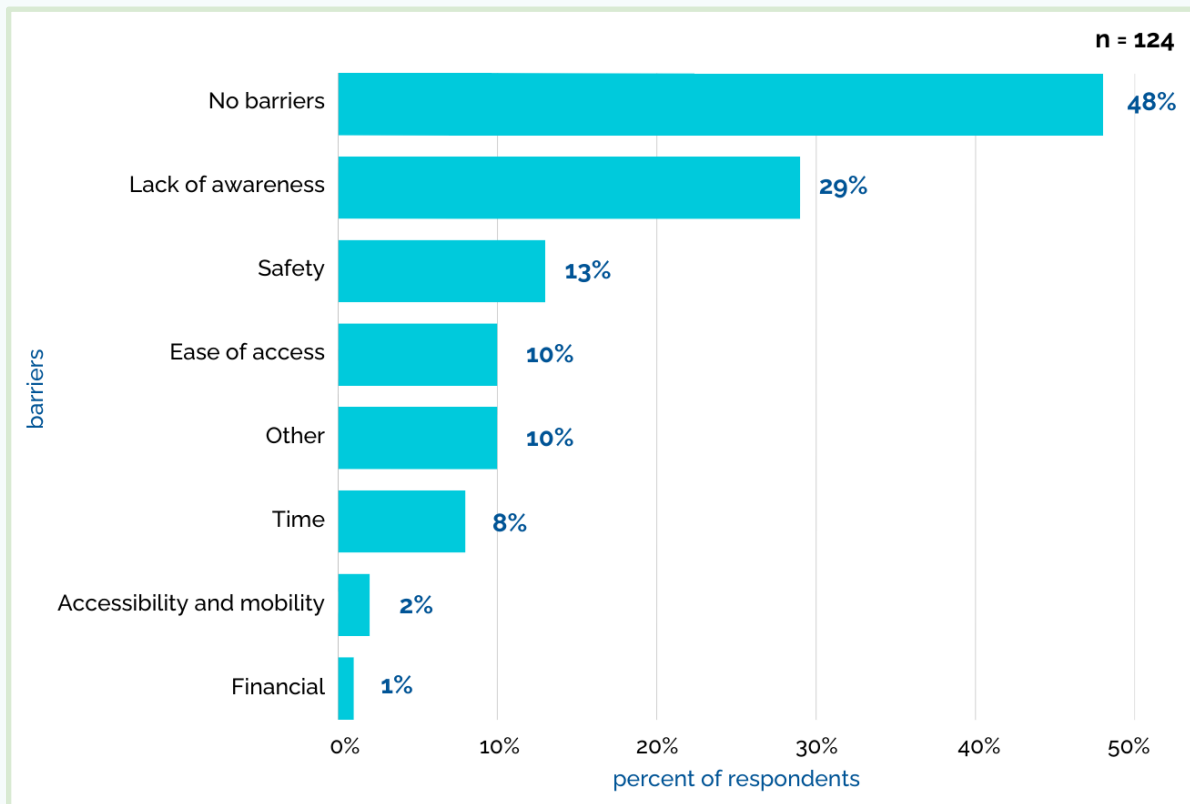


Figure 13: Survey responses to “Have you experienced any barriers to accessing the park?”



Image 7: Open House with Vaughan Community Members at Woodbridge Pool and Memorial Arena



# FUTURE PARK UPGRADES & ADDITIONS

## PARK ELEMENTS

### How important are the following park elements to you?

Wayfinding, signage and navigational elements	Games furniture (e.g. chess, table tennis)	Paved pathways to connect various park elements	Improved connections to trails and pathways outside of the park
More picnic tables	Lookout points to the Humber River	More shaded areas	More garbage and recycling bins throughout the park
Bike parking	More lighting throughout the park	More naturalization (e.g. "no mow" grass areas or pollinator gardens)	More trees
Other: _____			



#### Online Survey

Respondents were asked to rate from one (1) to five (5) the importance of the listed park elements as upgrades or additions, with one being the least important and five being the most. The majority of respondents marked *improved connections to trails and pathways outside of the park* (4.3) as the most important future park element, followed by *lookout points to the Humber River* (3.9), and *paved pathways to connect various park elements* (3.8). These elements were closely followed by *more garbage and recycling bins* (3.7), *more lighting* (3.6), *more shaded areas* (3.6) and *more trees* (3.5).

Conversely, *more picnic tables*, *more naturalization*, *wayfinding signage and navigational elements*, *games furniture*, and *bike parking* were marked as the least important by many respondents.

Through a follow-up email, a frequent user of the Woodbridge park systems suggested the ideal trail would connect Woodbridge to Kleinburg via the East Humber River Valley Trail.

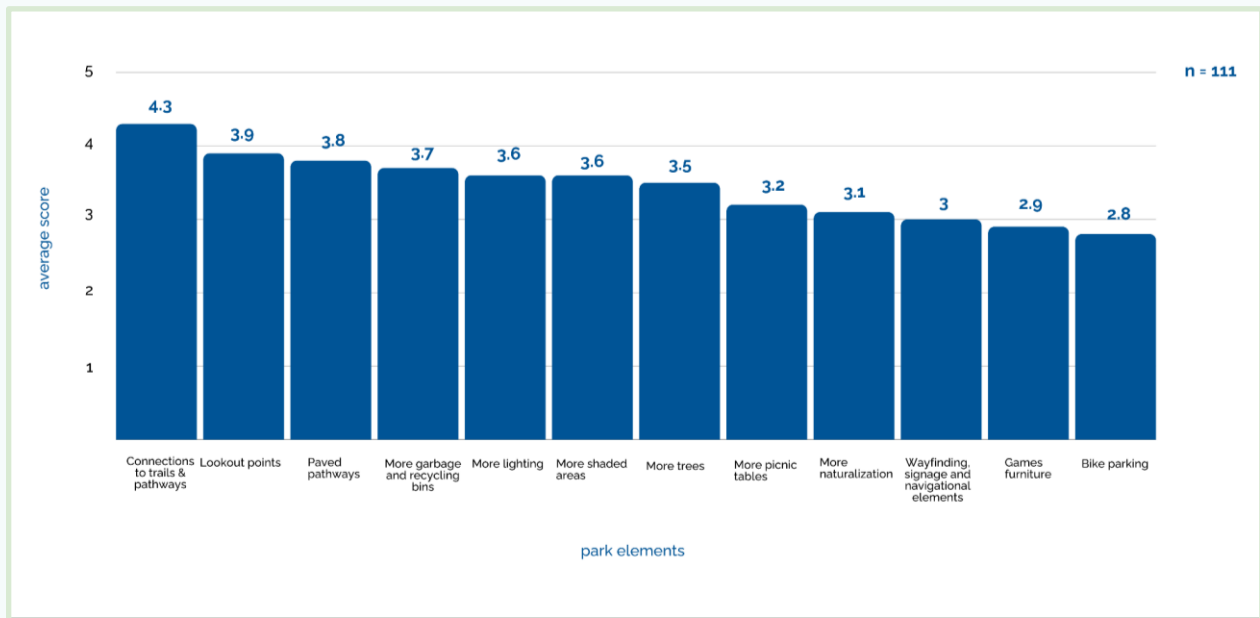


Figure 14: Survey responses to “On a scale of one (1) to five (5), how important are the following park elements to you?”



#### In-person Public Open House

Participants were asked to rate the importance of the listed park elements as upgrades or additions, from ‘very important’ to ‘somewhat important’ and ‘not important.’ The most popular choices were: *wayfinding, signage and navigational elements; lookout points to the Humber River; more naturalization; and more trees* (three ‘very important’ responses each). These were followed by mixed importance ratings for *improved connections to trails and pathways outside of the park* (two ‘very important’ and two ‘somewhat important’ responses) and *games furniture* (two ‘very important’ and one ‘somewhat important’ responses).

- While very or somewhat important for some participants, some park elements were also marked as ‘not important’ for other participants, including *more picnic tables* (three ‘not important’ responses), *more lighting* (two ‘not important’ responses) and *paved pathways to connect the various elements of the park* (two ‘not important’ responses). *More garbage and recycling bins* were marked ‘not important’ by one participant at the Open House. Through a follow-up email, a community member wanted better signage to educate park users on how to properly use existing recycling and trash bins.

Through follow-up emails, two (2) community members expressed concern regarding insufficient vehicular parking, particularly when large groups rent out shade structures, which can make the park inaccessible to others travelling by car for the duration of the group event.

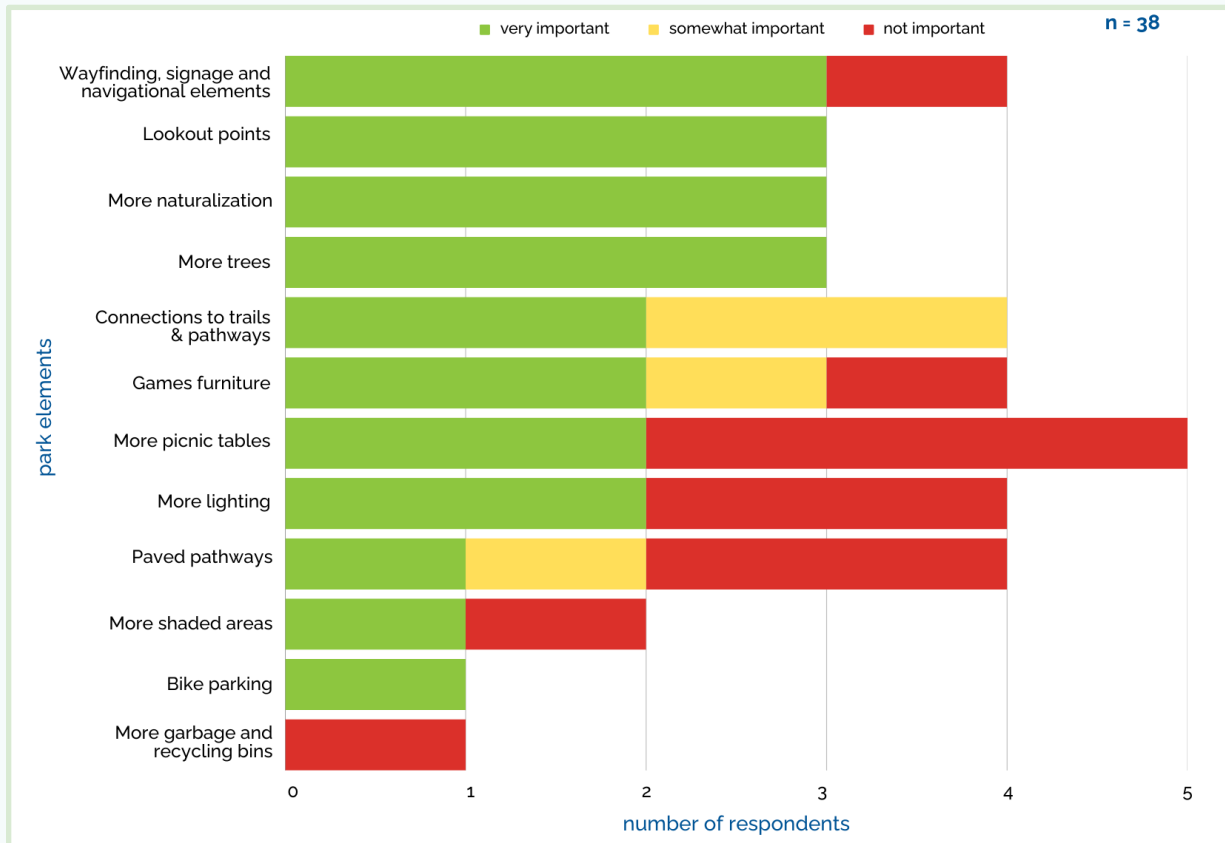


Figure 15: Open House responses to “How important are the following park elements to you?”

Some of the park elements received additional comments, which are summarized below:

**Paved pathways to connect various park elements:** Participants expressed a concern regarding the paved pathways as they felt hard, paved surfaces are more difficult to maintain and will require costly repairs using tax dollars. Through a follow-up email, a member of the Woodbridge Pollinator Group also suggested considering flyway<sup>2</sup> connections for migratory birds. In addition, the member wanted to see more structured trails and interpretive signage.

**Sports amenities:** Participants wanted to make Doctors McLean District Park a destination through the addition of sports facilities. The most commonly suggested sports amenity was a pickleball court (five comments), followed by a tennis court (two comments), basketball court (one comment), and bocce ball court (one comment). Some participants expressed concern about vandalism on the games tables.

<sup>2</sup> A flyway is an established air route of migratory birds.

**Lighting:** While one (1) participant emphasized the importance of lighting for security reasons, and suggested lights be dimmed at night but kept on, other participants suggested there was already too much lighting and that lighting the park overnight would be a waste of electricity and have a negative impact on plant life.

**More naturalization:** Eight (8) comments suggested leaving the park green and maintaining the open space as it represents the uniqueness of the park. They expressed concern that extra programming like a splashpad or other developments cost tax dollars and require maintenance by the City. Comments favoured the preservation of the big willow tree, wild areas, and the general natural features of the park. Through a follow-up email, one participant requested more regular mowing of the grass, particularly when the park is thoroughly used in the warmer months. The participant requested particular attention to the pathways around the pollinator garden that is planted and maintained by Woodbridge Pollinator Group.



*Image 8: Pollinator garden at Doctors McLean District Park*



# SHADE STRUCTURES

## How would you like to use the new and updated shade structures? Select all that apply.

Large gatherings	Outdoor group activities	Casual use with a few friends or family
Shelter from the sun or inclement weather	Place for meditation	I do not anticipate using the shade structures
Other: _____		



Online Survey

The survey revealed that the majority of respondents would like to utilize the new and improved shade structures for casual gatherings with a few friends or family (72%). The next most common use was protection from the sun or bad weather (42%), followed by large gatherings (33%), outdoor group activities (25%) and as a space for meditation (15%). A smaller percentage of respondents *did not anticipate using the shade structures* (11%). Other responses suggested alternate facilities and uses instead of the shade structures, including a tennis court, bocce court, flower gardens, or hosting a local farmers market with covered kiosks.

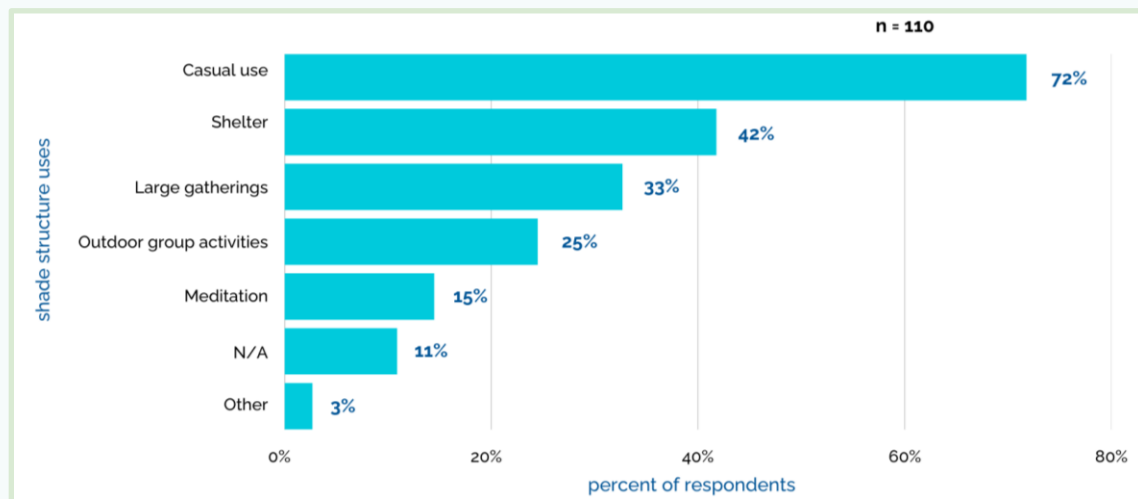


Figure 16: Survey responses to “How would you like to use the new and updated shade structures in the park?”



## In-person Public Open House

Of the 10 responses received, three (3) participants answered that they would use the shade structures for *casual use with a few friends or family*, and three (3) *anticipated not using them*. Two (2) participants answered that they would use the shade structures as *a place for meditation*. The options of *shelter from the sun or inclement weather* and *outdoor group activity* each received one (1) response. The option of *large gatherings* received no responses.

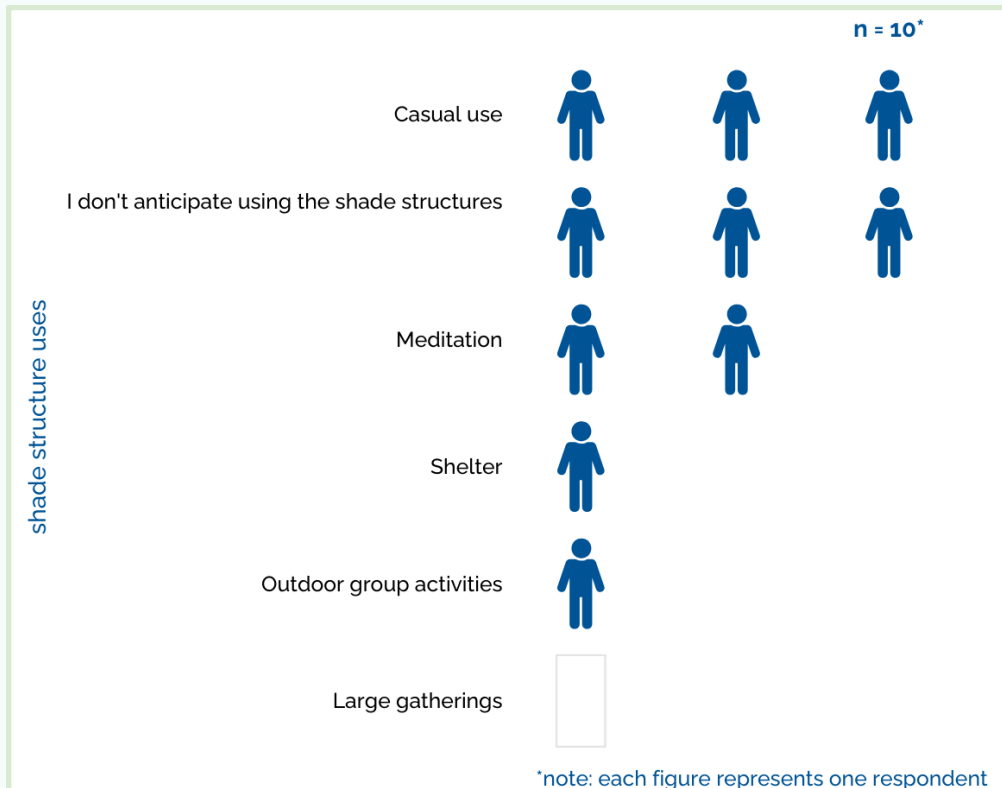



Figure 17: Open House responses to “How would you like to use the new and updated shade structures in the park?”

When participants were asked if there were other shade structure uses they wanted the City to consider, some participants shared they appreciated the upgrade to the existing shade structure and addition of a third shade structure, noting that families frequently use the existing structures for celebrations. Additional suggestions included charging a fee for large groups, ensuring permits are enforced, and restricting use to only small groups as noise and music from large gatherings could be disruptive to the other park users. Other responses questioned the need for an additional shade structure, noting that the trees in the park provided ample shade and are habitats for birds and should not be disturbed by additional development. They suggested more mature plantings and emphasized the importance of restricting fires. One (1) response suggested if an additional structure is added, careful consideration must be given to its placement to ensure it is not too close to the river and is along the pedestrian trail.

 **Shade Structures** ★ select all that apply

**How would you like to use the new and updated shade structures?**

<p>Large gatherings (e.g. birthdays, corporate events, picnics with many people)</p>	<p>SMALL GROUPS ONLY</p> <p>no benches</p> <p>MUSIC IS FINE!</p> <p>NOISE &amp; MUSIC ARE CONCERNS WITH BIG GROUPS</p>	<p>Shelter from the sun or inclement weather</p>	<p>★</p>
<p>Outdoor group activities (e.g. yoga, tai chi)</p>	<p>Relaxation!</p> <p>★</p> <p>★</p>	<p>A place for meditation</p>	<p>★</p> <p>★</p>
<p>Casual use with a few friends or family</p>	<p>●</p> <p>★</p> <p>●</p>	<p>I don't anticipate using the shade structures</p>	<p>★</p> <p>★</p> <p>★</p> <p>Trees provide shade and are home to birds, etc.</p> <p>Families often use picnic structures well used</p>

Image 9: Open House responses to using the new and updated shade structures



Image 10: Existing shade structures at Doctors McLean District Park

## PLAYGROUND

**Which playground experiences are most important to you? Are there any other playground experiences you would like the City to consider when designing the playground? (Refer to Image 11)**



Image 11: Playground experience options.



### Online Survey

When asked to rank what playground experiences are most important to them, respondents felt *swinging* was most important (4.6), followed by *sliding* (4.5), *climbing* (4.1), and *group and social play* (3.1). The least important playground experiences were *balancing* (2.5) and *spinning* (2.2).



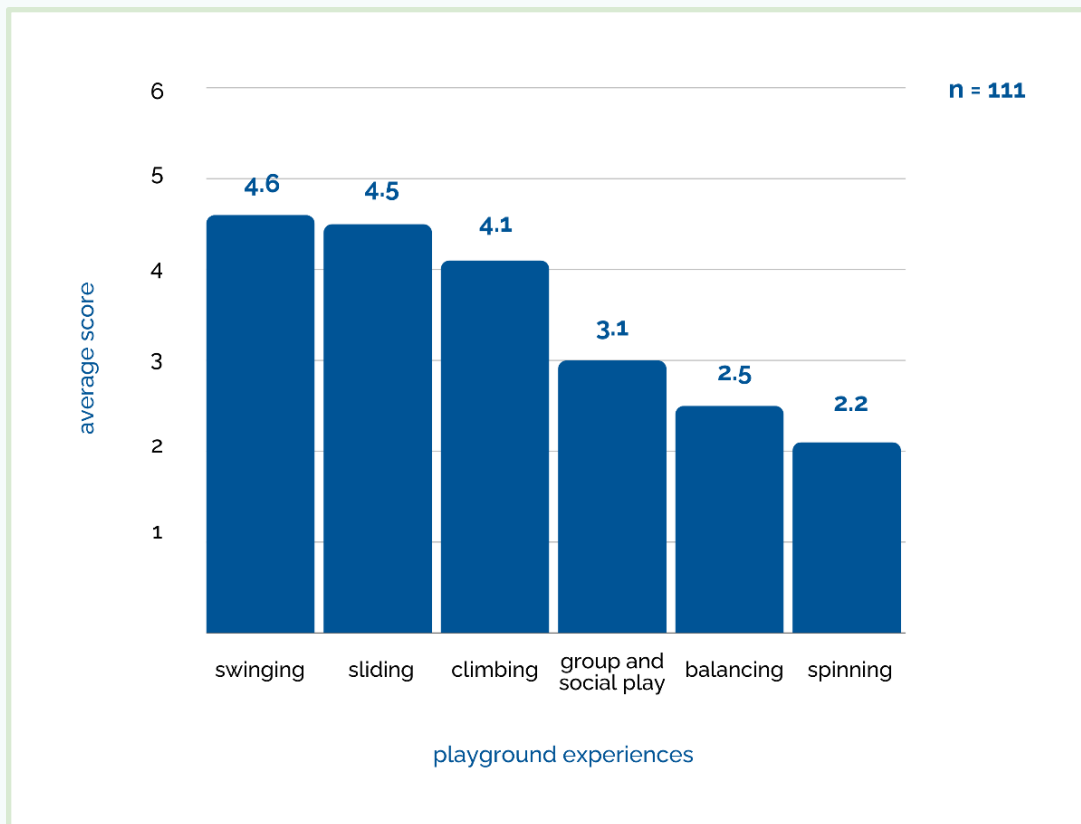


Figure 18: Survey responses to "Which playground experiences are most important to you?"

Many (21) responses provided feedback beyond the listed options. These comments fall into the following categories: material, design, other experiences, and concerns.

Table 3: Other comments for playground experiences

Other Comments	
Material (three comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Consider flooring material like mulch or soft padding that is safe for kids to play on</li> <li>● Use materials and colors that can withstand weather conditions</li> </ul>
Design (six comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Incorporate educational elements that connect back to the area's heritage</li> <li>● Consider "theming" certain elements of the park, to make it look like a ship, jungle with animals or forest canopy</li> <li>● Include natural elements within the playground experience</li> <li>● Maximize exploratory and auditory experiences to spark children's imaginations</li> </ul>



Other experiences (12 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Misting stations</li> <li>● Zipline</li> <li>● Sandbox</li> <li>● Monkey bars</li> <li>● Teeter totter</li> <li>● Rope climbing structures</li> <li>● Merry-go-round</li> <li>● Child-led/activated stations (e.g., interactive water features)</li> </ul>
Concerns (seven comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Accessibility needs</li> <li>● Safety</li> <li>● Distance to parent supervision areas</li> <li>● Cleanliness of the structures</li> <li>● Hydration and availability of snacks for children</li> </ul>

Additionally, 12 comments suggested alternate activities like an outdoor pool, playground equipment that helps build strength and resistance for children, outdoor gym equipment for adults, skatepark, sensory gardens, ice rink, soccer field, water park or bike repair stations.



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Two (2) participants marked *sliding* as ‘very important,’ while the experiences of *swinging, climbing, and group and social play* received one (1) ‘very important’ response each. One (1) participant suggested using different types of swings than the image shown on the board. *Spinning* received one (1) ‘somewhat important’ and one (1) ‘not important,’ while *balancing* received no responses.



Figure 19: Open House responses to “How important are these playground experiences for you?”

When participants were asked if there were other playground experiences they wanted the City to consider for Doctors McLean District Park, suggestions included tennis courts, a soccer field and a skate park for scooters, skateboards and rollerblades. One participant also took this as an opportunity to express they appreciated the use of engineered wood fibre flooring in the playground instead of sand.



Image 12: Existing playground at Doctors McLean District Park

## SPLASHPAD

**Which splashpad features are most important to you? Are there any other splashpad features you would like the City to consider when designing the splashpad?**



Image 13: Splashpad feature options.



Online Survey

When asked to rank what splashpad features are most important to them, respondents felt *run-throughs* was most important (6.8), followed by *overhead spraying* (6.1), *misting stations* (5.3), and *ground spraying* (5.3). The least important playground experiences were *sensory features* (2.6) and *dumping features* (2.3).

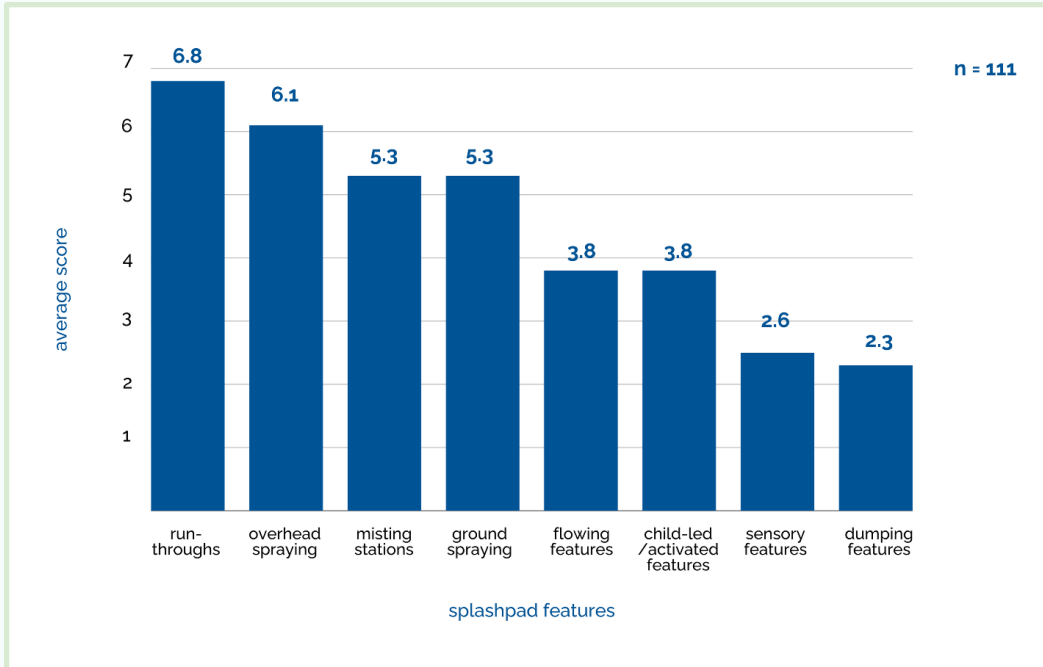


Figure 20: Survey responses to “Which splashpad features are most important to you?”

Respondents were also asked if there were other experiences they wanted the City to consider when designing the splashpad, and 14 comments were received, summarized in Table 3 below. The comments fall into the following categories: design and other experiences. Four (4) of the 14 comments suggested the splashpad was not needed in this neighbourhood.

Table 4: Other comments for splashpad features

Other Comments	
Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Age-appropriate activities for toddlers and kids</li> <li>● Consider safety</li> <li>● Consider accessibility needs</li> <li>● Have shade for some part of the splashpad</li> </ul>
Other features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wading pool</li> <li>● Water slides</li> <li>● Varying water shoot out patterns from the ground</li> <li>● Shallow basin to lounge</li> <li>● Seating for parents</li> <li>● Adult misting area for runners and cyclists</li> <li>● Water activities for dogs</li> <li>● Washroom facilities with shaded areas</li> <li>● Outdoor swimming pool</li> </ul>

Three (3) participants marked *run-throughs* as ‘very important’ or ‘somewhat important,’ while *dumping features*, *child-led/activated*, *group sprays*, *misting stations* and *sensory features* received one (1) ‘very important’ response each. *Overhead sprays* and *flowing features* did not receive any responses. Additionally, one (1) participant commented that most of the listed options were different kinds of spraying features, so the City should only pick one and then select from the remaining options to provide a more diverse waterplay experience.

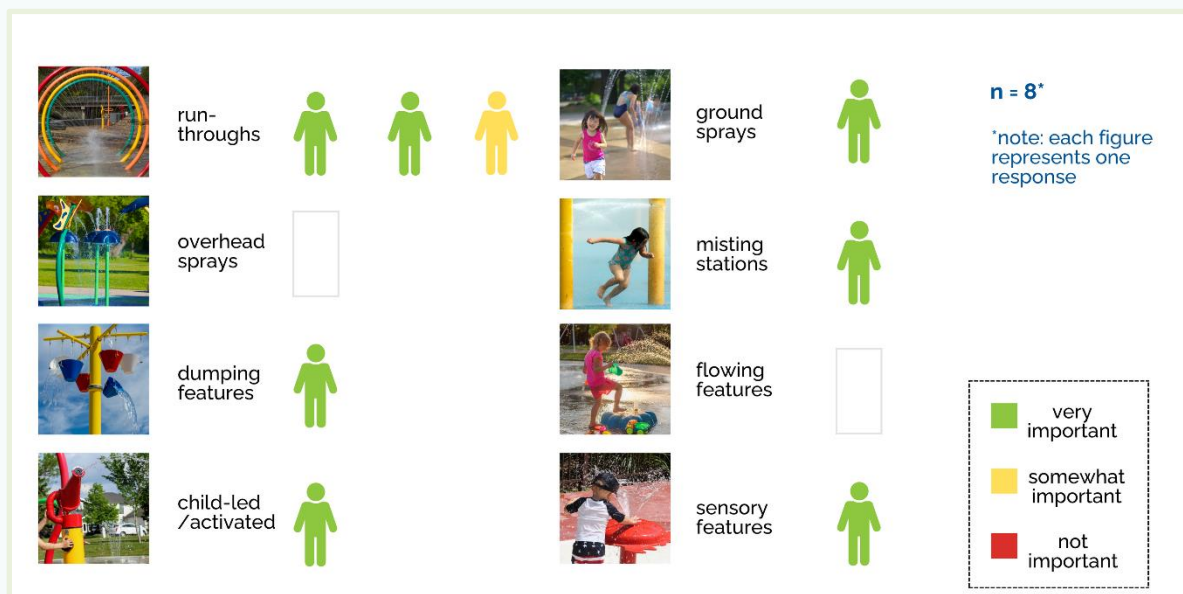


Figure 21: Open House responses to “Which splashpad features are most important to you?”

When the participants were asked if there were other splashpad features they wanted the City to consider, comments were mixed. While one (1) participant noted that families with kids are moving into the neighbourhood and appreciated the addition of a splashpad, other participants did not support the addition of the splashpad. They noted that they did not see many young families using the park, and that a splashpad is a high-maintenance feature that takes away from grassy areas and cannot be used during colder seasons.



## SIGNAGE

### Which of these topics, if any, resonate with you? Do you know of any unique and special stories about the area that you would like to see featured?

The Doctors McLean	Woodbridge milling history	Endangered species in the area
History of the Humber River and its environmental importance for fish and wildlife	The Carrying-Place Trail (i.e. the Humber Portage, the Toronto Passage)	



Online Survey

In response to this open-ended question with prompted categories provided, many respondents appreciated the idea of educational signage in the park, with the largest group of respondents wanting to learn about the various histories: *history of the Humber River and its environmental importance for fish and wildlife* (23 responses), *Carrying-Place Trail* (16 responses), *Woodbridge milling history* (10 responses), and *Doctors McLean* (seven responses). There was also interest in seeing information on *endangered species in the area* (15 responses). Additional suggestions included information on native and pollinator plants and the properties of water.



Figure 22: Survey responses to “Which of these topics, if any, resonate with you? Do you know of any unique and special stories about the area that you would like to see featured?”

In addition, some respondents shared their personal connections to and stories of the park that could be featured, including its previous name of Fundale, an informational structure and map that previously stood in the area, apple orchards on the hills, trams that ran from Toronto to Woodbridge, the Indigenous history of the land, Hurricane Hazel, and supernatural stories associated with the park. One (1) respondent expressed an interest in seeing a Land Acknowledgement plaque in the park.

One comment suggested that improved signage is needed as “it's a very nice park area. However, most residents don't even know it exists. The signage should be more visible and in larger print. Obviously, a more appealing entrance.”



In-person Public Open House

**Signage**

**Doctors McLean District Park and Woodbridge have a rich history. The City will be developing educational and interpretive signage on topics of nature, culture and history.**

**These topics could include:**

- The Doctors McLean
- Woodbridge milling history
- The Carrying-Place Trail (i.e. the Humber Portage, the Toronto Passage)
- History of the Humber River and its environmental importance for fish and wildlife
- Endangered species in the area

**Which of these topics resonate with you?**

**Do you know any special stories that you would like to see featured?**

Stay informed: [vaughan.ca/DoctorsMcLean](http://vaughan.ca/DoctorsMcLean)

VAUGHAN

Figure 23: Open House board asking about signage topics

This board was facilitated by City staff and the consulting team, and it generated a lively discussion among participants who held many stories of and place-based connections to the park. 11 participants appreciated the suggested options of *Woodbridge milling history*, *history of the Humber River and its environmental importance for fish and wildlife*, and *endangered species in the area*. One (1) participant expressed doubt about the relevance of the *Carrying-Place Trail* to this particular site, and another suggested removing the name of Doctors McLean from the park.

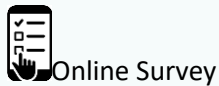
Additionally, participants were asked if they knew of any special stories that they would like to see featured on the park's signage. Enthusiastic responses suggested creating signage for various histories of the park and neighbourhood. It was noted that the park's previous name was Fundale Park, owned by Alfred Maynard, who also built guest cottages along the Humber. While some participants expressed interest in seeing farming history, weavers and potters histories, Indigenous history of the land, and the history of Woodbridge Avenue on the signage, other suggestions included more specific histories of Woodbridge Marywoods, Roland Burr's family who owned the mill, Weston Bakery and its hotdog buns, and the Hurricane Hazel flood levels. There was also a suggestion to use signage to post a code of conduct for How to respectfully use the park.

Through a follow-up email, a community member also noted the importance of accessing elder and senior voices as "a group with experiential life history" to "maintain the factual and unbiased history of our past."

More of the stories shared by the participants can be found in Appendix D.

## TRAVEL

### How would you like to travel to the park? Select all that apply.



In addition to their thoughts on park components, the survey also asked respondents how they would like to travel to the park. Many respondents preferred *walking* (70%), *driving* (68%), and *cycling* (41%) to Doctors McLean District Park. In comparison, a smaller percentage of respondents preferred to use *skateboards, scooters or rollerblades* (7%), *public transit* (5%), *electric scooters or e-bikes* (3.6%), *mobility devices* (2%) and/or *rideshare services* (2%) to travel to the park.

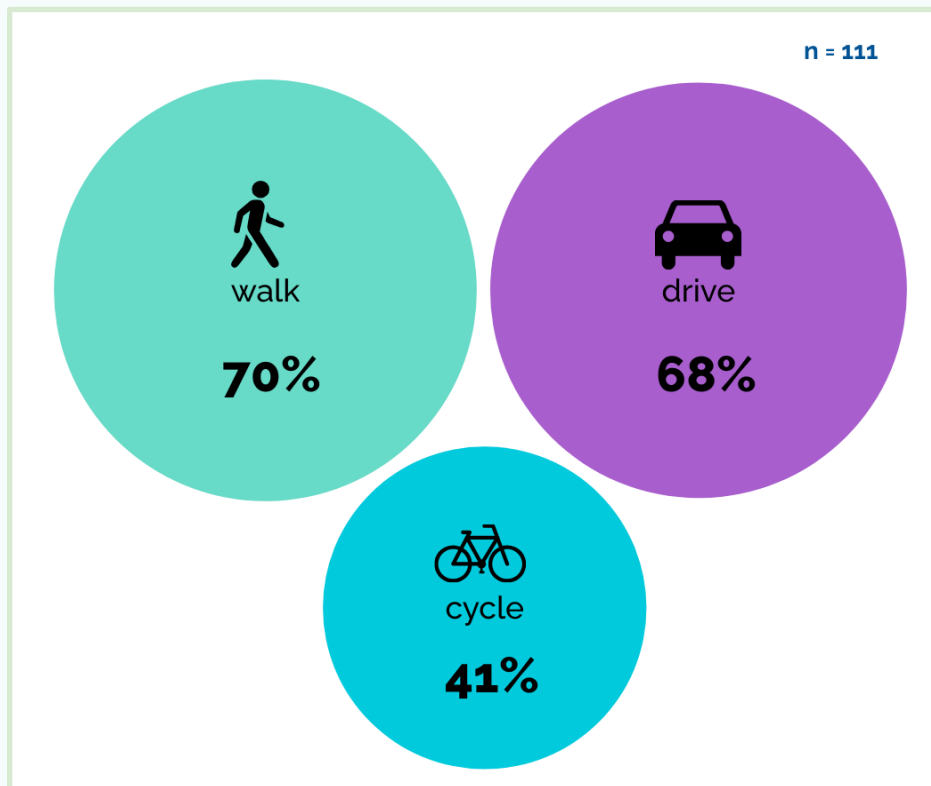


Figure 24: Survey responses to “How would you like to travel to the park?”

Seven (7) participants preferred *walking*, and five (5) preferred *cycling* to Doctors McLean District Park. The other preferences were *driving* (three responses), using *electric scooters or e-bikes* (two responses), and commuting via *public transit* (two responses). One (1) participant reported using *skateboards, scooters or rollerblades*, and another reported the use of a *mobility device* to travel to the park.

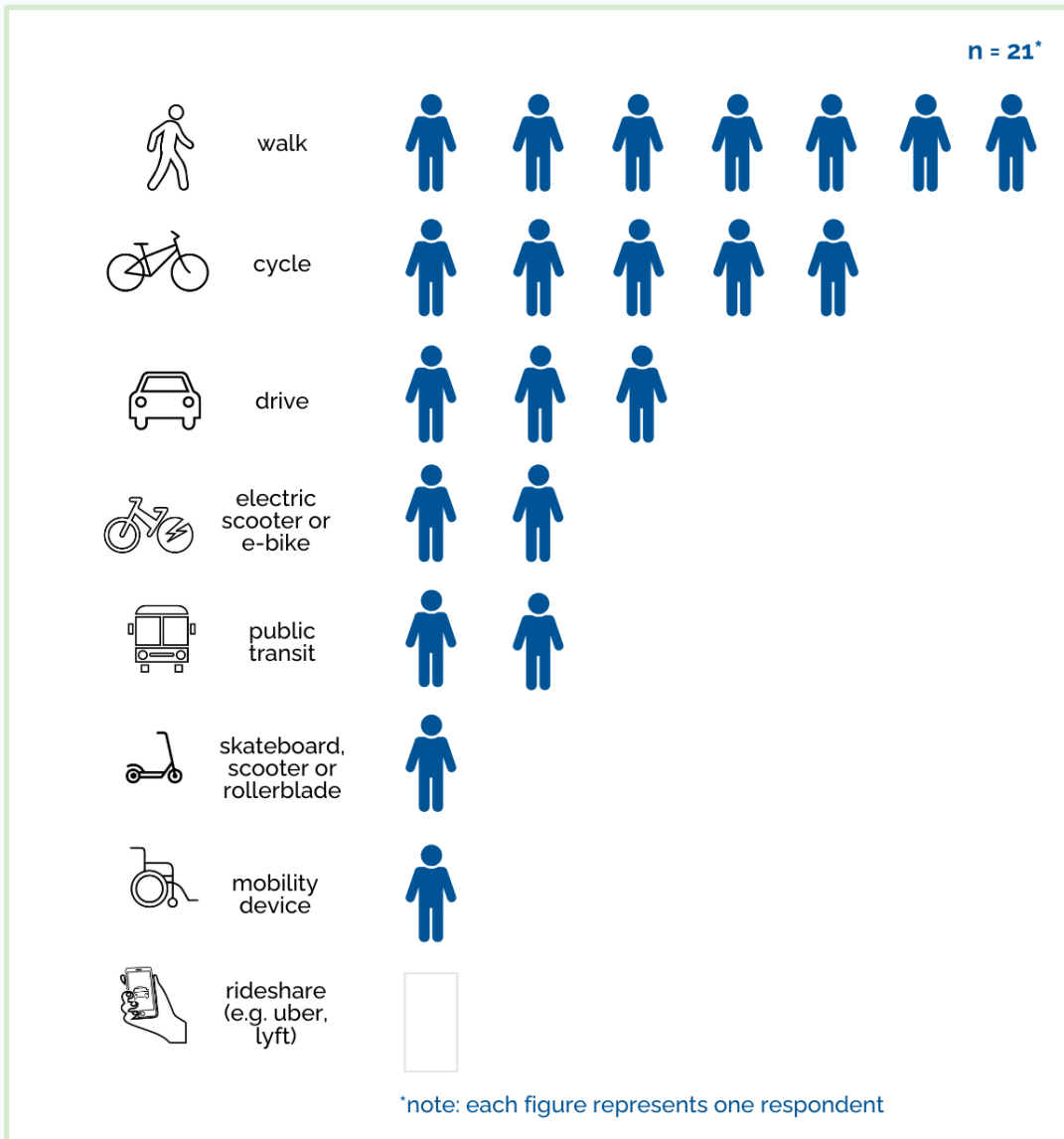


Figure 25: Open House responses to “How would you like to travel to the park?”



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**Phase 2**

**Engagement**

**Spring 2024**



# How We Engaged

## ONLINE SURVEY #2

The City disseminated a second online survey from May 13, 2024 to June 10, 2024 to share and collect feedback on the draft design for the redevelopment of Doctors McLean Park. The purpose of the survey was to validate whether the draft design met community needs and identify any necessary refinements to help inform the final design phase.

The survey was programmed in SurveyMonkey and hosted on the City's online engagement platform, *Have Your Say, Vaughan*. It consisted of 26 questions divided into sections covering the overall park plan, shade structures, adventure play area, waterplay area, boardwalk and overlooks, and respondent demographics and outreach methods. A copy of the online survey can be found in Appendix B.

81 responses were analyzed after data cleaning and suppression.

Please note:

- An **overwhelming majority** of respondents refers to more than 75%
- A **majority of respondents** refers to more than 50%

## OUTREACH

The City used multiple methods to promote the online survey to the community, including:

- updates to the project webpage.
- City eNewsletters (Vaughan News and Vaughan Engagement eNewsletter).
- mailed notice to residents in the surrounding area.
- social media.
- email to Indigenous communities.
- email to Open House attendees and participants of Survey #1.
- email to Doctors McLean District Park permit holders from 2023.

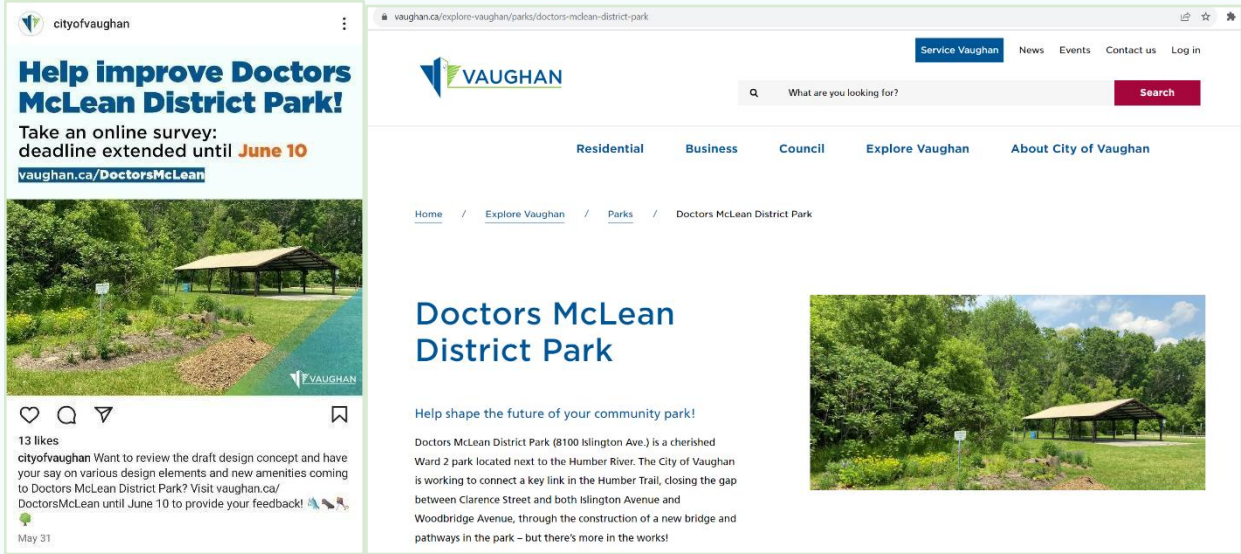


Image 14 & 15: Social media post on City of Vaughan Instagram page and screenshot of Doctors McLean District Park Redevelopment webpage.

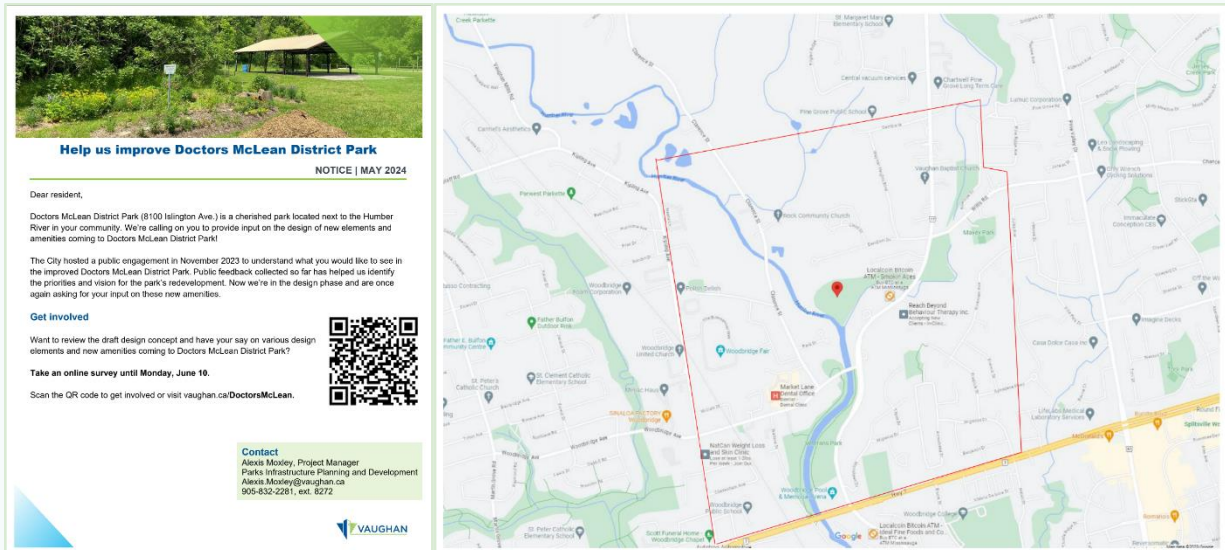


Image 16 and 17: Mailed notice to residents and area map of residents for Doctors McLean District Park Redevelopment survey promotion.

# AWARENESS

## How did you hear about this project?



Online Survey #2

Most respondents heard about the project through the City’s eNewsletter Vaughan News (33%), roadside signage (21%), an eNewsletter from City staff (19%) or an eNewsletter from Council (19%). This information may be useful to City staff and could inform how future engagement opportunities are promoted to residents.

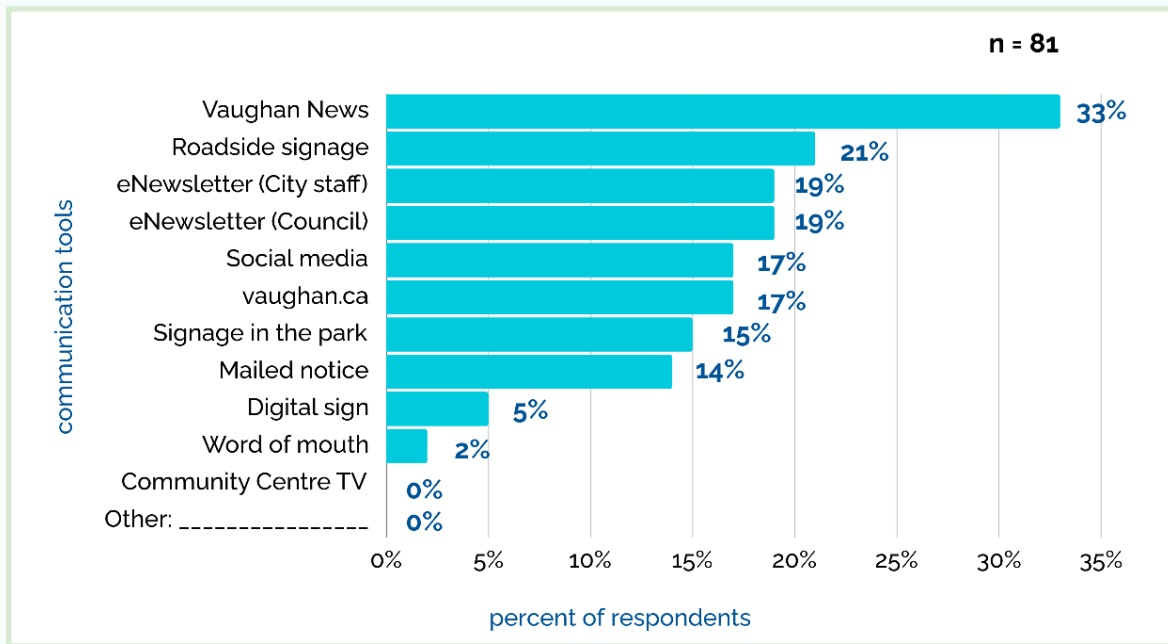


Figure 26: Survey responses to “How did you hear about this project?”

# Who We Heard From

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### What are the ages of the people responding to this survey?



Online Survey #2

Feedback was collected from respondents representing a range of age groups (Figure 27). The largest group of respondents were 35 to 44 (27%) and 45 to 54 (26%), followed by 55 to 64 years (19%), 65+ (19%) and 25 to 34 (17%).

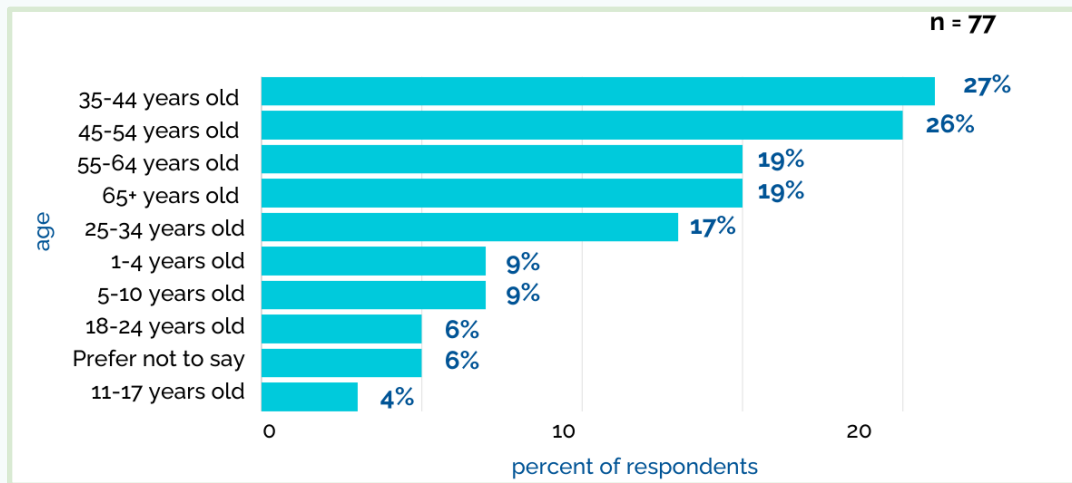


Figure 27: Survey responses to “What are the ages of the people responding to this survey?”

### How would you best describe your gender identity/expression?



Online Survey #2

A majority of respondents identified as women (58%), while nearly a third identified as men (31%).



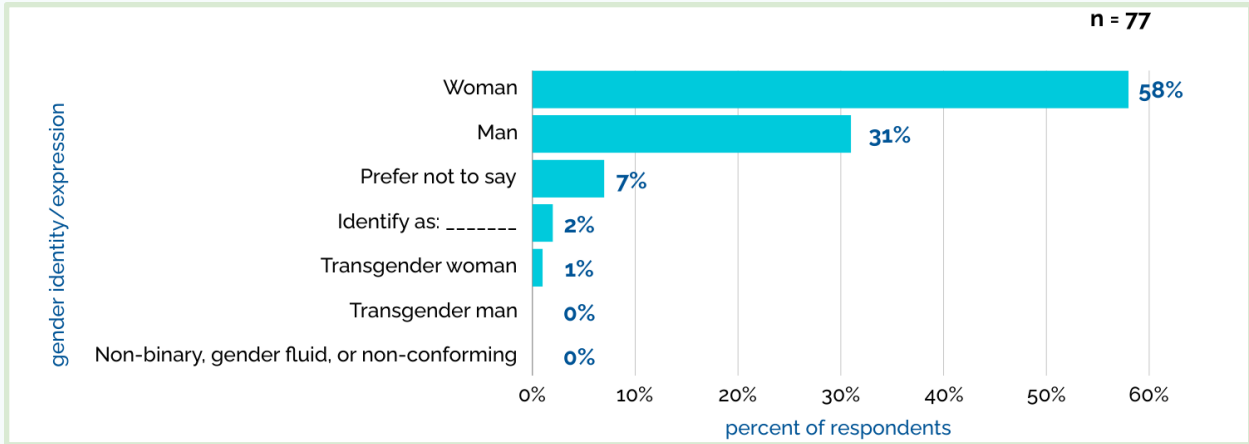


Figure 28: Survey responses to “How would you best describe your gender identity/expression?”

**Please select any of the following [various demographic factors] that apply to you.**



Online Survey #2

Nearly a third of respondents had children under 18 in their household (32%), and over a quarter of respondents had older adults in their household (27%). 18% of respondents or someone in their household were born outside of Canada, 9% identified themselves as business owners in Vaughan and five percent (5%) identified as 2SLGBTQ+. Four percent (4%) did not have English as their first language, and three percent (3%) had French as their first language.

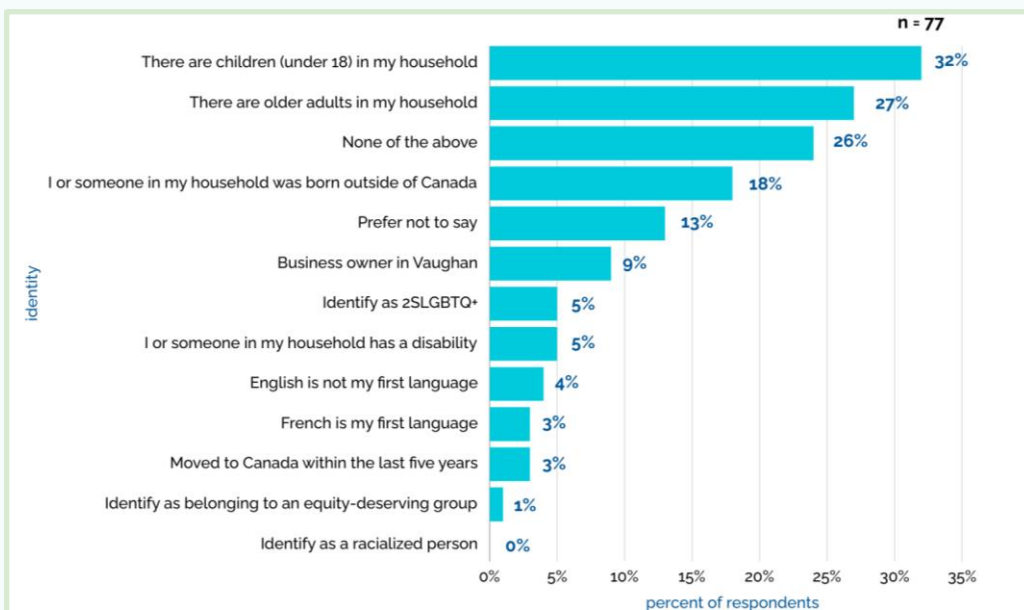


Figure 29: Survey responses to “Please select any of the following [various demographic factors] that apply to you.”

## Do you identify as Indigenous?



Online Survey #2

One percent (1%) of respondents identified as Indigenous, specifically Métis.

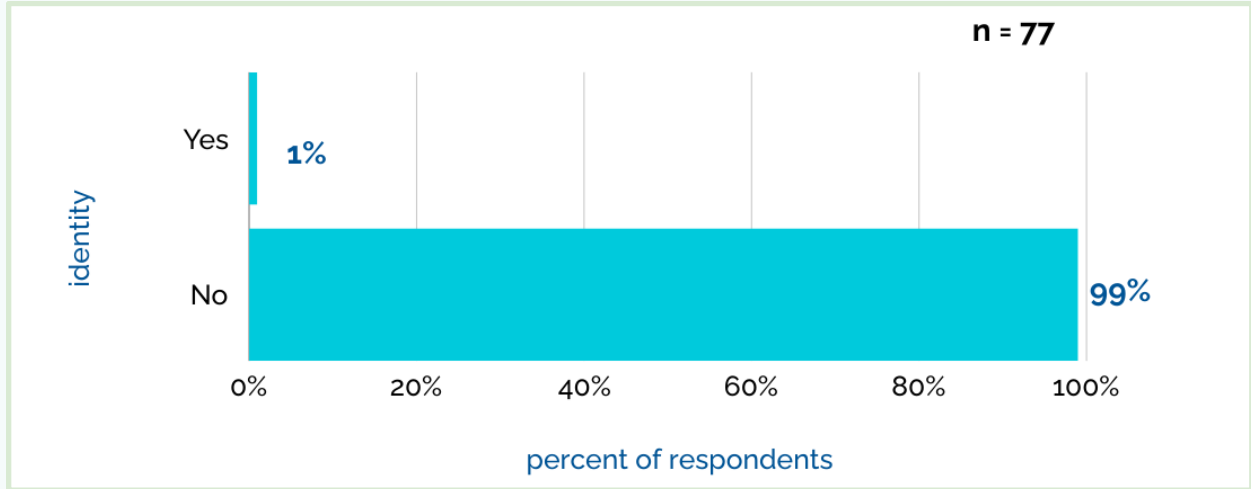



Figure 30: Survey responses to "Do you identify as Indigenous?"

# LOCATION

## What is your postal code?

71% of the survey respondents were located in the postal code beginning with L4L, followed by 25% in L4H.

Table 5: Postal codes of Survey #2 respondents

First 3 digits of postal code	 Number of Survey #2 respondents
L4L	48
L4H	16
L4J	1
L6A	2
L4K	1
Total Respondents	80

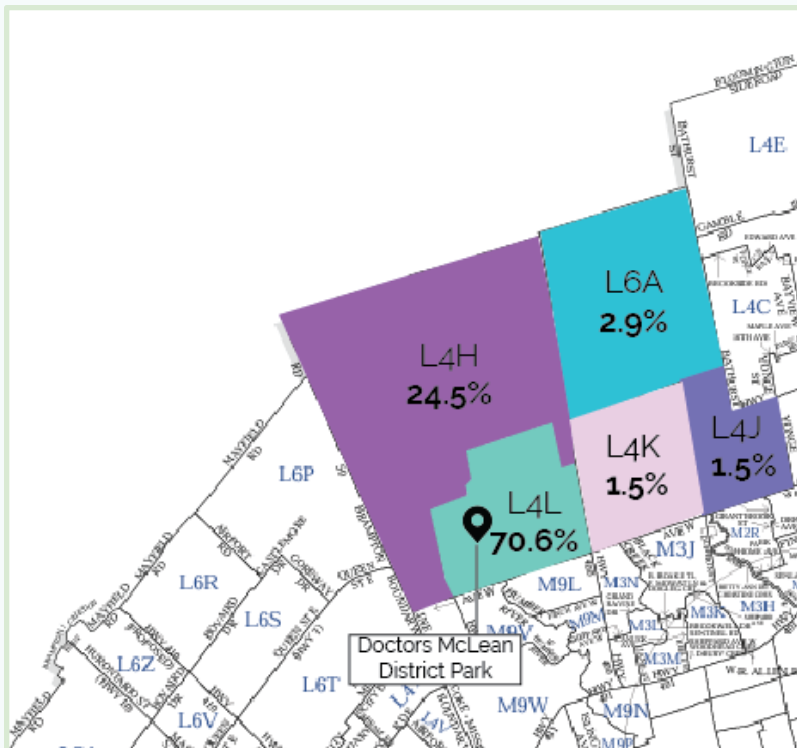


Figure 31: Survey #2 responses to “What is your postal code?”

# What We Heard

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The results of Survey #2 show strong affirmation of the draft design plans. More specifically, an **overwhelming majority** (over 75%) of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that:

- the overall park plan provides good internal park pathway connections.
- there is a good balance between open space, programmed space, and preservation of the natural character of the park.
- casual use for the replacement shade structure would be preferable.
- the adventure theme fits well with the character of Doctors McLean District Park.
- the adventure play area provides a good variety of play options for children.
- the river theme fits well within the context of Doctors McLean District Park.
- there should be two separate waterplay spaces for different age groups.
- the seating area is well positioned in relation to the waterplay area.

A **majority (over 50%)** of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that:

- the new shade structure complements the use of the informal open space.
- the new shade structure should not be bookable and should only be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Conversely, 19% of respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed with this practice.
- they like the addition of a small sand play area in the adventure play area. Conversely, 15% of respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed with this addition.
- the seating area is well positioned relative to the play area.

# OVERALL PARK PLAN

## PATHWAY CONNECTIONS

### The overall park plan provides good internal park pathway connections between the features I want to visit.



Online Survey #2

The overwhelming majority of respondents agreed (54%) or strongly agreed (36%) that the overall park plan provides good internal park pathway connections between the features they want to visit. Less than 5% of respondents disagreed (3%) or strongly disagreed (1%) with the statement. Other suggestions included reducing the amount of pavement in the overall park plan to preserve naturalized or grassy areas.

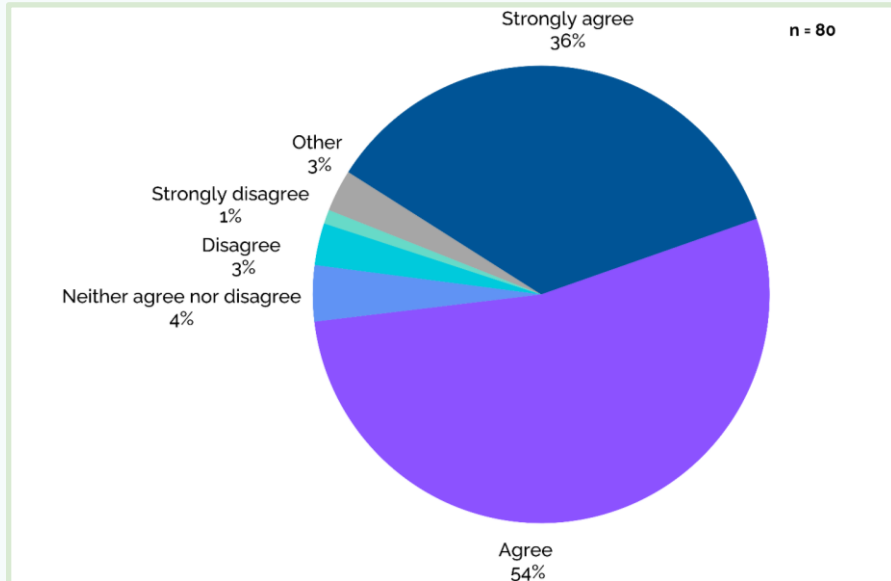


Figure 32: Survey responses to “The overall park plan provides good internal park pathway connections between the features I want to visit.”



## OPEN & PROGRAMMED SPACE

### Overall, I feel the park plan includes a good balance between open space and programmed space and preservation of the natural character of the park.



Online Survey #2

The overwhelming majority of respondents agreed (46%) or strongly agreed (44%) that the park plan includes a good balance between open space, programmed space, and preservation of the natural character of the park. One percent (1%) strongly disagreed with the statement. Other suggestions included leaving the trails natural.

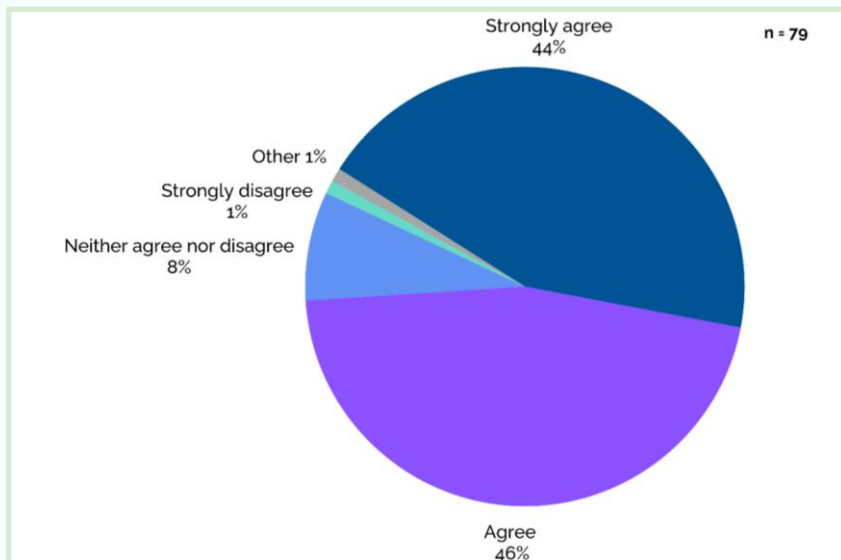


Figure 33: Survey responses to “Overall, I feel the park plan includes a good balance between open space and programmed space and preservation of the natural character of the park.”

## ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Is there anything else you would like the City to consider when redeveloping Doctors McLean District Park?



#### Online Survey #2

When asked about other considerations for the park’s overall redevelopment, 40 comments were received. The majority of responses (21) are categorized in the table below.

Table 6: Additional comments on redeveloping Doctors McLean District Park

Theme	Additional ideas
Sports and Recreation	sand volleyball court, pickleball courts, tether ball, soccer field, basketball, tennis court, outdoor adult gym and swimming pool
Mobility	separated bike lanes, bike parking racks, hiking trails, additional car parking
Food and Drink	drinking fountain, ice cream stalls

Other respondents (6 comments) commented on having additional shaded areas and seating protected from the sun and rain, while a few (3 comments) expressed concern with “over designing” the park and suggested conserving the natural areas. Several respondents (7 comments) expressed concerns regarding waste management, littering, and insufficient washroom and changing room facilities for the new programming.



Image 18: Entrance to Doctors McLean District Park

# SHADE STRUCTURES

## REPLACEMENT SHADE STRUCTURE USES

### I see myself using the replacement shade shelter for [list of options]



Online Survey #2

The overwhelming majority of respondents (77%) preferred to use the replacement shade shelter for casual use, while 16% preferred to use it for booked events. Four percent (4%) would use the shelter for both. Others suggested not having the shade shelter or having three smaller shelters.

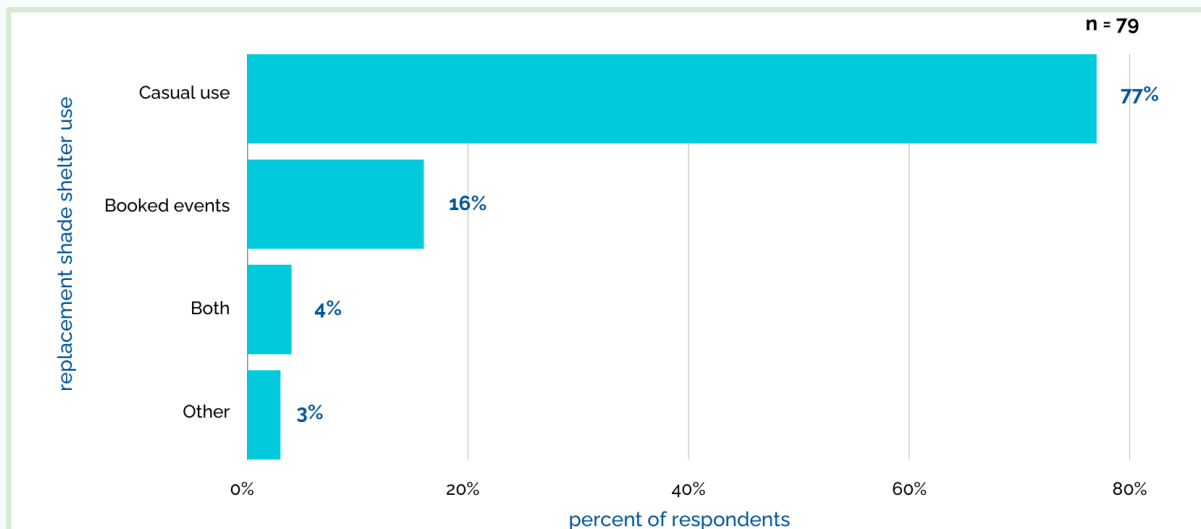


Figure 34: Survey responses to “I see myself using the replacement shade shelter for [list of options]”



Image 19: Existing shade structure at Doctors McLean District Park

## USE OF INFORMAL OPEN SPACE

### I feel the new shade structure complements the use of the informal open space.



Online Survey #2

The majority of respondents agreed (47%) or strongly agreed (26%) that the new shade structure complements the use of the informal open space. Four percent (4%) disagreed, and five percent (5%) strongly disagreed with the statement. Others recommended maximizing shade and enlarging the shade structure to fit multiple families.

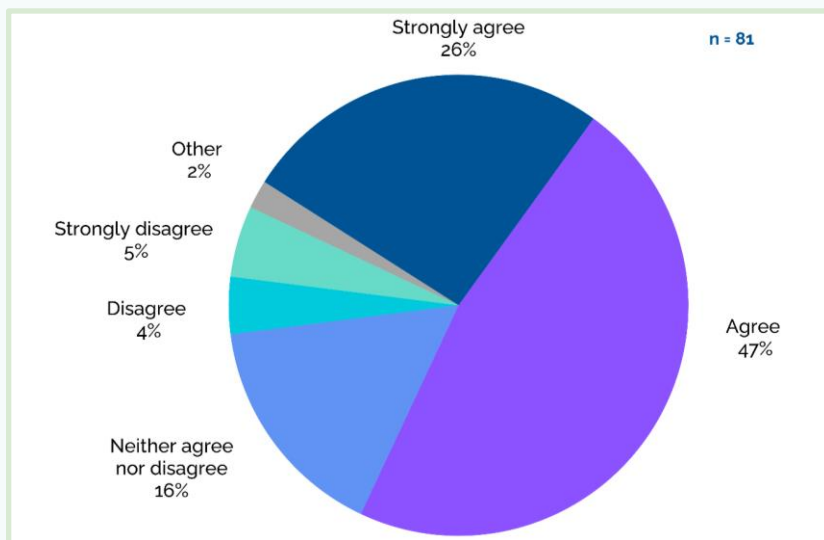


Figure 35: Survey responses to "I feel the new shade structure complements the use of the informal open space."

## NEW SHADE STRUCTURE AVAILABILITY

### I like that the new shade structure is not bookable and will only be available on a first-come, first-served basis.



Online Survey #2

The majority of respondents agreed (37%) or strongly agreed (29%) that they liked that the new shade structure was not bookable and would only be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Nearly one-sixth of respondents disagreed (13%) or strongly disagreed (6%) with the statement. Others suggested allowing organizations to book the shade structure.

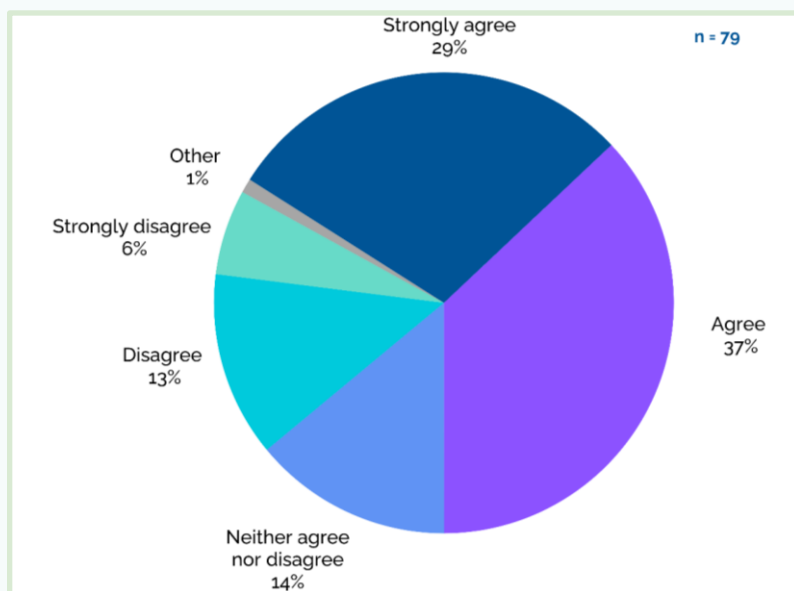


Figure 36: Survey responses to "I like that the new shade structure is not bookable and will only be available on a first-come, first-served basis."



## ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS

### **Do you have any additional thoughts to share about how you may use the replacement shade shelter or new shade structure?**



#### Online Survey #2

When asked about additional thoughts for the replacement shade shelter and new shade structure, 22 comments were received. Half (11) of the comments spoke to the size of the shade shelters or their management. The comments suggested having a larger shade shelter to fit multiple families simultaneously or for hosting corporate events or, as an alternative, having multiple smaller shade structures in the park. Some comments suggested having stricter management of the shade shelters by the City to ensure the shade shelters are clean, have appropriate seating, and have noise levels controlled. Suggestions included having some bookable and some non-bookable areas for casual use.

In addition, two respondents expressed a desire to see more variety in terms of the look of structures, and two others expressed a desire to use the shade shelters for bird watching, firework displays, and holiday events with decorations.

## ADVENTURE PLAY AREA

### ADVENTURE THEME

#### I feel the adventure theme fits well with the character of Doctors McLean District Park.



Online Survey #2

The overwhelming majority of respondents agreed (39%) or strongly agreed (45%) that the adventure theme fits well with the character of Doctors McLean District Park. Three percent (3%) of respondents strongly disagreed with the statement.

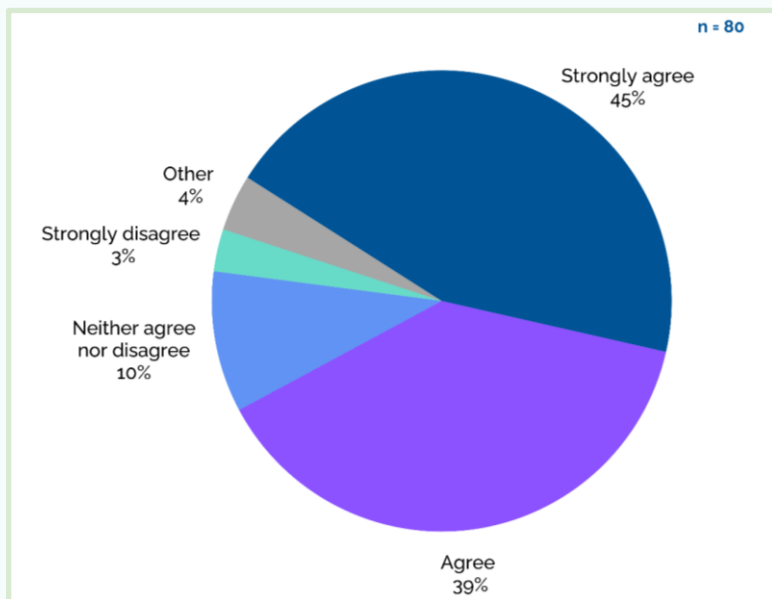


Figure 37: Survey responses to "I feel the adventure theme fits well with the character of Doctors McLean District Park."

## PLAY OPTIONS

### The adventure play area provides a good variety of play options for children.



Online Survey #2

The overwhelming majority of respondents agreed (45%) or strongly agreed (38%) that the adventure play area provides a good variety of play options for children. A few respondents disagreed (1%) or strongly disagreed (1%) with the statement. Others suggested having monkey bars, slides, and flexible use areas for teens, and some expressed environmental concerns about using plastic as a material for the play area.

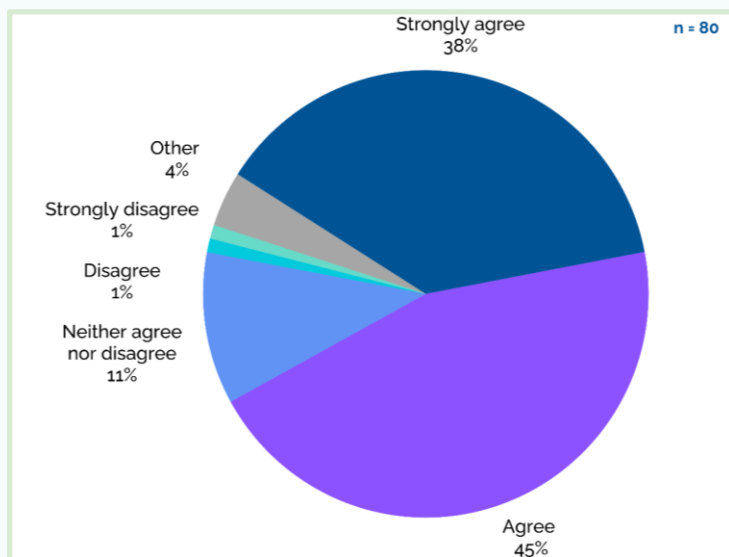


Figure 38: Survey responses to “The adventure play area provides a good variety of play options for children.”

## SMALL SAND PLAY AREA

### I like the addition of a small sand play area.



Online Survey #2

The majority of respondents agreed (34%) or strongly agreed (26%) that they liked the addition of a small sand play area. Over one-fifth of the respondents (21%) neither agreed nor disagreed with the statement, while 10% of respondents disagreed and 5% strongly disagreed. Others shared sanitary and health concerns with respect to the sand and wildlife, with a preference for wood chips (engineered wood fibre) instead.

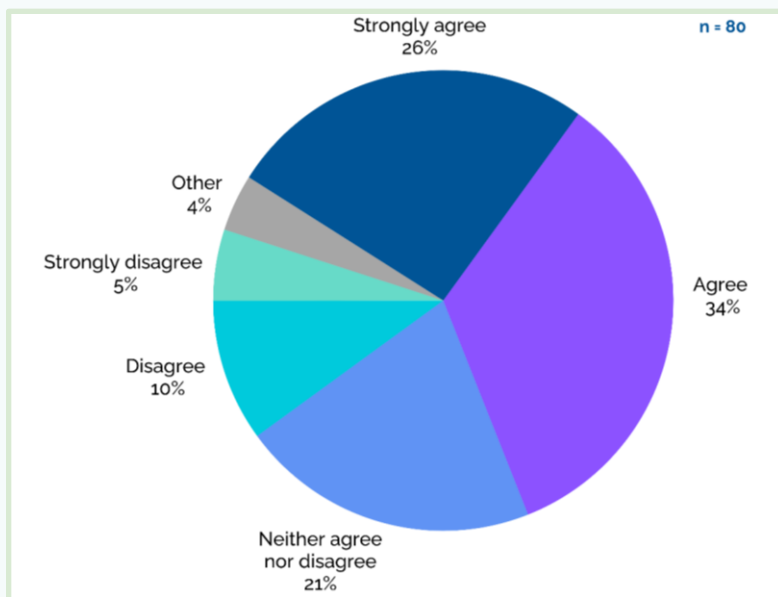


Figure 39: Survey responses to "I like the addition of a small sand play area."

## POSITION OF SEATING AREA

### The seating area is well positioned in relation to the play area.



#### Online Survey #2

The majority of respondents agreed (38%) or strongly agreed (29%) that the seating area is well positioned relative to the play area. Almost a quarter (23%) neither agreed nor disagreed with the statement, while less than 5% disagreed (3%) or strongly disagreed (1%) with the statement. Others suggested additional shade for seating and increasing the amount of seating, particularly near the rubberized surface play mounds and natural log climbing feature (labelled #3 and #4 on the key map in Appendix E).

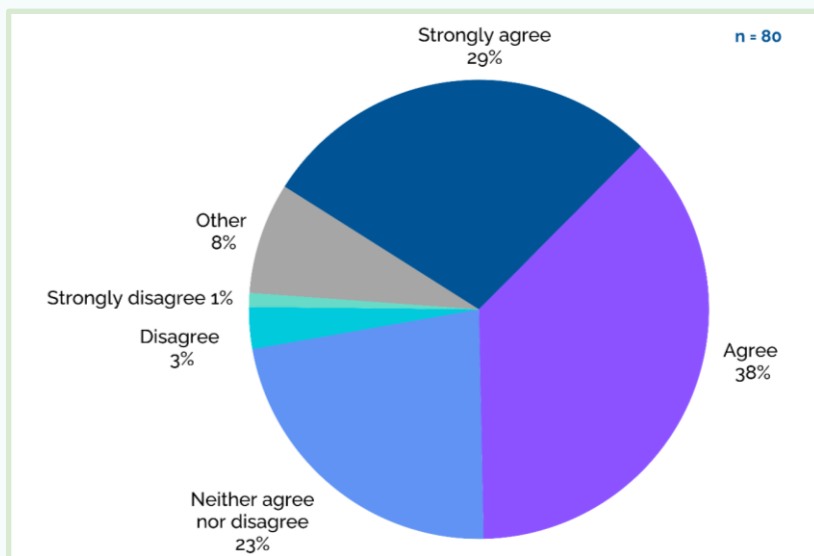


Figure 40: Survey responses to “The seating area is well positioned in relation to the play area.”



## ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS

### Do you have any additional thoughts to share about the adventure play area?



Online Survey #2

When asked about additional thoughts regarding the adventure play area, 27 comments were received. Several comments (nine) spoke to additional features or amenities for the play area. Four comments suggested features like ziplines, monkey bars, more swings and slides, and another five comments suggested supporting amenities like drinking fountains, sufficient shading devices or tree canopies, and more comfortable seating with tables closer to the children's activity areas. Three additional comments provided positive feedback for the adventure play area, making references to Jamie Bell Adventure Playground in High Park and Copland Park Playground for more inspiration.

Some comments (three) expressed concerns about the sandbox, which included comments about wildlife and cat use, littering, the use of mulch, and the maintenance of the sandbox. The comments expressed that the sandboxes can be unsanitary, messy, and difficult to maintain, suggesting a soft pad as an alternative material. Several comments (six) suggested additional sport amenities to the play area, such as pickleball, basketball, tennis or bocce ball courts. In addition, there were two comments expressing dissatisfaction with the idea of a new playground.

# WATERPLAY AREA

## RIVER THEME

### The river theme fits well within the context of Doctors McLean District Park.



Online Survey #2

The overwhelming majority of respondents agreed (33%) or strongly agreed (55%) that the river theme fits well within the context of Doctors McLean District Park. Less than five percent (5%) disagreed (1%) or strongly disagreed (3%) with the statement. Others commented on the size and length of the river, with some concerns about visibility when child-minding, as well as concerns about the maintenance of the rubber flooring.

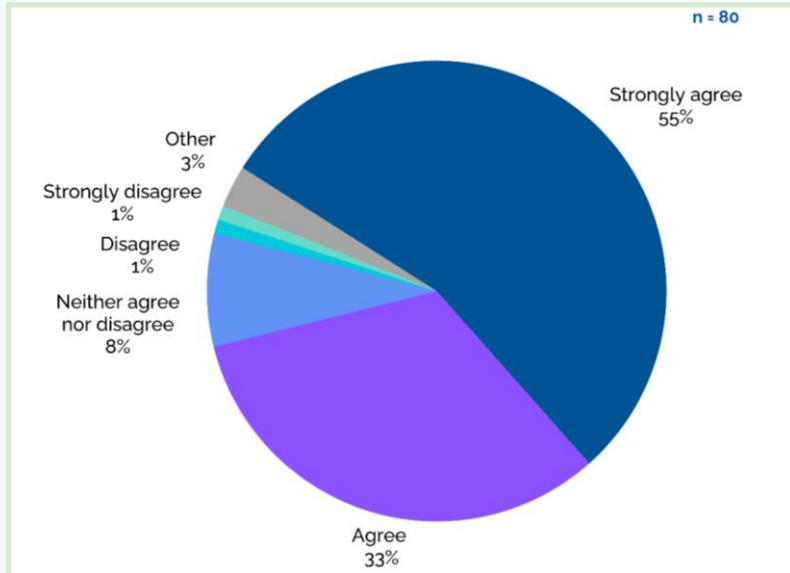


Figure 41: Survey responses to “The river theme fits well within the context of Doctors McLean District Park.



Image 20: View of the Humber River from Doctors McLean District Park

## WATERPLAY SPACES

### I like that there are two separate waterplay spaces, one for ages one to four, and another for ages five to 10.



#### Online Survey #2

The overwhelming majority of respondents agreed (32%) or strongly agreed (54%) that they like the two separate waterplay spaces for different age groups. Less than 5% disagreed (1%) or strongly disagreed (3%) with the statement. Others suggested that play spaces should be safe for all ages. There were six (6) comments regarding potential challenges of age separation, which may represent some confusion about how the spaces will ultimately be used. These concerns included how the age separation would be enforced or monitored by caregivers during child-minding, the recognition that “kids won’t be able to tell the difference,” siblings with different ages “may wish to play together,” and that kids over 10 seem to be left out. There was a concern that two separate areas “create too large of a footprint” on the natural look and feel of the park. An outdoor pool area for all ages was offered as an alternative.

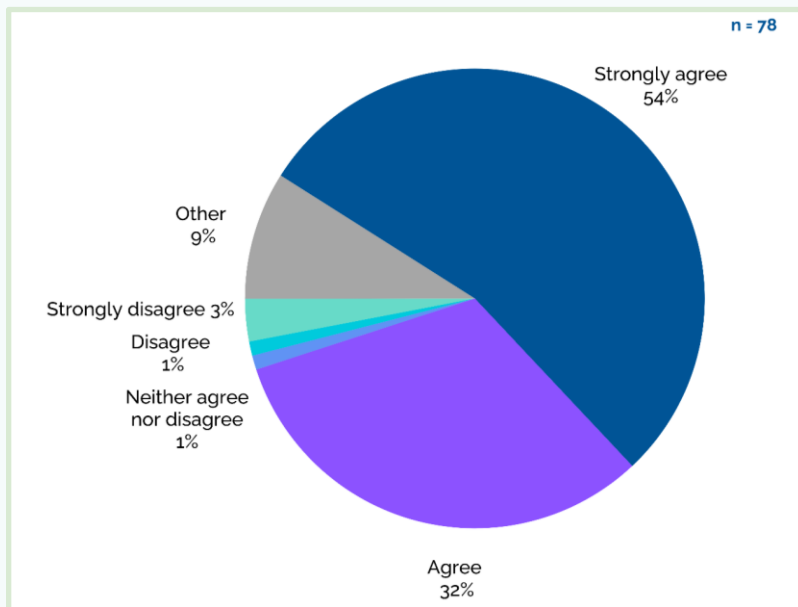


Figure 42: Survey responses to “I like that there are two separate waterplay spaces, one for ages one to four, and another for ages five to 10.”

## POSITION OF SEATING AREA

### The seating area is well positioned in relation to the waterplay area.



Online Survey #2

The overwhelming majority of respondents agreed (48%) or strongly agreed (36%) that the seating area is well positioned relative to the waterplay area. Less than 5% strongly disagreed (4%) with the statement. Others suggested more seating and shaded seating, so that parents and caregivers can easily keep an eye on children.

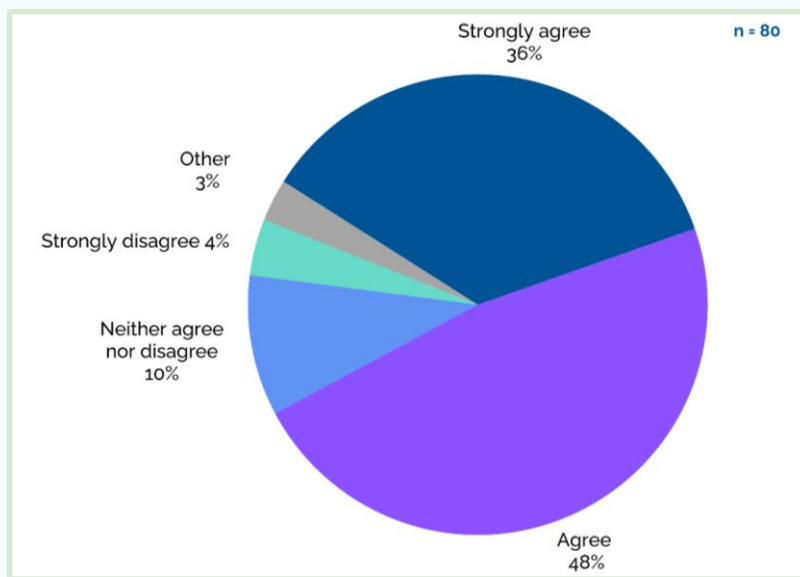


Figure 43: Survey responses to "The seating area is well positioned in relation to the waterplay area."

## ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS

### **Do you have any additional thoughts to share about the waterplay area?**

When asked about additional thoughts about the waterplay area, 18 comments were received. Several comments (eight) shared suggestions to enhance the waterplay area design, including maintaining warm water, adding an overhead giant bucket, considering a barrier between the play area and the regrowth area, adding shading devices like umbrellas, and creating more comfortable seating options. In addition, three comments expressed concern about controlling run-off into the Humber River, occupying too much park space, and the proximity of changing rooms to the waterplay area.

Some (four) comments questioned the need for the waterplay area. The comments expressed concern that this use conflicts with the interpretive space, as the waterplay area could negatively impact birds or other fauna and disturb the natural setting of the park. Two comments suggested having an outdoor pool for adults instead.

## BOARDWALKS & OVERLOOKS

### ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS

### **Do you have any additional thoughts you would like to share regarding the boardwalk, interpretive space and overlooks?**

When asked about additional thoughts about the boardwalk, interpretive space and overlooks, 28 comments were received. More than half the comments (15) expressed appreciation for the ideas and the proposed locations. The comments underscored a sense that the designs would be safe for all ages and fit in with the landscape. However, several (7) comments cautioned against removing too many trees, not providing enough lighting, and additional littering in the river.

Some comments (four) recommended having enough seating for the elderly and proper waste management at the overlooks. One comment expressed a desire for fishing and water sports.

# Next Steps

**Thank you to all who provided thoughtful suggestions and feedback!**

Suggestions from the online surveys and open house demonstrate a strong desire for new amenities and upgrades, including shade structures, improved trail connections, wayfinding, lookouts, playground upgrades, water play features, and increased naturalization. In addition, results showed strong support for the draft design, praising the balance of open and programmed spaces, natural character preservation, and the thematic play areas. Throughout both phases, the park's importance for nature connection, outdoor relaxation, recreation, gatherings, local history, Indigenous placekeeping, and ecological integrity will guide redevelopment to ensure the park remains a valuable green space for the community.

Informed by community feedback, as well as considerations of technical and financial feasibility, the design will be finalized in Fall 2024. Construction is anticipated to start in Spring 2025 and end in Spring 2026.

To stay informed about this project as it progresses, please visit [vaughan.ca/DoctorsMcLean](https://vaughan.ca/DoctorsMcLean).





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## APPENDIX B: ONLINE SURVEY #1

Table 7: Online Survey questions

Part one: uses and amenities			
The following questions ask about how you use Doctors McLean District Park.			
#	Question	Type	Options (if any)
1.	How often do you visit Doctors McLean District Park?	Radio Button	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Often (multiple times a week)</li> <li>• Sometimes (few times a month)</li> <li>• Rarely (few times a year or less)</li> <li>• Never [survey logic skips respondents to Q6]</li> <li>• Other: _____</li> </ul>
2.	What age groups do you visit the park with? Select all that apply.	Check all that apply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With children ages five and under</li> <li>• With children ages six to 12</li> <li>• With youth ages 13 to 17</li> <li>• With young adults ages 18 to 34</li> <li>• With adults ages 35 to 54</li> <li>• With older adults ages 55 and older)</li> <li>• I visit the park alone</li> <li>• Other: _____</li> </ul>
3.	Why do you like to visit the park? Select all that apply.	Check all that apply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To relax outdoors</li> <li>• To spend time connecting with nature</li> <li>• To use the mowed trails and pathways (e.g. for walking or running)</li> <li>• For sports and active recreation (e.g. on the open lawn area)</li> <li>• To play at the playground</li> <li>• For community or family gatherings</li> <li>• For festivals or events</li> <li>• For picnics or BBQs</li> <li>• To walk the dog</li> <li>• Other: _____</li> </ul>
4.	Which parts of the park do you use the most? Select all that apply.	Check all that apply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playground</li> <li>• Picnic tables</li> <li>• Mowed pathways and trails</li> <li>• Humber River views</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Benches</li> <li>● Small shade structure</li> <li>● Large covered pavilion with picnic tables</li> <li>● Open lawn area</li> <li>● Other: _____</li> </ul>
5.	Have you ever requested a permit to use the large pavilion or smaller shade structure?	Radio button	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Yes, large covered pavilion</li> <li>● Yes, smaller shade structure</li> <li>● Yes, both the large covered pavilion and smaller shade structure</li> <li>● No</li> </ul>
6.	Have you experienced any barriers to accessing the park? Select all that apply.	Check all that apply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lack of awareness: I don't know what is available in the park.</li> <li>● Accessibility and mobility: I am someone with a disability or other mobility needs, and the park is not accessible for me.</li> <li>● Ease of access: the park is too far away for me to get to easily.</li> <li>● Safety: I don't feel safe or welcome in the park.</li> <li>● Time: I don't have time to visit the park.</li> <li>● Financial: it costs too much to get to the park.</li> <li>● I have not faced any barriers to accessing the park.</li> <li>● Other: _____</li> </ul>

Part two: shade structures, playground and splashpad

The City is planning to redevelop elements of the Doctors McLean District Park, including constructing a new playground, adding a splashpad, updating the smaller shade structure and building a third. The following questions ask about the improvements and changes related to these specific components.

#	Question	Type	Options (if any)
7.	On a scale of one (1) to five (5), how important are the following park elements to you, with one being the least important and five being the most important?	Rating Question from 1 to 5. 1 being least important, and 5 being most important.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wayfinding, signage and navigational elements</li> <li>● Games furniture (e.g chess, table tennis)</li> <li>● Paved pathways within the park to connect the parking lot, shade structures, playground, future splashpad and open lawn area</li> <li>● Improved connections to trails and pathways outside of the park (e.g. the Humber River trail/Riverwalk trail)</li> </ul>



			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More picnic tables</li> <li>• Lookout points to the Humber River</li> <li>• More shaded areas</li> <li>• More garbage and recycling bins throughout the park</li> <li>• Bike parking</li> <li>• More lighting throughout the park</li> <li>• More naturalization (e.g. “no mow” grass areas or pollination gardens)</li> <li>• More trees</li> <li>• Other: _____</li> </ul>
8.	How would you like to use the new and updated shade structures in the park?	Check all that apply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For large gatherings (e.g. birthdays, corporate events, picnics with many people)</li> <li>• For outdoor group activities (e.g. yoga, tai chi)</li> <li>• For casual use with a few friends or family</li> <li>• To seek shelter from the sun or inclement weather</li> <li>• A place for meditation</li> <li>• I don’t anticipate using the shade structures</li> <li>• Other: _____</li> </ul>
9.	Which playground experiences are most important to you? Please rank in order of preference, where one (1) is most preferred and six (6) is least preferred.	Ranking Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sliding</li> <li>• Swinging</li> <li>• Climbing</li> <li>• Spinning</li> <li>• Balancing</li> <li>• Group and social play</li> </ul>
10.	Are there any other playground experiences you would like the City to consider when designing the playground?	Optional write-in question.	Open-ended comment box
11.	Which splashpad features are most important to you? Please rank in order of preference, where one (1) is most preferred and eight (8) is least preferred.	Ranking Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• run-throughs</li> <li>• overhead spraying</li> <li>• ground spraying</li> <li>• misting stations</li> <li>• flowing features</li> <li>• child-led/activated features</li> <li>• dumping features</li> <li>• sensory features</li> </ul>

12.	Are there any other splashpad features you would like the City to consider when designing the splashpad?	Optional write-in question.	Open-ended comment box

Part three: access and signage

The City is planning on redeveloping elements of the Doctors McLean District Park to guide the park’s navigational, educational and interpretive signage. The following questions ask about your commute to the park and signage topic(s) to include.

#	Question	Type	Options (if any)
13.	How would you like to travel to the park? Select all that apply.	Check all that apply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Walk</li> <li>● Cycle</li> <li>● Skateboard, scooter or rollerblade</li> <li>● Electric scooter or e-bike</li> <li>● Mobility device</li> <li>● Public transit</li> <li>● Drive</li> <li>● Rideshare (e.g. Uber, Lyft)</li> <li>● Other: _____</li> </ul>
14.	<p>Doctors McLean District Park and Woodbridge have a rich history. The City will be working on developing educational and interpretive signage on topics of nature, culture and history. These topics could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Doctors McLean</li> <li>● Woodbridge milling history</li> <li>● The Carrying-Place Trail (i.e. the Humber Portage, the Toronto Passage)</li> <li>● History of the Humber River and its environmental importance for fish and wildlife</li> </ul>	Open-ended	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Endangered species in the area</li> </ul> <p>Which of these topics, if any, resonate with you? Do you know of any unique and special stories about the area that you would like to see featured?</p>		
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Part four: demographic questions

Knowing who we've reached helps us understand if we've heard from a diverse range of people and identify whether any voices are missing or underrepresented. Any demographic information you choose to share will only be reported on in aggregate and will be kept anonymous.

#	Question	Type	Options (if any)
15.	What are the digits of your postal code?	Write-in question.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● _____</li> <li>● Prefer not to answer</li> </ul>
16.	What is your age?	Radio Button	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 18-24 years old</li> <li>● 25-34 years old</li> <li>● 35-44 years old</li> <li>● 45-54 years old</li> <li>● 55-64 years old</li> <li>● 65+ years old</li> <li>● Prefer not to say</li> </ul>
17.	How would you best describe your gender identity/expression? The <a href="#">Ontario Human Rights Code</a> defines gender identity as a person's internal and individual experience of gender. It is their sense of being a woman, a man, both, neither or anywhere along the gender spectrum.	Radio Button	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I identify as a woman</li> <li>● I identify as a man</li> <li>● I identify as a transgender woman</li> <li>● I identify as a transgender man</li> <li>● I identify as non-binary, gender fluid or gender non-conforming</li> <li>● Prefer not to say</li> <li>● I identify as _____</li> </ul>
18.	Please select any of the following that apply to you.	Select all that apply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I am Indigenous, First Nations, Métis or Inuk (Inuit).</li> <li>● I identify as a racialized person.</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I identify as 2SLGBTQ+.</li> <li>● I or someone in my household has a disability.</li> <li>● I or someone in my household was born outside of Canada.</li> <li>● I moved to Canada within the last five years.</li> <li>● English is not my first language.</li> <li>● French is my first language.</li> <li>● There are children (under 18) in my household.</li> <li>● There are older adults in my household.</li> <li>● I identify as belonging to an equity-deserving group (equity-deserving communities are groups who face unequal access to opportunities, resources, funding and support or who experience systemic discrimination and oppression).</li> <li>● I am a business owner in Vaughan.</li> <li>● None of the above</li> <li>● Prefer not to say</li> </ul>
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Part five: our ability to reach you



#	Question	Type	Options (if any)
19.	How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.	Select all that apply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mailed notice from City staff</li> <li>● Roadside signage</li> <li>● Signage in the park</li> <li>● Vaughan News (City of Vaughan eNewsletter)</li> <li>● Engagement eNewsletter from City staff</li> <li>● Mayor or Members of Council eNewsletters or social media channels</li> <li>● Social media (e.g. Twitter, Instagram, Facebook or LinkedIn)</li> <li>● vaughan.ca</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Digital sign in front of your local community centre, park or fire station</li> <li>● On a tv inside of your local community centre</li> <li>● Word of mouth (e.g. from family, friends or neighbours)</li> <li>● Other: _____</li> </ul>
20.	Would you like to be contacted by the City of Vaughan about other future conversations about City decisions or matters?	Radio Button.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Yes, I would like to be contacted about all future engagement opportunities on city-wide decisions or matters.</li> <li>● Yes, I would like to be contacted, but only about Doctors McLean District Park.</li> <li>● No thanks.</li> </ul>
26.	<p>[if yes] Please provide your first name, last name and email address.</p> <p>Personal information in this form is collected under the authority of the <i>Municipal Act, 2001</i> and will be used for the purpose of providing you with email updates about opportunities to comment or provide feedback on City of Vaughan decisions, projects and initiatives. Questions about this collection can be directed to the Corporate and Strategic Communications department via email at <a href="mailto:corpcomm@vaughan.ca">corpcomm@vaughan.ca</a> or by phone at 905-832-2281.</p>	Write-in question.	<p>First name: _____</p> <p>Last name: _____</p> <p>Email address: _____</p>

# APPENDIX C: INFORMATION & ENGAGEMENT PANELS

Welcome to the

## Doctors McLean District Park Redevelopment

Public Open House | Nov. 23, 2023



Feedback collected from you will inform the park's final design.

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## Help shape the redevelopment of Doctors McLean District Park in Woodbridge!

Two important improvements are coming to the park:

1. A new bridge and pathways will establish new connections for the community.
2. Renewed and additional programming including updating the playground and smaller shade structure, and adding a splashpad.



View of the north side of the park



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## Closing a Gap in the Humber River Trail

The City of Vaughan is connecting a key link in the Humber Trail – between Clarence St and both Islington Ave and Woodbridge Ave – through the construction of a new bridge and pathways in Doctors McLean District Park.

These improvements are being partially funded by the Province of Ontario, as part of the Humber Trail Study, approved by Council in 2021.

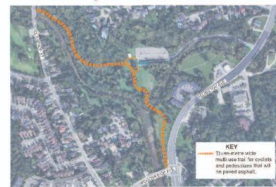


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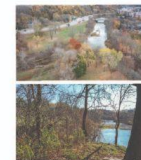


## Multi-Use Recreational Trail and Bridge

Conceptual alignment to be determined through design and shared with the community in winter 2024.



KEY  
To show the route, multi-use trail, bridge and pathways that will be constructed.



Potential views of the Humber River from the future bridge and trails



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## Park Context

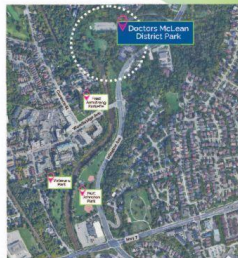
- Located at 8100 Islington Ave.
- Large, secluded and well-used

### Nearby Parks

**Fred Armstrong Parkette**  
1.0km away and contains a playground

**Veterans Park**  
1.3km away and contains a bocce court

**Nort Johnston Park**  
1.5km away and contains a basketball court and three ball diamonds



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## What's Proposed

Concurrent to the bridge and pathway construction, the City is adding and upgrading some park elements including:



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## Park Map



KEY  
Additions  
Upgrades  
Existing  
Locations are approximate and subject to change



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## Project Timeline

<b>01 Preliminary Design</b>	Community consultation on park uses, structures and themes through an online survey and open house	November 2023
<b>02 Preferred Design</b>	Community consultation on park concepts through an online survey	February - March 2024
<b>03 Design Completion</b>	Design process complete	Fall 2024
<b>04 Construction</b>	Full park closure to allow for construction of the bridge and pathways, as well as park redevelopment	2025 - Spring 2026



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Image 19: Information Panels 1-8



## Park Elements

● very important ● somewhat important ● not important

How important are the following park elements to you?

Wayfinding, signage and navigational elements	More picnic tables	Bike parking
Games furniture (e.g. chess table, tennis)	Lookout points to the Humber River	More lighting
Paved pathways to connect various park elements	More shaded areas	More naturalization (e.g. "vertical" green areas or activation gardens)
Improved connections to trails and pathways outside of the park (e.g. the Humber River Sublinkwalk trail)	More garbage and recycling bins	More trees

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## Shade Structures

★ select all that apply

How would you like to use the new and updated shade structures?

Large gatherings (e.g. festivals, corporate events, picnics and many more)	Shelter from the sun or inclement weather
Outdoor group activities (e.g. yoga, tai chi)	A place for meditation
Casual use with a few friends or family	I don't anticipate using the shade structures

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## Playground Components

● very important ● somewhat important ● not important

How important are these playground experiences for you?

 SLIDING	 SWINGING	 CLIMBING
 SPIRALING	 TUMBLING	 GROUP AND SOCIAL PLAY

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## Splashpad Features

● very important ● somewhat important ● not important

How important are these splashpad features for you?

 BOTTLE THROUGHS	 CLIPPING FEATURES	 GROUND SPRAYS	 FLOWING FEATURES
 OVERHEAD SPRAYS	 CHILD LED ACTIVATED	 MISTING STATIONS	 SENSORY FEATURES

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## Additional Experiences

<p>Are there other shade structure uses you want the City to consider?</p>	<p>Are there other playground experiences you want the City to consider?</p>	<p>Are there other splashpad features you want the City to consider?</p>
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## Signage

Doctors McLean District Park and Woodbridge have a rich history. The City will be developing educational and interpretive signage on topics of nature, culture and history.

These topics could include:

- The Doctors McLean
- Woodbridge milling history
- The Carrying-Place Trail (i.e. the Humber Portage, the Toronto Passage)
- History of the Humber River and its environmental importance for fish and wildlife
- Endangered species in the area

Which of these topics resonate with you?

Do you know any special stories that you would like to see featured?

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## Getting There

How would you like to travel to the park? ★ select all that apply

 Walk	 Mobility device
 Cycle	 Public transit
 Skateboard, scooter or rollerblade	 Drive
 Electric scooter or e-bike	 Rideshare (e.g. Uber/Lyft)

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## Thank You

Thank you for participating in the redevelopment of Doctors McLean District Park.

Using your feedback, we hope to create a vibrant park that will be enjoyed by the community for years to come.

We look forward to sharing the design in early 2024!

## Staying Informed

Please sign up at the front table.

Spread the word! Tell your friends and neighbours to take the survey:



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For questions: Alexis Moxley, Project Manager, Parks Infrastructure Planning and Development, [alexis.moxley@vaughan.ca](mailto:alexis.moxley@vaughan.ca) or 905-832-8585 ext. 8272.

## APPENDIX D: PARK SIGNAGE SUGGESTIONS

The table below lists some of the stories shared by participants about their experience with the Doctors McLean District Park and its history.

*Table 8: Some additional stories shared by participants for Park signages.*

Additional Stories for Park Signage	
Survey respondents	<p>“Dr. Charles McLean was our family doctor in the 1960’s. I remember visits to his home office as well as times when he treated my mother at our family home. Dr. McLean’s park used to be known as Fundale to us and we would hang out there with our friends from Woodbridge High School. There used to be an information structure located up the hill to the rear of the area containing the structures. If I recall correctly there was a black and white map and other relevant local information. It would be desirable to see such amenities added again.”</p>
	<p>“Annual spawning of salmon in the fall. Would be good to promote this phenomenon to kids and families. Create a day event to find salmon or a derby to fish, etc.”</p>
	<p>“The City's archaeologist has stated to me that it is likely that the Mississauga and other indigenous groups used the park and surrounding area for hunting, fishing and gathering for trading and summertime habitation. Our Woodbridge local historian, the late Ken Maynard, stated that his grandmother had bought baskets from the Mississauga community that persisted up on the ridge above the park into the 1920s. The Woodbridge Pollinator Group wishes to have an information board explaining the presence of the Mississauga in the area. The indigenous friendship pollinator garden that we planted on May 10 2023 with the participation of two representatives of the Mississauga band sits at the bottom of the ridge where they would have lived.”</p>
	<p>“I went with my parents to union picnics about 1950. The park was a trailer park during Hurricane Hazel and there are some supernatural stories about lifeboats coming to rescue people.”</p>
	<p>“I go to that park with my children and grandchildren and it would be nice to learn the history. I believe it was called Fundale prior to it being renamed Doctors McLean.”</p>

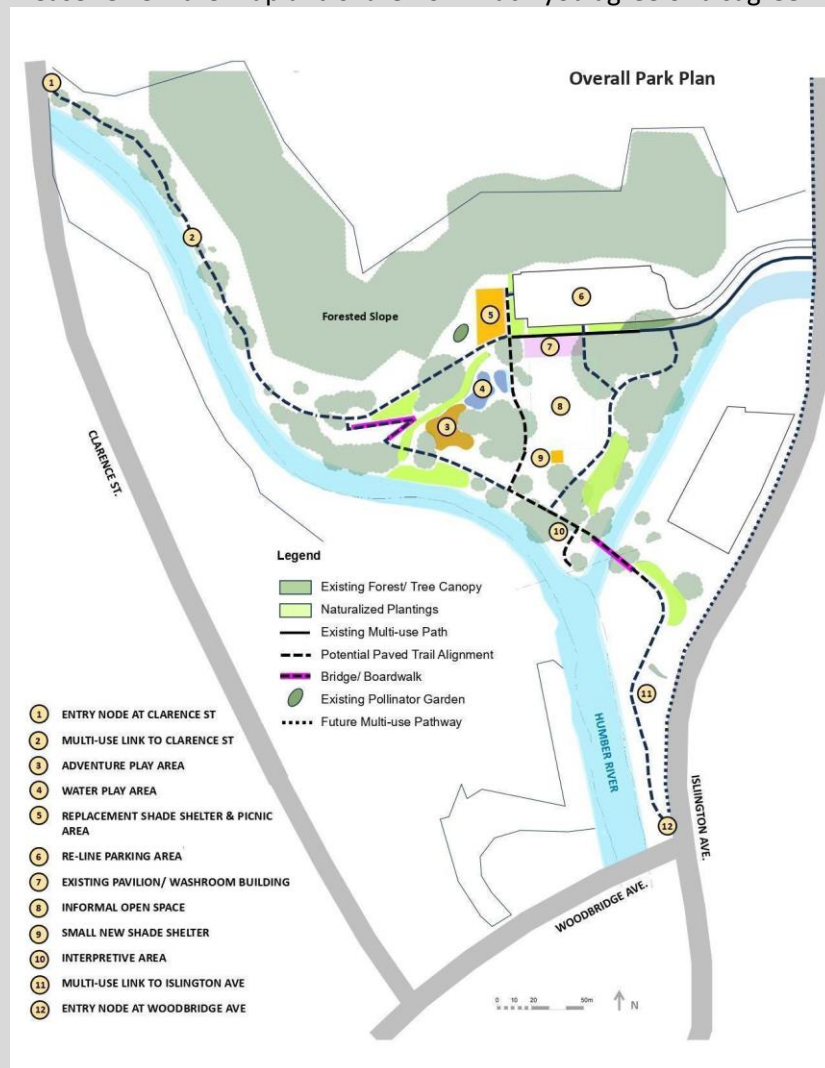
	<p>“Information about the Indigenous history such as people, pictographs, historic trade routes. A land acknowledgment plaque. Connection to the McMichael Art Gallery.”</p>
Open House participants	<p>“Alfred Maynard was the former owner of the Fundale lands. Alfred built cottages along the Humber.”</p>
	<p>“Roland Burr, who owned the mill, is in the nearby cemetery, possibly his father Reuben too.”</p>
	<p>“Woodbridge Avenue history.”</p>
	<p>“[The history of the] former barn where the smaller shade structure stands.”</p>
	<p>“[The] history of the concession stand and Weston Bakery and hot dog buns.”</p>
	<p>“[There was a] former farm to the north of the park.”</p>

## APPENDIX E: ONLINE SURVEY #2

Table 9: Online Survey questions

### Part one: Overall park plan

The overall park plan preserves the natural character of Doctors McLean District Park. The draft design includes new amenities such as shade shelters, play areas, seating, and multi-use pathways and overlooks, while enhancing the environment through additional naturalization plantings. Please review the map and share how much you agree or disagree with the statement.



Alt Text: Conceptual map showing the location of the proposed extension of the River Walk Trail north from Woodbridge Avenue to Clarence Street, and the proposed improvements to Doctors McLean

District Park. The concept plan shows a new playground and water play area, shade shelters and internal park pathways.

#	Question	Type	Options (if any)
1.	The overall park plan provides good internal park pathway connections between the features I want to visit.	Radio Button	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strongly Agree</li> <li>● Agree</li> <li>● Neither agree nor disagree</li> <li>● Disagree</li> <li>● Strongly Disagree</li> <li>● Other: _____</li> </ul>

Part two: Replacement shade shelter and new shade structure

The existing shade shelter west of the parking lot will be replaced. The replacement shade shelter is proposed to be a traditional style made of metal with wood accents to complement the surrounding area. The shade shelter will be lit with picnic tables for seating. This shade shelter will be available for booked picnics and events, and open for casual use between reserved activities. The picnic tables will be movable by City staff upon request at the time of booking.

The City heard that there is an interest in casual use of the shade shelter with friends and family (without a booking). A new shade structure is proposed to be added to the open space at the south side of the park, to be used on a first come, first served basis. The new shade structure is proposed to have a more unique roof style to act as a focal point within the park and will have picnic tables for seating.

Please review the design options and share your preference or how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. If you disagree, please explain in the comment box at the end of this page.

Alt Text 1: Rendering of the proposed replacement shade shelter and picnic area located to the west of the existing parking lot. Representative image of a traditional style of shade shelter is shown with picnic tables. A sample image of a swale enhanced with native plants is shown.

Alt Text 2: Rendering of the informal open space located south of the existing pavilion / washroom building. A new shade structure is proposed for the south end of the informal open space area. Representative images of example artistic shade structures are shown.

## Replacement Shade Shelter & Picnic Area



1 Replacement Shade Shelter for Smaller Group Gatherings



2 Swale Enhanced with Native Plants



Key Plan





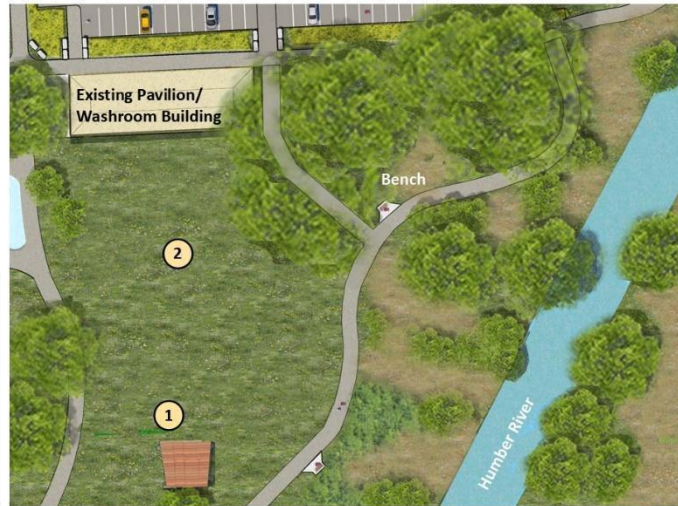
## Informal Open Space



1 Feature shade structure. Focal point within the park



2 Informal open space



#	Question	Type	Options (if any)
2.	I see myself using the replacement shade shelter for:	Radio Button	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Booked events</li> <li>● Casual use</li> <li>● Other: _____</li> </ul>
3.	I feel the new shade shelter complements the use of the informal open space.	Radio Button	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strongly Agree</li> <li>● Agree</li> <li>● Neither agree nor disagree</li> <li>● Disagree</li> <li>● Strongly Disagree</li> <li>● Other: _____</li> </ul>

4.	I like that the new shade shelter is not bookable and will only be available on a first come, first served basis.	Radio button	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strongly Agree</li> <li>● Agree</li> <li>● Neither agree nor disagree</li> <li>● Disagree</li> <li>● Strongly Disagree</li> <li>● Other:</li> </ul> <hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/> <hr style="width: 50px; margin-left: 0;"/>
5.	Do you have any additional thoughts to share about how you may use the replacement shade shelter or new shade structure?	Open ended	

Part three: Adventure play area

The Humber River is an important historical, cultural, and ecological feature that surrounds Doctors McLean District Park. The design for the adventure and water play areas draws from this inspiration to combine natural materials, undulating surfaces and textures that integrate into the natural setting of Doctors McLean District Park.

The adventure play area will create a variety of play opportunities for children of all ages and their caregivers within the natural setting of Doctors McLean District Park. It is proposed to complement the natural features within the park and encourage exploration. Proposed elements include climbing features, swings, a playground structure, an auditory play space, and sand play space. It is approximately 650 square metres in size and will be situated at the southwest end of the park. It will have a rubberized safety surfacing.

Seating is proposed around the play area and there is an opportunity to include more artistic style seating designs which draw inspiration from the organic shapes of the surrounding natural environment. The play areas will also have accessible seating options (with backs and armrests) available.

Please review the images and share how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. If you disagree, please explain in the comment box at the end of this page.

Alt Text 1: Rendering of the adventure play area located to the east of the informal open space area and south of the replacement shade shelter. The play area is accessible off the main pathway with seating available next to the play area. Representative images of climbing structures, undulating surfaces and a tree house style play structure are shown.

Alt Text 2: Representative images of proposed play equipment, including a group swing (top left), acoustic panels (top right), climbing structures (bottom left and right).

### Adventure Play Area



### Adventure Play Area

Play Structures



#	Question	Type	Options (if any)
6.	I feel the adventure theme fits well with the character of Doctors McLean District Park..	Radio Button	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strongly Agree</li> <li>● Agree</li> <li>● Neither agree nor disagree</li> <li>● Disagree</li> <li>● Strongly Disagree</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Other: _____</li> </ul>
7.	The adventure play area provides a good variety of play options for children.	Radio Button	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strongly Agree</li> <li>● Agree</li> <li>● Neither agree nor disagree</li> <li>● Disagree</li> <li>● Strongly Disagree</li> <li>● Other: _____</li> </ul>
8.	I like the addition of a small sand play area.	Radio Button	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strongly Agree</li> <li>● Agree</li> <li>● Neither agree nor disagree</li> <li>● Disagree</li> <li>● Strongly Disagree</li> <li>● Other: _____</li> </ul>
9.	The seating area is well positioned in relation to the play area.	Radio Button	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strongly Agree</li> <li>● Agree</li> <li>● Neither agree nor disagree</li> <li>● Disagree</li> <li>● Strongly Disagree</li> <li>● Other: _____</li> </ul>
10.	Do you have any additional thoughts to share about the adventure play area?	Open ended	

**Part four: Water play area**

The water play area has been designed with a river theme to integrate with the natural setting of the park and provides a unique play experience to interact with water in different ways – from the shapes created by ground sprays to taller water features. The water play area will provide opportunities for children of all ages and abilities to interact with water, encouraging exploration and connection with the natural character of the site.

The water play area will be approximately 350 square metres in size, with separated areas for junior and senior play, and will be situated between the existing washroom building and adventure play area.

Please review the images and share how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. If you disagree, please explain in the comment box at the end of this page.

Alt Text 1: Rendering of the water play area showing separated play areas for ages 1 to 4 and 5 to 10. A shade structure is proposed to be located between the water play areas. Representative images of seating and a precedent spray pad area are shown.

Alt Text 2: Representative images of water play areas using organic shapes and sprays to create shapes with water.



## Water Play Area



1 Custom Design. Organic Shapes and Materials. River Theme.



2 Seating for viewing – some with back and arm rests and some without.



3 Swale Enhanced with Native Plants



## Water Play Area Play Features



#	Question	Type	Options (if any)
11.	The river theme fits well within the context of Doctors McLean District Park.	Radio Button	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strongly Agree</li> <li>● Agree</li> <li>● Neither agree nor disagree</li> <li>● Disagree</li> <li>● Strongly Disagree</li> <li>● Other: _____</li> </ul>

12.	I like that there are two separate water play spaces, one for ages one to four, and another for ages five to 10.	Radio Button	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strongly Agree</li> <li>● Agree</li> <li>● Neither agree nor disagree</li> <li>● Disagree</li> <li>● Strongly Disagree</li> <li>● Other: _____</li> </ul>
13.	The seating area is well positioned in relation to the water play area.	Radio Button	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strongly Agree</li> <li>● Agree</li> <li>● Neither agree nor disagree</li> <li>● Disagree</li> <li>● Strongly Disagree</li> <li>● Other: _____</li> </ul>
14.	Do you have any additional thoughts to share about the water play area?	Open ended question	

Part six: Boardwalk, interpretive space & lookouts

The [Humber Trail Feasibility Study](#), endorsed by Council in 2021, sets the alignment of the multi-use recreation trail extension between Woodbridge Avenue and Clarence Street. Overlook areas are proposed at the south end of the park, on the west side of the new footbridge, and at the top of the proposed boardwalk. The lookouts will provide opportunities to view the Humber River and the surrounding natural environment, while adjacent seating will provide opportunities for rest and reflection. It is proposed that the pathways and overlooks will have more traditional-style seating (e.g. benches with backs and armrests). In addition to the formal overlook areas, benches are proposed to be positioned along the trail to provide further opportunities to rest and view the Humber River. Please review the images and share your thoughts.

Alt Text 1: Rendering of the proposed boardwalk will provide a connection to Clarence Street from the main park area. A lookout area is proposed at the top of the boardwalk. A naturalized swale is proposed between the existing forested area and new play area. Representative images of an overlook area, elevated boardwalk and swale with naturalized plantings are shown.

Alt Text 2: Rendering of the proposed interpretive space located at the southern end of the park. The overlook is proposed at the confluence of the Humber River tributaries, and provides a view of the Humber River in both directions. Interpretive signage is proposed in this location. Representative images of interpretive signage and a steel footbridge with overlook are shown.



### Boardwalk



1 Overlook with Accessible Seating



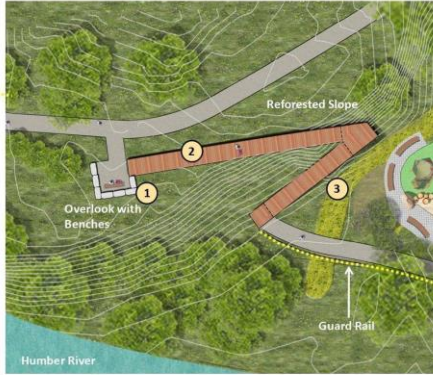
2 Elevated Boardwalk



3 Swale with Native Plants



Key Plan



### Interpretive Space & Overlook



1 Interpretive Signage



2 Steel Footbridge and Overlook



Key Plan



#	Question	Type	Options (if any)
15.	Do you have any thoughts you would like to share regarding the boardwalk, interpretive space and overlooks?	Open ended question	

Part seven: Additional feedback			
#	Question	Type	Options (if any)
16.	Overall, I feel the park plan includes a good balance between open space and programmed space and preservation of the natural character of the park.	Radio Button	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strongly Agree</li> <li>● Agree</li> <li>● Neither agree nor disagree</li> <li>● Disagree</li> <li>● Strongly Disagree</li> <li>● Other: _____</li> </ul>
17.	Is there anything else you would like the City to consider when redeveloping the Doctors McLean District Park?	Short answer	

Part eight: Demographics			
<p>Knowing who we've reached helps us understand if we've heard from a diverse range of people and identify whether any voices are missing or underrepresented. Any demographic information you choose to share will only be reported on in aggregate and will be kept anonymous. Personal information in this form is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and will be used to inform the redevelopment of Doctors McLean District Park. Questions about this collection can be directed to Alexis Moxley, Project Manager, Parks Infrastructure Planning and Development, at alexis.moxley@vaughan.ca or 905-832-8585 ext. 8272.</p>			
#	Question	Type	Options (if any)
18.	What is your postal code?	Write-in question.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● _____</li> </ul>
19.	What are the ages of the people responding to this survey? Please select all that apply.	Check all that apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1-4 years old</li> <li>● 5-10 years old</li> <li>● 11-17 years old</li> <li>● 18-24 years old</li> <li>● 25-34 years old</li> <li>● 35-44 years old</li> <li>● 45-54 years old</li> <li>● 55-64 years old</li> <li>● 65+ years old</li> <li>● Prefer not to say</li> </ul>
20.	How would you best describe your gender identity/expression? Gender identity is defined as a person's internal	Radio Button	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I identify as a woman</li> <li>● I identify as a man</li> </ul>

	and individual experience of gender. It is their sense of being a woman, a man, both, neither or anywhere along the gender spectrum.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I identify as a transgender woman</li> <li>● I identify as a transgender man</li> <li>● I identify as non-binary, gender fluid or gender non-conforming</li> <li>● Prefer not to say</li> <li>● I identify as _____</li> </ul>
21.	Please select any of the following that apply to you.	Check all that apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I identify as a racialized person.</li> <li>● I identify as 2SLGBTQ+.</li> <li>● I or someone in my household has a disability.</li> <li>● I or someone in my household was born outside of Canada.</li> <li>● I moved to Canada within the last five years.</li> <li>● English is not my first language.</li> <li>● French is my first language.</li> <li>● There are children (under 18) in my household.</li> <li>● There are older adults in my household.</li> <li>● I identify as belonging to an equity-deserving group (equity-deserving communities are groups who face unequal access to opportunities, resources, funding and support or who experience systemic discrimination and oppression).</li> <li>● I am a business owner in Vaughan.</li> <li>● None of the above</li> <li>● Prefer not to answer</li> </ul>
22.	Do you identify as Indigenous?	Radio Button	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Yes</li> <li>● No</li> </ul>
	If you answered “yes” to the previous question, which of the following do you	Check all that apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● First Nation</li> <li>● Métis</li> <li>● Inuit</li> </ul>

	identify with? Please select all that apply.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I want to use my own words: _____</li> <li>● I Prefer not to answer</li> <li>● Not applicable - I do not identify as Indigenous</li> </ul>
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Part nine: Our ability to reach you

#	Question	Type	Options (if any)
23.	How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.	Select all that apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mailed notice from City staff</li> <li>● Roadside signage</li> <li>● Signage in the park</li> <li>● Vaughan News (City of Vaughan eNewsletter)</li> <li>● Engagement eNewsletter from City staff</li> <li>● Mayor or Members of Council eNewsletters or social media channels</li> <li>● Social media (e.g. Twitter, Instagram, Facebook or LinkedIn)</li> <li>● vaughan.ca</li> <li>● Digital sign in front of your local community centre, park or fire station</li> <li>● On a tv inside of your local community centre</li> <li>● Word of mouth (e.g. from family, friends or neighbours)</li> <li>● Other: _____</li> </ul>
24. 26.	Would you like to be contacted by the City of Vaughan about other future conversations about City decisions or matters?	Radio Button	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Yes, I would like to be contacted about all future engagement opportunities on city-wide decisions or matters.</li> <li>● Yes, I would like to be contacted, but only about Doctors McLean District Park.</li> <li>● No thanks.</li> </ul>

<p>If you answered “yes” to the previous question, please provide your first name, last name and email address.</p> <p>Personal information in this form is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and will be used for the purpose of providing you with email updates about opportunities to comment or provide feedback on City of Vaughan decisions, projects and initiatives. Questions about this collection can be directed to the Communications, Marketing and Engagement department via email at <a href="mailto:engagement@vaughan.ca">engagement@vaughan.ca</a> or by phone at 905-832-2281.</p>	<p>Write-in question</p>	<p>First name: _____  Last name: _____  Email address: _____</p>
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