



**MCLOUGHLIN**  
AMENITY FUNDS

## Round 2 Engagement Report

This document summarizes what we heard from the community through Round 2 of the community engagement process, which focused on gauging support for the ideas gathered through Round 1 engagement. For more detail on the process undertaken in Round 2, please see 'What we did' on page 3. For information about and the results from Round 1 engagement, please see the report released online at [esquimalt.ca/engage](https://esquimalt.ca/engage). The following sections are included in this document:

- **What we did**
- **What we heard**
- **Appendix A: McLoughlin Point Amenity Reserve Funds details**
- **Appendix B: Survey 2 demographic data**
- **Appendix C: Spoiled Votes from Question 7**
- **Appendix D: Additional input**



## Project Overview

In January 2017, the Capital Regional District and the Township of Esquimalt agreed on an amenity funding package associated with locating the wastewater treatment plant at McLoughlin Point. A one-time Capital Regional District contribution of \$17 million—the McLoughlin Point Amenity Reserve Funds— will be used for capital projects in:

1. Waterfront parks = \$7M
2. Downtown recreation facilities = \$5M
3. Downtown emergency services and public safety facilities = \$5M

More information about the funding criteria for the three funding categories above is included in [Appendix A](#).

A public engagement process (see Figure 1) was undertaken by the Township to inform the use of the funds. Using input from the public engagement process, established selection criteria and the funding criteria, Council will determine which projects will receive funding.

## Engagement: Round 1



### Ideas Fair

February 22, 3-8pm / Public

An interactive public event captures ideas for community projects related to the three areas of funding.



### Questionnaire / Idea Walls

February 22 to March 15 / Public

Interactive posters (at the Township Office, Library, and Recreation Centre) and an online tool gather input from those unable to attend the Ideas Fair.

The input gathered will be released publicly and themed for consideration in the Round 2 engagement

## Engagement: Round 2



### Engagement Booth @ Community Events

May-Sep / Public

A mobile 'Ideas Gallery' booth at large community events gathers feedback on emerging themes.



### Online Survey

May-Sep / Public

An online survey gathers feedback on the emerging themes and ideas from Round 1.

Input gathered through Round 2 engagement activities will be compiled for public release and presentation to Council.



### Council Presentation

Early 2019 / Council

Using input from the community and established selection criteria, Council determines which projects will receive funding according to the funding parameters.



## What we did

### Engagement Opportunities

Round 2 of the community engagement process focused on gauging support for the ideas that emerged through Round 1 engagement. Input in Round 2 was gathered through a survey tool that was accessible online and at a mobile engagement booth in place at key locations and community events from May 24 to September 23, starting with the Esquimalt Farmer's Market and ending with the Children's Story Festival. In total, 1771 people responded to the survey, with 835 responding that they live in Esquimalt and 934 stating they live outside of Esquimalt. The list of engagement opportunities, communication channels and the survey questions are provided below.

<b>Esquimalt Farmer's Market</b>	Memorial Park	Thursday, May 24
<b>World Oceans Day</b>	Esquimalt Gorge Park	Saturday, June 2
<b>Esquimalt's Neighbourhood Party</b>	Esquimalt Recreation Centre Parking Lot	Saturday, June 9
<b>Music in the Park</b>	Memorial Park	Tuesday, June 26
<b>Esquimalt Farmer's Market</b>	Memorial Park	Thursday, July 19
<b>Aeriosa</b>	Saxe Point Park	Friday, August 10
<b>Pop-up mobile booth (no event)</b>	Country Grocer	Monday, August 13
<b>Pop-up mobile booth (no event)</b>	Esquimalt Recreation Centre	Tuesday, August 21
<b>Esquimalt Farmer's Market</b>	Memorial Park	Thursday, August 23
<b>Pop-up mobile booth (no event)</b>	Memorial Park	Thursday, August 23
<b>Pop-up mobile booth (no event)</b>	Esquimalt Recreation Centre	Tuesday, August 28
<b>Esquimalt's RibFest</b>	Bullen Park	Saturday, Sep 8
<b>Esquimalt's RibFest</b>	Bullen Park	Sunday, Sept 9
<b>Children's Story Festival</b>	Memorial Park	Saturday, Sept 22

Please note: Ideas that are not feasible at a specific location were dropped from survey lists so as not to set false expectations and have a respondent 'waste' their vote.



## Communication channels

- Mayor's column Vic News (2)
- Spring and Fall 2018 newsletter feature stories (2)
- Boosted Facebook posts: (11)
- Development of dedicated MAF pages on website
- E-mails to website subscribers (2) Information updates posted to corporate website (5)
- News releases issued to regional media list (3)
- Information updates posted to Intranet

## Survey Questions

### Demographic Questions

#### Q1. What is your age?

- 19 years old or under
- 20 - 39 years old
- 40 - 59 years old
- 60 - 79 years old
- 80 - 99 years old
- 100+ years old

#### Q2. Do you live, work or play in Esquimalt? (select all that apply)

- Live
- Play
- Work
- Non of the Above

#### Q3. Please indicate where you live using the map of Esquimalt.

- Area 1 North of E & N Trail
- Area 2 North of Esquimalt Road/  
South of E & N Trail
- Area 3 South of Esquimalt Road
- Outside of Esquimalt

## Waterfront Park Improvement Questions

**Q4. If the \$7 million in waterfront park funding is to be spent on only one of the items below, which one would you recommend? (Choose one)**

- Single legacy project in one waterfront park (i.e. Saxe Point, Macaulay Point or Esquimalt Gorge)
- Multiple smaller improvement projects
- Acquire new waterfront parkland
- Don't know

**Q5. How would you prioritize the waterfront parks below for receiving the \$7M in funds? Rank them in order of importance for receiving the most funding (rank 1) to the least (rank 3).**

- Esquimalt Gorge Park
- Macaulay Point Park
- Saxe Point Park

**Q6. Of the waterfront areas below that could be acquired to create new parkland or park connections, which one or two do you think should be acquired? (Choose up to 2)**

- Waterfront parkland connections for Saxe Point Park
- Waterfront parkland connections for Macaulay Point Park
- Waterfront parkland connections for Esquimalt Gorge Park
- Gorge waterway (more parkland access points to the water)
- Waterfront parkland connections for West Bay Park
- Don't know



**Q7. Which 5 waterfront park improvements would you recommend from the table below? Please select up to 5 items from the ENTIRE table below, NOT per park/column. Any submissions beyond 5 total will be disregarded.**

		Saxe Point Park	Esquimalt Gorge Park	Macaulay Point Park
1.	Boardwalks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Boathouse storage for canoes/kayaks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Children/youth play areas (e.g. playground, waterpark, bike/skate park)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Climbing wall infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Community garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Disc golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Dog related enhancements (e.g. fenced dog park, signage)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Enhanced lookout areas (e.g. telescopes, viewing platforms)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Food and beverage facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	Interpretive centre for natural history	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.	Japanese teahouse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12.	Multi-purpose venue (e.g., gazebo, pavilion, covered area)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.	No changes please - leave park as is	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14.	Outdoor pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15.	Performance stage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.	Picnic facilities (covered area, bbq, picnic tables)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17.	Public art	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.	Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19.	Vehicle parking, bike racks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.	Washrooms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21.	Wharf/dock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22.	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## Downtown Recreation Facility Improvement Questions

**Q8. If the \$5 million in funding for downtown recreation facilities is to be spent on only one of the items below, which one would you recommend?**

- Single legacy project in one recreation facility
- Multiple smaller improvement projects

**Q9. How would you prioritize the recreation facilities below for receiving the \$5M in funds? Rank them in order of importance for receiving the most funding (rank 1) to the least (rank 3).**

- Archie Browning Sports Centre
- Bullen Park
- Esquimalt Recreation Centre

**Q10. For Archie Browning Sports Centre, which 3 items below would you recommend be developed, enhanced or expanded with available funding? (Choose up to 3)**

- Arena seating
- Change rooms
- Climbing wall
- Curling
- Energy efficiency retrofits
- Food and beverage facilities
- Fitness facility
- No changes – leave as is
- Indoor courts (tennis, basketball, pickleball, squash/racquetball)
- Kids play area
- Parking lot and pedestrian areas
- Roller rink
- Second sheet of ice
- Washrooms
- Don't know

**Q11. For Esquimalt Recreation Centre, which 3 items below would you recommend be developed, enhanced or expanded with available funding?**

- Additional multi-purpose space
- Aquatics centre

- Arts/cultural studio, gallery
- Change rooms
- Childcare space
- Climbing wall
- Food and beverage facilities
- Gymnasium
- Parking lot, electric charging station
- No changes – leave as is
- Running track
- Weight room
- Youth centre

**Q12. For Bullen Park, which 3 items below would you recommend be developed, enhanced or expanded with available funding?**

- Artificial turf field
- Ball field
- No changes – leave as is
- Community garden
- Courts (tennis, basketball, pickleball)
- Existing field (drainage, lighting)
- Fieldhouse, change rooms
- Food and beverage facilities
- Outdoor track
- Performance facility
- Picnic facilities
- Washrooms
- Don't know

## Downtown Emergency and Public Safety Services Questions

**Q13. For the new, expanded or enhanced emergency services facilities, rank the potential additional uses that could be incorporated to achieve enhanced community benefit. (Select up to 3)**

- Public meeting rooms
- Community garden
- Childcare space
- Emergency coordination centre
- Disaster sirens/supplies
- Needle exchange
- Safe injection site
- Arts and culture space
- Don't know



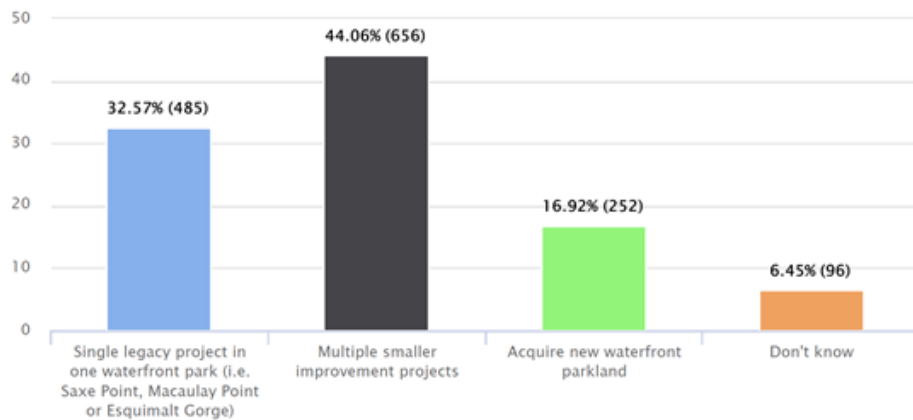
## What we heard

The results on the following pages are shown for all respondents (residents and non-residents combined) and for Esquimalt residents only. The demographic data that was collected through questions 1-3 is presented in [Appendix B](#).

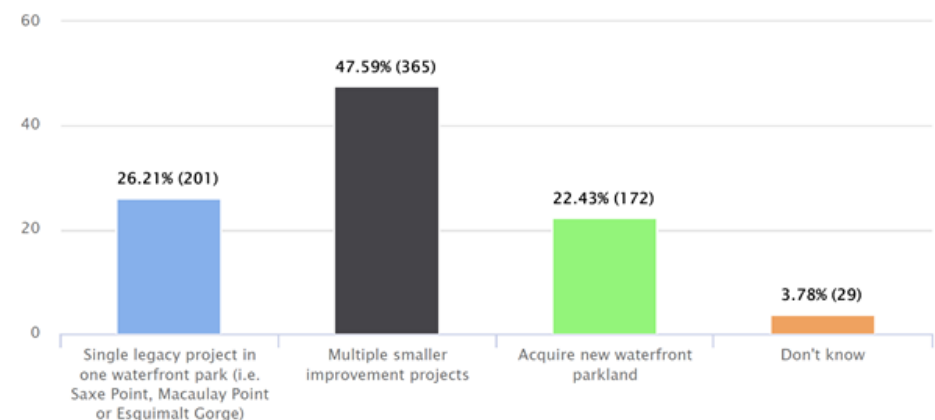
### Waterfront Park Improvements = \$7M

**Q4. If the \$7 million in waterfront park funding is to be spent on only one of the items below, which one would you recommend? (Choose one)**

All Respondents (1489)



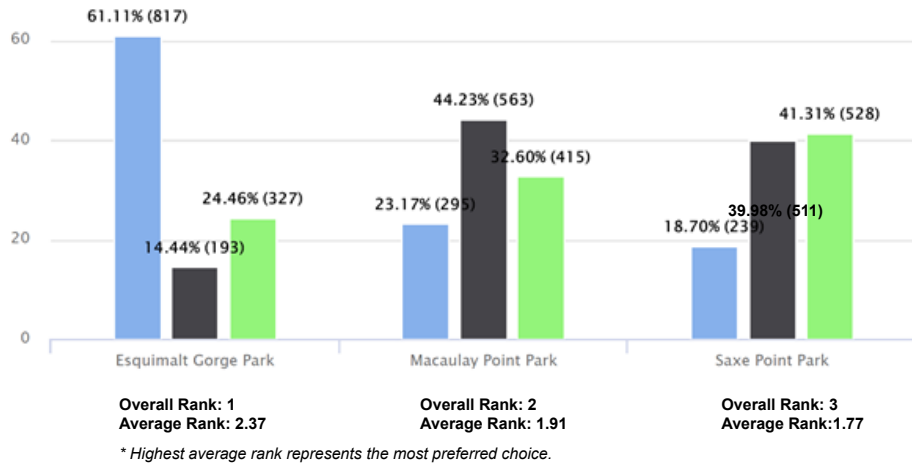
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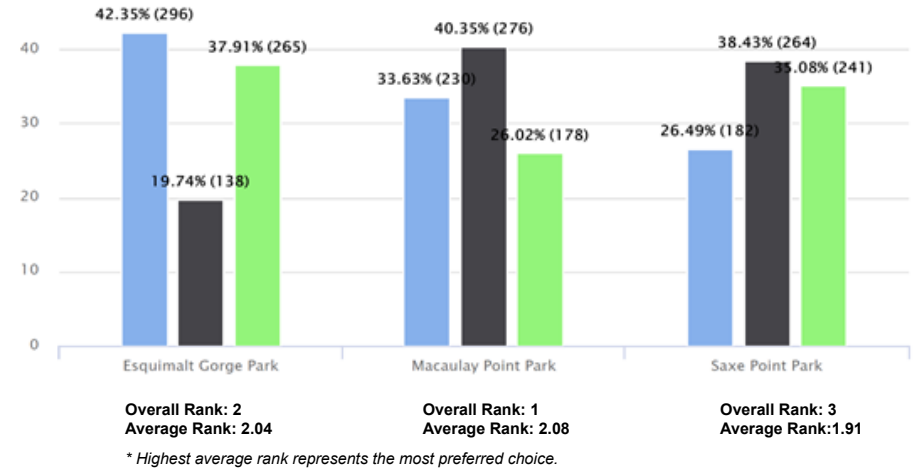


**Q5. How would you prioritize the waterfront parks below for receiving the \$7M in funds? Rank them in order of importance for receiving the most funding (rank 1) to the least (rank 3).**

**All Respondents (1359)**

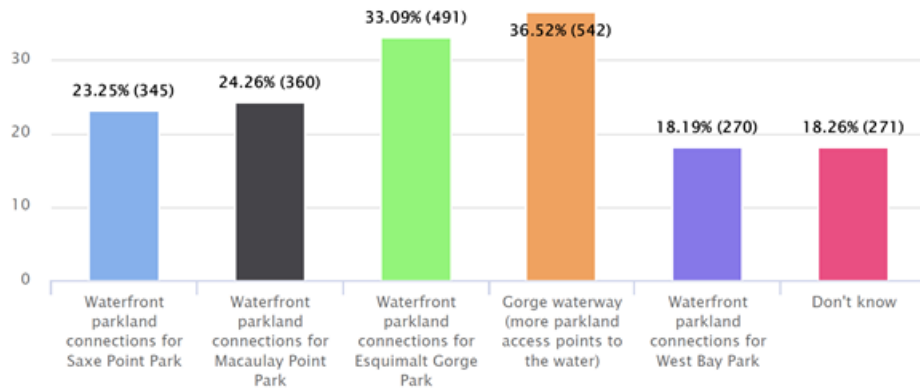


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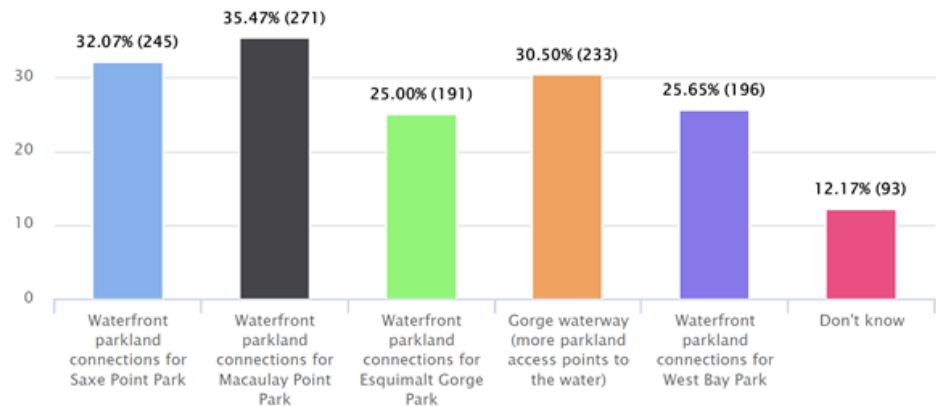


**Q6. Of the waterfront areas below that could be acquired to create new parkland or park connections, which one or two do you think should be acquired? (Choose up to 2)**

**All Respondents (1484)**



**Residents Only (764)**







**Q7. Which 5 waterfront park improvements would you recommend from the table below? Please select up to 5 items from the ENTIRE table below, NOT per park/column. Any submissions beyond 5 total will be disregarded.**

The table below presents the data for all respondents and for all three waterfront parks combined in descending order. The next three pages present the data by each of the three parks separately for all respondents and for residents only.

Rank	Project	Waterfront Park	Votes
1	Japanese Teahouse	Esquimalt Gorge Park	653
2	Children/Youth Play Area	Esquimalt Gorge Park	146
3	Food and Beverage Facilities	Esquimalt Gorge Park	142
4	Community Garden	Esquimalt Gorge Park	139
5	Multi Purpose Venue	Esquimalt Gorge Park	132
6	Outdoor Pool	Esquimalt Gorge Park	131
7	Children/Youth Play Area	Saxe Point Park	125
8	Performance Stage	Esquimalt Gorge Park	119
9	Children/Youth Play Area	Macaulay Point Park	113
10	Boathouse Storage	Esquimalt Gorge Park	110
11	Multi Purpose Venue	Saxe Point Park	110
12	Picnic Facilities	Esquimalt Gorge Park	109
13	Boardwalks	Saxe Point Park	107

Rank	Project	Waterfront Park	Votes
14	Washrooms	Esquimalt Gorge Park	105
15	Enhanced Lookout Areas	Saxe Point Park	102
16	Disc Golf	Esquimalt Gorge Park	101
17	Enhanced Lookout Areas	Macaulay Point Park	98
18	Washrooms	Macaulay Point Park	97
19	Picnic Facilities	Saxe Point Park	93
20	Climbing Wall	Macaulay Point Park	91
21	Boardwalks	Esquimalt Gorge Park	90
22	Washrooms	Saxe Point Park	87
23	Boardwalks	Macaulay Point Park	81
24	Dog related Enhancements	Macaulay Point Park	78
25	Wharf/Dock	Esquimalt Gorge Park	73

NOTE: A number of people (243) selected more than 5 capital improvements from the table of options – some chose close to 50. They have been removed from the data in the charts below for the three waterfront parks. However, these 'spoiled votes' are included in [Appendix C](#) for reference.

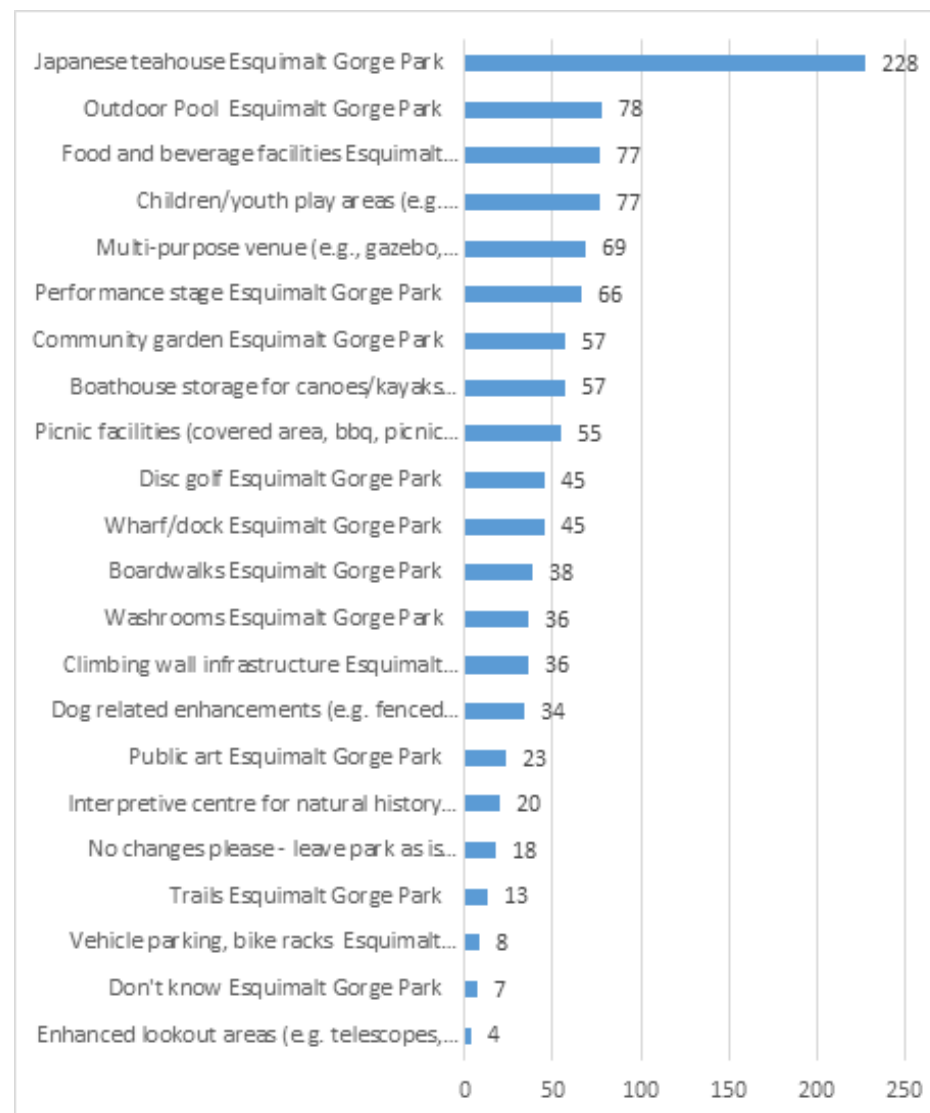


## Esquimalt Gorge Park

### All Respondents (1528)



### Residents Only (694)

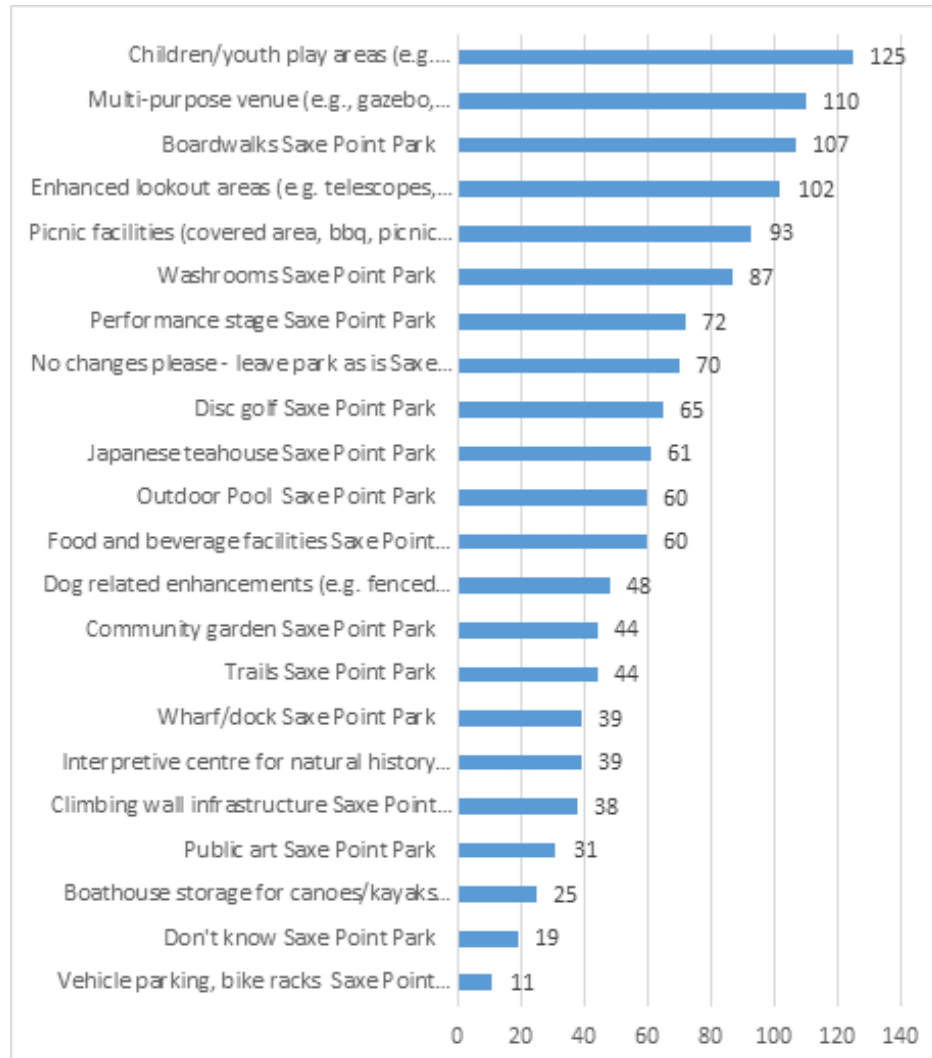


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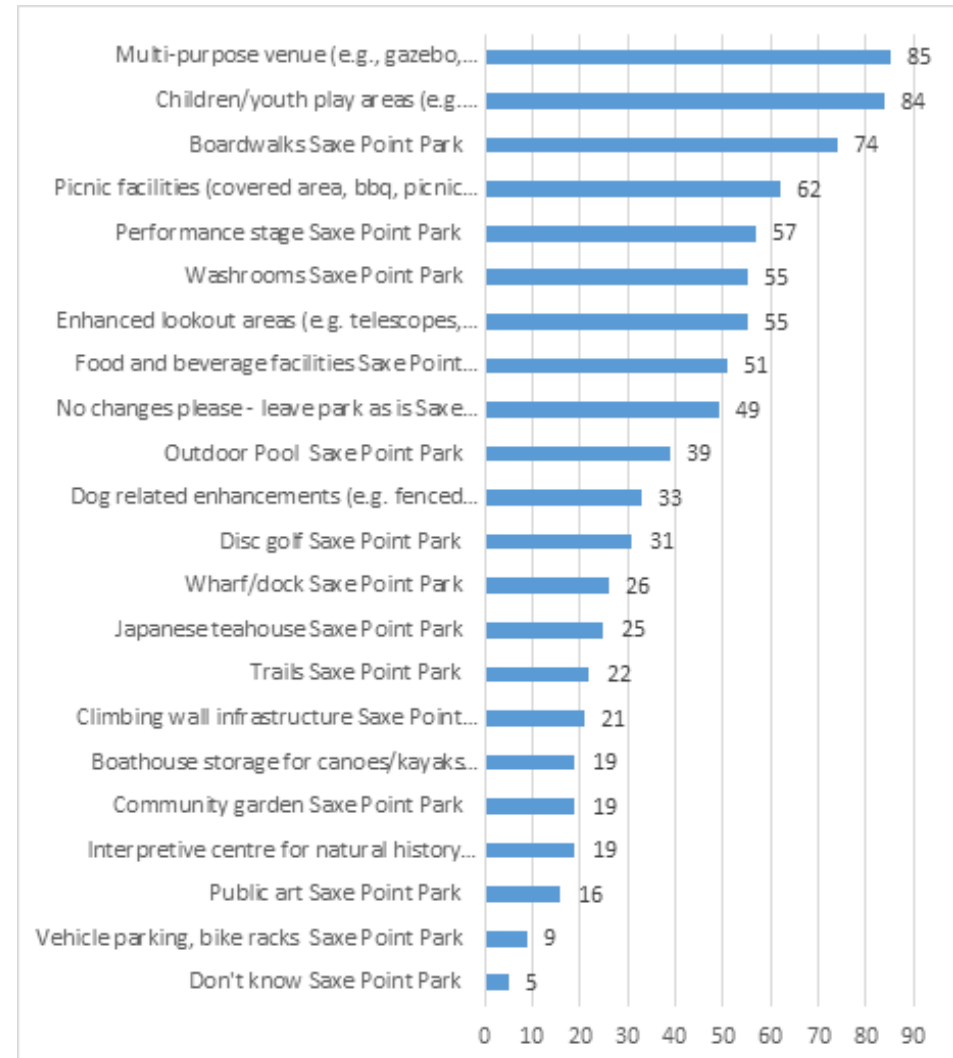


## Saxe Point Park

All Respondents (1528)



Residents Only (694)

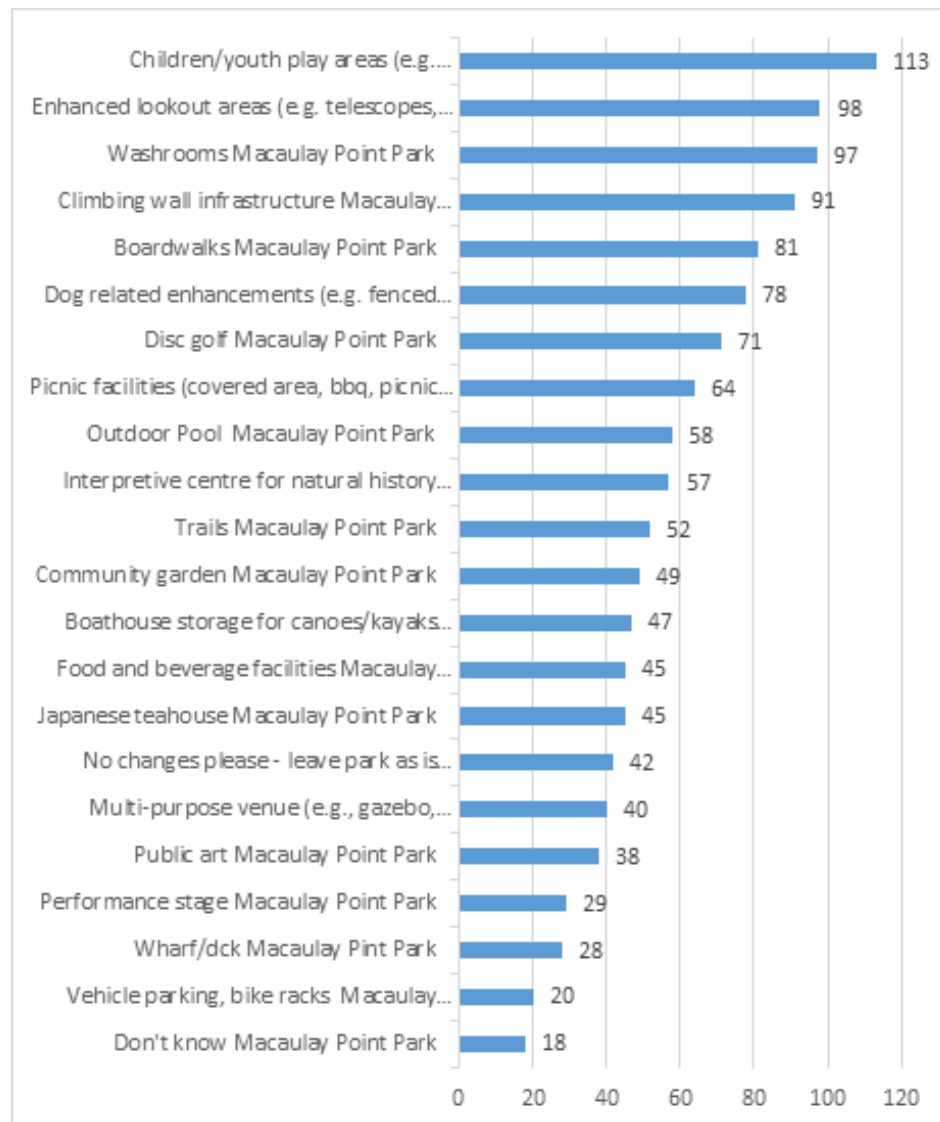


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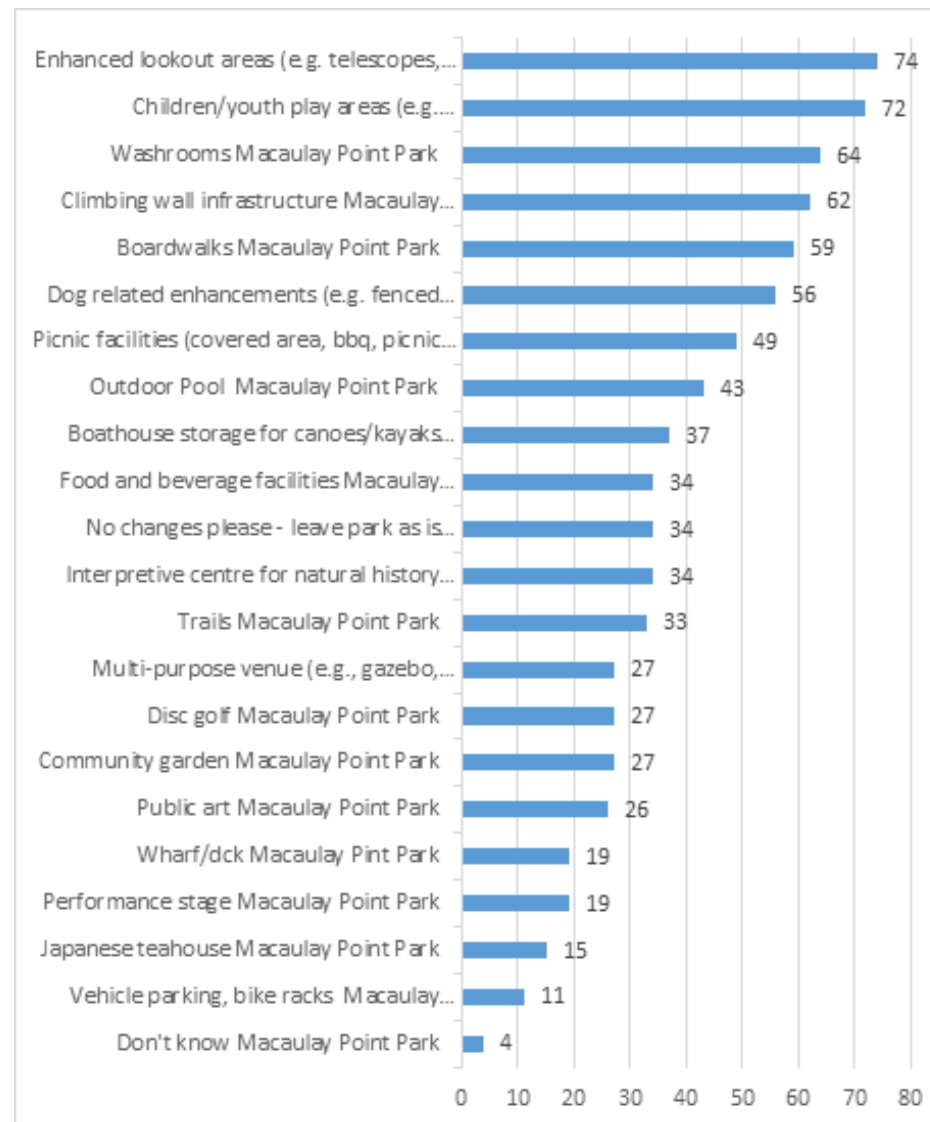


## Macaulay Point Park

### All Respondents (1528)



### Residents Only (694)



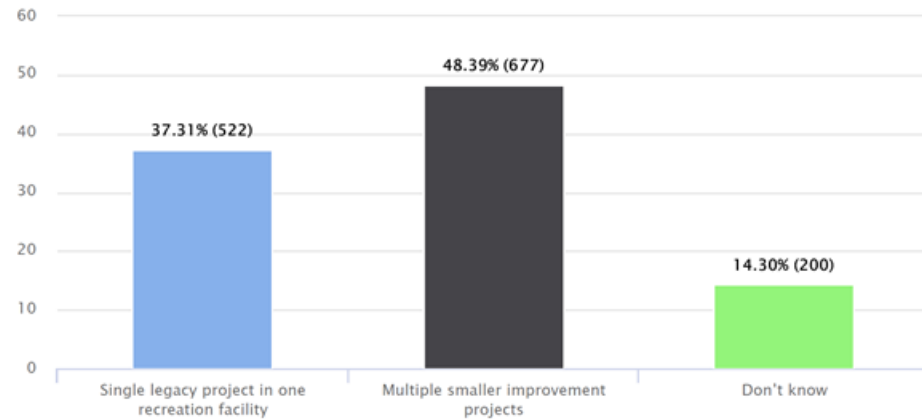
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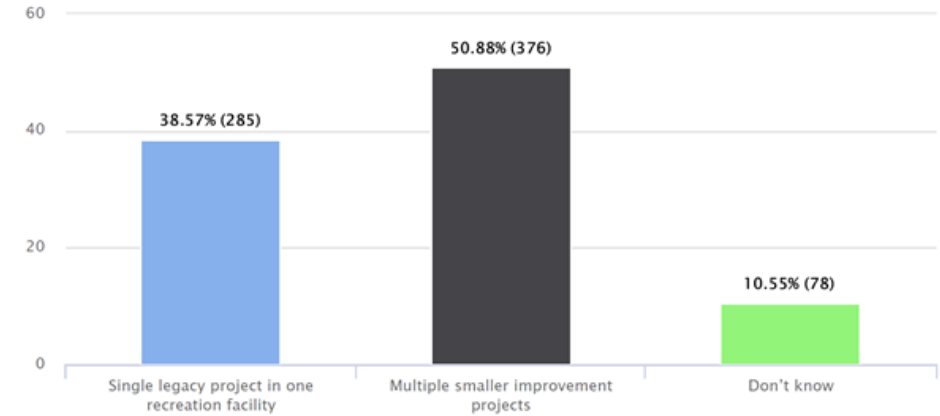
## Downtown Recreation Facility Improvements = \$5M

**Q8. If the \$5 million in funding for downtown recreation facilities is to be spent on only one of the items below, which one would you recommend?**

All Respondents (1399)

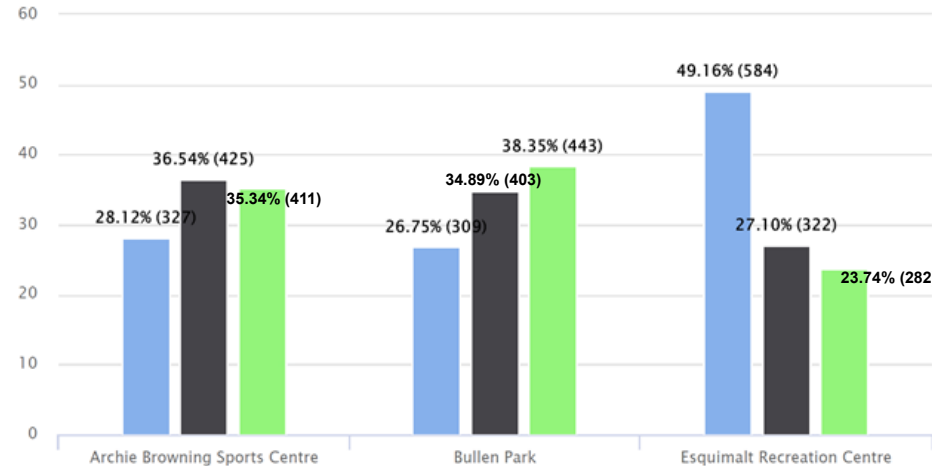


Residents Only (739)



**Q9. How would you prioritize the recreation facilities below for receiving the \$5M in funds? Rank them in order of importance for receiving the most funding (rank 1) to the least (rank 3).**

All Respondents (1227)



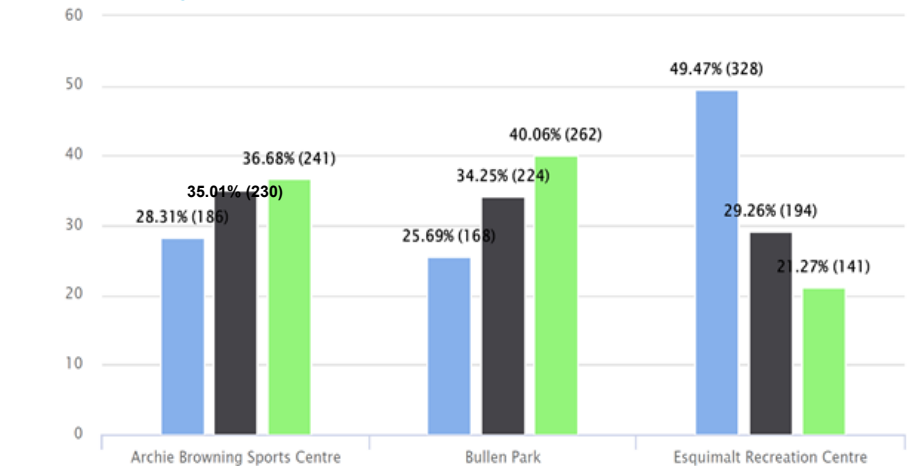
Overall Rank: 2  
Average Rank: 1.93

Overall Rank: 3  
Average Rank: 1.88

Overall Rank: 1  
Average Rank: 2.25

\* Highest average rank represents the most preferred choice.

Residents Only (684)



Overall Rank: 2  
Average Rank: 1.92

Overall Rank: 3  
Average Rank: 1.86

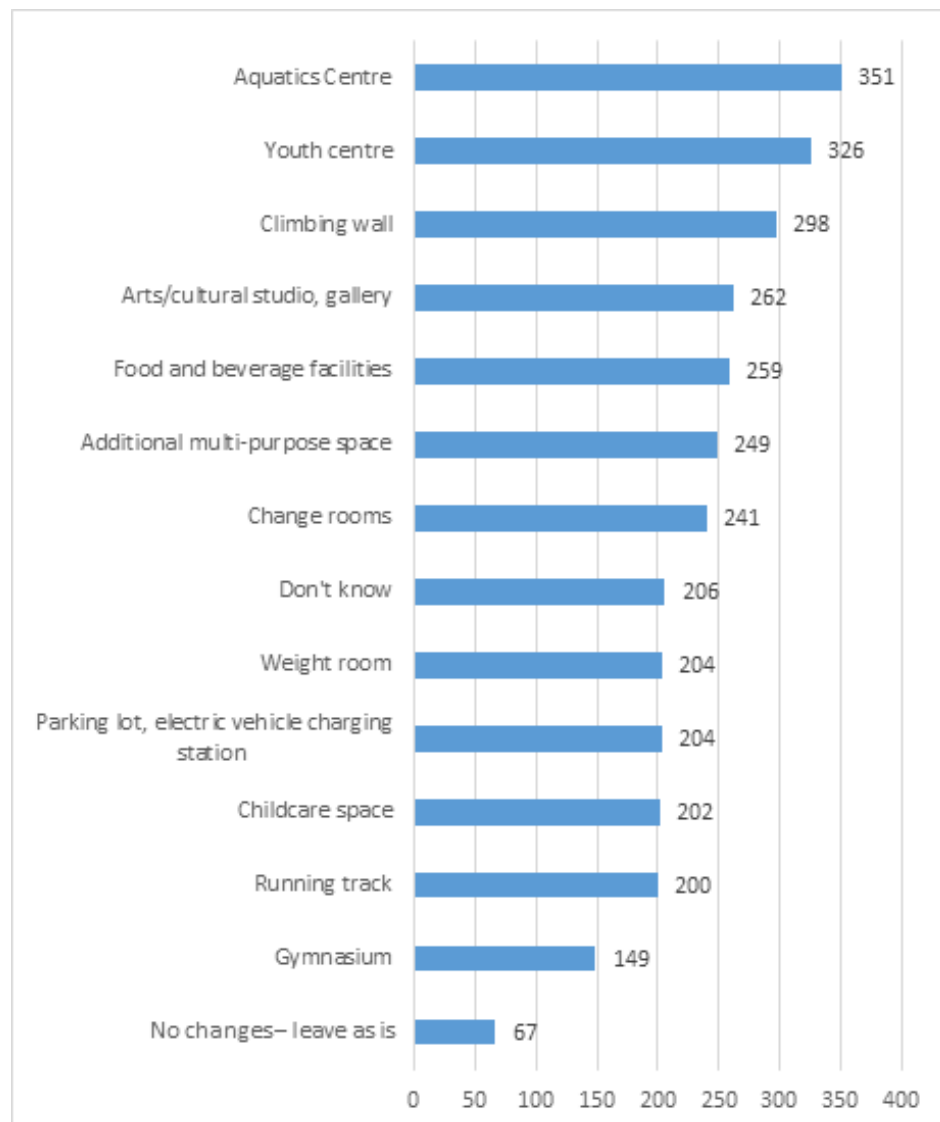
Overall Rank: 1  
Average Rank: 2.28

\* Highest average rank represents the most preferred choice.

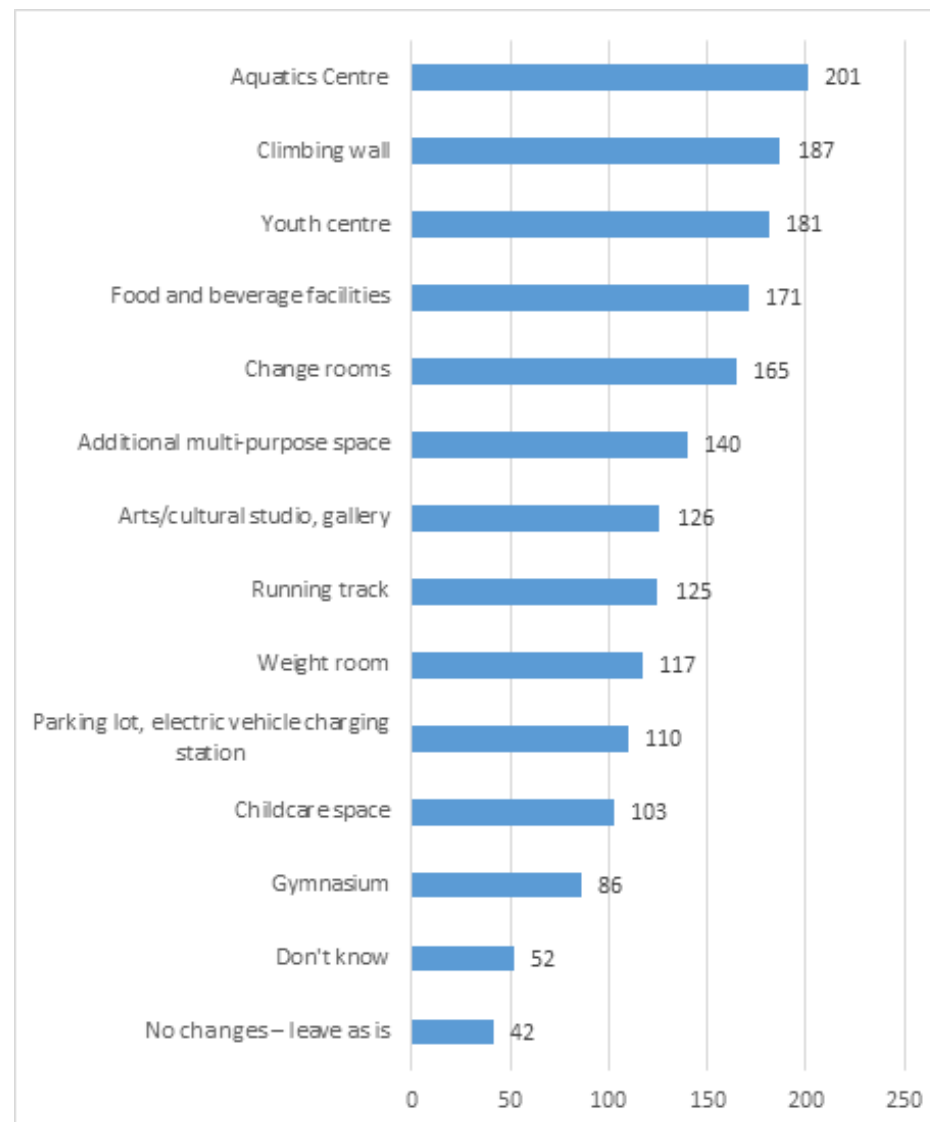


**Q10. For Esquimalt Recreation Centre, which 3 items below would you recommend be developed, enhanced or expanded with available funding?**

All Respondents (1396)



Residents Only (739)



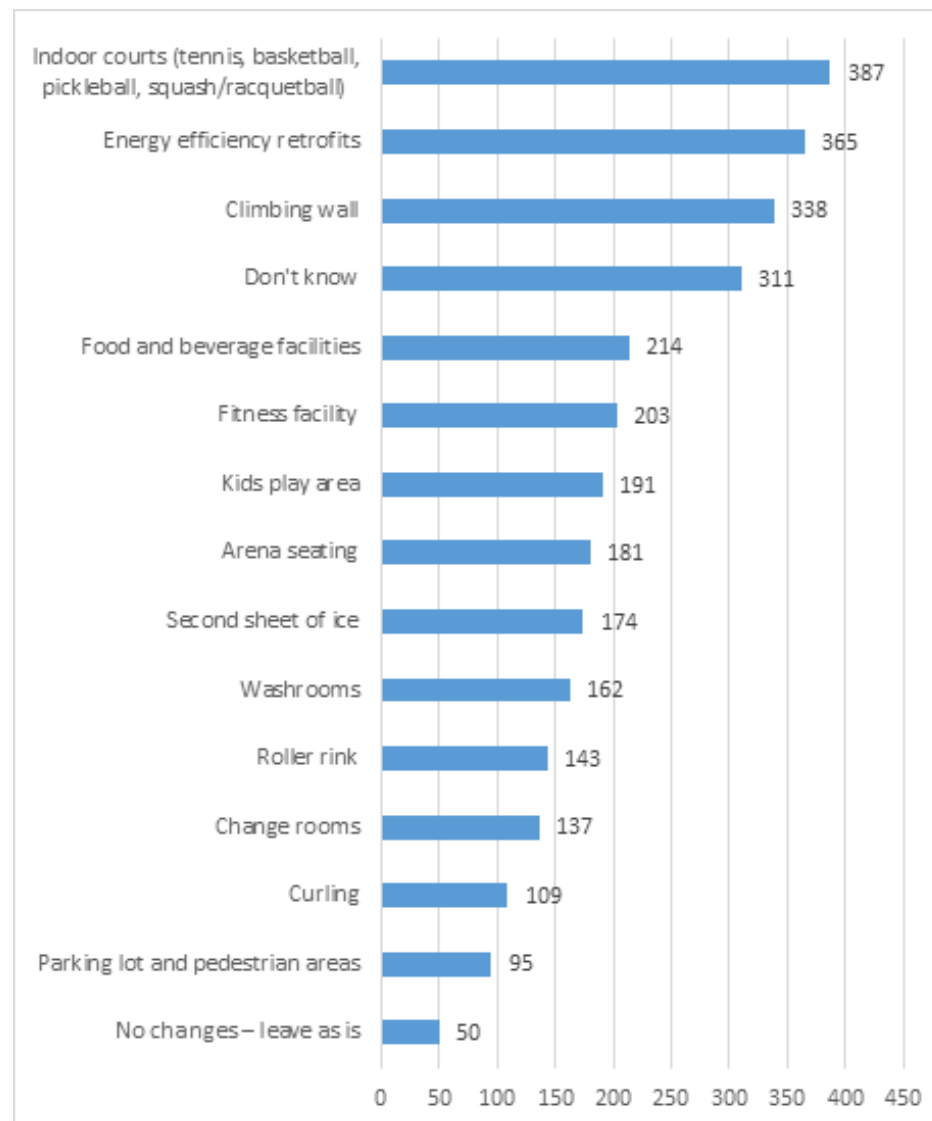
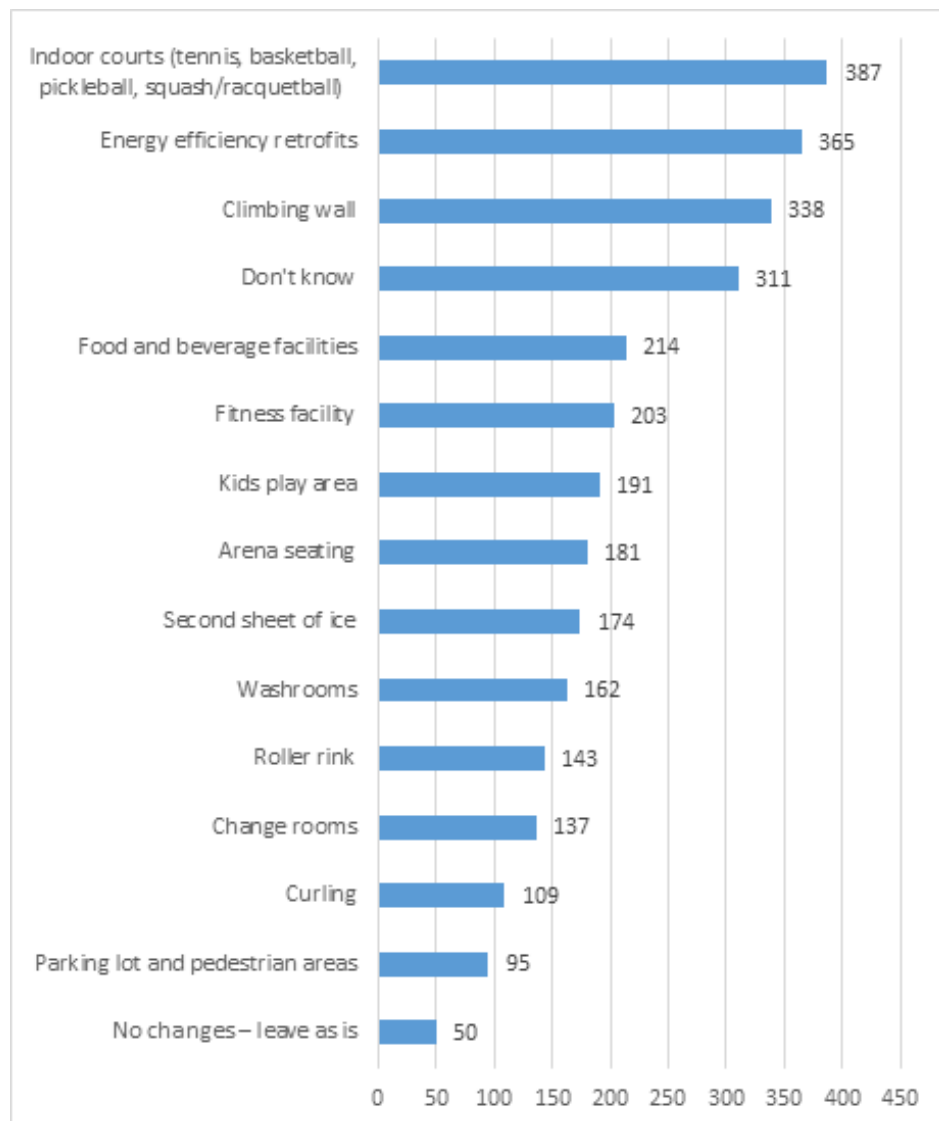
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**Q11. For Archie Browning Sports Centre, which 3 items below would you recommend be developed, enhanced or expanded with available funding? (Choose up to 3)**

All Respondents (1397)

Residents Only (740)

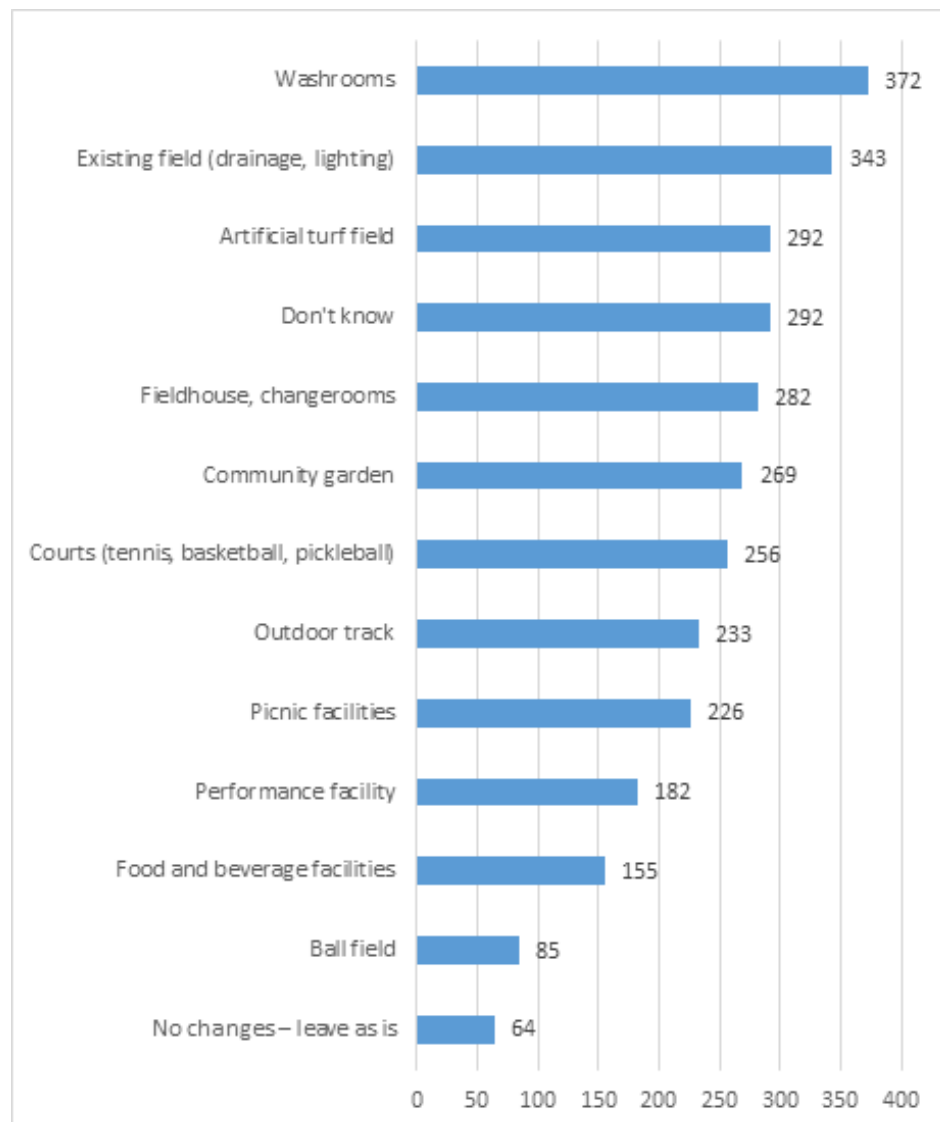


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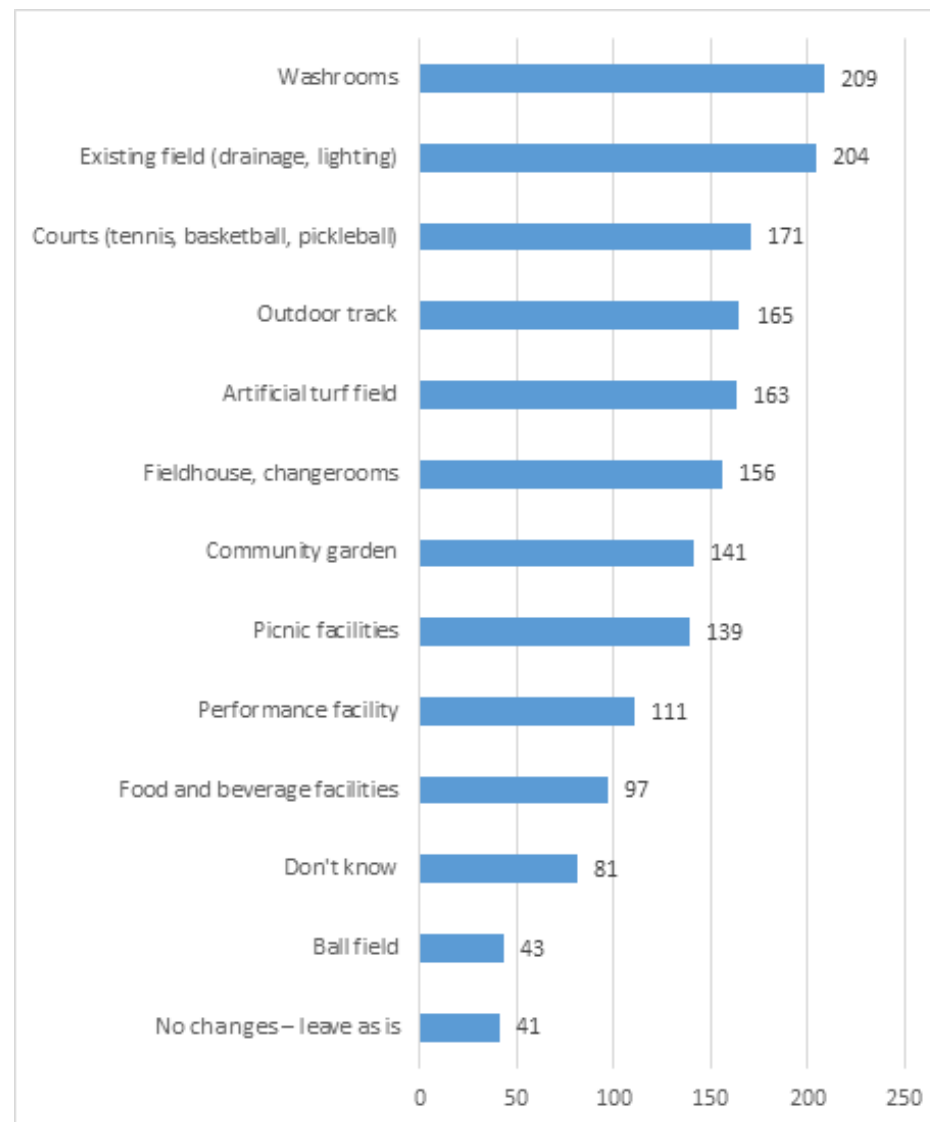


**Q12. For Bullen Park, which 3 items below would you recommend be developed, enhanced or expanded with available funding?**

All Respondents (1397)



Residents Only (740)



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## All Recreation Facilities Combined – All Respondents

The table below presents the data from question 10, 11 and 12 in descending order.

Rank	Project	Waterfront Park	Votes
1	Indoor Courts	Archie Browning Sports Centre	387
2	Washrooms	Bullen Park	372
3	Energy Efficiency Retrofits	Archie Browning Sports Centre	365
4	Aquatic Centre Enhancements	Esquimalt Recreation Centre	351
5	Bullen Field Upgrades- lighting, drainage	Bullen Park	343
6	Climbing Wall	Archie Browning Sports Centre	338
7	Youth Centre Enhancements	Esquimalt Recreation Centre	326
8	Don't Know	Archie Browning Sports Centre	311
9	Climbing Wall	Esquimalt Recreation Centre	298
10	Don't Know	Bullen Park	292
11	Artificial Turf Field	Bullen Park	292
12	Fieldhouse, changerooms	Bullen Park	282
13	Community Garden	Bullen Park	269

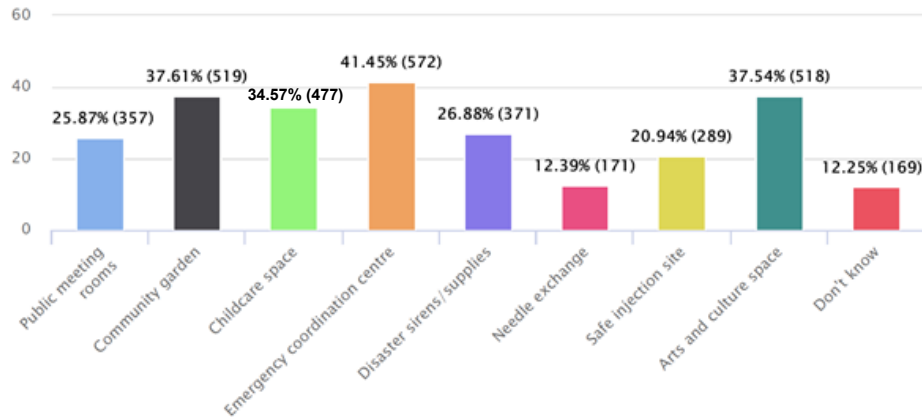
Rank	Project	Waterfront Park	Votes
14	Arts/Cultural Studio	Esquimalt Recreation Centre	262
15	Food and Beverage Facility	Esquimalt Recreation Centre	259
16	Courts- Tennis, Basketball, Pickleball	Bullen Park	256
17	Additional Multi Purpose Space	Esquimalt Recreation Centre	249
18	Additional Change Rooms	Esquimalt Recreation Centre	241
19	Outdoor Track	Bullen Park	233
20	Picnic Facilities	Bullen Park	226
21	Food and Beverage Facility	Archie Browning Sports Centre	214
22	Don't Know	Esquimalt Recreation Centre	206
23	Weight Room	Esquimalt Recreation Centre	204
24	Electric Vehicle Charging Station	Esquimalt Recreation Centre	204
25	Fitness Facility	Archie Browning Sports Centre	203



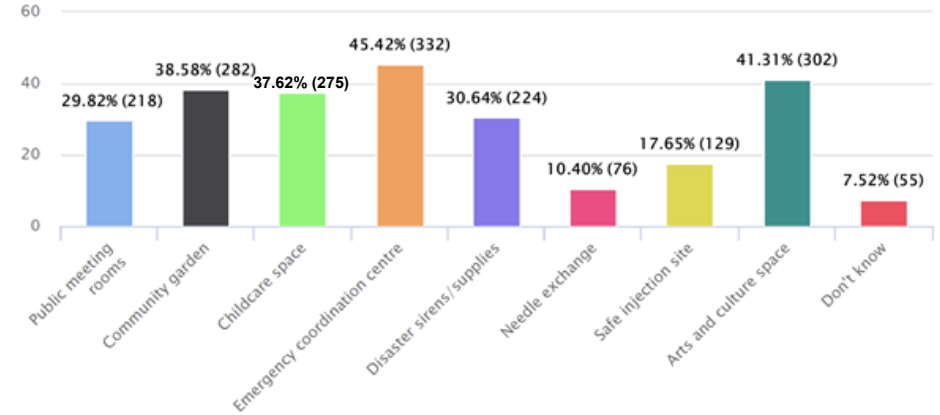
## Downtown Emergency Services and Public Safety Facilities = \$5M

**Q13. For the new, expanded or enhanced emergency services facilities, which 3 items below would you recommend be added into the facilities to achieve greater community benefit? (Select up to 3)**

All Respondents (1380)



Residents Only (731)





## Appendix A: McLoughlin Point Amenity Reserve Funds Details

### THE OPPORTUNITY: A \$17M COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

Esquimalt has received a one-time contribution of \$17M from the Capital Regional District (CRD) as part of the McLoughlin Point Amenity Reserve Funds. All funds must be invested within roughly five years. The negotiated agreement clearly establishes how the Township must use these funds.

#### **\$7M = Waterfront Park Improvements**

To be invested in capital improvements to waterfront parks.

- Where? Macaulay Point, Saxe Point, Esquimalt Gorge Park, or other approved waterfront parks
- What's in? New, expanded or enhanced amenities (e.g., playgrounds), infrastructure (e.g., pathways), buildings/structures (e.g., pavilions, bathrooms), and other capital improvements, including waterfront park acquisition
- What's out? Operations, programming, maintenance, events.

#### **\$5M = Downtown Recreation Facility Improvements**

To be invested in additions or capital improvements to community recreation facilities.

- Where? Archie Browning Centre, Esquimalt Recreation Centre, Bullen Park
- What's in? New, expanded or enhanced amenities (e.g., sports fields, pool, courts, rink), infrastructure, and/or buildings
- What's out? Operations, programming, equipment, maintenance, events.

#### **\$5M = Facilities for Emergency Services and Public Safety**

To be invested in new, expanded or enhanced emergency services facilities.

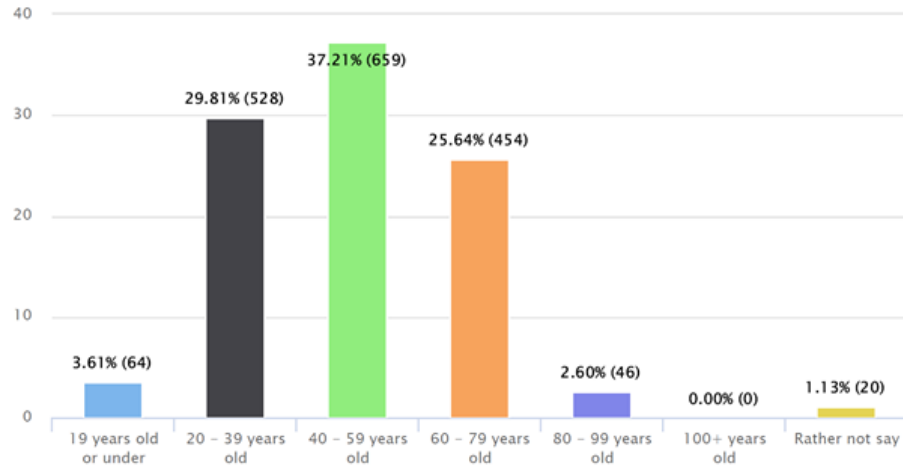
- Where? Esquimalt town square area
- What's in? New, expanded or enhanced emergency services facilities with the potential to integrate other uses (e.g., apartments or offices) on the upper floors.
- What's out? Operations, programming, equipment, maintenance, events.



## Appendix B: Survey demographic data

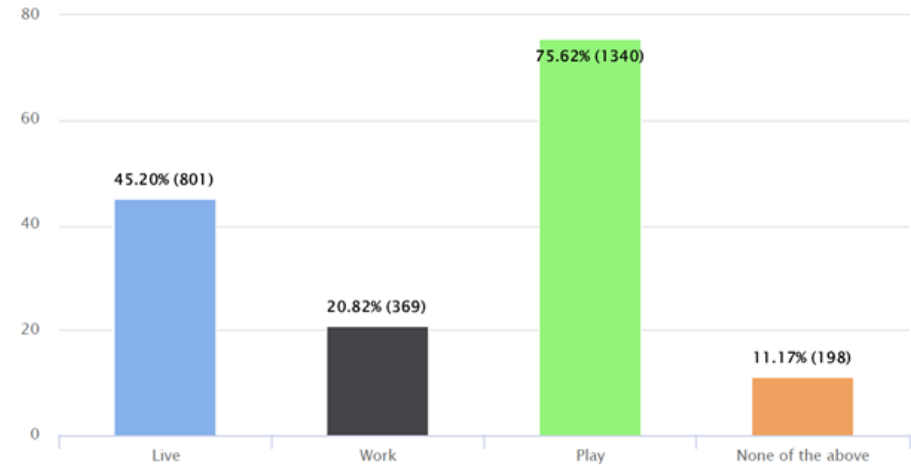
### What is your age?

Number of respondents : 1771



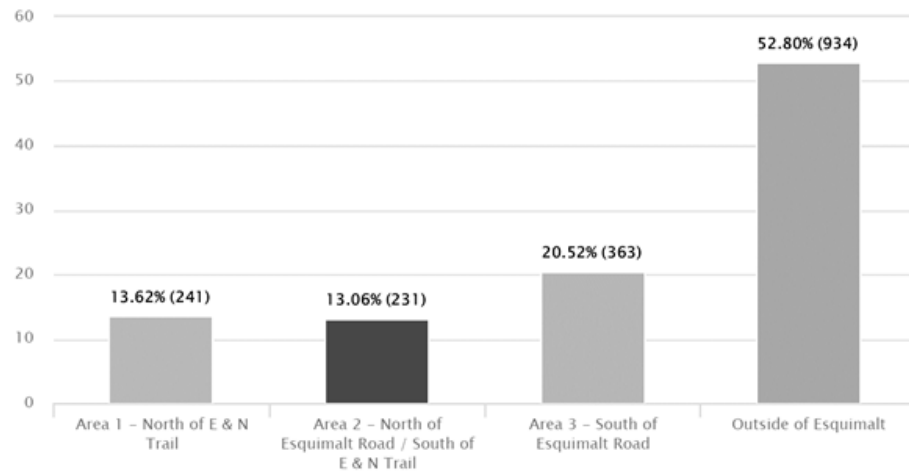
### Do you live, work, play in Esquimalt?

Number of respondents : 1772



### Where do you live?

Number of respondents : 1769



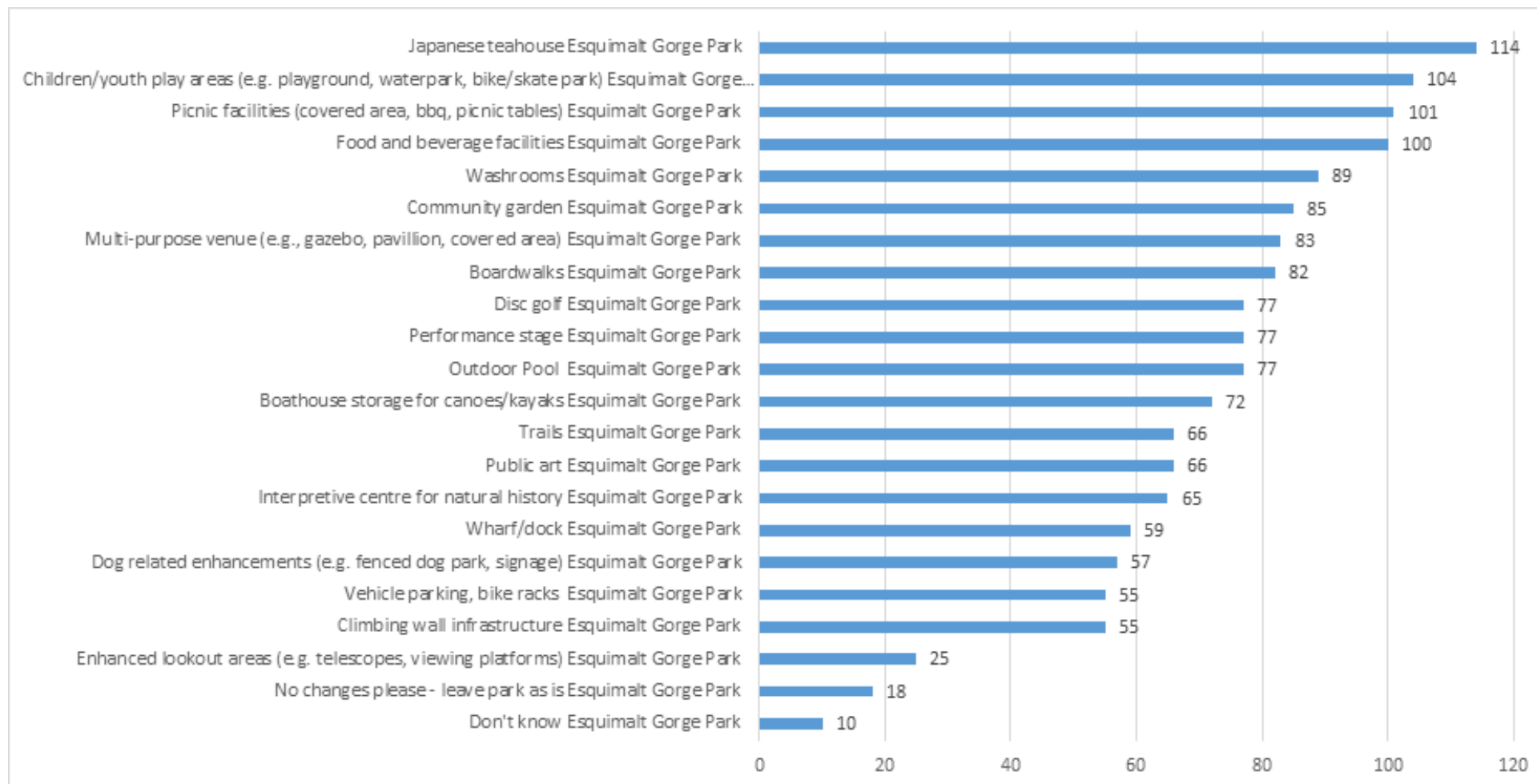


## Appendix C: Spoiled Votes from Question 7

**Question 7: Which 5 waterfront park improvements would you recommend from the table below? Please choose up to 5 items from the ENTIRE table (list on mobile devices) below, NOT per park/column. Any submissions beyond 5 total will be disregarded.**

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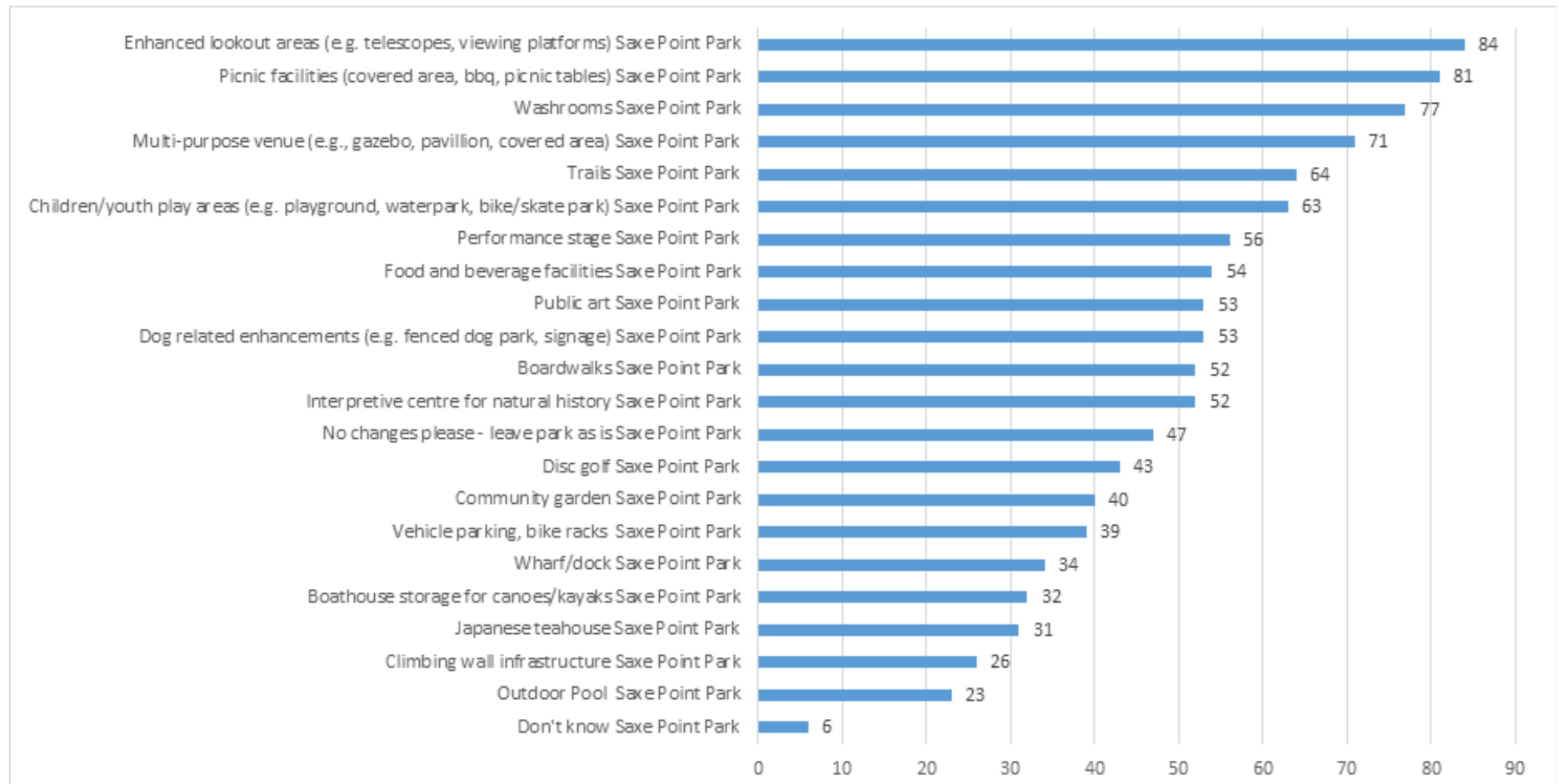
### Esquimalt Gorge Park



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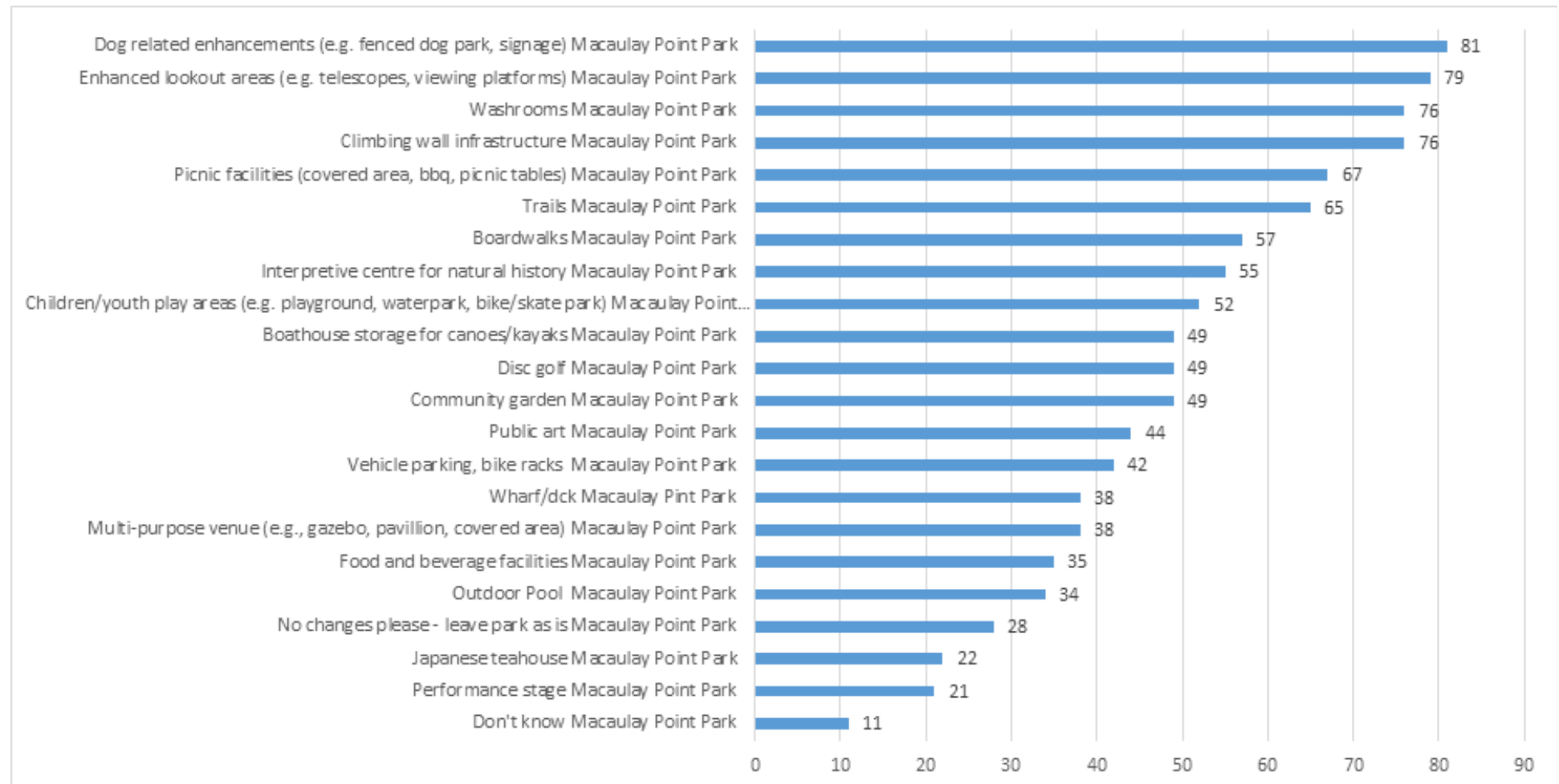
## Saxe Point Park



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## Macaulay Point Park





## Appendix D: Additional Public Input

Additional input was received from members of the public in the form of letters, emails, Facebook posts, and online submissions at [esquimalt.ca](http://esquimalt.ca). The various submissions are included here and were reviewed for information, but were not incorporated into the survey results.



Comment	Name Address	Date	Source
I was wondering there could be consideration towards expanding the Out Of School Care Program at the Rec Center. I heard there will be a new one at Saxe Point but I think the waitlist at the Rec Center (not to mention all the other programs) speaks to the need of more spaces. I think a portable at the Rec Center would be a great solution. I hope this is given serious consideration. Thank you, Sarah McEwan	Sarah McEwan Esquimalt	2018-05-17 15:37	Website Entry
The pool at Esquimalt Recreation Centre needs serious updating for o	Brian LePas Esquimalt	2018-06-26 17:31	Website Entry
The swimming pool needs updating for wheelchair users. A better l	Brian LePas Esquimalt	2018-06-26 17:33	Website Entry
I wish for the funds to pay 100% of CRD Sewage charge for all esquimalt residents for 3-5 years. Extra funds to go to recreational and waterfront trail amenities to link waterfront trails.	Brent Molnat Esquimalt	2018-06-26 18:39	Website Entry
-the fence at Esquimalt Adventure Park along the parking lot is dangerous to toddlers there should be a second board to prevent little kids from walking under it into the parking lot	Bronwyn Heney Esquimalt	2018-06-26 19:16	Website Entry
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I have always wondered why there is so few public washrooms I guess everyone has to carry their own septic. Tank for years I lived here and no facility's I think it's sad maybe the Feds could kick in	Don Morrison Esquimalt	2018-06-26 19:16	Website Entry
-the fence along the water at Gorge Park disappears at one point -the side walk along Fraser St and Admiral St the sidewalk disappears on the approach to Saxe Point (this happens at a curve in he road)	Bronwyn Heney Esquimalt	2018-06-26 19:19	Website Entry
I'm here at the memorial park music fest and would love to see investment in a band shelter given how much live music happens in this park.	Debbie Douez Esquimalt	2018-06-26 19:41	Website Entry
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The residents of West Bay are in dire need of a public boat launch, there is no public option to launch a paddle board or kayak. Being most severely impacted by the sewage plant we feel it is a must to seriously consider this request. Thank you so much.	Michael Baron Esquimalt	2018-07-06 18:48	Website Entry
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A real Skate-park, not just the tiny one by Esquimalt high. I don't live in Vic-west.	James Bell Esquimalt	2018-07-19 16:48	Website Entry
Thanks for asking. Robbie at the kiosk has been just great in helping me fill this out and thanks for asking my opinions.	Netha Selene Esquimalt	2018-08-17 13:23	Website Entry
It would be nice to have the entire Rec centre building air conditioned. Way too hot in the summer months	John Fuder Esquimalt	2018-08-21 13:29	Website Entry
We loved the idea of building a Japanese Teahouse, as reported in today's T-C. It would be a wonderful tribute to Japanese Canadians, so many of whom were so badly treated in WW2. It would also be a beautiful place for all citizens and guests in the city to visit. Please put this project top of the list!	Judith & Reg Terry Oak Bay	2018-08-26 13:34	Website Entry
Survey #2 no longer seems to work. When clicking on the link, users receive this message: "Sorry. The maximum number of responses for this project / form has been attained. Thank you."	Lisa T Victoria	2018-08-28 11:02	Website Entry
Hello is there a contact e-mail to ask a question? The thing I would like is not in the questionnaire (which is a free and public canoe/kayak launch point from anywhere in West Bay area into the Inner Harbour). The questionnaire does not give me a chance to add new ideas. Help! :)	Dean Polvi Esquimalt	2018-08-29 17:26	Website Entry
As you may know that the Gorge Waterway area were once a very alive and fun places to visit for people who lived on the Island, especially Japanese Canadians. There was a restaurant named "Japanese Tea House." We have lots of historical memories around the area. The Japanese Canadian community now is very tight and help each other. However there is no gathering place for us. It would be very nice if we can have a facility to use and share the joy of activities with other people.	Keiko Saunders Victoria	2018-09-03 12:47	Website Entry
Read about proposal of rebuilding Japanese teahouse. Great idea. Please consider it.	Tatiana Lielupe Victoria	2018-09-07 19:49	Website Entry
Please consider a kayak / canoe / paddle board boar launch at West Bay walkway. Esquimalt has no boat launches in the inner harbor area. Thanks	Michael Sheward Esquimalt	2018-09-14 15:33	Website Entry
Use it to lower our municipal taxes.	Marion Cheesman Esquimalt	2018-09-15 16:43	Website Entry
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Thank you for the opportunity to complete the online survey about amenity funding. It not only allowed me to indicate my priorities, it outlined various considerations and possibilities to me. In addition to the information I have provided through the survey, I would like to contribute the additional wishes: Firstly, would the Township consider contributing to playground improvements at local schools, working with the other funders actually responsible for these? Specifically, the playgrounds at Macaulay Elementary are end-of-life and many people in our community use them in addition to the 500 students and their siblings and all the related out-of-school care groups including those from Esquimalt Recreation. Secondly, the family bathrooms at the Rec Centre are great and in such high demand we could use twice as many (it's a long cold wet wait with kids after swimming lessons and the locker corridor gets very congested). Thirdly, bathrooms with running water at Memorial Park would be a great asset, especially during the wonderful programming that takes place there such as Music in the Park and the Esquimalt Farmers' Market. Thank you for all the things you provide; we love living in Esquimalt.	Kirsten Andersen Esquimalt	2018-09-19 13:18	Website Entry
As a parent in the community of Esquimalt, I would love to see money from the amenity funds put toward replacing old and very well lived playground equipment at Macaulay Elementary.	Andreia Rockwell Esquimalt	2018-09-19 20:37	Website Entry
Would love to see money go towards a new playground at Macaulay school!	Sara Howard Esquimalt	2018-09-19 20:45	Website Entry
I would love to see some of these funds put toward the replacement/upgrading of the Macaulay school playground equipment as the current playground is no longer serving the needs of the school (unsafe, frequently broken, wood is decaying). Thank you!	Julia Caryk Esquimalt	2018-09-19 21:41	Website Entry
Playground please	Katrinka Karpes Saanich	2018-09-19 22:27	Website Entry
New playgrounds for Macaulay elementary!!!	Jenn Langejan Esquimalt	2018-09-19 23:11	Website Entry
Children attend Macaulay and we are active participants of the Esquimalt community	Megan Weston Saanich	2018-09-20 7:43	Website Entry
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I would like to see some of the McLoughlin Amenity Funds directed towards replacement and enhancement of two of the playgrounds at L'Ecole Macaulay Elementary at 1010 Wychbury Avenue. Two of the playgrounds are getting old and parts of them are broken. These playgrounds are well-used throughout the week: during school hours by the 470 students who attend Macaulay, after school by the three out-of-school cares that service the school, and evenings and weekends by the surrounding community. As the only elementary school in Esquimalt, I believe the school's playgrounds provide a vital amenity to the community in general	Sue Fox Esquimalt	2018-09-20 10:54	Website Entry
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
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<p>Good to see the expansion of community gardens and park upkeep.</p>	<p>John Davis Esquimalt</p>	<p>2018-09-20 21:21</p>	<p>Website Entry</p>
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the use of the McLoughlin Amenity Funds. One use of the funds that would be of great benefit to all ages of our community in the installation/upgrade of public washrooms at Memorial Park and Saxe Point Park. These parks are frequented by many for daily use as well as for special events and public washrooms enhance the experience for all ages.	Haley Back Esquimalt	2018-09-23 22:42	Website Entry
See attached letter with subject: Conference space at Saxe Point Park	Katrina Dwulit, Executive Director, Esquimalt Farmers Market Society	April 11, 2018	Email to Mayor and Council
See attached letter with subject: Letter of support	Katrina Dwulit, Executive Director, Esquimalt Farmers Market Society	May 14, 2018	Email to Director of Parks and Recreation
See attached letter with subject: Highlighting Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary (est. 1923) in Esquimalt Parks with sewage plant \$17M amenity package.	Jacques Sirois	May 23, 2018	Email to Rick Daykin
See attached email with subject: Bike Paths	Louise Lloyd	May 28, 2018	Email to Council
See attached email with subject: Please no turf	Niki Sutherland	August 20, 2018	Email to Council
See attached screen shot of this article: <a href="https://www.timescolonist.com/islander/righting-a-historical-wrong-by-rebuilding-japanese-teahouse-in-esquimalt-1.23412561">https://www.timescolonist.com/islander/righting-a-historical-wrong-by-rebuilding-japanese-teahouse-in-esquimalt-1.23412561</a>	Richard Watts, Times Colonist	August 26, 2018	Article in the Times Colonist
See attached letter with subject: importance of increasing pool accessibility through McLoughlin Amenity Fund	Anna Isaacs	September 10, 2018	Email to Multiple Stakeholders
See attached letter with subject: McLoughlin Amenity Funds – Request for Canoe/Kayak launch directly to Victoria Harbour (via West Bay Walkway and/or Capt Jacobsen Park)	Dean Polvi 537 Paradise Street, Esquimalt, BC V9A5E3	September 12, 2018	Email to Mayor and Council
See attached letter with subject: Survey Problems	Bruce Cuthbert 431 Constance Avenue	September 20, 2018	Email to Francis Mathieson
See attached memo with subject: A Public and Historical Amenity for Esquimalt – A Memo For Esquimalt Council from Dr. Jordan Stanger-Ross, University of Victoria	Dr. Jordan Stanger-Ross University of Victoria		
<b>Facebook comments specific to Esquimalt George Park</b>			
As part of Gorge Park, under the Gorge Bridge is perhaps one of the most historic locations on Vancouver Island. The intact remains of the midden there date back at least 4200 years. This is also the location where Princess Camosun met the transformer spirit and Victoria was created. Having some form of tribute even as a mural under the bridge would significantly add to the cultural experience if a tea house is added to the park. I'm sure the Songhees / Esquimalt people could suggest an appropriate tribute.	Tom Bown	Aug 26, 2018	Facebook
It would be wonderful if the beach could be spruced up. There isn't much beach around town. Maybe some sand? Or else what about a tidal pool, like at Kitsalano. <a href="https://www.google.ca/search?q=kitsalano...">https://www.google.ca/search?q=kitsalano...:</a>	Paula Louise	March 13, 2018	Facebook

Sand for beach....clean it up a bit	Nancee Desouza	March 13, 2018	Facebook
Fishing dock	Mike Torney	March 12, 2018	Facebook
It would be great if you could fully fence in the off leash dog park area and add some benches. Esquimalt doesn't have a fully fenced in dog park and this would be an ideal location. Reopen the Japanese Teahouse which you see in the historical pictures of the park. It would make a lovely meeting area for everyone especially seniors.	Ina Wong	March 11, 2018	Facebook
It would be fabulous to have a concession here. A place to grab a coffee or even picnic lunch. A nice public dock for launching kayaks, canoes and SUPs. Perhaps a business opportunity for a rental business. Also, a permanent stage for summer concerts would be nice.	Marie Fidoe	March 11, 2018	Facebook
<b>Facebook comments specific to Bullen Park</b>			
Soccer turf. Gorge soccer would like to expand the league to esquimalt but the field is like a sponge in winter. If you built they will come	Kevin McLennon	March 16, 2018	Facebook
Fix the drainage and put in an all weather surface with lots of lights and seating.	Ramona Braund	March 16, 2018	Facebook
Pump track.	David Cusack	March 14, 2018	Facebook
Multi sport artificial turf	Tanya McKinney	March 14, 2018	Facebook
Another lacrosse box	Gordie L Goldsmith	March 14, 2018	Facebook
Sand volleyball courts	Tanya McKinney	March 14, 2018	Facebook
Expand the fields for slo-pitch install lights for evening play, build fences.	Keith Salter	March 14, 2018	Facebook
Anything to keep the kids and family busy	Perrette Brideau	March 14, 2018	Facebook
Improve the floodlights so that they don't just cover half the field near the Rec Centre building but the whole field comprehensively.	Alexander Cowan	March 14, 2018	Facebook
I just visited the most amazing playground park in Christchurch (New Zealand) - it was built shortly after the earthquake to encourage families back into the core. I think we should do the same and expand our water park with more structures (reduce the size of the parking lot and push more people to use the Archie B lot)	Graeme Dempster	March 13, 2018	Facebook
I vote water park!	Dyllon Hunt	March 13, 2018	Facebook
Year round Dry floor rink : roller skating (yay derby!!) , roller hockey, trade shows, craft fairs, farmer markets, and so much more!!! No more Langford!!!	Leah ter Hart	March 13, 2018	Facebook



Please invest in a turf field- your residents are part of the Gorge Soccer Association catchment and we often have games at Bullen Park cancelled throughout the regular season because of field conditions. No doubt the field we get a lot of use!	Shane Alexander	March 13, 2018	Facebook
Community garden space	Savannah Layne Barratt	March 12, 2018	Facebook
Please put in an artificial turf so we can enjoy sports all year round with our lovely winter rain!!!	Jen Spark	March 12, 2018	Facebook
<b>Facebook comments specific to Esquimalt Recreation Centre</b>			
Rock climbing wall	Jason Bates	March 15, 2018	Facebook
Fans in the workout space upstairs	Lexi Cross	March 15, 2018	Facebook
Something practical, something that helps the community, and something fun... So updated change rooms, turf field and water slide...	Warren Skaalrud	March 15, 2018	Facebook
Make half of Bullen TURF SOCCER  FIELD. That field sure needs it and BAN DOGS from the field . We are always picking up dog  before each game. Just my two cents .. happy for whatever upgrades Esquimalt does	David Sumet	March 15, 2018	Facebook
A water slide similar to commonwealth. Maybe a little "play ground" kind of thing for the kids. All in all the pool is boring unless you want to just float	Brittany Spencer	March 16, 2018	Facebook
Sauna	Geordon Rendle	March 15, 2018	Facebook
Turf soccer field.	ET Petch	March 14, 2018	Facebook
Indoor tennis courts. Better changing rooms.	Danielle Ramos	March 14, 2018	Facebook
Something practical, something that helps the community, and something fun... So updated change rooms, turf field and water slide...	Warren Skaalrud	March 14, 2018	Facebook
Pottery/ceramics studio	Tanya McKinney	March 14, 2018	Facebook
How about these pot holes in the Esq area. Good to spend money on safety too	Willi James Krywy	March 13, 2018	Facebook
A permanent art studio	Johanna Palmer	March 13, 2018	Facebook
Proper Slo Pitch diamonds. With fencing and proper lighting	Scott Wood	March 13, 2018	Facebook
An arts center.	Carol Francey	March 13, 2018	Facebook
A large FENCED area for off leash dogs.	Stephanie Plant	March 12, 2018	Facebook
More Permanent swimming lanes that are not associated with children	Karlie Locke	March 12, 2018	Facebook

Expand family change rooms and increase capacity of OSC please!	Sara Howard	March 12, 2018	Facebook
Improved family change room..and more staff to clean them...turf Feild would be great...	Nancee Desouza	March 12, 2018	Facebook
A combo of coin and bring your own lock lockers would be amazing.	Hannah Teminsky	March 12, 2018	Facebook
Squash courts would be awesome!	Sally Hodgson	March 12, 2018	Facebook
Update your change rooms to create more accessibility for those with limited mobility!	Candace Lawrence	March 12, 2018	Facebook
Definitely better sports field conditions... and an Outdoor pool for the hot summers. I appreciate the splash park but we adults get frowned upon when using them without our children!	Ley Ireland	March 12, 2018	Facebook
Artificial turf, renovated family change rooms, improvements to reduce annual operating costs (solar water heating, energy efficiency, mechanical upgrades etc that reduce tax bill for years ahead.	Andrew Giles	March 12, 2018	Facebook
An adventure playground for big kids.  Pickle ball courts  I second the water slide, plus more fun stuff for kids-my grandkids say the pool is boring	River Chandler	March 12, 2018	Facebook
Better changes room and a turf spots field!	Lisa Gelling	March 12, 2018	Facebook
Space for more after school care. Desperately needed.	Diana Swayze	March 12, 2018	Facebook
Maybe some art facilities would be cool they already hold art classes but they're very limited	Erin Hammond	March 11, 2018	Facebook
I agree with the first comment, to do a refresh on the family change room situation.	Heidi One	March 11, 2018	Facebook
Hello and thank you for asking. A turf soccer field is much needed. Games are constantly cancelled and the grass is in rough shape. The kiddos miss out!	Given Lives	March 11, 2018	Facebook
I would love to see a turf field put in. I play for Gorge and had 4 postponed games this season that were supposed to take place in Esquimalt. We ended up not playing multiple games because of lack of field space to rebook. There are so many sports that would be able to take advantage of a facility like this.	Holly Dronyk	March 11, 2018	Facebook
Please expand the OSC (out of school) program! Both my older sons went there and now that my daughter is starting kindergarten in the fall I find out that there won't be a single space available due to no one leaving. There is a 1-2 year waiting list for boys and girls club. What are parents supposed to do for care now? 🙄	Tammy Anderson	March 11, 2018	Facebook
Better parking	Lori Anderson Flanagan	March 11, 2018	Facebook
A grey water system.	Savannah Layne Barratt	March 10, 2018	Facebook
Replace the lockers in the change rooms.	Savannah Layne Barratt	March 10, 2018	Facebook

Some of the family shower rooms have deteriorating sheet rock. Might be time for a refresh.	Josh Hylden	March 10, 2018	Facebook
We need a Turf Sports Field please!!	Braedon Coupal-Harding	March 9, 2018	Facebook
I get frustrated when my soccer games are scheduled at Bullen. I know there is a good chance the game will get cancelled because of field conditions	Braedon Coupal-Harding	March 9, 2018	Facebook
Improved family change rooms at the pool	Jill Coll	March 8, 2018	Facebook
When you sold us on the pool project, you had a water slide in the drawing. When it didn't appear, It was the greatest betrayal in Canadian history. Now, I voted for a slide, and I want my slide! I'm a middle aged entitled white man and I want my SLIDE!	Al Harland	March 8, 2018	Facebook
I would like to see a reasonable amount of funds spent to make amends around storm/sewer water management on the Gorge. Last year, Gorge Swimfest was ruined by a mysterious sewage spill that turned out to be an infrastructure weakness. Thank you for considering this.	Scott Karpes	March 8, 2018	Facebook
Would love to see a turf soccer field! Games are always being cancelled due to field conditions at Bullen Park.	Angela Price	March 8, 2018	Facebook
<b>Facebook comments specific to Macaulay Point Park</b>			
Nice washrooms with a outdoor rinse station that works for dogs and people	Tanya McKinney	March 14, 2018	Facebook
Street lights and a mountain bike trail	Alex Davidson	March 14, 2018	Facebook
Improved parking would be nice. A beautiful spot, rich in history and views.	Patricia Buttner	March 13, 2018	Facebook
Oh new guns for the Bunkers. Can never be too sure	Al Harland	March 12, 2018	Facebook
More parking as the boat/trucks congest the area. Lift the time restrictions for the dogs on the beach. More trails for those adventurous dogs! The new signs about the history of the area is fantastic. Thank you for that.	Rita Elizabeth	March 12, 2018	Facebook
Don't touch it. Leave it as is	Elly McNam	March 10, 2018	Facebook
It's beautiful the way it is 😊	Georgia Parson	March 9, 2018	Facebook
Please make the breakwater area easier and safer to walk on - A big thank you to our parks people for keeping our parks and flower beds so beautiful Thank you for your work	Val Spring-Amos	March 9, 2018	Facebook
Stairwells leading down to beaches and rock points.	Lisa Ishizaki	March 9, 2018	Facebook
Pave the main walking paths. Solar lights along the paths. Compostable station for dog poo. Seating in a few shady areas (bonus points if the shady area still had a view of the water). Fix the drain in the inner circle which plugs up many times a year or provide canoes to get through it. And some kind of program to bring an end to the spear grass which is taking over what should be enjoyable grass areas without having to factor in an ER (vet & human) visit after the walk.	Kim Valgardson Zinke	March 9, 2018	Facebook

<p>My niece wrote an open letter to the City of Edmonton and I thought her words rang true for all municipalities... We may not have the same 30 million to spend, but I echo her sentiment so I'm just going to post it here:  Marielle Elizabeth  An open letter to The Edmonton Project and Mayor Don Iveson,</p> <p>I can't shake the feeling that we collectively keep missing the mark. That in this misguided desire to be a world class city, to justify our greatness we keep spending all this money and energy on more. Better. Shinier. Flashier. As good as (insert city here).</p> <p>I have read and re-read The Edmonton Project call for submissions, the goal:</p> <p>Something that contributes to our story.  Something you would want to see on a postcard.  Something that you would want people on the other side of the world to talk about. In a good way.</p> <p>And I find myself baffled by the final selection -</p> <p>A 3 km gondola that would cost between 30 - 50 million dollars.</p> <p>Did we not just spend 7 million dollars on a funicular? Do we not already have a novelty form of transportation from Old Strathcona to the Downtown that gives stunning views of the River Valley? Is this truly it? The thing our city NEEDS the most - more attractions?</p> <p>Because from where I'm standing if we have 30 million we're looking to spend, to leave a legacy, to proudly share with the other side of the world here are some ideas that I think are dreaming big, really big:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- retrofitting all of our largest buildings in the downtown core to be solar powered</li> <li>- ending child poverty in our city</li> <li>- a massive increase of spending on low income housing</li> <li>- working towards ending homelessness in our city</li> <li>- offering more inclusive and subsidized learning opportunities to new immigrants to Canada</li> </ul> <p>And while those may not look as cool on a postcard, I for one would love to visit the city that ended poverty, the city that pushed for a better quality of life for it's newcomers, the first downtown core in Canada that is entirely solar powered. That collectively devoted it's energy and resources to being an amazing place for all it's inhabitants - each and every one. That the extra 10 minutes it may take to bike, or bus, or drive, or streetcar, or rideshare, or walk from Old Strathcona to the downtown core, are worth it.</p> <p>We could be the city that is all heart.  That chose compassion over flash.  Why isn't that the legacy we are fighting for?!</p> <p>Respectfully,</p>	Leah ter Hart	March 8, 2018	Facebook
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Marielle Elizabeth			
Nicer bathrooms.	Brenda Scott	March 6, 2018	Facebook
Safer paths down to the beaches.	Doug Fraser	March 6, 2018	Facebook
Better parking lot. As the main entrance to a nice park, it makes it look very daggy.	Nadine Collison	March 6, 2018	Facebook
Pave the breakwater so people with disabilities and families with strollers can enjoy the walk. Creating something like the breakwater off of Dallas Rd that kids can fish off of and people can just sit and enjoy the view.	Corey Payne	March 6, 2018	Facebook
Omg...change nothing...it's one of the few amazing landmarks still around. It's utterly perfect. Leave it alone.	Kim Lewis	March 6, 2018	Facebook
Can you please edit the spelling of Macauley to the proper Macaulay on your recent post. Much appreciated.	Kim Lewis *FB inbox	March 6, 2018	Facebook
<b>Facebook comments specific to Archie Browning Sports Centre</b>			
Level 3 DC fast charger for electric vehicles. You can apply for funding help right now too! <a href="https://pluginbc.ca/charging-program/">https://pluginbc.ca/charging-program/</a>	Jeff Kendrew	March 15, 2018	Facebook
Or at least a few level 2 chargers			
Skate park	Lori Cubbon	March 13, 2018	Facebook
To whom it may concern, I wanted to add my voice to the need for a Turf field in Esquimalt either at Bullen Park or Esquimalt High.  My kids play soccer for the Gorge Soccer Association and our fields include these ones in Esquimalt but due to the abundance of rain here on the island the fields are often too muddy to play on and/or are in poor condition to maintain a safe environment for our kids to be running, not to mention the amount of times the fields were closed due to the conditions. We as members pay for our kids to play every year and put in alot of time and commitment to the association, that we expect to have enough fields to play on in good condition so no kids miss out. A turf field provides that request year round.  My vote and voice go towards the use of the \$7M to the construction of a turf field. Sincerely, Nicolle Maloney Resident and parent in Vic West.	*FB inbox	March 8, 2018	Facebook
Turf field for soccer. Soccer was cancelled on bullen probably 50% of the year and Victor Brodeur probably 75% of the year. GOrge Soccer will partner / cost share. Ideal spots Bullen (obviously) or partner with SD61 for Esquimalt HS.	Brad Hlasny	March 8, 2018	Facebook
A indoor sports field would be amazing	KC Parsons	March 6, 2018	Facebook

Flow rider standing wave.	Evan Heitman	March 6, 2018	Facebook
Outdoor basketball hoop and even half court. Great for some summer and spring play. Wouldn't need to take up too much space. Indoors a kid's play area for younger kids so if families or parents come to watch or participate the smaller kids can be occupied with something active vs sitting with electronics etc. Creates what the centre's are about....active living	Suzette Goldsworthy	March 6, 2018	Facebook
Update the concession at the hockey rink. Also update the sound system. Both really need upgrades hopefully these will bring back	Jim Amos	March 5, 2018	Facebook
The fans	Jim Amos	March 5, 2018	Facebook
Uty	Jim Amos	March 5, 2018	Facebook
A brand new dry floor facility like Eagle Ridge in Langford. Put it in rear parking lot, ideal location. Very reasonable to construct	Bill Geddie	March 5, 2018	Facebook
Some turf would be nice. I lived in Moose Jaw and the Yara Centre there had an indoor track and turf and it was so great when the weather sucked. I could take the kids and workout and play frisbee and soccer and tons of stuff all winter. Even though we don't have the same cold weather, it would be nice to have an indoor alternative for the wet wet wet Months like January was.		March 5, 2018	Facebook
Warm room and locker room improvements.	Jill Coll	March 5, 2018	Facebook
A brand new dry floor facility like Eagle Ridge in Langford. Put it in rear parking lot, ideal location. Very reasonable to construct	Bill Geddie	March 4, 2018	Facebook
Basketball court.	Kris Eldred	March 4, 2018	Facebook
The seats need to be replaced. The current ones are so uncomfortable and there is zero leg space.	Carolyn Grill	March 4, 2018	Facebook
Archie Browning needs higher toilets & better leg room in the arena. It is very uncomfortable watching a hockey game.	Melissa Edwards	March 4, 2018	Facebook
<b>Facebook comments specific to Saxe Point</b>			
Why is it limited to the three parks? They are all fine as is except for the invasive ivy. More access to the waterfront would be a start	Wendy Keeping	March 15, 2018	
Row boat and canoe rentals.	Carol Francey	March 13, 2018	Facebook
Saxe point park could use some stationary binoculars	Paige Renaud	March 13, 2018	Facebook
I like it the way it is but it would be cool to have small vendors like local artists and food trucks in the parking area	Paisley LeBlanc	March 12, 2018	Facebook
Please leave the park the way it is. It is the nicest well looked park on this island. We love going there and enjoy the scenery. I would like better security that watches the people who let their dogs poop in the park without cleaning it up. That law should be enforced!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	Paula Vanderwal	March 8, 2018	Facebook

The picnic area by the bathrooms has become overgrown with brush and weeds old broken concrete benches; this could be cleaned up!	Patricia Alexa	March 7, 2018	Facebook
Oh, one of our all time favourite parks!! : > Will go take the survey, for sure! : >	Ailsa Forshaw	March 6, 2018	Facebook
Please, no playground. Kids need to be able to experience the wildness of this outdoor area with their parents. Playgrounds encourage parents to sit on their phones and not interact with their kids. Saxe Point is one of the most beautiful areas left 'wild'. An edible garden would be cool, with coastline plants and small signs teaching about the plant's uses. Making good public washrooms happen and the dock idea were good ideas too.	Micha Marie	March 6, 2018	Facebook
A venue for performing arts, like Theatre Under the Stars Vancouver would be great in this municipality. We are already an 'arts township' and have some great shows here in the summer (Shakespeare, etc.). If we had a proper performing arts venue for summer performances it would be an even bigger draw from around the region. It would need bathrooms (year round) a concession, wings and a backstage and temporary seating and somewhere to store the seating in the off season... Parking could be at Archie Browning, with shuttles during performances to take people who bring vehicles back and forth. Also, spending \$\$\$\$ on a performing arts facility could potentially be leveraged to obtain grants to assist with the cost so that our \$17M could actually be quite a bit more.	Helen Edley	March 5, 2018	Facebook
Leave Saxe Park exactly as it is! We don't need more structures there. Invest in upkeep of the park and its environment and lobby to get rid of the horrid polluting ships just sitting there in the strait. That is the biggest threat of all. Discreet no smoking signs near selected "off the main path" areas would be good. I can't tell you how many times I see idiots smoking in the wilder areas of the park during summer when it's a tinderbox. I'm in there every day and see it all the time.	Valerie Nathan	March 5, 2018	Facebook
New washrooms.	KC Parsons	March 4, 2018	Facebook
A wooden pergola for weddings to the right of the parking lot on that new grass patch. Would be a great public space and a great source of revenue for the township!	Alexandra Owen	March 1, 2018	Facebook
Something really senseless, like an offshore wind farm to block the view of the evil coal ships. YEAH!	Azie Boyagian	March 1, 2018	Facebook
Have a small coffee shop down there. Like at Ogden Point!	Cheryl Ekstrom	March 1, 2018	Facebook
A dock like the one in Sydney	John Doe	March 1, 2018	Facebook
<b>Miscellaneous Facebook Comments</b>			
Maybe a nice waterfront pub! Spinnaker's is quite the hike from Hadfield Ave!	Patrick Groves	March 15, 2018	Facebook
Leave Macaulay Point untouched	Anne Hoekema	March 14, 2018	Facebook
\$17M project funds: For both health and safety of the public and also municipal staff reasons, deer monitoring/control/mgmt should be added to all public parks in Esquimalt including cameras for tracking, trackers and a \$500k capital contingency fund for upcoming deer project. Consider families with young children playing in parks, on beach, playgrounds with deer droppings and potential ticks for walkers, geocachers, staff gardeners in parks. I have put this in your survey. Play Safe Esquimalt ...	Bruce Cuthbert	March 14, 2018	Facebook

Do you know what to do if you get deer droppings on your garden gloves or gardening equipment?			
Come on people. This is a big deal, you cant play Netflix in the background and voice your thoughts.	Savannah Layne Barratt	March 13, 2018	Facebook
There is also opportunity at the library and the foyer at the Town Hall - could be one at the arena also. Lots of places to add your ideas.	Marilyn Day	March 8, 2018	Facebook
I would like to see some things that the locals get great use out of but doesn't draw more people here. I.e. maybe waterfront paths that Connect the waterfront beaches? Also some things that reduce our costs of living so to speak - maybe geothermal fields that offset utility costs for our public bldgs (Rec Center /pool) - reduced carbon footprint to! I definitely think more Parking is needed for the Rec Center especially with all the approved developments coming soon.	Zieb Ziebarth	Feb 28, 2018	Facebook
There is quite a contingent in this town who really want to work on deciding or coming up with the best thing to do with the money. but are too busy to get down to city hall or the Rec Center. There is big potential here for amazing things.	Zieb Ziebarth	Feb 28, 2018	Facebook
It looks like a number of suggestions have been added on your posters. Can you take pictures of the posters and post them so we can see the suggestions from others so far. It is nice to potentially support and build on the ideas from others. Thanks.	Bruce Cuthbert	Feb 25, 2018	Facebook
What a great afternoon this was...	Marilyn Day	Feb 24, 2018	Facebook
It was a really great interactive afternoon -	Marilyn Day	Feb 23, 2018	Facebook
Well done Sue	Marilyn Day	Feb 23, 2018	Facebook
Well done to all the staff for staging this event!	Marilyn Day	Feb 23, 2018	Facebook
Thank you very much for a professional presentation and for seeking community input	Mike Makow	Feb 23, 2018	Facebook
Hello I've heard on the radio about your plan to upgrades I. Esquimalt area and would like to find out more about your spending cost. I had an idea been working on myself, I am a first nations living in songhees. Originally from malahat. I been taking baby step on wanting to build a media center for a community. It's been months doing researching much as I can and recently thought if the lease on admirals would be a good location for me and my family distance wise. Then heard the news on the radio. Aw hope is fate Well hope you GRT back to me soon need all the help I can get Thank you Goldentunez82@gmail.com	Gordie Goldsmith [FB inbox]	Feb 21, 2018	Facebook



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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Market Manager [Redacted]  
**Date:** April 11, 2018 at 9:54:35 AM PDT  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
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**Subject: Conference space at Saxe Point Park**

Hello Mayor & Council,

I had suggested in my survey for the amenity funds that a conference space at Saxe Point where the old house used to be, be considered. I am just writing to elaborate on how this could benefit the community.

My idea here is a two floored building with the second floor being very open with lots of windows and possibly a bar space. The first floor could have an information or interactive space, offices and a commercial kitchen.

If this type of facility existed in this location I feel that it would bring incredible value to the community. Currently Esquimalt has zero suitable spaces to host events on public lands (sure there is the DND spaces and First Nations Wellness Centre, but they are not necessarily easily accessed).

EFM really wants to be able to host more fundraisers and events within our community. We are super proud of where we live, but its hard to showcase it outside Market days with the lack of infrastructure to host.

I am confident that this space would fetch a high dollar to be rented for weddings and conferences and draw new crowds to our community and coastline. Honestly I really see it being a destination.

I hope that the Township of Esquimalt will consider this idea put forward by myself and the entire Esquimalt Farmers Market team.

Cheers

Katrina Dwulit, Esquimalt Farmers Market Executive Director

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**Katrina Dwulit, Market Manager** [REDACTED]

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**From:** Market Manager [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** May-14-18 2:04 P  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Letter of Support

*To whom it may concern,*

*On behalf of Esquimalt Farmers Market, I Katrina Dwulit would like to announce our support the project led by the Société francophone de Victoria to have access inclusive of shared office and gathering spaces in the building to be built by the Township of Esquimalt next to the City Hall on Esquimalt road.*

*Cheers  
Katrina Dwulit, Executive Director of EFM*

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**Katrina Dwulit, Market Manager** [REDACTED]

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**From:** [Jacques Sirois](#)  
**To:** [Rick Daykin](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Highlighting Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary (est. 1923) in Esquimalt Parks with sewage plant \$17M amenity package.  
**Date:** May-23-18 9:25:26 AM  
**Attachments:** [VHMBSHALLMARKOCT16-17.pdf](#)

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Dear Rick - nice to see you last week at the GWI meeting.

I also talked with Christina lately and met Robbie at Buccaneer Days - hoping to give him some feedback officially.

I could not attend Branch Out! on May 19 and will not attend World Oceans Day on June 2.

I now appreciate that public displays and a Visitor Centre are unlikely to materialize at McLoughlin Point, site of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Please consider simple maps and displays on historic Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary in your parks, where appropriate (e.g. West Bay Walkway, Gorge Park, Macaulay Point).

I can advise with contents and locations, if you are interested. We have talked about this in the past.

3 main stories here:

- 1) Valuable, interesting and unusual urban wildlife - some of the best in urban Canada, birds, whales, fishes, Olympia Oysters, eelgrass, rare plants and all.
- 2) Decades of deindustrialization, restoration, cleanups and rewilding; \$100sM spent by numerous public and private groups, a huge story of restoration of national significance, still unfolding, much of it in Esquimalt.
- 3) Why was this historic (the oldest in Pacific Canada) Migratory Bird Sanctuary established in 1923, why is it still relevant today and recognized as a NatureHood in 2017.

Hoping that this will interest you. Your time and effort are always appreciated.

Yours truly,

Jacques Sirois



A lot more than Victoria Harbour

A lot more than birds

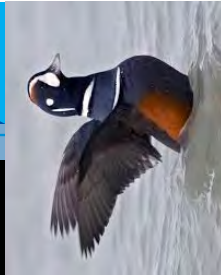
## Victoria Harbour Bird Sanctuary, est. Oct. 27, 1923

Urban wildlife sanctuary, Canadian NatureHood and working harbour

1840 hectares below the high-water mark, from Portage Inlet to Ten Mile Point

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| A- Colquitz River    | G- Hobbs Creek            |
| B- Hospital Creek    | 4I- Inner Harbour         |
| C- Craigflower Creek | 4M- Middle Harbour        |
| D- Gorge Creek       | 4O- Outer Harbour         |
| E- Cecelia Creek     | 5- Ogden Point Breakwater |
| F- Bowker Creek      | 6- Macaulay Point         |
| G- Hobbs Creek       | 7- Brotchie Ledge         |
|                      | 8- Clover Point           |
|                      | 9- Harling Point          |
|                      | 10- Trial Islands         |
|                      | 11- Turkey Head           |
|                      | 12- Oak Bay               |
|                      | 13- Cattle Point          |
|                      | 14- Cadboro Bay           |
|                      | 15- Ten Mile Point        |



Brought to you by Friends of the Bird Sanctuary, 2016, centennial of the Migratory Bird Convention.

Lekwungen territory: "the place to smoke herring"

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**From:** [Redacted] Louise Lloyd <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** May-28-18 1:49 PM  
**To:** Council  
**Subject:** Bike paths

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Hello,

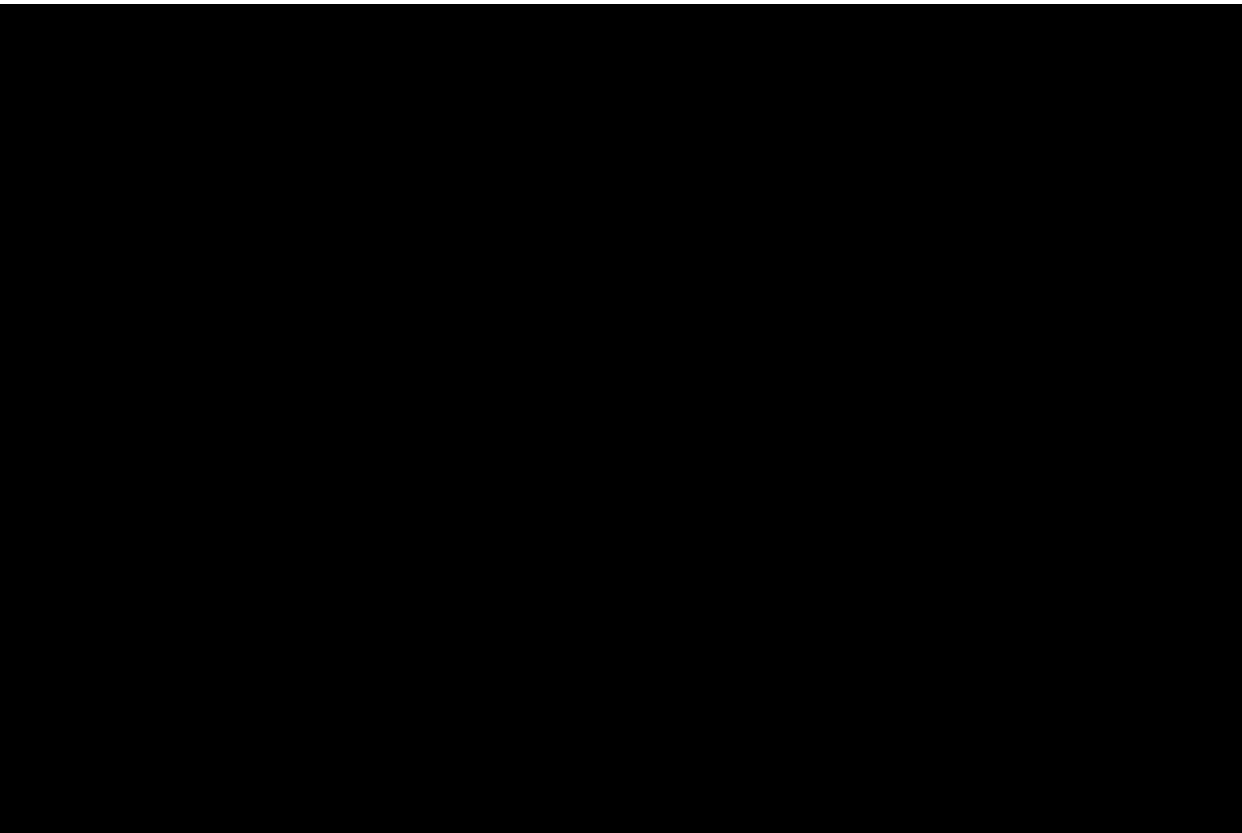
Won't be able to make it tonight. I love the idea of bike paths that don't involve riding on the road, our roads are so congested as it is.

Also, self-cleaning, single person washrooms would be wonderful to see around the community so people don't use our parks and stairwells as bathrooms. I have used them in other cities and they work very well. I know money is tight, just a thought.

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Sent from my iPhone





**From:** nik i [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** August-20-18 08:27 PM  
**To:** Council  
**Subject:** Please no turf

Hi,

I was concerned to see suggestions of putting artificial turf in bullen park are being or have been considered. Similarly I was disheartened to see turf in Langford near the highway.

Turf has numerous environmental hazards, including heavy metal runoff, damage to earthworms, increased heat over the turf. Critically, turf cannot produce any oxygen or absorb any co2.

Please choose no turf for esquimalt! Health and the environment are more important than arbitrary lawn aesthetics.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Niki Sutherland

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# Righting a historical wrong, by rebuilding Japanese teahouse in Esquimalt

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Tsugio Kurushima, president of the Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society, and researcher Kaitlin Findlay in the garden.  
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The Township of Esquimalt is being presented with an opportunity to right a historical wrong and create something new to serve the present.

Historical researchers and a Japanese cultural association are hoping the municipality will agree to rebuild a Japanese teahouse in Gorge Park on the same spot occupied by one looted and destroyed during the Second World War. But they also want to see a community centre to benefit all park users.

“To some extent, you could say this would be some righting of a historical wrong,” said Tsugio Kurushima, president of the Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society. “But we also want to promote something that would be useful for the whole community.”

Kurushima is spearheading a move to persuade Esquimalt to rebuild the teahouse using a portion of the \$17 million it has received as compensation for taking on the regional sewage treatment plant now under construction at McLoughlin Point.

He would like to see a facility to recreate the original teahouse, offer snacks and drinks for park users, and provide other space for activities such as meetings or social events.

“The teahouse could be part of a multi-purpose structure that could be used by the whole community,” said Kurushima.

“It could address two birds with one stone,” he said. “It would right a wrong that took place in the Second World War and build an amenity that would improve the park.”

Assisting with research work and commemoration of the original teahouse is a federally funded, national project called Landscapes of Injustice.

Kaitlin Findlay, research co-ordinator and historian at the University of Victoria, said the original teahouse dated back to 1907. A traditional Japanese garden, the first to be created in Canada, was built alongside it in the 1920s.

Findlay said brothers Hayato and Kensuke Takata, who arrived in Victoria in their teens, owned the teahouse and made it a prominent part of Victoria’s social scene. Beyond the traditional teahouse, it also included a dance hall, a dining room, a games area and merry-go-round.

But in 1942, the Canadian government began uprooting Japanese Canadians from the West Coast and sending them to internment and work camps in the Interior or the Prairies. An exclusion zone along the coast was enacted.

Victoria, with a small Japanese Canadian community of 270 to 300, was no exception. The Takata family was uprooted and their teahouse left in the care of the federal office of the area.

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**Subject:** FW: importance of increasing pool accessibility through McLoughlin Amenity Fund

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**From:** Anna Isaacs [Redacted]

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**To:** [Redacted]

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**Subject: importance of increasing pool accessibility through McLoughlin Amenity Fund**

I'm dismayed and concerned about the lack of any mention of accessibility improvements, specifically increasing pool accessibility, in both the McLoughlin Amenity Funds Round 2 Survey at [esquimalt.ca/engage](https://www.esquimalt.ca/engage) and summary of round 1 engagement [https://www.esquimalt.ca/sites/default/files/docs/municipal-hall/Amenities/esquimalt - round 1 engagement - summary v2.pdf](https://www.esquimalt.ca/sites/default/files/docs/municipal-hall/Amenities/esquimalt_-_round_1_engagement_-_summary_v2.pdf)

With the coming Accessible Canada Act [canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/accessible-people-disabilities/act-plain-language-summary.html#section2](https://canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/accessible-people-disabilities/act-plain-language-summary.html#section2) please take seriously your responsibility to use some of the McLoughlin Amenity Funds as an opportunity to identify gaps and act to improve accessibility.

To at least meet the current standard of other Capital Region municipal pools you would need to:

**Build two new accessible change rooms that are up to the standard of other facilities.** Rooms need to be large enough and well laid out enough to allow both a water chair and power wheelchair in the room and it still be safe for a client and attendant to move around and access all areas of the room. Rooms need a full length shower and change table accessible to a shower head with safety side rails and adjustable height, overhead lift with xy tracking that reaches the toilet and change table. You currently only have one change room for clients who can't stand. It is too small to allow two wheelchairs in the room. Your change table is too short to hold a person of average height, has no safety rails, is not height adjustable and has no showerhead available for showering those who can't sit to shower. Depending on how your plumbing and weight bearing walls, it would be an excellent idea in as many family change rooms as possible to remove the lips to entering the family change room showers to allow level entry for those with walkers and install shower chairs that fold up (like in the in current accessible bathroom). Even better would be to remove the middle wall and replace it with a moveable curtain to make the



changerooms square and roomier for those with walkers and wheelchairs that are able to transfer but find the rooms to crowded and therefore a fall hazard and unsafe

**Install a wheelchair ramp or overhead lift to allow access to the main pool for clients who can not stand and pivot safely on a wet surface.** Those who can't stand are unable to access your main pool.

**Install an overhead lift to access the hot tub.** Those who can't stand must currently be physically lifted up into your portable lift chair which limits them to having an attendant with sufficient strength to lift them and poses a risk of injury for their attendants. This can also be dangerous for those with minimal core strength who can't sit without the risk of sliding out of the seat, and requires them to straighten their legs in order to clear the side of the tub, which can be painful for many with arthritis or others with limited knee mobility. The mobile lift is also heavy and cumbersome and moving it poses a risk of injury for your pool staff.

**Install additional grab bars in hot tub and install some grab bars in the small pool seating bench.** See Panorama as an excellent example.

**Install two support rails the entire entrance into the hot tub.** There are currently only rails on the stairs, which means people who normally walk with the support of a walker must walk a distance on a wet surface with no support which poses as significant and unnecessary fall risk.

Panorama, Commonwealth and even Juan de Fuca are all excellent examples of accessible pools and change rooms. A lot could be learned by a trip to view these facilities.

It is concerning both that your Accessibility Awareness Committee was dissolved almost a decade ago with no replacement listed [esquimalt.ca/municipal-hall/committees/access-awareness-committee](http://esquimalt.ca/municipal-hall/committees/access-awareness-committee) and also that their 2009 Accessibility Audit [esquimalt.ca/sites/default/files/docs/municipal-hall/accessibility\\_audit\\_report\\_2009.pdf](http://esquimalt.ca/sites/default/files/docs/municipal-hall/accessibility_audit_report_2009.pdf) came to the conclusion that "the swimming pool is an exemplary model of accessibility and inclusion."

This report incorrectly states that there is a ramp to access the main pool. There is not. The main pool is only accessible by citizens who can stand and turn on a wet surface with no support bars in an exhausted state after exertion of exercising. Those without these abilities can not use the main pool, and some who currently do use the main pool do so face the very serious safety risk of falling and injuring both themselves and the recreation center staff and other support people who are assisting them.

Your accessibility report fails to mention that every single other municipal pool has overhead lifts or ramps that allow patrons to access both their pools and hot tubs. It fails also to mention that there is only one accessible change room with an overhead lift at Esquimalt, in comparison to Juan de Fuca, Panorama and Commonwealth that have two or three change rooms with overhead lifts. Your accessible change room is also the smallest and most cramped and does not include several of the amenities that are becoming standard in a safe accessible change room.

Those with disabilities have a right to access your facilities safely. A survey to determine the popularity of ideas won't catch these access needs because those with limited mobility are a minority with specialized knowledge. Those with disabilities and those who support them are often working hard to get through their daily life without taking on the extra work of communicating what would make their life better. The general population is often unaware what is needed to make a facility accessible.

Esquimalt pool is particularly valuable to those with disability due to the warmer temperatures and has great staff. Most with limited mobility also live with significant pain and warm water can significantly relieve their suffering and associated stress of chronic pain, while increasing their mobility and function. Pools are key to the physical, emotional and social health of many with limited mobility who are often unable to participate in most other forms of exercise.

The more limited someone's mobility becomes, the more vital it is to their wellbeing and survival that they still be able to access the pool. It is a cruel and unnecessary loss to be unable to access the pool just when we need it most. It is important to remember that those of us who are currently temporarily able bodied will all need accessible facilities in the future in an increasingly aging society.

In the decade that I have brought clients to this pool, during the many times I've overheard other raise concerns about limited accessibility, staff repeatedly site cost as the reason that the pool is inaccessible. I hope you use this fund as an opportunity to change that.

Thanks for considering the rights of our disabled citizens to access public spaces. I look forward to receiving a response. There was no directions about where to direct feedback about the McLaughlin Fund, so I'd appreciate it if you would forward my email on (and cc me), if there are other people who can better respond.

Anna Isaacs

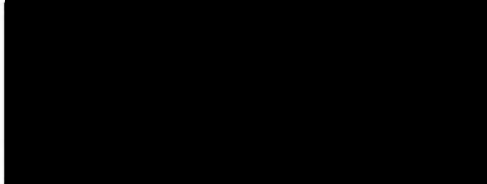
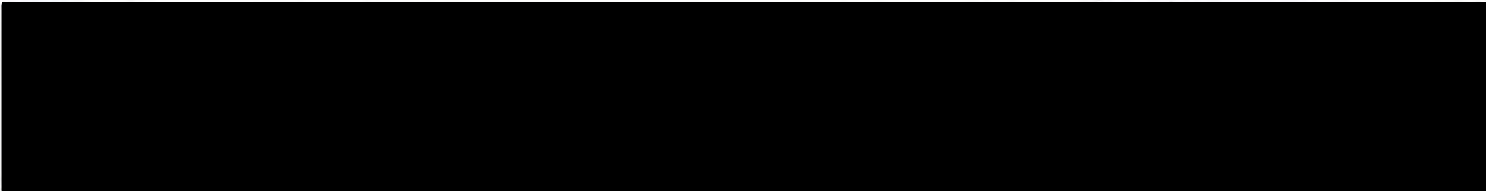




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FW: McLoughlin Amenity Funds - Request for Canoe/Kayak Launch directly to Victoria Harbour (Via West Bay Walkway and/or Capt Jacobsen Park)



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**From:** Dean Polvi [redacted]  
**Date:** September 12, 2018 at 9:07:17 PM PDT  
**To:** [redacted]  
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**Subject: McLoughlin Amenity Funds - Request for Canoe/Kayak Launch directly to Victoria Harbour (Via West Bay Walkway and/or Capt Jacobsen Park)**

Dear Mayor and Council,

(Could you also please forward to appropriate Staff – I did not know who else should be on e-mail list)

I did review and submit the survey/questionnaire regarding ideas for use of the McLoughlin Amenity Funds.

Unfortunately there is no real place to enter ideas not already within the survey.

***Could I please request funding a project to construct a canoe and kayak launch, free for use by all, into Victoria Inner Harbour at either/both;***

- ***West Bay Walkway***
- ***Captain Jacobsen Park***

It is a terrible shame to be bordering the Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour and Marinas but have no way to launch a small craft into this beautiful location. In the past myself and others have launched via Capt Jacobsen park frontage but it is steep and a real challenge. It is literally a case of so close, but so far.

I did put this idea out of a couple of Esquimalt Facebook groups and got a reply to use the existing ramp at Esquimalt Anglers Boat Launch. However this does not provide access to the Inner Harbour other than by traversing open water around the point, which can cause issues if sea conditions change for your return trip.

*Directly access to Victoria Harbour from the Walkway would be a huge draw for tourists and a service for locals.*

Thank you for your consideration,  
Dean Polvi

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Dean Polvi & Eve Gordon  
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From: Bruce Cuthbert [REDACTED]

Sent: September-20-18 2:23 PM

To: Francis Mathieson

Subject: Survey problems

Thank you for the work done so far on the McLoughlin Amenity fund. There has been a lot of good progress with a lot of community consultation.

I do like much of what is in the current amenities survey, but as well, it is very limited set from all of the topics that were submitted.

There were many other areas identified for funding as well.

I would like to see \$1M of the \$17M of funds put aside for capital grant fund for submissions from Esquimalt residents.

As part of this, I would like the following considered as examples:

I would also like to see \$300K set aside for capital costs of deer management. Once the deer management survey is done in 2 years, the next thing will be that there is no funds for deer management. Let's please think ahead as we know the costs that Oak Bay have had so far for tracking and immuno-contraception. There will be capital costs for deer management. Please put the money aside now. This definitely could have been covered as part of public safety for the parks. There are ticks in the parks. Dogs are getting them removed on a regular basis. Check with the Esquimalt Medical Center. Disappointing that many of the other topics from our community have not been addressed.

Also, please put \$30K aside for Public safety in the area of our parks especially Bullen Park. There is a capital cost for radar speed signs and software system. This should have been covered as part of public safety for the parks.

Also a \$1M could have been set aside for grant program for I&I in support of Gorge Park swimming.

I would also really like to see proper full coverage of Macaulay Park with Shaw Go Wifi for Public Safety and for tourism. This should include a tourism / public safety webcam as part of BlockWatch 2.0 program.

As mentioned, I would like to see \$1M is set aside for general improvements for the next 3 years including my topics above.

The way the survey is written, if we do not agree with the selection, we have no way to provide our comments. I would like this added to the next McLoughlin Amenities survey.

Thank you for your consideration.



Regards,  
Bruce Cuthbert  
431 Constance Avenue

**A Public and Historical Amenity for Esquimalt**  
**A Memo For Esquimalt Council from Dr. Jordan Stanger-Ross, University of Victoria**

Seventy-five years after looting destroyed Canada's first Japanese garden and teahouse in Esquimalt, the Township has an opportunity to create a new public amenity for local residents and to rebuild a community landmark. The Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society, supported by UVic's Landscapes of Injustice research project, urge Council not to miss this opportunity: use a portion of the McLoughlin Amenity funds to build a multi-purpose facility in Esquimalt Gorge Park that will provide a vital amenity in the under-serviced north end of the Township while at the same time celebrating our diverse cultural heritage and redressing an historical wrong.

**The historical case:** In 1907, the first traditional Japanese garden in Canada opened in what today is Esquimalt Gorge Park. The garden was designed by Isaburo Kishida, who would go on to create the iconic Japanese section of Butchart Gardens. Alongside Esquimalt's original garden was a Japanese teahouse, a beloved attraction run by Esquimalt locals, the Takata brothers. As one visitor later recalled, "that was a place—something quite wonderful . . . The Japanese Tea Gardens were visited by tens of thousands of people."

What followed is a dark mark on local history. After decades of operation, the teahouse was destroyed by local looters, vandals, and rioters in the 1940s. The results shocked federal officials. An inspector who visited site in May 1944 described the premises as, "just a wreck . . . wanton destruction has taken place." The fate of Esquimalt's teahouse offers important historical lessons. First, that Esquimalt has a long history of cultural diversity of which Japanese Canadians were an important part. Second, when that cultural diversity came under attack in the 1940s, local residents (not just distant federal officials) were responsible.

**The contemporary case:** Esquimalt is rightly renowned for the exemplary recreational facilities in the south end of the Township. But residents of the north end can feel isolated from these amenities, an imbalance that may be exacerbated with the redevelopment of the area surrounding Municipal Hall. We propose a multi-purpose amenity in the Gorge Park, which in its design will evoke the lost teahouse. Programming will allow the teahouse to serve as a hub for Nikkei tea ceremonies and cultural activities, but, at the same time, it could serve diverse recreational needs and attract residents to one of the Township's remarkable natural environments.

**Public response:** Today, local residents have responded with overwhelming positivity to this proposal. Despite the complexity of this topic, and the necessity of historical context, the teahouse has, we understand, received a significant share of public voting. Public response to grassroots initiatives, including our booth at the farmer's market, has also been resoundingly supportive. A post on the Esquimalt Community Connection Facebook Page in August received 71 likes and almost uniformly positive comments. With the leadership of your Council, this idea will receive popular support today and create a legacy of which we can be proud.

**Personal note:** As a resident of Esquimalt, an historian of British Columbia's 1940s, and a devoted user of our Township's public parks and amenities, I am personally delighted by this opportunity. I hope the Council is able to support this positive proposal by the VNCS.