

Background

Finestone Park is located at 160 Kurt Ave., between Finestone Street and Kurt Avenue. The Finestone Park play structure was removed in 2003 after it reached the end of its serviceable life. The City of Winnipeg (the City) plans to redevelop Finestone Park and is asking for your feedback to find out what you want in the park to better serve park users and the surrounding community.

In early 2018, community members gathered signatures to redevelop Finestone Park and provided their petition to Councillor Pagtakhan. The City is considering redevelopment of Finestone Park to add amenities to better serve the community and asked the public for input. The park currently has a grassy area, with a few benches, trees, shrubs, and a garbage can. Potential amenities explored during public engagement included a play structure, a splashpad, picnic tables, trees, and benches.



Potential park improvements explored by one of two groups at May 31, 2018 public workshop.

Promotion

The public workshop and online survey were promoted using the following methods:

- City of Winnipeg website;
- Letter from Councillor Pagtakhan mailed to 460 households – May 14, 2018;
- Facebook posts – May 17 to June 11;
- Twitter posts – May 17 to June 11;

- News release – May 17, 2018; and
- City of Winnipeg public engagement newsletter emailed to over 5,000 recipients on May 25 and June 7, 2018.

Engagement

A public workshop was held May 31, 2018 at Garden Grove School and was attended by over 25 community members. At the workshop, participants discussed the existing outdoor recreation and park amenities available in the Tyndall Park neighbourhood, while considering which amenities are overused, underused, or are currently unavailable. Following this discussion, participants provided suggestions on park enhancements that would better serve park users and the surrounding community and indicated their individual preference for amenities using dots to represent their votes (see Appendix B for full results).

A survey was available on the project website from May 17 to June 14, 2018 to gather additional input on the Finestone Park Redevelopment. The survey was completed by 24 participants online and by 7 participants at the workshop (31 total).

Engagement Results

Workshop and survey participants expressed multiple views on amenities that could be added to Finestone Park. Although there was some difference of opinion on several of the proposed amenities, there was consistency in feedback with regards to adding a path and some type of amenity for children. Notes about participants:

- A range of ages participated, including 4 who were under 18, 6 from 18-34, 11 from 35-55, and 5 who were 55 and up.
- Most survey respondents (72%) were from the postal code area R2R where Finestone Park is located.
- 15 of 31 survey respondents visit the park monthly or more often.

What We Heard

Existing parking issues surrounding the park (limited parking) should be taken into account when designing new amenities.

Open space for unstructured play is available at nearby parks, so maintaining space for that purpose in Finestone Park may not be necessary.

The top enhancement at the workshop was multi-age play equipment with 21 votes. Play equipment was identified by both workshop groups and 'play structure' was selected as a desired amenity by 16 of 30 survey respondents (1 respondent skipped this question).

27 of 30 (1 respondent skipped this question) survey respondents answered 'yes' when asked if they would like to see a walking path through the park. In addition, both groups at the workshop drew paths through the park.

Beach volleyball was the second rated enhancement at the workshop with 19 votes.

Current fencing was brought up as an accessibility issue and improved fencing was noted as a desired improvement in surveys and in the workshop.

18 of 30 (1 respondent skipped this question) survey respondents identified 'new trees planted' as a desired amenity. Trees were also included in proposed plans by both workshop groups.

A splashpad was suggested by a workshop group and received 12 votes. Five survey respondents indicated they would not like to see a splashpad added to the neighbourhood.

New benches and shaded canopy were identified by both workshop groups and benches were selected by 14 of 30 (1 respondent skipped this question) survey respondents.

Participants noted that community gardens may not be suited to this park, as most residences in the area are single family homes with yards, and many residents have gardens on their property.

Next Steps

The redevelopment of Finestone Park will be considered as part of the 2019 park redevelopment planning process. If the project is approved as part of the 2019 process, the park will be designed with consideration of the input provided from the public through the workshop and survey. Participants who requested updates will be contacted if the design moves forward.

Appendices

Appendix A – News release

Appendix B – Workshop activities and results

Appendix C – Survey results

Appendix A – News Release



INFORMATION - COMMUNIQUÉ

May 17, 2018

Public invited to provide input on the redevelopment of Finestone Park.

Winnipeg, MB – Winnipeggers are invited to attend a public workshop on May 31 to provide feedback on redeveloping Finestone Park.

The Finestone Park play structure was removed in 2003, after it reached the end of its serviceable life. The City plans to redevelop Finestone Park and is asking for feedback to find out what the neighbourhood would like in the park to better serve park users and the surrounding community.

The public can provide input through an online survey, or through an in-person workshop. The [online survey](#) will be open from May 17 to June 14. The in-person public workshop will be held:

Date: Thursday, May 31, 2018

Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Location: Tyndall Park School Gymnasium, [2221 King Edward St.](#)

Format: Brief presentation at 6 p.m., followed by table discussions

Those interested in attending are asked to [RSVP](#). For more information, please visit winnipeg.ca/FinestonePark.

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Appendix B – Workshop Activities and Results

Finestone Park Workshop Activities and Results

TASK 1: RECREATION OPTIONS IN AREA

Identify parks and recreational activities available in the area and recreational activities that are missing in the area.

Step 1: As a group, review the Task 1 map of adjacent parks and current recreational activities available in the area.

Step 2: Discuss which park areas and recreational activities are currently well used and why. Record the main points from the group discussion on the map use the markers provided.

Step 3: Discuss the recreational activities that are missing from the area or that are difficult to access. Record the main points from the group discussion on the map use the markers provided.

Consider the following:

- Which user groups should we be considering when developing new parks in this area?
- What amenities should commonly be available within a five to ten minute walking distance?
- Which area parks, if any, are overused in your mind?

Group 1 Notes:

- Splashpad/water feature would be beneficial
 - o Currently, there is one behind nearby Sobey's
 - o This one is not very busy
 - o There is currently a wading pool near Tyndall Park School
 - o Only open until 5pm
- Daycare group goes to parks in the area, including Tyndall, Stanley and they charter buses to go to splashpads.
- Issues with maintenance – community should commit to taking care of this park
- Currently the space is used as a cut-through
- Skate parks start at age 6 and could be useful for children
- Currently there are parking issues, how does that fit in with added amenities?
- The park should include something for children.
- Play structure at Tyndall Park is for older children and is too large for smaller children.
- A shelter would be required as this is an open area and it gets very hot.
- Pathway through the park should be asphalt.

Group 2 Notes:

- No splash pad or skate park needed in this area.
- There is not enough space for a skate park.
- An oven would not be appropriate for this space.
- Splash pad may be more appropriate in Walsall Park (also referred to as Manitoba Park).

TASK 2: PARK ENHANCEMENTS

Provide suggestions for new park enhancements, keeping in mind what is and isn't currently available in the area.

Instructions:

Step 1: As a group, open the Task 2 package and review the potential park enhancements.

Step 2: Place your group's preferred park enhancements on the map in the location where you would like them to appear. Add notes explaining your selections. When selecting park enhancements, consider the following:

- What currently is and isn't available in the area?
- What are current issues with the park and how could they be improved?

Step 3: Also provided is blank paper that can be cut into shapes. These can be used to add additional enhancements to the park that were not available in the package provided. Describe the enhancement on the back of the paper and place it on the map.

Step 4: Discuss why you have not placed some of the possible park enhancements on the map. Add notes on the back of these elements and place them back in the envelope.

Group 1 Notes (Task 2):

- Community gardens not relevant because individuals have backyards.
- Could include a bathroom that is open when the splashpad is open
- A portable toilet would be tipped, so it would have to be anchored.
- People spend one to two hours at the park so a bathroom may not be needed.
- Fence is currently wooden pillars with chain and this is not accessible.
 - o A new fence should be accessible and could use bushes for the same function
- Pavement should use a permeable material to reduce runoff.
- No need to include open space as open space is available at other nearby parks.
- Splashpad should be included.
- Trees and shade are needed.
- Would be beneficial to have multi-age equipment to accommodate all types of families.
- Parking is a challenge in this area (limited on-street).
- A splashpad may require additional parking.
 - o This should be a walkable park, rather than including parking.
 - o A secluded neighbourhood should not have amenities that require parking.
 - o Parking can cause a dangerous situation for young children.
- Additional lighting is required, as vandalism was an issue with the previous play structure and illuminating the area/structures may help to prevent vandalism.

Group 1 Map



Group 2 Notes (Task 2):

- Main entrance to the park is along the southwest corner, along Finestone Street.
- An entry feature should be constructed to signify the entrance to the park.
- Install some sort of short fencing along Finestone Street and along the lane at the south or southeast portion of the park in order to protect children who may otherwise run into the street.
- Install pathways that embrace current desire lines (that could be seen from the air photos).
- Common seating area with the potential for shade should be included.
- Lighting was brought up as a potential need, but was not seen as overly important to all, as some thought lighting may attract undesirable behaviour.

Group 2 Map



TASK 3: ENHANCEMENT RANKING AND VOTING

Vote for the park enhancements that you would like to see most.

Instructions:

Step 1: As a group, select the top three enhancements from your Task 2 map and write them on the piece of paper provided.

Step 2: Walk around the room and review the other groups' top three enhancements and their maps.

Step 3: Each individual will be provided with three stickers. Vote for your favorite park enhancements by placing one or more stickers on the paper next to the enhancements you would like to see in Finestone Park.

Group 1 Enhancements:

TASK 3: ENHANCEMENT RANKING AND VOTING

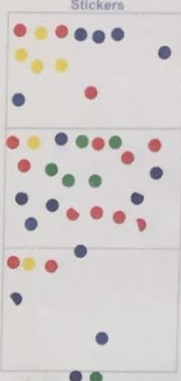
Enhancement 1. Splash pad
multi-age

Enhancement 2. play equipment

Enhancement 3. lighting
(solar)

4. Budget & cost's of enhancements

Stickers



Group 2 Enhancements:

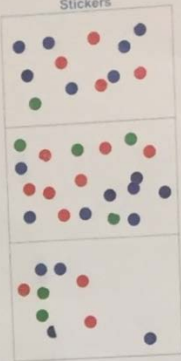
TASK 3: ENHANCEMENT RANKING AND VOTING

Enhancement 1. 2-12 play structure
with sand box

Enhancement 2. Beach Volleyball

Enhancement 3. seating

Stickers



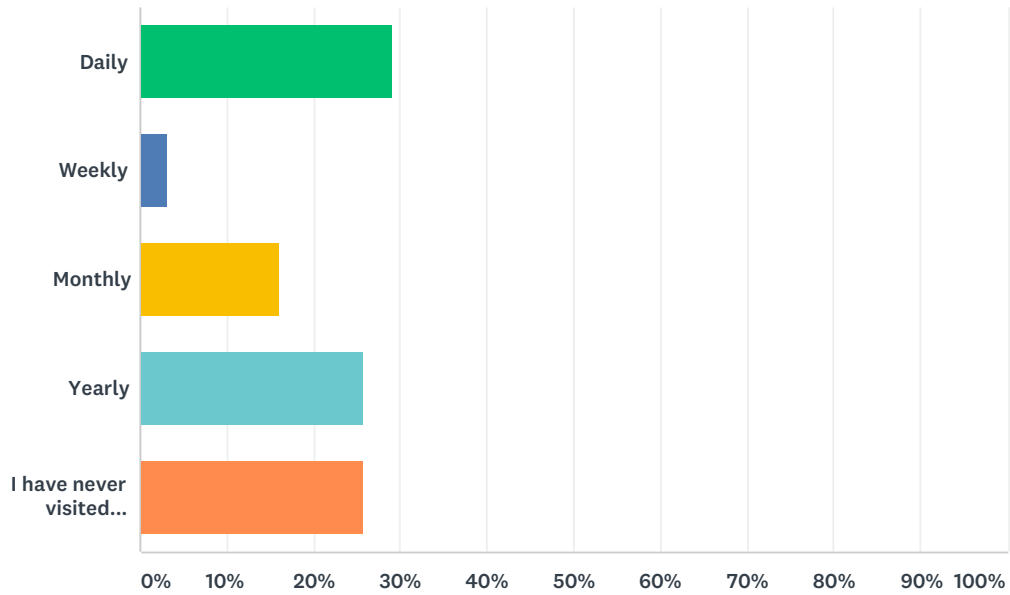
Results (Task 3):

Group 1	Enhancement	Stickers
Enhancement 1	Splashpad	12
Enhancement 2	Multi-age play equipment	21
Enhancement 3	Lighting (solar)	6
(added a fourth enhancement)	Budget and costs of enhancements	4
Group 2	Enhancement	Stickers
Enhancement 1	2-12 play structure with sandbox	12
Enhancement 2	Beach volleyball	19
Enhancement 3	Seating	9

Appendix C – Survey results

Q1 How often do you visit Finestone Park?

Answered: 31 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	29.03%	9
Weekly	3.23%	1
Monthly	16.13%	5
Yearly	25.81%	8
I have never visited Finestone Park	25.81%	8
TOTAL		31

Q2 Are there any park issues that need to be addressed at Finestone Park?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 12

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The park does not really offer much in the way of amenities that would make it an appealing place for neighbourhood residents to gather.	6/11/2018 11:51 AM
2	lack of anything	6/11/2018 11:13 AM
3	No	6/7/2018 4:06 PM
4	Plant some trees and flowers, paint the benches, put up a park sign with the name (I believe it is actually called Marble Park - that's what the old sign used to say). Put up a wonderful, large play structure.	6/6/2018 11:50 AM
5	access, already lots of parking on Kurt Avenue	6/6/2018 10:33 AM
6	N/A	6/6/2018 10:31 AM
7	The park benches and the path and trimming the hedges.	6/6/2018 10:29 AM
8	the path and the benches	6/6/2018 10:28 AM
9	Nothing other than the path, and the benches.	6/6/2018 10:26 AM
10	Lack of anything other than green space	6/4/2018 6:11 PM
11	Yes it needs to be more than an empty field	5/28/2018 5:46 PM
12	It's only a green space, nothing there to attract young children to want to go to the park	5/27/2018 2:20 PM
13	Beautified green space	5/27/2018 12:33 PM
14	We need playground structures	5/26/2018 12:00 PM
15	No	5/25/2018 7:12 PM
16	no	5/17/2018 11:55 AM
17	It has no amenities	5/17/2018 11:45 AM
18	Needs more shaded area and greenery.	5/17/2018 11:25 AM
19	more recycling bins	5/17/2018 11:04 AM

Q3 What outdoor activities would you like to see added to Tydall Park neighbourhood?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 8

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	A playground is essential. Benches, waste facilities, a picnic table would be ideal.	6/11/2018 11:51 AM
2	skate park, play structure, adult exercise area	6/11/2018 11:13 AM
3	Soccer, baseball	6/7/2018 4:06 PM
4	A spray park at Tyndall Park School or Garden Grove School	6/6/2018 11:50 AM
5	a multi-age play structure. More lighting	6/6/2018 10:34 AM
6	outdoor play structure	6/6/2018 10:33 AM
7	N/A	6/6/2018 10:31 AM
8	volleyball net, better kept soccer fields.	6/6/2018 10:29 AM
9	Beach volleyball, a park, new benches.	6/6/2018 10:28 AM
10	Beach volleyball, and a park.	6/6/2018 10:26 AM
11	Play structure	6/4/2018 6:11 PM
12	Splash pad/ skate park/ or park with swings and slides	5/28/2018 5:46 PM
13	a parkour park or skate park and play structure	5/28/2018 11:35 AM
14	Splash pad, play structure, outdoor excessive equipment	5/27/2018 2:20 PM
15	Games	5/27/2018 12:33 PM
16	Skatepark	5/26/2018 8:04 AM
17	A play structure returning would be fantastic!	5/25/2018 7:12 PM
18	allotment gardens	5/23/2018 12:33 PM
19	One structure for toddlers and one structure for older kids and some swings and accessible for all	5/22/2018 7:35 AM
20	volleyball court	5/17/2018 11:55 AM
21	Dog Park, Play structure and paths	5/17/2018 11:45 AM
22	manmade hill for toboggans in winter and bike paths	5/17/2018 11:25 AM
23	cat activities	5/17/2018 11:04 AM

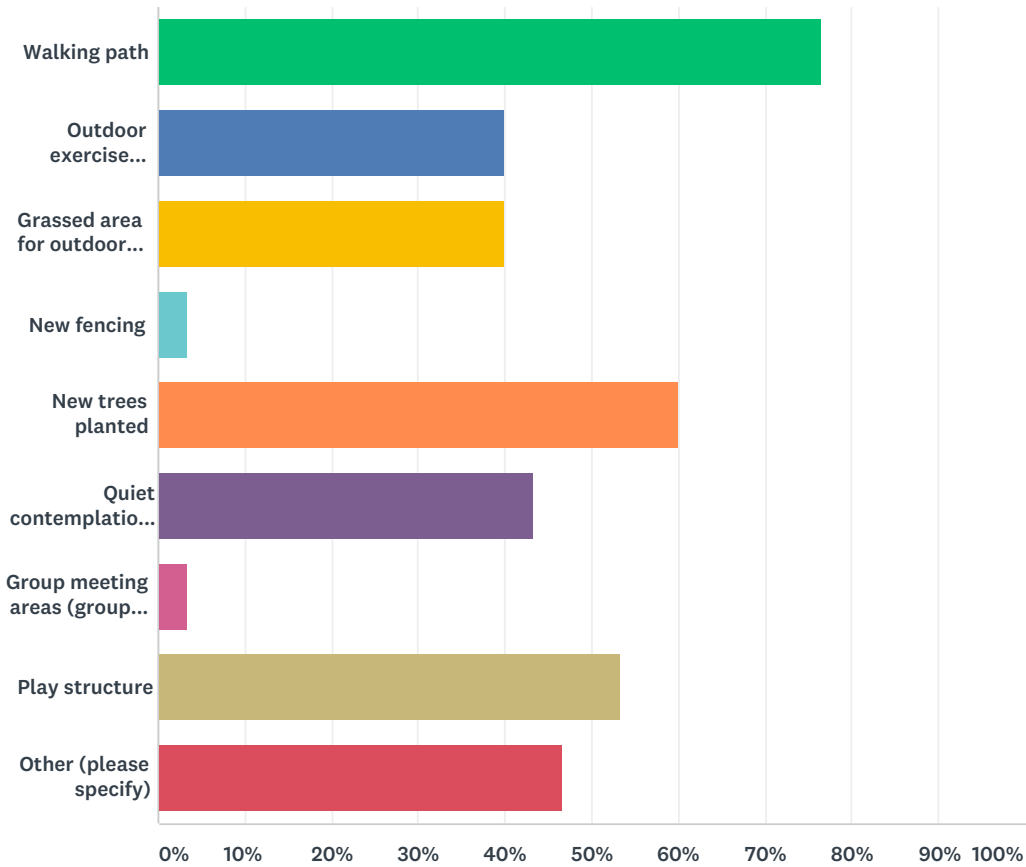
Q4 What outdoor activities would you not like to see added to the Tyndall Park neighbourhood?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 12

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No organized sports fields, no skate park.	6/11/2018 11:51 AM
2	N/A	6/7/2018 4:06 PM
3	I don't want a spray park at "Finestone Park."	6/6/2018 11:50 AM
4	a splashpad	6/6/2018 10:34 AM
5	baseball	6/6/2018 10:33 AM
6	Lighting is not necessary for summertime actually.	6/6/2018 10:32 AM
7	N/A	6/6/2018 10:31 AM
8	splashpad, parking	6/6/2018 10:29 AM
9	Splashpad	6/6/2018 10:28 AM
10	splashpad	6/6/2018 10:26 AM
11	Sports field	6/4/2018 6:11 PM
12	Dog park	5/28/2018 5:46 PM
13	Skate park	5/27/2018 2:20 PM
14	Anything that is dangerous to nearby houses	5/27/2018 12:33 PM
15	None	5/25/2018 7:12 PM
16	Cement/basketball pad to cause noise from bouncing balls	5/19/2018 12:22 AM
17	n/a	5/17/2018 11:55 AM
18	Sand box, pea gravel (wood chips are safer), free hanging monkey bars (kids used to get ankles caught between two bars.)	5/17/2018 11:25 AM
19	no group sports	5/17/2018 11:04 AM

Q5 What type of active amenities would you like to see added to Finestone park? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 30 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Walking path	76.67% 23
Outdoor exercise equipment	40.00% 12
Grassed area for outdoor sport	40.00% 12
New fencing	3.33% 1
New trees planted	60.00% 18
Quiet contemplation/reading areas (single benches)	43.33% 13
Group meeting areas (groups of benches/picnic tables)	3.33% 1
Play structure	53.33% 16
Other (please specify)	46.67% 14
Total Respondents: 30	

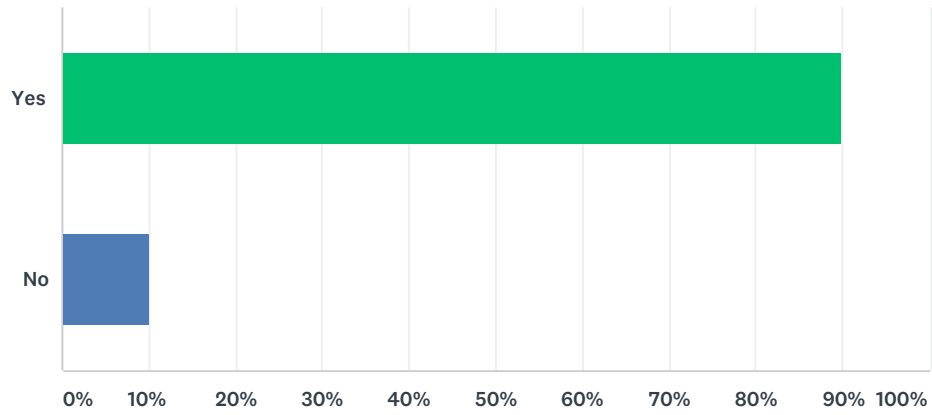
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	skate park	6/11/2018 11:13 AM

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2	A couple of flower gardens with flowers and prairie grasses around the play structure similar to what they have at Assiniboine Park Nature Playground. Also some of the big "saucer swings" adjacent to the play structure (like what is at Assiniboine Park Nature Playground). I would like to see a sand box type play area with ride-on digger/shovels for kids to play on. Also add two picnic tables in the area near the play structure.	6/6/2018 12:00 PM
3	new fencing	6/6/2018 10:33 AM
4	Benches and canopy. Lighting!	6/6/2018 10:31 AM
5	new fencing	6/6/2018 10:30 AM
6	new fencing, beach volleyball	6/6/2018 10:28 AM
7	Beach volleyball! New fencing	6/6/2018 10:27 AM
8	Skate park or splash pad	5/28/2018 5:46 PM
9	maybe a skate park or parkour area	5/28/2018 11:36 AM
10	Splash pad	5/27/2018 2:20 PM
11	We make our own path through the park	5/26/2018 12:01 PM
12	Picnic benches	5/17/2018 12:59 PM
13	Fenced dog park similarly sized to Bonnycastle Park	5/17/2018 11:46 AM
14	cat walks structures	5/17/2018 11:04 AM

Q6 Would you like to see a path through the park?

Answered: 30 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	90.00%	27
No	10.00%	3
TOTAL		30

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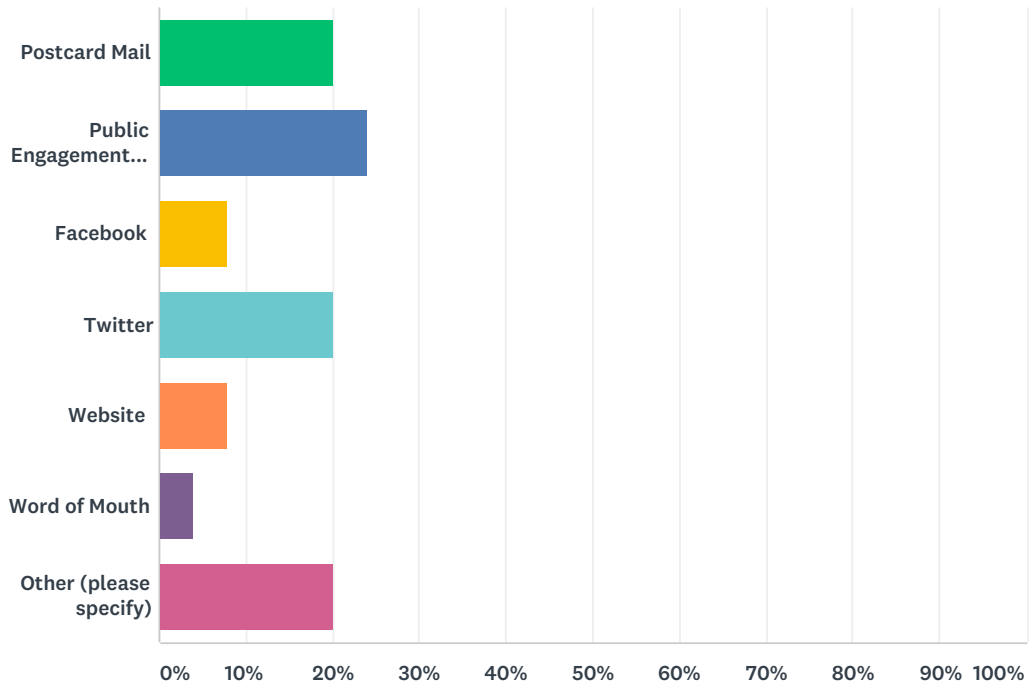
Q7 Do you have anything else you would like to add?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 16

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I'm looking forward to seeing the park rejuvenated. I spent a lot of time there as a child and I'll bring my kids there once it has been redeveloped.	6/11/2018 11:58 AM
2	this was incredibly poor advertising of this initiative and did NOT actively engage the public	6/11/2018 11:13 AM
3	This is an important and valued greenspace in our neighbourhood. The city didn't notify area residents that the play structure was going to be torn down and the city basically has neglected this park for 15 years! It is time for the city to make a significant investment for a play structure for this park. The play structure should be amazing and accessible for young and older children. I would like to know the history of the park because I believe the proper name for the park is Marble Park. I would like to see the "gate" entrance on Kurt Ave to be fixed because a chain was put up on the original entrance and the chain was cut on another section of the "fence" to allow for a lawn mower to get into the park.	6/6/2018 12:04 PM
4	A splashpad would be a bad idea. We should build things that can be used year round.	6/6/2018 10:35 AM
5	Parking issues would have to be addressed.	6/6/2018 10:34 AM
6	beach volleyball court	6/6/2018 10:30 AM
7	lighting	6/6/2018 10:28 AM
8	lighting	6/6/2018 10:27 AM
9	We live just 5 houses down from finestone but do not visit the park area very often because of lack of things to do there. Our kids would love to have a close by play structure area (6 and 8)	6/4/2018 6:13 PM
10	my kid is almost 10 now but the neighbors have been trying to get something done here for a long time and our kids are getting older so hopefully its something they can still enjoy as well	5/28/2018 11:37 AM
11	We have the green space can walk through and do outdoor activities but the kids need a play structure	5/26/2018 12:02 PM
12	I used to play at this park every day as a kid and would like to see a new play structure for my own as we still live in the neighbourhood.	5/25/2018 7:14 PM
13	City of Winnipeg page says the park is located on Ross Avenue (???)	5/19/2018 12:25 AM
14	none	5/17/2018 11:56 AM
15	more sitting and seniors area with garden activities	5/17/2018 11:06 AM

Q8 How did you hear about this project? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 25 Skipped: 6

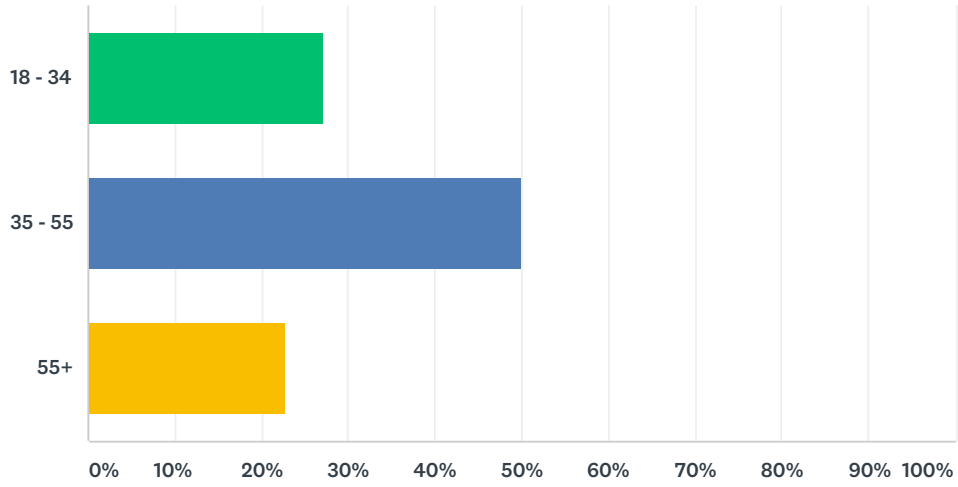


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Postcard Mail	20.00% 5
Public Engagement Newsletter	24.00% 6
Facebook	8.00% 2
Twitter	20.00% 5
Website	8.00% 2
Word of Mouth	4.00% 1
Other (please specify)	20.00% 5
Total Respondents: 25	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	our petition	6/6/2018 10:30 AM
2	we did a petition	6/6/2018 10:29 AM
3	petition	6/6/2018 10:27 AM
4	Email	5/26/2018 8:06 AM
5	Addressed mailed letter from City Councillor (Mike Pagtakhan)	5/19/2018 12:28 AM

Q9 What is your age?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18 - 34	27.27%	6
35 - 55	50.00%	11
55+	22.73%	5
TOTAL		22