



TOILERS PARK OPEN HOUSE FEEDBACK REPORT

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On April 8, 2014 an open house was held at Lord Roberts Community Centre to:

- provide an update on construction work,
- share proposed landscaping plans for the park, including options for new park signage, and
- welcome the public's feedback.

There were 42 stakeholders in attendance, with 15 providing feedback through the feedback form. There was also an opportunity to comment through the website, although no responses were received

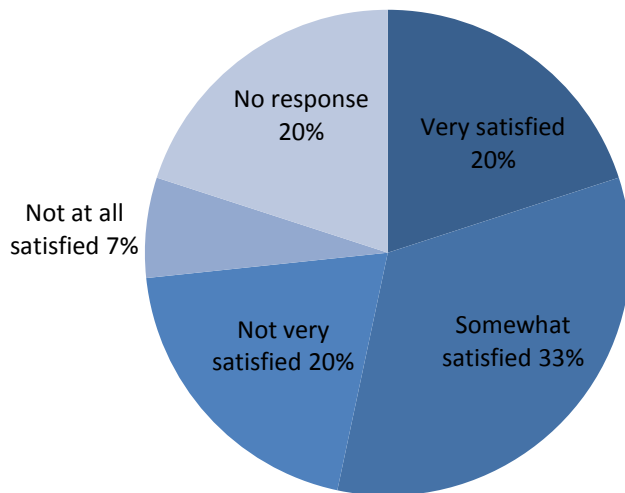
<http://wwdengage.winnipeg.ca/cso/fort-garry-rouge-neighbourhood/>

This report is a summary of the responses received.

Satisfaction with Open House

Most respondents (53%) were satisfied with the open house.

“Overall, how satisfied are you with this Open House?” (n=15)



Proposed Park Improvements

“What do you like most about the proposed park improvements?”

Thirteen respondents (87%) provided a response.

- “Dealing with rainwater and sewer backup is an important goal keeping the river cleaner.”
- “It sounds ok. It would have been nice if the city had told the community what was happening before they raised \$170,000.00 and spent it on the park 2 or 3 years ago.”
- “The Toiler's "Theme" historical display and the additional benches and/or picnic tables.”
- “Absolutely nothing. This is not an improvement but an attempt to cosmetically hide an ugly structure. It has ruined the functionality of the park.”
- “The aesthetics associated with the improvements are welcome. The interpretative signage is a good idea. The passive operations of the system is welcome.”
- “I am very glad the infrastructure is now in place and that flooding/drainage issues have been addressed. The park Improvements look attractive.”
- “Good to see the city making innovative changes in rain water management.”
- “Looks okay.”
- “Is it really an improvement? Cosmetic surgery to cover up the butchering of toiler's park.”
- “The dry basement.”
- “Natural species, landscaping as much as possible.”
- “Nothing at present. Have not found this meeting confusing. Trying to move around and hear over noise of children.”
- “I sincerely hope that someone, along the way in this process, has actually asked what these residents wanted for their park and that the decisions (that have clearly already been made) to reflect what the residents want).”

“What, if any, are your concerns about the proposed park improvements?”

Eleven respondents (73%) provided a response.

- “A lot of thought was put into the previous park improvements. We hope that if any trees are damaged, that they will be replaced with the same or similar species.”
- “Could there be ever greens included in the existing hedge at the foot/riverside properties net to the concrete.”
- “I'd like to see use of perennials.”
- “This was planned years ago, the north east fort garry home owners association spent a lot of time and money improving Toiler's Park.”
- “The huge increase in rock for riverbank stabilization which has essentially obliterated the areas to fish from the shores of the park.”
- “Concerned about storm sewers & regular sewer mix. Since that is not so ...I am impressed.”
- “The display did not explain how the new drainage system is to work/perform.”
- “- loss of the "play field"
 - kids running down slope near the river
 - use barrier possible?
 - boat launch/dock/fishing/canoe.”
- “Hundreds of huge trucks used calrossie as a traffic route. Is the street going to be repaired?”
- “1. Bullards damaged - need to be replaced 2. Light fixture removed, needs to be replaced with an identical match to the other two (they were all bought at one time in 2008)”
- “Who will maintain the park other than grass cutting! Northeast Fort Garry home owners assoc. have worked hard to open the park for residents and others. We are registered with the province of Manitoba.”

Proposed Park Signage

“Do you have any comments about the proposed interpretive signage?”

Nine respondents (60%) provided a response.

- “The signage is attractive.”
- “Good idea to hide a horrible eye sore.”
- “It's ok.”
- “It is a beautiful, sentimental and though-provoking piece. I just hope it is informative and respectful of the Toiler's historical significance.”
- “What are measurements - Doesn't appeal! What does it cover? We like open spaces to prevent damage, drugs, fires, etc”
- “The signage would be more instructive if explanation is provided on how the system works. Otherwise, the system seems to provide some consideration towards improving/upgrading the park.”
- “A nice tribute to the basketball club. How well is the concrete structure going to be hidden?”
- “Okay.”
- “No but thanks for asking.”

Other Comments

Eight respondents (53%) provided additional comments:

- “More details would have been preferred.”
- “- Add a provision to launch a canoe/kayak etc.
- Small boat launch for "carry in" craft”
- “A little disappointing. It felt like a half-hearted polite after thought. A hallway? That's the best you could offer - it was difficult to hear. Also, although the people here were armed with politician's answers the people who could answer the big questions were not here. Why are you now asking for feedback about the aesthetics and greenery? Why weren't we consulted in the planning stages? This is a neighbourhood with strong homeowners assoc. who really care about the area, the infrastructure, the people and the future for residents. this is just SO disappointing.”
- “You are here to tell us what you are doing rather than engage us in what we wanted. As a member of the NE Fort Garry Homeowner Assoc. which raised \$170,000 to fix the park I am deeply disappointed. Bench at North side of park needs to be replaced with a bench that matches the other benches in the park. A tree was removed from here, needs to be replaced by a tree at least 10 years old (it was a 5 year old tree planted 2 years ago) All other damaged trees must be replaced with trees of similar age (~10 years) and variety. There is a japanese lilac that just started to bloom last year that is badly damaged. There was a tree removed at the entrance to Toiler's that must be replaced. Please feel free to contact me [name provided].”
- “Why was this not held in Fort Garry? The stairway & wall is situated where??? in toilers park... North side or middle. Looks like the openness & friendly park will be no more!!!”
- “As a river side resident my only comment is that I didn't receive any information about the work until after it had began.”
- “Good information, unfortunate layout... the hallway was too crowded.”
- “I live on Calrossie and wonder what is going to be done to fix the street. It was a mess before all the construction started, but with hundreds of tandem trucks going down our street it has been totally destroyed. We had been promised that the total street would be re-done several times and I think that this is the only solution now.”