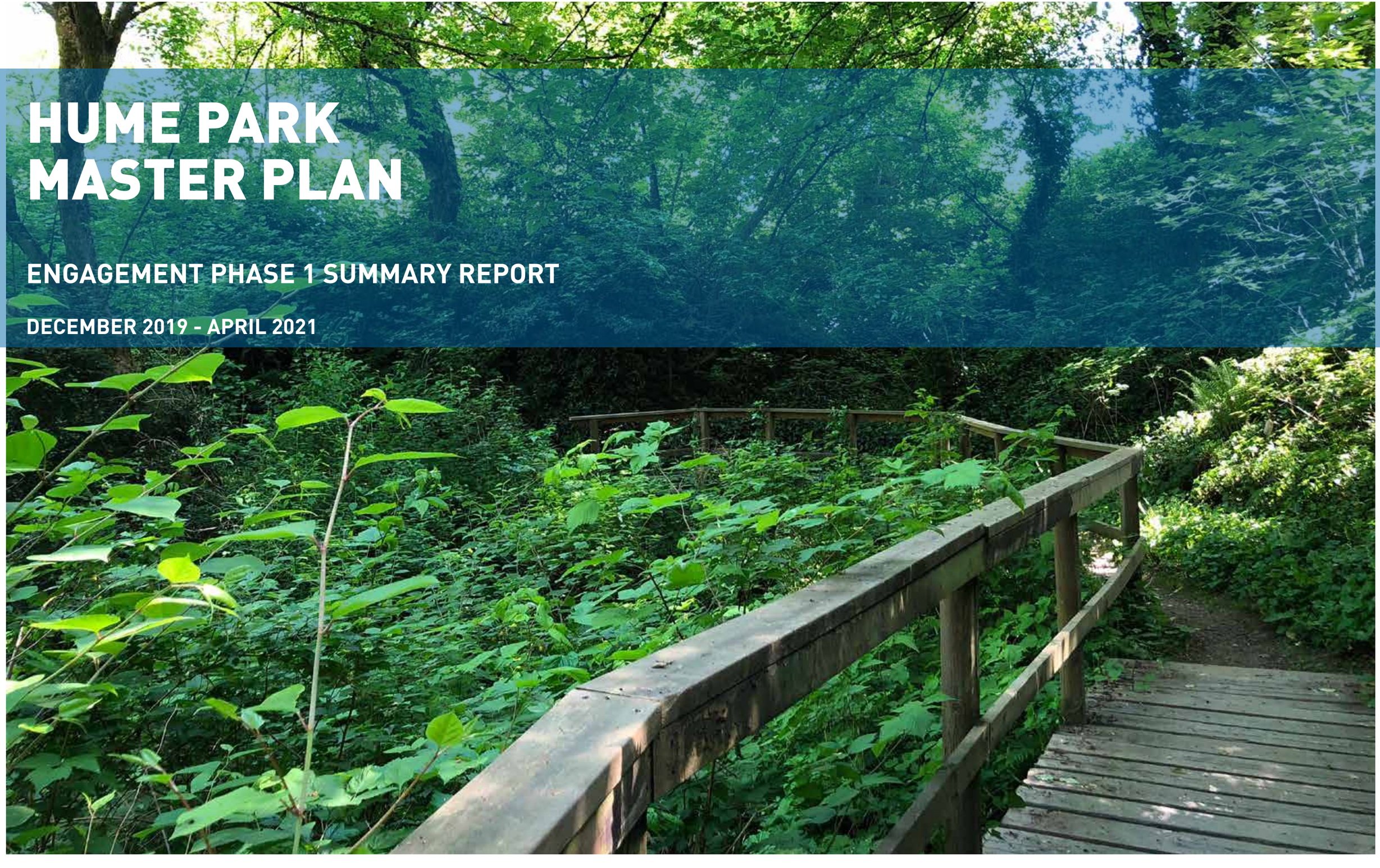
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HUME PARK MASTER PLAN

ENGAGEMENT PHASE 1 SUMMARY REPORT

DECEMBER 2019 - APRIL 2021



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1.0 The Engagement Process

Introduction

The Hume Park Master Plan project is developed a three-phase community engagement process designed to solicit input and feedback from a variety of stakeholders, city staff and the broader community at key points of the process:

- Phase 1 – Input in Site Analysis, Programming and User Needs
- Phase 2 – Discussion on Functional Programming/ Conceptual Planning Directions
- Phase 3 – Feedback on Draft Master Plan

Engagement Phase 1

Phase 1 of the engagement process focused on confirming the preliminary site inventory and analysis, developing guiding principles, and collecting ideas towards the long-term vision of Hume Park. More specifically, the project team sought community input on the most-loved and distinguishing features of Hume Park; how people use the park currently and what uses or improvements they would like to see in the future; feedback and ideas towards the protection and enhancement of park's ecology; and how people get to and move through the park. Input was collected at an interactive meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Group, at public open house #1, and through the online survey an d online engagement tools. The online survey, as well as the presentation slides and recorded open house #1 presentation, were made available on the Hume Park Master Plan project page at the Be Heard New West online engagement platform.

The purpose of this report is to summarize the input collected through Engagement Phase 1 and distill the key findings to inform the development of conceptual site plan options and functional programming directions for the park at subsequent phases of the engagement process.

Engagement Events

Phase 1 of the engagement process commenced on December 12, 2019 with a staff workshop, followed on February 5, 2020 with an interactive meeting with the Stakeholder Advisory Group. Engagement was paused shortly thereafter due to the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was restarted online in early 2021 and concluded on April 12, 2021. Phase 1 included the following series of presentations and events:

- Presentation and Workshop #1 with City Staff - December 12, 2019
- Stakeholder Advisory Group Workshop #1 - February 5, 2020
- Consultation with First Nations - January to May 2021
- Presentation to Sapperton Residents' Association - February 4, 2021
- Presentation to Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm Advisory Committee (FIPRAC) - February 18, 2021
- Virtual Public Open House #1 - March 11, 2021
- Be Heard New West Online Engagement Tools - February 12 to April 12, 2021
- Be Heard New West Online Survey - March 11 to April 12, 2021

Stakeholder and community verbatim comments are documented in the Engagement Phase 1 Verbatim Responses Report that can be found in the documents library on the Be Heard New West Hume Park Master Plan project site or in Appendix D.

*Note: Consultation with First Nations followed the City's framework for Truth and Reconciliation for projects and initiatives in New Westminster. In keeping with the policy, City staff extended a formal invitation to consult on the Hume Park master Plan to the Nations with claims in New Westminster in early 2021. The Tsleil-Waututh Nation (TWN) expressed interest in reviewing the Hume Park Masterplan from the perspective of the TWN's Stewardship Policy 2009. The response letter (received May 2021) is included in the Engagement Phase #1 Verbatim Responses Report. TWN also provided extensive input on the City's Biodiversity Strategy, a policy document that will guide the improvement and on-going management of natural areas within city-owned parks and open spaces including Hume Park.

2.0 Virtual Public Open House #1 Engagement Boards

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Hume Park Master Plan Online Public Open House #1

Event Outline

Introduction + Tonight's Agenda (10 minutes)

Part 1 - Project Information and Process

Part 2 - Park Understanding - Share Analysis and Findings

Part 3 - We Want to Learn From You - Questions to help Advance the Master Plan

(25 minutes)

Part 4 - Break-out Group Discussion (40 minutes)

Summary of Break-Out Group Discussions (10 minutes)

Closing Remarks + Next Steps (5 minutes)

The Big Questions:

1 - What do you love about Hume Park?
2 - How do you get to the Park?
3 - How do you move through the Park? Are there improvements that we should consider?
4 - What could be done to enhance the ecologically sensitive areas in the Park?
5 - How do use the Park - in Upper Hume, the Bluffs and Lower Hume?
6 - Are there uses you would like to see added to the Park in the future - in Upper Hume, the Bluffs and Lower Hume?



Learn more and Provide Feedback

There are many opportunities to learn more about this project and to provide feedback by visiting the Hume Park Master Plan web page on Be Heard New West or by using links within this presentation to access feedback tools.

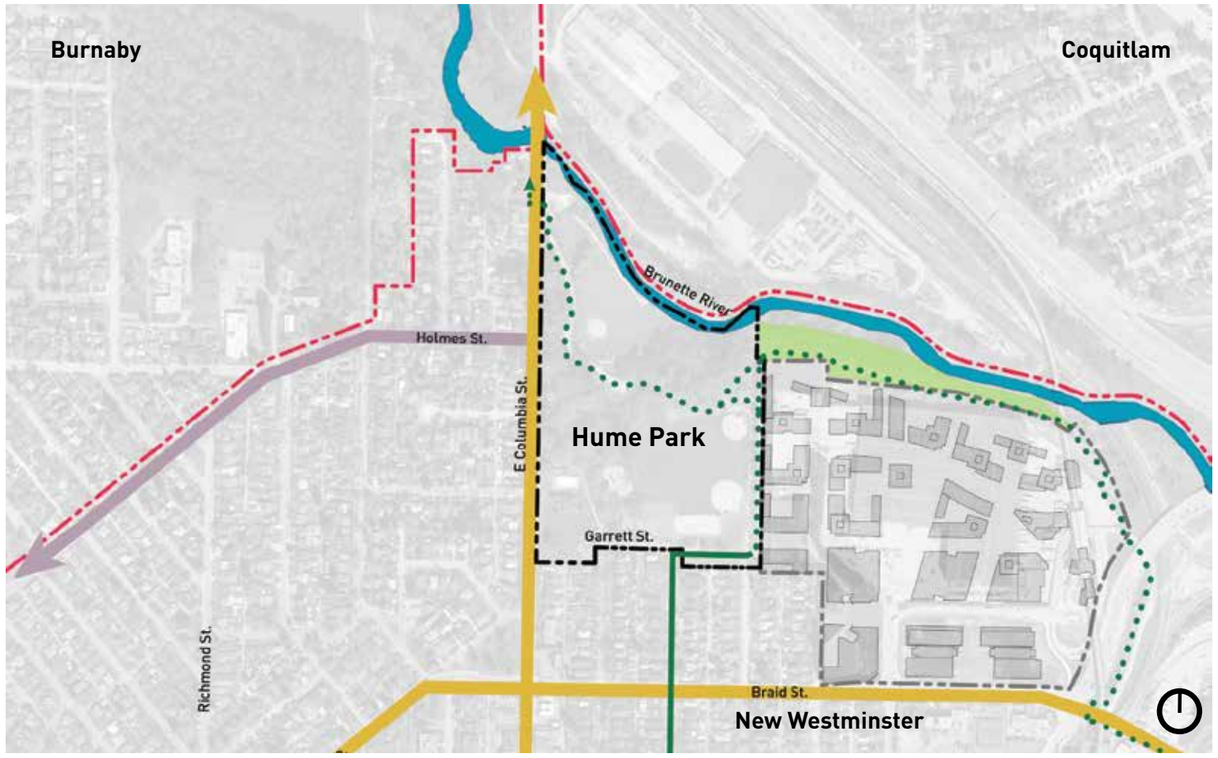
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PROJECT PROCESS AND INFORMATION

Project Background



Project Background

Hume Park is undergoing a master plan process to determine the future plan and use of the park.

Over the years, the process for developing Hume Park has occurred on an "as-needed" basis. Given the size and diversity of Hume Park, the City is now engaging the community to develop a formal framework that considers the park's unique and cherished features as well as planning for the future.

Like any important community park, the new plan must balance a number of objectives:

- Respect the cultural history of the site;
- Integrate the relationship with the Brunette River Watershed;
- Enhance passive + active recreational uses to meet the needs of both current and future users;
- Prioritize local residents of New Westminster;
- Improve the park's capacity for flexible spaces so the park can be used efficiently and adapt to changing needs; and
- Maintain and enhance Green Connections that serve as links become places themselves.

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PROJECT PROCESS AND INFORMATION

What is a Master Plan?



A Master Plan is a long term planning document.

The Hume Park Master Plan will be a road map that will help the City make decisions about the park for the next twenty years, including:

- Capital projects;
- Long-term planning and management decisions related to the important ecological assets and diverse recreational activities in Hume Park

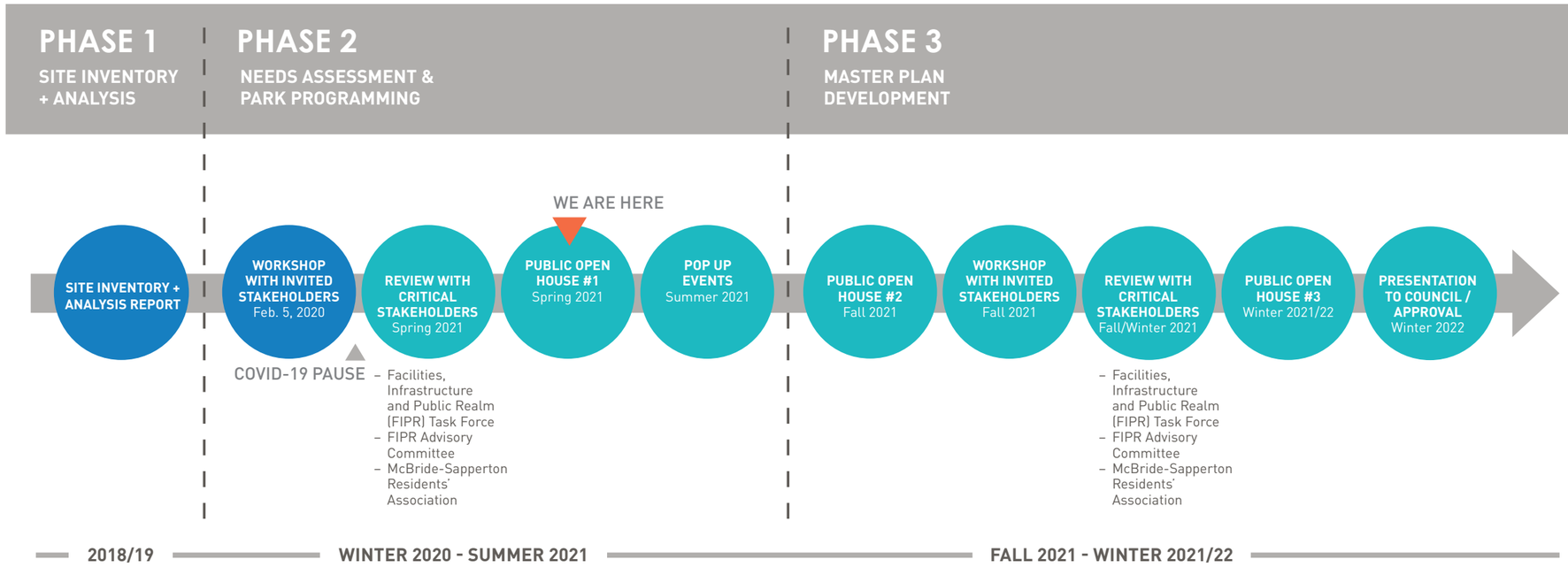
The Hume Park Master Plan is being developed with the community in Four Phases:

- **Phase 1:** Inventory and analysis;
- **Phase 2:** Development of high level planning directions;
- **Phase 3:** Preliminary concepts development;
- **Phase 4:** Development of the final concept plan.

We recognize the section of land along the Brunette River East of the project boundary is a segment of the Brunette Fraser Regional Greenway and contributes to the experience of Hume Park. Improvements to this linear corridor are planned as part of the Sapperton Green Master Plan. Additional feedback heard via the Hume Park Master Plan process will also inform the Sapperton Green process.

PROJECT PROCESS AND INFORMATION

Consultation Process



PARK UNDERSTANDING

Guiding Principles

Introduction:

The Hume Park Master Plan will be a long-term vision for the park that will help steer future decision-making on capital projects, design and management in Hume Park. The master plan intends to envision a Hume Park that meets the following principles:

1 - Meeting the needs of the Sapperton neighbourhood with a park that is accessible, supports diverse users and abilities, and continues to serve as the heart of the community.

2 - Protecting and enhancing the natural systems and biodiversity in Hume Park.

3 - Ensuring a park that is flexible such that the space we have can be used efficiently and adapt to changing needs.

4 - Maintaining and enhancing green connections that become places themselves.

PARK UNDERSTANDING

Project work to date - Site Inventory + Analysis Report



Site Inventory and Analysis Report

The Hume Park Site Inventory + Analysis Report was **completed to create a deep understanding of the various elements of the park today**. This includes:

- **Urban Context and Park History**
- **Park User Groups, Amenities and Programs**
- **Connectivity**
- **Regional Watershed and the Brunette River**
- **Biophysical Attributes**

The site inventory provides a better understand the site's features, both natural and cultural, in relation to one part of the planning process and helps begin to shape options for programming, connections and configurations for the park.

The next phase is to understand the community-identified proorities.

PARK UNDERSTANDING

Project work to date - Stakeholder Workshop

The Stakeholder Workshop #1 was help on February 5th, 2020 with representatives of a number of stakeholder groups, including sports leagues; environmental groups; local school/daycare; Metro Vancouver; individual park users (including those with lived experience of a physical disability, cycling commuter, user of the dog off-lease area); and City of New Westminster concillors.

Discussions centred around themes of Current Uses and Desired Future Uses; Environmental Considerations; and Transportation.

Stakeholder Workshop Themes

Current / Desired Future Use

- What should we know about how you and others use Hume Park?
- How well does Hume Park support your needs in how you use the park?
- How do you think the uses at Hume Park will change in the future?
- What is the one thing missing from the park?

Environmental Considerations

- What should we know about the ecological features in the park?
- What could be done to improve ecological sensitive areas within Hume Park?
- What is your perspective on the balance between the park's recreation and ecological features?
- As Cities urbanize and densify, how important will the preservation and enhancement of ecological features be?

Transportation

- What should we know about how you and others get to Hume Park?
- How do you think transportation to Hume Park will change in the future?
- What could be done to encourage to use transit, cycling, and walking to get to Hume Park?
- What is the most important change we should consider to future proof the park with regards to multi-modal transportation?

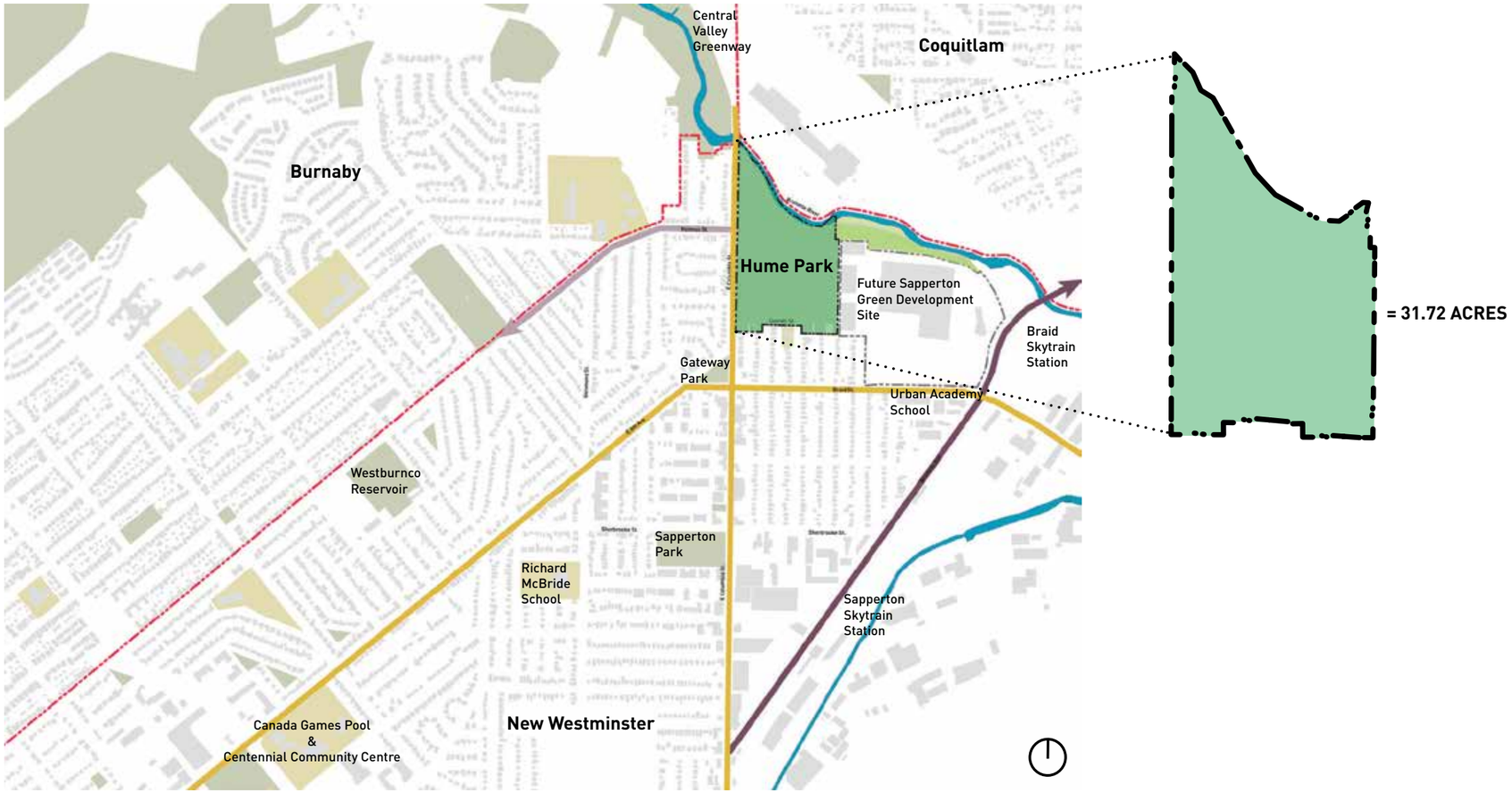






PARK UNDERSTANDING

Where is Hume Park?



PARK UNDERSTANDING Current Park Use and Park Programming

Transportation



Transit Network

- Braid Sky Train Station (Expo Line) is with in a 10 minute walk of Hume Park
- The park is served by three bus routes (C9, 128, 155)
- The 128 bus service was recently increased to 20-minute weekday frequency.

Vehicular Network

East Columbia Street and Braid Street are both designated as City Collectors, while Braid Street is a City Collector. Holmes Street is a Neighbourhood Collector.

Pedestrian and Cycling Networks

Hume Park is part of the Central Valey Greenway and the Brunette Fraser Regional Greeway.

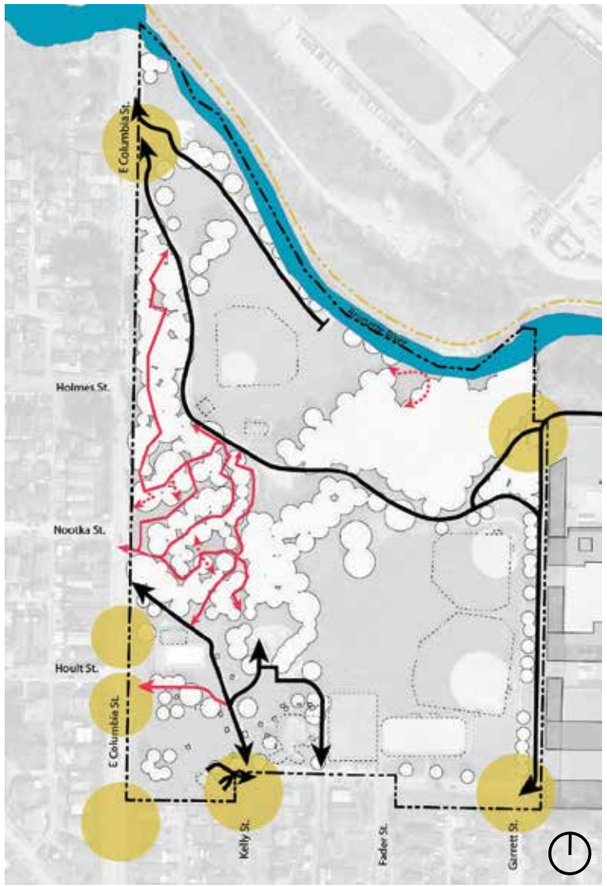
There are no major pedestrian improvements noted for the immediate area within the Master Transportation Plan, however, pedestrian and cycling connections are proposed with the Sapperton Green Development.

Existing Site Conditions



PARK UNDERSTANDING Current Park Use and Park Programming

Circulation



Park Trail Network
Hume Park offers a range of trail types. The most notable pathway, the Central Valley Greenway, is a 4 metre wide multi-use path which connects to the park at the south-east corner of the site at Garrett Street, and runs through upper and lower Hume until exiting at the north-west corner of the park, linking to East Columbia Street. The Brunette Fraser Greenway connects the site at the north-east corner of the park.

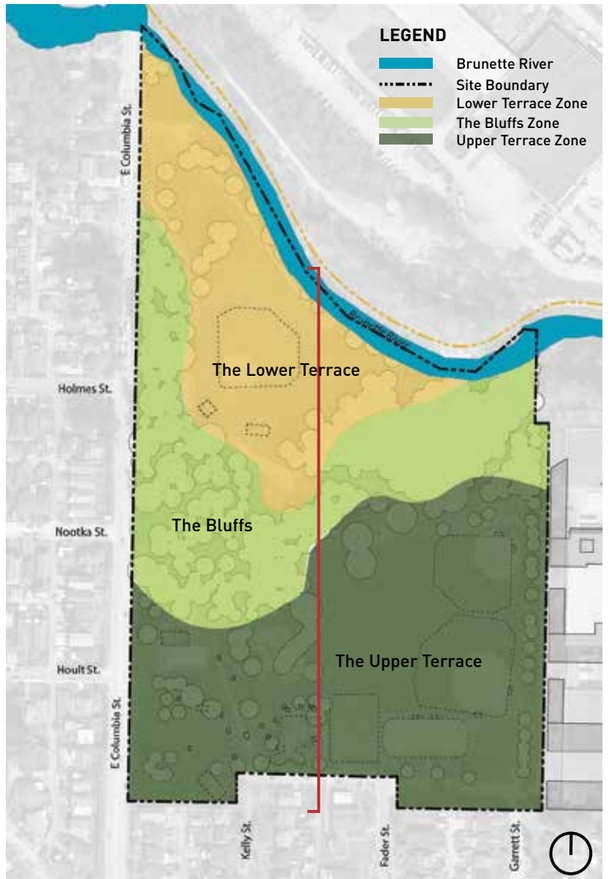
Passive trails can be found in both the upper and lower sections of the park, where the topography is relatively flat. Topography is one of the defining characters of Hume Park. This is evident with regards to the trail network which links upper and lower Hume, where this steep transition is marked by a series of wooden stairwells. Those individuals with mobility limitations are currently unable to access these pathways.

Existing Site Conditions



PARK UNDERSTANDING

The Three Zones of Hume Park



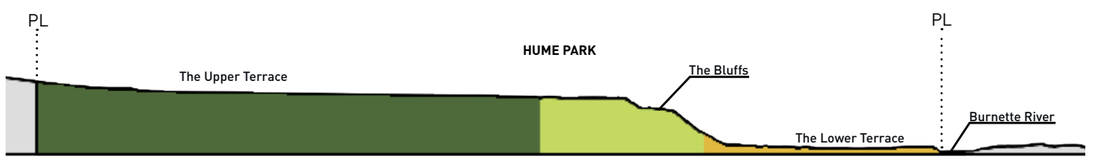
Natural Topography

The natural topography of the site is one of the most defining features of Hume Park. The northern edge of the park is shaped by the Brunette River. These three zones have been described in this document as:

The Lower Terrace
The Lower Terrace which offers a flat open space, defined by its relationship with the Brunette River, the Brunette Watershed and surrounding sensitive ecosystems.

The Bluffs
The Bluffs which offers a naturalized areas with steep slopes, mature trees and defined access trails.

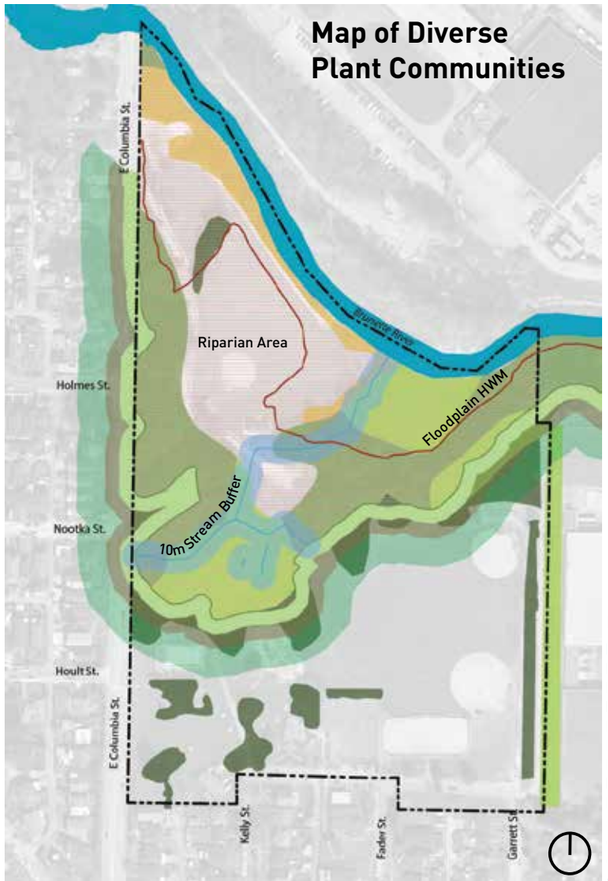
The Upper Terrace
The Upper Terrace which offers vast open areas and hosts a number of programmed spaces.



Section through Hume Park

PARK UNDERSTANDING Current Park Use and Park Programming

Ecological Conditions



The Brunette River
Hume Park is set along the banks of the Brunette River. This river is considered a major fish-bearing watercourse in New Westminster, and is an important tributary of the Fraser River.

Plant Communities
Upper Hume
- Dominated by a variety of recreational features and fields.
- Large open grown and mature trees in this area.

The Bluffs
- The forests within the Bluffs, consist of a mix of native conifer and deciduous species, including bigleaf maple and red alder, as well as small groups of Douglas-fir, western red cedar and western hemlock.
- The understory is generally dense and lush with a variety of species.

Lower Hume
- The floodplain area has a high water table and floods seasonally.
- The overstory consists of mostly Black cottonwood with mixed shorter red alder.
- The understory consists of mainly salmonberry, Indian plum, red osier dogwood, vine maple and sedges.

Existing Site Conditions



PARK UNDERSTANDING Current Park Use and Park Programming

The Upper Terrace



Legend

1. Softball & Slo-Pitch Field
2. Washroom + Caretaker Suite (vacant)
3. Dog Park
4. Lacrosse Court
5. Lookout
6. Tennis Court
7. Pump House
8. Spray Park
9. Picnic Area
10. Snack Shack
11. Outdoor Pool
12. Playground 5-12
13. Open Lawn Area
14. Vegetated Slope
15. Memorial Plaque
16. Bronze Plaque / Garden
17. Central Valley Greenway - Multiuse Pathway

Key Themes

The Upper Terrace is the most utilized area of Hume Park. It is comprised of vast open areas, multi-use trails that connect to the region at large, passive open space and picnic areas, recreational fields and active play areas.

Passive Programming
Passive recreation is served by the outdoor pool, splash park and playground space. Additional passive programming include open lawn areas, seating and a picnic areas.

Active Programming
Hume parks hosts a number of active park amenities, making it a key destination for the residents of New Westminster. Amenities within the park include baseball fields, tennis courts, and a lacrosse field. The lacrosse field is often used for a variety of allied sports, and the open lawn space, associated with the upper baseball diamonds is commonly used by the local rugby teams.



Key Plan

PARK UNDERSTANDING Current Park Use and Park Programming

The Bluffs



Key Themes

Steep Terrain
The Bluffs are defined by steep slopes, naturalized areas, mature trees and multiple access routes. Due to the steep terrain, accessibility in this area is limited to those able to navigate the stairways.

Natural Drainage
The Bluff is also host to a number of drainage channels.

Legend

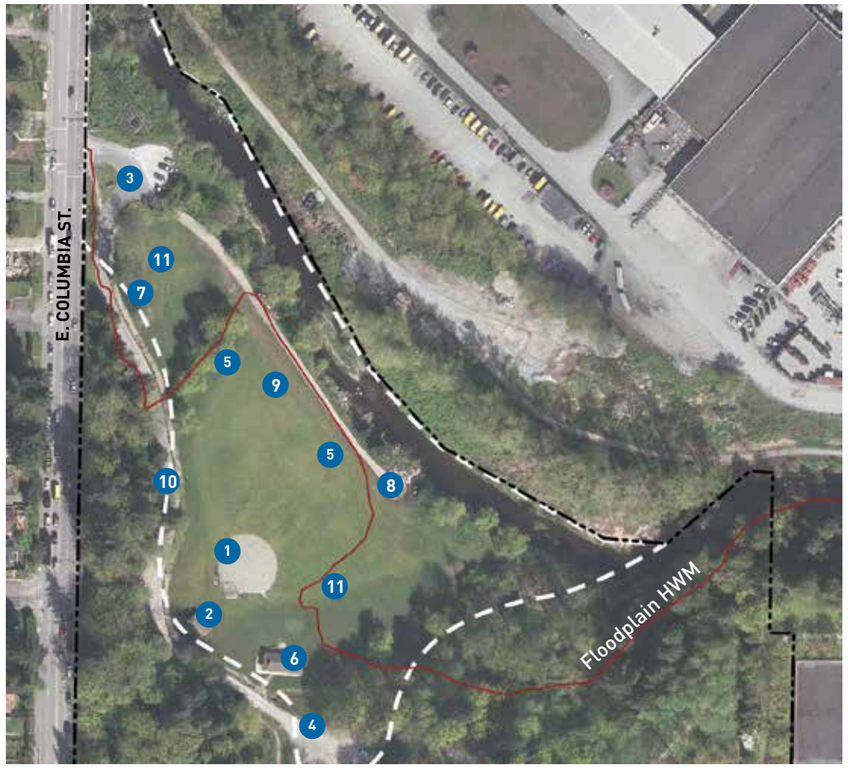
- 1 Central Valley Greenway - Paved Multiuse Pathway
- 2 Passive Trail Network - Unpaved
- Naturalized Forest Area + Steep Slopes



Key Plan

PARK UNDERSTANDING Current Park Use and Park Programming

The Lower Terrace



Legend

1. Baseball Field
2. Washroom
3. Parking Lot North
4. Parking Lot South
5. Rain Garden
6. BBQ Shelter
7. Metro Vancouver Utilities
8. Lookout
9. Park Trail
10. Multi-use Trail
11. Open Lawn

Floodplain High Water Mark

Key Themes

Relationship to the River
The Lower Terrace is defined by its relationship with the Brunette River. The land in the area has been formed over time by the river and offers a number of locations where the user can connect to and observe the river.

Floodplain
This area is the floodplain for the Brunette River.

Passive Programming
Additional passive programming include open lawn areas, seating and a covered picnic area.

Active Programming
Active programming is also currently located in this area in the form of a baseball diamond.

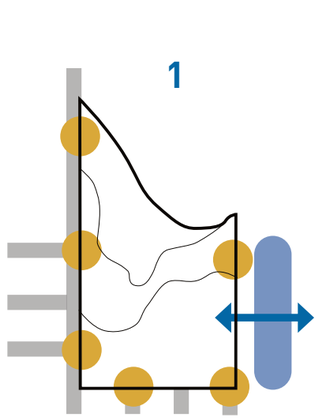


Key Plan

OBJECTIVES

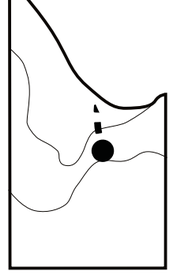
Key Findings & Objectives

The findings of the inventory and analysis supported by feedback from the Stakeholder Workshop held on February 5, 2020 led to five key objectives to guide the Hume Park Master Plan. The objectives for the park transportation, circulation, ecology and programming will combine to build a layered approach.



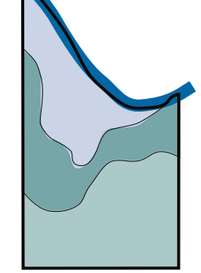
TRANSPORTATION

Improve park gateways and support park access, integrate the park into the neighbourhood by mending existing and establishing new connections.



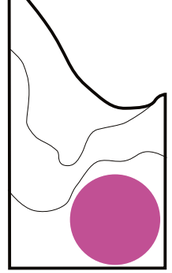
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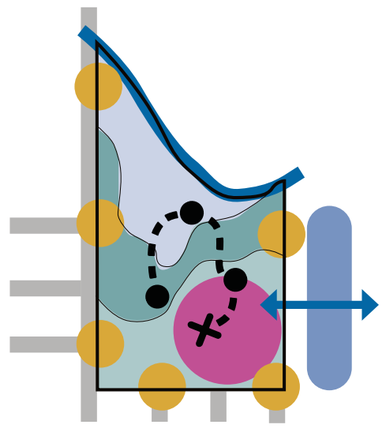
ECOLOGY

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PROGRAMMING

Consider the uses/ programming and facilities in Hume Park.



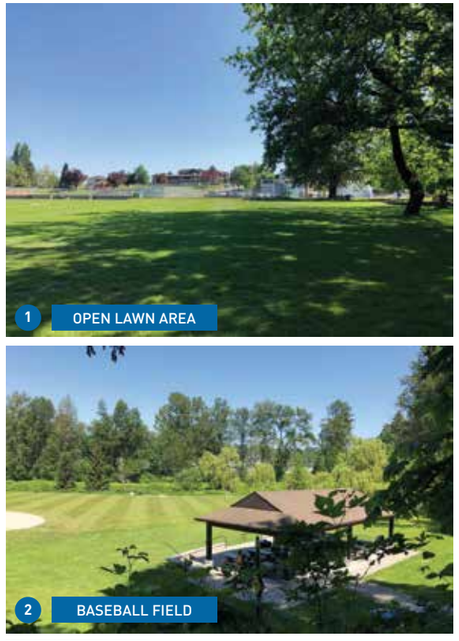
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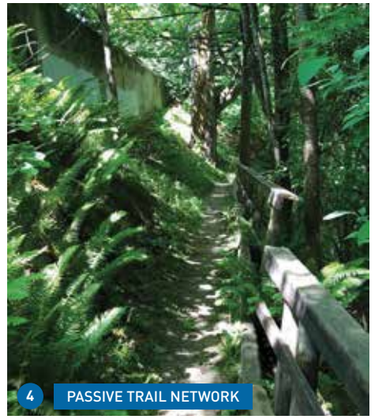
Layer transportation, circulation, ecology and programming consideration into a comprehensive long term plan for Hume Park.

WE WANT TO LEARN FROM YOU

Tell us what you love about Hume Park

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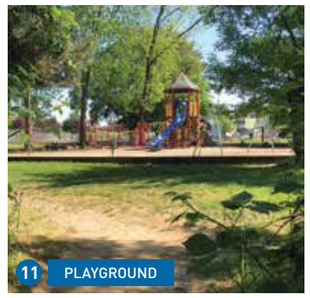






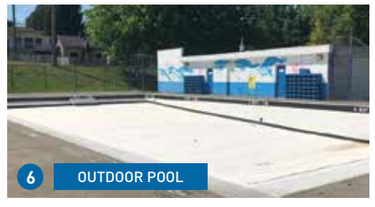












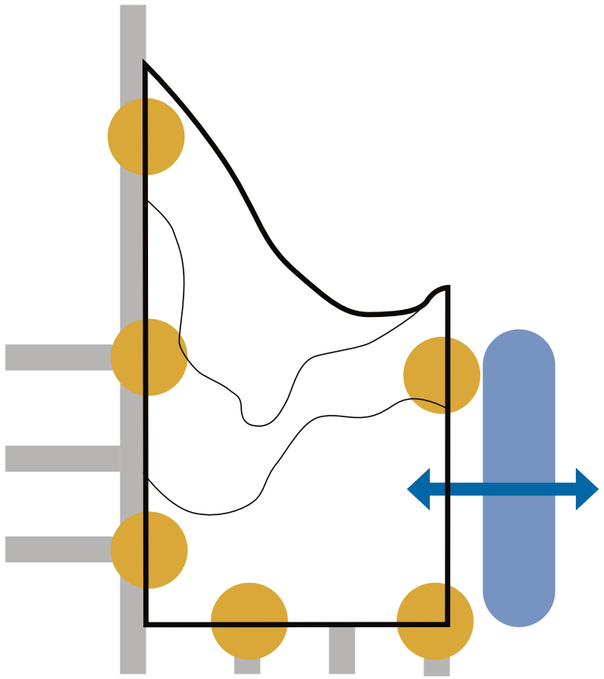




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Key Finding 1



TRANSPORTATION

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Transportation to the Park



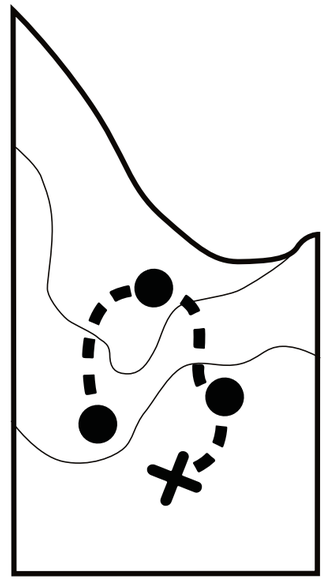
How do you get to Hume Park?

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Key Finding 2



CIRCULATION

Improve the internal trail network throughout hume park and connect to gateways, stabilize the slopes at the bluff.

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Circulation within the Park



How do you typically move through Hume Park?(Walking, cycling, wheelchair and other mobility devices, stroller, etc.)

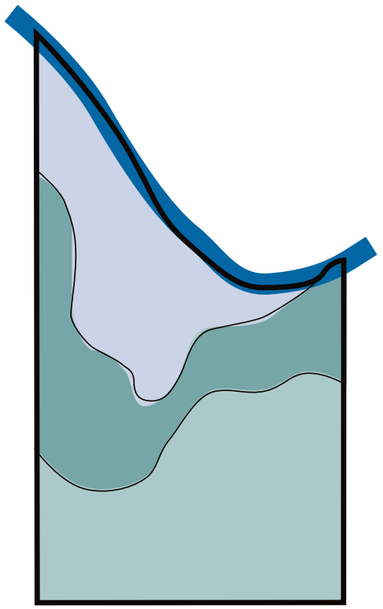
What should we consider to make getting around in Hume Park easier?

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Key Finding 3



ECOLOGY

Protect the brunette river and the sensitive ecological areas in Hume Park.

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Ecological Conditions within the Park



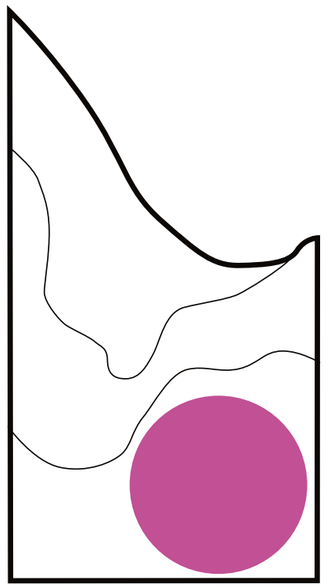
What could be done to improve the ecologically sensitive areas in Hume Park?

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Key Finding 4



PROGRAMMING

Consider the uses/ programming and facilities in Hume Park.

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Programming within the Park



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Upper Hume Park Uses



Are there future uses you would like to see added to the Park in Upper Hume?

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The Bluffs Park Uses



Are there future uses you would like to see added to the Park in the Bluffs?

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Lower Hume Park Uses



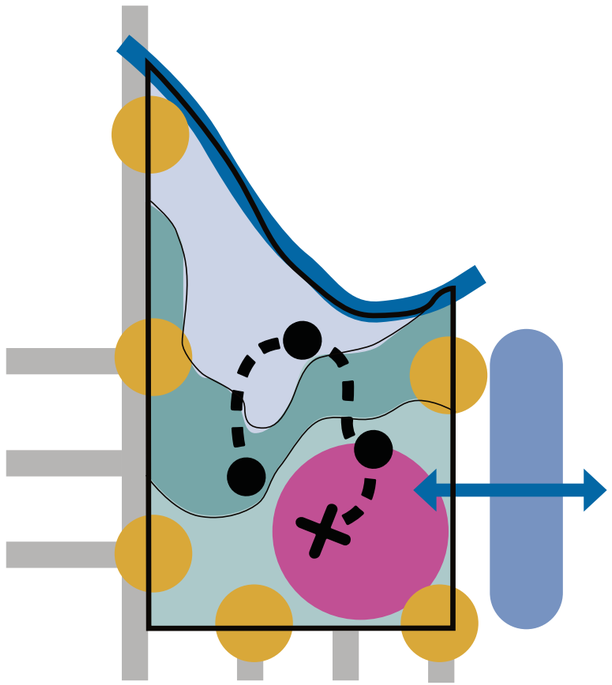
Are there future uses you would like to see added to the Park in Lower Hume?

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Summary of Key Findings



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3.0 What We Heard

Staff Workshop #1

The first interdepartmental staff workshop was held on December 12, 2019. Participants included staff from Parks & Recreation; Climate Action, Planning and Development; Engineering Services; Sustainable Transportation; and Engineering Operations. The information shared through the workshop was on flip charts.

Staff were asked to provide input on the condition of current park assets, services and operational challenges as well as ideas towards the long-term vision for the park. The following themes emerged from the discussion:

Transportation and Pedestrian/ Cyclist Circulation
Space for parking vehicles is insufficient and will be challenging in the future due to the land constraints in and around Hume Park. Staff suggested solutions for further exploration such as multi-modal strategies, improved park gateways, and finding locations for accessible connections to the park from the surrounding neighbourhood. In addition, formalizing primary pathways and development of a comprehensive wayfinding signage system were recommended to improve access and inclusion to/from and within the park.

Nature
Staff indicated the natural areas within Hume Park are part of a larger ecosystem and contribute significantly to the park experience (i.e. enhancing biodiversity, providing environmental benefits and improving health/ well-being) and recommend both enhancement and protection of these unique areas, especially in Lower Hume and the Bluffs. Specifically, staff felt that the master plan should prioritize the riparian zone and include opportunities to educate the public and engage them in stewardship opportunities. It was strongly recommended that the master plan include inclusive opportunities to interact with nature that respect and foster better understanding of the importance of these sensitive areas (e.g. accessible boardwalks, lookouts, outdoor classroom and interpretive signage).

Facilities, Amenities and Programming
Staff highlighted the condition of aging park facilities that may be nearing end of life (i.e. washroom/caretaker building, outdoor pool facility and concession building) and suggested the master planning explore new facilities that meet existing and future community needs: for programming and events, for expanded picnicking opportunities in Upper Hume and for the future aquatic facility. Frisbee golf was also suggested as a potential future program.

Site Improvements
A number of areas were identified as having poor drainage and staff recommended that the interface with East Columbia Street be improved.

Stakeholder Advisory Group Workshop #1

The first Stakeholder Advisory Group Workshop occurred on February 5, 2020 and was attended by 19 invited participants. The participants in attendance represented a variety of interests and perspectives including bicycle commuters, dog owners, Hume park Home Learners, Metro Vancouver, New Westminster Environmental Partners, New Westminster Soccer Club, Park Place (Westminster Children's After School Society), Sapperton Residents' Association, seniors, users with lived experience of a physical disability, New Westminster Environmental Partners, Vancouver Ultimate Frisbee, and United Rugby Club. Participants were organized into three discussion groups and were asked to share their insights about Hume Park. The discussion was structured around three themes: current and desired future uses, environmental considerations and transportation.

A presentation of the site inventory and analysis was followed by world cafe style discussions based on prompting questions and facilitated by a subject matter expert for each theme. Each group had an opportunity to discuss all three themes and subject-matter facilitators rotated between the discussion groups. To conclude the meeting, each group summarized the results of the discussions into five key findings and reported them back to the whole group. The subject-specific questions and discussion summaries for each theme are as follows:

Current / Desired Future Use
1. *What should we know about how you and others use Hume Park?*
2. *How well does Hume Park support your needs in how you use the park?*
3. *How do you think the uses at Hume Park will change in the future?*
4. *What is the one thing missing from the park?*

Participants confirmed that Hume Park is well used and that its amenities support a wide range of user groups. Participants strongly indicated that the current variety of park programs should be preserved, improved, and intensified to accommodate the anticipated future population growth. In addition, participants felt that service gaps should be identified and addressed to ensure that the needs of all ages and abilities are supported (i.e. teens and seniors). Many of the participants indicated that, although the pool is aging, it is an important community amenity that should be maintained and enhanced in the master plan.

Environmental Considerations
1. *What should we know about the ecological features in the park?*
2. *What could be done to improve ecological sensitive areas within Hume Park?*
3. *What is your perspective on the balance between the park's recreation and ecological features?*
4. *As Cities urbanize and densify, how important will the preservation and enhancement of ecological features be?*

Participants indicated that the natural features in Hume Park make this park unique. They felt that the "wild" in the urban setting should be preserved and that Hume Park is "not only for people." To this end, implementing improvements for nature and wildlife, managing invasive species, and restoring the riparian area were identified as high priority objectives. The felt that educating the public with interpretive signage and stewardship opportunities of the park's natural areas will be critical to achieving this objective.

In general, participants supported a balanced approach to recreational programming and passive natural areas by preserving passive uses and enhancement of natural features in Lower Hume and the Bluffs; and programming Upper Hume with more intensive, active recreation programs in Upper Hume. It was strongly recommended that First Nations traditional knowledge and uses be incorporated in the master plan to inform the park plan and interpretive opportunities. Additionally, participants felt that Hume Park had an important role in local schools' programming as an outdoor classroom, gymnasium (i.e. playground and sport courts) and setting for stewardship programs.

Transportation

1. *What should we know about how you and others get to Hume Park?*
2. *How do you think transportation to Hume Park will change in the future?*
3. *What could be done to encourage to use transit, cycling, and walking to get to Hume Park?*
4. *What is the most important change we should consider to future proof the park with regards to multi-modal transportation?*

Participants highlighted that accessible and inclusive connections to/from and within the park will be imperative to promoting users to visit the park using sustainable modes of transportation. It was also suggested that encouraging multiple transportation modes will enable comfortable circulation and improved access to amenities/ facilities within the park for all ages and abilities. Safety, visibility and frequent resting opportunities were identified as key considerations for improved access and inclusion.

Sapperton Residents' Association

City staff attended the Sapperton Residents' Association regular meeting via Zoom on February 4, 2021. Staff presented an overview of the proposed process to develop the master plan, provided an update on the process to-date and promoted opportunities to get involved in Phase 1 Engagement.

Members inquired about and offered suggestions for improvements to the park such as a turf field in Upper Hume and amphitheatre in Lower Hume. Members also recommended that the City of Coquitlam and New Westminster School District be involved in the engagement process.

Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm Advisory Committee

Staff made a presentation to the Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm Advisory Committee (FIPRAC) on February 18, 2021, introducing the master plan project and to-date progress, promoting upcoming engagement opportunities and requesting early-stage feedback.

Members inquired about the scope of the study and about the extent/ timeline of any changes to be implemented. It was recommended that the additional population and recreation needs of future Sapperton Green development and connections to the development be considered as part of the master plan. An opinion was shared that the public realm contributions required of the developer were not adequate and should be further considered. Many of the members emphasized that attention should be given to the Brunette River including expansion of the riparian zone. Lastly, active transportation to/from the park should be a key consideration in the master plan.

Virtual Public Open House #1

Public Open House #1 took place on March 11, 2021 via Zoom and included up to 69 participants from the community. The virtual event was facilitated by city staff and the consultant team. Following a presentation, 48 community members participated in five discussion groups. The discussion, facilitated by both city staff and consultants, was structured around six questions:

1. *What do you love about Hume Park?*
2. *How do you get to the Park?*
3. *How do you move through the Park? Are there improvements that we should consider?*
4. *What could be done to enhance the ecologically sensitive areas in the Park?*
5. *How do use the Park - in Upper Hume, the Bluffs and Lower Hume?*
6. *Are there uses you would like to see added to the Park in the future - in Upper Hume, the Bluffs and Lower Hume?*

The following themes emerged from the discussion:

Something for Everyone
While participants listed their favoured amenities and features, there was overall agreement that the diversity of amenities in Upper Hume and unique natural park natural features make Hume Park so well-loved. Participants noted that many opportunities exist to participate in or spectate formal, recreational and passive activities for a wide range of users. Several expressed some concern on the pressures imposed on the park by the future Sapperton Green population. Other concerns included the potential for replacement or decrease of amenities in the park and preserving the current 'sense of community' felt in Hume Park (especially in summer).

Transportation
Most participants stated that they drive or walk to Hume Park, some cycle and a few reported that they arrive by SkyTrain. There was a general agreement among participants that access to the park should be improved with wider sidewalks and more direct connections to the greenway system within the park from Garret Street, Hume Lane and Fader Street. Some participants observed that there has been an increase in bicycle users through the park (i.e. commuters and recreational cyclists) that should be considered in the master plan. Parking for vehicles emerged as a discussion topic and while some participants desired improvements to parking – a safer, more efficient parking design and additional off-peak street parking on East Columbia – others felt that driving to the park should not be encouraged. Participants recognized that there should be opportunities for park visitors to bring gear into the park, for sports and gatherings/events. Bike parking throughout the park was identified as insufficient.

Participants agreed that walking/ cycling/ rolling through the park was a popular activity and that the internal circulation network required improvements and expansion. A focus on improving universal accessibility and accommodating users with mobility challenges was also supported. Specific gaps identified included:

- lack of comfortable paths between amenities in Upper Hume;
- steep grades between Upper and Lower Hume and the dog off-leash area identified as preventing direct access between the two;
- pedestrians and cyclists sharing space with vehicles on the Lower Hume access road;
- lack of an accessible trail through the Bluffs, insufficient upkeep of this trail network, and a desire for visibility and improved feeling of safety;
- a lack of wayfinding signage;
- pedestrian bridge over the Brunette River to connect to Coquitlam; and
- a designated running track in Upper Hume.

Ecological Enhancements:
Participants overwhelmingly supported ecological enhancements in Lower Hume and expressed a strong desire to preserve the 'wildness' of the Bluffs. The following improvements were suggested:

- bigger riparian zone and fixing riverbank erosion;
- managed access to water so users can interact with nature without damaging it;
- removing the dead-end paved trail parallel to the Brunette;
- educating users about the value of the natural features so they are better respected;
- converting lawn space to naturalized (un-mowed) fields;
- amenities for birders: bird blind, viewing platforms;
- introducing owls to Lower Hume;
- providing interpretive inforation about trees in the park;
- implementing a pollinator meadow, teaching garden, or bee hotel; and
- removing invasive plants.

Current and Future Park Use:
Participants indicated that the existing park amenities and facilities are well-used. The current amenities, facilities and uses, participants mentioned included the picnic area; playing Frisbee and other unstructured use of open spaces; outdoor swimming pool; play in the playground/spray park, including participating in staff-led summer programming; walking through the bluffs; dog walking in the park; using dog off-leash area; jogging; cycle commuting on the greenway; watching sports and park activity; escaping the city into nature; stargazing; soccer, rugby, tennis, lacrosse and softball; playing in the river; and educational use for school groups. Many participants stated that they missed the outdoor pool, which had closed for the 2020 summer season, and expressed anxiety about its future.

Regarding potential future uses, participants overwhelmingly supported current uses to be retained and, in many cases, improved. Suggestions included:

- a larger outdoor pool;
- maintaining the proximity of play areas and pool;
- a community centre in Sapperton Green/ near Hume Park;
- tennis courts better maintained with play lines for pickleball;
- regular and proper maintenance;
- more trash receptacles;
- synthetic, all-weather field with lighting;
- keeping fields as natural grass;
- basketball court;
- native plants;
- boardwalks with safety mesh/rails for safe and low-impact connection to nature;
- more natural setting;
- washroom improvements or a new washroom;
- separating of pedestrians and cyclists from cars in Lower Hume;
- dog off-leash area enhancements and drainage improvements; and
- fruit trees, urban agriculture;

Be Heard New West Online Engagement - February 11 to April 12, 2021

Online engagement commenced on February 11 with the launch of the dedicated Be Heard New West web page for Hume Park Master Plan. Online feedback tools included – Forum, Stories, and Maps. The online engagement opportunity was available for 4 weeks, until April 12, 2021. Five respondents contributed to the Forum, one to the Stories, and three to Maps.

Feedback followed similar themes and suggestions for improvements and new amenities, including:

- basketball court;
- bike racks;
- new or updated pool;

- improved tennis court;
- more trees;
- enhance and protect the riverbank and natural areas in the park;
- a more natural Lower Hume that accommodated seasonal flooding;
- year-round washroom facilities in southeast Upper Hume;
- drainage improvements in dog off-leash area;
- enforcement to prevent unsanctioned off-leash use in Lower Hume;
- keeping the trails wild;
- protecting the river with limited access points
- avoidance of lights in Upper Hume fields;
- a large habitat area;
- an inclusive and accessible community space, preferably close to parking and washroom facilities;
- gender-neutral and inclusive washrooms;
- separated bike path in Lower Hume;
- more natural playground features;
- expansion of the playground for universal accessibility and inclusive play;
- improved parking that minimizes impact on surrounding neighbourhood; and
- more benches throughout the park for seniors

One respondent described their family's use of the park that echoed the sentiments expressed by many.

Growing Up With Hume
We moved to Fader street in 2010 when our first born was 1. She is now 10 and our second is 4. We make several trips to the park each week but for many different reasons. Sometimes it is to play tennis, or hockey or soccer in the lacrosse courts, or soccer or Frisbee in the fields, or tag on the playground or water park, or adventuring in the forest, or biking around the park, or going swimming at the pool. The variety is wonderful.

Hume has been the perfect back yard and I love that it has facilities for every age and skill level.

4.0 Online Survey

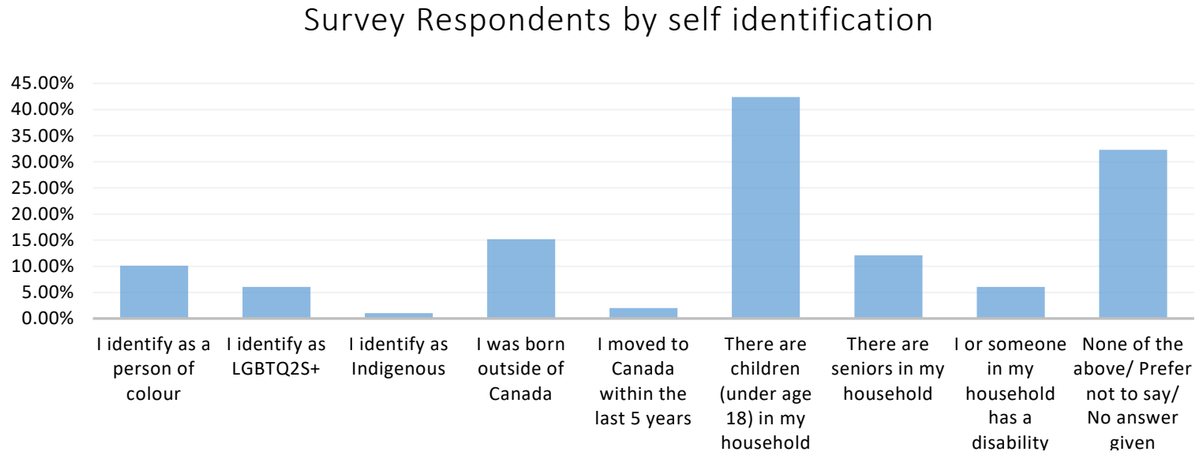
Survey Summary

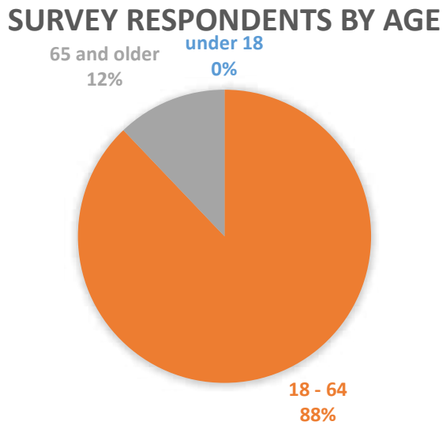
The online survey #1 was launched on March 11, 2021 on the Be Heard New West web page and closed on April 12, 2021. The announcement to participate was disseminated in various ways: at open house #1; through signage placed throughout Hume Park, city social media channels, CityPage and CityPage Online; and via emailed invitations to stakeholders, including the Stakeholder Advisory Group and Sapperton Residents' Association. The level of response was high with 242 visitors who interacted with the survey and 99 contributed responses.

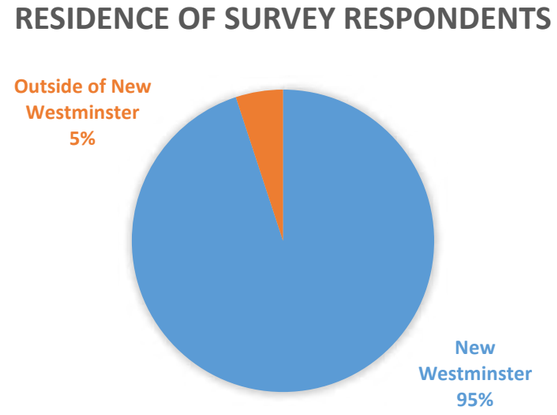
The survey asked respondents to indicate their level of support for the proposed four guiding principles for the Hume Park master plan, to provide input about their experience of the park, and to say what they would like to see in Hume Park in the future.

Survey Participant Demographics

The Be Heard New West engagement platform collects demographic information of registered users and visitors to the Hume Park Master Plan page were required to register to provide responses. This enabled tracking of respondents' residence, age and self-identification.







5.0 Online Survey and Engagement Key Findings

The following section provides a detailed summary of the online survey and synthesizes Phase 1 engagement feedback into overall Key Findings and Master Plan Objectives. This information was posted on the Be Heard New West Hume Park Master Plan project page on June 3, 2021.

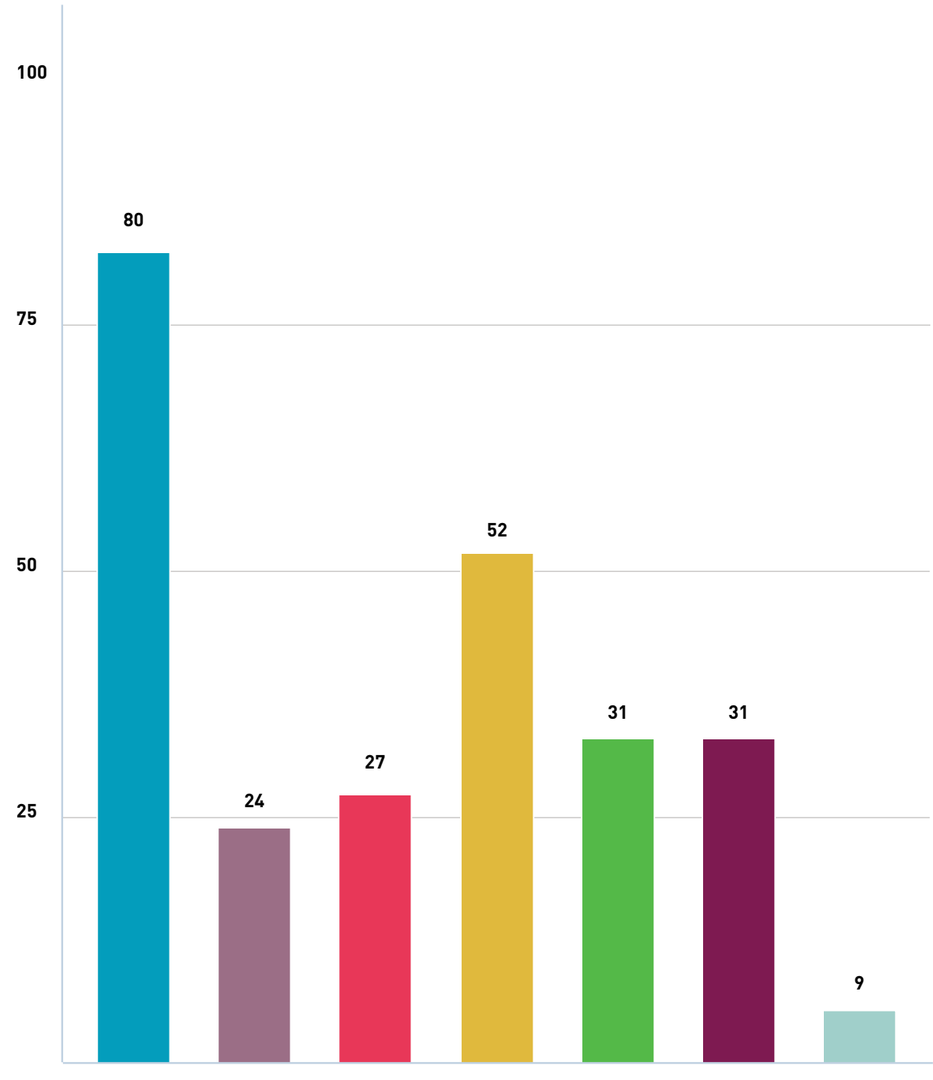
6.1.1 Question 1: What do you value the most about Hume Park?

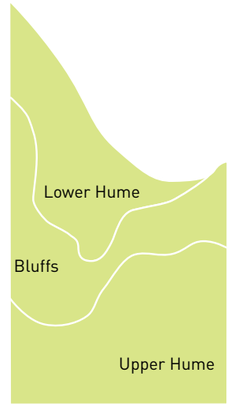
QUESTION OPTIONS:

- Nature features (the Brunette River and forested areas)
- Water play (outdoor pool and/or spray park)
- Playground
- Dog off-leash area
- Large lawn areas
- Sports fields and active recreation opportunites
- Other (please specify)

KEY FINDINGS

1. What respondents valued most were the nature features of the park including the forested areas and the Brunette River.
2. Another feature of the park that was valued highly but not to the same level as the nature features was the water play (pool and / or spray park). Respondants chose this element as something that they are strongly connected to.
3. Although individually valued less, activities such as the off-leash area and the sports fields, aggregated represent a high value for the open lawn area.

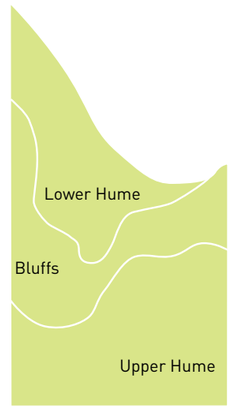




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Mandatory Questions (99 responses(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

6.1.1 Question 2: The Hume Park Master Plan team has proposed four overarching principles to help guide long term planning for Hume Park. To what extent do you agree with the following Guiding Principles for the Hume Park Master Plan



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QUESTION OPTIONS:

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

KEY FINDINGS

1. Respondents overwhelmingly agreed with the guiding principle that Hume Park meets the needs of a neighbourhood park that is accessible, supports diverse users and abilities and continues to serve as the heart of the community.
2. Respondents overwhelmingly agreed with the guiding principle that protecting and enhancing the natural systems and biodiversity in Hume Park is important.
3. Respondents overwhelmingly agreed with the guiding principle that ensuring the park is a flexible space that can adapt to changing needs.
4. Respondents overwhelmingly agreed with the guiding principle that maintaining and enhancing green connections allows to become valuable in and of themselves.



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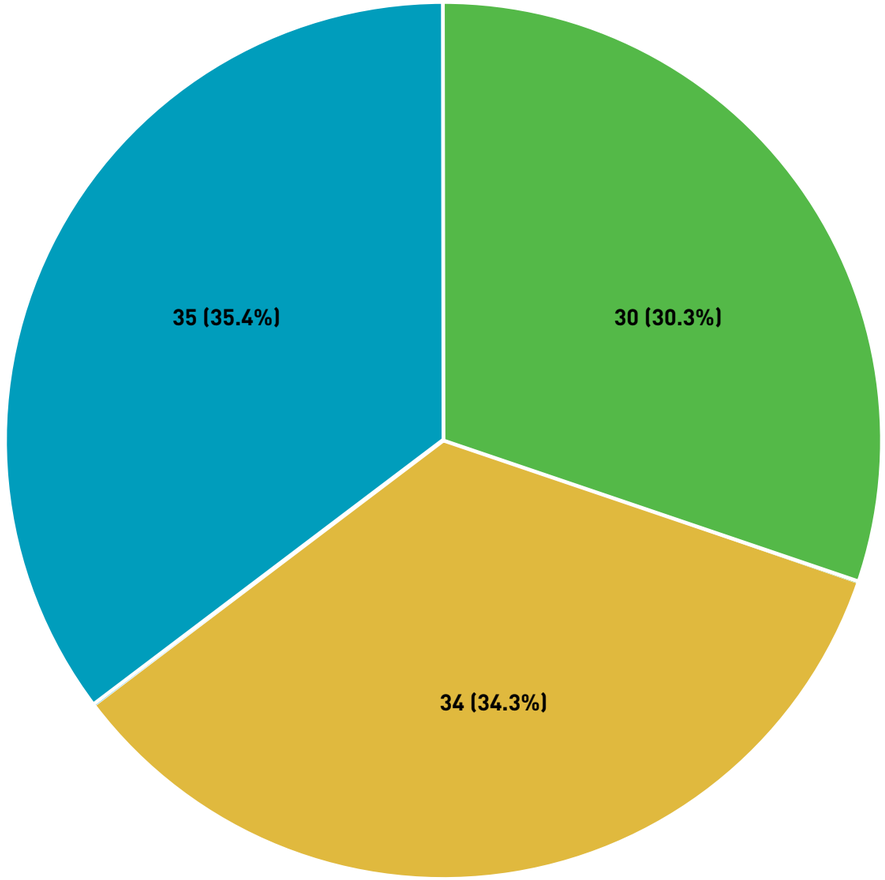
6.1.1 Question 3: How would you describe your current/recent use of Hume Park?

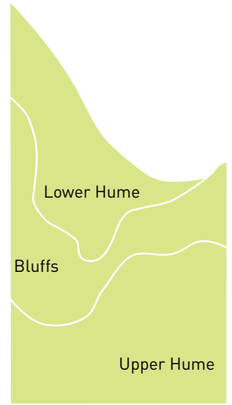
QUESTION OPTIONS:

- Equally divided between active and passive uses.
- Mostly passive (such as picnicking, birdwatching, socializing, letting your dog off-leach, etc.)
- Mostly active/recreational (such as sports, play in the playground, running, swimming, etc.)

KEY FINDINGS

1. Respondents use the park equally between active and passive uses. Some split their time between the two and others prefer one or the other but active and passive uses are generally equally distributed amongst the surveyed population.
2. Of the respondents that use the park for specifically passive or active uses the passive users make up a slightly larger group but given the largest group participates in both passive and active this shows the park is evenly balance between the two.





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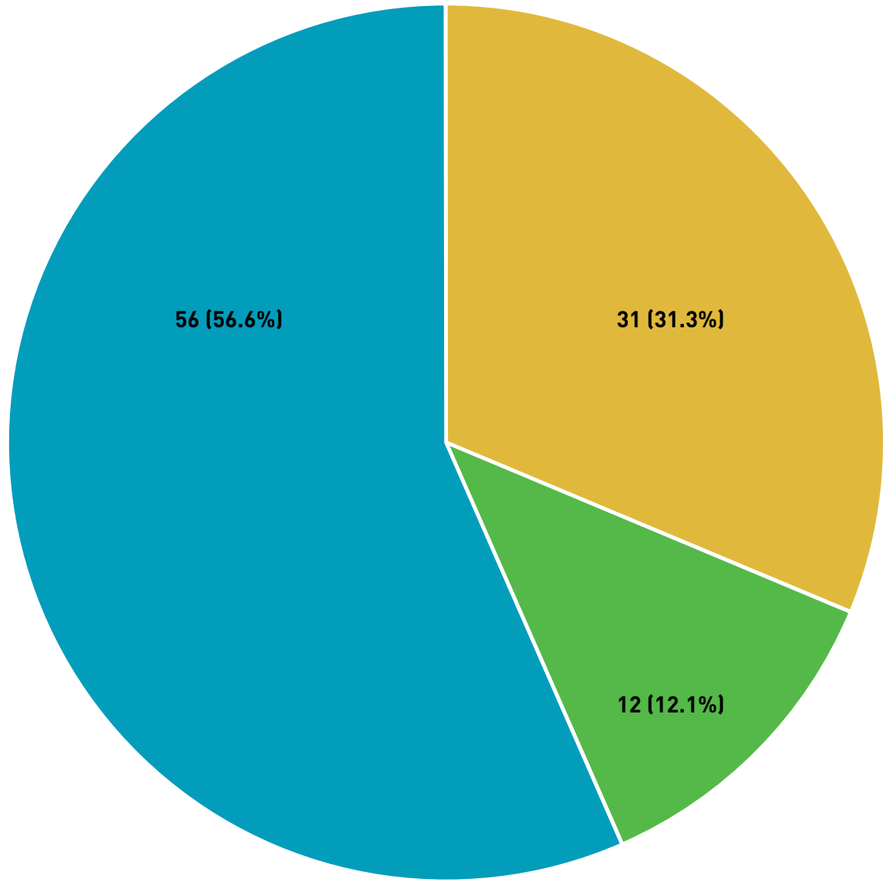
6.1.1 Question 4: Which area of the Park do you spend most time in?

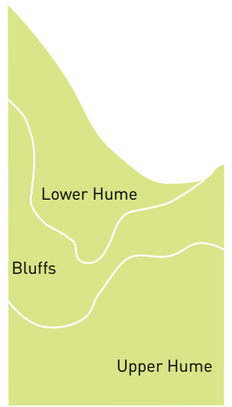
QUESTION OPTIONS:

- In Upper Hume
- In the Bluffs (forested area between Lower and Upper Hume)
- In Lower Hume

KEY FINDINGS

1. Respondents spend the majority of their time in Upper Hume.
2. Lower Hume is also a popular place to spend time.
3. The Bluffs are used but not to the same degree as the rest of the park.





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6.1.1 Question 5: What do you like to do in Lower Hume?

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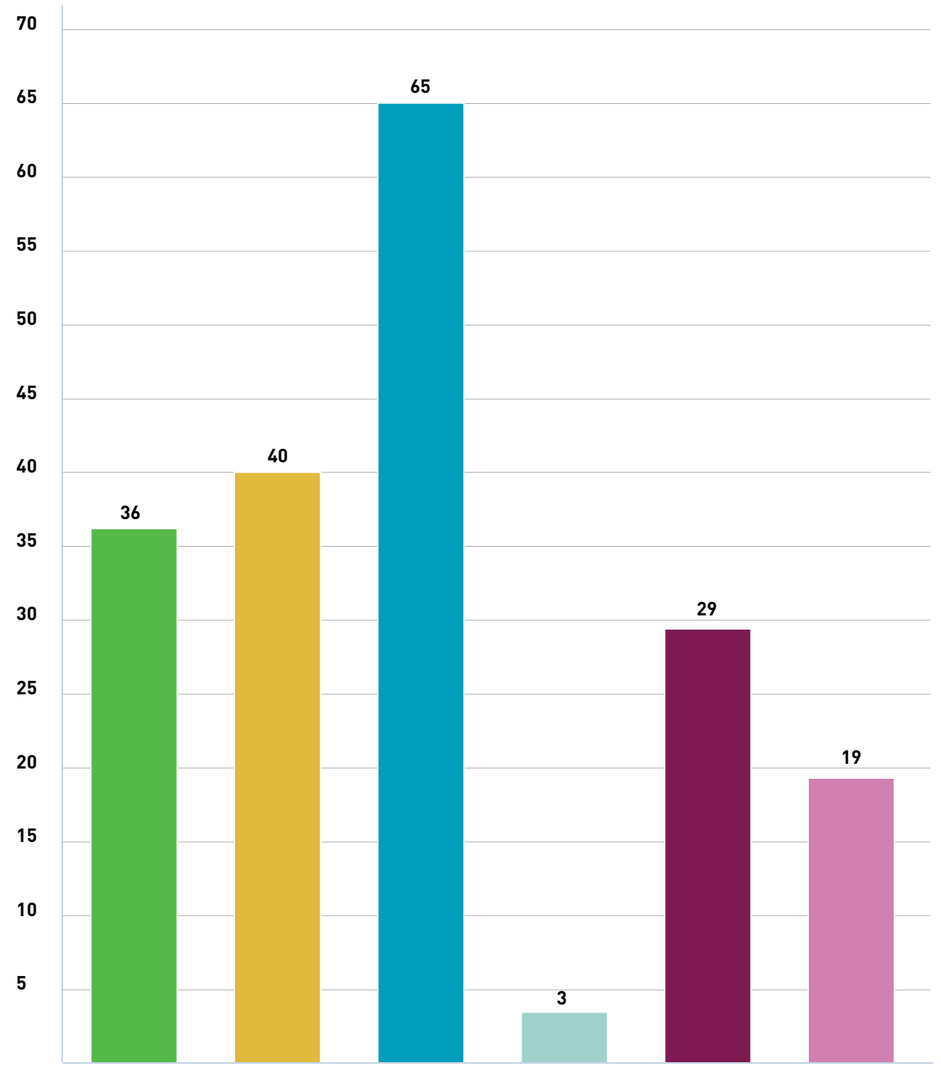
- Enjoy views of the Brunette River
- Nature/Bird Watching
- Picnicking
- Ride my Bike
- Baseball/Softball
- Other (please specify)

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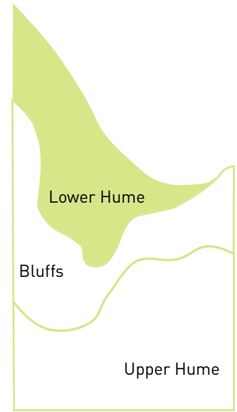
1. Respondents enjoy doing mostly passive activities in Lower Hume that include enjoying views of the river, nature / birdwatching picnicking.

2. Bike riding is the most popular active recreation in Lower Hume.

3. The baseball/softball pitch was ranked as the lowest value activity by a significant margin.



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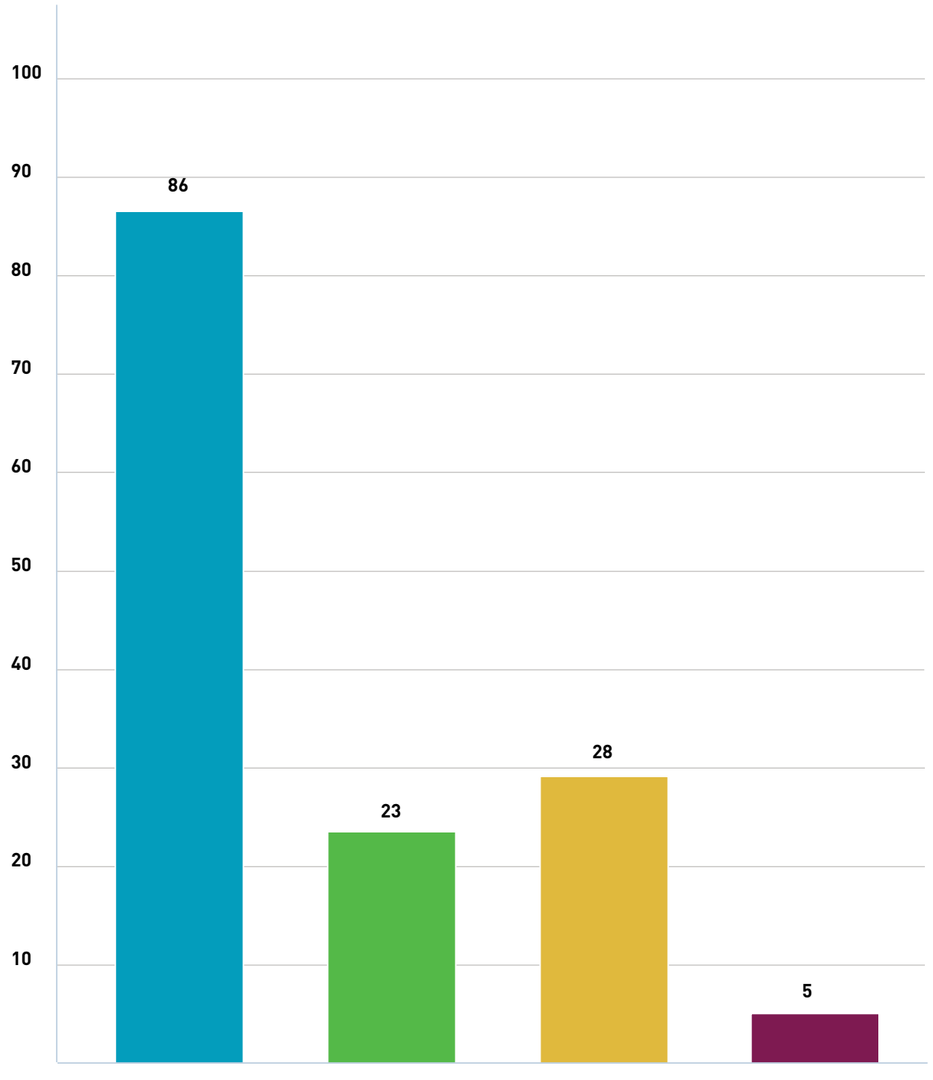
6.1.1 Question 6: What do you like to do in the Bluffs?

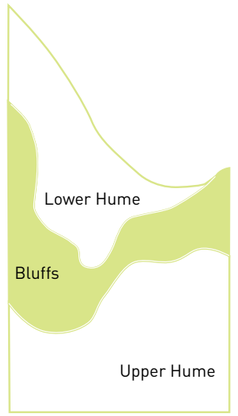
QUESTION OPTIONS:

- Go for a walk
- Nature/Bird Watching
- Play in nature
- Other (please specity)

KEY FINDINGS

1. The most popular activity in the bluffs is walking. A low level active use we believe is predominantly an adult activity.
2. The next most popular activities are the passive activity of bird watching by adults and the creative and active use of unstructured nature play by children. Both are virtually the same level of use according to the survey.





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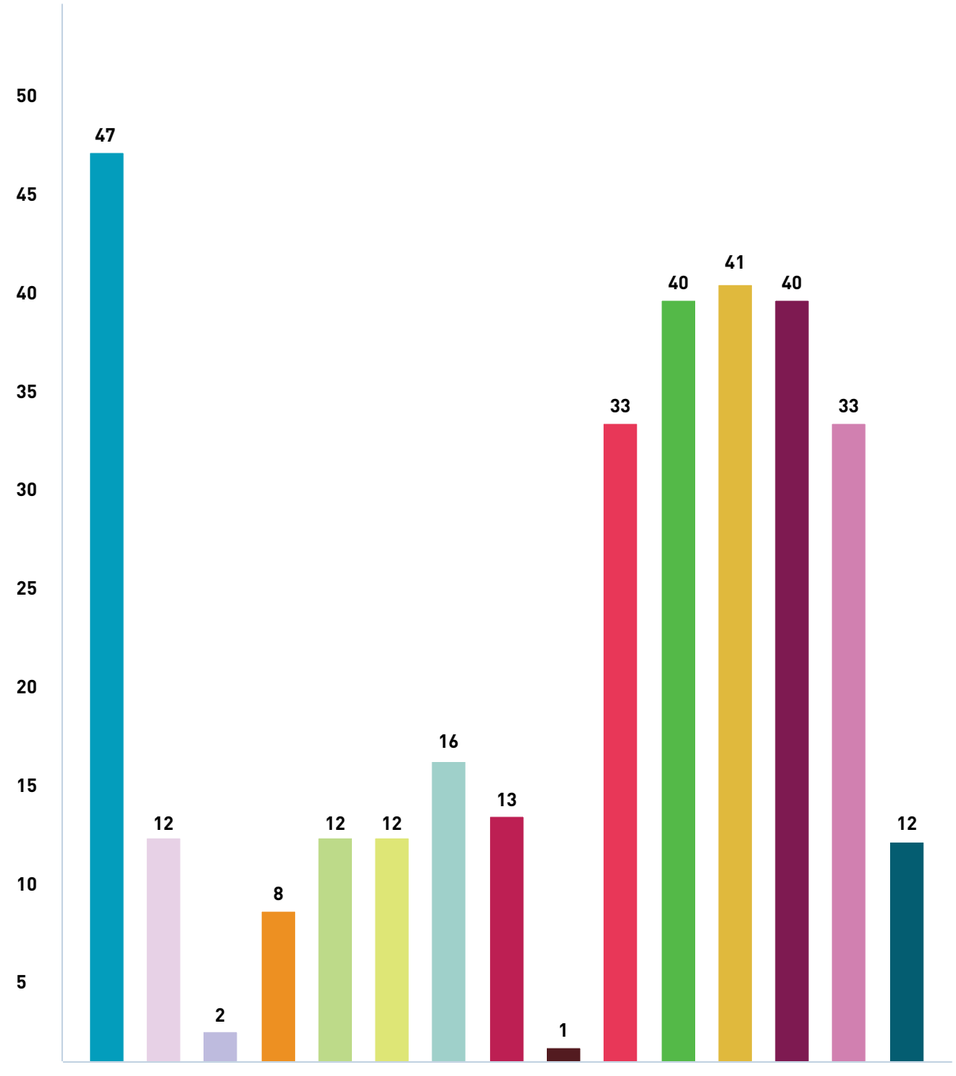
6.1.1 Question 7: What do you like to do in Upper Hume?

QUESTION OPTIONS:

- Play in the playground
- Spray park
- Picnicking
- Hume Park Pool
- Take dog to off-leash area
- Sit and enjoy the activity or views
- Cycling
- Practice bike riding/teach my child how to ride
- Tennis
- Soccer
- Other (please specify)
- Lacrosse
- Softball/baseball
- Rugby
- Bike polo

KEY FINDINGS

1. Playing in the playground is the highest single use.
2. The water play at the spray park and the pool are the second highest uses and when combined are the highest scoring use.
3. Family activities are the highest scoring type of uses with most being active uses, the playground, splash park and pool, with passive uses, picnicking scoring very high as an individual use.
4. Individually organized sports did not score as high as the family activities. However, together as a type of use, organized sports are an important activity in the park.
5. Outside of organized sports, adult activities are primarily passive.





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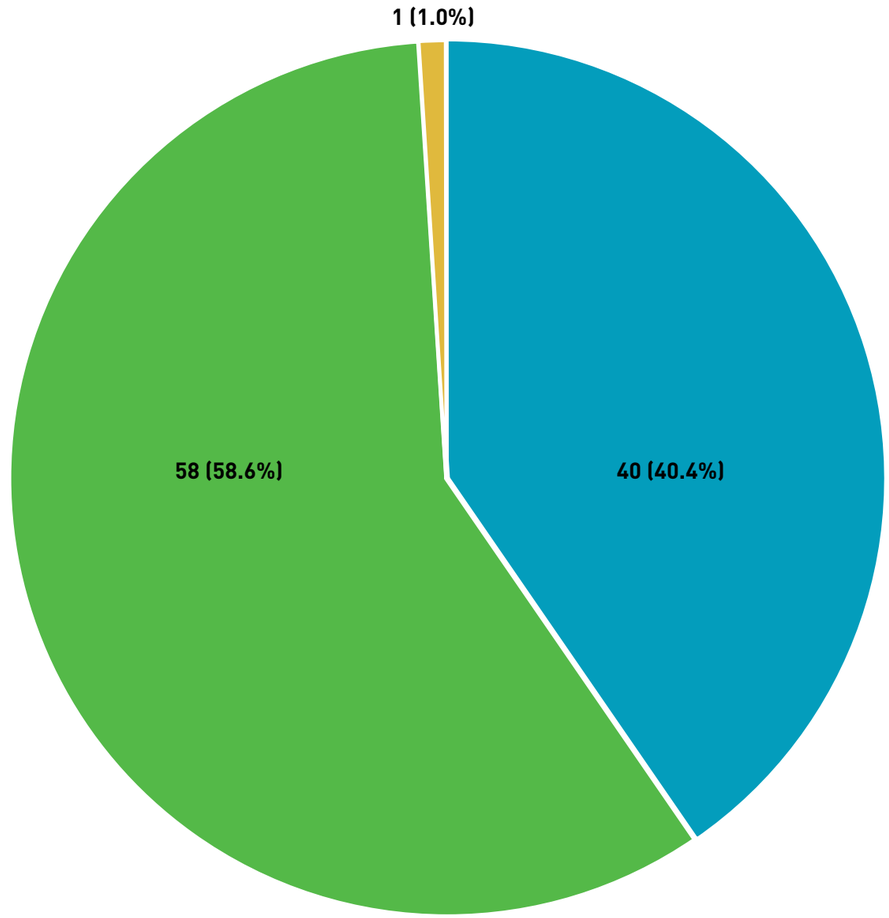
6.1.1 Question 8: Overall, how well does Hume Park support your needs in how you use the park?

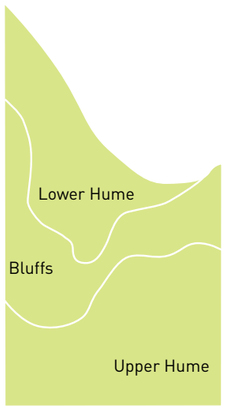
QUESTION OPTIONS:

- It supports my need quite well
- It supports my need well enough but there could be improvements made
- It doesn't support my needs at all

KEY FINDINGS

1. Park overwhelmingly meets the current needs.





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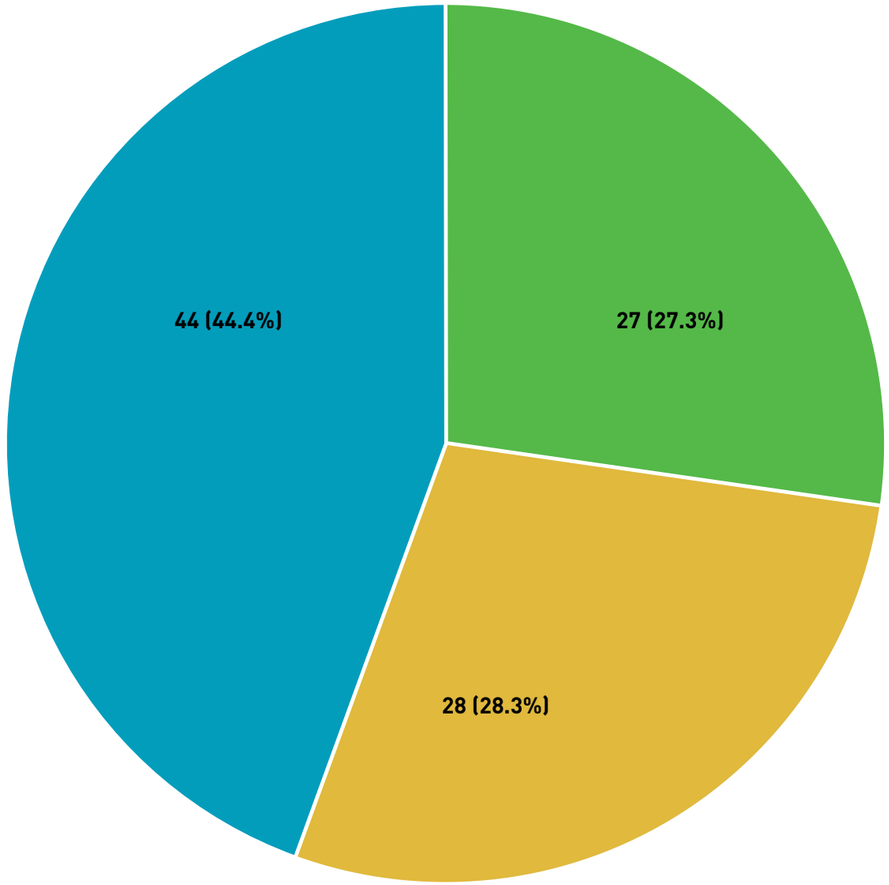
6.1.1 Question 9: Lower Hume and the Bluffs are part of a protected ecologically sensitive area. What level of recreation and vehicle access would you support moving forward?

QUESTION OPTIONS:

- Protect and enhance this ecologically sensitive area while allowing limited passive recreational opportunities and restricting vehicle access.
- Protect and enhance this ecologically sensitive area while allowing limited passive recreational opportunities and vehicle access.
- Maintain this ecologically sensitive area while also allowing both passive and active recreational opportunities and vehicle access.

KEY FINDINGS

1. Most people want limited passive recreation.
2. More than 1/2 support some vehicle access.
3. Low support for keeping active recreation.





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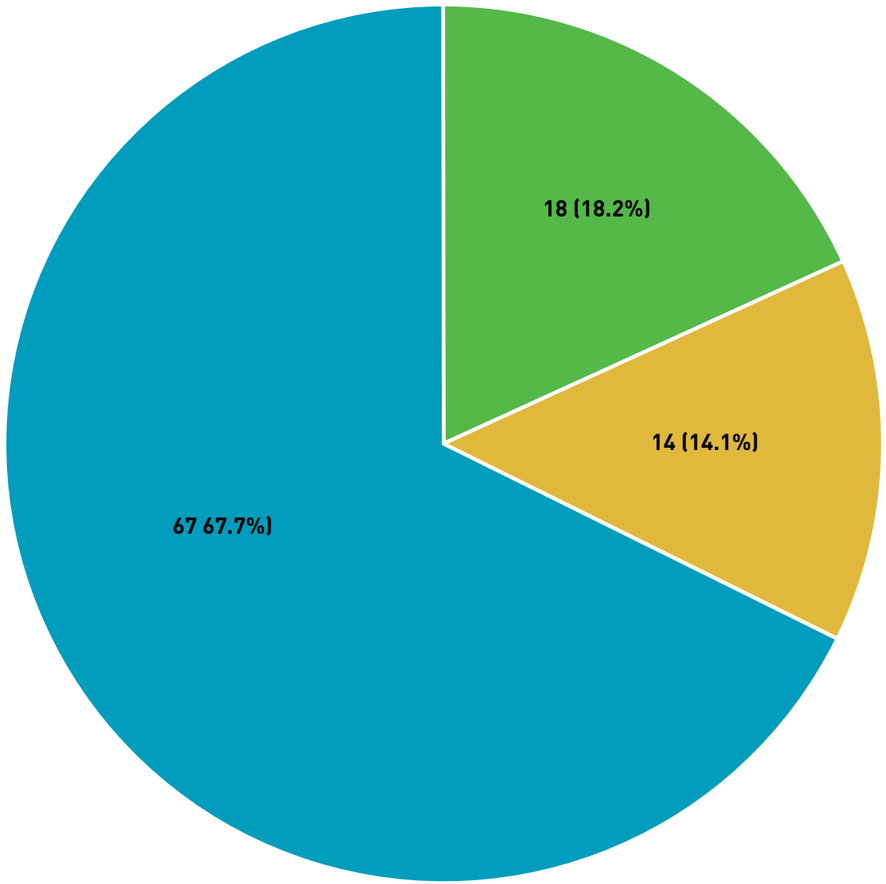
6.1.1 Question 10: How far from Hume Park do you live?

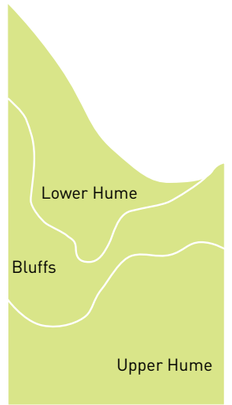
QUESTION OPTIONS:

- More than a 10 minute walk
- 5 to 10 minute walk
- 0 to 5 minute walk

KEY FINDINGS

1. At the moment most people using the park are not from the immediate neighbourhood.





Key Plan

Mandatory Questions (99 responses(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

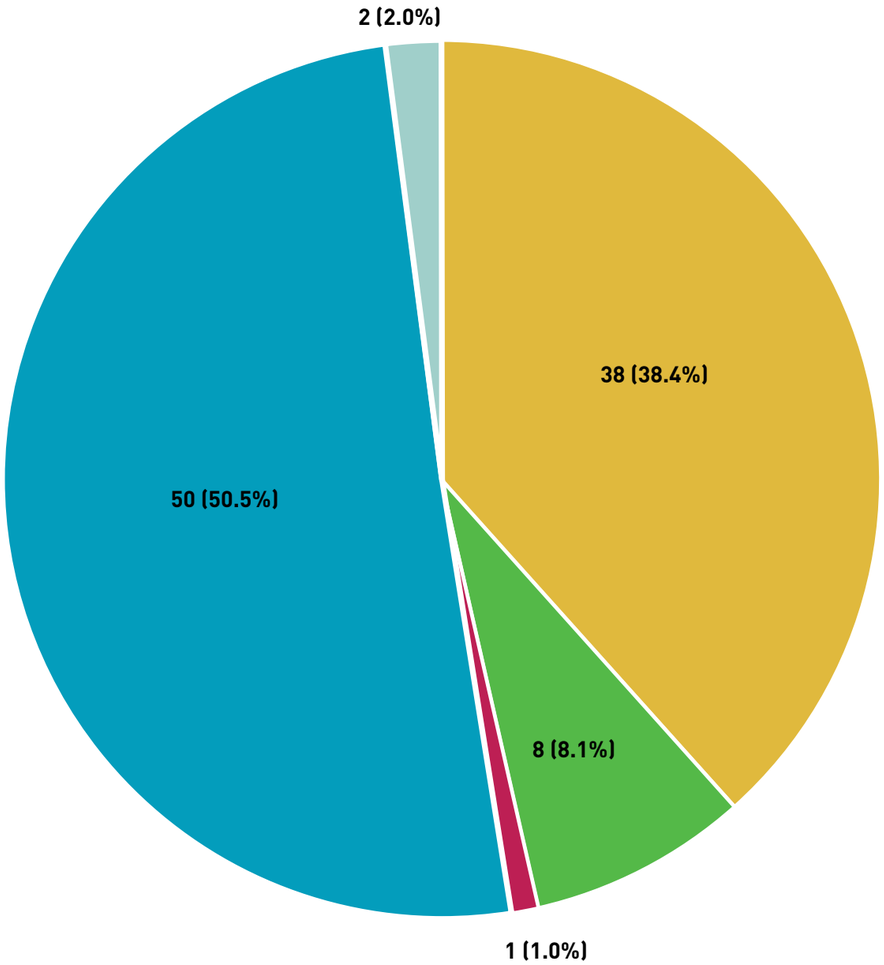
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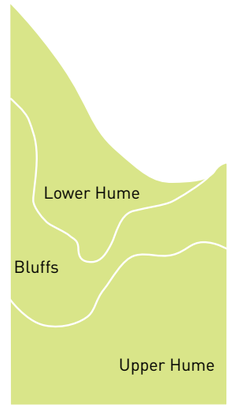
QUESTION OPTIONS:

- Drive
- Walk or run
- Cycle
- Other (please specify)
- Public Transit

KEY FINDINGS

1. Almost no one takes public transit, despite being more than a 10 minute walk away.
2. Although most people live more than a 10 minute walk (6.1.10) away from park, nearly as many people walk and cycle to the park as do drive.





Key Plan

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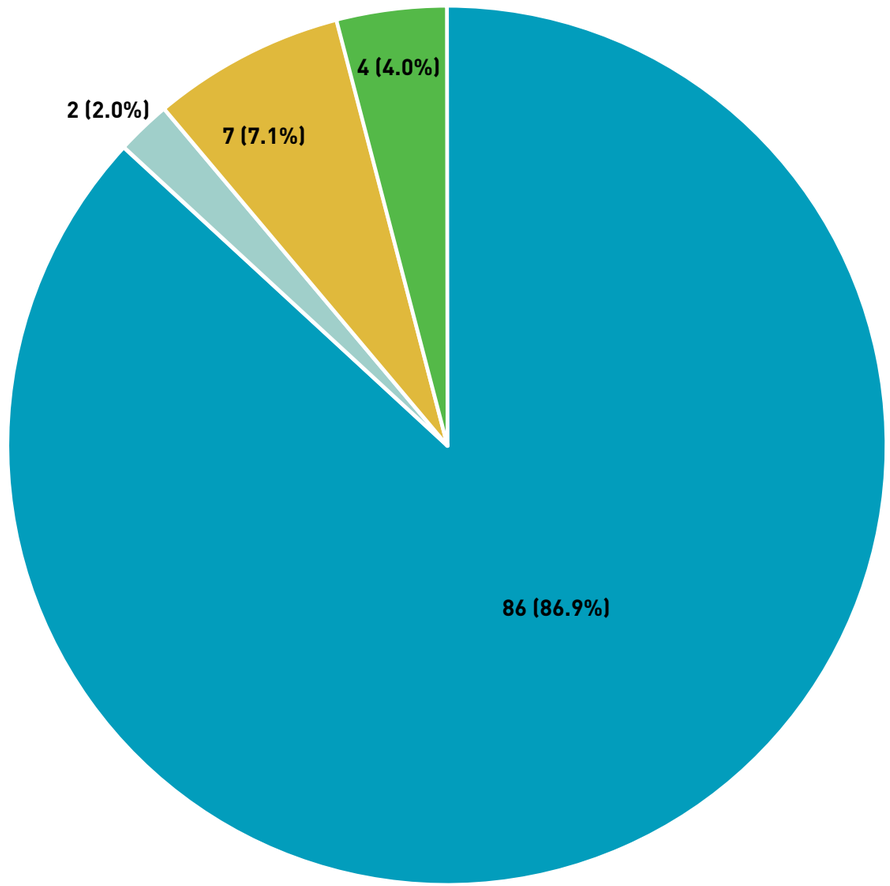
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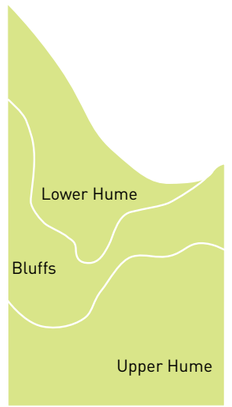
QUESTION OPTIONS:

- Walk or run
- Cycle
- Other (please specify)
- Wheelchair or other mobility devices

KEY FINDINGS

1. Once people have parked their bikes and cars, they walk around the park.





Key Plan

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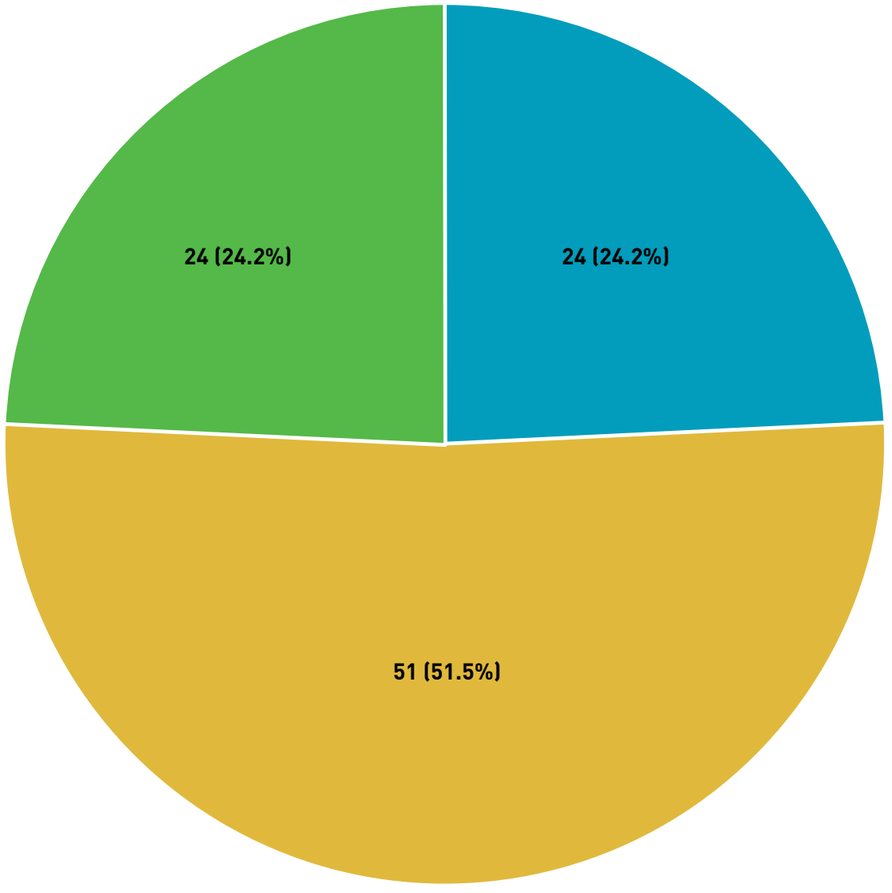
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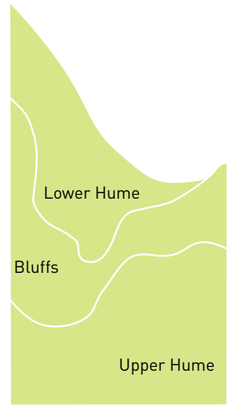
QUESTION OPTIONS:

- Very well
- The paths and trails are adequate
- There are some challenges

KEY FINDINGS

1. Only 25% of the respondents indicated that the existing paths and trails supported their needs "very well".
2. 75% said the paths and trails were adequateto challenging.





Key Plan

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6.1.2 Summary of the Public Engagement and Key Findings. Objectives for the master planning process.

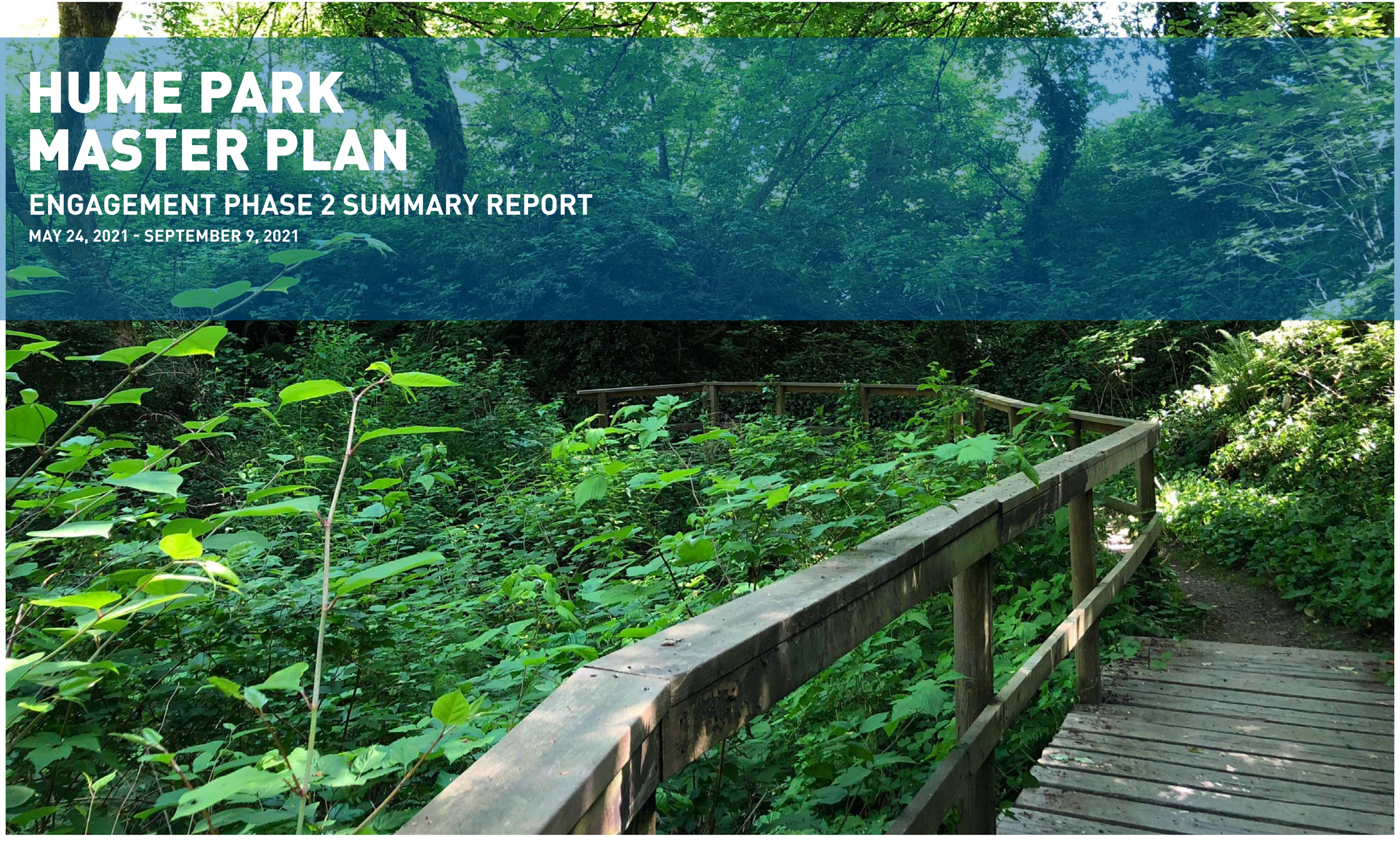
1) The Community places a high value on the park's natural environment and has a clear interest in protecting and enhancing the natural systems and biodiversity (Q1, Q2, Q9). **The master plan will explore ways to integrate, enhance and protect these elements with the traditional uses of a municipal park.**
2) The Community has a majority agreement with the proposed principles (Q2). **The master plan will be directly informed by these 4 principles and this alignment will be presented with the evolving plan.**
3) The overwhelming majority of the current Community feel that the park meets their needs while there is a clear desire for improvement (Q8) and they have shared their preferred activities in the three different areas (Q5, Q6, Q7). In the future, the Sapperton Green project will bring many new residents to the neighbourhood. **The master plan will need to carefully balance the retention of the current popular and valued programming and features while exploring new uses and layout to meet the needs of both the current and future Community.**
4) The community divides its use of the park almost equally between passive and active uses (Q3). In general, uses in Lower Hume and the Bluffs are focused around passive activities and there was very low interest in keeping active recreation Lower Hume (Q5). There are a number of popular passive activities in Upper Hume (Q7). However, the predominate uses of Upper Hume were active including both informal family activities and organized sports (Q7). **The master plan will need to balance these different types of uses and the physical relationship between them but it should not dedicate any of the three areas exclusively to either passive or active uses.**
5) The most popular uses and areas in the park are centered around active family and children's activities (Q7). Individual sports do not rank as high as the family and children uses but together, active sport recreation is an important type of use in the park (Q7). As previously noted, there is a strong desire to protect and enhance the natural features of the park (Q1, Q2, Q9). **Hume Park is a relatively small area so the master plan will need to balance the three prime uses of i) family-oriented activity areas, ii) natural area protection/enhancement, and iii) active sport areas. Consideration for items i and iii at other parks in the City will be important to ensure the needs of ii, the natural environment which cannot be relocated, are met in Hume Park.**
6) Most people spend their time in the visibly accessible and programmed areas (Q4). Once at the park, the primary mode of moving around is walking (Q12) even though the existing circulation network in the park has been identified to be only adequate or having challenges (Q13). **When developing the programmatic layout of the park, the master plan will need to consider visibility from the street, wayfinding within the park, accessibility and ease of moving through the park by foot and mobility aid in order to balance uses throughout the park.**
7) Although most people using the park live more than a 10 minute walk away (Q10) nearly as many walk and bike to Hume Park as do drive and very few arrive by transit (Q11). **The master plan will need to explore arrival gateways on the west, south and east sides that supports these three primary modes of transportation to the park.**

C2 - PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
PHASE 2 SUMMARY REPORT

HUME PARK MASTER PLAN

ENGAGEMENT PHASE 2 SUMMARY REPORT

MAY 24, 2021 - SEPTEMBER 9, 2021



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1.0 The Engagement Process

Introduction

The Hume Park Master Plan project includes a three phase community engagement process to develop the master plan with community input and feedback at key points of the process:

- Phase 1 – Input in Site Analysis, Programming and User Needs
- Phase 2 – Discussion on Functional Programming/ Conceptual Planning Directions
- Phase 3 – Feedback on Draft Master Plan

Engagement Phase 2

The main focus for the Phase 2 Engagement process was to gather community feedback on the potential site plan approaches that were developed in response to input from the community and various stakeholder groups during Phase 1 Engagement. The approaches were developed to test specific functional layouts of passive and active park activities and to gauge support for the overall planning directions they represented. For Upper Hume Park, the approaches were 'Flexible Use' and 'Regulation Size Sports Fields'. For Lower Hume Park and the Bluffs, the approaches were 'Expand Ecology' and 'Expand Open Space'. The presentation slides and recorded presentation explaining the approaches was made available on the Hume Park Master Plan project page at the Be Heard New West online engagement platform. The purpose of this report is to summarize feedback heard through Engagement Phase 2 and to synthesize it into key findings, which will be applied to develop the draft master plan that will be presented to the community during Engagement Phase 3.

Engagement Events

Engagement Phase 2 took place from May 24, 2021 until September 9, 2021. It included the following presentations and events:

- Stakeholder Advisory Group Workshop #2 - May 27, 2021
- Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm Advisory Committee (FIPRAC) Presentation and Workshop - June 17, 2021
- Staff Workshop Presentation and Workshop #2 - June 18, 2021
- Virtual Public Open House #2 - June 22, 2021
- Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm Task Force (FIPRTF) Presentation and Workshop - July 5, 2021
- Pop-up in the Park #1 - July 30, 2021
- Pop-up in the Park #2 - August 18, 2021
- Sapperton Residents' Association Presentation and Workshop - September 9, 2021
- Additional Feedback - July to August, 2021
- Be Heard New West Online Survey - June 22 to August 16, 2021

Stakeholder and community verbatim comments were recorded in the Engagement Phase 2.

Verbatim Responses Report that can be found in the documents library on the Be Heard New West Hume Park Master Plan project site or in Appendix D.

2.0 Virtual Public Open House #2 Engagement Boards

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Hume Park Master Plan Public Open House #2



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PROJECT PROCESS AND INFORMATION

Presentation Outline

Introduction + Agenda (10 minutes)
Part 1 - Project Information and Process
Part 2 - Park Understanding + Phase 1 Engagement Results
Part 3 - We Want to Learn From You - Questions to Help Advance the Master Plan
(20 minutes)
Part 4 - Break-out Group Discussion (40 minutes)
Part 5 - Report Back & Next Steps (20 minutes)

How should the master plan balance the many considerations and their trade offs?

1. Protect and Enhance Biodiversity
2. Integrate 4 Guiding Principles and Key Objectives
3. Current and Future needs
4. Passive and Active Uses
5. Popular Uses in Hume Park: Family and Children's Activities, Natural Area, Active Sports
6. Develop Wayfinding and Mobility
7. Arrival experience of a variety of transportation modes



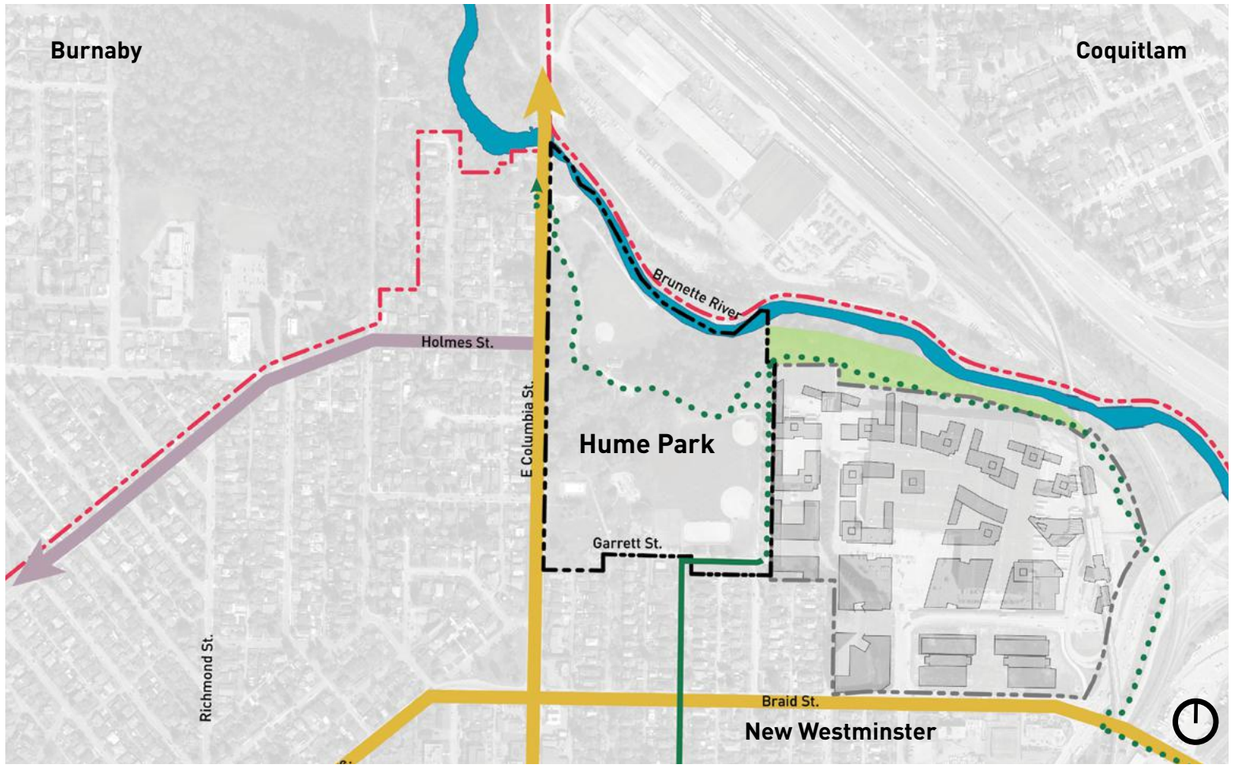
Learn more and Provide Feedback

There are many opportunities to learn more about this project and to provide feedback by visiting the Hume Park Master Plan web page on Be Heard New West or by using links within this presentation to access feedback tools.

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PROJECT PROCESS AND INFORMATION

Project Background



Project Background

Hume Park is undergoing a master plan process to determine the future plan and use of the park.

Over the years, the process for developing Hume Park has occurred on an "as-needed" basis. Given the size and diversity of Hume Park, the City is now engaging the community to develop a formal framework that considers the park's unique and cherished features as well as planning for the future.

Like any important community park, the new plan must balance a number of objectives:

- Respect the cultural history of the site;
- Integrate the relationship with the Brunette River Watershed;
- Enhance passive + active recreational uses to meet the needs of both current and future users;
- Prioritize local residents of New Westminster;
- Improve the park's capacity for flexible spaces so the park can be used efficiently and adapt to changing needs; and
- Maintain and enhance Green Connections that serve as links become places themselves.

PROJECT PROCESS AND INFORMATION

What is a Master Plan?



A Master Plan is a long term planning document.

The Hume Park Master Plan will be a road map that will help the City make decisions about the park for the next twenty years, including:

- Capital projects;
- Long-term planning and management decisions related to the important ecological assets and diverse recreational activities in Hume Park

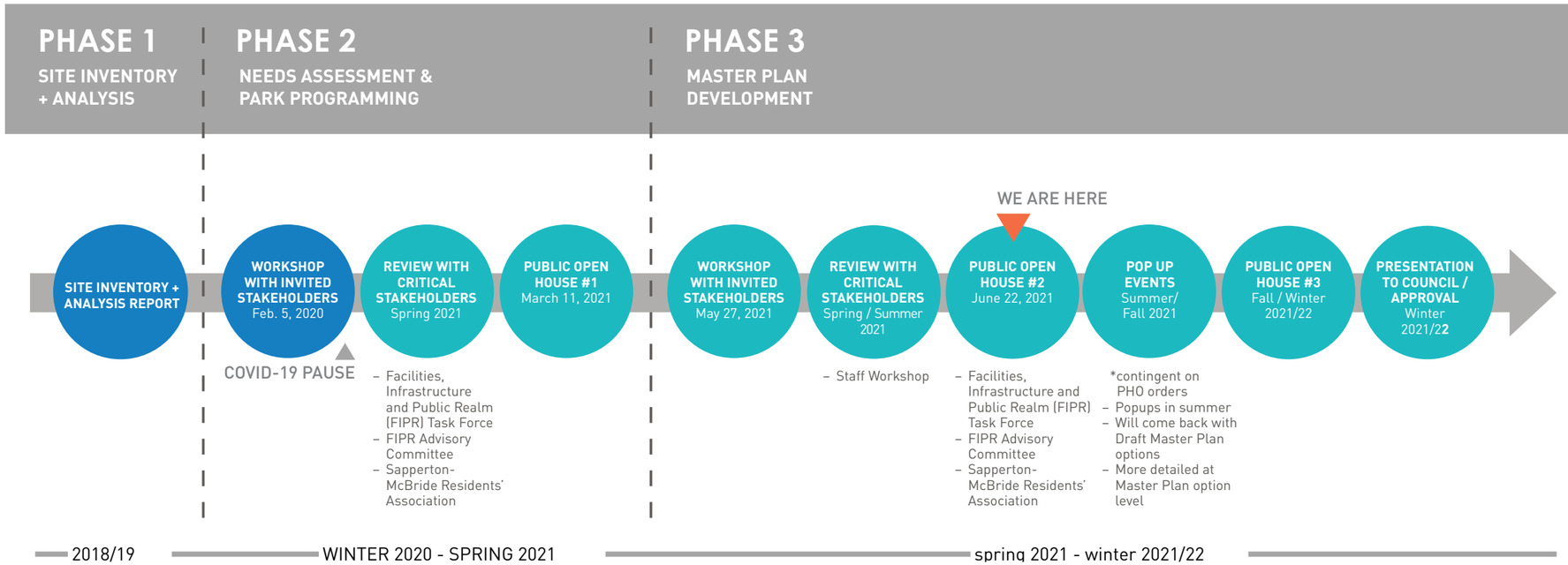
The Hume Park Master Plan is being developed with the community in Four Phases:

- Phase 1: Inventory and analysis;
- Phase 2: Development of high level planning directions;
- Phase 3: Preliminary concepts development;
- Phase 4: Development of the final concept plan.

We recognize the section of land along the Brunette River East of the project boundary is a segment of the Brunette Fraser Regional Greenway and contributes to the experience of Hume Park. Improvements to this linear corridor are planned as part of the Sapperton Green Master Plan. Additional feedback heard via the Hume Park Master Plan process will also inform the Sapperton Green process.

PROJECT PROCESS AND INFORMATION

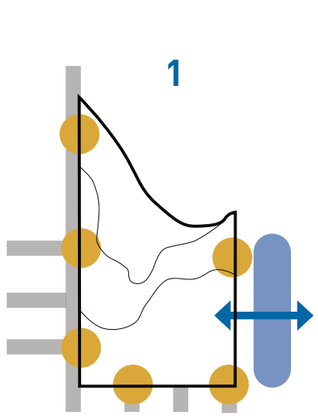
Since we last met: Consultation Process



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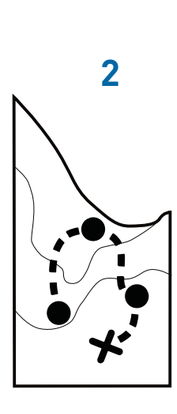
Key Themes + Objectives

The findings of the inventory and analysis supported by feedback from the first Stakeholder Workshop held in February 2020 led to five key themes to guide the Hume Park Master Plan. The objectives for the park transportation, circulation, ecology and programming will combine to create a comprehensive master plan:



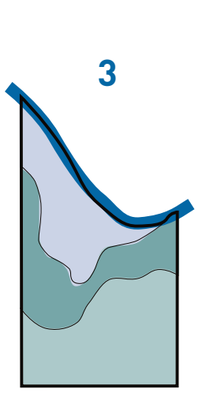
TRANSPORTATION

Improve park gateways and support park access, integrate the park into the neighbourhood by mending existing and establishing new connections.



CIRCULATION

Improve the internal trail network throughout Hume Park and connect to gateways, stabilize the slopes at the bluff.



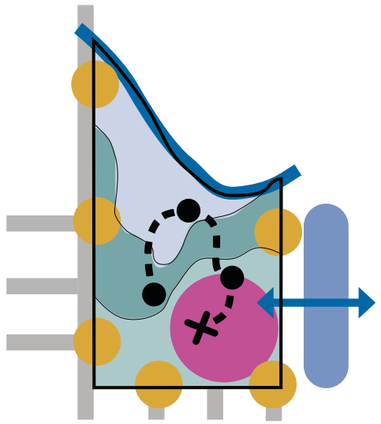
ECOLOGY

Protect the Brunette River and the sensitive ecological areas in Hume Park.



PROGRAMMING

Consider the uses / diversity of programming and facilities in Hume Park.



A COMPREHENSIVE PARK PLAN

Layer transportation, circulation, ecology and programming consideration into a comprehensive long term plan for Hume Park.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PHASE #1

Project work to date - Key Findings From Public Open House #1

Guiding Principles

The proposed Guiding Principles for the Hume Park Master Plan were tested during phase #1 of Public Engagement via the Hume Park Master Plan Open House #1 Survey that was open from March 11, 2021 until April 12, 2021. Participants were asked to what extent they agreed with the four Guiding Principles.

The master plan intends to envision a Hume Park that meets the following principles:

1. Meeting the needs of the Sapperton neighbourhood with a park that is accessible, supports diverse users and abilities, and continues to serve as the heart of the community.

2. Protecting and enhancing the natural systems and biodiversity in Hume Park

3. Ensuring a park that is flexible so the space we have can be used efficiently and adapt to changing needs.

4. Maintaining and enhancing green connections that become places in themselves.

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Mandatory Questions (99 responses)

Question type: Checkbox Question

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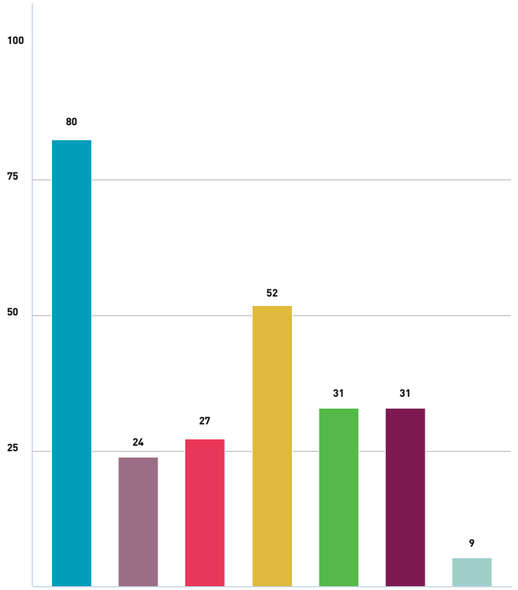
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PHASE #1

Project work to date - Key Findings From Phase 1 Public Engagement:

What do you value the most about Hume Park?

QUESTION OPTIONS:

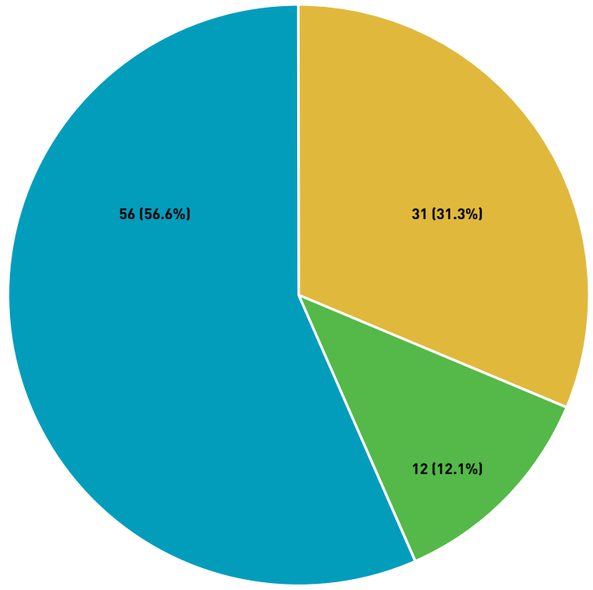
- Nature features (the Brunette River and forested areas)
- Water play (outdoor pool and/or spray park)
- Playground
- Dog off-leash area
- Large lawn areas
- Sports fields and active recreation opportunities
- Other (please specify)



Which area of the Park do you spend most time in?

QUESTION OPTIONS:

- In Upper Hume
- In the Bluffs (forested area between Lower and Upper Hume)
- In Lower Hume



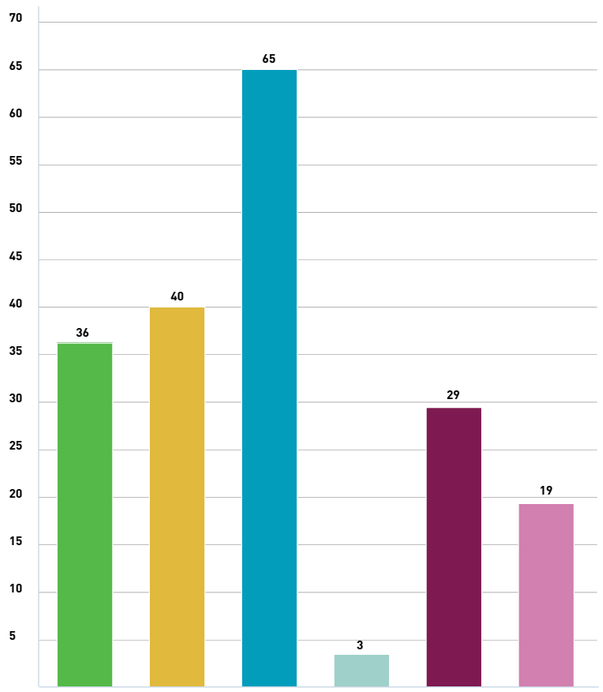
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Project work to date - Key Findings From Phase 1 Public Engagement:

What do you like to do in Lower Hume?

QUESTION OPTIONS:

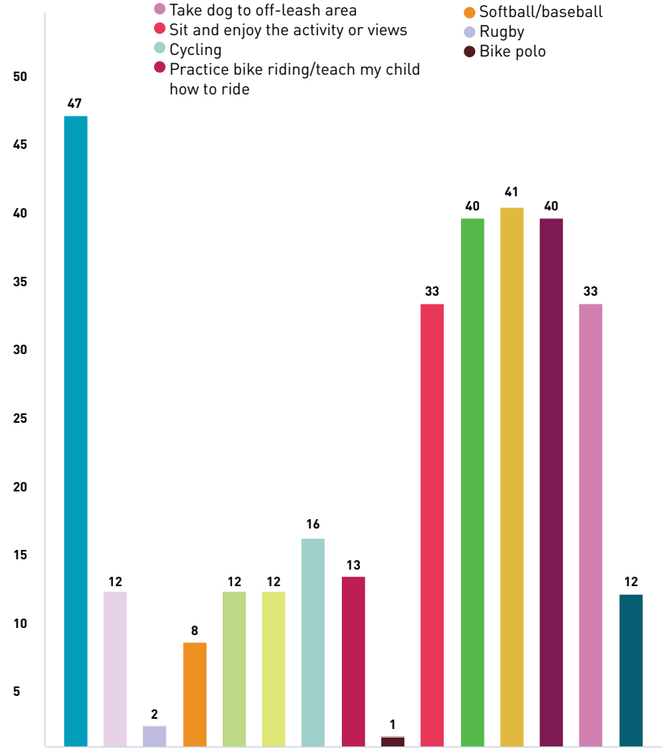
- Enjoy views of the Brunette River
- Nature/Bird Watching
- Picnicking
- Ride my Bike
- Baseball/Softball
- Other (please specify)



What do you like to do in Upper Hume?

QUESTION OPTIONS:

- Play in the playground
- Spray park
- Picnicking
- Hume Park Pool
- Take dog to off-leash area
- Sit and enjoy the activity or views
- Cycling
- Practice bike riding/teach my child how to ride
- Tennis
- Soccer
- Other (please specify)
- Lacrosse
- Softball/baseball
- Rugby
- Bike polo



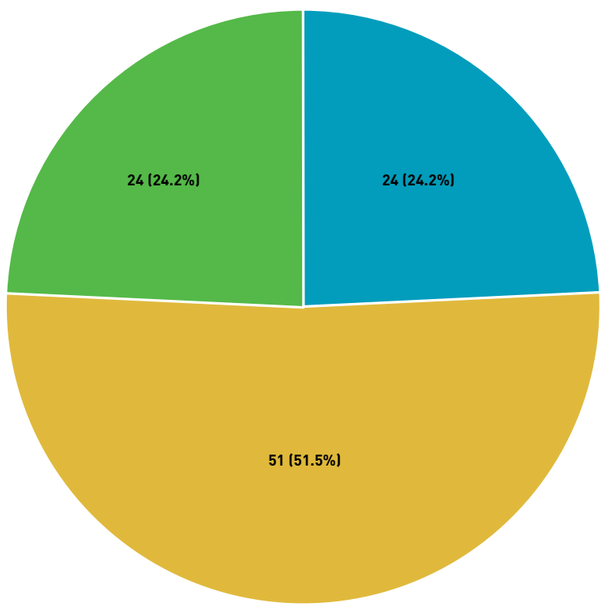
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Project work to date - Key Findings From Phase 1 Public Engagement:

How well do the paths and trails support your ability to get around within Hume Park?

QUESTION OPTIONS:

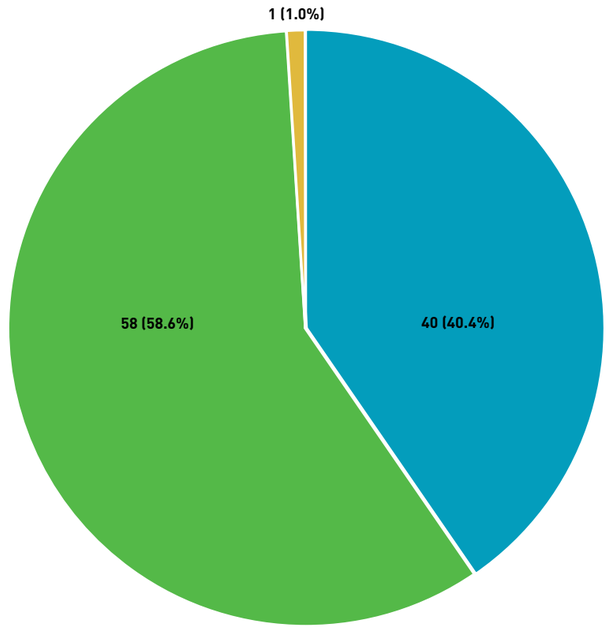
- Very well
- The paths and trails are adequate
- There are some challenges



Overall, how well does Hume Park support your needs in how you use the park?

QUESTION OPTIONS:

- It supports my need quite well
- It supports my need well enough but there could be improvements made
- It doesn't support my needs at all



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PHASE #1

Project work to date - Stakeholder Workshop May 27, 2021

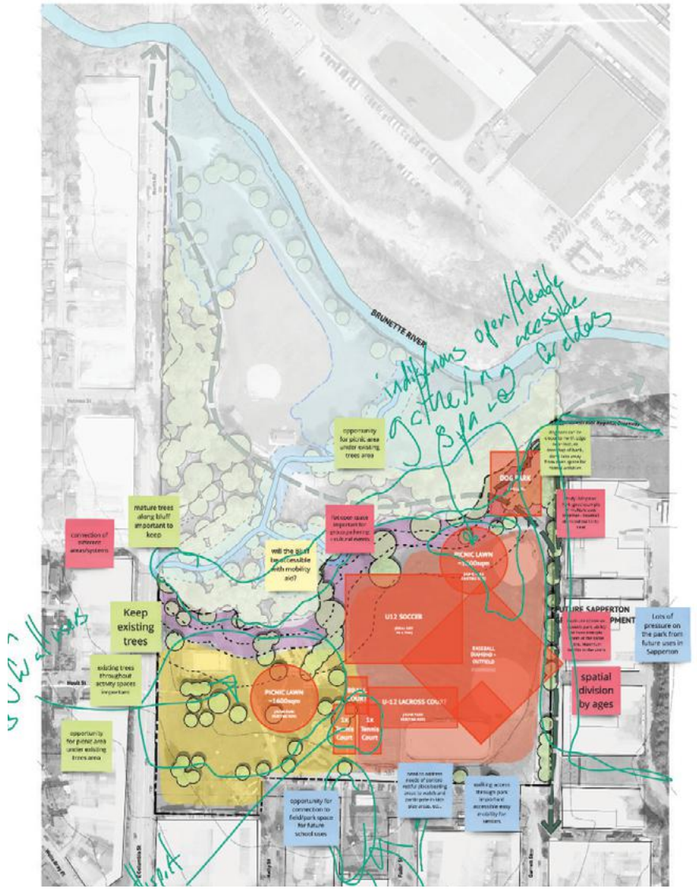
The Stakeholder Workshop #2 was held on May 27th, 2021 with representatives from a number of stakeholder groups, including: sports leagues; environmental groups; local school/daycare; Metro Vancouver; and individual park users.

Small groups provided input to develop the programming priorities for Lower Hume Park and Upper Hume Park. The input is summarized here and a detailed summary will be posted online at: beheardnewwest.ca/hume-park

Upper Hume

Upper Hume is used in a variety of ways throughout the year. Stakeholders suggested the following improvements:

- Tennis courts/ Lacrosse courts to become multi-activity and could include basketball (half or full court).
- Accessibility and wayfinding improvements are desired to increase mobility for all ages and abilities
- Play area and spray area are compatible uses and work well located near each other
- Sports fields can be shared by different sport users
- More diverse seating opportunities, especially for seniors, to be considered
- Treed' areas are a good location for picnic areas and playground
- Clubhouse feel to be considered with a centralized washroom / change rooms / concession / storage for sports activities



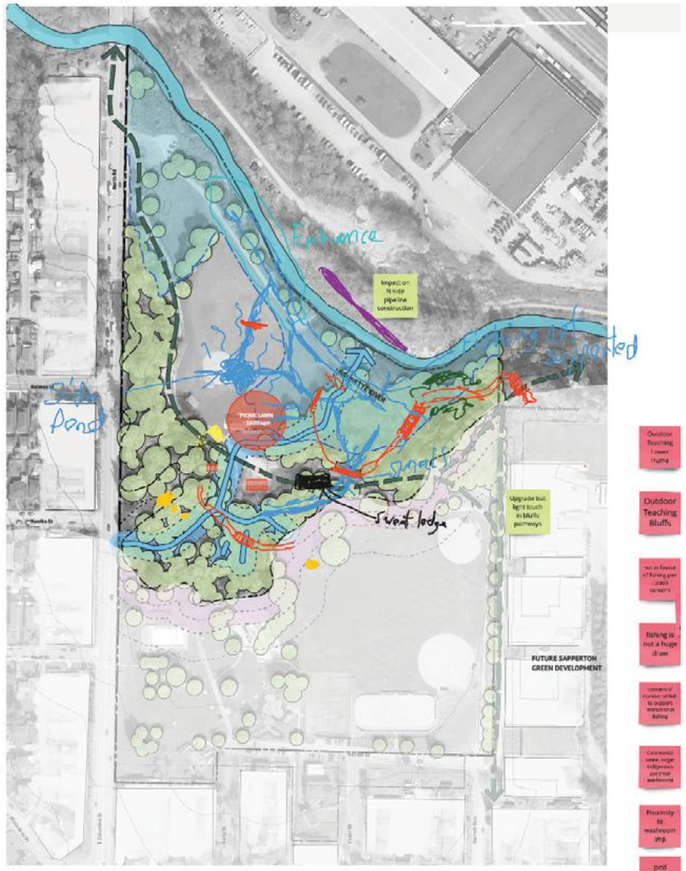
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Lower Hume + the Bluffs

A balance between ecology and passive uses is desired in Lower Hume and the Bluffs however stakeholder suggest improvements to enhance river ecology and improve access to the water. The input is summarized below:

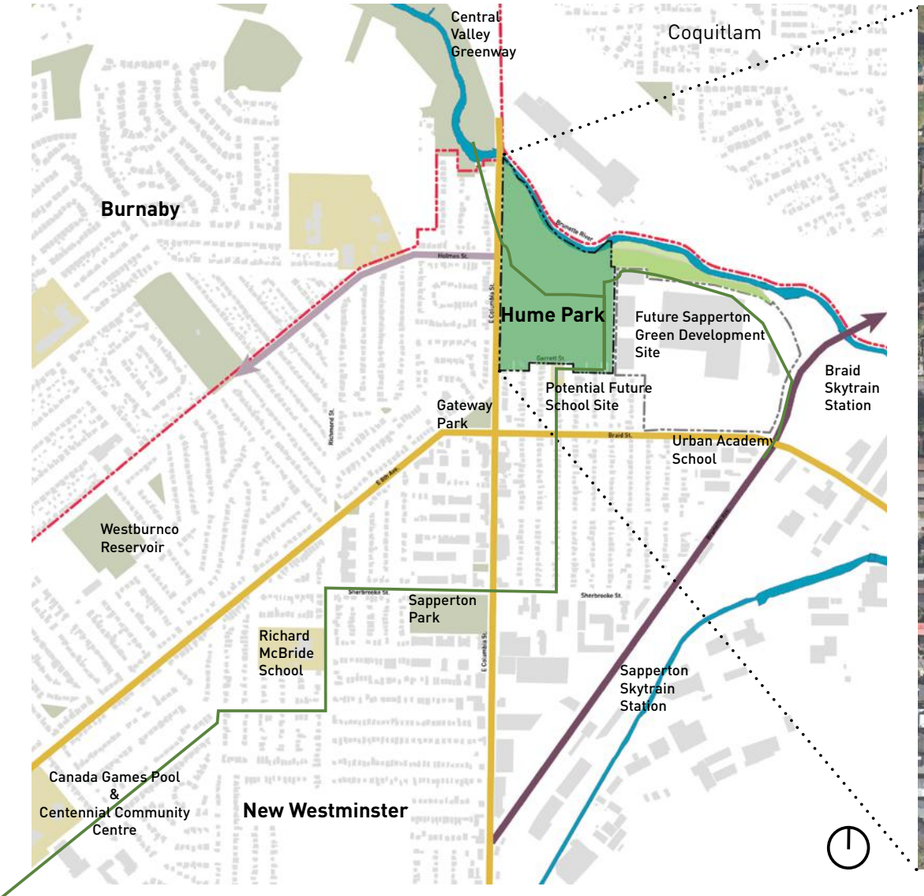
- Balance of ecology and passive uses works well
- Provide opportunity for ecological education / outdoor classroom
- Improve access to the riverbank while protecting the River
- Constructed wetland / pond fish habitat desired to expand ecological value of Lower Hume
- Create better connections from Upper to Lower Hume are needed
- A sense of "wildness" should be embraced in the bluffs area
- Remove the fence and gravel from baseball field and create more open lawn for flexible use



Notes from Stakeholder Workshop May 27,2021

WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK

Hume Park Context & Current Uses





1. Baseball Field
2. Washroom
3. Parking Lot North
4. Parking Lot South
5. Rain Garden
6. BBQ Shelter
7. Metro Vancouver Utilities
8. Lookout
9. Park Trail
10. Multi-use Trail
11. Open Lawn
12. Passive Trail Network - Non-Accessible
13. Naturalized Forest Area
14. Steep Slopes
15. Softball & Slo-Pitch Field
16. Washroom + Caretaker Suite (vacant)
17. Dog Park
18. Lacrosse Court
19. Tennis Court
20. Pump House
21. Spray Park
22. Picnic Area
23. Snack Shack
24. Outdoor Pool
25. Playground 5-12
26. Vegetated Slope
27. Memorial Plaque
28. Bronze Plaque / Garden
29. Central Valley Greenway - Multi-use Pathway

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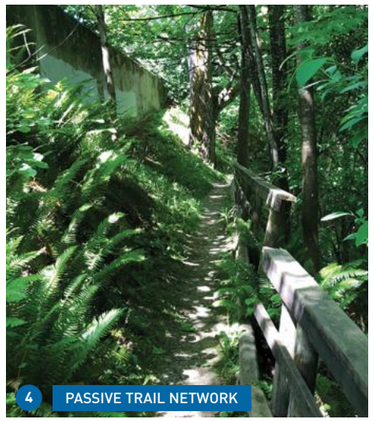
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PARK BACKGROUND

Existing Park Features - Site Photos

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1 OPEN LAWN AREA


4 PASSIVE TRAIL NETWORK


7 STEEP SLOPES


10 RIPARIAN AREA


8 SOFTBALL / SO PITCH FIELD


11 PLAYGROUND

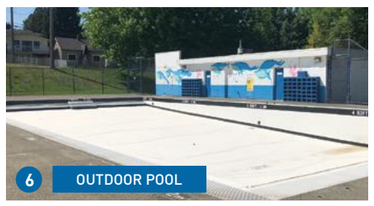

2 BASEBALL FIELD


5 BRUNETTE RIVER


9 BBQ SHELTER


12 CENTRAL VALLEY GREENWAY

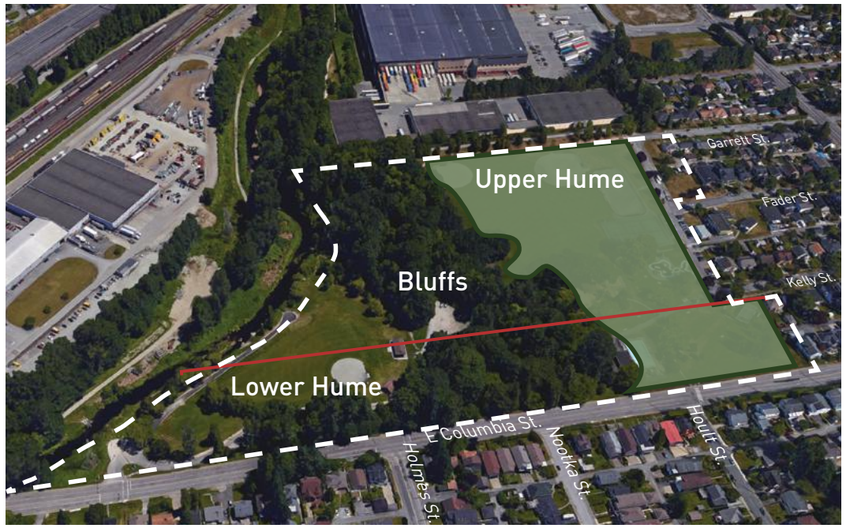

3 SPRAY PARK


6 OUTDOOR POOL

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK: Explore Site Approach

Upper Hume

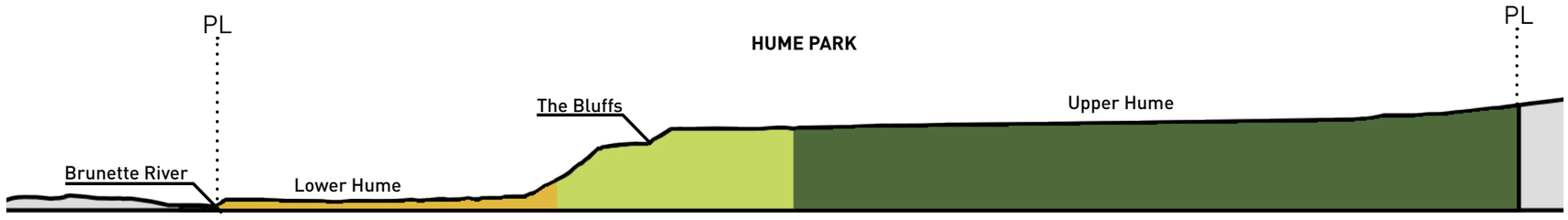
The site planning approaches for Upper Hume will integrate active and passive uses, circulation, desired current and future uses.




Lacrosse box


Baseball Diamond


Spraypark



UPPER HUME CONSIDERATIONS

What does the plan consider?

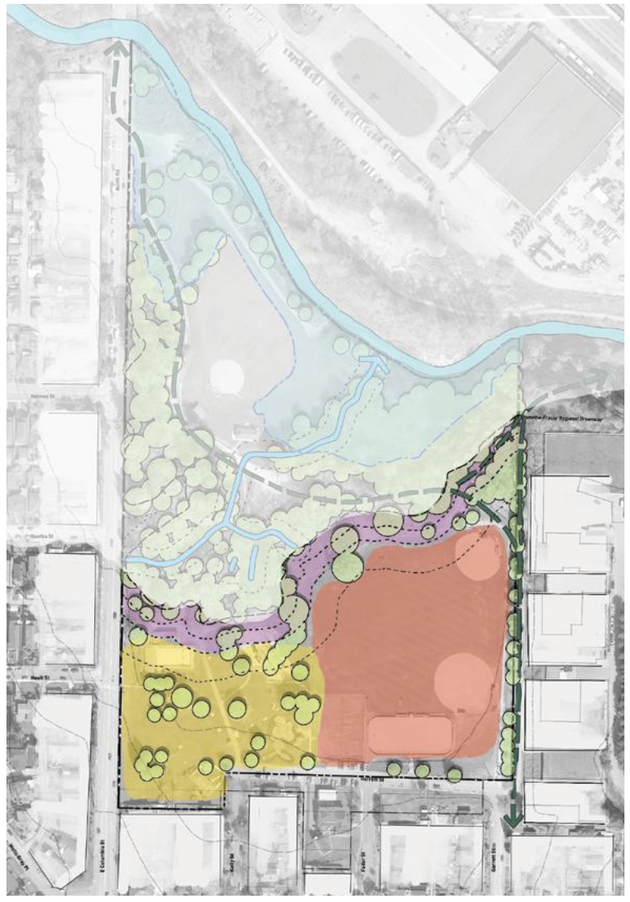
Retain Existing Trees:
- Minimize disruption to soil around existing trees

Top of Bank:
- Protect Slope Stability and minimize disturbances within area.

Open Space:
- Highly Used. Many different Active Programs within this area. The plan needs flexible and multi-purpose spaces to maximize limited park area. It needs to balance current and future uses.

Circulation:
- Circulation network and wayfinding needs to be enhanced and its accessibility improved.

Gateways:
- Gateways need to be identifiable , welcoming, and accessible.



UPPER HUME SITE PLAN APPROACHES: Regulation Sized Sports Vs Flexible Recreation

Guiding Questions

In Upper Hume we are balancing multiple active uses. How do you feel about the trade offs between a more flexible space with multiple activities layered as opposed a focus on regulation size facilities and single use activities?

Objectives

- Transportation
- Circulation
- Ecology
- Program

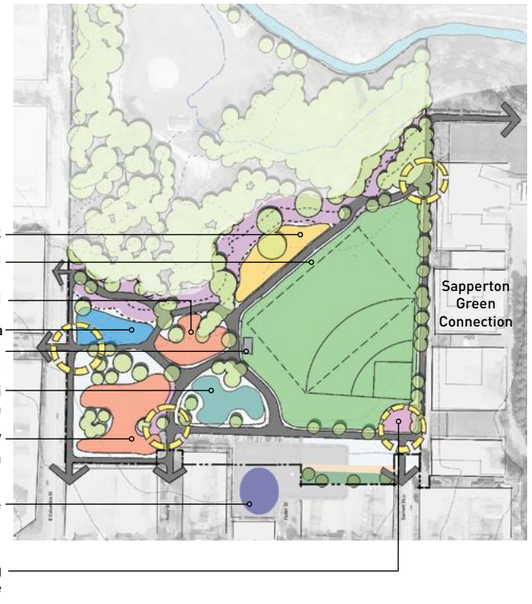
LEGEND

- Circulation Route
- Node
- Naturalized Planting Area
- Terraced Seating Area
- Play Area
- Off-Leash Dog Park
- Passive Open Space
- Brunette River
- Existing Tree Canopy
- Sports Field
- Sports Court
- Splash Zone
- Potential Future School Site
- Park Structure
- Arrival 'Plaza'
- Site Boundary
- Extent of Floodplain
- Existing Contour
- Natural Buffer Zone
- Existing Streams
- Viewpoint

Approach: 1A
Flexible Recreation

Features

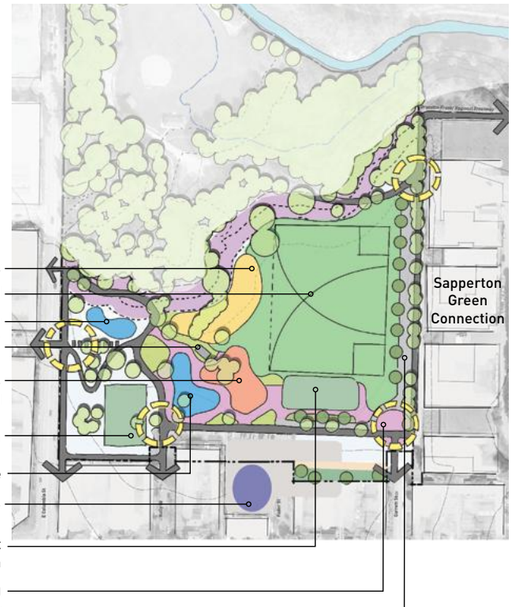
- This approach provides expanded opportunities for informal use, socializing and gathering.
- Provides expanded and diverse opportunities for play.
- The flexible field quality is improved, accommodating multiple uses and expanded open lawn space
- Washrooms/ changes rooms/ concession consolidated in a central location
- Improved accessibility at Upper and Lower Hume
- Entry plazas to create a sense of arrival
- Maximizing lawn and paved areas for informal sports and social activity



Approach: 1B
Regulation Sized Sports

Features

- Sports fields in similar shared configuration, prioritizing capacity but allowing for the flexibility of regulation size fields.
- Improved accessibility at Upper and Lower Hume
- Edges are better utilized providing more diverse places to meet up, sit, gather and spectate.
- Washrooms/ changes rooms/ concession consolidated and located adjacent to Play/ Cooling Zone /Sports Fields.
- "Cooling zone" which may include outdoor pool, spray park, and/or patio/lounge deck/urban beach is consolidated and extends use.



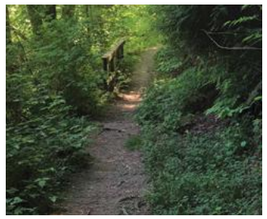
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Lower Hume + Bluffs

The site planning approaches for Lower Hume will integrate passive uses and ecological enhancements with circulation and desired current and future uses.

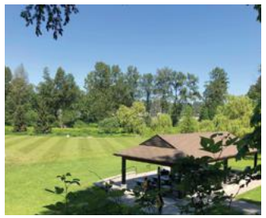



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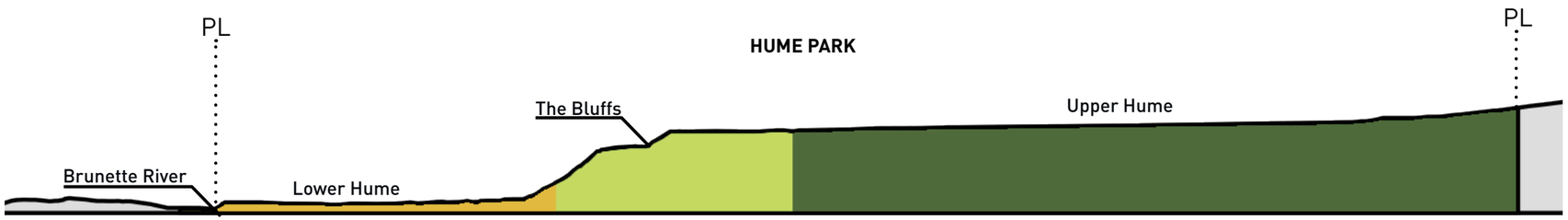

Path


View


Washroom


Picnic Shelter and Field


Brunette River



LOWER HUME + THE BLUFFS CONSIDERATIONS

What does the plan take into consider?

Fish Bearing Brunette River Edge:

- Seasonally Flooded Zone
- Riparian Zone
- Protect/enhance fish bearing river and riparian zone.
- Accommodate seasonal flooding.

Retain Existing Trees:

- Minimize disruption to soil around existing trees

Bank:

- Protect Slope Stability and minimize disturbance within Area.
- Long term consideration: some current program suggested to be removed from this area

Circulation:

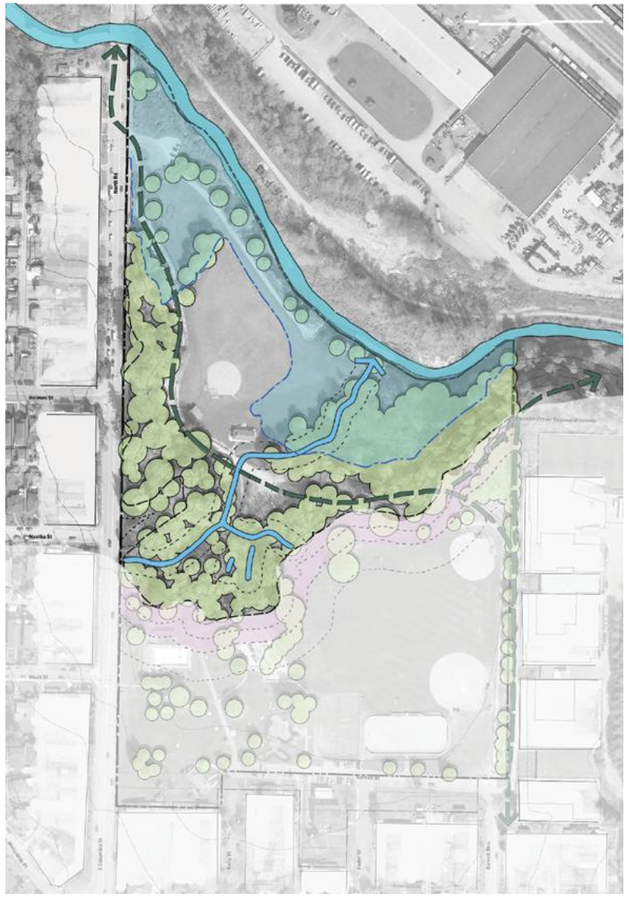
- Circulation network is not accessible and must be improved.
- Wayfinding

Open Space:

- Support passive uses and balance them with preservation and enhancement of the natural features.
- Integrate opportunities for education and interpretive features.

Transportation:

- Manage the variety of transportation modes that access the park and maximize parking efficiency. Delineate internal routes to support the different modes (cycling, biking, pedestrian) to circulate safely and comfortably.



LOWER HUME + THE BLUFFS SITE PLAN APPROACHES: Naturalization Vs Flexible Use

Guiding Questions

In Lower Hume how do we balance increasing capacity without compromising the ecology / natural features of the park?

How can we improve circulation in The Bluffs while creating equitable experiences that address a diversity of modes of transportation and user groups while providing a rich experience?

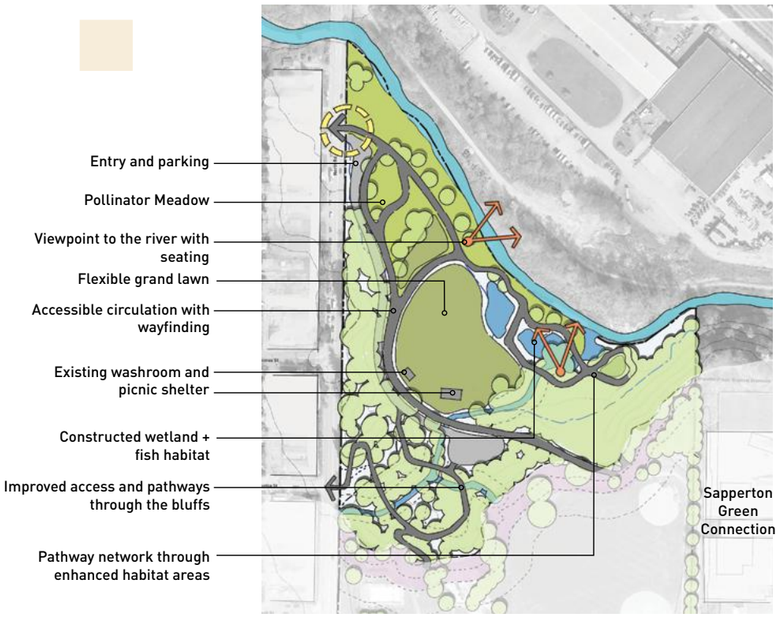
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Approach: 2A
Expand Ecology

Features

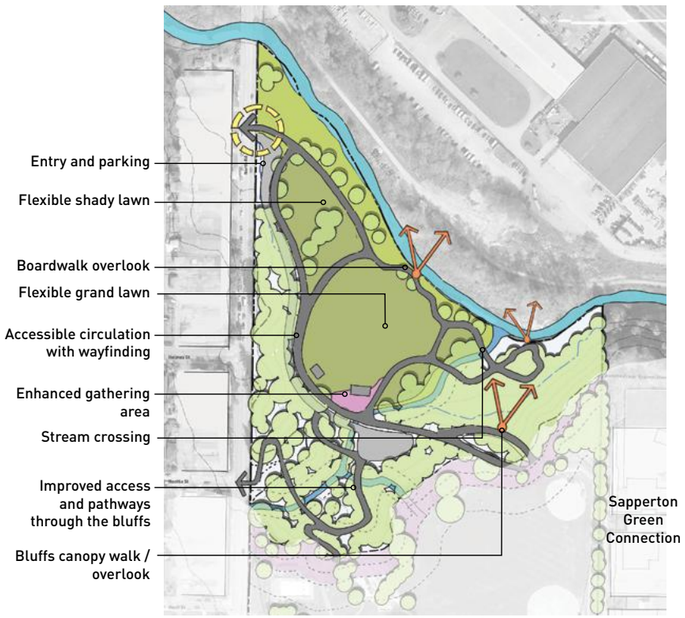
- This approach focuses on ecology and bringing the natural elements further into Lower Hume
- Baseball diamond to be removed and lawn area consolidated
- More areas for habitat / biodiversity and native planting
- River ecology enhanced and supported by the creation of fish habitat and a newly constructed wetland area
- Improved accessibility in Lower Hume while being aware of ecologically sensitive areas
- Enhanced entry points to create a sense of arrival



Approach: 2B
Expand Open Space

Features

- This approach provides expanded opportunities for informal use, socializing and gathering.
- Baseball diamond to be removed and replaced with multi-use lawn for flexible activities
- Maximizing lawn and paved areas for informal sports and social activity.
- Washrooms/ Picnic shelter to be enhance with additional gathering area
- Equitable experiences for accessibility in the Bluffs / Lower Hume
- Boardwalks to provide additional ecologically sensitive access to the Brunette River
- Overlook to provide viewpoints and a unique experience of the forested areas in the Bluffs



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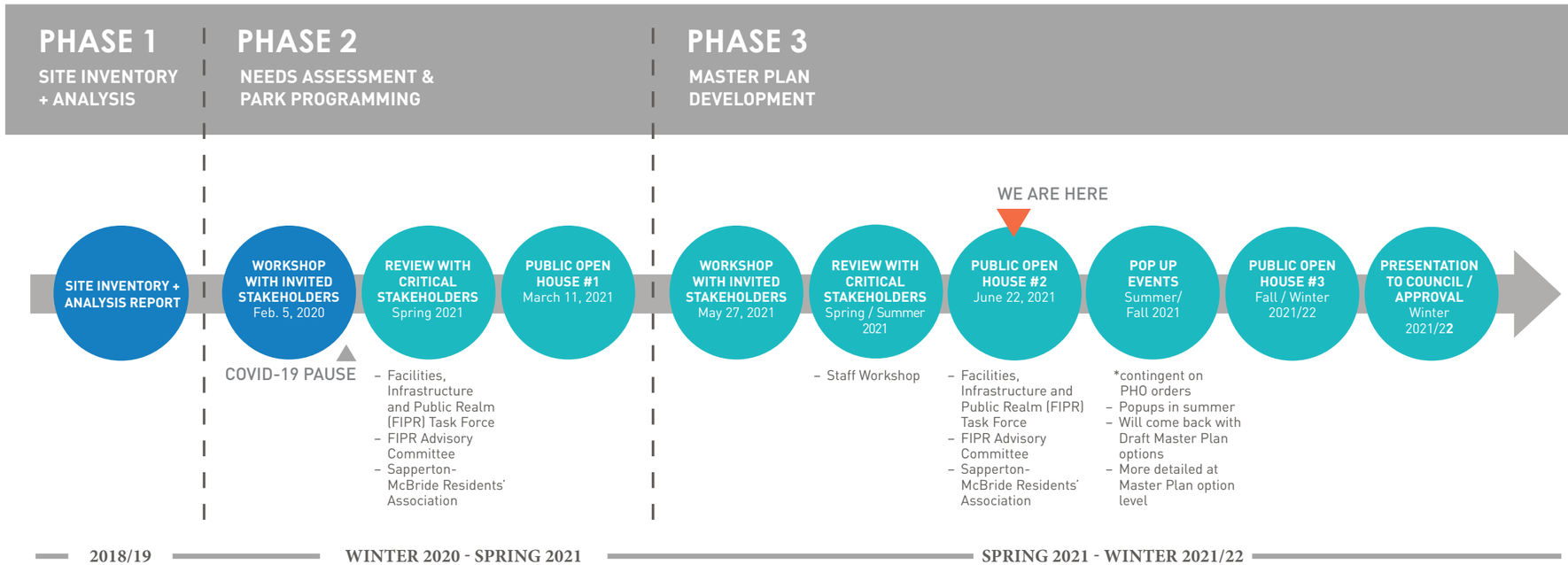
BREAK OUT GROUPS AND DISCUSSION



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3.0 What We Heard

Stakeholder Advisory Group Workshop #2

As part of Phase 2 Engagement, a second Stakeholder Advisory Group Workshop was held on May 27th, 2021 virtually on Zoom and was attended by 16 invited participants. The workshop began with a brief project summary and progress update, followed by facilitated discussions in two breakout groups and a reporting back session to summarize the discussions with all participants. The participants in attendance represented a variety of interests and perspectives, including bicycle commuters, dog owners, Hume Park Home Learners, Metro Vancouver, New Westminster Soccer Club, Park Place (Westminster Children's After School Society), Sapperton Residents' Association, seniors, Spirit of the Children Society, New Westminster Environmental Partners, Vancouver Ultimate Frisbee, and United Rugby Club.

Upper Hume

In discussions related to Upper Hume Park, many stakeholders supported current uses to remain in the park with ideas for new recreational uses as well as suggested operational improvements related to accessibility, circulation and wayfinding. A centrally located 'club house' with washrooms, change rooms, concession and storage is desired. Further, then consolidation of sport courts into a multi-purpose sport court area was supported by the majority of participants. In addition, it was felt that multiple field sports could coexist with overlapping fields and elements such as movable goal posts, artificial turf and storage boxes for cones, flags, nets, etc. Additionally, a low-impact approach to LED field lighting was well supported for year round use of sports fields.

The Spray Park was confirmed to be popular with families, especially young children, and its location adjacent to the playground, outdoor pool and picnic area was valued. The surrounding large shade trees provide good sun/ weather protection for the picnic and playground areas.

Terraced seating along sloped park edges was supported and some felt that consolidating the dog off leash area may increase access to the park and mitigate negative impact on the mature trees in this space.

It was noted that space should be allocated for Indigenous uses, for ceremonies and gatherings, and that an open field is desired for this use. Uses by the neighbouring school(s) was also raised as an important consideration in the master plan process.

Lower Hume and the Bluffs

The existing informal programming and passive use of this area is valued by stakeholders, including the open lawn for picnics and gatherings. The surrounding natural features including the Bluffs, foreshore and Brunette River make this place unique. One participant suggested adding a bocce court and one stakeholder suggested a sweat lodge be constructed with a washroom in close proximity.

Participants had a number of suggestions for better interface/ experience of the Brunette River:

- improve views of the river by clearing select areas of tall vegetation;
- canoe launch;
- stepping stones down to the river;
- platform to river access and a bridge; and
- ecological enhancements such as introduction of off-channel fish habitat, constructed wetland, painted turtles, stream and riverbank improvements.

Discussions on Lower Hume focused on striking a healthy balance between ecology and user access/ experience. Suggestions included signage/ interpretive information, an outdoor classroom and seasonal guided walks. In addition, equal river access for mobility challenged park users is a priority for the community.

The primary connection from Upper to Lower Hume needs improvement with better access for seniors and mobility challenged. The parking supply in lower Hume is considered adequate. Lastly, many stakeholders feel that the forested area called the"Bluffs" is an important natural area that inspires nature-based, imaginative play and that the "wildness" of this area should be maintained.

Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm Advisory Committee

The presentation to the Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm Advisory Committee (FIPRAC) took place on June 17, 2021 virtually on Zoom and consisted of a presentation followed by round table discussions with the committee members. The round table began with a discussion of the impact of the future Sapperton Green development on the already busy programming in Upper Hume. While members noted that participation in organized sports has been declining, and supported flexible layered uses, it was recommended to keep the already established sports and recreation opportunities in the park, such as lacrosse and an outdoor pool. There were recommendations for staff to reach out to wheelchair sports groups for input and to provide activities for seniors.

In Lower Hume, member-recommended improvements included:

- accessible connection to Lower Hume natural areas from Upper Hume with resting spots along the way;
- a directional circuit of paths;
- providing an "equivalent" experience of natural area, not just views, for example;
- accessible boardwalks over natural areas and bridging over the Bluffs;
- wayfinding signage; and
- protecting sensitive areas, native species and birds.

Staff Workshop #2

A second interdepartmental Staff Workshop was held virtually on June 18, 2021 with a brief project summary and update followed by round table discussion. Participants included staff from Parks and Recreation, Development Services, Engineering, Transportation, and Engineering Operations. Comments were recorded on Miro boards. Flexible, multi-purpose spaces are a supported strategy towards maximizing limited park space. Operations staff commented that the level or extent of overlap be carefully considered to avoid conflict between user groups. It was recommended that 'louder' park uses be located further from adjacent residents to mitigate impact of park noise. There is a mix of opinions regarding proximity of the play area(s) and spray park to the entry road at Hume Lane vs. further towards the centre of the park. It was noted that access from Hume Lane into the park for operations vehicles must be maintained and a small greens compost area in the park would reduce vehicle trips to deposit them regularly at the operations yard. Staff supported the introduction of a wetland at Lower Hume as it would enhance biodiversity, expand programming opportunities for educational purposes and serve as an attraction/focal point for visitors. Staff also supported boardwalks as an ecologically sensitive way to provide universal access and low impact interaction with the River and other ecological features. A second picnic shelter in Lower Hume was suggested, although the value of a picturesque lawn with mature trees and forest backdrop (i.e. for events photography) was also noted. Improvements to the Brunette Fraser Regional Greenway were highlighted, as well as the need for improvements to accessibility, circulation and wayfinding throughout the park.

Virtual Public Open House #2

Public Open House #2 took place on June 22, 2021 via Zoom and included 20 participants from the community. The virtual event was facilitated by city staff and the consultant team. The meeting started with a three part presentation:

- Project Overview;
- Summary of results from Engagement Phase 1; and
- Presentation of site approaches for both Upper and Lower Hume Park.

The different approaches, and their trade-offs, were discussed in facilitated small breakout groups. The presentation concluded with a summary of the small group discussions to the larger, full group. The meeting ended with instructions on how to use the online tools at BeHeardNewWest.ca to provide any additional feedback to the project team.

Upper Hume

There were a number of themes that emerged in the discussion of Upper Hume Park:

- creating an inclusive place for community to gather;
- competition of many uses within limited space;
- consideration of short-term and long-term needs of the community; and
- balancing ecology with the diversity of uses.

The flexible, multi-use approach was generally supported as a way to maximize use by as many groups as possible within limited park space. One participant noted that the young families and youth are on the rise in the neighbourhood. Another participant shared that residents from various neighbourhoods across the city use the park. Several respondents also raised the importance of lacrosse in the park as "New West's sport" with a request for a renewed box with walls. Basketball was supported as new use with some concerns expressed with the potential challenges of layered sport court uses. While the concept of flexible sport fields are supported by many, some participants had concerns. If the fields are not regulation size, it is felt that the fields may not be used by all sports groups (i.e. adult leagues). There is general support for eliminating one baseball diamond in the future. Participants are interested in adult fitness equipment and/or group exercise space in the park. Participants indicated that the spraypark and outdoor pool are very important to the community. Many participants would like the outdoor pool retained in the masterplan with future improvements. The play space is well used now and will increase in the future. Families enjoy the adjacent picnic areas in good proximity to the play areas with shade provided by mature trees. Some participants questioned if a new school is planned to be built nearby and how the park might serve the school children. One participant added that the westerly sloped area is great for tobogganing in the winter. Participants noted that the proposed dog off-leash areas in both approaches appeared smaller than current off-leash area. These participants request 'no net loss' with the reconfigured or relocated dog off- leash area. The additional path connection proposed across Upper Hume will be an improvement to park circulation. Park users enjoy shade from the existing trees, and new trees should be proactively planted as future replacements (specifically given the recent loss of some larger park trees in a wind storm). Generally, participants feel that parking is adequate at Upper Hume Park.

Lower Hume and the Bluffs

Participants agreed that the lower portion of the park has a different and distinct quality from the more active Upper Hume Park. There is a general consensus to support the protection and enhancement of the natural features and there is equal acknowledgment that the open lawn space for is great for passive, low impact uses. Suggestions for improvements include:

- a second picnic shelter for year-round use;
- adult exercise features;
- additional seating; and
- viewpoints to admire the natural features.

Concerns were raised within this area of the park regarding comfort and feeling of safety. Suggestions for improvement include:

- better accessibility;
- wayfinding;
- lighting; and
- upgrades to the greenway (i.e. separate pedestrians, bikes and vehicles). Bike lock-up facilities were also requested.

There was a recognition of limited parking capacity, specifically in summer, but also strong preference that park space is not displaced for vehicle parking.

The natural features located in the Bluffs, along the Brunette River and creeks are considered unique and highly valued community assets. There is a desire to enhance these areas with suggestions such as:

- removal of invasive plants;
- planting native trees and plants;
- erosion control at river banks;
- natural engineering solutions rather than engineered (i.e. Green Shores);
- addition of fish ponds or constructed wetlands.

Lower Hume offers an experience of "nature in the city" and teaches visitors to have a "light footprint". This includes the salmon runs, fish spawning, bird and wildlife activity, etc. Some participants shared that the City's efforts towards protection and enhancement of these sensitive natural features demonstrate and reflect the traditional First Nations uses of these areas. Additional seating and opportunities to view nature are also requested.

Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm Task Force - July 5, 2021

The Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm Task Force (FIPRTF) met virtually on July 5, 2021. PWL Partnership presented a project update and potential approaches followed by a roundtable discussion. Task force members are generally in support of a flexible space approach. It was shared that Upper Hume serves as the neighbourhood backyard and community needs will both increase and change as the population increases and densities. Considerations raised by the Task Force include:

- a lacrosse box that is multi-purpose;
- a small performance space;
- Electric Vehicle parking facilities.

In Lower Hume and the Bluffs, the Task Force is supportive of enhancing ecology and low impact interaction with nature. It is also suggested that this part of the park will have a role, for example as a cooling/ refuge area, in the context of climate change.

Pop-ups in the Park

City and PWL staff visited Hume Park in July and August 2021 to speak to park users. Respondents were shown the proposed site plan approaches with the following questions:

1. Which approach do you prefer for Upper Hume? Please tell us why.
2. Which approach do you prefer for Lower Hume? Please tell us why.
3. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?

Pop-up #1 took place on July 30, 2021 from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Staff conversed with 27 park users who provided the following summarized feedback.

Upper Hume:

- 20 respondents preferred Approach 1A - Flexible Recreation;
- 5 respondents preferred Approach 1B - Regulation Sized Fields; and
- 2 respondents indicated they did not have a preference.

Most respondents who preferred Approach 1A emphasized "family use" - informal uses such children's play and picnics - in Upper Hume. They perceived these uses as more inclusive and occurring more frequently than organized sports. Those who preferred Approach 1B indicated their importance for older children and residents who play sports. They felt this approach provided enough flexibility to enable informal and layered uses. Many respondents, regardless of approach preference, indicated an appreciation of some form of water play. One stated that access to the outdoor pool was important for vulnerable populations who can take advantage of free weekend admission.

Lower Hume and the Bluffs:

- 15 respondents preferred Approach 2A - Expand Ecology;
- 11 respondents preferred Approach 2B; and
- 1 respondents did not indicate a preference.

Many who preferred Approach 2A stated the value of natural features and perceived the open lawn as not often used. On the other hand, users who preferred Approach 2B indicated that there was a need for "usable" open space, although they also recognized the value of the natural features. Some felt that the scale of the natural areas proposed would not be significant and that people would be encroaching into it outside of the boardwalks.

There was a variety of general comments and requests, including:

- better wayfinding;
- improved security in the park;
- more access to drinking water for people and dogs;

- request for dog park drainage improvements, enhancements and amenities;
- high value afforded the spray park, picnic tables and shade;
- more trees;
- disc golf in Lower Hume;
- addition of a wading pool;
- provision of additional parking.

Pop-up #2 took place on August 18, 2021 from 4:30pm to 6:00pm with input from 19 park users. Eight respondents were asked to indicate their preferences between the potential approaches and additional comments. The remaining 11 users were engaged in general conversation about the future of the park.

Upper Hume:

- 4 respondents preferred Approach 1A - Flexible Recreation;
- 4 respondents preferred Approach 1B - Regulation Sized Fields; and
- 11 respondents provided input without indicating a preference

There was a similar association between respondents prioritizing informal use amenities with a preference for Approach 1A (Flexible Recreation); likewise for respondents prioritizing organized sports and a preference for Approach 1B (Regulation Sized Fields).

Lower Hume:

- 8 respondents preferred Approach 2A - Expand Ecology; and
- 11 respondents provided input without indicating a preference

There were a variety of suggestions for the future, including:

- improve circulation, wayfinding and accessibility:
- improve access into Upper Hume Park from East Columbia stairs;
- more trails that are universally accessible;
- accessible trails in the Bluffs specifically;
- formalize the trails in the Bluffs and eliminating dead ends;
- improve direct access between Upper and Lower Hume, without needing to cut through a dog off-leash area;
- a connection to the trail along Brunette River;
- more shade trees and rain protection around children's play spaces;
- increase size of the spray park,
- provide a play space for toddlers;
- retain outdoor pool and tennis in the park;
- provide multi-sport amenities in the lacrosse box, e.g. hockey nets;
- provide amenities for teens like basketball and a skate park;
- no net loss of dog off-leash space or loss of linear "dog run" space;
- provide drinking water amenities for dogs;
- improve access, open up views and provide more opportunities for interaction with the Brunette River;
- improve park maintenance and waste removal.

While some expressed a perception that Lower Hume is underused, there were a number of valued park amenities mentioned:

- the spray park;
- outdoor pool;
- level of park maintenance;
- walking trails in the Bluffs;
- barbeque shelter in Lower Hume;
- slope for winter sledding;
- existing opportunities for kids to play in the creek;
- success of the Alcohol in Parks Pilot Program, launched this summer.

Sapperton Residents' Association

The presentation at the September 9, 2021 meeting of the Sapperton Residents' Association, held via Zoom, consisted of three parts:

1. Project Overview and Update;
2. Presentation of site approaches for both Upper and Lower Hume Park; and
3. Roundtable discussion based on two questions:
    a. Do you have a preference?
    b. Comment on something you like.

Most members preferred Approach 1B (Regulation Sized Fields), stating that the number of sports fields is limited in New Westminster and that once they are taken away, it is difficult to bring them back. While there were only two members that preferred Approach 1A (Flexible Recreation), most members agreed that the flexible/informal uses were very valuable and should receive appropriate provision. Several members stated that keeping the outdoor pool in Hume Park was important to continue the tradition of neighbourhood children learning to swim in Hume Park and as a cooling place for all. Many supported the terraced seating area at the east park edge and several pointed out the conflict between the east sport court and the sledding slope next to East Columbia Street in Upper Hume Park. Discussion regarding Lower Hume and The Bluffs was limited to chatbox comments and included comments about continuing the cycling connection and desire for a direct access to the Brunette River.

Additional Feedback

City staff received additional comments on social media as well as via direct email and letter.

Instagram and Facebook comments were received in response to engagement promotions and indicated some anxiety that the master plan would lead to loss of current uses. Comments also stated a specific appreciation for water play and the outdoor pool.

Staff received a direct email from a representative of the New West Hub Committee. The email listed requested improvements to current cycling connections from Braid Street SkyTrain to Hume Park and inquired whether these would be addressed with the proposed Sapperton Green development.

Staff also received a letter from the New Westminster Minor Lacrosse Association (NWMLA), dated July 12, 2021, stating a strong preference for Approach 1B and the specific provision of a court for regulation box lacrosse with walls like the existing lacrosse box.

4.0 Online Survey

Survey Summary

The Online Survey #2 was launched on June 22, 2021 and closed on August 16, 2021 on the Be Heard New West Hume Park Master Plan project page. It was advertised via signage placed throughout Hume Park, Parks and Recreation social media, CityPage and CityPage Online, and via direct invitations to stakeholders, Sapperton Residents' Association and Open House registrants. There were 918 users who interacted with the survey and 378 who contributed responses.

The survey asked respondents' preferences between the potential approaches, how well they reflected the guiding principles and for any additional feedback related to the approaches.

Survey Demographics

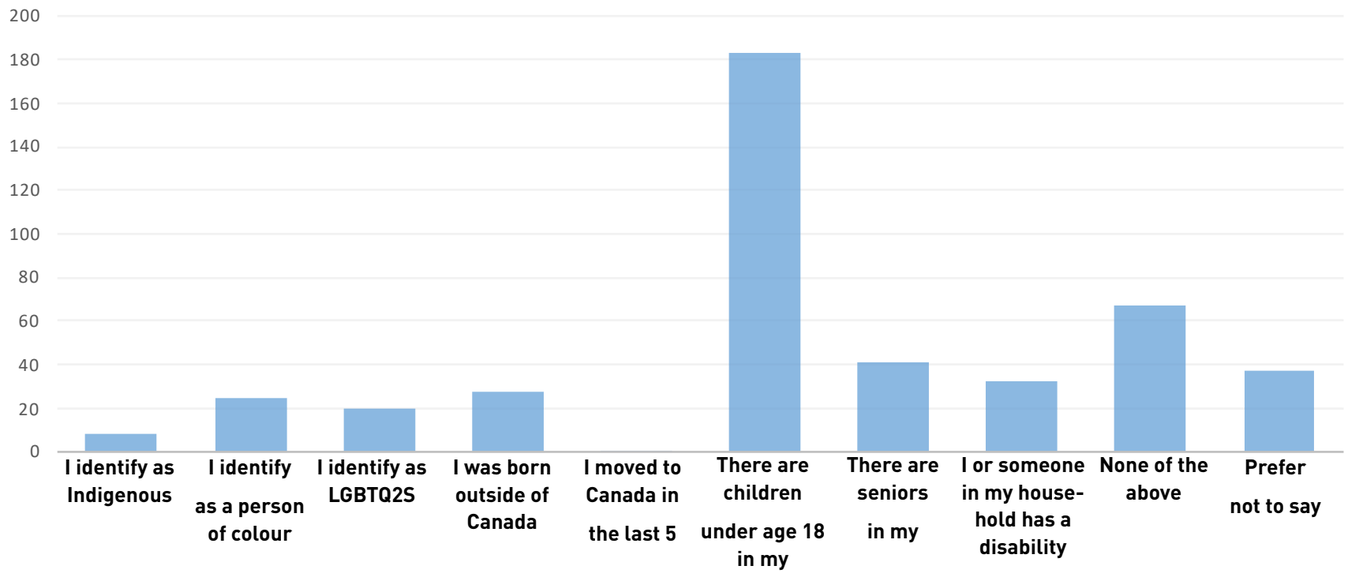
Survey Participant Demographics

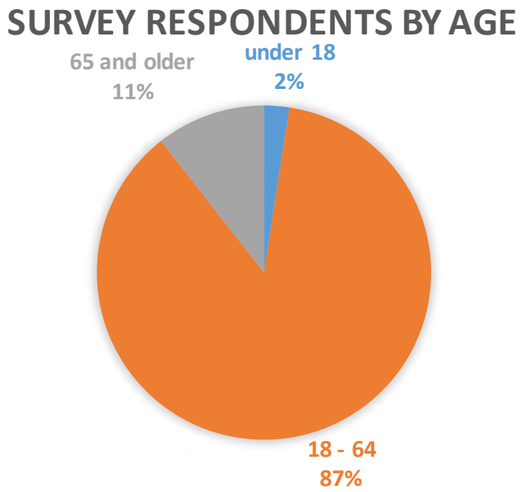
The Be Heard New West engagement platform collects demographic information of registered users. Visitors to the Hume Park Master Plan page were required to register to provide responses. This enabled tracking of respondents' residence, age and self-identification.

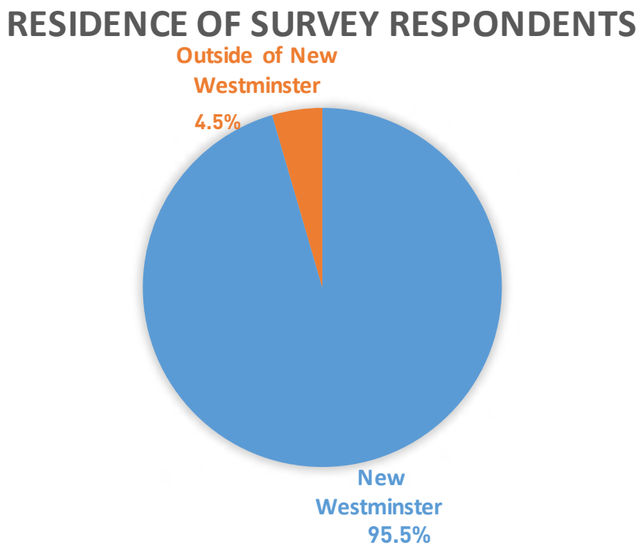
DEMOGRAPHIC KEY FINDINGS

1. The largest group of respondents self identifies as having children under the age of 18 in their household.
2. There is some representation from groups that self identify as visible minorities or are part of the LGBTQ2S+ community.
3. The smallest group of respondents self identify as Indigenous or are new to Canada.
4. Participants are mostly made up of adults between the ages of 18 -64 and overwhelmingly live within the city of New Westminster.

Survey Respondents by self identification

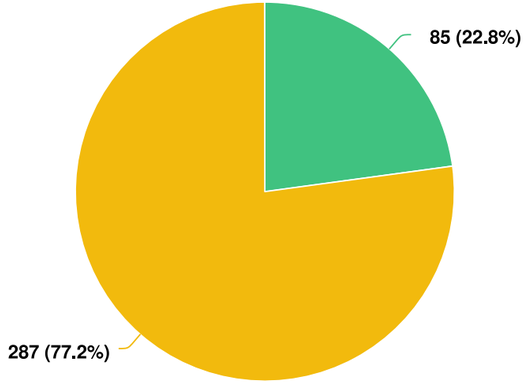






Survey Questions + Key Findings

Q1 Which approach do you prefer for Upper Hume?



KEY FINDINGS

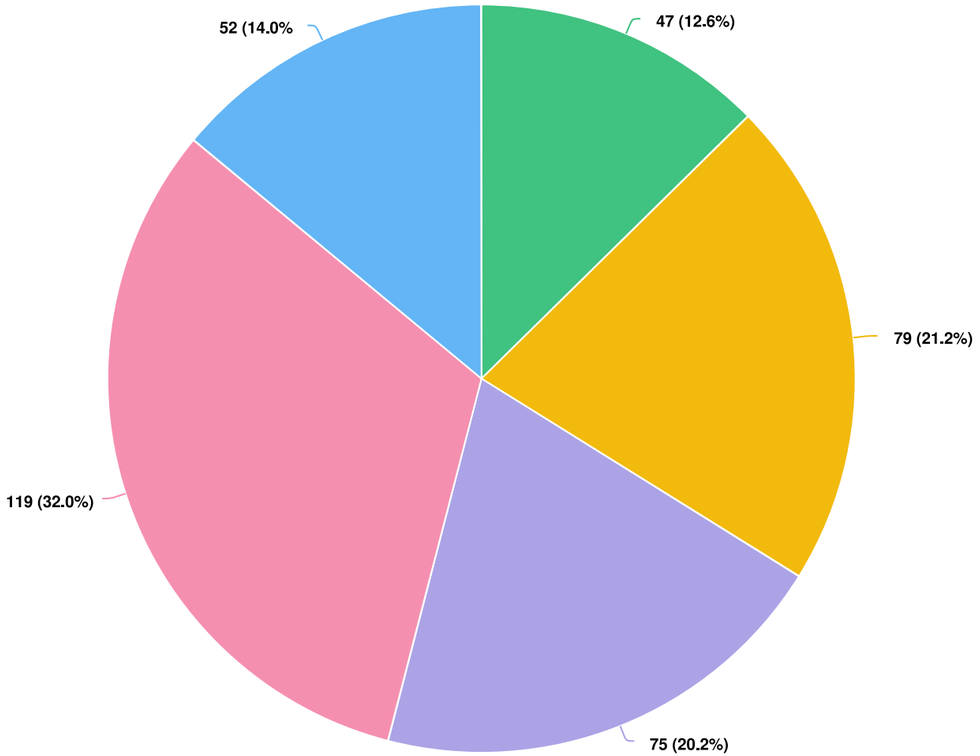
1. Respondents favoured the Regulation Sized Sports approach considerably over the flexible recreation approach. This was heavily influenced by a specific group of vocal facilities users that are heavily invested in keeping the full sized sports courts as reflected in the verbatim responses.

2. These results suggest that a strong value is placed on the sports facilities and there is a desire to see a more structured park program in Upper Hume.



Key Plan

Q4 How well does Approach 1A consider Guiding Principle #1: Meeting the needs of the Sapperton neighbourhood with a park that is accessible, supports diverse users and abilities, and continues to serve as the heart of the community?



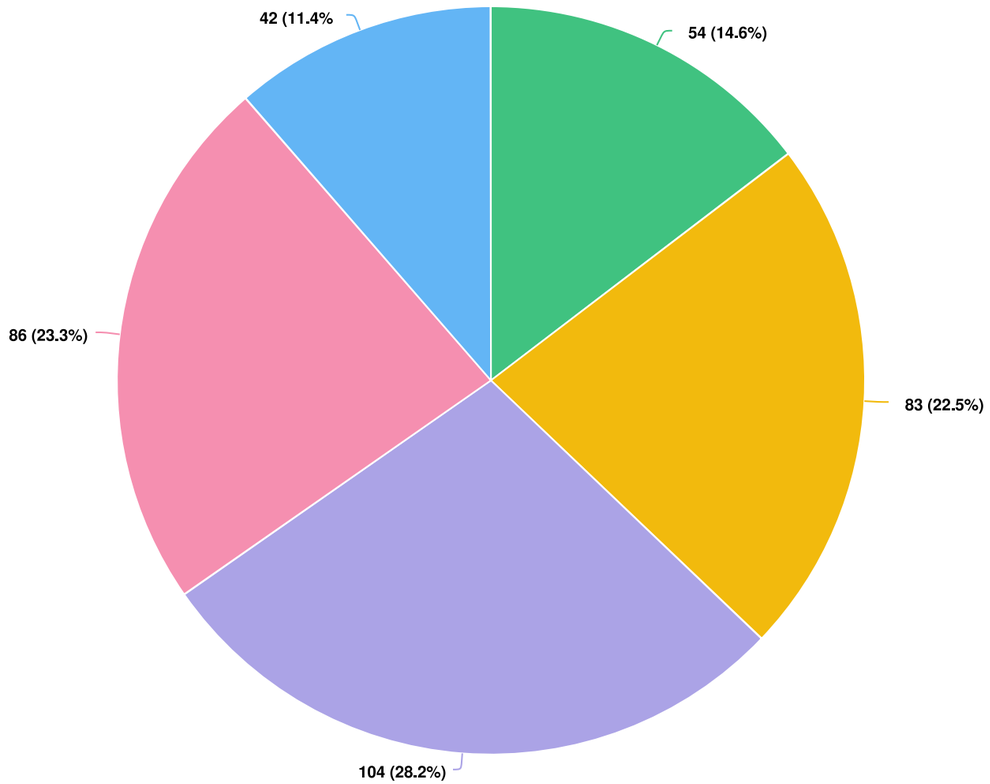
KEY FINDINGS

The Flexible Recreation approach (1A) may need to consider additional uses in Upper Hume with provisions for structured sports.



Key Plan

Q7 How well does this Approach 1A consider Guiding Principle #3: Ensuring a park that is flexible so the space we have can be used efficiently and adapt to changing needs?



KEY FINDINGS

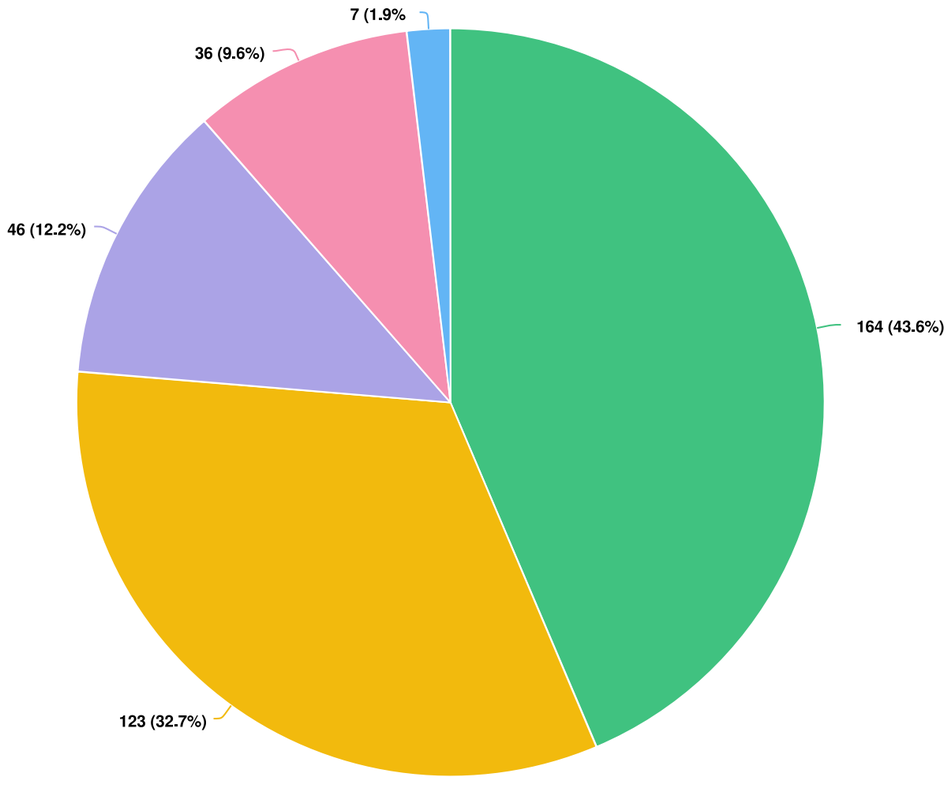
1. Respondents were divided on whether the Flexible Recreation approach (1A) fully considers the guiding principle that reinforces the need for multiple uses and adaptability within the park.

2. Although respondents indicated that this approach provides an above average degree of flexibility there needs to be more consideration of how the park can adapt to changing needs.



Key Plan

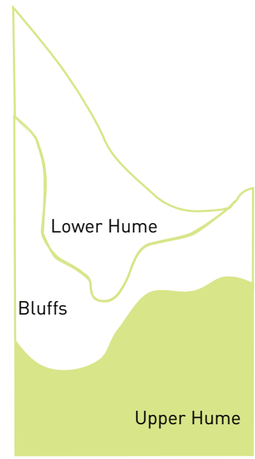
Q11 How well does Approach 1B consider Guiding Principle #1: Meeting the needs of the Sapperton neighbourhood with a park that is accessible, supports diverse users and abilities, and continues to serve as the heart of the community?



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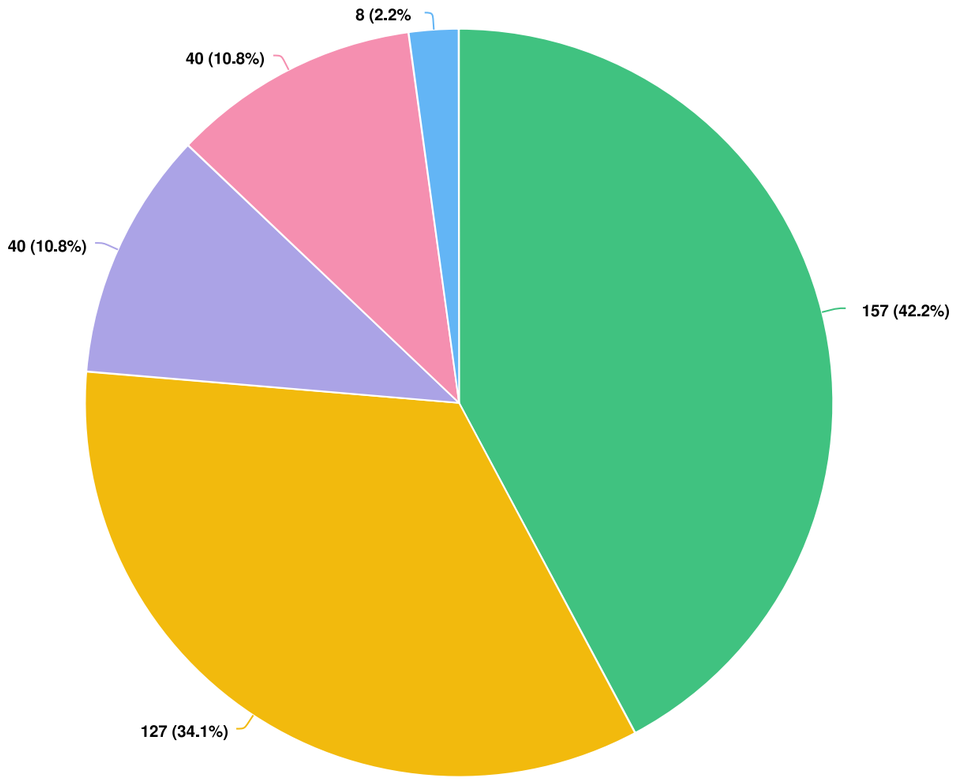
1. The majority (76%) of respondents feel that a Regulation Sized Sports site approach (1B) strongly meets the needs of the community offering diverse experiences to users.

2. These results indicate that the Master Plan should consider regulation size sports facilities for a diversity group of users.



Key Plan

Q14 How well does this Approach 1B consider Guiding Principle #3: Ensuring a park that is flexible so the space we have can be used efficiently and adapt to changing needs?



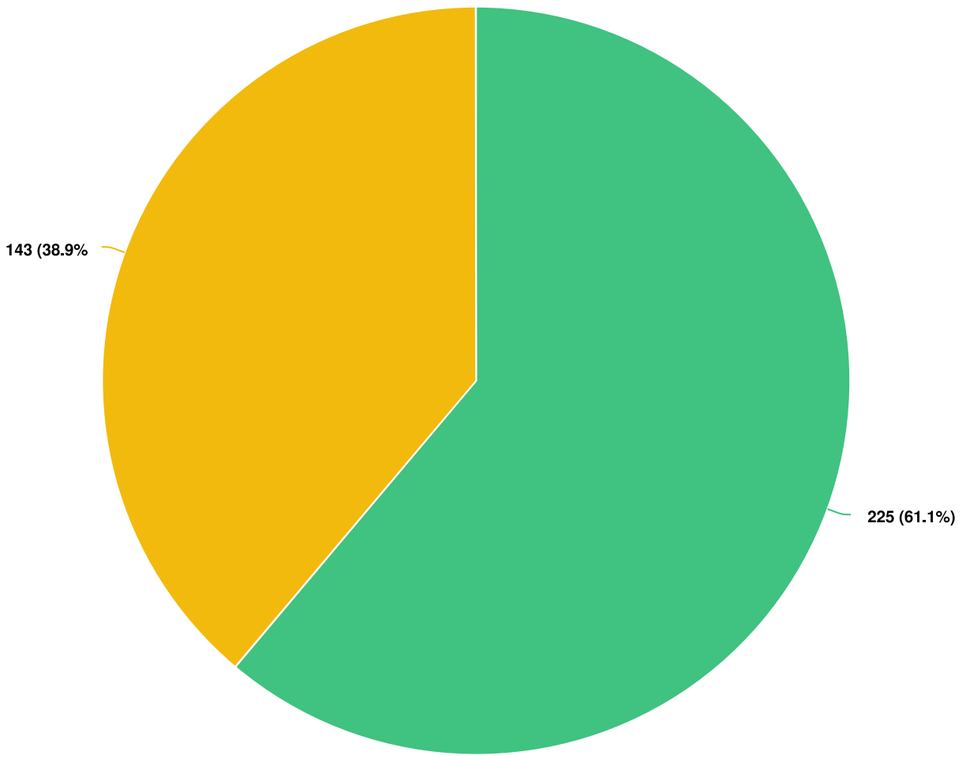
KEY FINDINGS

1. The majority (76%) of respondents indicated that the Regulation Sized Sports approach (1B) is a flexible option allowing multiple user groups to get the most out their experience in the park.



Key Plan

Q18 Which approach do you prefer for Lower Hume/the Bluffs?



KEY FINDINGS

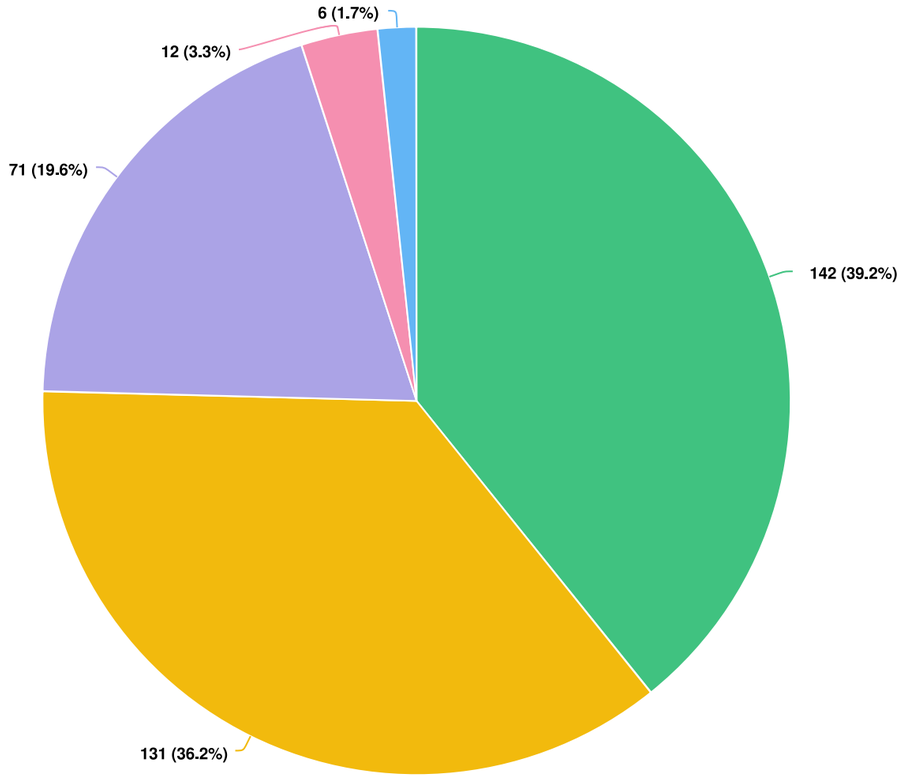
1. Respondents favoured an Expanded Ecology approach (2A) over the Expanded Open Space (2B) option. The verbatim responses indicated that this area of the park is seen as a refuge away from the heavily program areas in Upper Hume and there is a real opportunity to embrace the ecology of the park in Lower Hume and the Bluffs.

2. These results indicate that a strong value is placed on nature in Lower Hume and the Bluffs, and this should be expanded and explored.



Key Plan

Q21 How well does Approach 2A consider Guiding principle #2- Protecting and enhancing the natural systems and biodiversity in Hume Park?



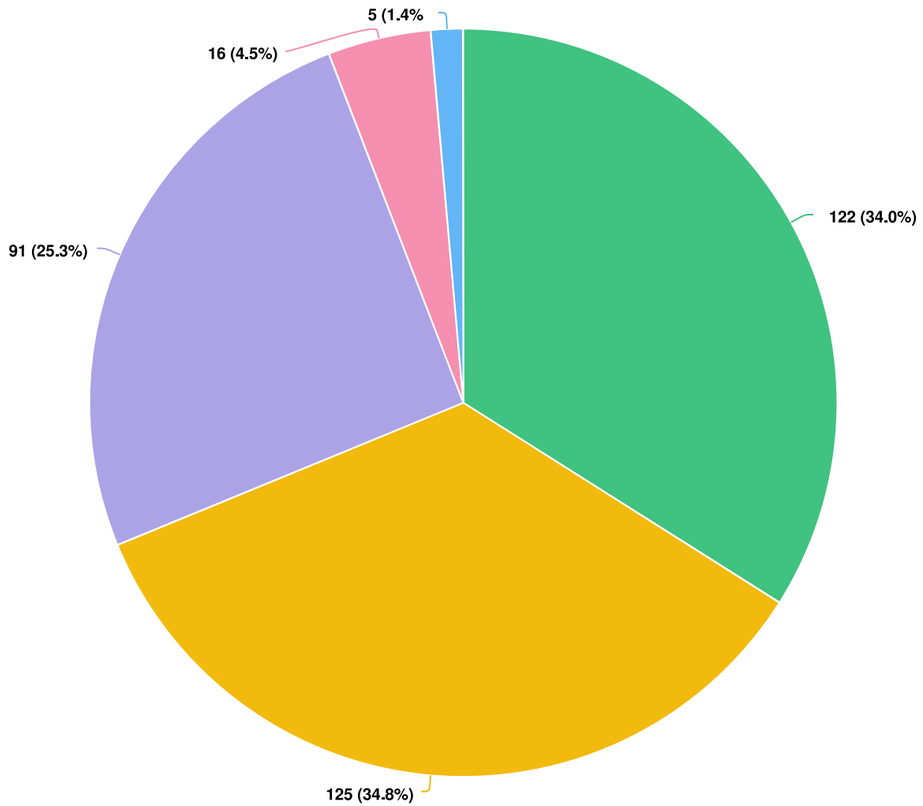
KEY FINDINGS

1. The majority (75%) of respondents indicated that they feel that the Expanded Ecology approach (2A) supports biodiversity and natural systems in the park.



Key Plan

Q24 How well does Approach 2A consider Guiding principle #4 - Maintaining and enhancing green connections that become places in themselves?



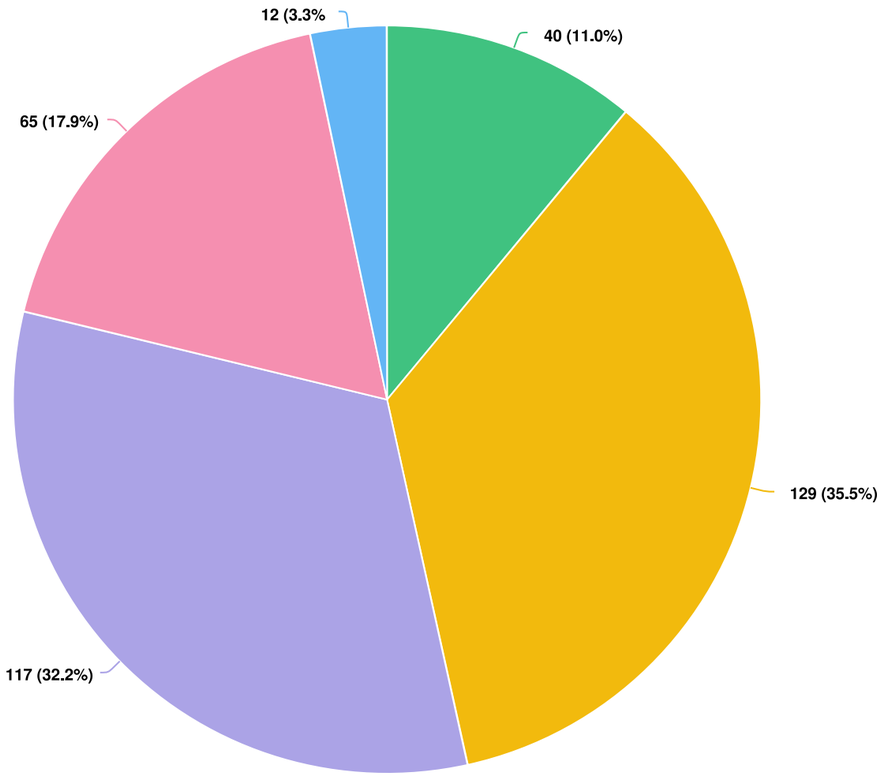
KEY FINDINGS

1. The majority (69%) of respondents indicated that this site approach (2A - Expanded Ecology) strongly supports maintaining and enhancing green connections.



Key Plan

Q28 How well does Approach 2B consider Guiding principle #2- Protecting and enhancing the natural systems and biodiversity in Hume Park?



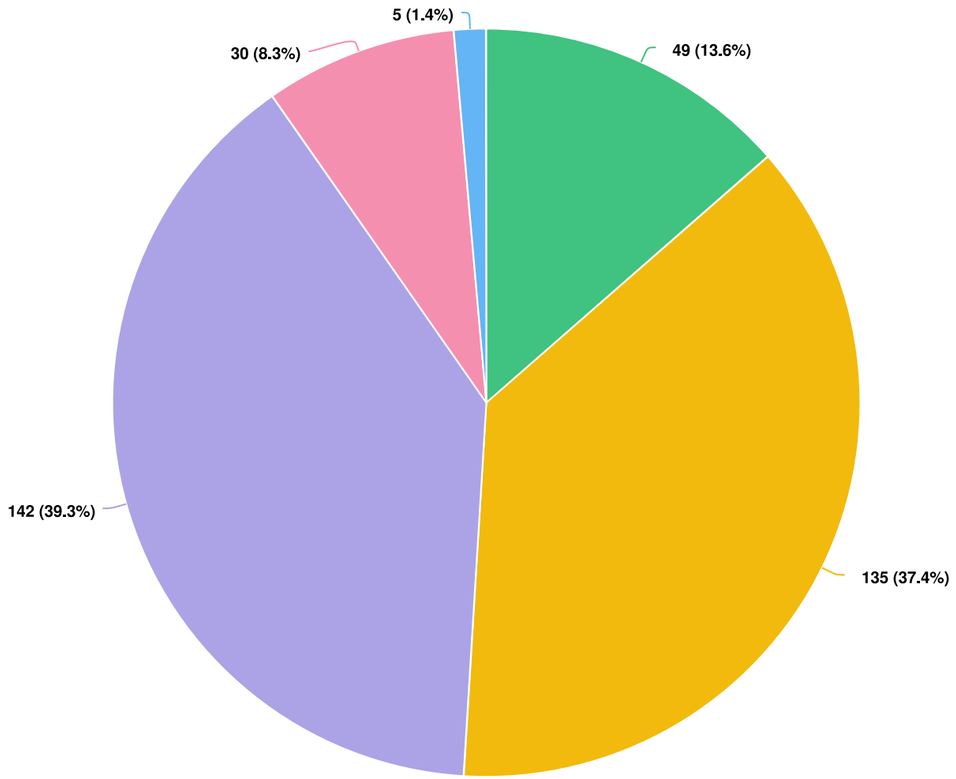
KEY FINDINGS

1. Respondents did not feel that the Expand Open Space site approach (2B) considers protecting and enhancing biodiversity in the park as well as the Expanded Ecology approach. This indicates that the guiding principal is more well supported by option 2A -- Expand Ecology.



Key Plan

Q31 How well does Approach 2B consider Guiding principle #4 - Maintaining and enhancing green connections that become places in themselves?



KEY FINDINGS

1. Respondents indicated that the Expand Open Space site approach (2B) did consider maintaining and enhancing green connections, just not to the same extent as did the Expand Ecology (2B) option.



Key Plan

5.0 Public Engagement Phase 2 Key Findings and Master Plan Objectives

1) The Community places a high value on the park's regulation sized sports facilities (Q1, Q4, Q7, Q11, Q14). **The master plan will explore ways to revitalize, enhance and improve these elements while balancing the other important uses that exist in Upper Hume.**

2) The Community places a high value on the park's ecology (Q18, Q24, Q28, Q31). **The master plan will embrace the natural systems of Lower Hume and the Bluffs providing enhanced biodiversity to create opportunities for education and exploration while balancing the desire for flexible recreation.**

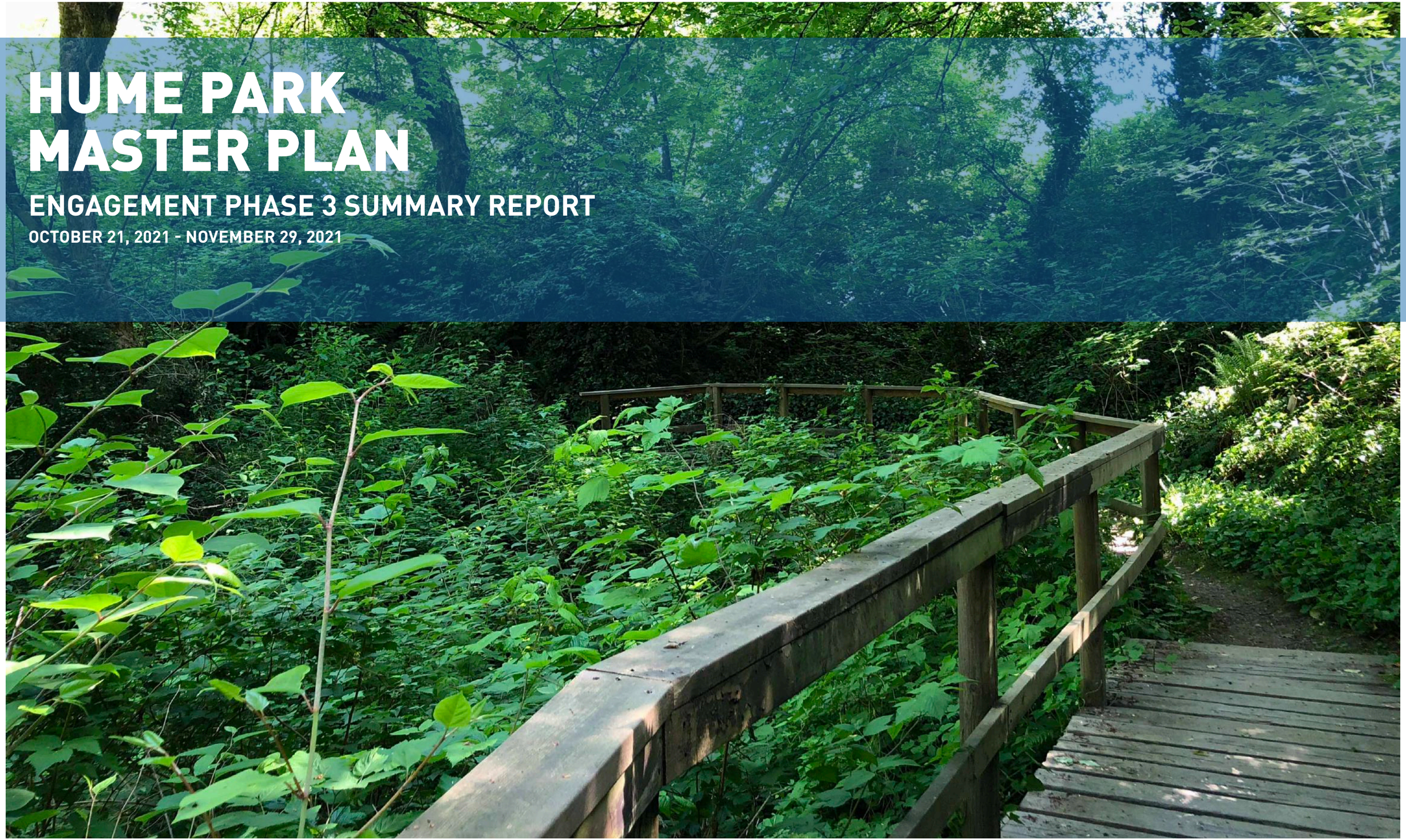
3) There is a need to balance both the highly programmed areas of Upper Hume with the flexible passive ecology of Lower Hume while enhancing and embracing the character of both distinct areas (Q18, Q24, Q28, Q31). **The master plan will strive to enrich user experiences in the park by refining and restructuring park amenities to align with the preferred site approaches.**

C3 - PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
PHASE 3 SUMMARY REPORT

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ENGAGEMENT PHASE 3 SUMMARY REPORT

OCTOBER 21, 2021 - NOVEMBER 29, 2021



ENGAGEMENT PHASE 3 SUMMARY REPORT

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1.0 The Engagement Process

Introduction

The Hume Park Master Plan project includes a three phase community engagement process to develop the master plan with community input and feedback at key points of the process:

- Phase 1 – Input in Site Analysis, Programming and User Needs
- Phase 2 – Discussion on Functional Programming/ Conceptual Planning Directions
- Phase 3 – Feedback on Draft Master Plan

Engagement Phase 3

The main focus for the Phase 3 Engagement process was to gather community feedback on the draft master plan. This master plan was distilled from community feedback gathered during Phases 1 and 2 of engagement, including the preferred site approaches determined during Phase 2 engagement, and the Guiding Principles affirmed during Phase 1 Engagement. The presentation slides from Open House 3 and recorded presentation were made available on the Hume Park Master Plan project page at the Be Heard New West online engagement platform. This report summarizes the engagement events, feedback received and key findings from the 3rd and final phase of engagement.

Engagement Events

Engagement Phase 3 extended from October 21, 2021 until November 29, 2021. It included the following events and activities:

- Facilities, Infrastructure, and Public Realm Advisory Committee (FIPRAC) Presentation and Workshop - October 21, 2021
- Virtual Public Open House #3 - November 4, 2021
- Facilities, Infrastructure, and Public Realm Task Force (FIPRTF) Presentation and Workshop - November 8, 2021
- Be Heard New West Online Survey - November 3 - November 29, 2021

Stakeholder and community verbatim comments were recorded in the Engagement Phase 3 Verbatim Responses Report that can be found in the documents library on the Be Heard New West Hume Park Master Plan project site or in Appendix D.

2.0 Virtual Public Open House #3 Engagement Boards

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Hume Park Master Plan Public Open House #3



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PROJECT PROCESS AND INFORMATION

Presentation Outline

Introduction + Agenda (5 minutes)
Part 1 - Project Information and Process
Part 2 - Public Engagement Phase 1
Part 3 - Public Engagement Phase 2
Part 4 - Preferred Approach
(30 minutes)

Part 5 - Discussion (45 minutes)
Part 6 - Report Back and Next Steps (10 minutes)

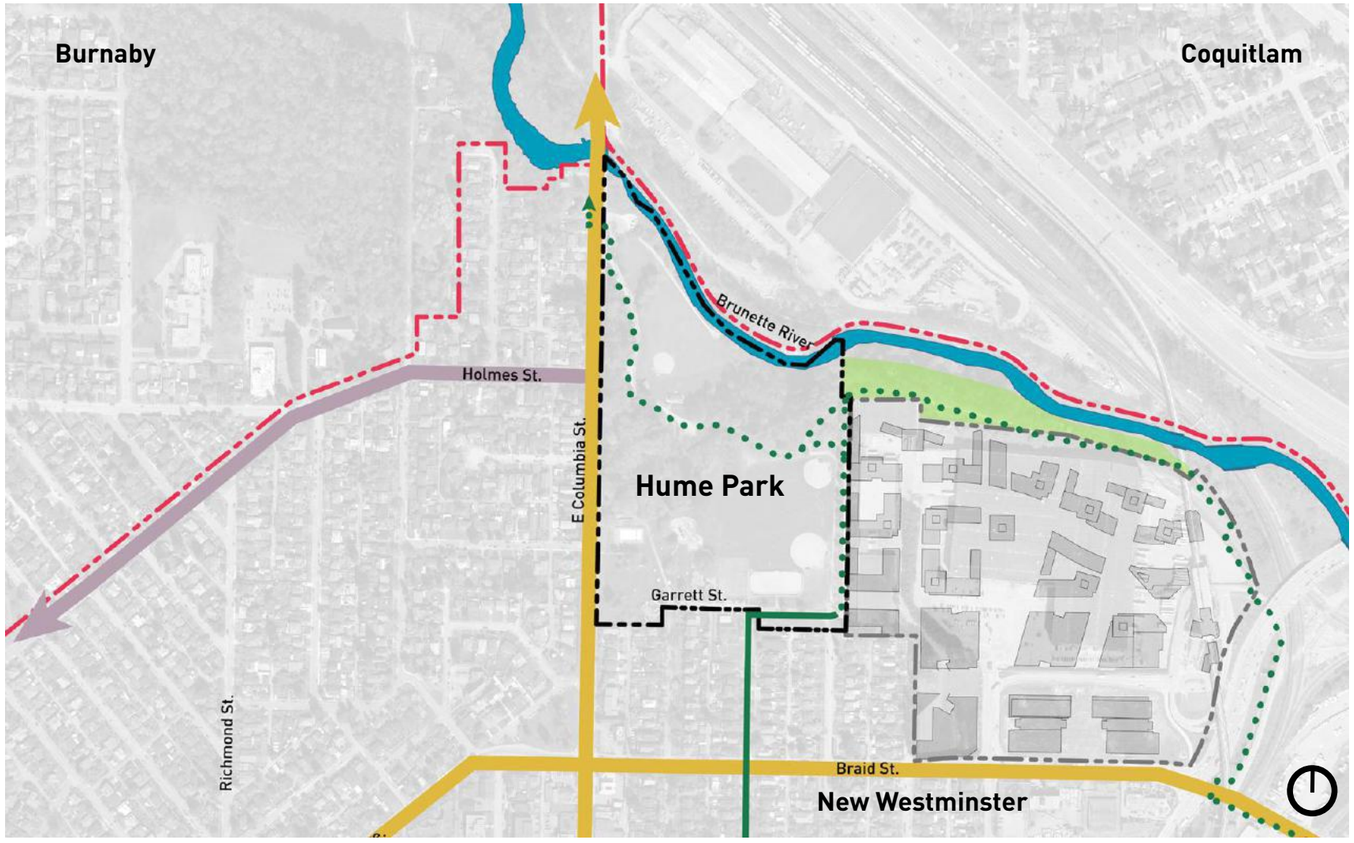


Read the Public Engagement Phase 1 Summary Report to learn more

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PROJECT PROCESS AND INFORMATION

Project Background



Project Background

Hume Park is undergoing a master planning process to determine the future plan and use of the park.

Over the years, the process for developing Hume Park has occurred on an "as-needed" basis. Given the size and diversity of Hume Park, the City is now engaging the community to develop a formal framework that considers the park's unique and cherished features as well as planning for the future.

Like any important community park, the new plan must balance a number of objectives:

- Respect the cultural history of the site;
- Integrate the relationship with the Brunette River Watershed;
- Enhance passive + active recreational uses to meet the needs of both current and future users;
- Prioritize local residents of New Westminster;
- Improve the park's capacity for flexible spaces so the park can be used efficiently and adapt to changing needs; and
- Maintain and enhance Green Connections that serve as links become places themselves.

PROJECT PROCESS AND INFORMATION

What is a Master Plan?



A Master Plan is a long term planning document.

The Hume Park Master Plan will be a road map that will help the City make decisions about the park for the next twenty years, including:

- Capital projects;
- Long-term planning and management decisions related to the important ecological assets and diverse recreational activities in Hume Park

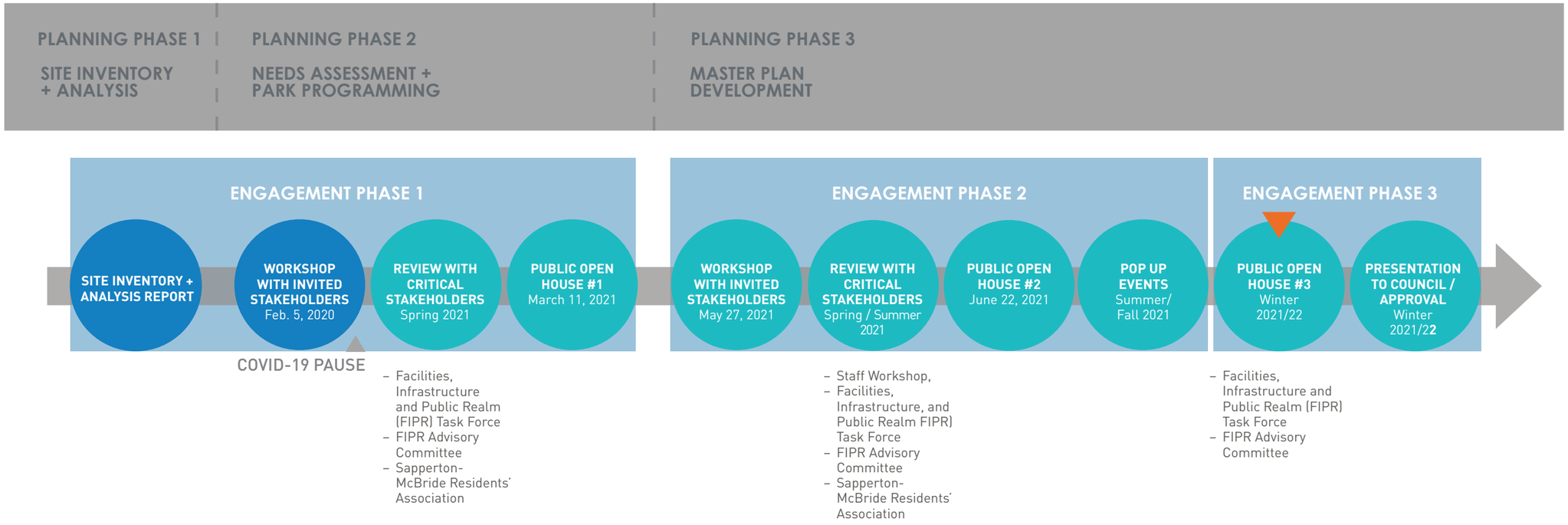
The Hume Park Master Plan is being developed with the community in Four Phases:

- Phase 1: Inventory and analysis;
- Phase 2: Development of high level planning directions;
- Phase 3: Preliminary concepts development;
- Phase 4: Development of the final concept plan.

We recognize the section of land along the Brunette River East of the project boundary is a segment of the Brunette Fraser Regional Greenway and contributes to the experience of Hume Park. Improvements to this linear corridor are planned as part of the Sapperton Green Master Plan. Additional feedback heard via the Hume Park Master Plan process will also inform the Sapperton Green process.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PHASE #2

Since we last met: Engagement Process



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PHASE #1

Key Findings From Public Open House #1

Guiding Principles

Community support for the proposed Guiding Principles of the Hume Park Master Plan was confirmed during Public Engagement Phase 1.

In Public Engagement Phase 2, the Guiding Principles would serve as the yardstick against which the community assessed the proposed site approaches.



Read the Public Engagement Phase 1 Summary Report to learn more

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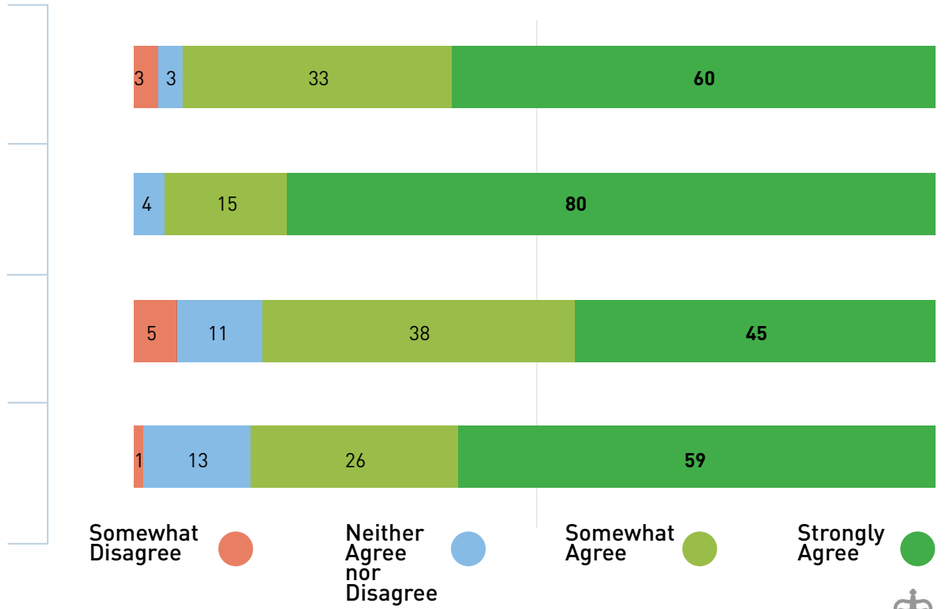
1. Meeting the needs of the Sapperton neighbourhood with a park that is **accessible**, supports **diverse** users and abilities, and continues to serve as the **heart of the community.**

2. Protecting and enhancing the **natural systems** and **biodiversity** in Hume Park

3. Ensuring a park that is **flexible** so the space we have can be used efficiently and adapt to **changing needs.**

4. Maintaining and enhancing **green connections** that become places in themselves.

BE HEARD NEW WEST: SURVEY RESULTS



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PHASE #2

Since we last met: Public Engagement Phase 2

The main focus for the Phase 2 Engagement process was to gather community feedback on the potential site plan approaches that were developed after Phase 1 Engagement, and to gauge support for the overall planning directions they represent.

Site Approaches

UPPER HUME PARK



1A: Flexible Recreation



1B: Regulation Sized Sports Fields

LOWER HUME PARK AND THE BLUFFS



2A: Expanded Ecology



2B: Expanded Open Space

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Key Findings From Public Engagement Phase 2

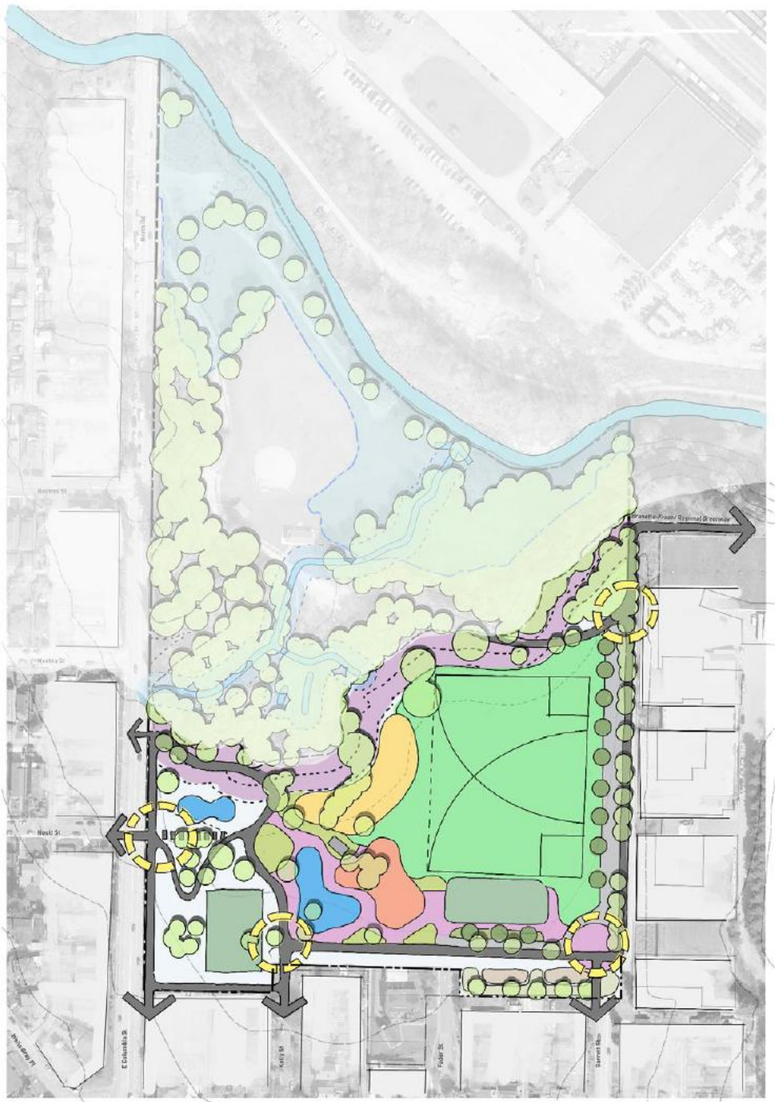
Upper Hume

During phase 2 of engagement, we heard loud and clear that the community does not want to significantly change this part of the park. Rather, there is a desire for improvements to the existing amenities and to increase capacity.

In Upper Hume 77% (287) respondents preferred Approach 1B - Regulation Sized Sports

76% (287) felt it met Guiding Principle 1: Meeting the needs of Sapperton neighbourhood with a park that is accessible, supports diverse users and abilities, and continues to serve as the heart of the community.

76% (284) felt it met Guiding Principle 3: Ensuring a park that is flexible so the space we have can be used efficiently and adapt to changing needs.



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PHASE #2

Key Findings From Public Engagement Phase 2

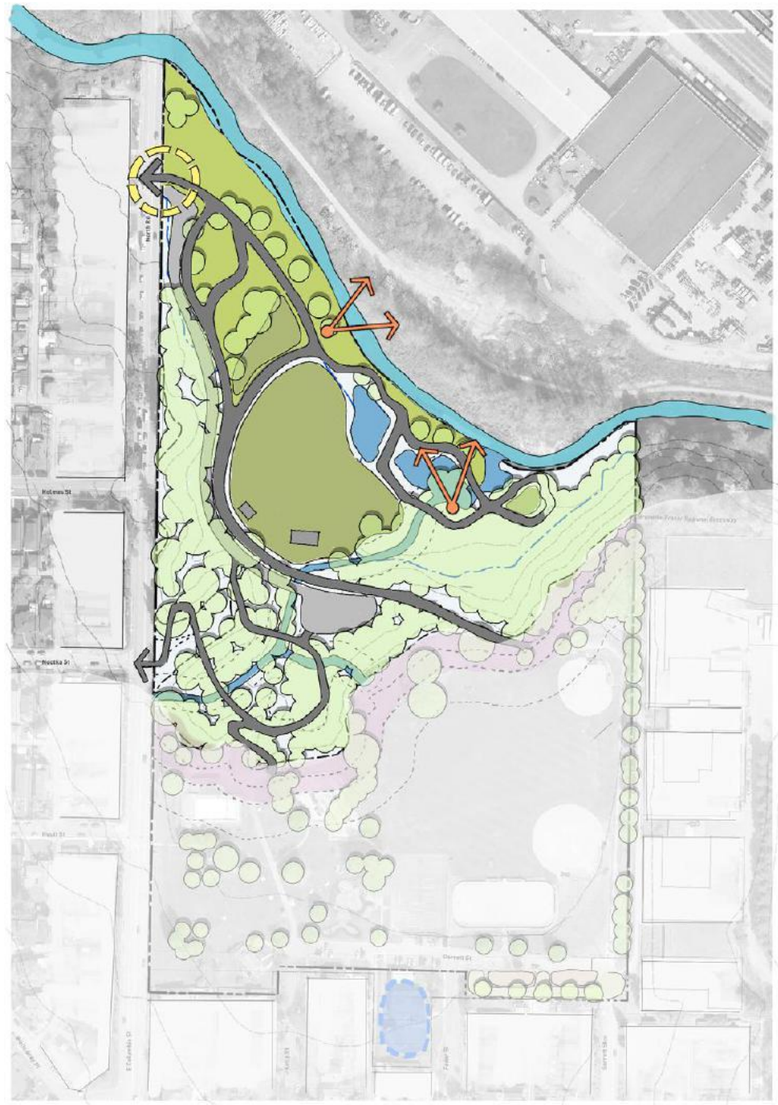
Lower Hume

During engagement phase 2, we heard that ecological enhancement as well as open space for informal recreation are valued.

In Lower Hume 61% (225) respondents preferred Approach 2A - Expanded Ecology

75% felt it met Guiding Principle 2: Protecting and enhancing the natural systems and biodiversity in Hume Park

69% felt it met Guiding Principle 4: Maintaining and enhancing green connections that become places in themselves.



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PHASE #2

Summary of what we heard: Public Engagement Phase 2

Five top priorities emerged based on what we heard during engagement phases 1 and 2. They are listed here with their resulting master plan response.

	WHAT YOU TOLD US	MASTER PLAN RESPONSE
1	Hume Park's regulation sized sports facilities and structured park activities should be retained and improved.	The following sports facilities and park activities are provided and recommended for upgrades: (1) 224 x 410ft regulation sized field (1) baseball diamond (1) multi-use sport court (2) tennis/pickleball courts (1) Playground (1) Nature / Adventure play area (2) Dog off-leash Area (no net loss of space) (1) Aquatic Zone Passive Open Lawn
2	Provide flexible, multi-use facilities that allow for layered uses.	The regulation sized field and multi-use sport court accommodate a variety of users: • Sports field - soccer, rugby, ultimate Frisbee, field hockey, softball, casual uses, etc • Multi-use sport court - Lacrosse, basketball, ball hockey, bike polo, roller activities, dance classes, etc.

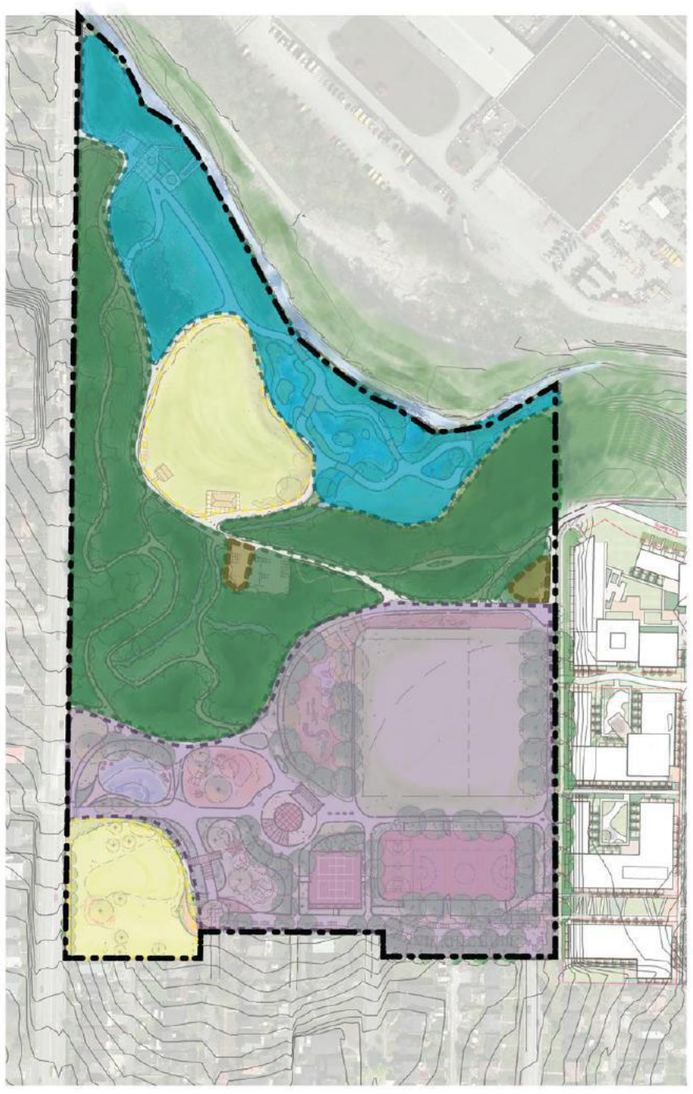
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PHASE #2

WHAT YOU TOLD US	MASTER PLAN RESPONSE
3 The accessibility of the entrances and pathways within the park should be improved, particularly between Upper and Lower Hume.	Improvements to park entrances and circulation include: • Main park entrances + Entry Plazas to be easily identifiable and visible • Accessible nature trails that provide an equal and inclusive experience of nature • Wayfinding signage • Improved trails in the Bluffs • Fully accessible route between Upper + Lower Hume
4 The park's ecology should be enhanced and protected	Ecological enhancements and access trails are recommended in Lower Hume and along the forested bluff: • Ecological restoration + invasive removal • Riverbank stabilization + protection of ecologically sensitive areas • Habitat enhancements + reforestation • Accessible trails, bridges and viewpoints
5 Hume Park's experience of "nature in the city" should be expanded with opportunities for direct contact with nature.	Increased opportunities for contact with the ecology of Hume Park include: • Accessible and inclusive trails, bridges and viewpoints • Outdoor classroom / gathering areas • Interpretive signage + Stewardship activities

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Park Diagram

Park Zones

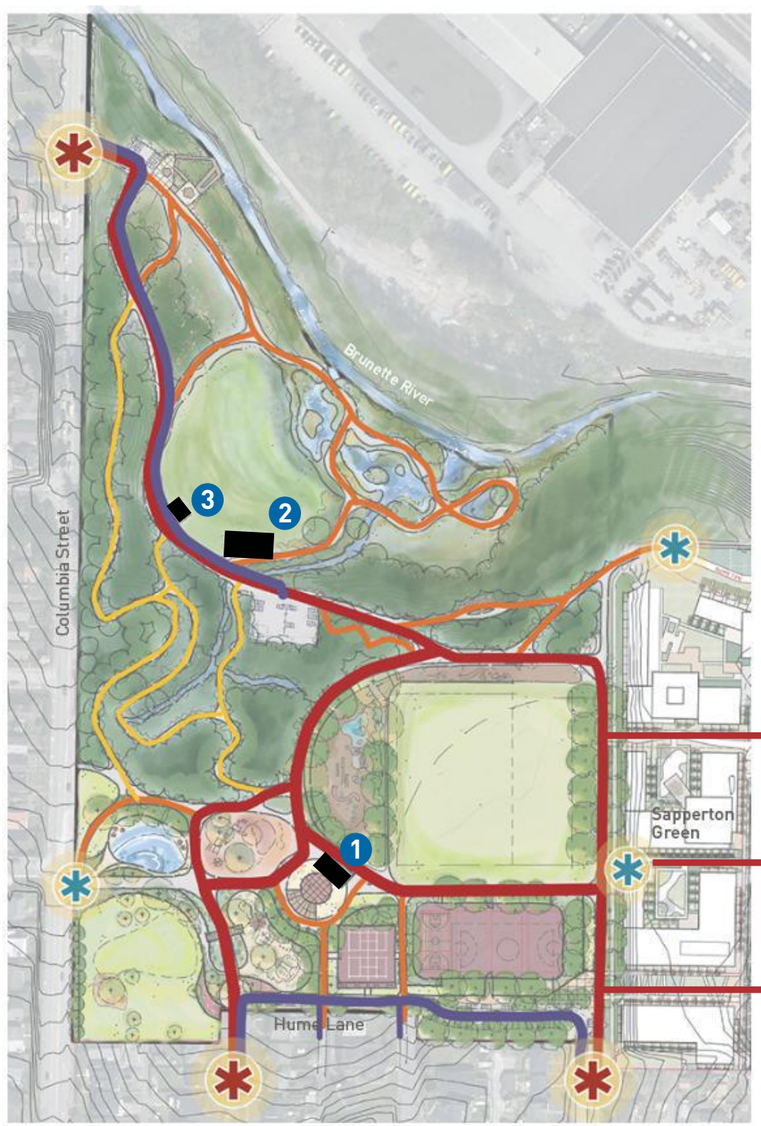


- Active Recreation
- Open Space
- Forest Recreation and Rehabilitation
- River Recreation and Rehabilitation
- Maintenance

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Park Diagram

Entrances, Buildings, and Circulation



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Upper Hume

1 Off-leash Areas



4 Nature /Adventure Play



5 Structured Play

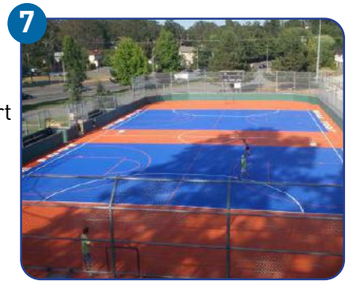


6 Multi-Use Sports Field

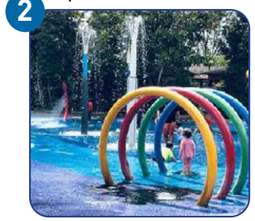


Multi-Use Sport Court

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2 Aquatic Zone







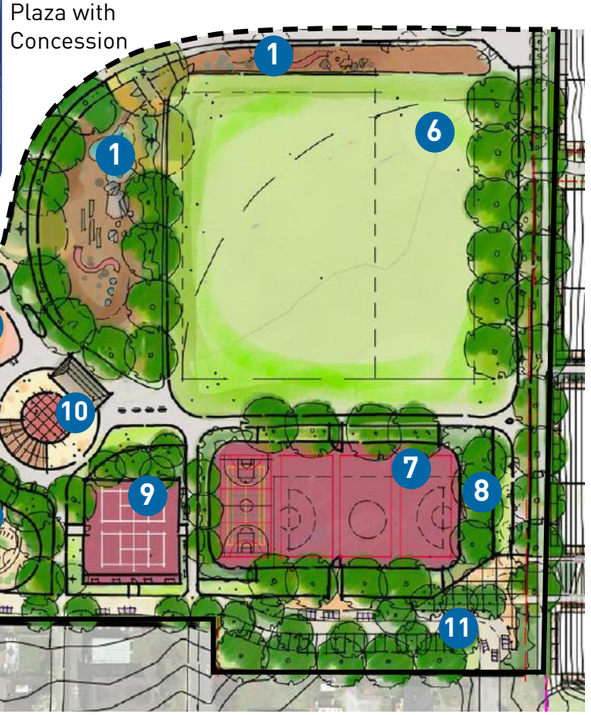
3 Sloped Lawn





10 Central Plaza with Concession





Terraced Seating

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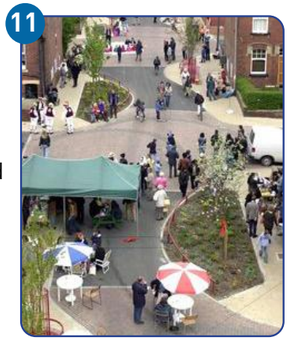
Tennis + Pickleball Courts

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Shared Street

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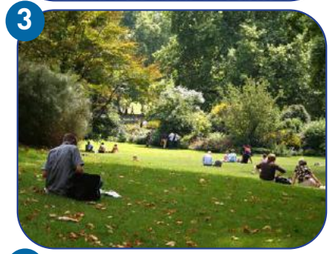
Lower Hume



Interpretive Elements throughout Lower Hume



Pollinator Mounds



Grand Lawn



Accessible Nature Trail



Riparian Area



Accessible Viewpoints



Accessible Boardwalk



Restored Off-channel Habitat



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Illustrative Park Master Plan

1. Entry, parking, interpretive area
2. Pollinator mounds
3. River viewpoint with seating
4. Flexible grand lawn
5. Accessible circulation + wayfinding
6. Existing washroom + picnic shelter
7. Park maintenance / composting
8. Improved pathways through the Bluffs
9. Playground
10. Aquatics area
11. Park entrance off Columbia
12. Nature / Adventure play
13. Rain garden
14. Existing memorial garden
15. Sloped play
16. West entry plaza with seating + wayfinding signage



17. Expanded riparian habitat
18. River lookout
19. Accessible lookout
20. Accessible pathway network through enhanced habitat areas
21. Parking
22. Dog off-leash area
23. Multi-use sports field
24. Washroom / concession / storage
25. Covered flexible space
26. Multi sport court (lacrosse, basketball, ball hockey)
27. Tennis / pickleball
28. Shared street
29. East entry plaza with seating + wayfinding signage
30. Brunette Fraser / Central Valley Greenway
31. Access to Sapperton Green Neighbourhood
32. Existing Channel
33. Future Sapperton Green neighbourhood green space

BREAK OUT GROUPS AND DISCUSSION

Questions

The Hume Park Master Plan provides a long-term, 20 year vision for Hume Park.

Tell us what you think of the proposed Master Plan.

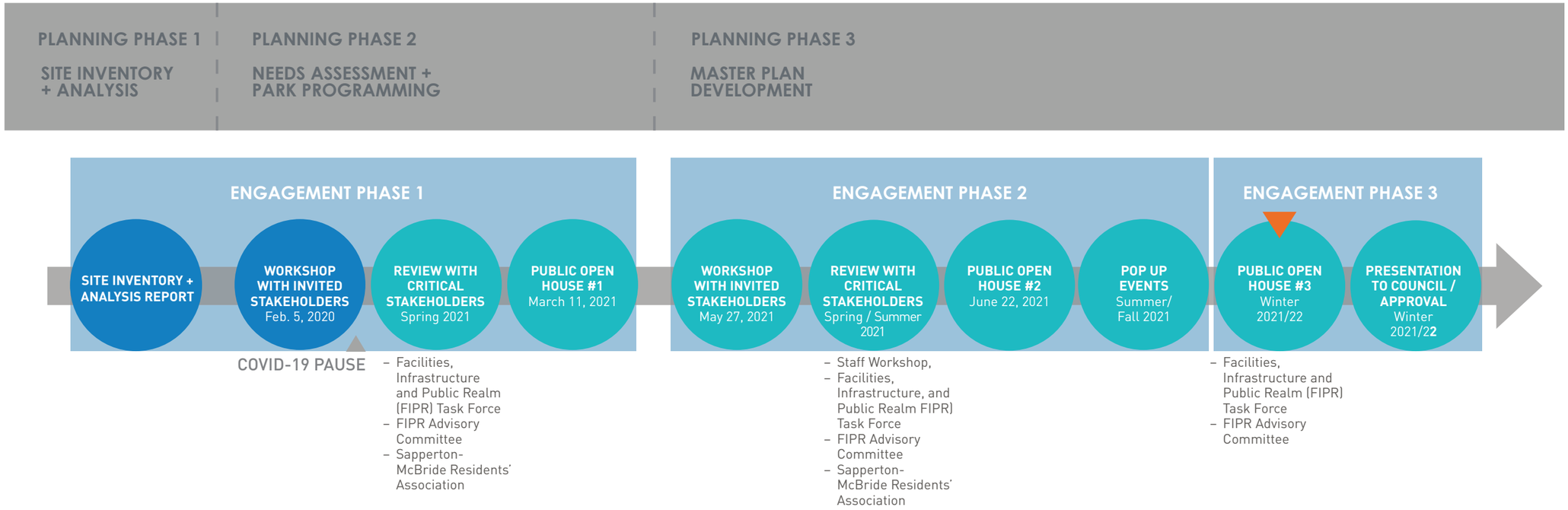
1. In Upper Hume, did we achieve the right balance of organized sports and informal uses?

2. In Lower Hume, did we achieve the right balance between enhancing ecology and providing open space for passive recreation?

3. Did we improve access to and within Hume Park for all users?



NEXT STEPS


PLANNING PHASE 1
SITE INVENTORY + ANALYSIS
PLANNING PHASE 2
NEEDS ASSESSMENT + PARK PROGRAMMING
PLANNING PHASE 3
MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT
ENGAGEMENT PHASE 1
SITE INVENTORY + ANALYSIS REPORT
WORKSHOP WITH INVITED STAKEHOLDERS Feb. 5, 2020
REVIEW WITH CRITICAL STAKEHOLDERS Spring 2021
PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE #1 March 11, 2021
COVID-19 PAUSE
– Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm (FIPR) Task Force
– FIPR Advisory Committee
– Sapperton-McBride Residents' Association
ENGAGEMENT PHASE 2
WORKSHOP WITH INVITED STAKEHOLDERS May 27, 2021
REVIEW WITH CRITICAL STAKEHOLDERS Spring / Summer 2021
PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE #2 June 22, 2021
POP UP EVENTS Summer/ Fall 2021
– Staff Workshop,
– Facilities, Infrastructure, and Public Realm FIPR) Task Force
– FIPR Advisory Committee
– Sapperton-McBride Residents' Association
ENGAGEMENT PHASE 3
PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE #3 Winter 2021/22
PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL / APPROVAL Winter 2021/22
– Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm (FIPR) Task Force
– FIPR Advisory Committee
2018/19
WINTER 2020 - SPRING 2021
SPRING 2021 - WINTER 2021/22

NEXT STEPS

Thank you!



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3.0 What We Heard

Facilities, Infrastructure, and Public Realm Advisory Committee (FIPRAC)

The third presentation to the Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm Advisory Committee (FIPRAC) took place on October 21, 2021 virtually on Zoom and consisted of a presentation by PWL Partnership, the project consultant, followed by round table discussions with the committee members. The presentation consisted of an overview of the engagement and planning process so far, and an overview of the proposed master plan. The discussion was centred on how well the draft master plan incorporates the input and feedback gathered throughout the engagement process.

Themes in responses included:

- There hasn't been a call from the community to change Upper Hume Park, but to enhance what is already there. The plan responds well to this feedback;
- Ensure the community is further consulted in future planning for the outdoor pool;
- Hume Park Pool is highly valued and should be included in the Aquatic Zone;
- Lacrosse Box should be walled and covered as the season is year-round;
- Flexible lawn space and picnic tables are heavily used and valued;
- Maintain a strong visual connection between play areas and sports fields;
- Consider the impacts of the Sapperton Green development on the dog off-leash are in Hume Park and ensure adequate off-leash areas are included with the Sapperton Green development.

Facilities, Infrastructure, Public Realm Task Force

The third presentation to the Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm Task Force (FIPRTF) occurred virtually on November 8, 2021. PWL Partnership presented a project update and draft master plan followed by a discussion. The task force recommended that the following be considered in the master plan:

- The long-term plan and phased implementation should include a forecast on impacts to the city's financial plan (operational and capital);
- Relationship of Hume Park Master Plan to other City planning documents including the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan (2008), Urban Forest Management Strategy (2016) and People, Parks & Pups Strategy (2022);
- Given that the master plan has a 20 year time-frame for implementation, consider interim conditions as they relate to the Park and Sapperton Green Development;
- Pedestrian connections to Sapperton Green;
- Incorporating Translink planning into Master Plan implementation.

Virtual Public Open House 3

The third and final Public Open House took place on November 4, 2021 via Zoom and included 21 participants from the community. The virtual event was facilitated by city staff and the consultant team from PWL. The meeting started with a three part presentation: a project overview; a summary of results from Engagement Phases 1 and 2; and a presentation of the draft master plan.The large group was then divided into two breakout groups to discuss three questions:

1. In Upper Hume, did we achieve the right balance of organized sport and informal uses?
2. In Lower Hume, did we achieve the right balance between enhancing ecology and providing open space for passive recreation?
3. Did we improve access to and within Hume Park for all users?

The online event concluded with a summary of the small group discussions to all participants and instructions on how to use the online tools at beheardnewwest.ca to provide additional feedback to the project team.

SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK

Participants were pleased to see the upgrades to existing sports facilities, including the lacrosse box and reiterated their support for regulation sized fields and courts but expressed concern about lighting pollution should the soccer field be lit. Participants were in support of central washroom and storage facility, and expressed their desire to retain Hume Park Pool. Questions arose about parking provision and the character of the shared street along Hume Lane.

Participants were enthusiastic about restoring habitat in Lower Hume, emphasizing how "magical" the naturalized areas are for children and adults, and expressing a desire for more direct contact with the Brunette River. Participants noted the drainage issues in Lower Hume in relation to the proposed wetland.

4.0 Online Survey

Survey Summary

The Online Survey #3 was launched on November 3, 2021 and closed on November 29, 2021 on the Be Heard New West Hume Park Master Plan project page. It was advertised via physical signage placed throughout Hume Park, on the City's social media platforms, CityPage and CityPage Online, and via direct invitations to stakeholders and the Sapperton Residents' Association. In total, 256 users visited the survey and 52 users completed the survey.

The survey asked for respondents' feedback on the proposed Master Plan with multiple choice and open-ended questions that referenced feedback heard during previous phases of engagement. Multiple choice questions asked respondents' level of support for different aspects of the plan. Respondents who answered "oppose," "somewhat oppose," or "neutral" to a multiple choice question were prompted with a follow-up open ended "Tell us why" question. Additional open ended questions were asked of all respondents to capture any aspects of long-range park planning that respondents wished to comment on.

Results are summarized in the following pages, with reference to images and information from the Open House #3 Boards that accompanied the questions.

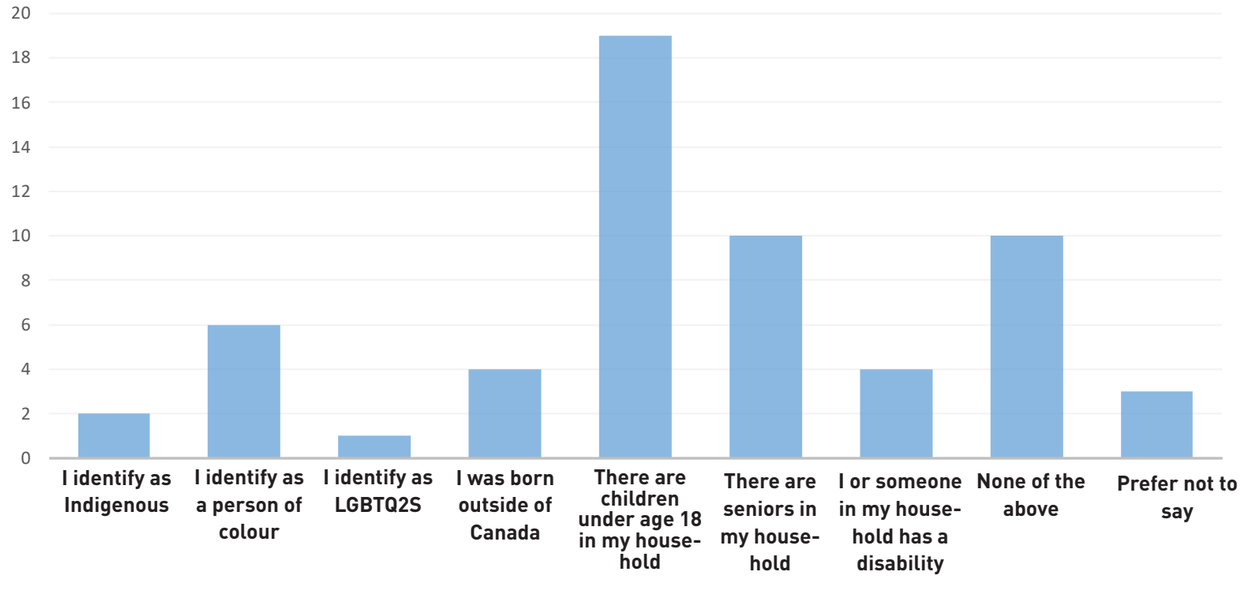
Multiple choice results are indicated in pie charts on the left side of the following page and key findings of long form responses are summarized in Additional Key Findings on the right.

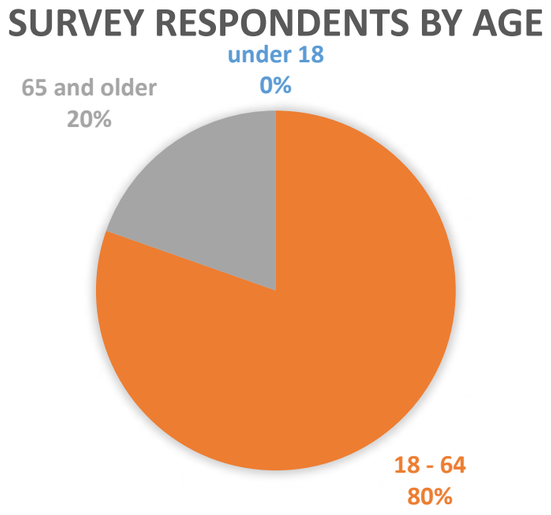
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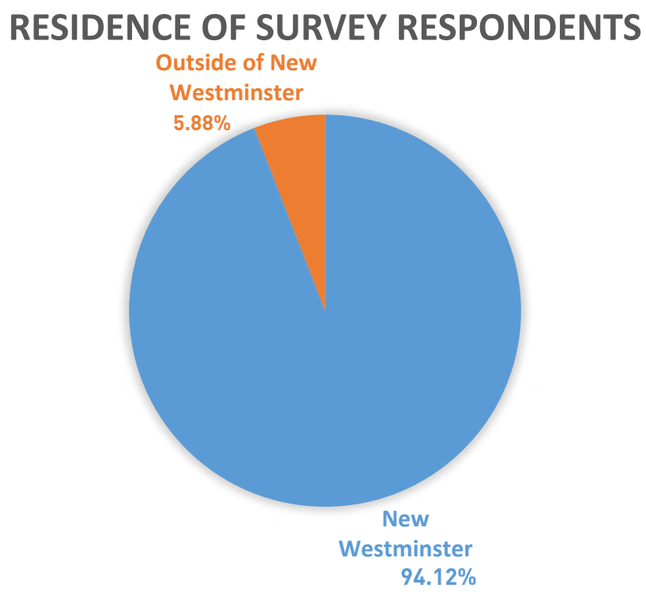
The Be Heard New West engagement platform collects demographic information of registered users. Visitors to the Hume Park Master Plan page were required to register to provide responses. This enabled tracking of respondents' residence, age, and self-identification.

DEMOGRAPHIC KEY FINDINGS

1. The largest group of respondents self identifies as having children under the age of 18 in their household.
2. There is some representation from groups that self identify as visible minorities.
3. The smallest group of respondents self identify as LGBTQ2S.
4. Participants are mostly made up of adults between the ages of 18 -64 and overwhelmingly live within the city of New Westminster.



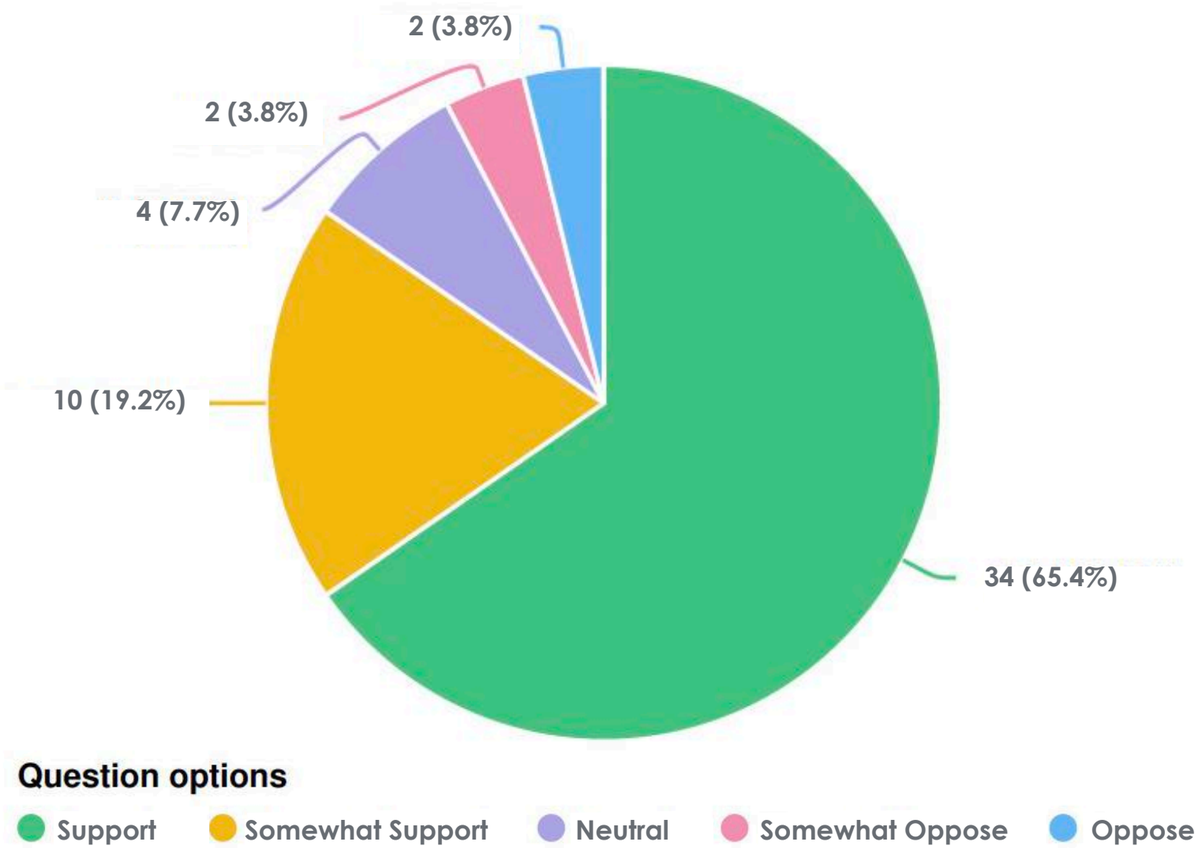




Survey Questions + Key Findings

During previous engagement phases, we heard that regulation sized sports facilities and structured park activities in Hume Park are highly valued.

QUESTION 1: To what extent do you support the proposed balance of regulation sized sports facilities and structured park activities in Upper Hume?



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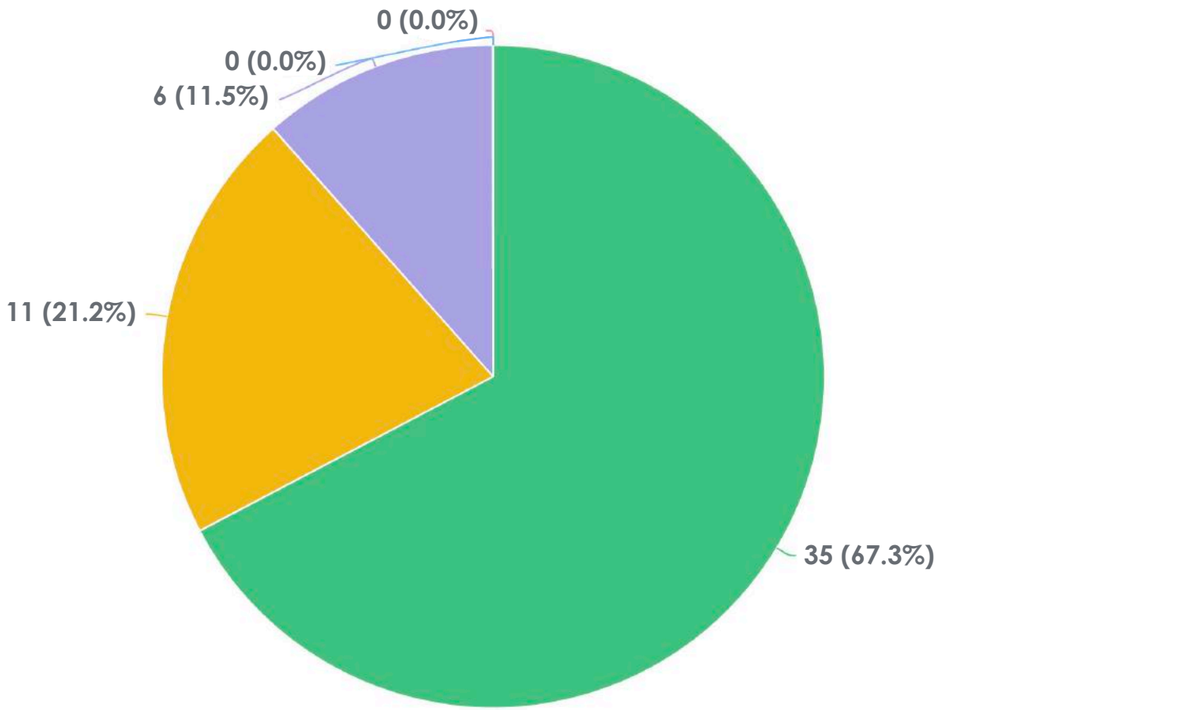
ADDITIONAL KEY FINDINGS

1. Multiple choice results confirm the value that was placed by majority of respondents during phase 2 of engagement on regulation sports and structured park activities in Upper Hume.
2. Long-form answers from respondents who were neutral or opposed the proposed plan in Upper Hume placed a high value on maintaining specific park features (existing park trees, greenspace, traditional playgrounds, more connections with improved accessibility) and desired specific amenities (skate park/pump track, basketball court, and lacrosse box).

This question referenced Master Plan Response 1 (see p.11) and Open House #3 Board: Upper Hume (p15).

We also heard that the Master Plan should accommodate increased demand and evolving needs with more flexible, multi-use amenities and layered uses in Upper Hume Park.

QUESTION 3: To what extent do you support this layered approach?



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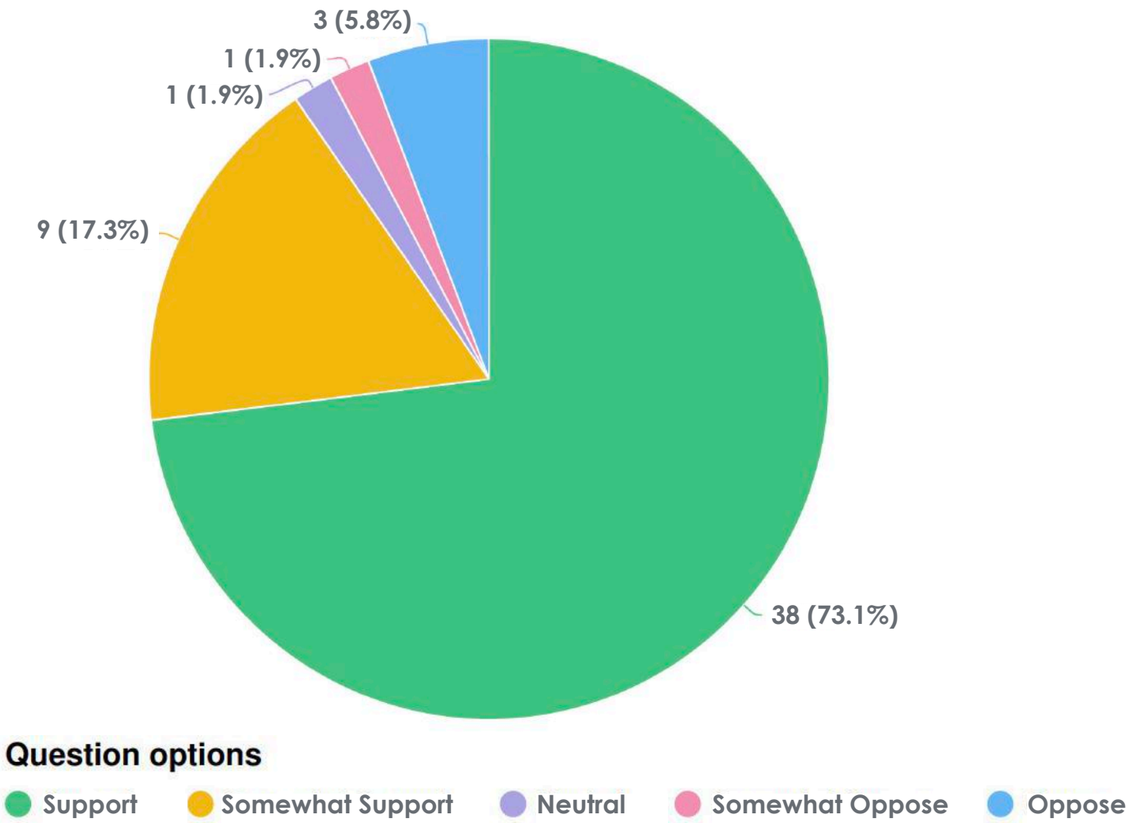
ADDITIONAL KEY FINDINGS

1. Several long-form responses to this question stressed the importance of organized sports and a desire to protect these uses.
2. Some respondents expressed a concern over the potential loss of green space, mature trees and and the natural areas in Lower Hume.
3. Additional uses were suggested by respondents for Upper Hume: disc golf, dance classes, star gazing, track, "native history story-telling", field lacrosse, racquetball, pump track skate park, football, and volleyball.

This question referenced Master Plan Response 2 (see p11) and Open House #3 Board: Upper Hume (p15).

We heard that proximity of complimentary uses in Upper Hume is important to families, especially with children of different age groups.

QUESTION 6: How satisfied are you with the proposed locations of the aquatic zone, washroom/ concession building, and play areas?



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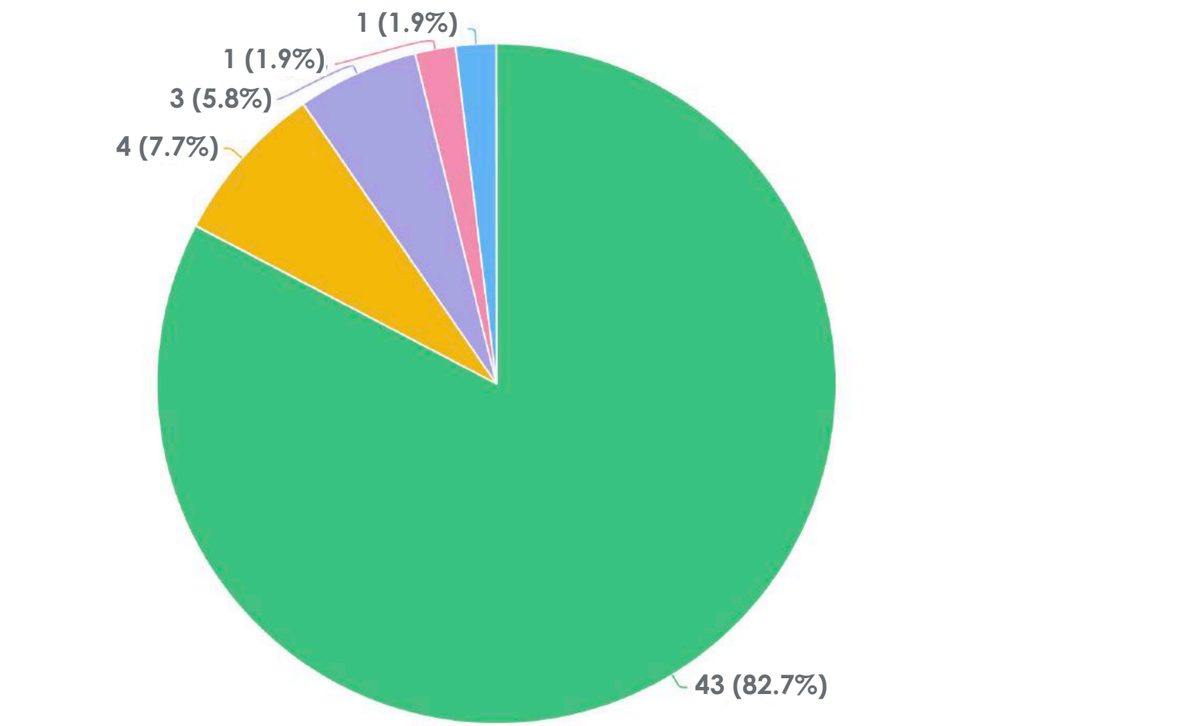
ADDITIONAL KEY FINDINGS

1. Some respondents expressed concern over the future of Hume Park Pool and emphasized how much they value this amenity.
2. Respondents felt that proximity and connectivity between these spaces and other amenities in Upper Hume are important.

This question referenced Open House #3 Board: Upper Hume (p15).

During previous engagement phases, we heard that protecting and enhancing the ecological benefits of Lower Hume Park is a high priority.

QUESTION 9: To what extent do you support the proposed recommendations to enhance and protect ecology in Lower Hume?



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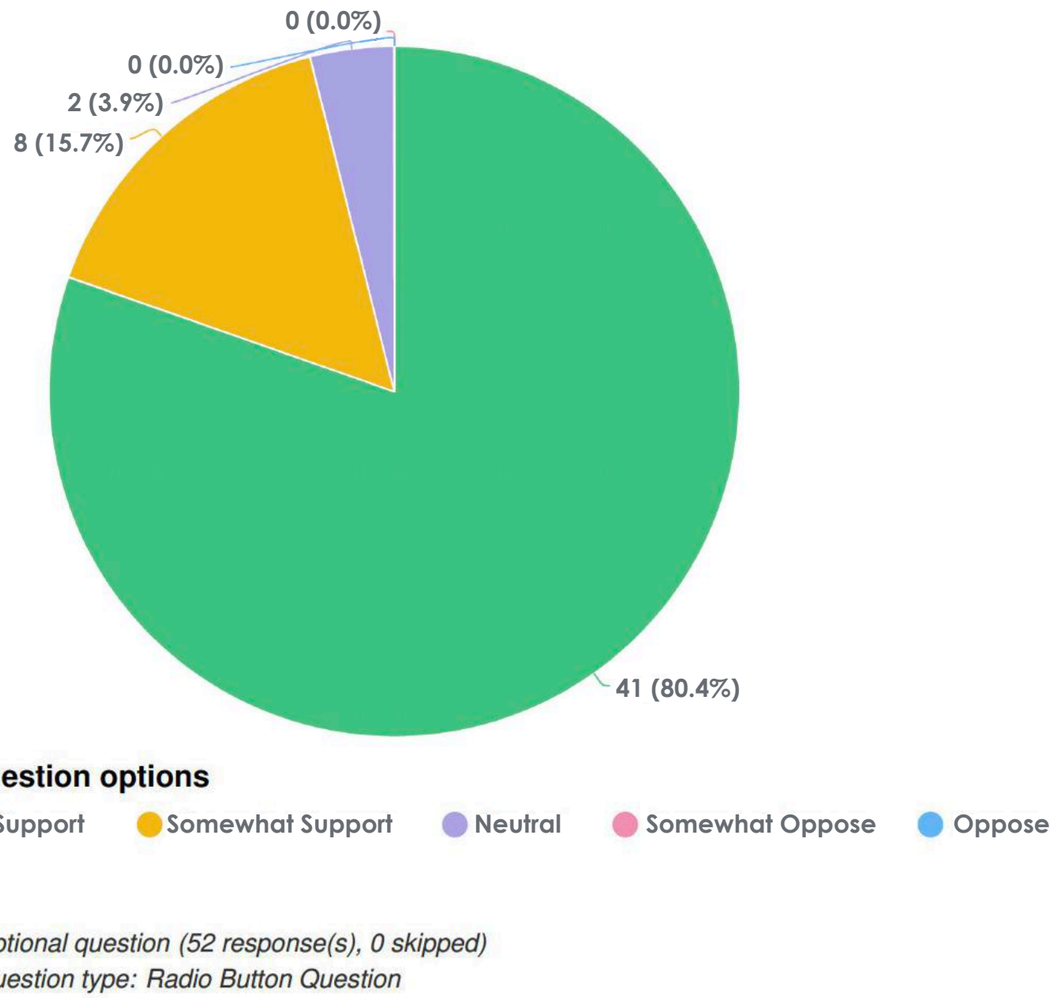
ADDITIONAL KEY FINDINGS

1. While most respondents supported the emphasis on ecological emphasis proposed in Lower Hume, some expressed reservations about boardwalks and lookouts compromising the 'wildness' of this area and attracting too many visitors.

This question referenced Master Plan Response 4 (see p12) and Open House #3 Board: Lower Hume (p16).

We also heard that providing equitable access to nature for all ages and abilities is a high priority.

QUESTION 11: To what extent do you support the proposed opportunities for access to nature?



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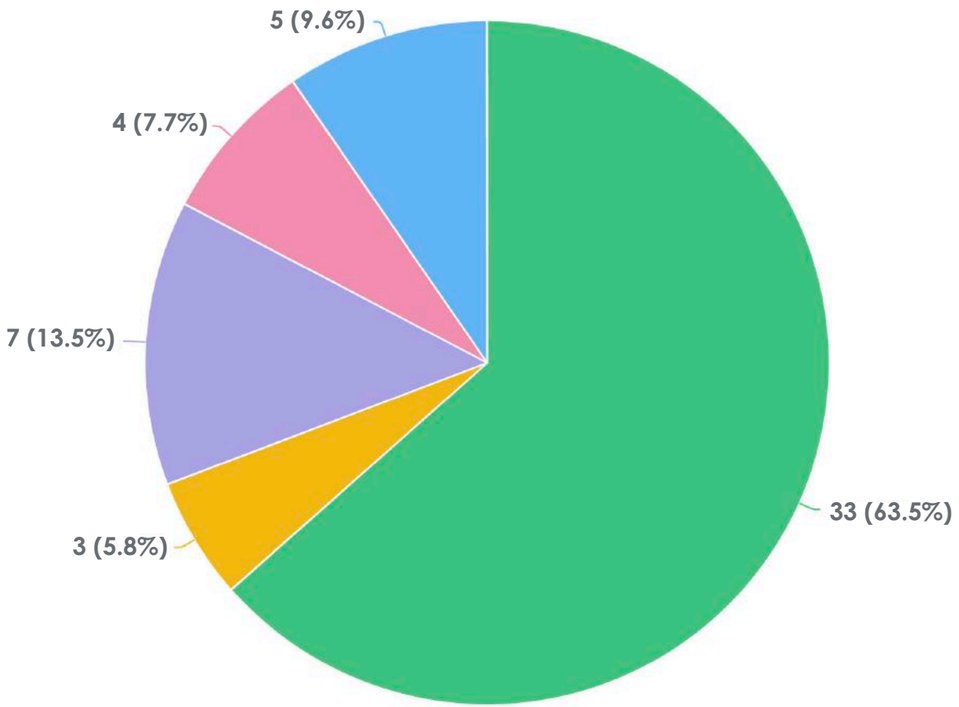
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ADDITIONAL KEY FINDINGS

1. With no respondents opposing the proposed opportunities for access to nature, These results confirm that there is broad support for increased opportunities for contact with nature.
2. Some respondents expressed concern that improved pathways would compromise the 'wild' character of Lower Hume and the Bluffs.

This question referenced Master Plan Response 5 (see p12) and Open House #3 Board: Lower Hume (p16).

QUESTION 13: To maximize the ecological benefits of Lower Hume Park, to what extent do you support the removal of the Lower Hume baseball diamond?



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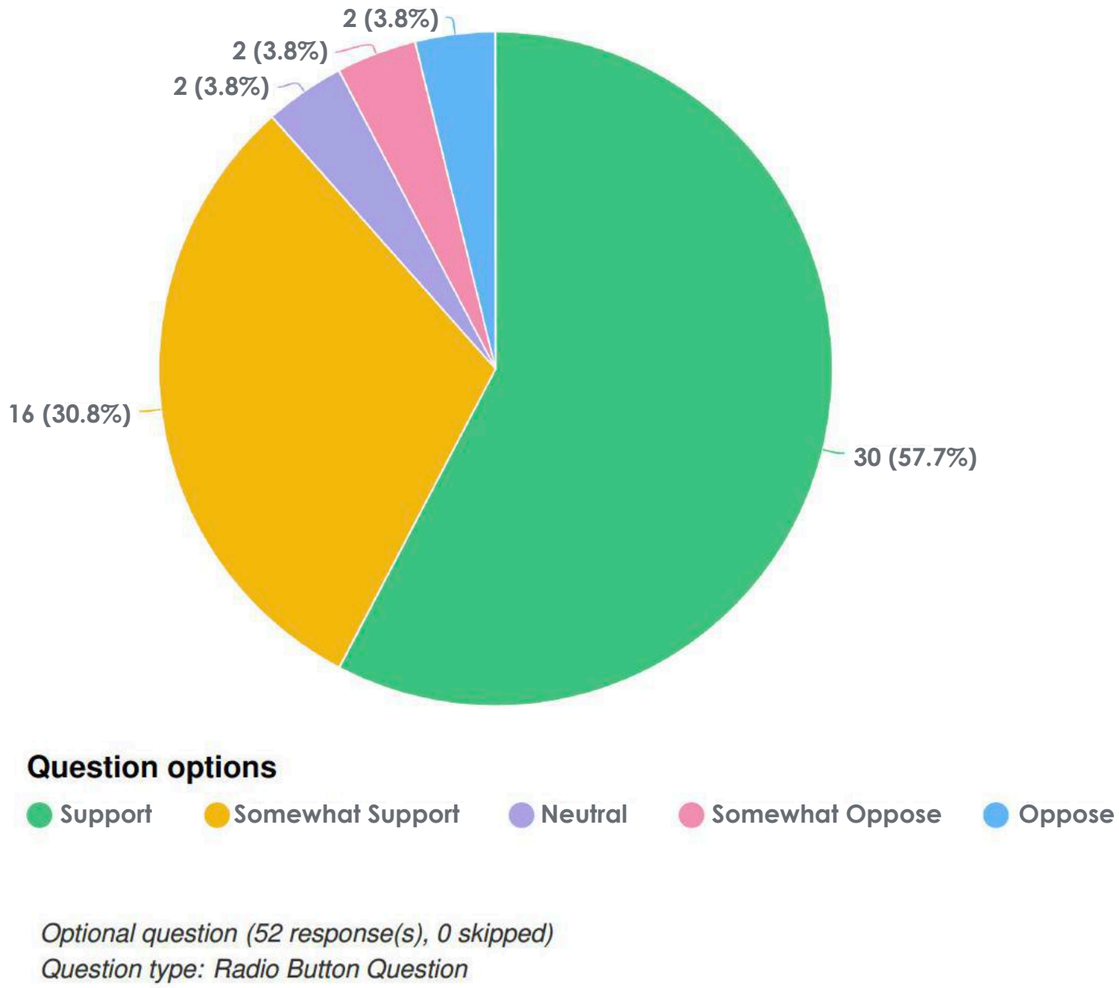
ADDITIONAL KEY FINDINGS

1. Most respondents who did not support the removal of the Lower Hume baseball diamond stressed the importance of organized and recreational sports fields and that these were insufficiently provided for in New Westminster and in the proposed Hume Park plan.

This question referenced Open House #3 Board: Lower Hume (p16).

During previous engagement, we heard that accessibility to and through Hume Park should be improved.

QUESTION 16: To what extent do you support the proposed improvements?



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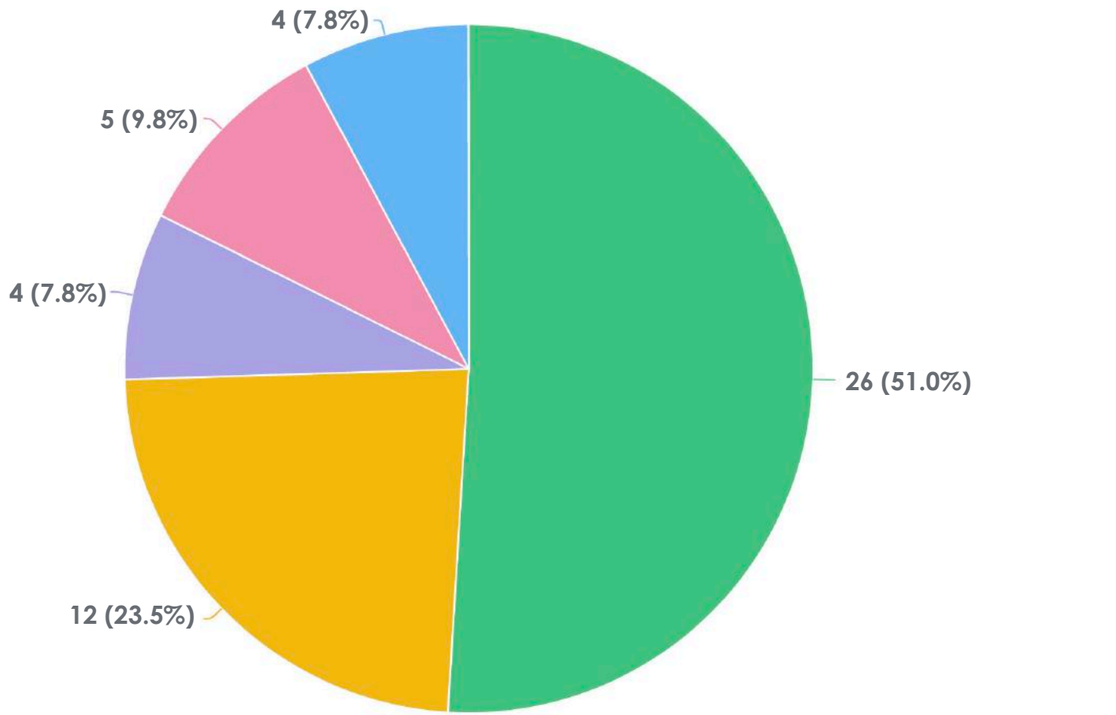
ADDITIONAL KEY FINDINGS

1. Responses to the open ended follow-up question included a number of suggestions:
    a. Redirecting vehicle access to the park away from the narrow residential streets south of the park;
    b. Providing adequate parking and ensuring there are drop off areas;
    c. Keeping paths through the Bluffs wild and unpaved eliminate cars from the park entirely; and
    d. Support for more circulation paths and connections.

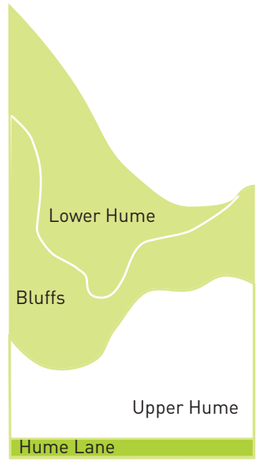
This question referenced Master Plan Response 3 (see p12) and Open House #3 Board: Park Diagram: Entrances, Buildings, and Circulation (p14).

The master plan proposes a "park-like" shared street - a multi-modal green street with seating and opportunities for community events - with more efficient parking, designated drop-off/pick-up areas and slow speeds along Hume Lane.

QUESTION 18: To what extent do you support the transformation of Hume Lane to a "park-like" shared street?



Optional question (52 response(s), 0 skipped)
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ADDITIONAL KEY FINDINGS

1. Some respondents expressed concern about the interaction between cars and children in Hume Lane currently as well as the amount of space devoted to parking in the proposed plan, and encouraged a less car-centred approach to Hume Lane.
2. Some respondents expressed concern over adequate parking provision.
3. Some respondents expressed concern over traffic in Hume Lane and the ability for families to drop children off for organized sports.

This question referenced illustration of Hume Lane "park-like" street on Open House #3 Board: Upper Hume (p15).

The following open-ended questions were asked of all survey respondents and are listed with the key findings.

Question 8: Do you have any other comments on the proposed plan for Upper Hume that you would like to tell us?

KEY FINDINGS:

- Concern about the potential loss of the outdoor pool in the future was voiced by some respondents. Others suggested increased maintenance and specific improvements to already existing park amenities and uses.
- There was support for the central washroom location, covered gathering space and for amenities shared by various uses.
- Some respondents were concerned about loss of green areas and un-programmed open space.
- A few reponsedents specifically that additional community consultation should occur in the future to ensure proposed features are designed for universal accessibility and that amenities serve all age groups, including teens.
- Support for circulation and traffic improvements.

Question 15: Do you have any other comments on the proposed plan for Lower Hume and the forested Bluffs that you would like to tell us?

KEY FINDINGS:

- Support for plan and prioritizing protection and enhancements of natural features with visual or physical acces to the river.
- Inclusion of First Nations' knowledge, perspectives in the park, though interpretation, amenities, or naming
- Desire for better path maintenance and support for accessibility improvements. Improvements to East Columbia crossing into Hume Park and for better transit service were also derired by some.

Question 20: Are there any other improvements to park entrances or circulation that should be considered?

KEY FINDINGS:

- Several respondents felt that parking needs were not met and/or that additional parking and traffic enforcement and signage is needed.
- The proposed accessibility improvements were supported and additional improvements were suggested: an accessible path to replace stairs at the tennis courts, safety improvements for small children on the CVG, wayfinding signage.
- One respondent felt that the east welcome plaza should be revised to have direct adjacency with Fader Street, which meets Braid Street with a controlled intersection.

Question 21: Please share any other comments or suggestions on the long-term vision for Hume Park.

KEY FINDINGS:

- Several respondents expressed that they like the plan and no one expressed major reservations with the plan, with the one exception of concern about the future of the outdoor pool.
- Several respondents listed ecological enhancement as a priority and one expressed concern about the ecological future of the Brunette river - related to potential actions by entities outside of New Westminster - and of Hume Park - related to climate change.
- Respondents repeated a desir for future engagement, and ensureing a diversity of user groups are involved.
- There was anxiety expressed by some repondents that Hume Park would become overcrowded with future population growth.
- Many respondents reiterated an appreciation of the park and its current features, amenities and programming - outdoor pool, river, dog off-leash area, etc. - and several reiterated a preference for improvements, or "TLC" over removing features and suggested specific improvements.

5.0 Public Engagement Phase 3 Key Findings

The feedback received during Public Engagement Phase 3 has been synthesized into three overarching Key Findings, indicating overall support for the proposed high level vision embedded in the long-term Hume Park Master Plan.

1. Engagement participants place a high value on the park's regulation sized sports facilities and are supportive of the Master Plan's proposal to enhance and improve these elements while balancing the other important uses that exist in Upper Hume.
2. Engagement participants place a high value on the park's ecology and are supportive of the Master Plan's proposal to enhance biodiversity and create opportunities for education and contact with nature.
3. Engagement participants value the existing park character and do not want to see significant changes in the park amenities, facilities and uses. Participants support improvements to park amenities and facilities with added flexibility to accommodate population growth and increased use.