

Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation is developing a Youth Engagement Strategy that will inform the development of a youth recreation plan.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation is reviewing its existing programs and services, obtaining feedback from youth, partners and stakeholders, and assessing the need for additional youth spaces and drop-ins.

The engagement strategy will be included in a report to City Council in Fall 2013. Feedback from this survey will:

- a) capture youth perspectives of recreation
- b) help to develop the youth engagement strategy.

Survey responses will be accepted between August 14 and August 28, 2013.

Your participation in the survey is completely voluntary. All responses are anonymous and will be kept confidential. To access the survey, please visit the Toronto, Parks, Forestry and Recreation website at: <http://www.toronto.ca/parks/>.

If you have any questions about the survey OR if you are interested in organizing a focus group, please contact Jorge Kanesh at (416)396-5108 / jkanesh@toronto.ca.



Toronto Youth Survey

To Youth:

The survey takes 5-10 minutes to complete. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Jorge Kanesh at (416)396-5108 / jkanesh@toronto.ca

Please send completed surveys to: Cedarbrook Park Community Centre, 91 Eastpark Blvd, Toronto, Ontario, M1H 1C6.

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1. What are the first three digits of your home postal code? (e.g. M2C, M8V, M4N, etc.)

2. What is your gender?
 Male
 Female
 Other.....
(Male to Female, Female to Male, Transgender, Pangender, etc.)

3. What is your age?
12 and Under 13 – 15 16 – 18 19 – 24 25 and Over

4. Do you identify with any of the following groups?
(Check all that apply) For other, please specify by entering your comments in the space.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Gay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newcomer (in Canada for less than 3 years) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bisexual |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethno-cultural groups | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Racialized groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immigrant and/or refugee | |

5. Do you currently participate in Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation programs?
For example, Youth Council, drop-in basketball, Girls Club, etc.
 Yes

- No
- Don't Know

6. If yes, how often do you participate in Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation programs?

- 1 day per week
- 4 days per week
- 7 days per week
- 2 days per week
- 5 days per week
- Don't Know
- 3 days per week
- 6 days per week

7. Please rate the level of importance of the following components of a Parks, Forestry and Recreation youth engagement strategy.

1=Low and 10=High

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | N/A |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| Youth Lounges | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Youth Councils | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Youth Outreach Workers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Partnership with other youth agencies | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Registered recreation programs | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Drop-in recreation programs | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Youth accomplishment award/recognition programs | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Volunteer opportunities | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Social activities/Special Events | | | | | | | | | | | |

8. What activities could we offer in PF&R youth spaces?

(Check all that apply) For other, please specify by entering your comments in the space.

- Dance
- Language Classes
- Games
- Special events
- Snacks
- Visual and Media Arts
- Sports
- Fitness and wellness
- Homework assistance
- Other:
- Job preparation

9. Do you feel your participation in recreation programs is limited?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

10. If yes, indicate below what you feel limits your participation in City of Toronto Recreation programs:

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> Time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gender | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cost | <input type="checkbox"/> Interest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Language | <input type="checkbox"/> Age |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Parental permission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Location |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other..... | |

11. What contributes to a youth friendly community centre environment?

(Check all that apply) For other, please specify by entering your comments in the space.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhere to hang out | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated youth space |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth recreation programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth specific information | <input type="checkbox"/> Other..... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated youth staff | |

12. Please check days/times when you would visit and/or use a PF&R youth space:

(Check all that apply)

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|-------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| Before 12pm | | | | | | | |
| 12pm- 4pm | | | | | | | |
| 4pm - 6pm | | | | | | | |
| 6pm - 8pm | | | | | | | |
| 8pm – 10pm | | | | | | | |
| 10pm – 12am | | | | | | | |

13. What is the best way to inform youth of PF&R activities and events?

(Check all that apply) For other, please specify by entering your comments in the space.

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Text | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Newspaper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Posters located at facilities/schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instagram | <input type="checkbox"/> Flyers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> toronto.ca website | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth/ from friends | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email | | |

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback. Your opinion is extremely valuable.