

BLANTYRE PARK INFORMATION GATHERING MEETING

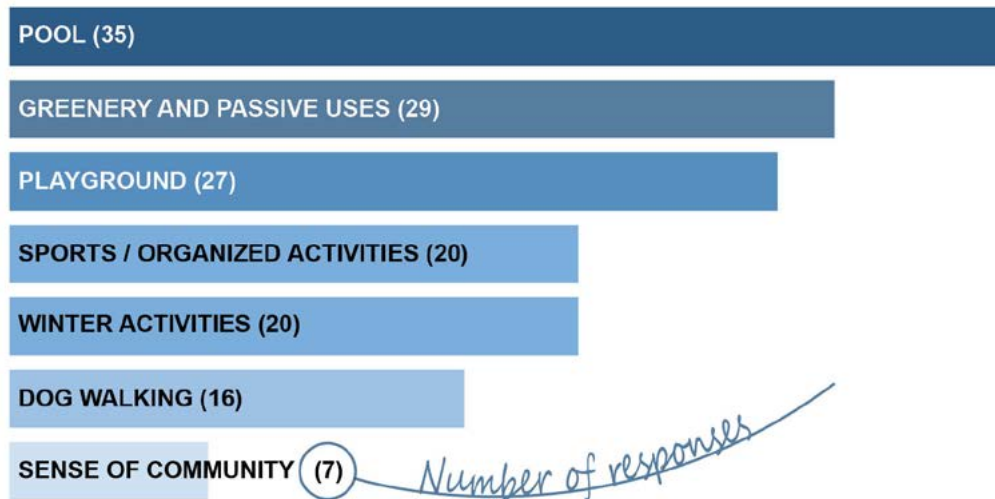
WHAT WE'VE HEARD SO FAR

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95 participants
51 comment sheets

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BLANTYRE PARK?



69% like swimming in the pool
53% want pool improvements
29% requested a splashpad



51% think dogs off-leash are a problem

49% want a designated dogs off-leash area



HOW WOULD YOU IMPROVE BLANTYRE PARK?



39% participate in organized sports and/or activities

43% want more shade & trees



27% want more seating and picnicing



4 people like the horseshoe pits

7 people want it removed

33% say traffic is unsafe & streets should be made safer for pedestrians



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WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BLANTYRE PARK?

- Pool is a summer neighbourhood hub for recreational swimming and swimming lessons. It is often overcrowded.
- People appreciate the open space, mature trees and beauty of the Park.
- People use the park for passive uses: walking, sitting, reading, watching people, eating, gathering, playing games.
- Playground is heavily used year round.
- Park is well used for organized sports: baseball, watching baseball, soccer, pedalheads bike camp, rugby.
- Many people mentioned they enjoy tobogganing down the north slope of the Park in the winter.
- The park is used for dog walking and hosts a strong dog walking community where dogs and owners gather.
- Blantyre Park is a community hub where residents connect with their neighbours and friends.

HOW WOULD YOU IMPROVE BLANTYRE PARK?

- Upgrade pool, expanded & made accessible
- Consider adding a concession at the pool.
- Consider adding a splash pad.
- Many respondents noted that off-leash dogs and people not picking up after their dogs is a big problem. They felt that creating a designated off-leash dog area would address this issue.
- Add trees to provide better shade, especially around the playground and pool.
- Eliminate the underused horseshoe pits
- Add and improve pathways. Add a ramp or stairs from Clonmore Drive.
- More benches & picnic tables.
- Add waste bins.
- Add ping-pong, fitness station, basketball, skating rink, activities for youth & seniors.
- Prevent organized activities (e.g. day camps) from dominating the park space.
- Add drinking fountains.
- Improve playground: replace surfacing, swap metal slides, maintain sand play, add shade.
- Traffic moves too quickly along Clonmore Drive and Fallingbrook Road. Roads need to be treated to slow down vehicles and provide safer crossings and sidewalks for pedestrians.