

City of Toronto – Parks Development & Capital Projects

Bell Manor Splash Pad Improvements Online Survey 1 Feedback Summary

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Project Background

Bell Manor Park is a small park northeast of Park Lawn Road and Berry Road in Etobicoke. The park features a splash pad and a splash pad. The splash pad will be redesigned using feedback from the community and is proposed to include:

- A concrete splash pad area with separate tot/junior spray zones
- New accessible water play equipment
- A new accessible pathway connecting the splash pad to Bayside Lane and Bell Manor Drive
- New seating areas, including picnic tables with umbrellas
- New trees and plantings

Survey Overview

An online survey was hosted from November 17 to December 19, 2021. The survey asked the community for feedback and preferences on multiple splash pad options (survey available in Appendix A).

The survey received a total of **155** responses. This included feedback from **396 participants** of various ages.

The survey feedback collected will be used to develop a single splash pad design, which will be presented to the community for additional feedback.

Notification

The online survey was promoted through the following channels:

- Facebook and Instagram advertisements targeting area residents
- Promotions through the local Councillor's Office
- Project webpage: www.toronto.ca/bellmanorsplashpad
- On-site signage
- Email outreach to local schools
- Flyer distribution

Key Feedback Highlights

- Splash pad Design preferences:
 - 44% of respondents preferred Splash Pad design B: Tropical
 - 34% of respondents preferred Splash Pad design A: Nautical
 - 23% of respondents preferred Splash Pad design C: Urban/Contemporary
- Seating preferences:
 - 28% of respondents preferred permanent umbrellas with tables
 - 19% of respondents preferred accessible picnic tables.
 - 17% of respondents preferred Adirondack chairs.
 - 14% of respondents preferred accessible park benches.
 - 14% of respondents preferred concrete seatwalls.
 - 9% of respondents preferred accessible natural stone seatwalls.
- Splash pad equipment colour preferences:
 - 75% prefer bright colours, like yellow, orange, and purple
 - 14% prefer earthy colours, like green, brown, and grey
 - 11% have no preference
- **Splash Pad Design A: Nautical**
 - The five splash pad features respondents liked most in the design were:
 1. Whale tale mister (63% of respondents)
 2. Water cannon (41% of respondents)
 3. Sea serpent spray (39% of respondents)
 4. Rotating sail spray (37% of respondents)
 5. Low ground jets for toddlers (33% of respondents)
 - The three most common features respondents would like removed from the design were:
 1. Water cannon (23%)
 2. Boat anchor spray (22%)
 3. Sea serpent spray (10%)
 - The three play features respondents most commonly requested more of in the splash pad design were:
 1. Water cannon (24%)
 2. Turtle spray (19%)
 3. Whale mister (18%)
- **Splash pad Design B: Tropical**
 - The five splash pad features respondents liked most in the design were:
 1. Rainbow arch mist spray (84% of respondents)
 2. Palm tree sprays (66% of respondents)
 3. Double leaf spray(50% of respondents)
 4. Rotating snail spray (37% of respondents)
 5. Frog spray (32% of respondents)
 - The three most common features respondents would like removed from the design were:

1. Rooster tail spray (12%)
 2. Fountain spray (11%)
 3. Direction jet spray (11%)
- The three play features respondents most commonly requested more of in the splash pad design were:
 1. Rainbow arch mist (33%)
 2. Palm tree sprays (23%)
 3. Double leaf spray (16%)
- **Splash pad Design C: Urban/Contemporary**
 - The five splash pad features respondents liked most in the design were:
 1. Twirling umbrella (75% of respondents)
 2. Dome spray for toddlers (54% of respondents)
 3. Umbrella spray (44% of respondents)
 4. Kite spray (40% of respondents)
 5. Spray cannon (38% of respondents)
 - The three most common features respondents would like removed from the design were:
 1. The urban/contemporary theme (24%)
 2. Spray cannon (24%)
 3. Kite spray (23%)
 - The three play features respondents most commonly requested more of in the splash pad design were:
 1. Twirling umbrellas (40%)
 2. Dome spray for toddlers (20%)
 3. Umbrella spray (20%)

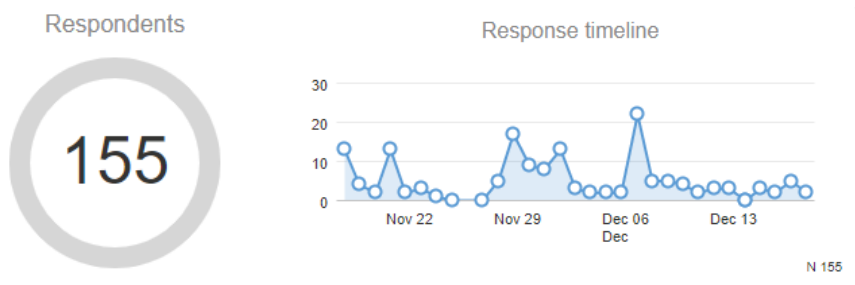
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Additional comments not included in the feedback above are summarized below.

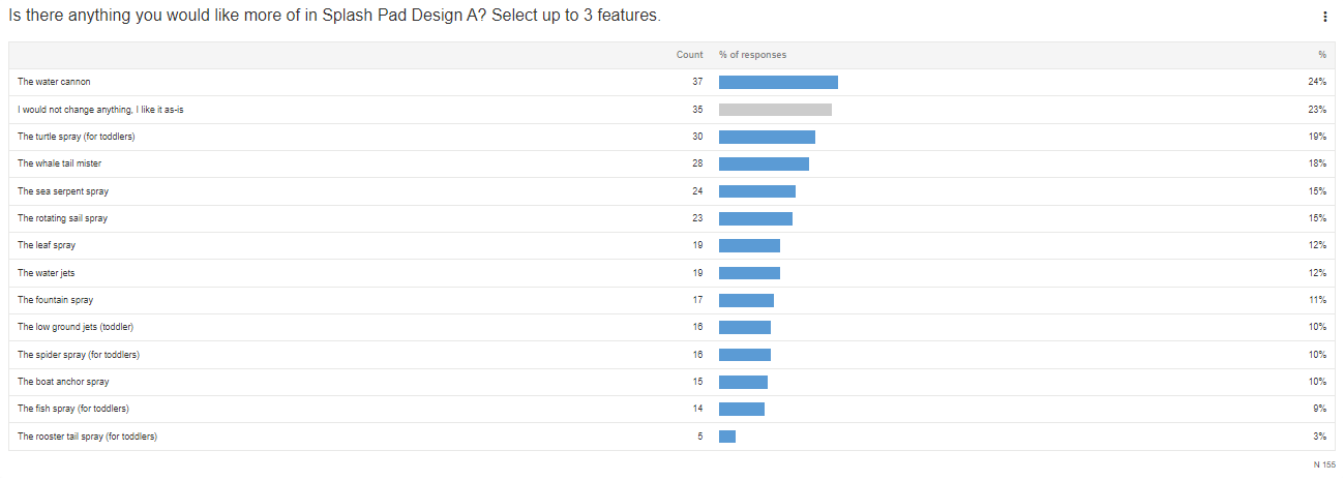
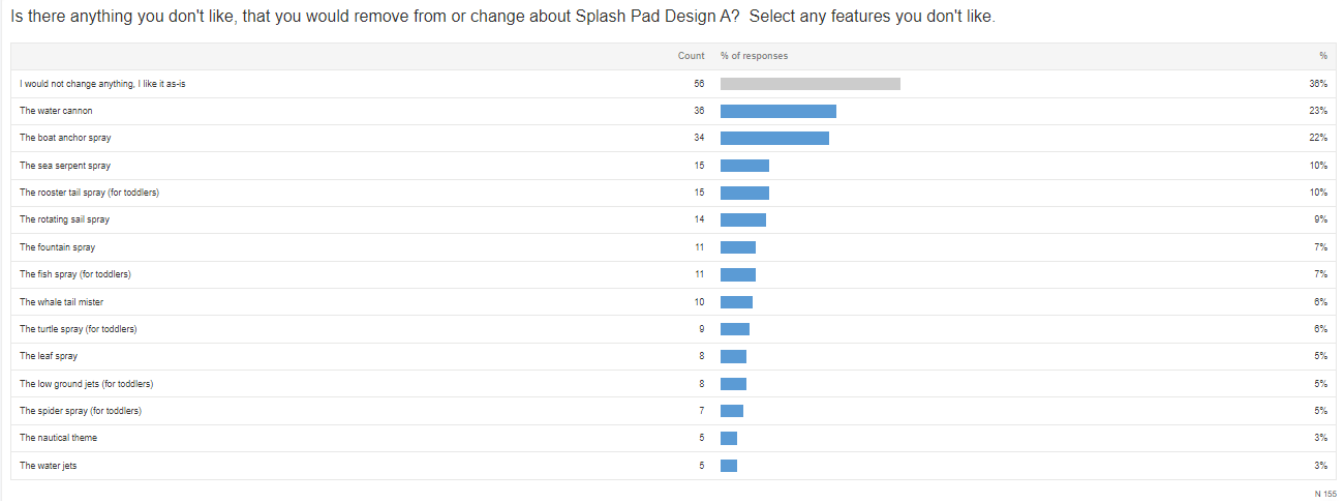
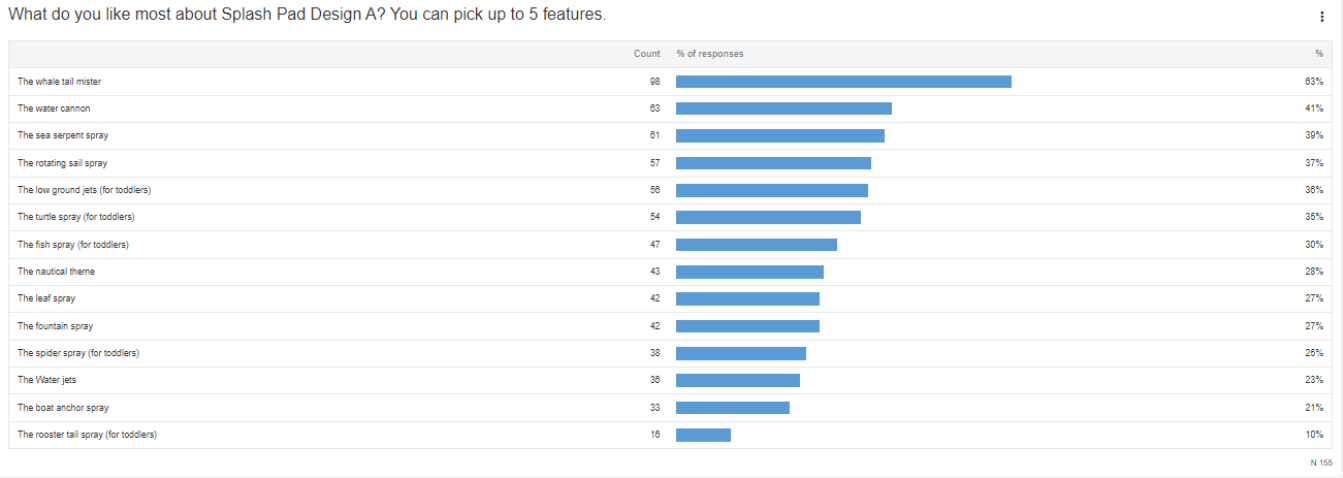
- The top suggestion for making Bell Manor Splash pad more welcoming for all users was to install additional seating for families and those accompanying children. These should include multiple new, comfortable, shaded, and accessible benches and Adirondack chairs. Many respondents also suggested adding of bucket pouring water feature, interactive water features, paw patrol water spray characters, raining cloud water features and more waterjets to the design.
- Additional suggestions for improving the area around the splash pad include: adding more trees to the park, new sensory garden beds, protect existing trees, add a wading pool, washrooms and a drinking fountain.
- There were concerns regarding the concrete surface for the splash pad. A few respondents felt that concrete is slippery and a rubber surface would be safer. There was one concern about the geese in the park and how to limit their occupation in the park and splash pad. One respondent suggested that the construction for the new splash is not during summer months to ensure little disruption to park during peak months.
- Design the splash pad exclusively for toddlers to limit noise and disruptions to neighbours
- Incorporate indigenous elements into the design
- Add BBQ's

- Add musical play elements
- Improve lighting in the park
- Add food trucks and snack bars

Appendix A: Quantitative Responses

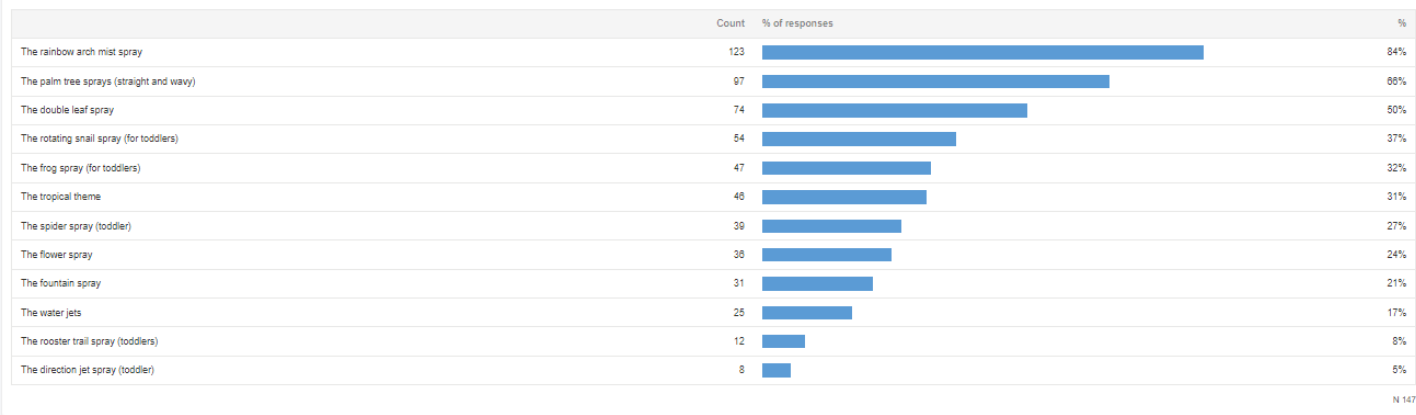


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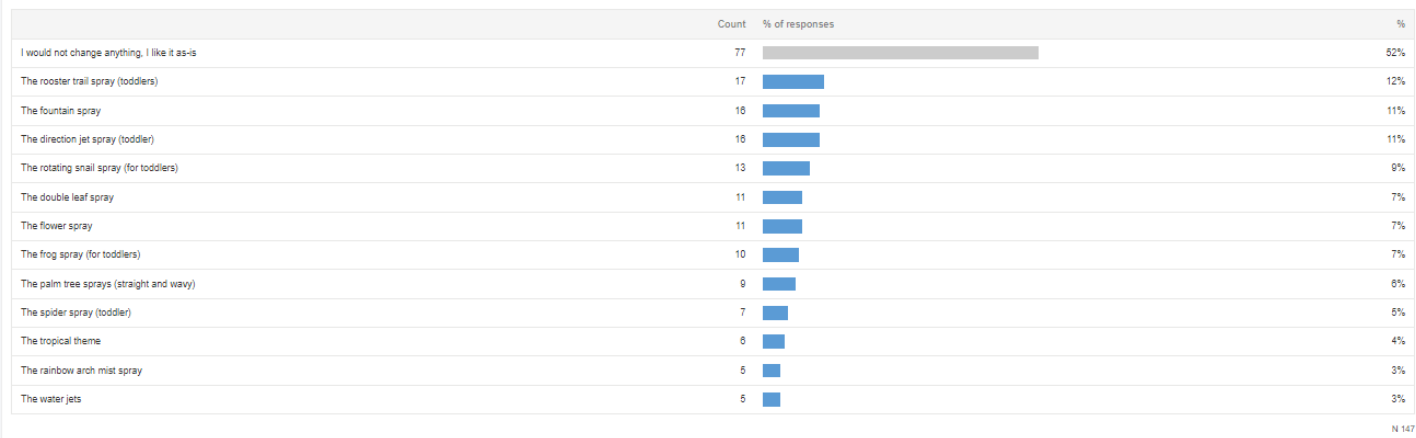


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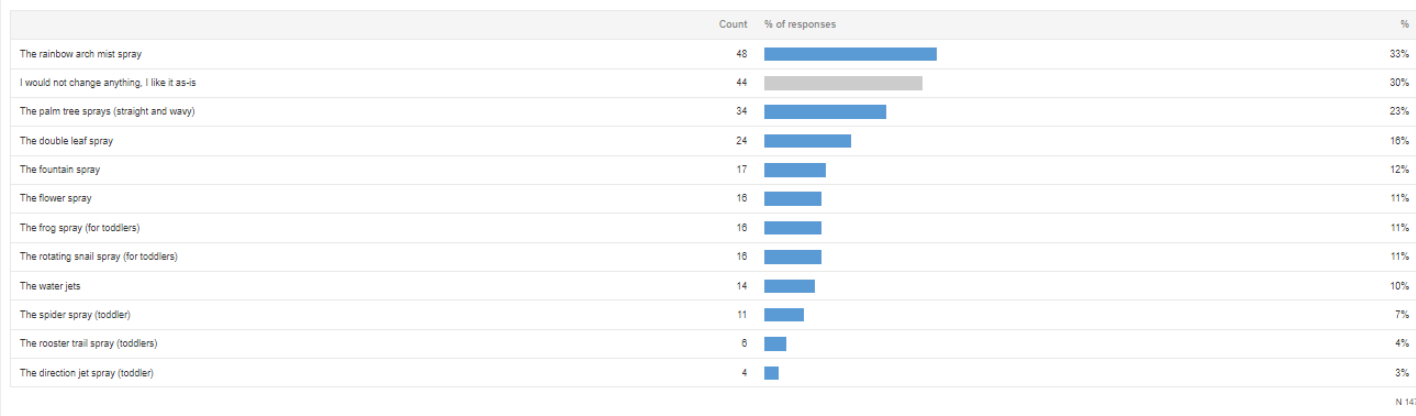
What do you like most about Splash Pad Design B? You can pick up to 5 features.



Is there anything you don't like, that you would remove from or change about Splash Pad Design B? Select any features you don't like.

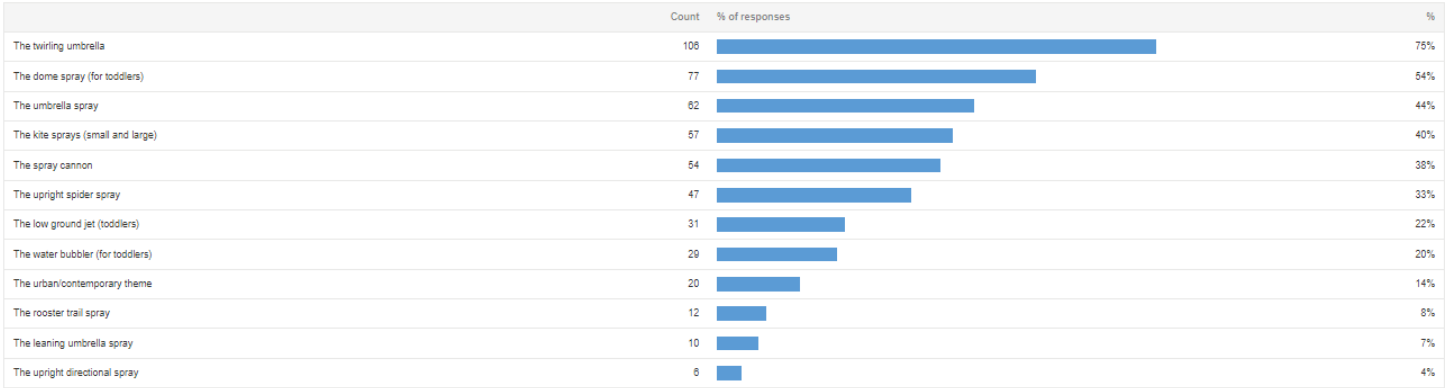


Is there anything you would like more of in Splash Pad Design B? Select up to 3 features.



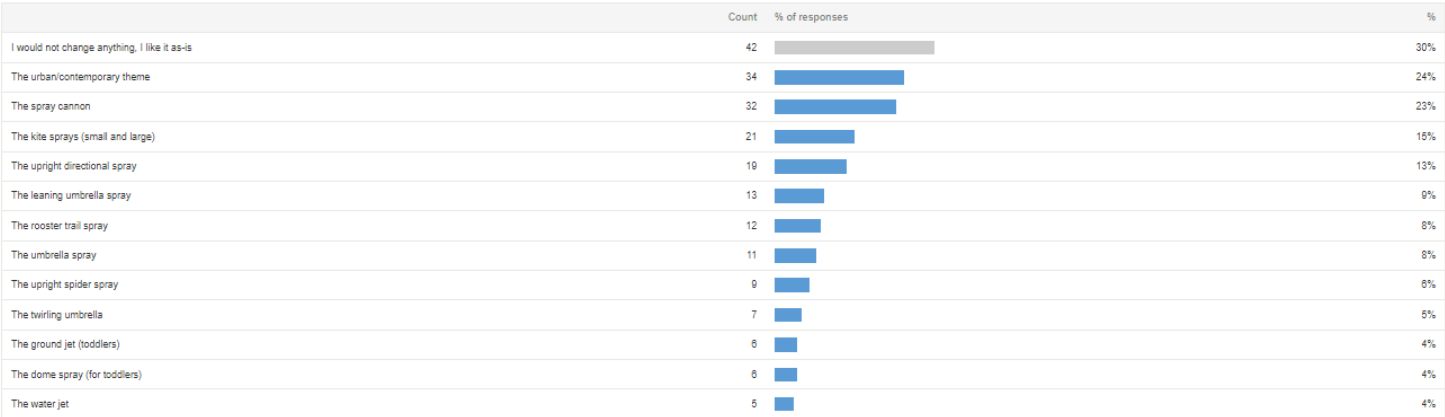
Splash Pad Design C: Urban/Contemporary

What do you like most about Splash Pad Design C? You can pick up to 5 features.



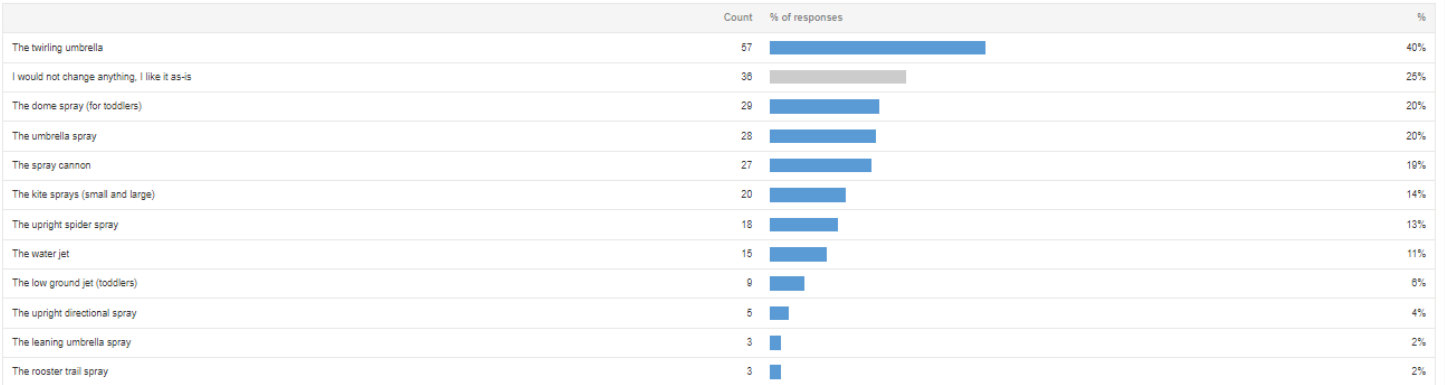
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Is there anything you don't like, that you would remove from or change about Splash Pad Design C? Select any features you don't like.



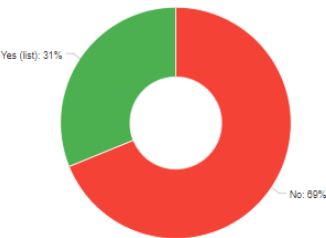
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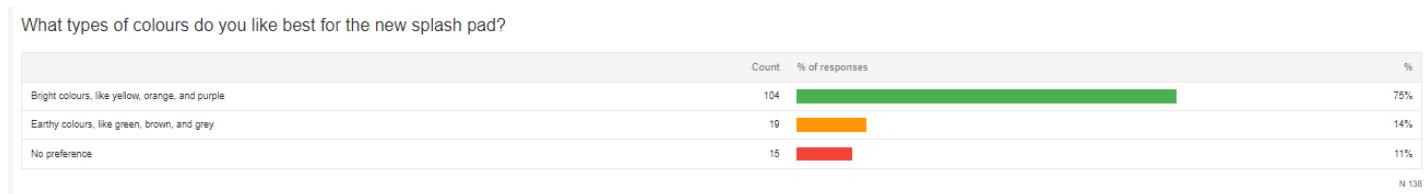
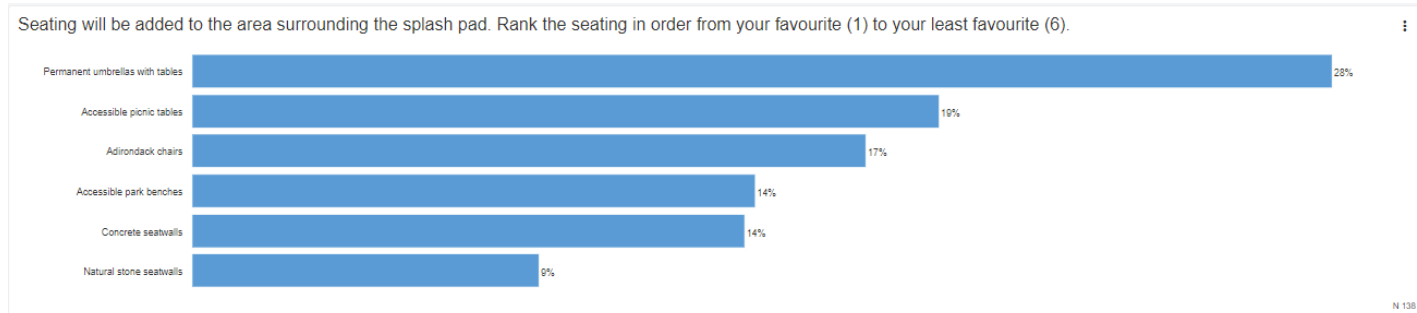
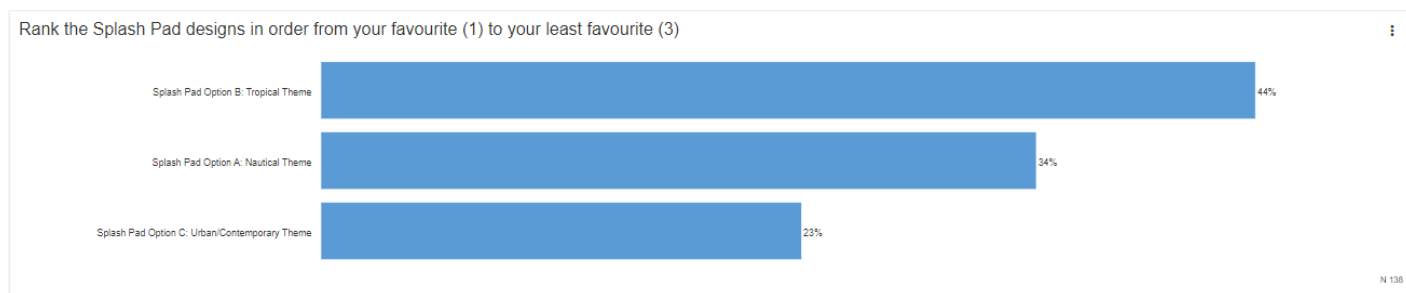
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Do you have any additional suggestions for new splash pad design?



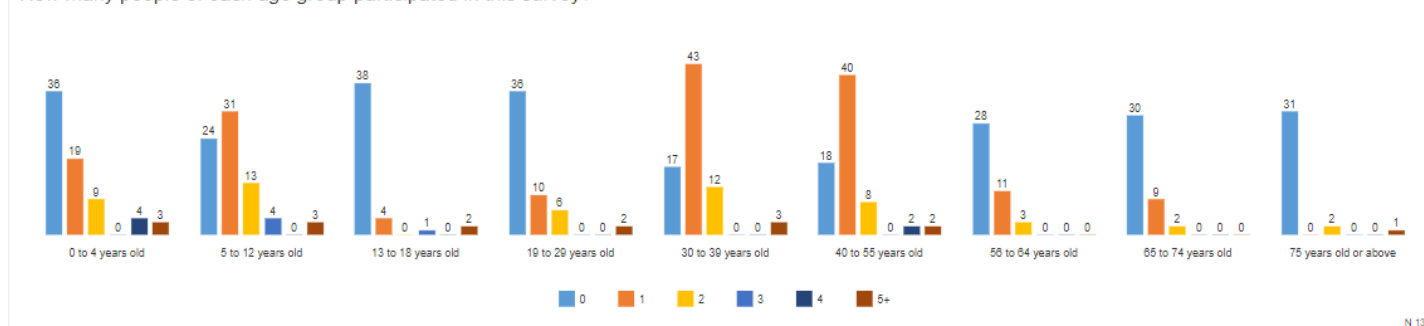
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The raw feedback from this question is in Appendix C.



Demographics

How many people of each age group participated in this survey?

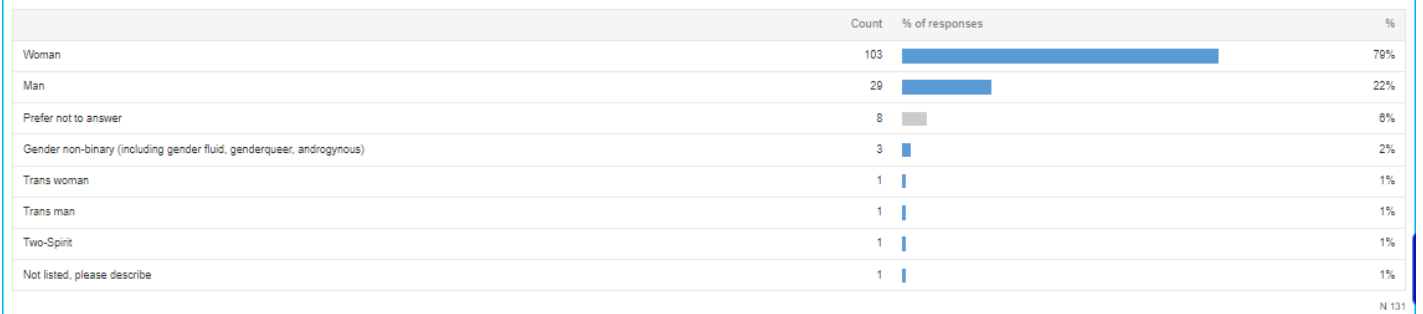


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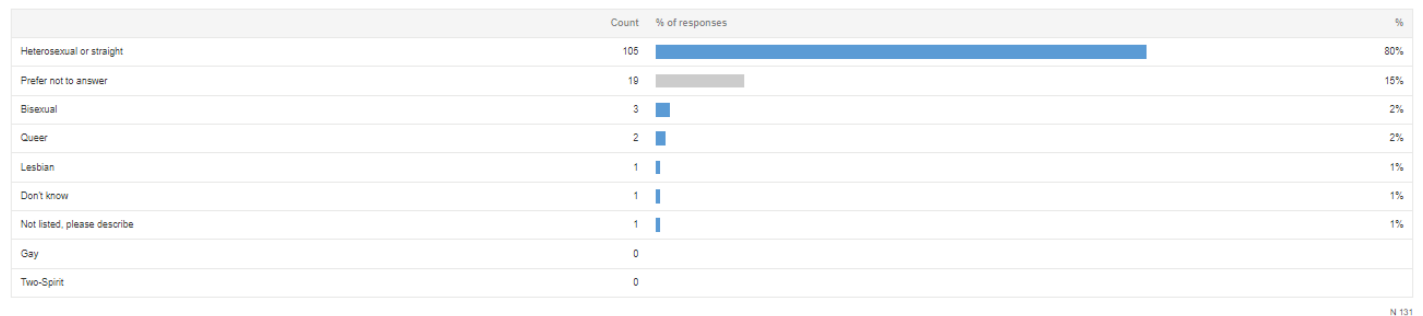
- 68 respondents age 0 to 4 years old
- 84 respondents age 5 to 12 years old
- 17 respondents age 13 to 18 years old
- 32 respondents age 19 to 29 years old
- 82 respondents age 30 to 39 years old
- 74 respondents age 40 to 55 years old
- 17 respondents age 56 to 64 years old

- 13 respondents age 65 to 74 years old
- 9 respondents age 75 years old or above

Gender identity is the gender that people identify with or how they perceive themselves, which may be different from their birth-assigned sex. What best describes your gender?



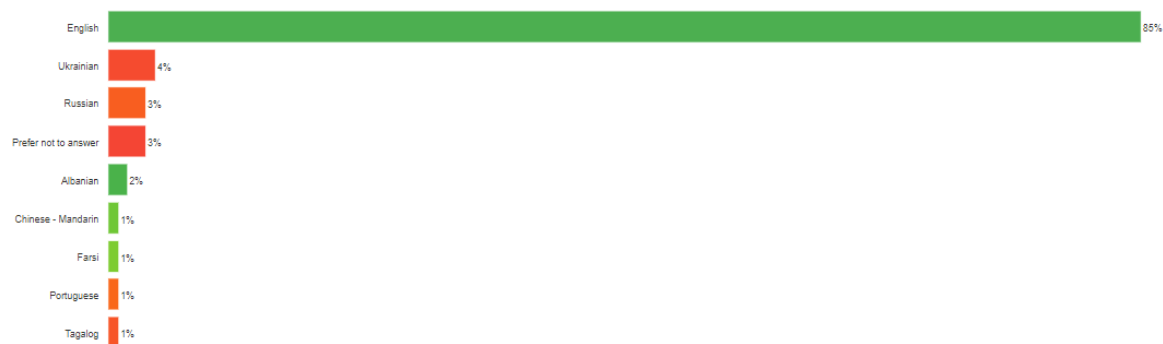
Sexual orientation describes a person's emotional, physical, romantic, and/or sexual attraction to other people. What best describes your sexual orientation?



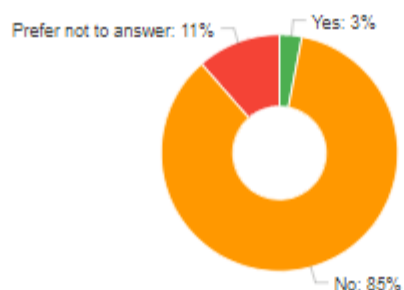
People often describe themselves by their race or racial background. For example, some people consider themselves "Black", "White" or "East Asian". Which race category best describes you? Select all that apply.



What language do you prefer speaking?



Indigenous people from Canada identify as First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit, Métis, Aboriginal, Native or Indian. Do you identify as Indigenous to Canada?



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Disability is understood as any physical, mental, developmental, cognitive, learning, communication, sight, hearing or functional limitation that, in interaction with a barrier, hinders a person's full and equal participation in society. A disability can be permanent, temporary or episodic, and visible or invisible. Does anyone participating in this survey identify as a person with a disability?



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What best describes your current housing situation?

	Count	% of responses	%
Home owner	70	<div></div>	53%
Renting	48	<div></div>	38%
Permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s)	2	<div></div>	2%
Temporarily staying with others (no fixed address)	0		
Unhoused (staying outside, in a shelter, in a 24-hour respite)	0		
Prefer not to answer	12	<div></div>	9%
Not listed, please describe	0		

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What best describes you and your household's access to outdoor space?

	Count	% of responses	%
I have access to private outdoor space like a yard	65	<div></div>	49%
I have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space	8	<div></div>	6%
I only have access to public spaces like parks (I do not have access to private or semi-private outdoor space)	46	<div></div>	35%
Prefer not to answer	13	<div></div>	10%

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Appendix B: Splash pad Design Options

The following splash pad designs were presented in the online survey.

All three designs:

- Are accessible. This means people of different abilities can play and have fun at the new Splash Pad.
- Have about the same number of water spray features.
- Cost the same amount.

The colours in each image are for reference only. You can let us know what types of colours you like best at the end of the survey.

Splash Pad Design A: Nautical



Design A includes:

- New splash pad with “sea/nautical” theme
- Upright features, including sea serpent spray, whale mister, anchor spray, twirling sail, leaf spray and water cannon.
- Variety of in-ground jets with different spray effects
- Low-level sprays for toddlers (water bubblers, fish spray, turtle spray)

Splash Pad Design B: Tropical



Design B includes:

- New splash pad with “tropical” theme
- Upright features, including palm tree sprays, leaf and flower sprays, and rainbow arch misting spray
- Variety of in-ground jets with different spray effects
- Low-level sprays for toddlers (low water jets, frog spray, snail spray)

Splash Pad Design C: Urban/Contemporary



Design C includes:

- New splash pad with “urban/contemporary” theme
- Upright features, including kite sprays, umbrella sprays, spinning umbrella spray, and stainless steel arched sprays
- Variety of in-ground jets with different spray effects
- Low-level sprays for toddlers (water bubbler, dome spray)

Appendix C: Text Responses

Do you have any additional suggestions for the new splash pad design?

- Ensure there is seating for the shade as too hot at times in the summer.
- parking, shade
- more water jets, we really like the tropical theme with bright colors and maybe a couple of fake palm trees so it feels like a Caribbean resort with turquoise water
- Not so much design but we have a goose problem. Is there anything that can be done to reduce geese coming into the splash pad?
- A tipping bucket would be amazing!
- Add the spinning umbrella to designs A & B
- Kids love features where it is something they can run through. Often splash pads have water in the shape of rainbow that they can go through water arches. That's missing from all of these with the closest being the rainbow mister.
- more trees, bbq area, more seating, shade areas
- An Indigenous designed splash pad with animals and earth elements. High top seating and tables for elderly people who cannot sit low on benches and need a seat that's almost at standing height.
- Washrooms
- Just curious, is this parallel work with the planned \$300k splash pad for the VanDyk development, a block away, where Section 37 funds could have been better spent in the community? Would you be willing to compare the price, recognizing that money spent on this important development could have come from Section 37 funds.
- Any chance you can add a wading pool? The one at Sunnylea park is our closest option and it's in terrible shape
- a. soft foam surrounding the area not hard concrete, b. garden wildflower beds that can utilize water runoff, c. sign with large letters explaining how to use with QR code reference, some zylophones/ pipe drums like in Jeff Healey Park
- Plant additional trees around the splash pad that will provide some shade to families who want a reprieve from the summer heat. Any seating should either have shade (the picnic tables with umbrellas are great) or be placed under trees.
- I hate the urban theme. It will look outdated fast and is unappealing to children.
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- A form of wading pool to cool off
- Lots of shade options in the perimeter.
- Shade. This spot desperately lacks any shade near seating or the pad
- Paw Patrol Character Sprayers
- Add a drinking water fountain
- Wading pool area. A large area of nothing but 5 to 7 inches of water. This way kids can wade and get comfortable in water without something shooting water at them. Also, easier for parents to watch kids without having to get wet. 2. A mister should be a must for really hot days for those who may not be prepared to get wet to walk through. Great for elderly and those in wheel chairs. Should be place in separate area or facing outward so that people get affect of cooling without getting wet. 3. If you go with
- From Tamir (6 years old): clouds that hang up top that rain on you
- Sand box
- More trees or canopy for shaded area. Long bench for Covid spacing seats for multiple families. Port-a-potty access. Diaper changing station. Food trucks or snack bar.

- Make sure there are plenty of water cannons
- The ground!!! The concrete is dangerous and gets slippery and slimy when wet. We NEED the cork ground that most new water parks and splash pads have now
- Combining the best features from each design. Love the most options and water cannons if those can be part of every option
- Do. Not. Touch. Existing. Trees!!
- Complete in off season not during the summer months
- BUCKETS
- Double up on the great interactive features (e.g. rainbow spray turned into a tunnel) rather than a wider variety of slightly different rainfall features
- please include a rainbow jet for kids to go through, regardless of theme. Possible small running stream for toddlers?
- A non slippery surface
- Street lamps, lightning In the park please. And washrooms!
- A high bucket that fills and then tips over sending water splashing down was very fun at another splash pad we went to (different city).
- Shaded sitting area is key. Washroom facility and more plants/trees around the splash pad would be nice.
- if renos can start either early spring or late autumn - would be great to have the current one open during the summer months it is well used and needed in our community
- The potential for the splash pad activity to create noise levels that disturb the privacy of properties nearby must be considered. Splash pads should be designed exclusively for the use of toddlers.
- Lots of seating.
- Try to include larger shade features in the water area and surrounding areas
- Drinking water fountains and washrooms.
- Bucket pouring toy