

Hanlan's Point Beach - Phase 3 Survey Summary Report

Phase 3: February, 2024

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Report Overview

This report summarizes results of the Hanlan's Point Beach Community Engagement survey, which ran September 8th to 26th, 2023, and received over 800 responses. The purpose of the survey was to report back to community on "What We Heard" in Hanlan's Point-specific conversations earlier in 2023 and to illustrate how this feedback was incorporated into the Draft Toronto Island Master Plan. This survey also assessed the community's satisfaction with the outcomes of the overall engagement process.

How We Reached People

The community was informed of the survey in the following ways:

Digital Media

Social Media and Digital Ads

The City of Toronto used its Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts to promote the virtual survey through paid advertisements and organic posts from September 8th to 24th, 2023.

Project Webpage

The survey was shared on the Toronto Island Park Master Plan webpage (toronto.ca/IslandMasterPlan).

Survey response summary

The survey garnered a total of **839 responses**. It was available from September 8th to 26th, 2023.

This section includes a summary of the key survey results. Additional detailed survey results can be found under Appendix A, which includes graphs and a visual representation of the data. A summary and complete list of coded open-text responses can be found in Appendix B.

The following summarizes key feedback from the online survey.

Big Idea 1: Recognise the importance of Hanlan's Point Beach to Toronto's 2SLGBTQ+ Community

Proposed Actions:

Recognize the entire length of the western shoreline of Hanlan's Park as Hanlan's Point Beach, from the airport to Gibraltar Point (completed).

- Immediately re-instate the Progress Pride Flag at Hanlan's Point Beach during Pride Month 2023 and identify opportunities for additional flags to help delineate Hanlan's Point as Queer space (completed).
- Expand the Clothing Optional area to cover all of Hanlan's Point Beach and consider expanding the Clothing Optional area outside the beach into some of the surrounding nature trails (completed).
- Develop signage and wayfinding to communicate the importance of Hanlan's to Toronto's Queer community.
- Add an additional Progress Pride Flag at the Hanlan's ferry dock.
- Explore options to restore the parts of the beach that have been most impacted by erosion.
- Incorporate universal washroom facilities at Hanlan's.

Participants were asked: How satisfied are you with the overall direction of Big Idea 1 and the related actions?

- 63% (526) participants said very satisfied
- 27% (224) said somewhat satisfied
- 5% (38) said very unsatisfied
- 5% (31) said somewhat unsatisfied
- 2% (2) said they are neutral

Additional Feedback

98 participants responded to an additional question about what they would add or take away from Big Idea 1. Their feedback is summarized as follows:

- 31 participants do not want to see the clothing-optional beach expanded.
- 19 participants expressed a desire for space for families at Hanlan's.
- 14 participants expressed concerns about safety. Some were concerned about Queer safety; others were concerned about illicit activities occurring on the beach. Some people who identified as women expressed concerns around harassment and sexual activity occurring on the beach.
- 11 participants argued that beach restoration should be prioritized because of the significant erosion that has occurred along the shoreline.
- 8 participants opposed the installation of more universal washrooms.
- 5 participants argued for a section of the beach to be designated where nudity is mandatory.

Big Idea 2: Acknowledge the history and significance of Hanlan's Point Beach to the 2SLGBTQ+ community

Proposed Actions:

- Develop a strategy to officially acknowledge and communicate the history and significance of Hanlan's Point Beach as one of Canada's oldest and most significant Queer spaces.
- Work with the Hanlan's community and 2SLGBTQ+ elders and historians to undertake a Cultural Heritage Study that establishes an official Queer history of Hanlan's Point Beach.
- Incorporate historic interpretation into wayfinding assets (signage).
- Identify the location of the first Gay Day Picnic in 1971 with a cultural marker.

- Identify additional ways to share the stories of the historic importance of Hanlan's to Toronto's Queer community and Canada's Gay rights movement, including through public art, cultural markers, and other types of installations.

Participants were asked: How satisfied are you with the overall direction of Big Idea 2 and the related actions?

- 60% (505) participants said very satisfied.
- 25% (209) said somewhat satisfied.
- 10% (73) said they are neutral.
- 6% (20) said very unsatisfied.
- 4% (22) said somewhat unsatisfied.

Additional Feedback

44 participants responded to an additional question about what they would add or take away from Big Idea 2. Their feedback is summarized as follows:

- 8 participants said that Hanlan's should be a place for everyone.
- 6 participants argued for a greater focus on communicating and promoting Queer history.
- 4 participants argued that non-Queer histories should also be shared at Hanlan's, including the history of naturism at Hanlan's.
- 4 participants argued for Indigenous histories to be shared at Hanlan's.

Big Idea 3: Prioritize the Safety of the 2SLGBTQ+ Community on Toronto Island and specifically at Hanlan's Point

Proposed Actions:

- Declare Toronto Island and Hanlan's Point Beach as Queer Safe Space.
- Establish a Hanlan's Point Beach Community Advisory Committee to build trust and work with the community to advance improvements and shared priorities, including:
 - a Safety Plan for Hanlan's Point
 - an Events Strategy, in collaboration with other stakeholders, for the entire Toronto Island Park
 - a Community Charter (or Code of Conduct) for Hanlan's Point Beach that can be displayed in key locations
 - signage telling the story of Hanlan's Point Beach

- Establish a Hanlan's-specific Community Ambassador Program that leverages existing community groups and expertise to support community safety, harm reduction and stewardship of environmentally sensitive areas.
- Identify opportunities for re-wilding of lawn areas adjacent to the beach to increase privacy, especially for nudist beach users.
- Explore new pathway alignments to improve circulation and beach access.
- Explore ways to keep motorized watercraft as far from the beach shore as possible.

Participants were asked: How satisfied are you with the overall direction of Big Idea 3 and the related actions?

- 59% (492) participants said very satisfied.
- 22% (188) said somewhat satisfied.
- 9% (73) said they are neutral.
- 6% (6) said somewhat unsatisfied.
- 4% (36) said very unsatisfied.

Additional Feedback

111 participants responded to an additional question about what they would add or take away from Big Idea 3. Their feedback is summarized as follows:

- 26 participants argued for a greater focus on safety. Some wanted a greater emphasis on Queer safety, citing increased violence against 2SLGBTQ+ beachgoers. Several people identifying as women argued that their safety was compromised by the expansion of the clothing optional beach, or else noted that they are consistently subjected to gawking or other lewd behaviour while on the beach. Some participants cited concerns about drugs.
- 23 participants spoke to the issue of motorized boats at the beach. 14 argued that they created a safety hazard, while 9 argued in favour of allowing them at the beach.
- 9 participants found Big Idea 3 vague and needed more clarity.
- 7 participants argued that Hanlan's should be a place for everyone.
- 6 participants identified concerns related to police presence at the beach.
- 6 participants supported the idea of more privacy for nudists, while 3 opposed it.

Spotlight on Minority Perspectives

This section provides insights into the perspectives of people who are not part of the demographic majority of overall respondents.

Participants who Identified as Lesbian

Beach users who identify as Lesbian represent another important user group of Hanlan's Point Beach. Overall, this group represented 3% of all survey responses, or a total of 24 surveys. The following section highlights their feedback on the Big Ideas and Actions for Hanlan's Point Beach.

When asked to rate their level of satisfaction with Big Idea 1:

- 58% (14) were very satisfied
- 33% (8) were somewhat satisfied
- 4% (1) were somewhat unsatisfied
- 4% (1) were very unsatisfied

Those who were unsatisfied cited concerns about safety, including feeling uncomfortable and threatened by the potential for public sex, and a need for female-only washroom facilities.

When asked to rate their level of satisfaction with Big Idea 2:

- 50% (12) were very satisfied
- 42% (10) were somewhat satisfied
- 8% (2) were neutral

When asked to rate their level of satisfaction with Big Idea 3:

- 58% (14) were very satisfied
- 21% (5) were somewhat satisfied
- 4% (1) were neutral
- 13% (3) were very unsatisfied
- 4% (1) were somewhat unsatisfied

Of those who were unsatisfied:

- Support was expressed for improving lighting, signage and facilities.
- One participant argued that the safety plans should not include police, while another argued that a police presence is critical to ensure safety of women in a space that is dominated by men.
- One participant indicated that direct stewardship of land should be returned to Mississauga people.

Participants who Identified as Trans

Beach users who identify as Trans represent another significant user group of Hanlan's Point Beach. This group represented 2% of respondents, or a total of 17 survey responses. The following section highlights their feedback on the Big Ideas and Actions for Hanlan's Point Beach.

When asked to rate their level of satisfaction with Big Idea 1:

- 65% (11) were very satisfied
- 29% (5) were somewhat satisfied
- 6% (1) were very unsatisfied

One respondent did not agree with clothing optional spaces being labeled Queer or being associated with Queer history.

When asked to rate their level of satisfaction with Big Idea 2:

- 88% (15) were very satisfied
- 6% (1) were somewhat satisfied
- 6% (1) were very unsatisfied

One respondent suggested improving the overall accessibility of the beach by providing accessibility items like a mobi-mat and floating wheelchairs.

When asked to rate their level of satisfaction with Big Idea 3:

- 71% (12) were very satisfied
- 24% (4) were somewhat satisfied
- 6% (1) were neutral

Additional feedback included:

- Two respondents emphasized a need to increase vegetation, including a suggestion to incorporate pollinator and wildlife friendly plantings.
- One respondent felt that boats should be welcomed, while another indicated that boats and other motorized vehicles should be kept at a distance.
- One respondent highlighted that strategies should be implemented to deter voyeurism.

Participants who Identified as Heterosexual

Within the context of Hanlan's Point Beach, individuals who identify as Heterosexual represent a small but significant user group. Overall, this group represented 14% of all responses to the Hanlan's Point Beach Community Engagement Survey, or a total of 114 responses. The following section highlights their feedback on the Big Ideas and Actions presented for Hanlan's Point Beach.

When asked to rate their level of satisfaction with Big Idea 1:

- 48% (55) were very satisfied
- 22% (25) were somewhat satisfied
- 13% (15) were somewhat unsatisfied
- 4% (5) were neutral

Of those who were unsatisfied:

- 13 participants were against the expansion of clothing optional beach area. 8 participants felt that this expansion would make the beach less inviting for families.
- Some participants want to prioritize conservation and include more enclosed family washrooms.
- Additional comments included having a separate clothing-only area.

When asked to rate their level of satisfaction with Big Idea 2:

- 45% (51) were very satisfied
- 25% (29) were somewhat satisfied
- 18% (20) were neutral
- 6% (7) were very unsatisfied
- 6% (7) were somewhat unsatisfied

When asked for additional feedback, suggestions included sharing non-Queer histories of Hanlan's Point Beach.

When asked to rate their level of satisfaction with Big Idea 3:

- 52% (59) were very satisfied
- 21% (24) were somewhat satisfied
- 11% (13) were neutral
- 8% (9) were very unsatisfied
- 8% (9) were somewhat unsatisfied

When asked for additional feedback, 8 participants said that the safety of all communities should be prioritized, not just the safety of the 2SLGBTQ+ community.

Who did we hear from?

Participants were given the option of providing their demographic information. While responses were optional, this information helps the City better understand who is participating in our processes and whether particular perspectives/groups in the community have been missed during the engagement process. It also allows us to analyse survey data according to different demographic groups.

Key Respondent Demographic Data

- The demographic section of the survey was completed by **808 people**. Of these people:
 - Less than 1% were under the age of 18 years
 - 15% were between the ages 19 to 29 years old
 - 45% were between the ages 30 to 39 years old
 - 25% were between the ages 40 to 55 years old
 - 7% were between the ages 56 to 64 years old
 - 4% were between the ages 65 to 74 years old
 - 1% were 75 years of age and older
- Of total respondents, 43% have access to public spaces like parks
 - 28% of respondents have access to outdoor space like a yard
 - 26% of respondents have access to a semi-private/shared outdoor space
 - 2% of respondents preferred not to answer
- Survey respondents were asked to provide their racial background to help the City understand who we're hearing from and identify possible perspectives that may have been missed. Data collected reveals:
 - 73% of respondents identified as White
 - 6% of respondents identified as Latin American
 - 5% of respondents identified as belonging to more than 1 race category
 - 5% of respondents identified as Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian
 - 4% of respondents identified as South Asian or Indo-Caribbean
 - 3% of respondents identified as East Asian
 - 3% of respondents identified as Black
 - 2% of respondents identified as Southeast Asian
- 4% of survey participants identified as Indigenous
- Survey respondents were asked to provide their sexual orientation to help the City understand who we're hearing from and identify possible perspectives that may have been missed. Data collected reveals:
 - 58% of respondents identified as Gay
 - 19% of respondents identified as Queer
 - 14% of respondents identified as Heterosexual/Straight
 - 11% of respondents identified as Bisexual
 - 3% of respondents identified as Lesbian
 - Less than 1% of respondents identified as Two-Spirited
- The top six languages survey participants prefer speaking include:
 - English (95%)
 - French (2%)
 - Spanish, Arabic, Mandarin, Portuguese, Hindi, Cree, Italian, Russian, and Ukrainian all make up less than 1% each of remaining answers selected.

- 21% of respondents identified as a person with a disability
 - 73% of respondents did not identify as a person with a disability
 - 5% of respondents preferred not to answer
 - 2% of respondents don't know
- 10% of respondents identified as a person *living* with someone who has a disability
 - 83% of respondents shared they do not live with someone who has a disability
 - 5% of respondents preferred not to answer
 - 2% of respondents don't know
- The majority of respondents (72%) found out about the survey from social media

A summary of the demographic data can be found in Appendix A.

Next Steps

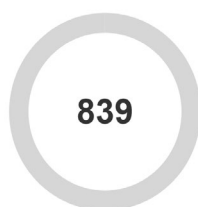
The feedback received from this phase of the community engagement process will be shared to the project webpage and is informing the development of the Master Plan. To be notified about upcoming consultations related to the finalization of the Toronto Island Master Plan, please visit the project webpage at toronto.ca/IslandMasterPlan to sign up for e-updates.

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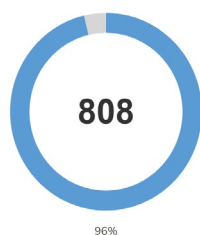
Appendix A: Quantitative Responses

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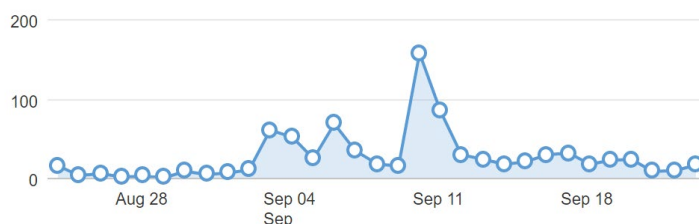
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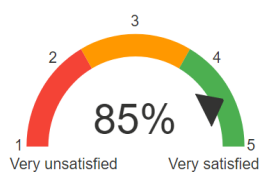


Response timeline



N 839

How satisfied are you with the overall direction of Big Idea 1 and the related actions?



How satisfied are you with the overall direction of Big Idea 1 and the related actions?



Very unsatisfied

Somewhat unsatisfied

Neutral

Somewhat satisfied

Very satisfied

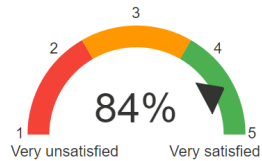
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- If you answered that you are unsatisfied, please describe your concerns. Is there anything that you would add or take away?

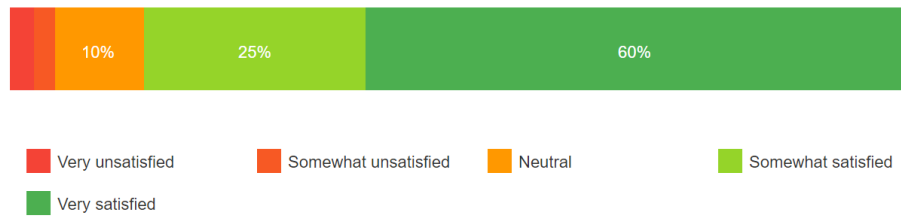


N 98

How satisfied are you with the overall direction of Big Idea 2 and the related actions?

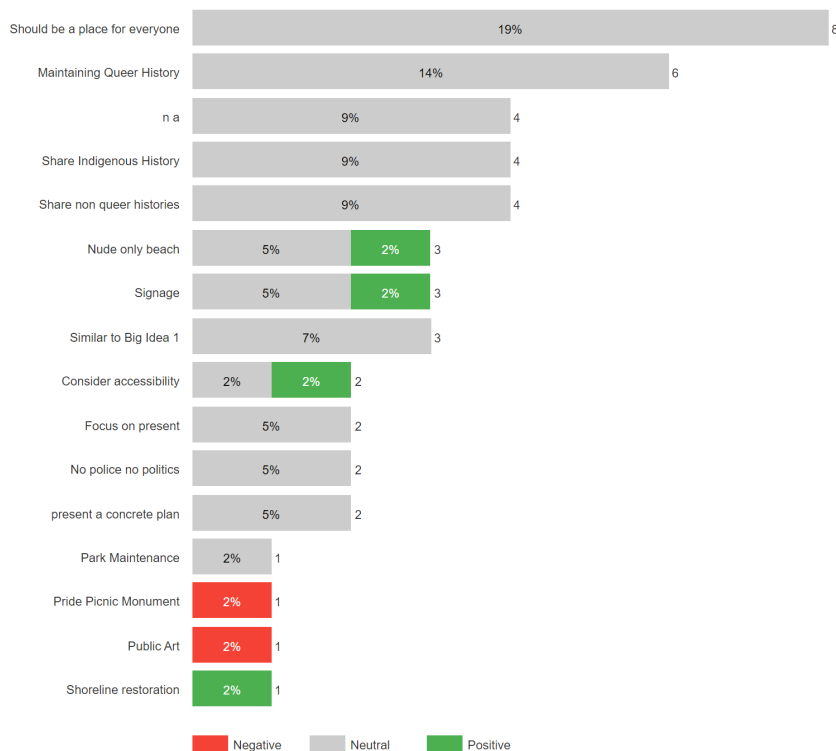


How satisfied are you with the overall direction of Big Idea 2 and the related actions?



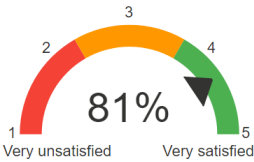
N 839

- If you answered that you are unsatisfied, please describe your concerns. Is there anything that you would add or take away?



N 43

How satisfied are you with the overall direction of Big Idea 3 and the related actions?



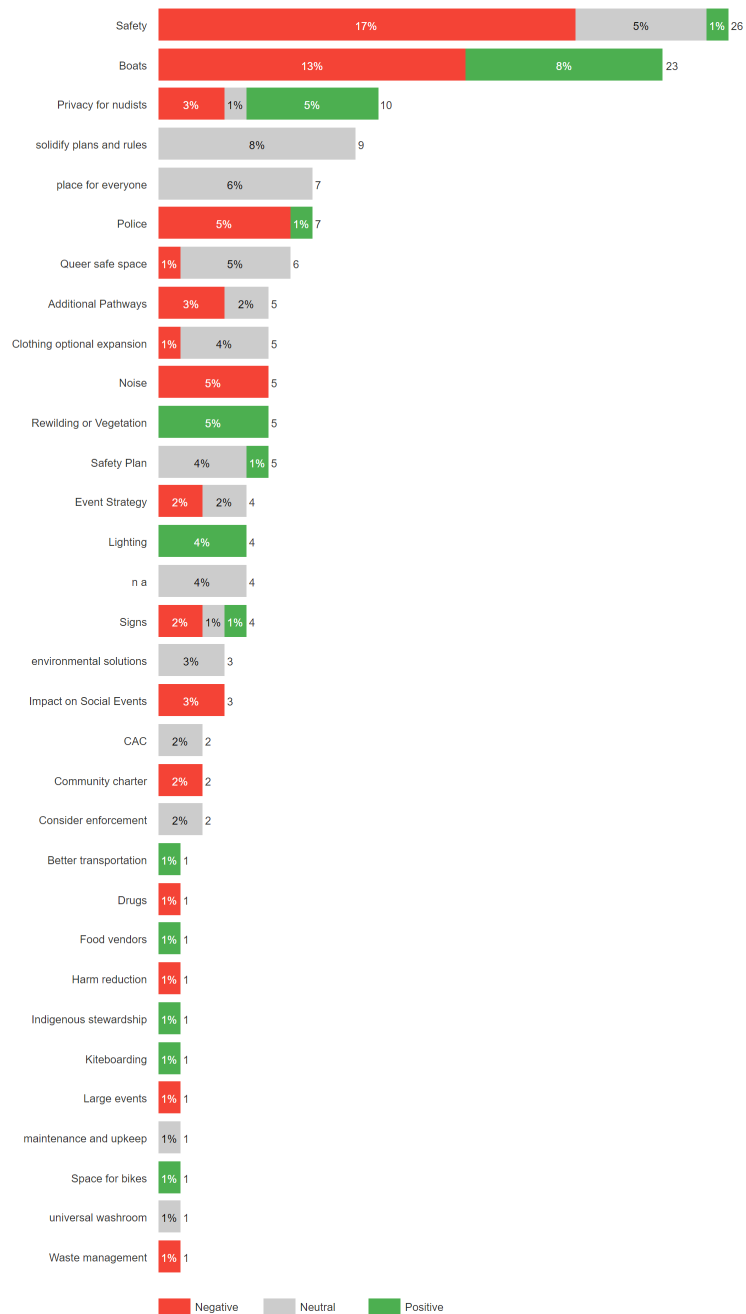
How satisfied are you with the overall direction of Big Idea 3 and the related actions?



- Very unsatisfied
- Somewhat unsatisfied
- Neutral
- Somewhat satisfied
- Very satisfied






N 839

- If you answered that you are unsatisfied, please describe your concerns. Is there anything that you would add or take away?










N 111

- Did you participate in any of the February/March 2023 Hanlan's Point consultations?
Please select all that apply:

	Count	% of responses	%
I did not participate	529		65%
I participated in the thought exchange	172		21%
I attended the February 23rd virtual public meeting	123		15%
I attended the March 9th virtual workshop	61		8%
I attended the February 27th in-person workshop	25		3%

N 808

- Do you identify as belonging to any of the following communities? Check all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Trans, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, Two-Spirit (LGBTQ2S+)	629		78%
Person living with a disability	126		16%
Immigrant and/or refugee	124		15%
Black, Indigenous, Person of Colour (BIPOC)	103		13%
None of the above	83		10%
Prefer not to answer	40		5%
Indigenous to Canada	27		3%

N 808

- What is the age of the person filling out this survey?

	Count	% of responses	%
0 to 4 years old	0		
5 to 12 years old	0		
13 to 18 years old	1		0%
19 to 29 years old	120		15%
30 to 39 years old	364		45%
40 to 55 years old	206		25%
56 to 64 years old	60		7%
65 to 74 years old	34		4%
75 years old or above	10		1%
Prefer not to answer	13		2%










N 808

- 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 the gender for the person filling out this survey?

	Count	% of responses	%
Man	545		67%
Woman	164		20%
Gender non-binary (including gender fluid, genderqueer, androgynous)	81		10%
Prefer not to answer	23		3%
Trans man	13		2%
Not listed, please describe	8		1%
Trans woman	4		0%
Two-Spirit	2		0%












N 808

- Sexual orientation describes a person's emotional, physical, romantic, and/or sexual attraction to other people. What best describes the sexual orientation of the person filling out this survey?

	Count	% of responses	%
Gay	469		58%
Queer	156		19%
Heterosexual or straight	114		14%
Bisexual	86		11%
Prefer not to answer	42		5%
Lesbian	24		3%
Not listed, please describe	17		2%
Don't know	8		1%
Two-Spirit	3		0%

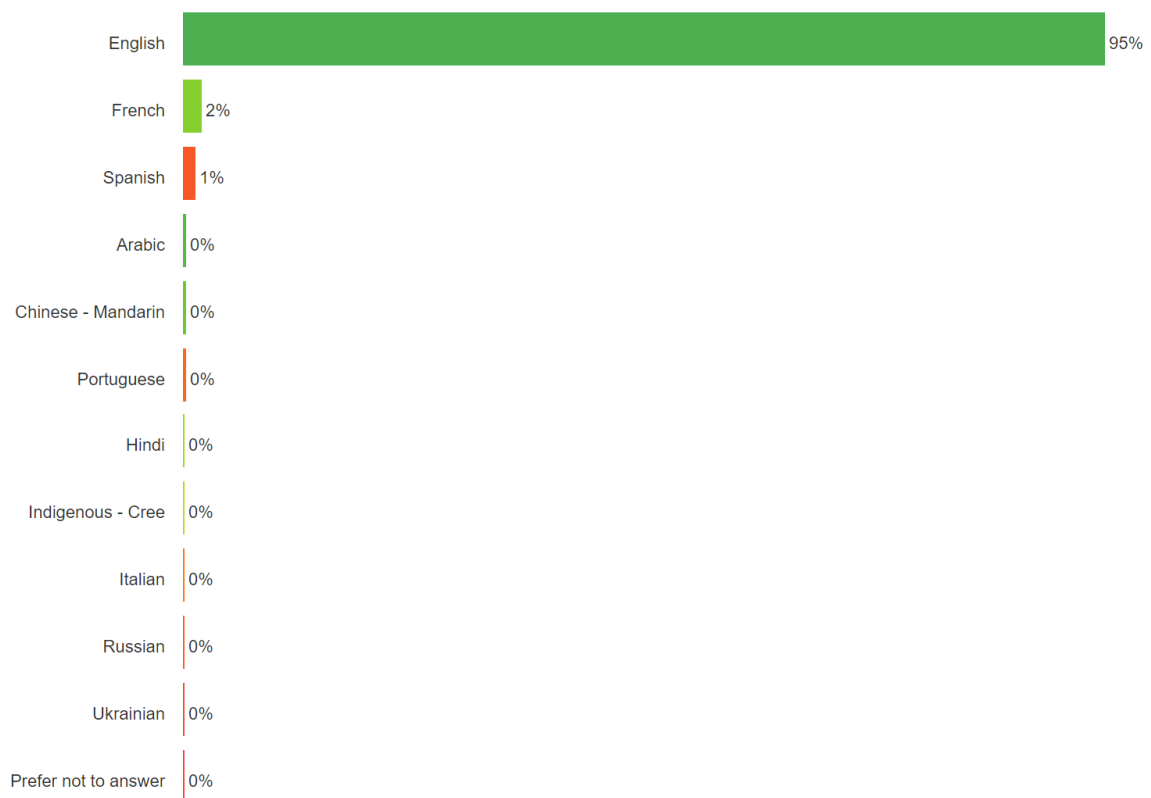
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- People often describe themselves by their race or racial background. For example, some people consider themselves "Black", "White" or "East Asian". Which race category best describes the person filling out this survey? Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
White (e.g. English, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Slovakian)	586		73%
Latin American (e.g. Brazilian, Colombian, Cuban, Mexican, Peruvian)	49		6%
Prefer not to answer	42		5%
Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian (e.g. Afghan, Armenian, Iranian, Lebanese, Persian, Turkish)	39		5%
More than one race category or mixed race	37		5%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Indo- Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)	33		4%
Black (e.g. African, African-Canadian, Afro-Caribbean)	24		3%
East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean)	19		2%
First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit or Métis	18		2%
Southeast Asian (e.g. Filipino, Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai, Vietnamese)	14		2%
Other, please describe	14		2%

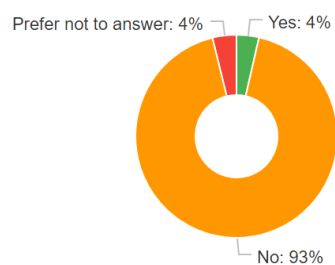
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- What language do you prefer speaking?



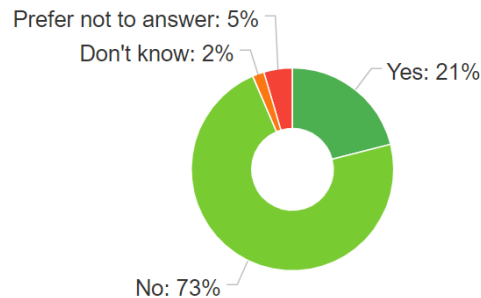
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- Indigenous people from Canada identify as First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit, Métis, Aboriginal, Native or Indian. Does the person filling out this survey identify as Indigenous to Canada?



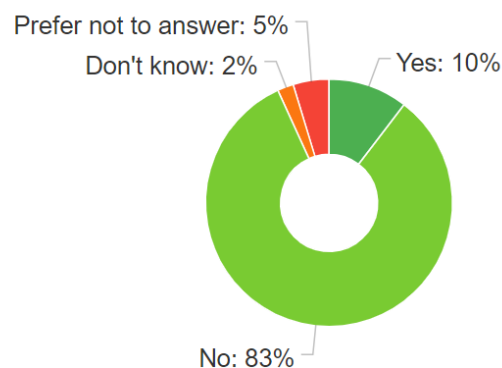
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- Disability is understood as any physical, mental, developmental, cognitive, learning, communication, sight, hearing or functional limitation that, in interaction with a barrier, hinders a person's full and equal participation in society. A disability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










N 808

- Excluding yourself, does anyone in your household identify as a person with a disability?







N 808

- What best describes your current housing situation?

	Count	% of responses	%
Home owner	286		35%
Renting	466		58%
Permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s)	21		3%
Temporarily staying with others (no fixed address)	2		0%
Unhoused (staying outside, in a shelter, in a 24-hour respite)	1		0%
Prefer not to answer	28		3%
Not listed, please describe	4		0%









N 808

- 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	230		28%
I have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space	214		26%
I only have access to public spaces like parks (I do not have access to private or semi-private outdoor space)	349		43%
Prefer not to answer	15		2%

N 808

- How did you find out about this survey? Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Social Media (e.g. Facebook, Instagram etc.)	585		72%
Email from the project team	105		13%
Word of mouth	86		11%
Park sign	67		8%
I don't know/Prefer not to answer	11		1%
Councillor's Office communications	8		1%
The project webpage	5		1%
Mailer to my home	2		0%

N 808

Appendix B: Text Summary

Big Idea 1: If you answered that you are unsatisfied, please describe your concerns. Is there anything that you would add or take away?

- More thought should be put into keeping the area more natural and wild.
- Do not expand the clothing optional area. It is already most of the beach. No space for families.
- Don't think making the entire beach clothing optional is at all fair to the majority of the citizens that don't engage in that. Expanding this to the park will be disgusting to everyone else and essentially create an unsafe environment for everyone. Who is going to police the boundaries. There is a school at Gibraltar. Very bad idea. There are no areas anywhere in the city that discourages this community from sharing space yet somehow they are being given exclusive access to this area. Not fair!
- The most unique and rare quality of this Queer space is that it is clothing optional. The gay community (I'm Queer) has made this a very clothed beach. Nothing has been done to address the erosion of this unique quality which is available nowhere else in Toronto. I hope the city considers designating another nude beach somewhere.
- It is unfair to make it exclusively to thus community and not to family friendly communities including children. In the clothing optional you do not see kids. Toronto has to create more welcoming spaces for children
- I do not want the whole beach to be clothing optional. It's basically an outdoor gay bar. I witnessed someone masturbating in the open. Very distasteful. Keep it as is at present.
- Men's washrooms traditionally stink like piss. I would prefer the option of a separate women's washroom. I don't want to smell urinals.
- I like the idea of re-instating the Pride Flag. I am not as keen with expanding the clothing optional beach and area. Many people like to use the island for families and I don't think expanding the beach and clothing optional areas respects those island users
- This is important improvement to the clothing optional policy: Expand the Clothing Optional area to cover all of Hanlan's Point Beach and consider expanding the Clothing Optional area outside the beach into some of the surrounding nature trails.

- Some additional items which would be great: more locations for water fountains to fill bottles, more regular “raking” of sand to remove cig butts and smaller garbage.
- Prefer to have a portion of the beach as clothing mandatory to allow families/children to feel comfortable and a portion of the beach as clothing optional (as before). This is a gorgeous beach/park in the heart of Toronto and a treasure for all to enjoy.
- Legalize drinking on Hanlans
- It’s a wonderful start. I’m still concerned about the festivals people have at/near Hanlan’s where people who don’t appreciate the significance of the space come. I would add some more plaques and dedicate more spaces to Queer/trans Toronto icons. Maybe see if anyone who isn’t terrible would donate to that. It would be neat if there were little plaques for Queer history kicking about.
- Lack of focus on restoring the actual beach to its pre-flooding size
- Making the ENTIRE beach clothing optional ironically feels a bit exclusionary. There should still be space for families and people with different cultural sensitivities.
- There should be a designated space that is a nudist beach, as many nudists don’t feel comfortable to be surrounded with clothed guys who also takes photos
- The old section of beach needs to be a totally nude beach to the lifeguard stand or just before the stand clothing optional can be the new (Gibraltar Point) beach and after the lifeguard stand (or just before stand) for the total nude beach, have hefty fines for those not complying (\$1,000 +)
- Please leave the island ALONE! Stop trying to monetise public space!! The charm of the place is to be able to affordably go to the island, for the price of a ferry ride, with a picnic to enjoy nature. We don’t need a trolley, we don’t need food trucks, we don’t need fake lip service honouring the gay history of the place. Just simply stop, stand down, and go away!!! Spend city money on social programs and helping small business. Frequenters of the beach know its significance, spending money on a bunch of flags is quite frankly insulting. Stop, please for the love of god stop!
- Additional Signage needs to be erected at all entrance points to the beach. It is common for large family tourist groups to unknowingly enter the beach and dunes, shocking both them and us. The area of erosion between the south and north beaches was made worse by the removal of trees and large driftwood. The driftwood protected the beach and acted as structures to sit/lean/discuss on. Why where they removed?
- I am a lesbian. The idea that public nudity and public sex acts is ‘important to the Queer community’ is absolutely offensive and ridiculous. All this will mean is vulnerable women will have fewer spaces to feel safe

- bigger emphasis on safety for beach goers
- Concerned about making a public beach an unsuitable space for kids and families.
- Please also ensure that there remain female-only washroom facilities at Harlan's.
- I do not think common areas outside of the beach areas should be clothing optional... only the beach.
- The City is willing to recognize the importance of the beach to a politically organized minority group but is not willing to recognize the importance of the beach to rare plants, threatened and endangered wildlife. Very disappointing.
- I don't think the clothing optional area should be extended into the trails, and not extending it to the airport, it will create too many gawkers. More information about it being a SAFE space and bigotry, homophobic, transphobia, etc. are not welcome. the rest of the situation is good, though I do NOT want a universal shared washroom. m/f/universal section, fine. or all individual single spaces. i do NOT want to share spaces with the creepy cishet men.
- seems over done - too controlled - also too large an area for clothing optional, I would suggest you keep that to a section but not the whole of the harlan's beach. not happy at all that the new south harlan's beach would be clothing optional...its such a great family beach. i think less rules the better as well - keep it loose.
- The currently beach has ample room for clothing optional area and there should remain an area for people and families that do not feel comfortable in that environment making it more inclusive to residents of all types. This is some of Torontos only quality swimmable beach and it shouldn't be reserved for one community only. The non-nudist areas should be improved for families and others in the general parkland community to enjoy.
- The whole beach cannot and should not be clothing optional. Kids and families would like space to enjoy the beach with bathing suits on. After hearing about a sexual assault last weekend on one of the nature trails, I don't think it is a good idea to deem them 'clothing optional' - you really must be kidding here. Why does this community insist on taking over this entire beach and trails? The new beach near Gibraltar was for everyone for a hot minute last summer and this summer was taken over by nude gay people without any warning or discussion. How is that fair to the people who want to wear bathing suits?
- I feel that there should remain a section of the beach that is NOT clothing optional. Many boaters from the various marinas and clubs take our dinghies or boats to Harlan's. We have been doing so for 20+ years. We have children of all ages, and many of them wouldn't be comfortable if surrounded by nakedness. It's almost like it will be a Queer only beach going forward.

- Time, effort, and money into making the new part of Hanlons speech so beautiful. I like to take my grand children there, but now they have made the new section clothing optional, which makes it very family unfriendly.
- we really need to look into retaining the cliff-edges that are eroding so quickly!
- The island is a space where family's and tourist go to, we don't want please simply walking on the trails and outside the beach to encounter nude people. It is not appropriate.
- Lifeguards should be in a swimming space that is clothing mandatory for their comfort at work.
- Safety
- Some additional items: have more water fountains near beach areas to fill water bottles, 'rake' the sand more often to remove cigarette butts and small garbage, add designated firepit areas (there is currently so much charcoal in the sand from random fires.
- The beach is for everyone. I don't think it needs to be designated as an LGBTQ space. Everyone is welcome. I don't think clothing optional expansion is necessary but it's fine. I feel safer in separate washrooms and not in universal washrooms.
- The expansion of the clothing optional areas has allowed aggressive naked men to harass and assault women.
- I do not agree with clothing optional spaces at all, but at the very least, I do not agree with them being labeled as Queer, please. Queer history is a lot of beautiful things - choosing not to wear clothes outside is not one of them.
- The only recognition most people will see is the very limited and seeming temporary signage on the island. We need a permanent designation when boarding the ferry to Harlan's and a focal point for the community once on the island. A statue commemorating the 'We Demand' document signed at the first Pride on Hanlan's in 1971 would be appropriate.
- The beach has enough space for voyeurism; the crowding is in the clothing-mandatory places as people seek refuge for families and neutral beach goers.
- The erosion control needs to expand to allow for more beach recovery.
- I'm not sure what is meant by reversing erosion or the environmental impacts thereof
- Stronger commitment to rebuild parts of the beach that have eroded away. Annual efforts to maintain and rebuild the beach.
- Expanding the clothing optional has intimidated families from participating on the beach. The non optional part of the beach has always served as a modifying influence on behaviour. I have seen full on open sex on the beach this year for the first time. Please consult with the lifeguards that see this every day. It's a fact. I have

been coming to Hanlan's since the 70's it has always been inclusive to all this must not change for the safety of all.

- This is a place for exhibitionists and creepy men! Barf!!
- Bs
- The expansion and inclusion to Gibraltar Point is great and needed but the seemingly condoned addiction activity is very disappointing
- Action needs to be taken that ensures Hanlan's is a safe environment for the Queer community, free of harassment. Please note that this does not mean a police presence—that would be completely unwelcome and inappropriate.
- It is important to ensure wildlife has a refuge on the island. efforts to re naturalize some lawns would be great! (as listed below)
- I am not part of the Queer community and would feel uncomfortable if someone emphasizing some of the sexually-focused extremes of this community were to impact my enjoyment of the Hanlan's Beach areas for hiking and birdwatching. I note these activities have been well away from the nude beach.
- I'm satisfied but I would take away: 1) the flag at the dock and 2) the signage and wayfinding part, it is unclear
- I'm most concerned about the erosion between the north and south sections.
- Erosion! The beach has changed so much and the area with the big fence is way too narrow to be comfortable
- Great that some has already been completed. Signage especially clearly stating the history and facts are important for those visiting the island to be able to witness
- I don't think a flag at the Hanlan's ferry dock is necessary. Hanlan's beach is a Queer space, but not at the ferry dock. The island is for everyone and I think the dock should reflect that. If a pride flag is flown there, then other flags must also be flown there.
- exploring options to restore parts of the beach is not enough, the whole beach has been changing year to year and getting shorter. Major restorations are required and this is not a small commitment
- I have seen too many times this space as being a cruising sex space dominated by males. I am concerned about Queer spaces equaling permissive public sex spaces
- More can be done. Step it up
- Seems to be an incentive to more cruising instead of making the beach a democratic space that belongs to all Sure, recognise the history but don't cave in to specific groups' demands. City spaces belong to ALL residents.
- Restore the beach!
- More bicycle parking! A significant increase is required.

- Restoration of the beach needs to be a higher priority. We won't have a space at all if it is not put first
- If this is in order of importance, Erosion needs to be addressed higher on the list
- I fully support this. Please do also include accessibility in this Big Idea - disability affects all groups.
- Great improvement.
- Shouldn't be dedicated to Queer people instead include everyone.
- I like Hanlans better when only part of the beach was clothing optional.
- I would not expand the clothing optional area
- not enough!!! that it took outside outrage to force the parks group to do these very small things makes me believe there are NO Queer champions or supporters within the group leading this overall plan. this is outrageous! why is that??
- I don't like that the nude beach has been expanded. Hanlan's Pount Beach is very large and I do not feel that the whole thing should be clothing optional. I don't feel that it should be further expanded to also include the nature trails as well. Some people want to be able to experience this part of the island without seeing genitals. That said, as a 2SLGBTQ+ individual I do agree with highlighting the area's importance as a Queer space.
- The clothing optional and universal washrooms are not desirable
- I respect having a safe space for the LGBT community, however this plan leaves no western facing beach left on the island for others to enjoy comfortably. As a young woman, I've been harassed every time I've attempted to go to Hanlan's, and I feel completely unsafe going there alone. This experience has been shared by all of my female friends, and by expanding the areas for nudity it seems as though the city of Toronto is enabling and supporting this harassment. It is a public park and a shared space for all to enjoy, so if some clothed areas of the western shore (such as Gibraltar) could be established, I think this would be a fair compromise for all.
- There are so few natural spaces for families in the city. Extremely disappointed that all of Hanlans will be designated as clothing optional!
- More emphasis and funding needed here
- I have no problem with it being considered historically Queer beach but the whole beach clothing Optional I do not agree with .I am 47 years old and have been going to hanlans my whole life as a wholesome family oriented beach . It is the most beautiful beach in the world . I since the optional beach was installed kept closer to the airport . My families favourite event has always been hanlans for the air show until this year . I am all for equality if they need more beach for the optional then

share the beach more but still have half the beach mandatory clothing. Because clothing and no clothing has nothing to do with 2SLGBTQ+.

- It's a Queer beach!
- The beach should be split into 3 equal parts: clothing optional, clothing and nude beach. Nude beach definition like what's in Europe.
- In August there was a serious occurrence of sexual assault reported at Hanlan's Beach. Expanding the clothing optional area into the surrounding nature trails (where there is low visibility) is a safety risk. Hanlan's has also been a site of drug use and 'raves' (with excessively loud music and criminal activity). Expanding this type of activity is harmful for plant and wildlife, as well as the community at large.
- Not too concerned about whether or not it is clothing optional
- Include more picnic benches and muskoka chairs on the giant lawns. An outdoor shower, like at Centre Island beach, with water fountain and dog water station. More bike parking stations. More garbage bins for everywhere, with consistent pick up.
- I love all the ideas except for expanding the clothing optional section and I believe it may turn away individuals who would benefit from the atmosphere of Hanlan's point
- Everything
- This stretch is used by non LGBTQ individuals as well. Making the entire strip clothing optional limits other families and those not comfortable with nude beaches. I would prefer limiting the clothing optional to a small portion of the beach
- The nude beach area should be clearly marked and enforced. Hanlan's is a beautiful beach, parents should feel comfortable bringing children there.
- Please I beg you do not listen to the concerns they will all be in one way or another rooted in homophobia and transphobia
- I'm still concerned about safety on the beach from homophobes and voyeurs
- I like that this big idea helps ensure clarity to all users that it's existing and continued use is being one of the most significant Queer spaces we have, so that out of towners don't need to have prior knowledge by word of mouth that it's Queer space but the markings and implementations will speak for themselves. This helps ensure the top priority is it continues to function as Queer safe space above all else.
- Private washrooms please. Maybe one JUST for families.
- I would avoid using the term 'Queer'. Some gay people are indeed Queer (weird), but others prefer to use the word 'gay', which has a positive meaning.
- Why not fly the flag year round? How difficult is it to change the signs on washrooms from 'M' and 'F' to 'standing' and 'sitting'? Why are you only 'considering' some options. Just do them!
- Make Hanna's feel like safe space from harassment

- Your Big Ideas are actually very small and constricting. You are ramming a minority ideology down everyone's throat with special flags, signage, designations and propaganda on two (2!) kilometres of prime beach, the only beach on the island facing the sunset west. Way to make the rest of us feel unwelcome!
- Ideas to prevent harassment or protests at Hanlan's against LGBTQ people
- Universal washrooms, and expanding the Clothing Optional areas. Have zero issue with clothing optional on the entire island, but this is meant to be a FAMILY Friendly space. . .
- Do not expand the clothing optional area or incorporate universal bathrooms. Hanlan's point is the best beach in the city and it should be available to everyone, including families.
- Let's chill out on the flags
- Washrooms on the beach and concessions. Clothing is not optional. Full nude.
- Still more emphasis should go into protecting nature as oppose anthropocentric lens. All proposed changes need to be scrutinized through ecological benefit lens determining benefits to conservation and the species such as piping plovers. This is protected area where management of public use should prioritize conservation.

Big Idea 2: If you answered that you are unsatisfied, please describe your concerns. Is there anything that you would add or take away?

- Keep politics out of the park!
- You are totally ignoring the indigenous history and white history of Hanlan's point in favour of one group!
- It doesn't touch on the most unique quality of it being clothing optional. It does nothing to explore why naturism is good for society or why body positivity is important for Queers. Lots of room for improvement here. Feels focused on what gay men like to celebrate and less about Queers.
- Why has to be exclusive? Please make more places family friendly places
- I would like a portion of the beach to be a true naturist beach, i.e. no clothing allowed. It is so crowded with people wearing clothing, the true naturists seem to be outnumbered 100 to 1. A designated space would be awesome, and have the sense of peace and fraternity I seek.
- Hanlan's should be designated as an all inclusive beach not just for one specific group
- Although it is good to recognize this group and provide fair/equal/non judgemental treatment the area should be for all and not just one group.

- This is very good. No notes. Keep engaging our Queer elders, enhance capacity, empower them to have meaningful participation, etc
- i like the idea of signage and flags but i'm not as keen on public art/installations, which would take focus from its natural beauty
- More nude beach
- again, i would keep this subtle and quiet and small....LESS if best basically
- Put a plaque if anything
- Yes to all these things. However, while honouring the past is great, equally important is the present. For that reason, expanding the clothing optional area needs to be part of the plan.
- I would be more satisfied if there were dates that these items would be implemented by
- More intersectional and no cops
- I don't think this is important but it doesn't hurt anyone.
- Sounds fine assuming that the history here is properly described
- Accessible?
- It is a historical Queer space. It is also a historical non Queer space. The two have always gotten along. The change is not for the best interest of either.
- Let it be
- I LOVE points 1 and 2 but not the others; they are vague and of questionable significance
- I feel some of the signage has been taken down. Who is doing this?
- Again restoring the shoreline is of the utmost importance. Before long history may be all we have left.
- I would like to add accessibility items like a mobi-mat and floating wheelchairs 'waterwheels' so more people can use the beach
- As long as the Indigenous history of this place is not erased in order to make room for its Queer history
- This is like big plan 1 on a diet, erosion and nature support for the area or it won't even exist in a few years
- Will the Queer Archives (Arquives) be involved as well in the cultural study?
- It should be designated for everyone, not just one community.
- where is a positive Queer centric park in the city. not just parks in Queer areas..named after Queer ppl..why not create a celebratory space between that beach and the ferry dock?
- I hope that EDI concerns do not cause the role of white gay men to be minimized or written out of the history

- Keep it Queer!
- What is being done to protect the wildlife (plant and animal) at Hanlan's Beach, and to acknowledge the Indigenous and pre-War history of this space? It is possible for the Beach to be a space where its Queer history is acknowledged, but there should also be consideration for its significance to other cultural groups including First Nations communities, as well as its important role as a habitat for non-human life forms.
- Maintain the park
- It's not idea 1
- More indigenous historical signage with a focus on two-spirited people.
- The focus should be on making the park and beach as nice as possible for everyone, not just a specific subset of the community.
- I think the history aspect is great but in case there must be one idea axed, I'm less concerned about history and find markings and implementations that make it clear to all users without prior research that this currently and will continue to be Queer safe space (like idea 1)
- Who cares about the exact location of the first picnic? Please focus on making the whole beach gay.
- Turning it into a gay theme park is not helping 2SLGBTQ+ people today. This is messaging over action.
- Hanlan's has an interesting and important history apart from the Queer idea. Why is that history not given any prominence, if you feel it necessary to lecture people about the history and culture in the first place? Can't we just revel in the glory of the beach and the lake without all the lecturing and hectoring and indoctrination?
- It's hard to trust institutions like the City to develop an "official Queer history", though it is critical as part of this project. Please have members of Hanlan's Queer community LEADING this work and not involved as tokens
- Today on Hanlans Point a prostitution ring actively marketed and performed sex in the middle of the beach. I have never before seen such blatant debauchery in public or at Hanlans. There was an agreed code of conduct. Without that agreement and without the presence of enforcement, the beach is doomed.
- I believe land no matter where needs to be shared by anyone (I am Gay)
- How is big idea 2 different from big idea 1? Feels like... one 'big' idea

Big Idea 3: If you answered that you are unsatisfied, please describe your concerns. Is there anything that you would add or take away?

- Safety should be a priority for all park users
- Same as above. Why so exclusionary? So families and children can no longer use one of 3 parks on the island. Does not make sense.
- As above.
- Again, it fails to adequately protect the clothing optional quality of the space. Densifying tree/shrub growth in the fields approaching the beach area is an expansion opportunity that isn't well committed to here unless that's what re-wilding means but thinking more creatively might be better i.e. creating clothing optional hiking trails. Naturism is so much more than being on a beach. There's also a divide in the 2Lsgbtq+ community with gay men creating issues for Queers around body positivity. I haven't seen any efforts to address this very complicated issue.
- Why claiming safety is the issue to take over Hanlan's point? Halands points can not be exclusive to one community
- This seems to be becoming a gays only space. I am not gay. I go there to enjoy nature and peace and quiet. Not everyone who goes to hanlan's point is gay. And, no, I am not homophobic.
- I do not want this strategy to negatively impact the triathlon/duathlon that takes place each summer near Hanlan's Point. It is very much a Queer safe space, with low environmental impact and shows how events can take place near and on the beach without impacting other users. That event is a Toronto tradition and should be protected, as this idea seems like it is going to clamp down on all use of spaces at and near the beach.
- I am supportive of this direction overall but have strong concerns about some of these elements. In other parks "ambassador" programs have been used by BIAs to push poor people out of public space and I am apprehensive seeing the same term used. Additionally, I am concerned that an events strategy will continue to permit commercial events adjacent to Hanlan's. From what I saw as a participant in the city's consultations it seems very clear the Queer community does not support this usage and I don't understand why it hasn't been formally excluded.
- This is an important improvement to the clothing optional policy: Identify opportunities for re-wilding of lawn areas adjacent to the beach to increase privacy, especially for nudist beach users.
- Make sure you overrepresent Trans people pls in the CAC

- Safety standards should include all users of Hanlans. Motorized watercraft also have a right to enjoy the beach. The last item is discriminatory against boaters. The current signage indicating boating and restricted boating locations and policies are adequate and sufficient. Remember this is suppose to be an all inclusive beach. In reading this report I'm starting to get a sense of inclusive rules for certain groups like boaters which are a significant part of the Toronto Islands
- Agree a committee/ or team should be in place for safety and well being but for all.
- It should not have taken three weeks to clear the cocaine/alcohol/bbq guys off the south end of the beach. The police were useless, the fire department was useless until the mayor's office was dragged into the idiocy of someone having a sign selling cocaine on the beach.
- Anything we can do about amplified noise, especially from boats? There should be space for enjoyment of the beach & nature as Queer people without feeling like you're at a club.
- Community Ambassador Program should not invite police, policing, enforcement, or patrolling. Should rather be a resource available to patrons when needed.
- I think it's important that this group, while having oversight over changes and guiding proposed events, and clear advisory roles, aren't inadvertently being delegated to community members with a lot of money, power, or privilege. Ensure that this is firmly and community-led, community-driven force for good. Also, keep it transparent. Think of the work as the opposite of what Ford has done with Ontario place. Lead by example.
- We should find a way to make motorized boats more accessible to Hanlans beach in certain locations. Many people enjoy swimming to visit friends anchored in a boat. And boaters enjoy swimming to the shore to visit friends on the beach. This should be facilitated in some way and boats shouldn't be universally unwelcome.
- Universal washroom should be made available no matter
- Don't like keeping motorized watercraft away
- I am mostly satisfied with this plan, however I do not agree with keeping motorized watercrafts and personal water crafts away from the beach. Boating and meeting up with friends on our boat is a special activity we do every year. We meet up with our friends on the beach, take people for rides. I also think we need to be careful with the language of "safe space" we can make spaces safer for Queer people, but can never guarantee safety, so my calling something a "safe space" it can sometimes cause a false sense of security, promoting safer spaces and continuous improvement is always an important consideration in any redevelopment plan.
- Would love to see more than just 'exploring' keeping boats away from the beach.

- More needs to be done on big idea 3 to ensure the safety of LGBTQ+ peoples at Hanlans.
- Unnecessary
- “ Events Strategy, in collaboration with other stakeholders, for the entire Toronto Island Park”. What does that mean?
- More nude beach
- I worry that “pathway realignment”, while good intentioned, would lead to destruction of the existing established dune pathway system. The pathways have existed for decades and should not be disturbed.
- Again, there is no reason to associate nudity or public sex acts with the Queer community. I support improving lighting, improving facilities, even placards if you want, but everything else seems backwards
- increase lighting and emergency reporting stations
- The big idea doesn’t consider waste management to protect the safety of the island community. The trash bins are always overflowing. I would think that a Queer safety plan would include condoms or flyers. I would suggest that those handing out flyers are also picking up trash.
- Fails to recognize one of the key concerns recognized: policing. “Safety for Queer” people too often ends up in increased police presence which has clearly been articulated as a problem and antithetical to this goal.
- More needs to be done to improve LGBT safety on the beach. Defacing of LGBT signs and flag is still happening. Police did not respond when reported anti-lgbt threat and violence on the beach.
- There have been men throughout this process yelling that police don’t keep us safe. One of these men is a serial rapist in the gay community. He has a personal interest in police being away from Queer spaces because he is a criminal. Also as a result of this approach, there are now straight men selling cocaine on the beach. All of these men are making the beach substantially more dangerous for women. We exist and we also have safety issues. I am concerned that our safety issues are being overlooked for the sake of catering only to male sexual interests at the expense of lesbian and bisexual women.
- The safety of endangered wildlife should also be prioritized.
- a plan to make a safety plan is okay, but i’d want to know more about what these plans are prior to agreeing. the rest, yes, good.
- Should definitely be boat free!!!
- again, basically keep it more simple...we have no cops here. The EVENTS should be small and quiet - the island is being over run with huge events and TOO many folks

and WAY WAY WAY too much noise! Its not a special place anymore, because of amplified noise and events. NATURE is what we have, and folkks love it but it doesn't mix well with LOUD music, power boats teeming with drunk 30 somethings, big events that encourage LOUD amplification. Keep it simple. Biggest issue is possibly the motorized watercraft and party boats. The City should outlaw these, period.

- The event strategy so far has been a massive failure loosing the established and 2SLGBTQ+ event Electric Island. Small personal watercraft such as jet powered boats should be allowed near beach.
- I think having some sort of regular, well trained, government presence on the beach that would help address instances of people feeling unsafe. A lifeguard, police officers (with body cameras covered), etc would make people know that if something happens, there is someone there to support them in the moment and they are not alone
- You shouldn't control the boats as it will make the rest of the island too congested and the water ways are public property. Just ensure there are swim markers like Wards beach.
- Yes to all these things. However, while wonouring the past is great, equally important is the present. For that reason, expanding the clothing optional area needs to be part of the plan.
- re-wilding is much needed, as many of the trees along the path are diseased and have exposed the nudist beach users to the main recreational path.
- There needs to be more solidified action plans here. This feels like a promise to come up with ideas, which is not helpful in building trust around this phase.
- I'm overall satisfied but the area of the beach where patrons can enter the water is very shallow and difficult to swim in. The buoys should be further out to keep water crafts further away
- Agree with keeping motor watercraft away from swimmers
- Increasing signage around clothing optional is a good idea
- I'm glad the issues of motorized boats getting very close to the beach, plus increasing the vegetation to create a better privacy buffer to the main trail are listed here.
- Some additional items: add improved lighting along paths (some paths are very dark at night)
- Safety concerns still seem to be prevalent. We often hear of issues taking place at Hanlan's without resolution. Homophobic verbal abuse etc. There needs to be a simple way for people to report issues, and an expedient way of dealing with them.
- The expansion of nudist areas makes the area unsafe for women.

- First you increase the amount of clothing-optional space in Big Idea 1, then in Big Idea 3 you need to add more privacy for nudists? If they want to not be exposed, put on clothes!
- I like the boats being there, it adds atmosphere
- This is absurd. Everyone should be able to enjoy the beach this is exclusionary.
- Rewilding lawn areas to increase privacy especially for nudist beach users!! [REDACTED]
What I have seen is a bunch of guys parading around with erections on trying to impress people! Creepy! And definitely not for families or people who are not interested in seeing this! Yuck! And I live on the island!!
- Leave it
- I think if there is any safety plan it should be clearly on the posts at the perimeter of the beach, or at an entrance so they are displayed and easily accessible if something happens
- This is not enough to ensure that violence against LGBTQ visitors are not harassed or assaulted in Queer safe space.
- Drugs Addiction and lack of safety. Queer on Queer violence. There needs to be a safe sober space
- i want a clear commitment that safety plans will not include police and i want to see direct stewardship of land/environment returned to Mississauga people
- To declare Hanlan's Point Beach as Queer Safe Space, or any kind of safe space, should only be done if it is indeed safe. There needs to be an actionable steps to 'police' (for lack of a better word) the beach - people continue to be threatened, harassed, assaulted etc. at the beach with few options for immediate assistance.
- Feels like a complicated way to focus on safety
- The Hanlan's Beach is where I have previously been subjected to some older male's nude sexual gestures when a woman friend and I were watching the Air Show from that beach. We felt unsafe and have not been back, thus being excluded from using this. Are there some behaviour standards in place to ensure this does not happen again? or is it expected behaviour? I would not like some person innocent of the expectations of the Queer community for 'private spaces' for ??? what ?? sex?? who happens to not know and stumbles on this behaviour. Sex in public / private spaces should not be allowed for both Queer and non-Queer populations.
- Singage wont fix issues. There are individuals from a certain community who show up in street attire to gawk at naked women here. This isnt a Queer issue this is a safety issue, those from that same country dont accept lgbt culture and wont listen to a sign.

- There are current safety concerns of people harrassing beach goers, and not respecting people's personal spaces. Better safety measures should be discussed that fit within the 2SLGBTQ+ communities interests.
- I like this a lot but let's do not cover the area with signs and stuff
- More emphasis on increasing vegetation, distancing boats and other motorised water vehicles; keeping peepers who stand and watch while fully clothed away from the beach
- People are still be creeped on, having slurs yelled at them and sexually assaulted on a daily basis.
- New pathways aren't needed as they change every season it seems. Keeps it fresh and let's regrowth occur
- Lots of exploration, would love to see garunteed follow through. With these plans for the stewardship and wildlife planting, would love to see the integration of environmentally-uplifting solutions (planting shrubs and flowers that are pollinator and wildlife friendly, for example)
- Watercrafts should also be allowed - there are Queer boat owners too!
- I don't think we need more official pathways. There are enough.
- Love the initiative to increase privacy for nude beach users, but motorized boats accessing the shore and homophobic encounters at the beach remain an issue. The City should increase the level of dedicated enforcement.
- Still Queer bashing on the beach.
- Again, fostering more cruising, unsafe sex and more health issues.
- Street lights from Gibraltar Point to Hanlan's ferry dock to add another layer of safety at night.
- The safety and code of conduct provisions make me worry about how enforcement might be handled. Sensitivities around the relationship between the police and the Queer community would need to be taken seriously.
- Maybe this is included but a way to ticket/police boats blasting music. We shouldn't have to shout to hear each other on the beach
- Agreed on all these points. Curious about the safety plan
- Declaring the entire Toronto island as a Queer safe space can have negative backlash, why not just Hanlans? With this example we may as well declare the entire city a Queer Safe Space.
- Better transportation to that side of the island away from the crowds and kids.
- Especially love the motorized watercraft point — could expand to include blasting music toward the beach from watercraft.
- Privacy for nude beach goers would be much appreciated

- You should mention that Hanlan's has been a world class kiteboarding destination since the inception of the sport 20 years ago.
- I like a lot of the suggestions but the question of the police and their harassment of people is not directly addressed. It must be an area where the police are not present and do not patrol. The police also regularly engage in racist practices. There are similar problems with private security firms.
- all these big ideas need to be realized. if they are either or, then these are a total crock.
- The boats are still right up at the beach, playing loud music and disturbing beach goers. Some boat users are even landing on the beach intoxicated trying to sell drugs and hot dogs and starting to threaten and attack beach visitors. The beach is no longer safe for Queer people, so much so that friends of Hanlans had to promote self defense classes because the city was going nothing about it
- More bike space is needed. Way more. People are locking their bikes around trees and vegetation which doesn't improve circulation and beach access.
- Don't try to keep the watercraft away some of us are trying to get on a BOAT
- Too many rules and unnecessary structure
- Completely on board with safe spaces for all members of the community. Why does all of beautiful Hanlans have to be designated as "nudist"? Attempted to use the beach as a single mother with a young child with a life threatening medical condition. Had a number of naked men feel the need to stand/sit beside us, despite an almost empty weekday beach. Create safe spaces for everyone!
- Keep it safe!
- I'd only add: Allow Nature-friendly commercial transportation services (i.e. rainbow coloured pedicabs) to transport people from the ferry dock to the beach area
- There isn't any mention of working with law enforcement or emergency services (such as Fire and Paramedic services) which should also be engaged since they have a meaningful, and legal, presence on the Toronto Islands and should be in a position to enforce the rule of law.
- Don't want an event strategy
- Allow for pop-up food vendors to be on the main trail, but only those that are easily cartable on the ferry. Ensure that the policing community will support these initiatives.
- I love the idea of keeping motorized watercraft as far away as possible.
- What does a safe space for Queer people even mean? Are they not protected by the same laws as everyone else everywhere in the city?

- Keep maintaining the landscaping, improve pathway maintenance, have not noticed much new safety or historical signage apart from the explanation that it is a historically Queer space.
- Some action to reduce non-Queer folks using the beach as a nightclub
- Love the idea of keeping boats a bit further from the shore. Developing new ways for people to enforce rules on each other and monitor people's behaviour will inevitably be problematic and reflect existing power structures within the city.
- Harm reduction just means enabling drug use. Crystal meth is a huge problem in our community, don't make it OK for users to take it to the beach. Also, increasing privacy will just encourage more orgies in the bushes, which are not safe for our gay community.
- You haven't done any of this.
- There was a group selling barbecue food and cocaine that took up residence on the south beach for several weeks and were being aggressive and homophobic. It took too long for this to be resolved. Also during busy periods (holidays), there are always reports of unwanted sexual advances and violence from those in the heterosexual community.
- More needs to be done to protect sis/hetero member of the nudist community from creeps and pervs. Large groups of fully clothed males regularly patrol the beach looking for naked woman. Frequent instances of men taking voyeuristic photos.
- Instead of 'Queer Safe Space', how about a safe space for everyone? Again, you are catering to a small minority of people at the expense of everyone else.
- Prevent protests or harassment , prevent unauthorized filming or photos of beach goers
- Only to prioritize keeping motorized watercraft away from the shoreline. It's hazardous for swimmers and intrusive for nudist beach users
- On one hand you want to expand the ' clothing optional' areas on the island. On the other you want to rewild the area around the beach to protect the privacy of nude bathers?nudity
- Keeping loud motorized gizmos away from all public beach areas
- One group of people shouldn't get to lay claim to this public space. It used to be for everyone and now feels as its been co opted by a very vocal group of advocates
- Who is the audience for the community charter? Part of the magic of hand ones is that it's a place that is free from authority prescriptions. Increasing signage and attempting to prescribe code of conduct feels opposition to that. I feel that disgusting the culture from historical context is much more appropriate to guiding

new visitors to understand how the culture has evolved to the point that it's at today, rather than pressing an agenda, regardless of progressive intentions

- Re-wilding of lawn areas adjacent to the beach should focus on enhancing habitat for vulnerable species and support native fauna/flora. There should be as little fragmentation as far as adding any new new pathway alignments or beach access as possible.