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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report details the activities and feedback received during Round Two of consultation on the Scarborough Bluffs West Revitalization Study that took place between April 24, 2024, and June 11, 2024. During Round Two of consultation, members of the public, landowners, and interest groups were provided with information and opportunities to provide feedback on:

- Existing conditions
- What was heard during Consultation Round One
- Evaluation of Alternatives to the Undertaking
- Framework for Identification of Alternative Methods
- Preliminary Evaluation Criteria

Interest groups, agencies, landowners, and residents were notified of the consultation events through mailed notices, outdoor signage, project website, letters, emails, and social media posts.

Consultation activities included virtual meetings with 14 landowners, a Community Advisory Group meeting, a pre-recorded online information session, a survey, and in-person pop-up and drop-in information sessions. These activities engaged more than a thousand individuals. Consultation materials included a slide deck, presentation boards and a narrated pre-recorded presentation.

Overall, public feedback identified several main themes similar to the first round of consultation, centred around safer access to the shoreline, environmental conservation, traffic/active transportation, evaluation of alternatives to the undertaking, and consultation/project timeline. Comments unique to the second round of consultation includes overwhelming understanding of the evaluation of Alternatives To selecting the Do Something alternative, support for leaving the off-leash dog park at the eastern end of the Beach alone, questions about technical studies and suggestions for refinements to the evaluation criteria.

A separate but coordinated Consultation and Engagement Plan for the study is being undertaken for Indigenous rights holders, organizations, and Indigenous people who live in the city. Results from this engagement will be shared in future reports.

2. PROJECT SUMMARY

The Scarborough Bluffs West Revitalization Study (SBW) will establish a long-term vision to guide the renewal of approximately 4.5 km of Lake Ontario shoreline from the Eastern Beaches (Silver Birch Avenue) to Bluffer's Park by focusing on opportunities to conserve and enhance natural features, and minimize hazards, while improving how the public accesses, moves through, and experiences the waterfront. The study area is located along the Lake Ontario shoreline, stretching from Silver Birch Avenue in the west to Bluffer's Park in the east.

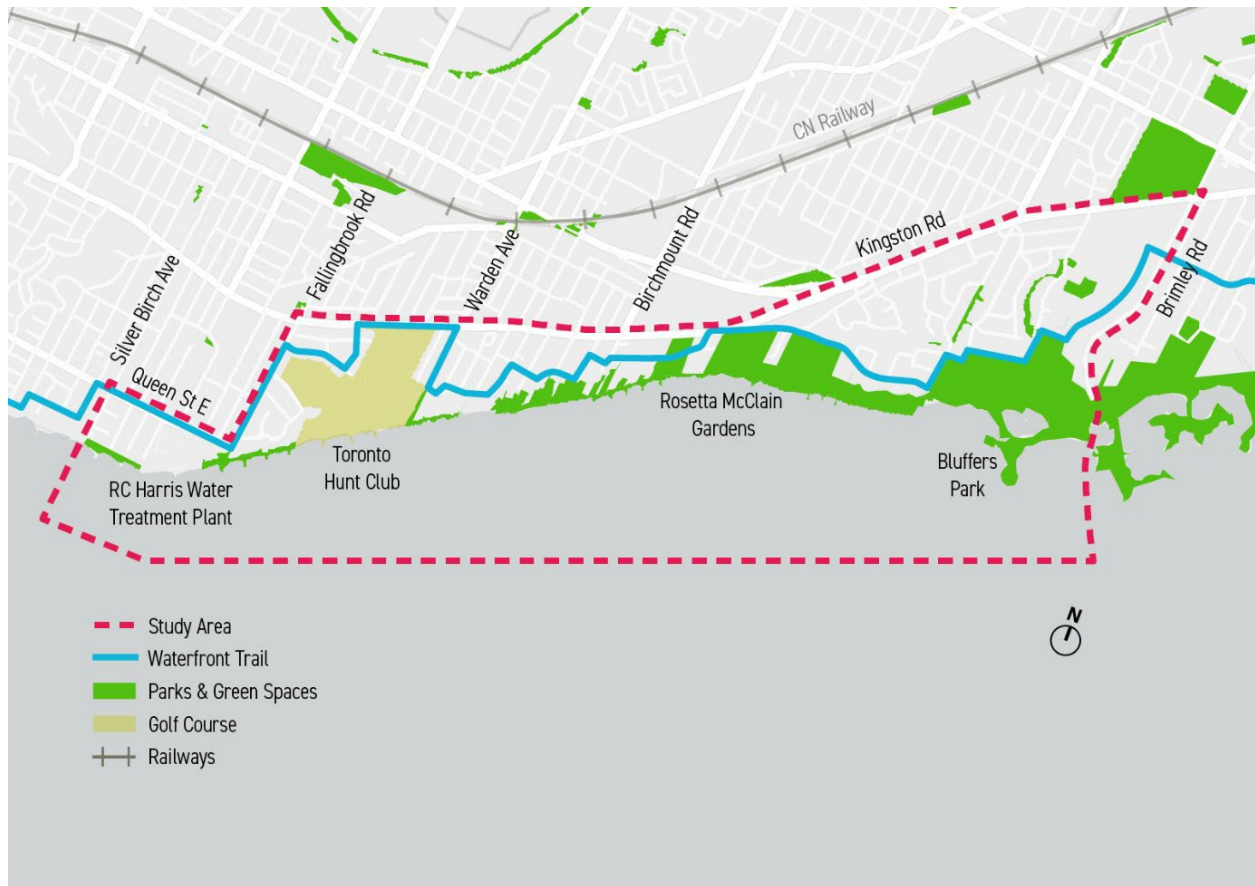


Figure 1: SBW Study Area Map

The study is following the approved planning process for projects under the *Environmental Assessment Act* (1990) that includes a commitment to an open and consultative process. Given the interest in waterfront projects, it is critical to develop a responsive yet flexible consultation strategy that builds on the lessons learned from other waterfront projects and seeks to engage members of the public and stakeholders beyond the local area.

The second round of consultation, as with the first round, focused on the draft Terms of Reference. Engagement objectives were to:

- Inform the public about the project status, process and what was heard during the first round of consultation
- Receive feedback on the evaluation of Alternatives To, the framework for the identification of Alternative Methods and preliminary evaluation criteria.

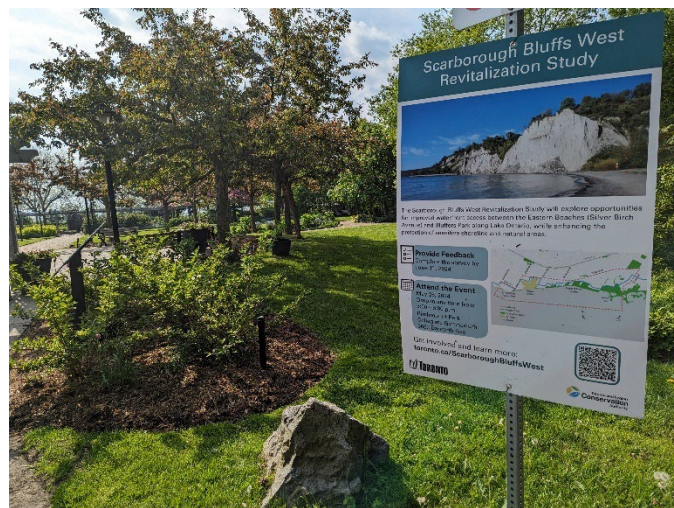
This report summarizes consultation activities and feedback received during Round Two of consultation, taking place from April 24, 2024, to June 11, 2024. A report summarizing what was heard in Round One can be found on the project website: toronto.ca/ScarboroughBluffsWest.

3. NOTIFICATION & CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES

3.1 Notification

A variety of methods were used to notify interest groups and residents about Round Two of consultation, which launched April 24, 2024. The following notifications were undertaken to invite interested parties to participate in the online information session and attend the in-person drop in event:

- Direct mail to 16,000 residents – May 14, 2024
- Email to project mailing list (678 recipients) – May 14, 2024
- Email to Indigenous communities and organizations (12 Recipients) – May 16, 2024
 - Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
 - Williams Treaty Coordinator
 - Six Nations
 - Rama First Nation
 - Huron-Wendat
 - Hiawatha First Nation
 - Haudenosaunee Development Institute/ Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council
 - Curve Lake First Nation
 - Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation
 - Beausoleil First Nation
 - Alderville First Nation
 - Mississaugas of Scugog First Nation
- Email to interest group list including residents' associations, community groups, organizations, institutions, and elected officials (76 recipients) – May 14, 2024
- Email to agencies (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism) – May 14, 2024
- Posters and postcards posted at Birchmount Community Centre and Albert Campbell Library – May 16, 2024
- Outdoor signage at Bluffers Park, Scarboro Crescent Park, Scarborough Heights Park, Fishleigh Access Road, Rosetta McClain Gardens, Harrison Properties, Crescentwood Park, and Silver Birch Beach – May 16, 2024
- Social media posts via the City of Toronto's Facebook, Instagram, and X (Formerly Twitter)
 - Facebook – 47 likes (As of June 12, 2024)
 - Instagram – 633 likes (As of June 12, 2024)
 - X (Formerly Twitter) – 53 likes (As of June 12, 2024)



Prior to the start of the formal comment period, a mailed notification was also issued to 172 landowners inviting them to participate in a virtual meeting on April 24, 2024 (issued April 5, 2024).

3.2 Phone & Email Comments

In addition to participating in consultation activities, interest group representatives, landowners and residents were invited to share comments and ask questions via phone, email, or written letter. A total of about 27 comment submissions were received between April 24, 2024, and June 11, 2024. All comments were recorded and reviewed for consideration and response by the project team.

3.3 Landowner Meeting(s)

A landowner meeting was held virtually on April 24, 2024. Landowners were notified of the meeting via letters mailed to their homes. Email invitations were also sent to 19 landowners who previously registered for an information session in fall 2023. Of the 172 invites sent, 14 landowners attended the meeting. Attendees included landowners immediately abutting the Bluffs or parkland adjacent to the Bluffs.

The meetings were facilitated and presented by Anneliese Grieve of Strategic Environmental Planning Solutions and Nick Crockford of Morrison Hershfield (now Stantec). The presentation discussed the project intent, objectives, described the Environmental Assessment process, the project area segments, project objectives and what was heard in the first round of consultation, the existing study area conditions, the preliminary evaluation criteria, and explained the framework for the generation of Alternative Methods. Participants were asked to share their issues and concerns about the evaluation of Alternatives To, the framework for the identification of Alternative Methods, and any concerns they have with the evaluation criteria. Opportunities for questions and feedback followed the presentations.

3.4 Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting

The CAG was formed to provide a forum for interest groups to provide feedback and comments to the project team throughout the study. Membership is made up of representatives from groups who are likely to have the greatest influence on the success of the project or who are likely to have a long-term interest in the project. Representatives from 13 local organizations signed up to join the CAG and are listed below:

- Black North Initiative
- Bluffers Park Boating Foundation
- Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW Residents Association
- Cycle Toronto
- Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities
- Scarborough Greenway Network Project
- Surfer Community
- Swim Drink Fish
- Toronto Field Naturalists

- Toronto Lakefront Community
- Unbounded
- Waterfront for All
- Waterfront Regeneration Trust

The CAG meeting for the second round of consultation was held virtually on April 30, 2024, from 6 to 8 p.m. and covered topics including the project intent, and objectives, the Environmental Assessment process, the project area segments, the existing study area conditions, the generation and evaluation of Alternatives to the Undertaking and Methods, and preliminary evaluation criteria. Representatives from 7 organizations attended the meeting. A summary of what was heard can be found on the project website (toronto.ca/ScarboroughBluffsWest).

3.5 Public Information Session

Public consultation was held from May 14 to June 11 and included a pre-recorded online information session, an -in-person pop up event, and drop-in public information session.

The online information session consisted of a 30-minute pre-recorded presentation that covered the project material in more detail and was viewed by 212 individuals. The pop-up event was held on May 25, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the R.C. Harris Water Treatment Plant. Staff spoke with approximately 30 residents and distributed over 300 postcards to encourage completion of the online survey and participation at the drop-in public session.

The drop-in event was held on May 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute Gymnasium on 3663 Danforth Avenue and was attended by approximately 93 people. The drop-in provided an opportunity to view the project information panels and speak with members of the project team one-on-one.

Additionally, approximately 8,160 people visited the website during the May 14 to June 11 and spent on average 4.5 minutes browsing the project's webpage, which included copies of the presentation and drop-in materials and other information such as commonly asked questions.



3.6 Survey

To provide an additional feedback opportunity, an online survey was available on the project website from May 14, 2024, to June 11, 2024. The online survey received 999 responses. A few print copies of the survey were made available at the drop-in public information session. Participation was anonymous.

The survey included background information on the project and asked a series of questions of participants to understand current relationships to the study area and comments on the evaluation of Alternatives To and proposed evaluation criteria (see Online Survey section below for more information).

4. FEEDBACK SUMMARY

Comments received from Round Two of consultation are summarized below. Several of the same themes from Round One of consultation were expressed such as Access to the Shoreline, Environmental Conservation, and Project Timeline, as well as other themes such as Traffic Concerns and the Consultation Process.

4.1 Access to the Shoreline

Mixed feedback was received regarding increased access to and along the shoreline.

Some respondents expressed a strong desire for safe and formal access for people of all abilities to and along the waterfront. Other respondents expressed concerns about providing additional access to and along the shore, suggesting that there are already sufficient areas of the shore that can be accessed, and that this area should not be further modified, and that increased access should not be encouraged. Several respondents spoke about the need for access to the shoreline for people of differing abilities.

4.2 Environmental Conservation

Many respondents expressed a strong concern for conservation of plant and fish/wildlife habitats in the study area, including how increased access may negatively impact these habitats both due to an increase in the number of users and due to construction of trails and access points. These respondents felt that the area currently feels untouched and ‘wild’ and would like to maintain this experience. Some respondents raised concerns about increased human use and trash leading to greater stress on the environment. In addition, some respondents expressed a desire to conserve greenspace, wildlife and fish habitat, and plant species. Some respondents inquired about the status of various technical studies particularly with respect to species at risk.

4.3 Traffic Impacts and Active Transportation

Respondents expressed concern regarding the potential for increased vehicular traffic to the area that might accompany increased access to the shoreline. Many expressed a desire to see improvements to public and active transportation routes to reduce the number of people travelling to the area by car. Residents of the local area also expressed concern about potential

increased demand for limited parking spots at area parks, and whether this might lead to an increase in parking on residential streets.

However, many respondents also expressed general support for new or improved active transportation connections.

4.4 Project Timeline/Consultation Process

Respondents shared feedback pertaining to the timeline of the project, including a desire to expedite the Terms of Reference and Environmental Assessment process, and overall concerns regarding the advertising of consultation materials/events and desire for a greater number of consultation activities in future phases. Respondents also provided suggestions to connect with residents and organizations.

4.5 Evaluation of Alternatives to the Undertaking

Most survey respondents indicated that they understood the evaluation and the choice of the ‘Do Something’ alternative. Respondents provided input on the recommendation itself, with some respondents commenting that the ‘Do Nothing’ alternative is more appropriate as there are already sufficient opportunities to access the waterfront and that this section should be left alone. Some questioned if the alternatives were too vague to be the basis for the Alternative Methods. There were also questions about why the “Do Nothing” alternative would be considered for both Alternatives To and Alternative Methods.

4.6 Other

Some respondents raised concerns about potential changes to existing parks. There were several respondents who do not wish to see changes to the off-leash dog park at the base of Silver Birch Road. Other respondents suggested more accessible paths to the shoreline parks and more amenities within the existing parks such as play structures for children.

5. DETAILED FEEDBACK

A detailed summary of comments received from Round Two of consultation, including landowner meetings, CAG meeting, the Drop-In Public Event, online survey, and phone/email comments are presented in the table below, along with responses from the project team.

Table 1: Round Two Consultation Summary of Comments

TOPIC	QUESTION/COMMENT	RESPONSE
Process & Cost	Concern this is not a good allocation of city funds.	Currently, only the Terms of Reference and Environmental Assessment (EA) phases are funded. Funding for detailed design and construction has not yet been allocated. The decision to allocate future funds will be made by City Council.
	Concern for length of construction and potential disruptions on the community.	Information about construction length and impacts is not yet available. How the project will be constructed and the potential for construction activities to disrupt local neighbourhoods will be assessed during the EA.
	Desire to expedite the Terms of Reference process.	The provincial government is responsible for the Terms of Reference review process and while they have regulated timelines for their review (4-6 months), this timeline is at their discretion. The project team is trying to complete the process as quickly as possible.
	Will the costs of trail and park maintenance and enforcement of City by-laws be factored into the assessment?	At the EA stage the coarse level costs of constructing the project are assessed. The costs for maintenance are calculated at the future detailed design stage.
	Suggestion to rename the Scarborough Bluffs West Revitalization Study to include the Beaches due to confusion that the project does not impact Beaches residents.	Comment noted.
	Suggestion to split study area into smaller segments.	The Project Study Area has been initially divided into four segments to facilitate the development of alternatives recognizing the distinct characteristics along each shoreline segment. As the development of the alternatives proceeds the number and extent of segments may be refined.
	Why are the Alternatives To ('Do Something' and 'Do Nothing') so broad and how can they inform the development of Alternative Methods?	The Alternatives to the Undertaking for a waterfront project are not discrete. As such, and as has been done for other similar waterfront projects, the project team is relying on previous studies to support if they should do something or do nothing. Pursuant to the EA Act this is referred to as 'focusing'. Previous planning for the waterfront has confirmed the need for a holistic solution that addresses access, improved experience, erosion, and habitat improvements. The Alternative Methods will be holistic solutions that provide specific ways to implement the 'do something' alternative

	How is it that 'Do Nothing' is both an Alternative To and an Alternative Method?	The EA Act requires proponents to assess the 'Do Nothing' Alternative for both the Alternatives To (identified during the Terms of Reference phase) and Alternative Methods (identified during the EA phase). Therefore, during the EA phase, when Alternative Methods have been developed, the 'Do Nothing' alternative will be assessed against these other alternatives.
	Have additional studies been undertaken to describe the natural environment including species at risk, social-cultural environment, etc.?	The information shared with the public during the first round of consultation (available on the project website) included a list of the studies being undertaken and during Round 2 we shared a high-level summary of the findings of these studies. The Terms of Reference will include a detailed summary of existing conditions which reflects the results of these studies. The technical studies will be updated as we move into the EA phase of the project.
	Questions and comments regarding private property within the study area.	If the EA recommends an alternative that requires private property, discussions will be had with those landowners.
Access	Support for developing safer/more accessible access to the shoreline and the water.	The EA will examine various alternatives to improve access to the shoreline and access into the water.
	Concern regarding providing improved or additional access to the shoreline and impacts on neighbours and wildlife.	The EA will examine various alternatives and consider potential impacts on the surrounding neighbourhoods and on wildlife. Currently, people are accessing the shoreline via informal paths and trails. Formal access to the shoreline in this area is limited and inaccessible for many users, including emergency service providers.
	Consider accessibility for people with different abilities including consideration of both physical and cognitive abilities.	Accommodation of different abilities will be one of the criteria to evaluate alternatives.
	The current conditions on the shoreline should be maintained as they reward the more adventurous with a unique experience.	There is a long history of planning and public engagement with respect to the City of Toronto waterfront, including the most recent 2022 report on the Next Phase of Waterfront Revitalization . The results of these processes have indicated that the waterfront should be accessible to all.
	Concern for how future trails might be maintained (snow clearing, garbage, etc.).	Creation of formal access to and from the shoreline will allow greater access for the City to maintain the trails. Maintenance is an operational issue and will not be addressed in the EA.

	Why does this area need more access?	Policy and planning studies (which have been endorsed by City Council) indicate that the waterfront is for all and that it should be accessible. The extent of the shoreline from Silver Birch Avenue in the Eastern Beaches to Bluffers Park currently has limited access. The EA, which is being undertaken at Council direction, will study whether improved access to and along the shoreline, at the bottom or top of the Bluffs is feasible and what the impacts would be. Even without formal trail access, this area is currently being accessed and used sometimes to the detriment of the environment and local community.
Erosion Management	Concern for erosion, especially about impact of climate change on rates of erosion.	Climate change is an important aspect of project planning and the project team is required to look at both the impact of climate change on the project, as well as potential impact of the project on climate change as part of the EA. A number of technical studies will ensure that the project is designed to be resilient to climate change over the long-term.
Habitat Integrity	Concern for the protection of wildlife habitat (bank swallow nests, muskrats, deer, skunks, raccoons, coyotes, pollinators) and fish habitat.	As part of the EA process, terrestrial and aquatic impacts are part of the evaluation and selection of alternatives, and opportunities for further conserving and enhancing natural and aquatic habitats will be explored.
	Concern that greater use will lead to greater stress on the environment. Desire to preserve the shoreline in its current form and maintain the “wild”, “isolated nature”, and “natural beauty” of the area.	The study area has been impacted by past and on-going human use. Currently, people are accessing the shoreline via informal paths and trails, which impacts local flora and fauna. The EA will explore opportunities to formalize the trail network along the shoreline thus minimizing the impact of unmanaged use.
	Desire to prioritize Indigenous approaches to preservation and protection.	First Nations and urban Indigenous organizations and residents are actively being consulted with and their input will be incorporated into the Terms of Reference and EA process.
	Are water pollution impacts being considered?	As part of the EA process, impacts to water quality as a result of project construction will be studied and factored into the evaluation and selection of alternatives.
	Desire for greater reforestation plans along the waterfront	As part of the EA process opportunities for further conserving and enhancing natural and aquatic habitats will be explored.

Trails & Active Transportation Facilities	Desire to see a continuous trail from Balmy Beach to Bluffer's Park. A continuous trail will encourage users to move through the area as opposed to stopping.	The project will explore the feasibility of a shared, multi-use trail that meets the City of Toronto Multi-use Trail Guidelines (2015). Several trail alignments will be explored based on site constraints and impacts, including continuous shoreline trails, top of bluff alignments, and a combination of both.
	Support for new or improved bikeways.	Comment noted.
	Desire for a more "naturalized" trail as opposed to asphalt.	Design elements such as the type of trail that will potentially be implemented will be considered during detailed design, however, to make the trail accessible to all, a suitable material must be chosen.
	Desire to improve sidewalks within adjacent neighbourhoods.	Maintenance of existing sidewalks is outside the scope of this EA. These comments will be passed on to appropriate City departments.
Safety & Operations	Concern that there is currently inadequate waste management and garbage receptacles in the study area	Creation of formal access to and from the shoreline will allow garbage collection to access the area. Garbage receptacles will be installed where they can be accessed. This is an operational issue and beyond the scope of the EA.
	Suggestion for crowd control measures like fences and increased police presence.	Creation of formal access to and from the shoreline will allow police and EMS to better access the area. This is an operational issue and beyond the scope of the EA.
Parks & Recreation	Desire for park amenities such as garbage bins, washrooms, water fountains, etc.	Design elements such as landscape features and garbage bins will be considered during detailed design.
	Desire to incorporate more children's play areas	Children's play areas and other design elements will be considered during detailed design.
	Avoid impacts to existing off-leash dog area at Silver Birch Beach from potential extension of the boardwalk.	The evaluation of alternatives will consider any impacts to the existing off-leash dog park.
	Desire for greater access to the water for recreation (Swimming, paddling)	Comment noted.








	Recognition of this area being frequented by the LGBTQ+ community and desire to consider a clothing-optional beach.	Comment noted.
	Desire to encourage increased tourism and commercial opportunities within the area.	Comment noted.
	Suggestion for separate access road for boaters at the Bluffs to decrease wait times to enter the park.	Improvements to Brimley Road and access to Bluffer's Park were approved in the adjacent Scarborough Waterfront Project . These improvements are currently being finalized and will be under construction within the next several months. There are a number of constraints in the area making it impossible to construct a separate access road for boaters.
Traffic and Parking	Desire for increased public transit to Bluffers Park to lessen the demand for parking.	Decisions around transit routes and frequencies are determined by the TTC and are not within the scope of the EA, however, this feedback can be shared with the TTC.
	Concerns about increased demand on parking and potential for overflow parking and increased congestion on local roads.	Exploring new access and trail connections will provide users with different transportation options besides driving and may alleviate congestion pressures within the area. The City will continue to examine parking mitigation strategies for local neighbourhoods.
	Suggestion to close local residential roads to public parking on weekends	The comment is noted, however, parking restrictions on local streets are out of the scope for this EA. Comment will be passed on to appropriate City department(s).
	Suggestion to implement traffic calming measures from the increased traffic from greater use.	Comment noted. The City has a process to investigate opportunities for traffic calming in local neighbourhoods. Learn more on the City's website .
	Desire to improve conditions of roads and parking lots within study area.	Maintenance of existing roads and parking lots is outside the scope of this EA. Your comment will be passed on to appropriate City departments.
	Extending the trail would increase traffic and number of parked cars on local streets in the eastern beaches.	Comment noted. The City will continue to examine parking mitigation strategies for local neighbourhoods.

Consultation Process	Advertising for the public event was lacking or not available for long enough.	The public event was advertised through a wide variety of mechanisms including direct mail to 16,000 residents, outdoor signs, social media posts, email newsletters, and outreach to organizations. Please sign up for email notifications for all future events.
	Suggestions for alternative formats and methods for attending meetings or different date options for meetings.	The study will involve multiple phases of consultation and future opportunities to review project materials, ask questions, and provide input. Consultation materials and opportunities to provide input are available virtually as well as in-person at toronto.ca/ScarboroughBluffsWest .
	Desire for prioritization of Indigenous knowledge. Indigenous consultation occurred in the middle of the workday – could not attend	Comment noted. The study includes an Indigenous Engagement plan, which is a comprehensive plan for meaningful engagement with First Nations, Inuit, Metis, and the broader urban Indigenous community throughout the project.
	Desire to gain access to technical studies.	Technical studies will be undertaken during the EA phase. When complete, the EA will be available for public review.
	Confusion regarding what is being proposed, the alternatives, and comments that too much technical jargon was used in the consultation materials.	Comment noted.

5.1 Online Survey


















999 responses were received to the online survey and the results are described in this section.

Question 1: Please describe your primary relationship to the Study Area (between Silver Birch Avenue and Brimley Road, and Kingston Road to Lake Ontario).

	Count	% of responses	%
I live within the study area	378		38%
I live very near the study area	393		39%
I regularly visit the study area	120		12%
I occasionally visit the study area	67		7%
I own property within or near the study area but do not live there	10		1%
I represent/own a business in the study area	5		1%
Other (Please describe):	26		3%

Most respondents live within the study area, near the study area, or frequently visit the study area.

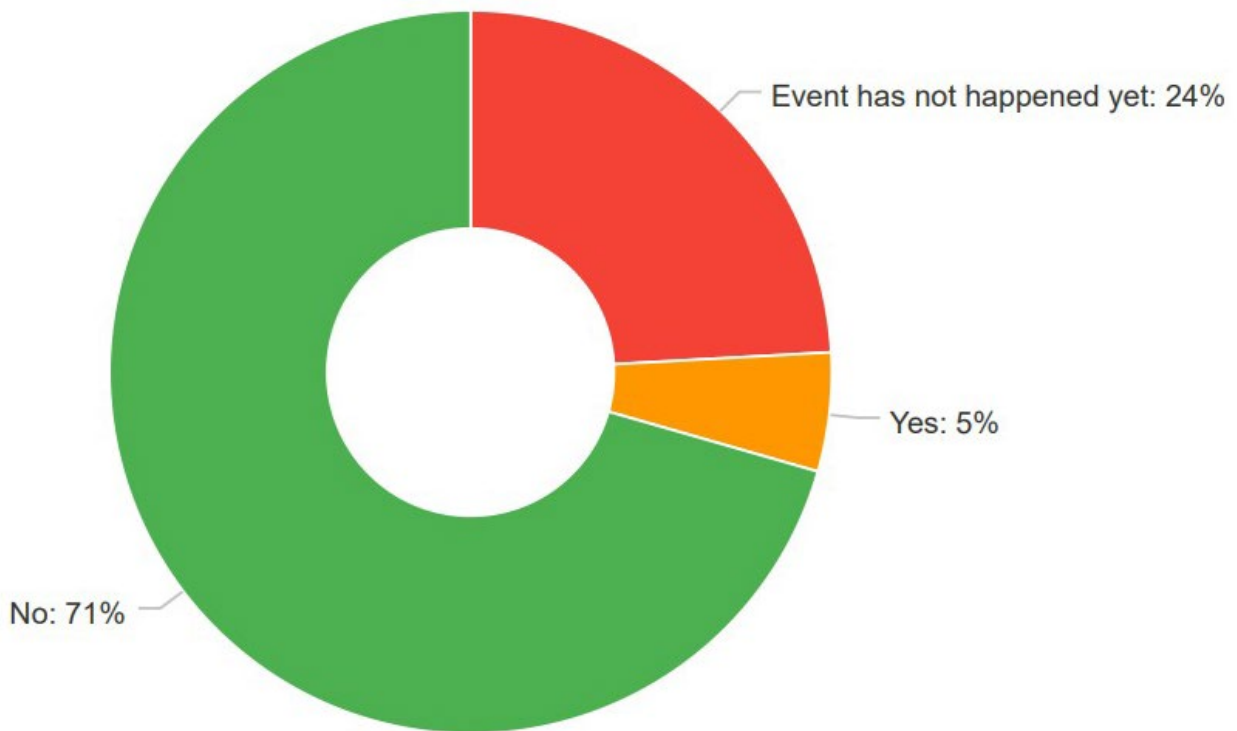
Question 2: How do you currently use or experience the Scarborough Bluffs West Shoreline?
Check all that apply*

	Count	% of responses	%
Walking	848		85%
Visiting the beach	645		65%
Exploration	428		43%
Dog walking	387		39%
Biking	357		36%
Bird watching	278		28%
Picnicking	258		26%
Swimming	244		24%
Running	192		19%
Canoeing, kayaking or paddleboarding	186		19%
Yoga and/or meditation	100		10%
Other (Please describe)	66		7%
Boating or jet-skiing	65		7%
Fishing	32		3%
Water ceremonies	26		3%
I don't use this area at all	18		2%
Surfing	11		1%

*As more than one response could be selected, the count and % columns add up to greater than 999 and 100% respectively.

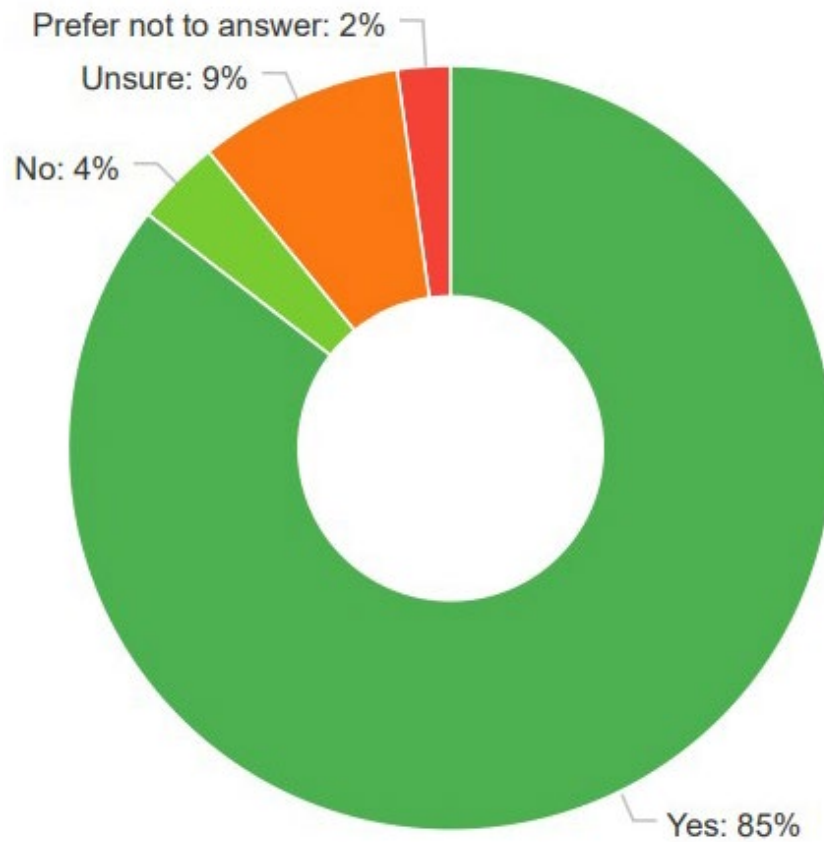
The majority of respondents selected walking, visiting the beach, exploration, dog walking, biking, bird watching, and picnicking as their current uses of the Scarborough Bluffs West shoreline. Some other activities not provided that respondents participate in include photography, kite surfing, paddleboarding, sailing, and drawing.

Question 4: Did you attend the drop-in event on May 28 at Birchmount Park Collegiate?



Most respondents did not attend the public drop in event or completed the survey prior to the drop-in event's occurrence. 5% of respondents attended the public event at Birchmount Park Collegiate.

Question 5: The project team is recommending that the EA proceed with the “Do something” option to better address the problems and opportunities. Do you understand the evaluation and selection of the “Do something” alternative?



Most respondents understood the evaluation and selection of the “Do something” alternative with 85% of respondents answering yes. 9% of respondents stated that they were unsure if they understood with 4% responding that they did not understand and 2% who preferred not to answer.

Question 6: Did we miss anything in our evaluation of Alternatives to the Undertaking?

A total of 175 responses were received for this question and can be summarized in the comment and response table in the previous section.

Question 7: Did we miss anything in the development of the draft evaluation criteria?

A total of 207 responses were received for this question and are summarized in the comment and response table in the previous section.

Question 8: Do you have any feedback about the public consultation conducted on this project to date?

223 responses were received for this question and are summarized in the “Consultation” section in the comment and response table in the previous section.

Question 9: Do you have any suggestions regarding how consultation should be conducted during the Environmental Assessment phase starting in 2025?

A total of 218 responses were received for this question and are summarized in the comment and response table.

Question 10: Please share any additional comments, concerns, observations, or suggestions related to the study.






309 additional comments were received and are summarized in the comment and response table in the previous section.

Demographic information for respondents can be found in APPENDIX A.

APPENDIX A – Demographics








A total of 795 survey respondents provided optional demographic information described below.

What best describes your gender? Select one.

	Count	% of responses	%
Woman	436		55%
Man	297		37%
Trans Woman	0		
Trans Man	0		
Gender Non-Binary (including gender fluid, gender queer, androgynous)	12		2%
Two-Spirit	3		0%
Prefer Not to Answer	41		5%
Not Listed (please describe):	6		1%














Respondents were only able to select one option and a total of 795 respondents completed the question. Women represented about 55% of responses, and men represented about 37% of responses.

What is your age? Select one

	Count	% of responses	%
9 or younger	0		
10-19	3		0%
20-29	38		5%
30-54	400		50%
55-64	170		21%
65-74	108		14%
75+	32		4%
Prefer Not to Answer	44		6%

Respondents were only able to select one option and a total of 795 respondents completed the question. Most respondents were between the ages of 30 – 74, with no responses provided from individuals under 9 years of age. Those aged 30-54 had the largest response with about 50% of respondents falling within this age category, followed by the 55-64 age group, which makes up about 21% of the respondents. The 65-74 age category consisted of about 14% of respondents, with the 20-29 category consisting of about 5% of respondents.

Question 7: How did you hear about this project?

	Count	% of responses	%
Social Media	239		30%
Mailed Notice	150		19%
Signage in a park	91		11%
Friend, family, or neighbour	85		11%
City of Toronto email	60		8%
News story or advertisement	33		4%
Other (please explain):	31		4%
Other e-mail list (e.g., community association)	30		4%
My City Councillor	22		3%
City of Toronto website	21		3%
Other website	18		2%
Pop-up event at R.C. Harris on May 25th	10		1%
Poster or postcard at a community centre or library	5		1%

Respondents were only able to select one option and a total of 795 respondents completed the question. About 30% of respondents were notified of the project through social media, 19% notified through mailed notice, 11% notified by an outdoor sign, 11% notified by family, friends, or a neighbour, and 8% were notified through City of Toronto email.