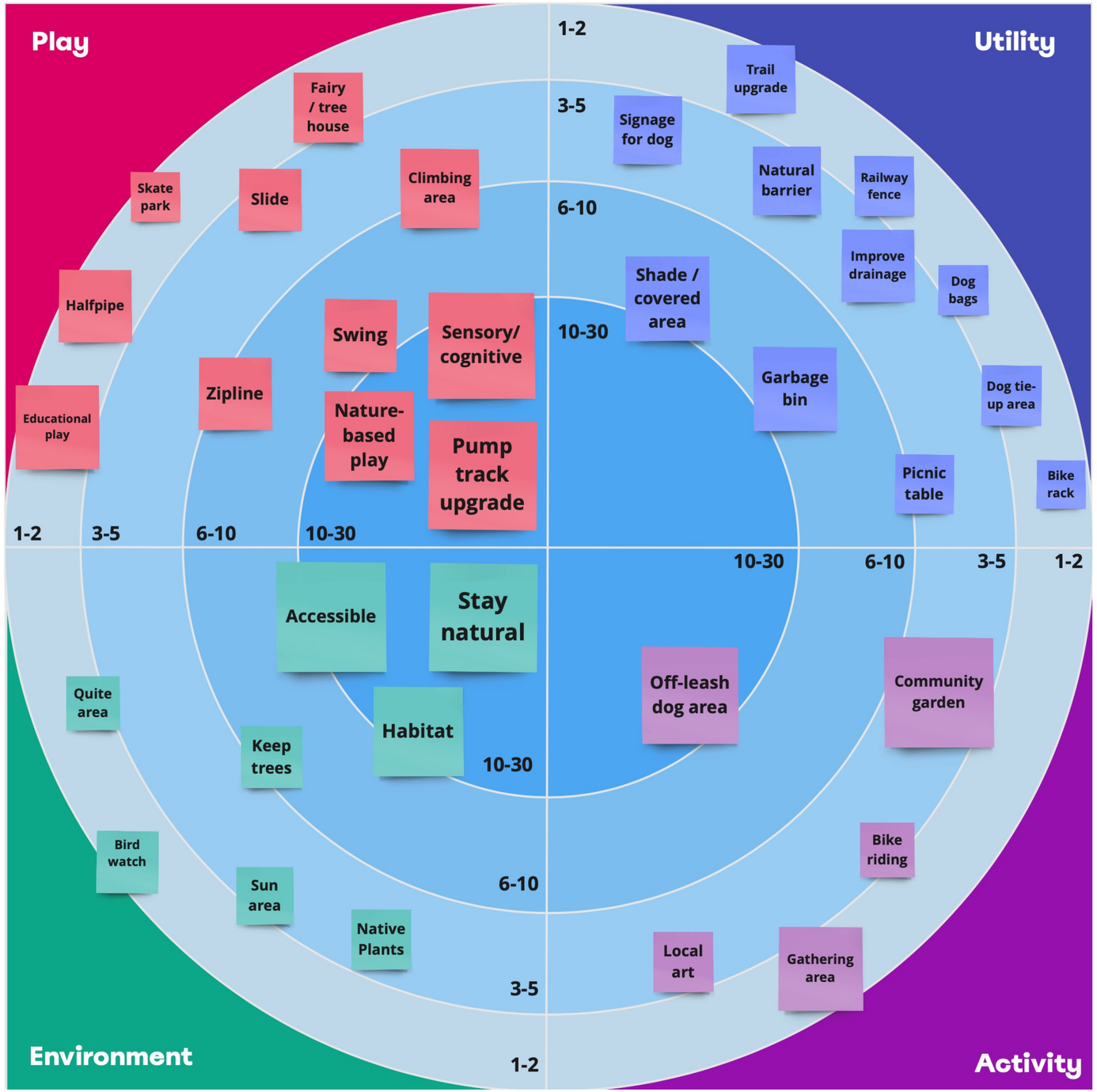
NORTH YARDS NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SURVEY SUMMARY



B SUMMARY

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C POTENTIAL PARK FEATURES

Item	Details	People
Off leash dog area	Nature filled fenced dog areas	11
Shade / covered area	Shade and seating options throughout the day	8
	Covered area and possible barbecue	
	Partial rain cover for inclement weather	
	Covered area for watching the pump track	
Garbage bin	Add one at the top of the dike	7
	For dog waste	
	For peoples' trash	
	To recycle beverage cans	
Picnic table	Seating and picnic / games tables	5
Natural barrier	*"Keeping vegetation / trees to visually block the train tracks."*	3
	"consider the impacts to the community… ie. tourists using this as the launching point for their river side parties."	
	"keep play equipment off to the side and away from thru way to dyke from parking lot."	
Local art	More local Art integration / display area etc	3
Drainage	Pooling occurs, need to improve drainage.	3
Community garden / edible plants	More edible plants, less pollinators	3
	Community garden to talk about growing food with children	
Signage for dog	*"Signage along the Dyke that all dogs should be on leash"*	3
	"Signage or something around dog waste. It's everywhere in there."	
Sun area	*"It's pretty shady in there, it would be nice to get a bit of sun coming through, while keeping some trees"*	2

Item	Details	People
Railway fence	*"Redesign the chain link fence separating the rail area from the access to the trail."*	2
Dog tie up area	Hitching posts	2
Dog bag	*"Keep dog poo bag distributor and garbage to ensure clean and parasite-free environment around kids."*	2
Community gathering areas		2
Bike rack / bike parking		2
Trail	Need to be fixed / improved	2
Water fountain		1
Washroom	At the top of smokes bluff	1
Eagle stand	Add an eagle stand or an owl/bird perch	1
Seating		1
Boat ramp		1
Basketball nets		1
Interactive signage boards		1
Fire pit		1
Hanging baskets, lighting		1
Built area	*"There is plenty of natural forested areas in squamish, there needs to be more built maintained areas"*	1
Outdoor living room	*"would be nice to have like an outdoor living room type of place, lighting, planters, games tables, mobility parking."*	1

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D POTENTIAL PLAY FEATURES

Item	Details	People
Pump track	Keep and clean	19
	Expand	
	Add dirt jumps	
Leave it	No need for an additional park, already have Edgewater, Brennan Park	16
Natural	Climb trees	11
	Hide-and-seek in forest	
	Imaginative play	
	No plastic play structures	
Swings	Swings for babies/toddlers and the older age groups	8
	Reinstall a rope swing, the past one was popular	
Zipline		7
Paved pump track	Asphalt	6
	Accommodate kids/adults of multiple sports such as skateboarding, long boarding, scooters, BMX toddlers, biking, etc	
	Shredded rubber recycled mountain bike tyres	
Climbing area	Climbing apparatus for kids or even adults	5
	Rope climbers, boulder climbers	
Slide	Sand box and a long slide down from the top of the dike	3
Skatepark	Skate/scooter park	2
Bike route	Extensive bike route with moguls	1
Halfpipe		1
Weather-resistant play equipments	*“The equipment at the other parks either stays wet too long after a rainfall or heavy dew and during the summer a lot of the equipment gets too hot to use.”*	1

Item	Details	People
Fairy house	*“Thick forest to build fairy houses in (and find lots of supplies for - sticks, rocks, leaves, moss, bark)”*	1
Tree house	A tree house and *“spreading play across and weaving through the trees.”*	1
Educational play area	*“Adding an educational fun play factor for the kids to learn about the ecosystem they are playing in. Eg: learning/ identifying the trees, plants, wildlife and geology of this specific area”*	1
Fence	Contain little children and keep dogs out	1
Others	Something different from Edgewater with swing, slides, etc.	1
Others	Whistler Olympic Plaza playground would be a close example.	1

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E INCLUSIVE PLAY

Item	Details	People
Neuro/sensory/ cognitive features	Provide play opportunities for neurodiverse children with various skills and abilities	15
	Autistic, ASD, ADHD, anxiety disorder.	
	Neuro/sensory/cognitive features	
Accessibility	Accessible rubber surface for people with physical disability / wheelchair users.	11
	Accessible sensory friendly	
	Clear sight lines to see the children	
Nature-Based Play	*“Areas where they can be in nature to take time to manage stimulation”*	7
	Hide and seek/build a fort in the trees and bushes	
	“Imaginative play, not cookie cutter structures purchased from a company”	
Swing	*“Swinging (rope swing, traditional swing) is a common feature that ND kids are drawn to.”*	3
Quite area	Useable space for neurodiverse children who prefers quiet	2
Age	Focus on all age groups	2
Accessible zipline		1
Climbing		1
Bird watching area	Many eagles sit in the trees above	1

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F CONCERNS / COMMENTS

Item	Details	People
Stay natural	*“Let kids make forts, swing on ropes and climb trees”*	29
	“Natural materials (stumps, boulders, tree nets)”	
	“The park could incorporate any number of elements in keeping or inspired by our west coast temperate rain forest climate: buried/cantilevered logs, balance logs, stepping stones, wooden structures, hollowed out stumps, hidey-holes, natural climbing walls, even structures interspersed with native flower, berry, or even herb gardens. I'd like to see the park design reflect or be inspired by our natural surroundings: large posts/beams mimicking our towering cedars and hemlocks, stonework reflective of our glacier-scoured rocky outcroppings and monoliths, etc. Though it's not that practical, some sort of modest water feature that supports local flora/fauna would be fantastic & provide educational opportunities for children.”	
Habitat	*“Degradation of habitat from ad hoc clearing by residents”*	10
	“retention and improvement of indigenous plants, trees, shrubs and therefore animals, insects and ultimately biodiversity.”	
	“Keep it small, restrict to daylight hours. Do not put a light it that will impact wildlife.”	
	“This is a well used animal corridor, in particular bears. Keeping it wild enough to keep allowing wildlife connectivity without making it a ‘people park'."	
	Preserve large trees for eagles. They also provide important refuge from the sun during hotter times.	
More parking	*“Parking in this neighborhood is a big pain in the buttocks. Please maximize the parking options in the neighborhood by moving signage etc.”*	10
	No enough parking for the park and during fishing season.	
	Bike or mobility device parking	

Item	Details	People
Don’t cut trees / keep shaded trees	*“Please don’t cut down any trees. It is possible to add a play structure without doing so.”*	7
	Keep the trees for shading in the summer	
Safety	Foreign materials, such as sharp metals and pokey branches, buried on ground	6
	“My biggest concern is safety around the railway tracks and railway bridge. People and their kids use the train bridge as a walking path and if we build a park at this location, the trespassing will get worse since everyone will park on the north side”	
	“The railway crossing and bridge need to be made legitimate”	
	“We need to be cautious to not design this as a place to hang out in for too long. There's a lot of teens that come to the bridge and they smoke, do drugs and drink. It's become a problem in other parks I've seen and we don't want to promote loitering.”	
Dog waste	*“Off leash dogs poop in the area frequently which is problematic for kids play here.”*	5
Dog problem	*“Off leash dogs are a major problem.”*	4
Dog friendly	*“Work on making bikes, dogs and people cohesive should be number one priority.”*	4
	“Make the path wide enough so that people with dogs can pass through without having to weave in and out of kids. The entire neighbourhood uses this path to get to the dyke with their dogs.”	
	“We have a reactive dog, who we walk onleash but because the incline of dike access, and all of the trees upon entry and everyone with offleash dogs, we can no longer use this path with him.”	
Foraging	*“Blackberries are highly appreciated by the residents as they provide a foraging experience.”*	4

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	“There is a beautiful ground cover that blooms and even provides opportunities to forge like black Berries and stingy nettle”	
Path to dike is OK	*“I agree that the steep incline up to the dyke is hard with strollers or bike chariots at times but totally manageable.”*	4
	“The access to the dyke does not need to be improved.”	
Noice	Parking and traffic	4
	Fisher people	
	Older kids partying	
Path to dike is too steep	*“less steep path to access the dike for those with mobility limitations”*	4
	“keep dike access a priority as that is a very busy corridor.”	
Pathway for different user groups	*“Need to have non-conflict between pedestrians and children and bikes transiting to the dike.”*	4
	“When improving access to the dyke, please keep it for both pedestrians and bike users”	
Remove invasive plants & more indigenous plants	*“Keeping all existing indigenous flora and replacing the invasive blackberry with indigenous plants”*	4
Simple design	*“less is more”*	3
Maintenance	*“Poorly maintained urban nature feature.”*	3
	“Scheduled maintenance of the park.”	
Parking decrease	*“Multiples cars parking at the end of no name rd in front of the garbage can blocks access to the park.”*	2
	“I would not like to see parking expanded at the expense of taking away useable park space; this should be a local park that folks walk or actively transport themselves to, or use existing on-street parking.”	

Item	Details	People
Bike connection	*“Safe bike access from nearby streets and trails and less of a reliance on driving/parking.”*	2
	“better bike connections through this area and have them be made suitable for cargo bikes”	
Steep path for riding	*“Please leave a steep path down as kids and adults enjoy riding bikes down and cover over the jump/ bumps.”*	1
Access to the river		1
More land	*“Negotiate with CN to include unused bit of land at the end of Abbey lane”*	1
Drive up spots	*“I use drive up spots for accessibility when my aging parents visit and need those options.”*	1
Motorized vehicles	*“Illegal use of area by motorised vehicles (dirt bikes etc)”*	1
Pollen	less pollen	1
No name road	*“Make sure no name rd doesn’t loose it’s own existing patch”*	1
Other park	*“Use the money for the Brennan park upgrades”*	1
More information	*“The district should be providing information on what exactly you are looking to build here so we can gather community feedback. For example, is the plan to cut down any trees? All that has been said is the price and the location. You have to provide renderings and details so the public can weigh in.”*	1
Communication board	*“have a playground communication board for non verbal or limited verbal local children to communicate to their peers”*	1
Evaluation	*“Annual evaluation of the physical park. Evaluation forms/surveys from local neighbours/visitors of the park to gauge their overall satisfaction.”*	1

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