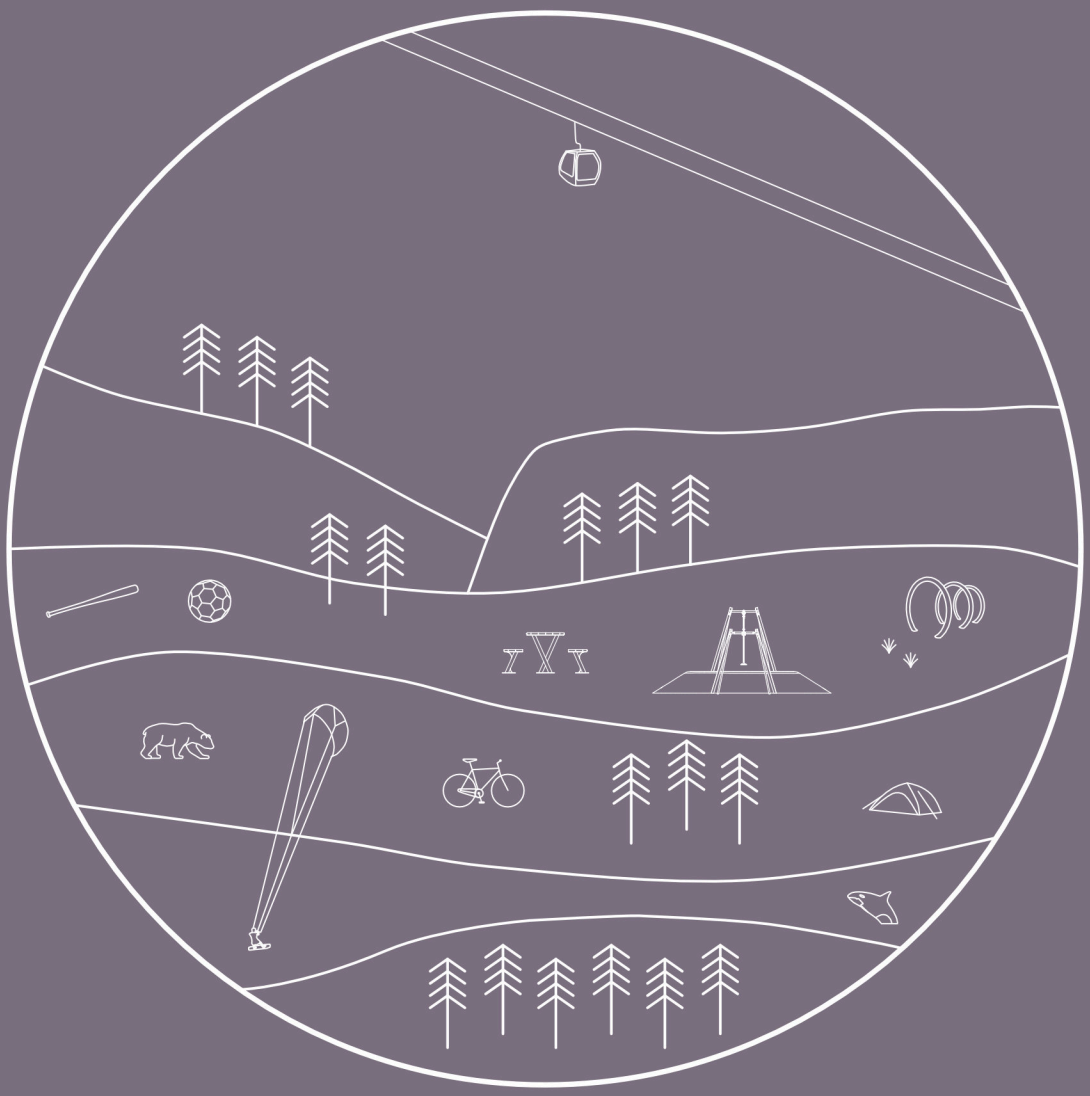


Brennan Park Splash Park & Playground

Engagement Summary

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Context

Brennan Park Fields and Land Master Plan Engagement

The Brennan Park Splash Park and Playground sits within the long term master planning process for Brennan Park. Engagement work began in 2018 and the plan was adopted in 2021.

1 **Late 2018 - Mid 2019**

Phase 1: Vision and Values

2 **Late 2019 - Spring 2021**

Phase 2: Community and Stakeholder Engagement

3 **May 2021 - December 2021**

Phase 3: Council Feedback on Draft Masterplan

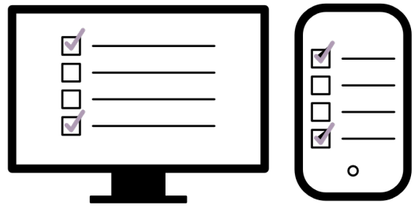
4 **December 2021**

Brennan Park Fields and Land Master Plan Adopted

Summary of Engagement

Online Engagement

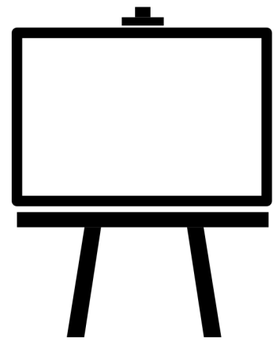
Online survey conducted from October 1st, 2021 to March 7th, 2024.



915 Respondents

13 Questions

In-Person Engagement



Upgrade Information Night

February 1st, 2024

100-120 Attendees

During the event information was provided about upgrades to facilities at the Brennan Park Community Centre, and a new playground and splash park.

Demographics



Age

54.2%

35-44

2. 20.7% Ages 45-59
3. 13.8% Ages 25-34
4. 5% Ages 12 and under
5. 4.8% Ages 60+
6. 0.8% Ages 13-17
7. 0.7% Ages 18-24

Age(s) of Children

46.5%

5-12

2. 42% Ages 0-4
3. 11.4% Ages 13-18

Relationship to Project

76.7%

Parent / Caregiver

2. 15.4% Local Resident
3. 5.3% Current or interested park user
4. 2.6% Child

Location Considerations

Rank the following location considerations for the splash park and playground in order of importance (1 - most important, 10 - least important)

1. Sun and shade (2.53)
2. Good access and parking (3.37)
3. Adjacent to open grass area for picnics or free play (5.5)
4. Distance to washrooms and concession (3.70)
5. Clear sightlines (3.88)
6. Wind protection (5.27)
7. Proximity to other features at Brennan Park (6.37)
8. Distance to Recreation centre pool entrance (6.54)

Accessibility

Does your child have a disability (e.g. Physical, cognitive, sensory, neurological, etc), or are they neurodiverse? Please explain

1

Neurodivergent / Autism / ADHD

102 Respondents

2

Sensory

23 Respondents

3

Rare Disease

3 Respondents

4

Deaf / Hearing Loss

3 Respondents

5

Physical Disability

3 Respondents

6

Cerebral Palsy

3 Respondents

7

Anxiety

2 Respondents

8

Dysphraxia

1 Respondents

9

Epidermolysis Bullosa

1 Respondents

Key Takeaways

- 587 responses
- 480 respondents said No
- Need to incorporate areas of rest and retreat from overstimulation
- Calming effect of water and possibilities for positive sensory engagement

Inclusive Features

Tell us what inclusion and accessibility features you would want in the Splash Park and Playground

1. **Mobility aid and stroller access** (116 Responses) 
2. **Soft ground** (26 Responses) 
3. **Changerooms** (22 Responses) 
4. **All ages** (22 Responses) 
5. **Seating** (14 Responses) 
6. **Parking** (12 Responses) 
7. **Varied levels of sensory stimulation** (8 Responses) 

Key Takeaways

- 303 responses
- Concern about level surfaces and material choices
- Importance of changerooms and bathrooms for inclusion and access
- Need for seating areas for parents and caregivers

Playground or Splash Park

If you had to choose one or the other, what's more important to you (select one): Splash Park or Playground

12.5%

Playground



87.5%

Splash Park

Key Takeaways

- 729 responses
- Several respondents remarked that because there are already a number of playgrounds in Squamish but no splash parks they would prefer a splash park if it is not possible to build both with the budget

Splash Park Likes

If you've been to a splash park that you enjoyed, tell us about it! What did you like about it?

1 Shade

93 Respondents

Having some spaces for shade is important as this facility will most often be used on hot, sunny days.

-Survey Respondent

2 Slides

71 Respondents

Curly slides and straight slides - stairs to get there and water at the bottom to splash into.

-Survey Respondent

3 Nonslip Surface

71 Respondents

My biggest request (and probably many other parents) is for the entire splash pad to have a soft / nonslip surface.

-Survey Respondent



Interactive Features

61 Respondents



Spray Features

60 Respondents



Picnic Space

59 Respondents



Features for All Ages

49 Respondents



Room for Everyone

41 Respondents



Grassy Area

28 Respondents



Dump Bucket

23 Respondents



Bathroom / Changeroom Access

23 Respondents



Wading Pool

15 Respondents

Key Takeaways

- 536 responses
- Ensuring that the park can meet demands of growth pressures in Squamish
- Need for shade
- Preference for soft surfaces (play rubber) over concrete

Splash Park Features

Rank the following design features of the Brennan Park Splash Park in order of importance: (1 - most important, 8 - least important)



Water slide (3.14)



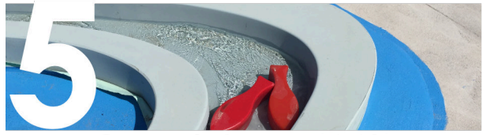
Ground sprays (3.96)



Interactive fountains (3.97)



Tunnels (4.02)



Ground stream (4.63)



Soakers (4.76)



Cannons (5.04)



Fog mist (5.49)

Key Takeaways

- 883 responses
- Desire for interactive features and ability to control level of interaction with water
- Worries that cannons are too aggressive or may be a source of conflict

Favourite Splash Parks

Tells us about one or more of your favourite splash parks, in Squamish or beyond. What do you like about them?

1

Whistler

39 Respondents

Love how the one in Whistler has a great grassy area around it with trees for shade so you can set up a blanket somewhere on the grass for the kids to have a break / snacks. Also washrooms close.

“

Survey Respondent

2

Granville Island

17 Respondents

Granville Island is fun, our daughter really likes a bit of standing water to splash in as well.

“

Survey Respondent

1

Pemberton

16 Respondents

We've been to Pemberton's splash park a few times. It is simple but perfectly adequate. What makes it great is the large lawn area with trees planted to accommodate shade for everyone, and plenty of benches and picnic tables.

“

Survey Respondent

Playground Likes

Tell us about one or more of your favourite playgrounds, in Squamish or beyond. What do you like about them?

1 For all ages

95 Respondents

With two kids the best playgrounds are ones where there are things for all ages / levels of play. Without the younger kids getting in the way of older ones.

-Survey Respondent

2 Zipline

91 Respondents

Zipline swing / seat is a major hit.

-Survey Respondent

3 Slides

90 Respondents

Playgrounds with BIG slides built up on a hill to climb seem to keep the kids attention longest.

-Survey Respondent



Climbing Features

73 Respondents



Swings

59 Respondents



Shade

42 Respondents



Nature Themes

32 Respondents



Variety

32 Respondents



Trampoline

24 Respondents



Toddler Friendly

18 Respondents



Picnic Tables

15 Respondents



Pirate Ship Theme

12 Respondents

Key Takeaways

- 479 responses
- Desire for features that work for multiple age groups and can be used by kids throughout childhood and adolescence

Playground Features

Rank the following design features of the proposed Brennan Park Playground in order of desirability: (1 - most desired, 9 - least desired)



Multi-Element Play Structures (3.66)



Slides (3.81)



Swings (4.04)



Zipline (4.12)



Rope / Net Climbing (4.57)



Nature Play (5.41)



Parkour (5.61)



Monkey Bars (5.74)



Spinning (6.64)

Key Takeaways

- 869 responses
- Respondents expressed interest in varied and colourful play features with multiple levels
- Popularity of climbing features

Favourite Playgrounds

Tells us about one or more of your favourite playgrounds, in Squamish or beyond. What do you like about them?

1 Parksville

39 Respondents

“ Best playground EVER is Parksville. So many different spaces and in ground trampolines.

Survey Respondent

2 Mamquam Willow

33 Respondents

“ Play areas for multiple age groups (two sets of activity centers), which is handy for playdates with multiple children / siblings in various age ranges

Survey Respondent

3 Stan Clarke

27 Respondents

“ It has elements for younger children (slide roller) and bigger kids (disk swing and the circular spinner).

Survey Respondent

Splash Park and Playground Dislikes

Is there something you didn't like about a splash park or playground that you've visited? Please tell us

1 **Not suitable for all ages**

61 Respondents

2 **No Shade**

38 Respondents

3 **Concrete / Wood Chips**

29 Respondents

4

Dangerous

25 Respondents

5

Too Small / Too Busy

24 Respondents

6

No Bathrooms or Changerooms

22 Respondents

7

Lack of Seating

21 Respondents

8

Cannons (Too Aggressive)

19 Respondents

9

Lack of Maintenance

18 Respondents

Key Takeaways

- 357 responses
- Dislike of opportunities for conflict over feature use and play spaces that are too small
- Need to incorporate rest areas and seating for parents and caregivers

Final Thoughts

Any final ideas, questions, or comments? What would make the Brennan Park Splash Park and Playground a success?

1

Not Too Small

(68 Respondents)

2

Excitement

(54 Respondents)

3

All Age Groups

(33 Respondents)

4 **Build it quickly** (32 Respondents)



5 **Shade** (21 Respondents)



6 **Food / Concession** (12 Respondents)



7 **Picnic Area** (11 Respondents)



8 **Showers / Changerooms** (10 Respondents)



9 **Fenced** (7 Respondents)



10 **No Dogs** (7 Respondents)

Key Takeaways

- 368 responses
- Several respondents asked for good active transportation connections to be included and for the project to be linked in with existing pathways
- Desire for an interesting theme that references the local context

Water Usage

Respondents also expressed a desire for water conservation and concerns that water restrictions during the warm summer months when the splash park will be most active would negatively impact its usability

In the summer when everyone is on water restrictions, what will the rules be on the Water Park - is this recycled water and how is it sanitized?

-Survey Respondent

Concerned about a splash park in a town with serious water restrictions in the summer

-Survey Respondent

The water should be recirculated / reused to enable water-conservation, especially with our hot summers

-Survey Respondent

How will a splash pad work with all the water restrictions we have in the summer? Will rain water collection and/or recycling be used?

-Survey Respondent

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