

# Parc Verdun Improvements Survey Summary

July 2019

## District of West Vancouver

The project page saw 607 visitors to the site and had 159 surveys submitted between June 6 and July 5, 2019. A social media campaign was run across Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Westvancouverite registrants were alerted of the new project and invited to participate.

Letters were delivered to the surrounding neighbourhood and a sign posted in the park that informed park goers of the website and the three events held in the park on June 19th from 5-6pm, June 20 from 12-1 p.m. and June 25 from 6-7 p.m.).

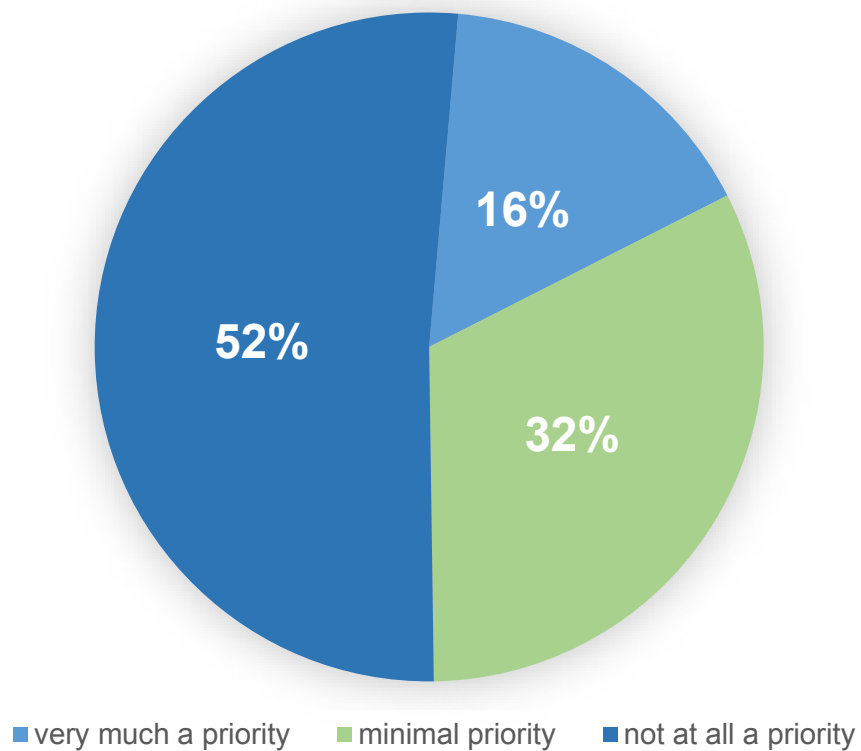
Twenty-three people came out to the park over the three events chat with parks staff about their thoughts, priorities and aspirations for the park.

The following is a summary of the results of the survey.

**1** We identified the existing practice wall as being in disrepair and informed the community of its planned removal. We asked if the community would like a new practice wall.

We heard :

It is not at all a priority	25 responses
It is a minimal priority	50 responses
It is very much of a priority	80 responses

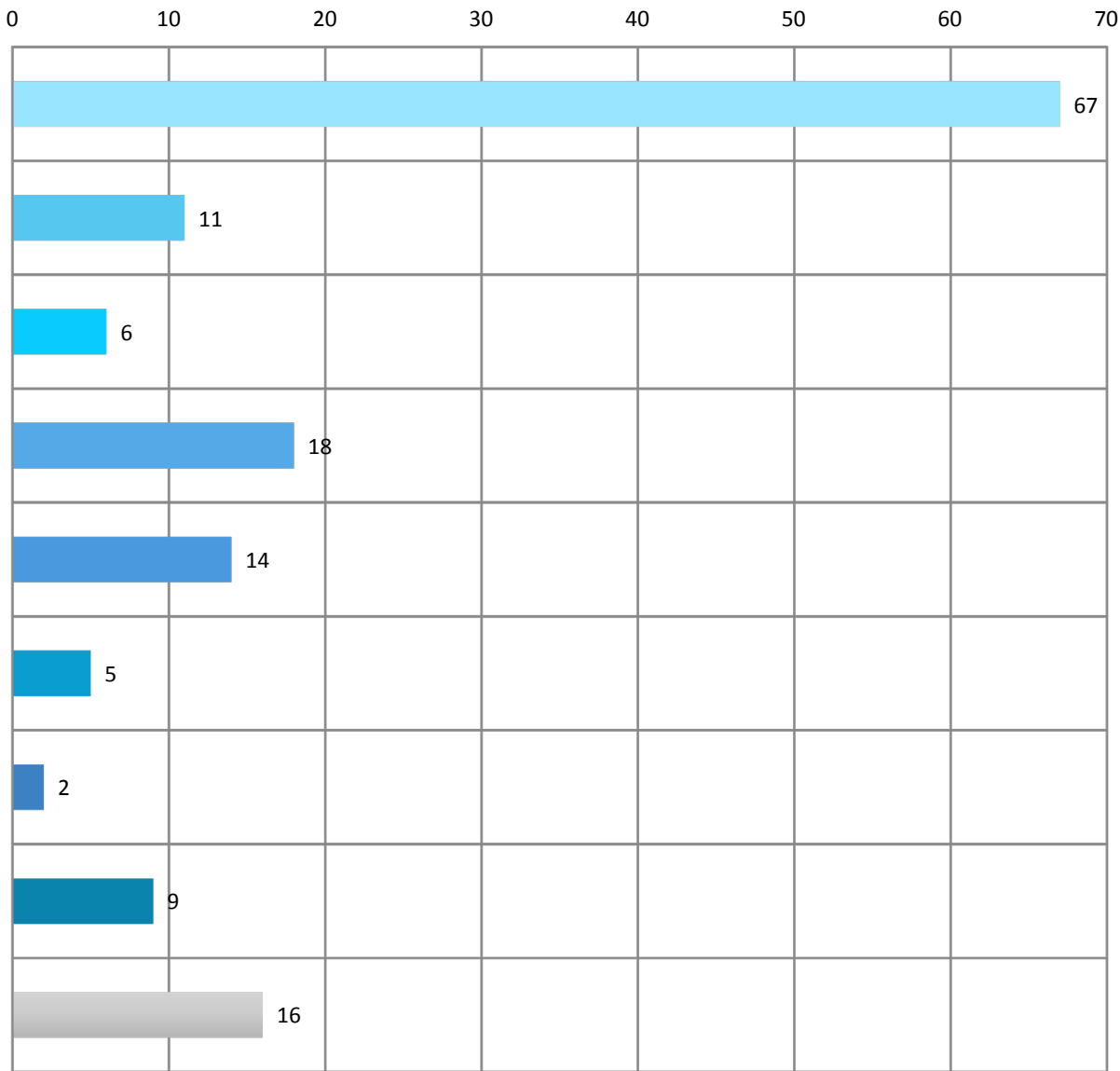


2 We asked people what they would like to see in the location of the current practice wall when it is removed.

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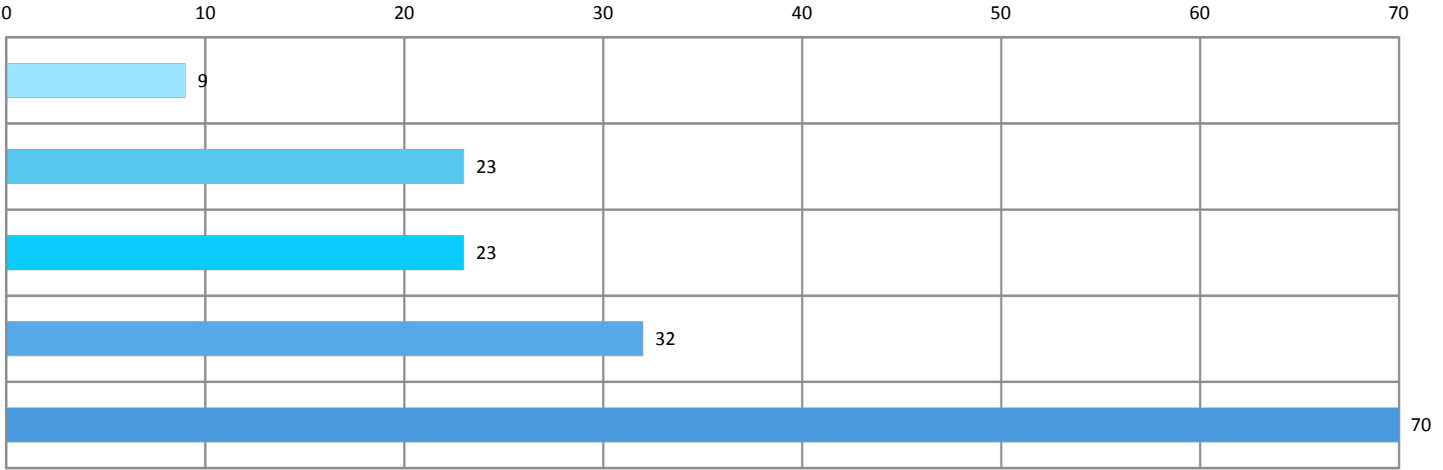
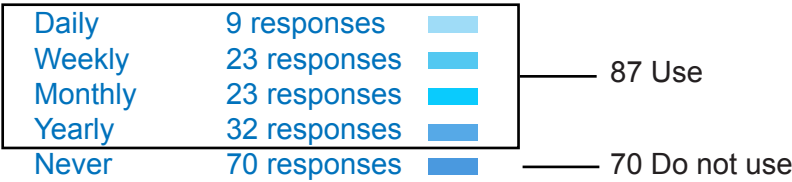
Native planting and a trail connection	67 responses	
Exercise equipment and/or space	18 responses	
Seating and Dining	14 responses	
A gathering space	11 responses	
Shady community garden	9 responses	
A fire pit	6 responses	
Chess board	5 responses	
Hop Scotch	2 responses	
Other: basketball hoop	3 responses	
Other: Practice wall	3 responses	
Other: Ping pong, coffee shop, skate park,	1 response each	

DWV does not have a large enough population of children to make use of the park. Once parks need up-grades they should be closed and used as green space. Once the District has it's financed in order, then and only then should money be spent for anything, not very interested.



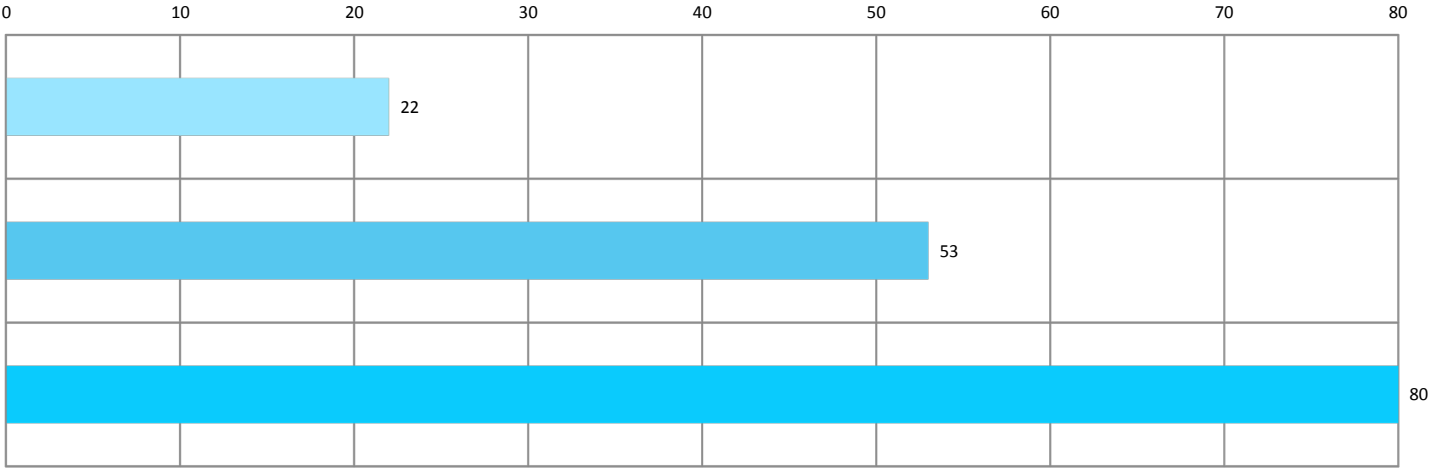
**3** We identified the tennis courts as being in poor condition and if kept, all will require a new asphalt base. To help us determine the right course of action we asked: How often do you use the tennis courts?

We heard:



**4** We asked how many tennis courts you think should be in the park.

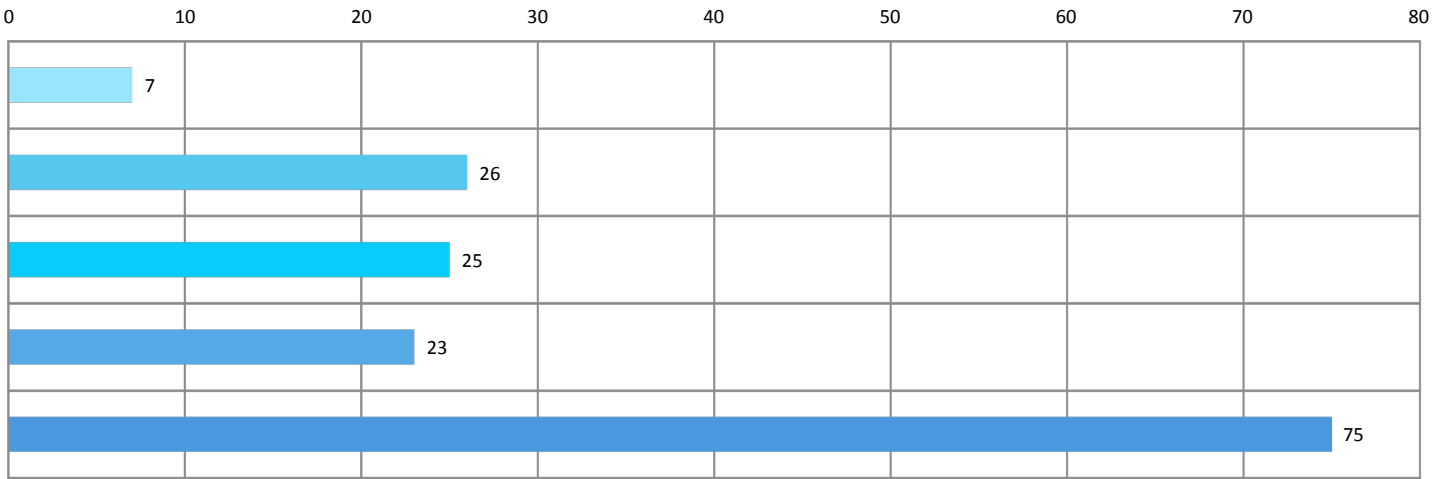
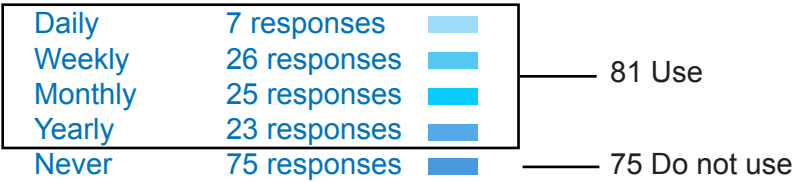
We heard:





**5** We identified the multi-use court as being in poor condition and if kept, will require a new asphalt base. To help us determine the right course of action we asked: How often do you use the multi-use court?

We heard:

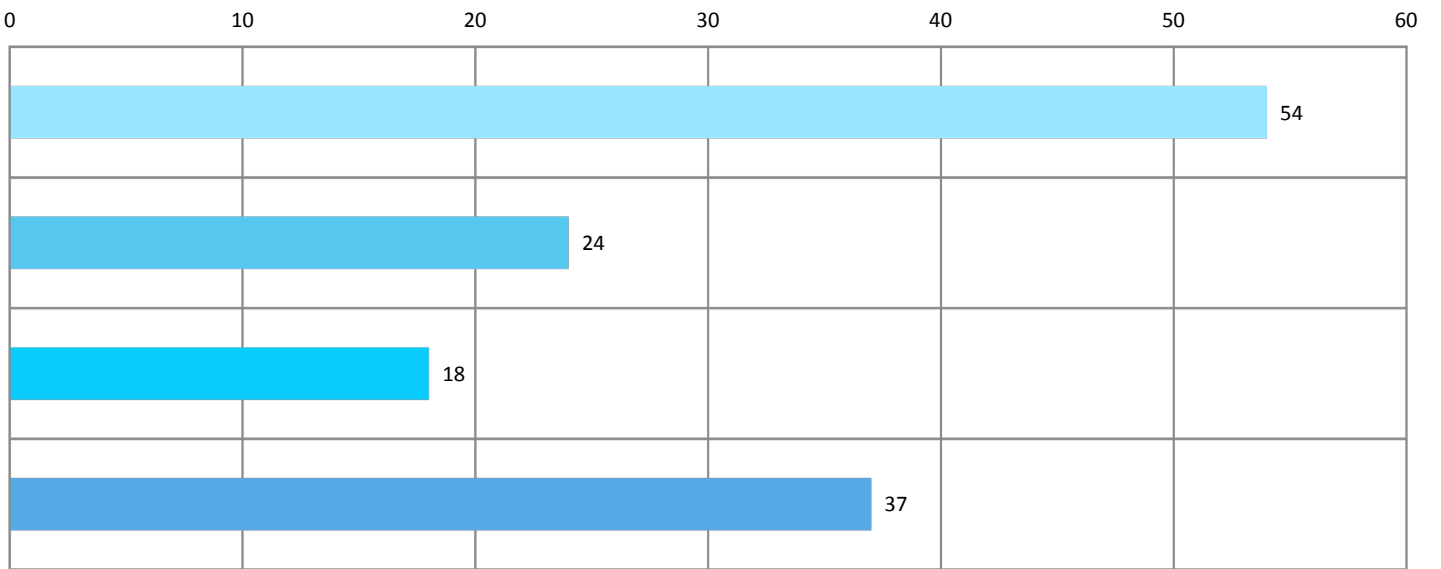


6 We wanted to know how you use the multi-use court to identify if we need to add or remove any equipment

We heard:

Hockey	54 responses	
Bicycle or tricycle	24 responses	
Basketball	18 responses	
Other	37 responses	

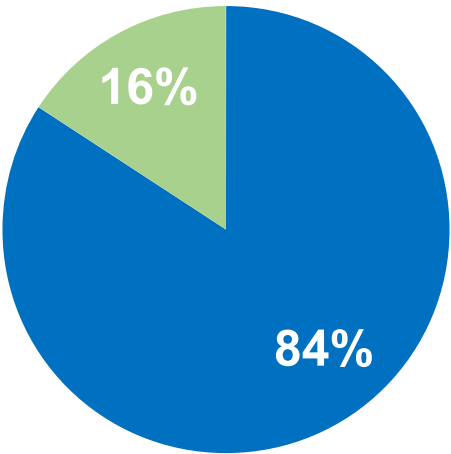
Some respondents elaborated on their ‘Other’ response to include: Do not use this (11), pickelball (3), Futsol (2), soccer (2), all of the above, Swimming pool, I think it is nice to have a space that is multi use and allows kids and adults to play in a variety of ways, keep it multi use - kids of all ages use it - trikes, street hockey etc. It gets 10x the use of the tennis court, Whatever is the most popular; keep it at that, Don’t use they should be tennis during spring and summer and hockey in the winter months, again - the population age in West Vancouver does not support this project, Fetching children, Skateboarding, Remove it!!, Dog training, practice bike riding with child



7 We asked if you thought the multi-use court should remain in the park

We heard:

Yes	128 responses
No	24 responses



8 We asked what other use should be in this area in case we were told that the multi-use courts were not used and were not wanted in the park. 99 people skipped this question and 60 responded to it, where there are multiple responses requesting the same activity we have condensed them and written the number of times it was mentioned in brackets beside the comment.

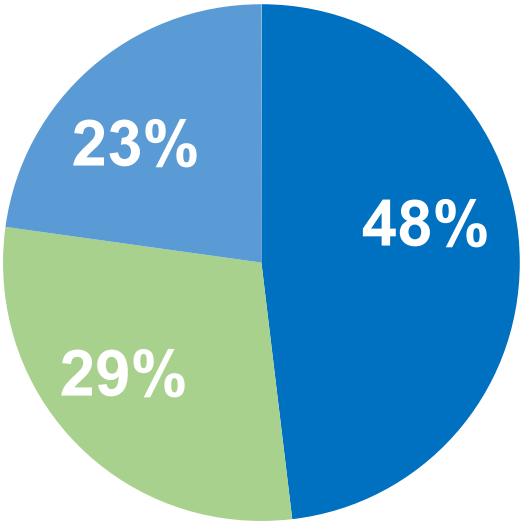
We heard:

- Basketball net (11)
- Pickle ball (5)
- More tennis courts (4)
- Outdoor exercise equipment to promote fitness (2)
- Seating area/ picnic shelter (3)
- Bocce courts (2)
- A grassed play area.
- Dog play space, they are not allowed . A dog park area with seating for owners would be great (2)
- Educational information and way finding signs, raised performance platform
- Indoor swimming pool
- Area is used a lot for hockey, events, tricycle riding, etc.
- Trails and native planting
- Should remain as current multi use as it is the only flat area available to kids. School has no
- The park gets a lot of family use, remove min. One tennis and add a dining/gathering
- No comment.
- Mountain bike jump trail
- No need for pickle ball, too loud.
- Putting green
- Please leave the multi sport court in the park for kids to gather and play hockey at!
- Keep it park like with tennis as well as natural space
- Multi-functional spaces that benefit young and old. Areas to sit while watching activities
- Nothing other than green-space - we don't have the finances for under used projects
- Keep it as natural as possible
- I think these are great uses of space
- Shady community garden space
- Re: practice wall - due to the trees there are a lot of roots under surface; keep natural
- Gathering space or climbing wall
- The tennis courts also serve Gleneagles since the Larson bay court has been in disrepair
- Fire pit for families to gather around
- Clarifying suggestion for 2 tennis courts - set up one for tennis, and one for pickleball.
- Help improve the creek! Would be awesome to see more salmon returning!
- The salmon have a hard time returning up the creek, can the mouth be fixed for returning salmon?
- Water fountain. Proper benches installed at entrance for those putting on in line skates
- I believe the multi use court and the tennis court should be maintained in Parc Verdun.
- Add a bylaw sign reminding users not to play music. Noise a major problem with hockey players!
- None - the sports court is very (the most) important to keep (for the kids and for older users).
- I don't use this space but my boys do with their friends when back from university -
- Ball hockey court
- Artificial turf for Frisbee, soccer etc
- Lights for the tennis court
- It is used by others
- General simple gathering place is great. Just needs a redo.

9 We inquired it improving the stream habitat by naturalizing the bank was a priority to you

We heard :

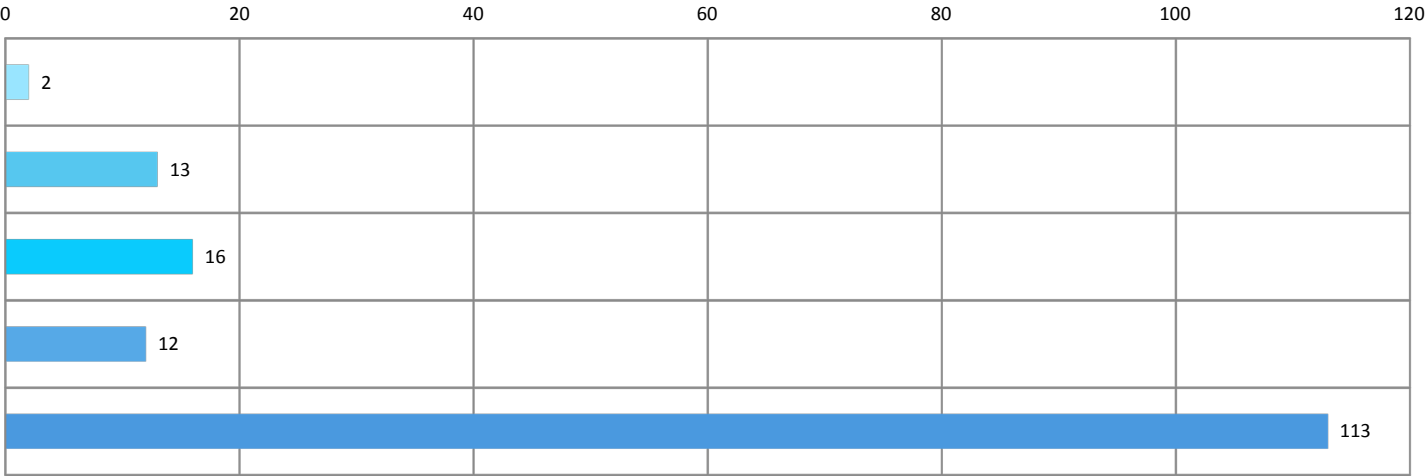
It is not at all a priority	36 responses	
It is a minimal priority	46 responses	
It is very much of a priority	76 responses	



10 We requested usage information for the fitness equipment located in the forest edge to help us decide what to do with the area: How often do you use the exercise equipment?

We heard:

Daily	2 responses		
Weekly	13 responses		
Monthly	16 responses		
Yearly	12 responses		
Never	113 responses		
		43 Use	
		113 Do not use	

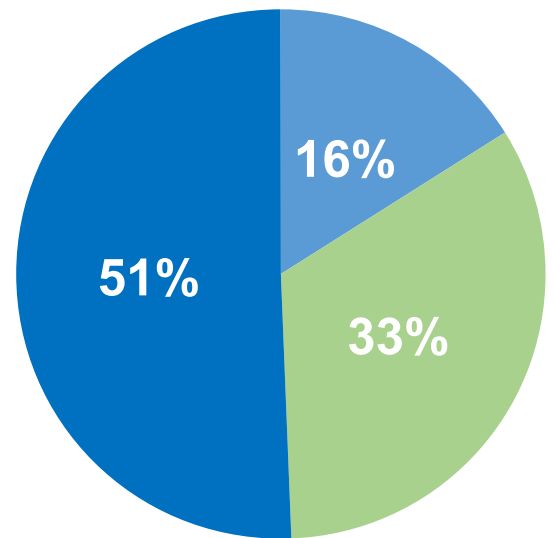




## 11 We asked if the exercise equipment was a priority to you

We heard :

It is not at all a priority	25 responses	
It is a minimal priority	52 responses	
It is very much of a priority	79 responses	



**12** We asked if any of the items we identified were removed and there was space for another park activity or use, what activity does the current park not accommodate that you would like to see in Parc Verdun? 46 people answered this question where there are multiple responses saying the same thing we have condensed them and written the number of times it was mentioned in brackets beside the comment.

We heard:

- Basketball (2)
- Pickle ball (2)
- Benches and Tables for Picnic/ picnic shelter (6)
- Performance venue
- Love the chess idea
- Swimming pool
- Small covered pavilion or some covered area for rainy day use of the park. Please keep it small.
- Water park?
- More tennis courts
- Kid loving playing in the creek.
- Wish there was room for a pool. We lack an outdoor pool in WV. Please consider a ping pong table.
- Similar to Whytecliff Park. Some picnic tables, grassy areas, one tennis court, trails.
- Dog park area perhaps where one of the tennis courts is. We can't take the dogs to EH Field or Beach
- More green space, trail access, children's play area
- Firepit
- Keep tennis and sport court plus backboard. Basketball additions
- Squash court, artificial turf area with nets for practicing soccer, basketball courts
- Perhaps a kids bike run?
- Leave it as it is ..the children love it and use it
- The priority should be on restoring the two tennis courts to a safe & playable condition.
- I'm not the best person to answer this question.
- There is nothing
- "Learn to Mtn. Bike" loop in the NW portion of the park for young children to learn trail biking
- Outdoor exercise equipment that can be easily maintained and won't require significant future invest
- Bocce ball, shuffle board - good for full family
- We have so much free natural beauty in our back yard - close the park. No more money spent
- None
- We need to keep the tennis court and multi-use court
- Covered area for community gatherings
- Skateboarding.
- Public washroom - otherwise children go in woods
- Please ensure forestry arborist actively inspects all trees integrity within the entire park.
- Small live music stage for community gatherings
- Open areas and less of a playground
- Outdoor kitchen to have picnics, with cooktop and shelter
- Please no tree removal unless hazardous - especially for creek naturalization.
- Multi sports court. Pickle ball court, modern outdoor exercise equipment, fire pit
- It is a disaster, look at origin of the park in 1970, you have run it down.

**13** We requested that you rank the various areas of the park in order of importance to you so that we may use this information for planning and budgeting. The number beside the amenity is the averaged ranking position across all respondents. The lower the number, the more preferred or higher the ranking that was received for that park amenity.

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