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Stakeholder Workshop Evaluation Results

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Evaluation Results, April 28, 2012**

BACKGROUND

Participants at the Buena Vista / Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park Stakeholder Workshop were asked to complete an evaluation survey. Twenty (20) of the 22 participants completed all or part of the evaluation.

The survey was divided into two parts. In the first part, respondents were asked to indicate the extent to which they agreed with a series of statements, and in the second part, they were asked to provide some demographic and use information. The results are presented below.

PART I: LEVEL OF AGREEMENT WITH A SERIES OF STATEMENTS

1. The information presented at the Stakeholder Workshop today was clear and easy to understand.

7 (37%)	12 (63%)	0	0	0
Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure

- All participants who responded (19) indicated they agreed or strongly agreed that the information presented at the Visioning Session was clear and easy to understand.
- One individual skipped the question.

2. The information presented at the Stakeholder Workshop today was appropriate for my needs.

5 (27%)	13 (68%)	1 (5%)	0	0
Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure

- A total of 18 or 94% of participants who completed the evaluation agreed or strongly agreed that the information presented was appropriate for their needs.
- One individual disagreed and one skipped the question.

3. There were good opportunities for discussion with others throughout the session.

11 (55%)	9 (45%)	0	0	0
Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure

- All respondents agreed or strongly agreed that there were good opportunities for discussion with others during the session.

4. The facilitators encouraged everyone to participate.

12 (60%)	7 (35%)	0	0	0
Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure

- All respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the facilitators encouraged everyone to participate in the discussion.

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5. I now have a better understanding of the draft Vision statement and how it will be used.

5 (25%)	15 (75%)	0	0	0
Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure

- All respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they now have a better understanding of the draft Vision statement and how it will be used.

6. I now have a better understanding of the opportunities and constraints related to developing the Master Plan for BVLP.

6 (30%)	14 (70%)	0	0	0
Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure

- All respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they now have a better understanding of the opportunities and constraints related to developing the Master Plan for BVLP.

7. Participating in this session was a good use of my time.

7 (35%)	13 (65%)	0	0	0
Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure

- All respondents noted that they agreed or strongly agreed that participating in the session was a good use of their time.

8. The venue was appropriate.

7 (35%)	12 (60%)	1 (5%)	0	0
Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure

- All but one respondent agreed or strongly agreed that the venue was appropriate.
 - One respondent disagreed, and indicated that there was too much light for the PowerPoint presentation, which should also have had better pictures of Yorath House.

9. Please provide any other comments or suggestions you may have regarding the Buena Vista / Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park Master Plan Public Involvement Process.

Specific comments were received from 10 respondents. The majority of these related to what should or should not be included in the Master Plan for the park.

Public Involvement Process

- I hope that whatever is envisioned is effectively communicated to City Council. The cynical part of me worries that public input and visioning/designing is occasionally overridden by political backroom deals from other areas ie. Developers
- Suggest in future that you indicate if a stakeholder workshop is a structured full time process (as was today's) or if there are more than one session of the workshop is simply a 'drop in any time' event. Allows us to plan out time for attendance better.

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Trails

- Have to split up the use of the term "trails". Separate references must start being used including: 1. Single track (hiking style) trails 2. wide multi-purpose granular trails 3. paved bike path trails. Then the public can properly provide input into each of those uses and improvements.
- Pave the main bike path and make it wide enough that the paddlers can use this trail to access their facilities. Add some sort of gate that restricts public vehicle access, but allows for bikes to pass freely.

Marketing & Coordination with other attractions

- Need to coordinate with attractions other services provided. Market as BV/LP/Zoo/Rowers/Dogs off Leash/canoe/etc. not individualized. Access!!

Off Leash

- Add an accessible fenced off leash area at the corner of 132 St. and BV Rd. and add wheelchair accessible washrooms there.
- The dog park boundaries need to expand beyond and under the pedestrian bridge.

Signage

- Better signage is important.

Recreational Uses in Laurier Park

- More uses in LP to attract teens and younger children (natural skate park, frisbee golf in the woods, spray park next to the playground).

Winter Use

- Winter uses need to be expanded upon.

Washrooms / Parking / Benches / Lighting

- Washroom facilities are lacking at the park
- Benches, bathrooms, parking
- There needs to be lighting, more parking and bathrooms available in BV.

River Access

- Important that opportunities for river access be improved for all forms of use

Yorath House

- Would prefer non-permanent uses for Yorath House ie. Lectures, club meetings, etc. vs. permanent uses ie. offices, colleges, stores. Allow a greater number of people access to use of the facilities vs. only a few permanent residents. I do like the suggestion that a permanent cafe/tea house be allowed to operate in the house.
- Yorath House needs to be run by either the City or a non-profit. Perhaps used in 2 ways -an educational facility like the Bennett Centre and a rental facility for weddings, meetings and conferences. A small cafe would be nice and would not duplicate services.

No Change

- Please leave BV as is! If it ain't broke don't fix it. Love it the way it is.

PART II: DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS SUMMARY

The Survey also asked participants to share some information about themselves to help the Project Team determine we are engaging with a representative cross-section of Edmontonians. The following questions provide a summary of responses to these questions.

10. On average, approximately how often do you visit Buena Vista / Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park?

7 (41%)	3 (18%)	1 (6%)	3 (8%)	0	3 (18%)	0
Daily	2-4 times a week	Weekly	Once or twice a month	Regularly on a seasonal basis	Once or twice a year	Never

- One respondent noted they used to use it daily, but my aging dog can't walk that far anymore.

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11. What type of activities do you do when you visit the park (check all that apply):

9 (53%)	10 (59%)	3 (18%)	5 (29%)	6 (35%)	4 (24%)	1 (6%)	0 (0%)	4 (24%)	7 (41%)
Walk /Run	Walk my Dog	X- Country Ski/Snowshoe	Cycle	Picnic	Family /Other Events	Visit Rowing Club	Visit Paddling Centre	Visit Zoo	Other

If you said Other, please specify:

- Access to Hawrelak
- Work for the City
- Orienteering
- Canoe launch / boat launch
- Launch canoe for in-City trips
- Boating

12. In what neighbourhood or community do you live?

Community/Neighbourhood	Number	Community/Neighbourhood	Number
Alberta Avenue	1	Lynnwood	1
Argyll	1	North Glenora	1
Beverly Heights	1	Parkview	1
Crestwood	1	Sherwood	1
Glenora	1	Terwillegar	1
Gold Bar	1	Windsor Park	1
Highlands	1	Acreage	1
Laurier Heights	1		

13. What are the first three digits of your postal code?

Postal Code	Number	Postal Code	Number
T5B	2	T6A	1
T5M	1	T6E	1
T5N	1	T6G	1
T5R	4	T7Z	1

14. What is your gender?

- Respondents were fairly evenly split between males (7 or 44%) and females (9 or 57%). An additional 4 respondents did not answer this question.

15. Please circle your age group:

0	0	0	2 (13%)	3 (19%)	5 (31%)	5 (31%)	1(6%)	0
<15 yrs	15 - 19 yrs	20 - 24 yrs	25 - 34 yrs	35 - 44 yrs	45 - 54 yrs	55 - 64 yrs	65 - 74 yrs	75+ yrs

- Respondents represented a range of age groups from 25 to 74 years.
- Four respondents did not answer this question.
- Two thirds (10 of 16 who responded) of respondents were between 45 and 64 years of age.