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ONLINE SURVEY REPORT

BACKGROUND

The City of Edmonton is working towards developing master plans for all its parks. Master plans for Buena Vista / Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park are out of date or, in the case of Buena Vista, were never developed. The Ribbon of Green document from 1992 recommended this area as a high priority for master planning.

A comprehensive planning process is undertaken to develop a master plan for a park that provides an image of the park and how it will function over the next ten years. The process to develop this master plan has included public input to assist in developing the park vision, program statement and three draft concepts.

Three draft concepts with a range of design elements were created and presented at a Public Workshop in June and then via an online survey in July/August to reach members of the public and interested stakeholders who were unable to attend the workshop. The Project Team sought input regarding what the public likes and doesn't like about the different design elements presented in the three concepts.

From comments received regarding the three draft concepts and review with City administration a master plan will be developed for a second review and comment period from the public and the City.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the online survey was:

- To obtain input from Edmontonians and park users regarding what they like and don't like about the different design elements presented in the three concepts for Buena Vista/Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park.

SURVEY RESULTS

A total of 306 individuals responded to all or part of the online survey relative to the different design elements for Buena Vista/Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park that will provide direction to the Master Planning process.

A link to the survey was provided on the project website at: www.edmonton.ca/buenavistalaurierplan and was also sent via email to individuals who have signed up to be kept informed of the process. Notice was also sent out through the City of Edmonton Twitter and Facebook accounts.

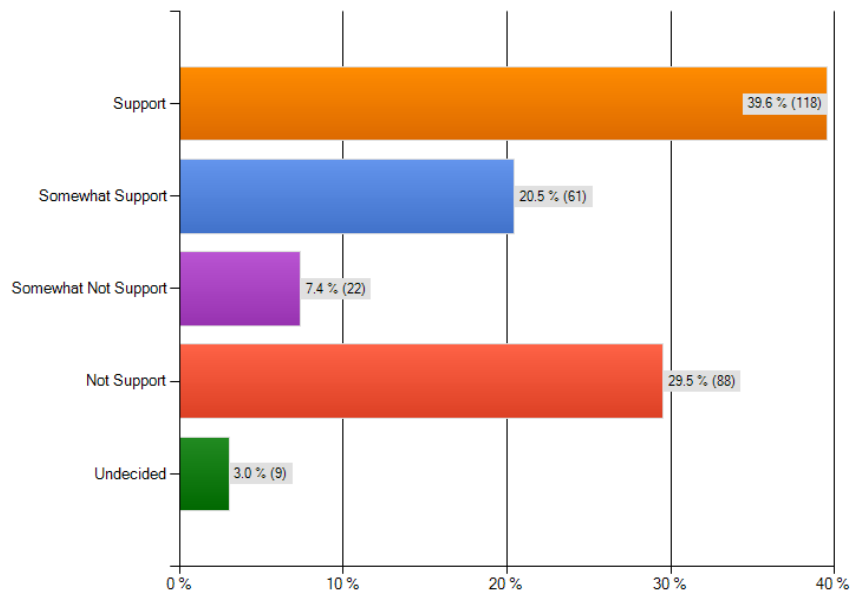
The online survey period was from July 13 to August 3, 2012.

The results of the online survey are presented below related to each of the questions included in it.

ALL CONCEPTS

Question 1: To what extent do you support paving the shared use path (SUP) extension from Laurier Park to the Hawrelak pedestrian bridge?

A.1. To what extent do you support paving the shared use path (SUP) extension from Laurier Park to the Hawrelak pedestrian bridge?



- Almost two-thirds (179 or 60%) of respondents to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support the SUP extension.
- Just over one-third (110 or 37%) somewhat or do not support paving.
- A further 9 (3%) were undecided, and 8 did not respond to the question.

Question 2: Please explain what you particularly like or dislike about extending asphalt surface along the shared use path.

Support Paving

- Fully support.
- It is in keeping with the Ribbon of Green main trail plans.
- The "road" through the off-lease park is paved already. Extending it to link to the other parks makes sense.
- This is a key, and currently missing, piece of the 4-season-maintained shared use trail system in our river valley. If only one thing gets done as part of this project, paving this path should be it.
- I think having the main multi-use path is ok to asphalt.
- I prefer the paving as it is more stable and better footing year round
- A little wider paved path will provide a margin of safety for pedestrian use. I have had near miss collisions with cyclists on several occasions even when staying on one side of the line.
- As long as there is an unpaved equivalent through the park (which I think the shoreline path is), go ahead and pave it.
- As long as bicyclists and joggers respect the off-leash dogs in the area, I support paving the trail.

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- The current condition of gravel/crush hinders the connectivity of the parks system for cyclists and those with strollers. The path is already high-use, and paving it won't impact recreation opportunities for those already using it.
- Not opposed to a paved pathway as long as the unpaved pathway near the river is maintained - this is preferable for mountain biking. Having a paved pathway may encourage some of the slower park patrons (e.g. families with strollers, wheelchair users) to move off the gravel pathway which would leave other pathways free to cycling at a higher speed.
- As a cyclist, I believe a paved link between Laurier and Hawrelak parks is essential.
- Decrease mud issue for bikers/walkers; better appropriate access for strollers/wheelchairs/small kids on bikes, lends itself to path clearing in winter more readily
- Like extending the asphalt surface but do not want any separation from the natural fields and the asphalt surface - like fencing it off
- It is easier to walk on.
- I like to walk along that route and a paved park means less mud to walk through in inclement weather
- Should be easier to maintain in winter.
- No more mud or puddles to walk through or around.
- I like it very much it helps keep the path less muddy and makes it a much nicer surface to ride on
- Long overdue for the number of users already on this path.
- The current path is okay for moderate use, but it gets chewed up badly after a rainfall or during times of heavy use, like the Heritage Days festival.
- It gives a clean surface to walk on and shows a clear path for those not familiar with the park.
- This spring and last, with all the snow, the natural path was almost unusable. A paved path could be usable.
- Will it be maintained? I like that versus a gravel path, but is it really necessary?
- Keep dogs better under control and better clean up
- I just like the idea of feeling like we are not in the city when we are walking in the park.
- Would allow greater use and concentrate it
- Support, provided the paving process doesn't remove any additional trees or green space
- I support this idea as long as the natural off-leash trails are also available.
- Artificial surfacing of a path in a natural area. Overdevelopment.

Accessibility/Mobility/Connectivity

- Good for wheelchairs, but people in wheelchairs need to be able to walk dogs OFF LEASH!
- Paving the path increases accessibility and prevents the creation of ruts and a muddy trail.
- Easy mobility for cyclists, runners, etc.
- Current conditions provide a natural feel that would be reduced with a paved path, however, I understand the restrictiveness for some others without paved paths.
- I don't see any strong reason for this. It would improve accessibility for certain uses but I don't know that there's much demand for it.
- Creates a more stable surface for wheelchairs, strollers, even pedestrians - with less mud too.
- Ensures good access in rainy weather
- Makes it easier to commute by bicycle
- Better accessibility; there will still be dirt trails for those who want to use them.
- It will increase the usability of the park for people with limited mobility.
- Support it to allow users of all mobility to enjoy the park. Don't fully support because it's another way humans are sticking their nose into a beautiful natural area that should be left alone.
- More year round accessibility for bikes but increased maintenance costs.
- Will give those with mobility problems access to the path.
- Increases the accessibility of our parks systems to people with all levels of mobility and increases year round accessibility.
- Ease of use
- Easier for seniors to walk on asphalt surface and those with mobility issues or walking devices would be accommodated.
- Great for bike riding
- I am a cyclist so enjoy the paved pathway.
- I enjoy bike riding on asphalt.
- Makes it possible for road bikes to use the bridge
- Enhances usability of the bike trail system.
- I ride my bike in this park every day, even during the winter. Currently it is very difficult to ride there during the winter or in heavy rains. Paving this path will allow it to be cleared during the winter along with the other paths in the river valley and greatly increase citizens' ability to enjoy the space safely.
- I would ride my bike more often on the path to Hawrelak Park
- Bicycles and wheelchairs? A dangerous combination.

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- I think it will be more accessible for low-mobility individuals. I think it will also highlight the fact that cyclists also use this path, and people will be more situationally aware of the fact that this is in fact a share use path.
- Better access for all regardless of mobility and better all season access.
- Easier cycling through park.
- On the pro side, it would make the walk more accessible for cyclists, parents with strollers, seniors with walkers, those with mobility issues. On the other hand it would spoil some of the natural quality of the area. I'm sorry, that's not a very helpful answer - but I really can see pros and cons.
- Improve connectivity between Hawrelak and Laurier Parks and the Zoo. Provide more options for travel between the Parks and the Zoo.
- I like having the shared use path. It allows people to use the path for a multitude of purposes based on the day. Several people go from park to park on a regular basis.
- Ease of walking surface for strollers/ walkers/ wheelchairs/bikes etc.
- I support increased accessibility but not at a cost to taking away the multi-use status. Everyone, including off-leash dogs, should be allowed to be on trails.
- Increases the ability of people with disabilities to enjoy the river valley.
- What I don't like is the likelihood of decreasing the MTB trails in the area.
- To give more access to more individuals, disabled, etc.
- I like that anybody can get around.
- Prevents tripping hazards.
- It's important to have main paths accessible to those in wheelchairs. However, it's also important to maintain some "off-road" paths for those cyclists who enjoy the gravel paths instead.
- More sports used paved paths like roller blading and strollers
- As a frequent user of the Laurier Park to Hawrelak park trail I do agree that enhancing access for wheelchair users fits with the need for accessibility for all citizens. Maintaining natural urban spaces is very desirable, one of the best features of our city. As long as the pavement is limited to the shared-use pathway as put forth in the design draft I am in support.
- Much easier for cycling. Clearly defines where dogs should either not be permitted, or on-leash.
- Makes the pathway more user friendly during season changes - spring/fall - and resulting muddy conditions
- Less messy, better for road cycling
- Reduces mud during spring thaw.
- It will make for better conditions during wet and/or slushy times of year. You won't have to worry about slipping so much and maybe puppies can keep a little cleaner.
- In spring particularly, but in any wet weather periods, it's very difficult to ride one's bike -- this is a commuter path now. Plus, increased accessibility for those with wheels (wheelchair, strollers, walkers, etc)
- Improved walkability during muddy seasons, universal access for wheelchairs, baby strollers, etc.
- Will make it less muddy to bike on. Will enable road bikes to get thru the park.
- It would be a nice way to show cyclists where they should stay, and a reminder for dog owners to let cyclists have the right of way. Currently, the trail isn't quite as clear as to who should be yielding to who.
- Easier walking in the winter if cleared.
- For moms with strollers, these paths are fantastic. Also, having an asphalt path allows the city to save on ground maintenance in the long run. It also keeps people to a natural psychological boundary, thus saving the natural elements of the river valley.
- Improves accessibility for a wider cross-section of park users. Two thumbs up!
- This is part of Edmonton's bicycle transportation corridor.
- It would be nice to have a continuous trail, but I would not look forward to construction in the area.
- Firm surface allows easy and quickly access to all ages using it.
- Only if it is part of the current road/trails.
- Easier for wheelchairs, scooters and strollers to use trail.
- Allows all users access to path
- More accessible (wheelchairs). Also better for bicycles.
- I like that it could be ultimately used by anyone because of the hard, smooth surface, including individuals on scooters & wheelchairs, with assistance in some cases. I also like that it would allow for people to inline or roller skate on the trail, or cycle, or anything with wheels.
- It will make it easier for those with disabilities and mobility issues to access the route
- Paving it can make it better or more users. i.e. running, jogging, bikes, wheel chairs, etc. Also, easier to clean when the snow comes. Hopefully the city will keep it clean

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- This will provide a link for cyclists, currently there is no easy way to go from Quesnel to Hawrelak via paved trails, as it is interrupted in Buena Vista. Go for it!!!!
- Enhances ability to cycle with ease throughout the various corners of the city
- Better pathway for cyclists and strollers
- Universal access is good!
- Helpful for commuting and recreational bicycling purposes - this is a reason to pave it. However, paved surfaces are significantly less good for dogs' feet. It is also refreshing to be able to run on a woodchip path, as that it much more comfortable for human feet as well.
- I'm not completely sure what they mean by shared pathway, but I'm against it if includes cars. The asphalt might not be bad if it's for the bikes and people walking though because you could rollerblade on the paths and bike easier. The cars would just congest the area and shouldn't go further than the rowing centre.

Cost/Benefit

- This isn't necessary. Accessibility for the park's main users is absolutely fine. How many extra users does the City expect to draw with an asphalt surface? What is the cost/benefit of this? What would be the maintenance? Totally not worth it from a daily user of the park!
- Not enough cyclists to warrant paving path. Money can be better spent elsewhere.
- Expense not justified when the existing gravel roadway is more than adequate for cyclists, pedestrians, strollers, wheel chairs.
- Unnecessary expenditure of public funds which would lead to speeding bikes interfering with pedestrians, defeating the aim of improvement.
- It becomes costly to maintain. Takes up a bigger footprint because of widening of the trail(s) itself. More natural is preferred. Do not support paving through the off-leash area in Buena Vista area at all. It is a nice shared access today and won't be if it's paved. Paving through Sir Wilfred Laurier may be ok as only people are allowed anyway.
- Asphalt unnecessary and costly; gravel is more country
- I am not sure I see the value in it.
- I appreciate the intention, but feel the maintenance costs wouldn't be worth the expense.
- Waste of money ...use the money to fix the road going down to Laurier Park it's in real need of repair

- It's a lot of money spent where it's not needed. And it will get very hot in the summer and after a few years it will get damaged by the elements and will become a safety trip hazard unless it is continually maintained. It will also promote speeding by the cyclists that already tear through the park at high speeds
- I think the existing gravel is good enough, and current users are already used to the gravel. I think the cost of paving the path is not warranted.

Natural/ Unnatural

- Paving in park areas are removing the "natural" state of parks.
- Takes away from the natural rugged feel of the area
- Ruins natural environment and feel of area. Sad waste of money and damage caused to area during process.
- One of the best things about this park is the fact that there is NO asphalt. Surely there is enough asphalt in this city. Please keep the hidden gems of wilderness intact
- Don't wreck the natural beauty of the park
- I prefer natural trails
- Like the undeveloped nature now existing
- I like the natural feel of the path. It's an oasis away from the noise of the city. Asphalt will take away from that.
- I feel it would disrupt the natural esthetics of the park. The current graveled paths are enjoyable to walk on and lend to the natural environment.
- To conserve natural beauty of the river valley
- Keeps it more natural, will encourage vehicles to use.
- Cost, takes away the natural feel and look of park
- It's a nice soft running area for people and dogs.
- Want to keep area natural looking.
- I cycle too, but asking for more bike speeding.
- I like keeping the path natural. It's better on your legs for jogging. It's cooler if it's not paved. Bikes and skateboards will ride faster on paved trails, so unpaved trails are safer. It is also more pleasing to see natural mulch as oppose to asphalt.
- Takes away from the natural feel of the area
- I like that this park feels natural and that that the majority of it is off leash for dogs. I think an asphalt path is unnecessary and would greatly decrease the beauty of the park.
- We have enough asphalt in the city. Please leave a bit of nature.
- Decreasing the natural feel of such a lovely park (dislike the idea)
- Do not like the destruction of the natural habitat.

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- Takes away from the natural feel that is provided when walking down in the Laurier Park area - it is an escape from the City while staying in the City. To pave the paths would take away from the natural beauty of the area.
- I think we should keep it natural, use wood chips not gravel or paving
- Unless there are plans to keep the area clear of snow and ice in the winter, I feel asphalt surface would take away from the natural feel of the park
- Paving takes away from the natural beauty of the area. We take our kids and dogs there for the natural aspects of the park.
- The park looks good as it is, why destroy the natural landscape
- I like to run on the gravel. A lot of people I know prefer to run on the path as is because it is softer. It also commits to a more natural, forest feel.
- I enjoy walking through the trails instead of on the pathway. I understand that it might be more convenient for cyclists but I enjoy the more natural aspect of the actual trail, as does my dog.
- There's no need for it and it detracts from the natural experience of the trail.
- As always, more paving means less grass, trees and shrubs. A park should be green or gray and concrete.
- Enough destroying the nature part of the park
- These parks are what make our City beautiful, the residents who live in our Edmonton have been going to this park for years. This entire area is home to many mature trees that have stood there for over 80 years, and should remain there, as we have very few places within the City where we can walk amongst these magnificent trees. People can continue to build homes on the outskirts of Edmonton....
- I love the natural state of the pathways in and around Sir Wilfred Laurier to the bridge. It really isn't necessary I believe to pave a pathway as this is not a hotbed for activities requiring asphalt. After a rain shower the clay packed paths are usable, and there is plenty of bike accessibility in the park and on the gravel roads. Lets keep this park as natural as it can be, I go there to get that bit of the country in the city.
- Asphalt is unnatural.
- Does asphalt belong in a natural setting?
- I like the rustic trails
- I would rather not have any asphalt in the off lease area. There are lots of paved trails in the city, it's nice to go someplace that isn't paved.
- Prefer a more naturalized trail, the existing trail works
- It's more charming and rustic unpaved. Pedestrians have to deal with concrete everywhere all over Edmonton - give us a retreat from cars and paving PLEASE!
- This area provides a nature refuge from the city. I would hate to see that element of the part is lost. I believe that VERY modest amount of asphalt should be considered for this redevelopment.
- The river valley is valued mainly for the pristine, undeveloped nature of the land. We have asphalt everywhere in our lives as it is without needing to add it to the river valley. The land is constantly shifting and the surface would be in constant need of repairs. Wood chip, crushed rock is sufficient. Putting down asphalt also requires the removal of trees/shrubs, damage to the land by the use of equipment etc. Please leave the river valley as it is.
- Already too many paved trails
- Prefer to keep it more natural, but it would allow for better drainage and less mud.
- Too much "gentrification" of the natural area of the river valley already.
- I like the natural feeling of the pathways now however I don't like the dust that is created and at times in the spring the muddy areas. People that use the park now generally have strollers that are equipped for this type of terrain which is not uncommon in Edmonton parks. I am a moderate user of the river valley trail system and I don't think I've ever seen a wheelchair on the paved paths anywhere.
- Don't like the loop plan as it decreases natural areas that are good for off leash walking

Alternative Surface

- The current rock chips or small stones on the path works very well. I have a friend with a jogging stroller and a friend who takes her daughter on the path in her wheelchair...both are very happy with the path. In the past the wood chips were difficult but now it is great, and natural. I am not totally opposed because I know it is work to upkeep the rocks but it is lovely as it is.
- I think the hardened surface is more than adequate for everyone and feel that applying an asphalt surface would take away from the beauty and experience of walking of the river valley path.
- Environmentally sustainable construction methods and resources need to be considered. If it cannot be done with a limited environmental impact then it needs to be simplified.

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- The path should NOT be paved with asphalt pavement! If it is to be paved at all then please use a natural surface such as the Calgary pavement.
- It's actually nicer to have a gravel path, well-packed, for jogging and walking. If done well, it would also allow for strollers and bicycles and good wheelchairs (I know, we used to take our infant child there all the time in the stroller, and it wasn't one of those heavy-tired strollers either).

Leave as it is

- Leave park as it is, it is more natural as is, asphalt will be too hot in summer.
- Dislike - harder on my joints (arthritis and plantar fasciitis)
- A gravel pathway seems suitable for this path.
- You walk barefoot on an asphalt surface during a hot summer day, see how you feel. Why would you put that in the middle of a dog park?
- We have enough pavement in the city and that is what gives Laurier its authenticity
- Risk of wrecking a high-use off-leash area
- The trail is already a hard pack granular which provides four season use and accessibility. Spend the money elsewhere.
- It really doesn't matter if you pave this trail as most of the people who use bicycles in Laurier park use the trail beside the river where they are not supposed to be in the first place so it really is not relevant to ask about paving.
- Present surface is easier to maintain - asphalt has a greater potential to degrade requiring more upkeep
- Why? What is wrong with the existing path? The existing path fits in well with the surroundings. I don't believe we need asphalt inside the park.
- Too many bikes in the off leash area already. This will bring more. They don't stay on the path they're supposed to.
- Works fine as a gravel surface
- In all the concepts the asphalt path becomes an on leash area. Well for a lot of users while the rest of the park is under snow and ice for as much as six months of the year, this path is their only access to the off leash area. It is the only path maintained by the city in the winter. Asphalt just becomes a pothole riddled hazard with time, if the asphalt already in the park is any indication. In short "Asphalt is not better"
- Hot on a dog's feet in summer
- Asphalt can be very hot for a dog's feet in very hot weather. The existing gravel road is fine for dog walking.
- No need. Current path conditions are fine. A waste of money.
- I think that the SUP should remain as a natural surface. If the path was maintained with sand/gravel mix & graded so that water would not pool, it would allow for easy access
- There are no problems with the current use of the gravel pathway. This concept has been opposed at all the public meetings.
- Don't see the problem with existing surface.
- Isn't it already mostly paved? I have a stroller that is designed to be on trails, so unpaved trails are not an issue.
- Unnecessary, the gravel path works very well.
- It will become icy and slippery more easily in winter.
- There's extensive asphalt pathways that interconnect throughout the river valley, why create more unnatural elements in one of the few remaining natural shared pathways left. Many of the existing asphalt pathways are in much need of repair - and therefore are not used... why extend this system if the existing system can't be maintained as it is?
- This part of the river valley has been allocated because a need was identified - dogs need a place to run free. Dogs do not need asphalt it invites more users that do not appreciate the purpose of the park.
- Paving the path will add a cost factor and maintenance factor that is totally unnecessary. It needs to be wide enough to allow people to walk in groups, and accommodate people who use handicap scooters and wheelchairs. It will be easier to maintain if it is JUST left the way it is with pea gravel. Asphalt in our climate requires too much repair.
- Like - hopefully the path won't be under water or muddy in the spring

Speed of Cyclists

- I am concerned about the speed that bikes will travel if it is paved. I think paving is a good idea for walking without mud.
- Cyclists are inconsiderate now let alone if the road was paved. Speed would be a factor which is also identified in your rationale for rumble strips.
- Asphalt is hard to walk on. Since I'm one of the hundreds, possibly thousands of Edmontonians who use the park as an off leash area, it occurs to me that all of these concepts are for the benefit of the bikers who use it as well. Paving will make this path a virtual raceway for bikes, making it even more dangerous for the pedestrians than it already is with speeding bikes bearing down on us at high speed.

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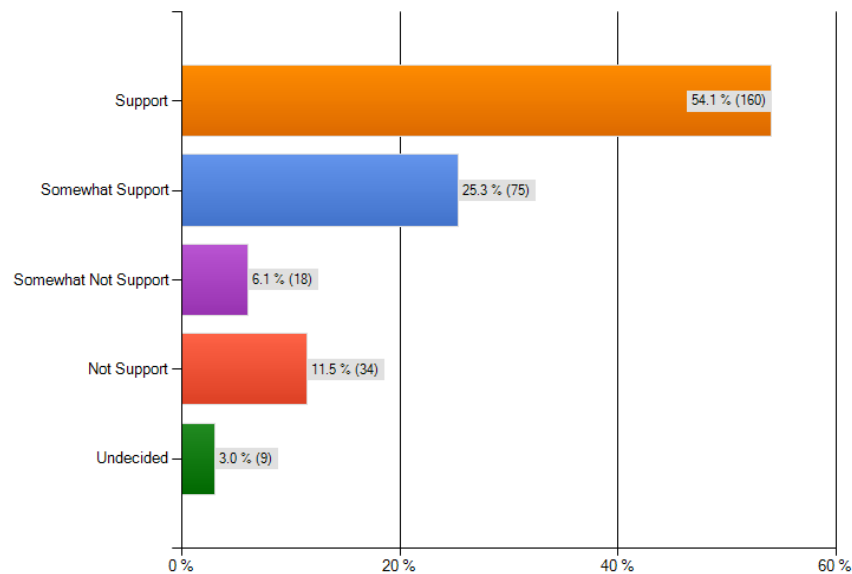
- Paving would increase the speed of bike traffic and will contribute to collisions and conflict.
- Dogs are currently not allowed on paved trails. There is many many kms worth of paved trails in multiple parks all over the city. When you walk on them with dogs on leash you get yelled at by every single biker b/c the leashes block the path unless you drag your dog to right beside you and they still yell at you. They whip by at 30-40 kms an hour and think they own the trail. This is one of the few off leash areas with forested trails in the city and it is now being destroyed for bikes. I drive 22 kms each way to go to this off leash park every day b/c it is one of the few refuges my dogs have from hotshot psychotic bikers who think they own the trail and are not worried about running over my dogs(one of whom is 15 lbs).
- Paving will encourage cyclists to go fast, which will conflict with the significant pedestrian uses of the paths.
- It would be nice if there is enough space on the sides to walk on the grass to avoid cyclists who tend to speed around corners.
- Dislike - cyclists can ride FASTER, putting myself, children and pets at greater risk.
- It might speed up traffic flow along that area - which might jeopardize the park-like feel and relaxation of many walkers using the path.
- I am a bit worried about bikers who will see pavement as an opportunity to go faster and pay less attention to the dogs!
- I feel that bikers would begin to speed through this area if it is paved. also, it is harder on the paws of the dogs
- Bikes will likely be faster on the shared trail.
- Dislike: bicycles will travel at higher speeds, which is a danger to kids and dogs.
- I am concerned that cyclists will run rampant through the area, causing safety concerns.
- Bicycle riders ride at extremely high speeds down this path/road as it is already, paving the path will turn it into a raceway for bicyclists and force pedestrian and dogs off this roadway. No longer a shared path for everyone.
- By paving the SUP this may increase the speed in which cyclist travel through the off leash area. Hard packed Gravel surface helps to reduce the speed.
- Cyclists will overwhelm walkers and dog-walkers with their pets
- It will increase the speed bikes travel through the park, and increase the likelihood of accidents
- Asphalt paths are in effect roadways. They facilitate high speed by cyclists. I have heard no support for barrier free access via paved trails. There is already a paved trail in the McKinnon ravine that facilitates access to all the same destinations that the Hawrelak Park bridge allows.
- Will simply encourage people to move more quickly along the path. Given the many types of users in the area, this will increase the likelihood of negative interactions (even injury).
While I like that the paving with attendant yellow line will help people with way-finding, Hawrelak manages to have nice pathways through the park without this feature.
- May increase speeds of bikes and introduce roller bladders which may create risk with small children and dogs
- Will result in increased bike speeds and potential bike/dog conflicts.
- Speed bikes
- Paving the shared use path will increase the speed of SOME bikers resulting in higher risks to other users.

Increase conflict

- It will increase the potential for conflict between bicycles and off leash dogs.
- Although I like the idea of having the parks connected with an asphalt path. These proposed trails are used extensively by dogs on and off leash and all the concepts call for the trail to be on leash. And this would cut down on the size of the dog park.
- I like the Idea of a shared use pathway, but I fear that if the path is paved we will see the dog park access to the river be removed in the name of safety of higher speed vehicles like racing bicycles. The dog owners are by far the largest stakeholder here. We use the park daily, in large volumes.

Question 3: To what extent do you support increasing parking stalls along 132 St. (29 additional stalls)? (modification of existing parallel parking to right angle stalls and adding parallel parking along 132 St.)

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- The majority of respondents to the online survey (235 or 79%) indicated they support or somewhat support increasing the number of parking stalls along 132 St, and modifying them to be right angle stalls.
- Only 42 (18%) indicated they somewhat or did not support additional parking.
- An additional 9 (3%) indicated they were undecided, and a further 10 did not respond to the question.

Question 4: Please explain what you particularly like or dislike about increasing parking along 132 St.

Don't Need More Stalls / Waste of Money

- I've used the off-leash park for seven years, in all kinds of weather and different times of day. I have always found adequate parking. I believe extending the stalls is a waste of money.
- I have rarely experienced a time where I was unable to park. The current parking seems to fit the needs of the park.
- I don't think it's needed, I like the existing parallel parking.
- I'm glad that we have a parking problem...which means people are using our parks (or parking and walking to the University). I think we have enough space for parking
- I think that people should use active transportation in the river valley. Rather than increase parking stalls the city should make it easier to access the site by transit, bike and foot.
- It seems to me that there is plenty of parking the zoo lot - which is rarely, if ever, full.

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- Would prefer increasing options for public transit through the area to increase the ability of people to use park without overwhelming neighborhood with more cars
 - This would mean that the roadway would have to be maintained and snow removal undertaken. The city does not have a good track record on maintenance and plowing of this road. Plus it would create a dangerous situation for everyone. Think again.
 - I think there is enough parking as it is now.
 - Too much traffic as it is
 - Parking is not an issue; save the money; people can walk from all the existing spots; they are there for exercise
 - Personally, having parked and used the off-leash on several occasions, I have never seen the parking lot full enough to warrant spending the money to expand it.
 - The zoo parking lot is just around the corner-why can't people park there and walk an extra fifty meters?
 - We have never had an issue getting parking.
 - I go to the dog park almost every day. There are very few days of the year when additional parking is required.
 - Edmonton's car culture is already sickening - no need to encourage more people driving. Think about better transit service to the park? No more paving and parking! It's killing Edmonton!
 - I believe most of the users of the off leash parks walk to the park based on the number I pass daily on the trails.
 - I feel there is already sufficient parking
 - It would be nice if there were transit or transportation options available instead of encouraging car use by building more parking. Also, if parking is added, trees and shrubs should be planted around it to eliminate the negative aesthetic effect that parking lots have.
- Like / Need more legal parking**
- Okay.
 - Have no problem with this.
 - A little more parking would be nice.
 - More legal parking is needed.
 - This seems like a good idea since it is often packed and congested.
 - Easy of finding a parking spot near off leash area. 100 per cent support for large off leash areas
 - Definitely needs more parking
- There is currently inadequate parking for the amount of users.
 - Any modifications to make the park more user friendly will bring more visitors, and so more parking will definitely be required. At times there doesn't seem to be enough parking as it is, so I think that more parking (than is proposed) will be required.
 - Parking has normally seemed to be a problem in this area. Overflowing parking area seems to be a normal condition causing the need to park anywhere possible.
 - There are times when more parking is needed so as long as it does not affect the off leash park area I would support it.
 - It would provide additional needed parking with minimal disruption and cost.
 - Creating more parking allows for more people to use the area and to get in/out quickly rather than driving around waiting for a space to free up.
 - Everyone does it anyway, and if we have more, it might help to not piss off the rowing club people and it also makes it less dangerous on busy days.
 - More parking needed. That space is currently of low recreational or ecological value.
 - Often nowhere to park without disrupting residents parking options
 - The future will bring increased park use & increased parking will be required.
 - Ok reasonable expansion
 - Sometimes there is nowhere to park.
 - More parking is needed to avoid parking conflict between dog walkers and rowing club people.
 - The park can be quite busy in the summer, especially on the weekends, extra parking would be ideal.
 - Parking is always a problem
 - Hopefully this will increase use of the park, and possibly encourage more folks to use their bikes, ie. park and ride (drive their bike to the park and commute by bike into the city centre/university are rather than driving the whole way)
 - This area gets congested with vehicles particularly when the rowers are unable to use all of the parking area in front of their clubhouse.
 - Easy to do at this location
 - Will provide more parking access for those weekend warrior off-leash dog walkers.
 - Additional spots are needed
 - It is a more efficient use of existing parking space.
 - Parking can be hard to find at times

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- Will stop the idiots from parking on the grass IN the park by the rowing club when they can't find any parking space. The area is an off leash area and I support this for that purpose.
- It would be smart to increase parking there as the people park their now anyway. It will save the bylaw people from handing out tickets to all those folk.
- The area is already pushed to maximum occupation - increasing the parking will reduce the congestion
- Safety of people & animals from cars to dog park.
- Additional parking space is needed.
- Parking is definitely a problem at the off-leash park. I support expanding the parking in this area.
- Often difficult to find parking on weekends.
- I have occasionally driven to the off leash area and left because there were no parking spots available.
- Makes sense, particularly if zoo parking is reduced.
- Parking is becoming an issue down there, so good idea.
- I never thought parking was allowed along there - thought those people were just blocking the roadway.
- I had at times people are parking on the shoulder of the road so more stalls would increase safety
- There is never enough parking in the area - when you consider the fact that there are bikers, hikers and people that are there to use the off leash area and only two very small parking lots for everyone to use. Quite often I see people parking along the side of the entrance to the park illegally, making it dangerous for both people and dogs as there are cars up on the field, the curb etc.
- The land is there and we are desperately in need of more parking that is safe.
- Again. Long overdue. During busy times, cars are just parked in the grass anyway.
- Parking is currently very limited.
- There never seems to be enough parking there so anything that helps make it easier to find parking is great
- One of the minor annoyances I've had visiting the off-leash park is lack of parking. That being said, I've never not been able to find a spot parking parallel on 132 St (in the park).
- I hear from others that parking is a problem currently. But I live far enough away that I'm unaware of the extent of the problem. If it is deemed to be necessary, then that's fine with me, as long as it only makes a small impact on the natural space in the park.
- I feel there is enough parking down Buena Vista if people were allowed to park there
- There is definitely not enough parking, especially on weekends. I would only hope the parking remains FREE.
- Current parking is limited.
- Currently it can be difficult to find a parking space at peak times so more parking should help with that.
- There certainly needs to be additional parking, but the average Edmontonian cannot parallel park properly.
- As someone who lives in the area and uses the off-leash area often, sometimes it can be difficult to find parking. I think switching to angle parking to allow for more space without having to necessarily grossly expand the amount of the land the parking takes up would be great.
- Sometimes the dog park is very busy on weekends and it's hard to find parking. 29 stalls is not too much, but people can also always walk from the zoo parking lot. It's not very far.
- Increasing designated parking areas will decrease the amount of park users parking on surrounding neighbourhood streets. People already park along the side of these streets, so this is obviously where the parking is needed.
- Great idea, as it is difficult to find a parking spot on busy weekends!
- I do not have an off leash park in my area (Hamptons) I either need to drive up to Callingwood but I prefer this one as it is larger. It seems there is never enough parking especially on a nice Saturday when several families are at the zoo or other gatherings on the park like a run.
- If we want people to use the parks, we have to make access to them easy.
- People park on the side of the road anyway because there isn't enough parking
- Yes, after work and weekends additional parking would be good.
- Reduce congestion and hazardous parking by many vehicles
- It is constantly busy at this dog park, especially during peak hours. I believe more parking would be a great idea.
- Would be less chance of parking tickets.
- Awesome idea, considering all the ticketing that was going on during Pets in the Park.
- More parking is great, but could be improved by signage along 132 Street to indicate stalls.
- There are many people who like to take their dogs to the off leash area

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- Currently, there isn't enough parking for off leash
- Parking can be a bit of a free for all right now, this will help control it better.
- I've often come to the off leash park to find it almost full. I would not be happy if it was one day so increasing the stalls is a good idea. It's a popular park.
- Parking has always been tricky, hopefully this alleviates some of the back jam.
- Cars already park along this road, might as well provide marked spots.
- It's already too crowded for parking. Need more parking.
- Existing parking too limited for number of people who drive down to the park to walk dogs/use the pathways
- Sometimes there is no parking for the dog park. Additional stalls would help.
- My main concern regarding the addition of parallel parking along 132 st is the possible congestion of the road leading to the parking lot for the off-leash area. However, as many users already park alongside the road during peak periods, I would hope that expanding the roadway to include marked stalls would alleviate some of the issues.
- On summer weekends, the parking is quite a scramble, with people parking on the grass at the rowing club. Most days it is fine during the week
- It's pretty chaotic right now with dog owners trying to park down there; hopefully increased parking will make things less chaotic.
- More parking is absolutely necessary. I can't count the number of times I have been boxed in!
- The off-leash area is always busy, and the parking lots are usually full. This is a good idea.
- Would be a good idea only if there are enough users to support it.
- There is never enough parking - so increased stalls is an excellent idea.
- Allows more people (including those who may be limited by the distance they can walk) to park and enjoy the park.
- Currently parking is often full on the weekends.
- marked stalls will help people understand where and how to park
- The increased in parking will be helpful in trying to alleviate some of the parking issues. There should still be more parking.
- Excellent use of space already being used for parallel parking. Increases parking capacity on that strip of road.
- Additional parking is often needed at the site. This change would accommodate that need. The area to be used is at road grade, meaning good access from parking spots to the great field or other areas of the park.
- Additional parking in the park is required. This parking helps to minimize parkland use for parking purposes.
- Parallel parking is currently allows along the west side of 132 Street. Simply changing this to perpendicular parking will greatly increase the number of stalls. This does not require have to be a major engineering project - simply add some wheel stops and change the signs. The drawing indicates that this new parking is on the east side which seems odd as the space to add the parking is on the west side.
- Increasing the parking stalls will be a privilege to individuals using the facilities.
- At peak times, particularly on weekends, the current lots are grossly inadequate.
- Definitely need the parking. This seems like the fastest way to get more with minimal impact on existing area. Concerned about the increased traffic, but then you can't force people to behave in a responsible manner.
- I support providing additional parking because sometimes it is hard to find a spot. However, more parking may mean more visitors and the city needs to have better bylaw enforcement for such things as restricted dogs in the leash-free area, cyclists being where they shouldn't be, etc.
- Good use of this area.
- There isn't enough parking for the dog park right now and the more parking the better.
- It may decrease the amount of parking in front of residential areas.
- Parking is limited, often cars are parked along the roadway.
- For years we've taken our dog here, and it can be very hard to find a parking spot without having to use the zoo parking lot. Lots of people already park along that road; if there were right-angle spots more cars could park there.
- It's good for when the rowing centre's parking is really full. That field isn't really used for much right now anyway.
- If there is a need for extra parking this is a great place for it
- Will accommodate more visitors to parks.
- It allow traffic to continue to move even if people park there

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- Good idea to have some actual parking there as the road can quite often be a bit of a mess
- Off leash parks are very well utilized, even with the huge parking area at Terwilliger off leash, parking is full on weekends. I wish one dog off leash park was designated for the lap and toy dogs only.
- This area is already used as a parking area by many. Might as well make it official. This area is rarely used as off leash by dog owners so is a safe place to put parking and non-disruptive.
- Frequently parking at Buena Vista park is FULL! Parking needs to be increased, albeit with consideration for bicycles and walkers who come through that area.
- Don't want to see the area turn into a giant parking lot. Would prefer 29 additional stalls at the absolute max.
- More people can enjoy the beauty. People with handicaps, i.e. broken leg, etc.
- There has to be some parking of course but not so much the area becomes more lit than off-leash area.
- Go for it! This is so busy on weekends, will be helpful.
- Keep congestion away from daily users
- There are a lot of dog owners trying to find parking to access the park. Additional parking would be beneficial.
- People park helter-skelter as it is - better to establish some structure
- It doesn't tie up undeveloped land.

Special Events

- There are some days, usually weekends or when special events are happening in Hawrelak or at Valley Zoo on which there is a need for extra parking. Normally there is not a greater need for parking. I have been going to the off leash area for 10+ years and normally there is always somebody leaving when others arrive. If the parking is busy you will still, most often, have a spot within a couple of minutes. I think the system we have now is fine.
- Park is at a premium on some weekends especially if there are events taking place at Hawrelak Park.
- During special events the limited parking we now have means there is nowhere to park
- There is not enough parking. Especially when large festivals are being held at Hawrelak park.
- Like it to give more options esp once zoo expands. Depending on events at the parks (including Hawrelak), parking can max out now.
- Presently not enough space especially if a special event is on.

- Better to increase parking closer to the park. This area is a no-mans land therefore better to accommodate overflow parking here

Combined Use (not just off leash)

- There is often parking congestion. I would support having some combined use parking rather than more just for off leash users. We would have to walk dogs on leash to the off leash portion
- If the parking is being put in for the off-leash area I do not use the off-leash area. If it's being built for the walking trails and other aspects of the park then yes.
- Extra parking is OK as long as it does not mean cutting trees or destroying natural areas to make more parking spaces. There seems to be no valid reason why the existing parking area on the north east corner of the Valley Zoo parking lot could not be utilized instead of making more parking lots. The Valley Zoo parking lot is rarely full and there is plenty of room there to park and then walk to the off leash areas. Most people going to the zoo park their vehicles close to the zoo entrance and there is always space at the far side which is close to the off leash area. If there is a concern that this would be too far for people with mobility issues, designate more spaces in the existing closer lots for people with these needs. The City should be promoting health and wellness in its citizens....it is not too much to expect people to utilize existing parking lots even if this does mean that they may have to walk a little further.

Don't want increased use/pressure on park/conflict

- Increasing parking will increase the pressure on the park. PLEASE don't cater to Sunday afternoon toy dog owners and their giant pickup trucks.
- It would become a virtual parking lot on that street, making it somewhat dangerous for the off leash dogs.
- Bigger parking makes more cars=dangerous to children and animals alike with more possible accidents
- We feel there should be other accesses to the off leash area. The traffic on Buena Vista Road has increased too much. This is no longer the residential area it once was. The traffic for off leash starts at 5:00 am.
- Not sure that more parking wouldn't increase usage and lead to the need for even more parking....
- It's already too busy.
- There is no need for additional parking. It will only invite event traffic and potentially cause issues in the neighborhood of LH.

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Right angle stalls / Location

- Right angle stalls make it hard to back out and turn around in a restricted area
- Additional parking is required, but I'm not convinced that is the right place to increase.
- That road is so narrow as you head into the off leash area, and if there are large/long vehicles whose drivers don't park very well or respectfully in the right angle stalls, the vehicles could obstruct the roadway. With the current parallel parking situation, at least the road is kept wide enough for 2 lane traffic for the most part. As well, the cost of widening and paving the road to allow for better parking doesn't seem to me to be justifiable. On the other hand, the current gravel road is atrocious with all the sinkholes that could swallow a small car, it might be nice to have it paved and well-maintained.
- The angle parking stalls would have to be on only one side to allow for safety.
- Parking in this area has always been difficult, and it is not safe to turn around in order to get out of the area if there are no parking spots left. It would also make it safer for my children to walk to the off-leash area if they did not have as far to go.
- Congestion through the area
- I don't find parking to be an issue now. Right angle parking reduces visibility.
- That area is waste space at present time. It makes sense to extend to 132 St. all angle though, not parallel.

Paved parking / maintenance

- Make it paved and get rid of the potholes. I am concerned that all parking areas have the ability to be gated off after 11:00 pm which it isn't currently.

No – takes away from nature

- There is wild life that uses that area, such as Coyotes (which I have seen the pair of them at that location) birds, rabbits and I don't use it for my dog, we go right into the park but there are lots of people that use that area for their dogs to run.
- It would take too much away from the natural wonder that makes up the area.
- I hate the thought of losing park space to parking space.

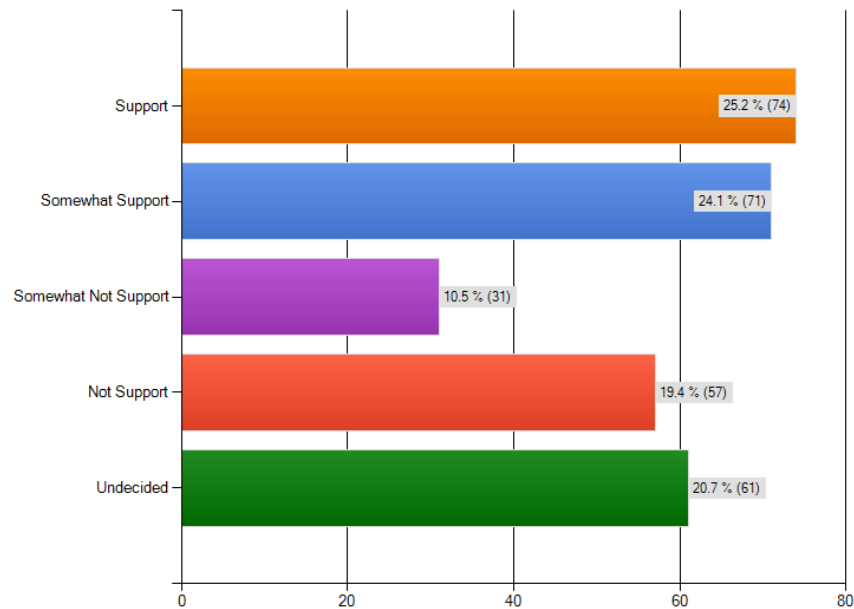
Other

- I don't use this parking area.
- Might make it more difficult to drive to the Buena Vista park
- Redundant except that it allows for both sides of the road to be used. Do not really see a need to mark it just remove the no parking signs across the road.
- I live close and always walk to the park so this would not affect me very much.
- I have always been able to find a spot to park however I usually park on the Hawrelak side of the park.
- I'd prefer paving down to the boat house before adding more stalls, the ride down to that parking lot is awful.

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Question 5: To what extent do you support doubling the size of the boat launch?

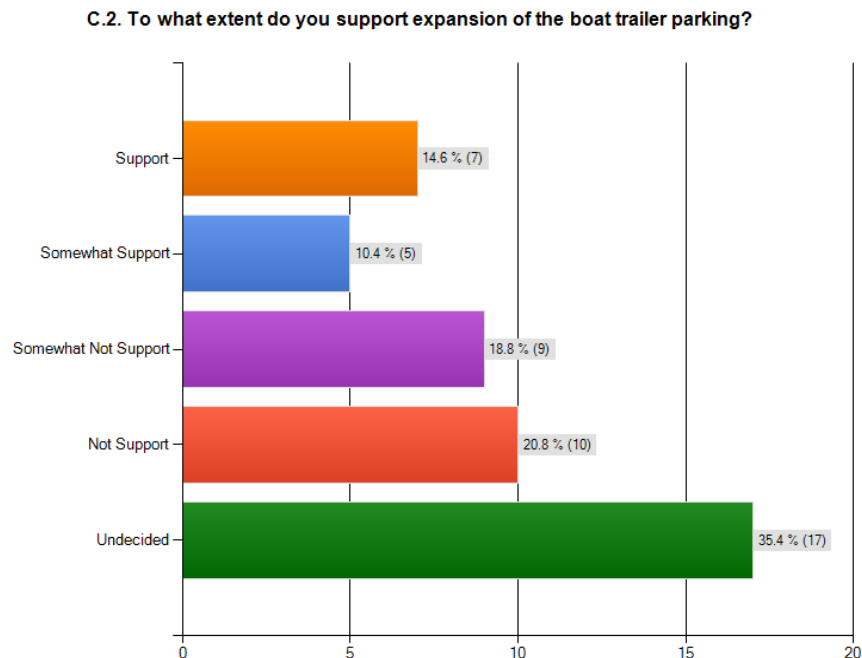
C.1. To what extent do you support doubling the size of the boat launch?



- Approximately half of online respondents (145 or 49%) support or somewhat support doubling the size of the boat launch.
- Less than one third of online respondents (88 or 30%) somewhat or do not support doubling its size.
- One fifth of respondents (61 or 21%) are undecided and 12 did not answer the question.

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Question 6: To what extent do you support expansion of the boat trailer parking?



- Approximately half of online respondents (135 or 46%) support or somewhat support expansion of the boat trailer parking.
- One third of online respondents (99 or 34%) somewhat or do not support doubling its expansion.
- One fifth of respondents (60 or 20%) are undecided and 12 did not answer the question.

Question 7: Please explain what you particularly like or dislike about expanding boat trailer parking and doubling the size of the boat launch.

Support Increased Park Use

- I don't launch boats here (yet) but I do support any idea that increases park use. I don't know if is busy enough to need these changes.
- I like the idea of more river traffic...we do claim to be the 'river city' sometimes and using our river more would support this.
- I don't use the boat launch but I can see how this expansion reduces waiting and frustration for those who do.
- More access and recreation on the river
- I think it is good for boat owners to have somewhere to launch their boats. I always like to watch the boats even though I don't own one myself. There is also less chance of an accident if there is more room in that area.
- The river is an under used part of the city. Making it more accessible will draw more people to the area
- These are not services that I currently use but if it would benefit those who do I would be in support of extending the boat launch/parking. However not if it is to the detriment of the dog park users.
- Our river and river valley are EXTREMELY underutilized. Providing facilities for residents to access the river and river valley catalyzes a much more active vibrant and beautiful city.
- I don't personally use this area so can't really comment fully other than perhaps giving them a little more space to perform its function better.
- Would give access to river for people with boats, hopefully does not add to garbage being added to river
- Laurier Park is designed for people to use for their entertainment. Family outings, boating, sports, etc. This will allow people to use that area further for their entertainment, while leaving BV park ALONE AND NATURAL.

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- It uses existing areas to expand capacity, without developing natural space.
- I like the idea of more boat traffic on the river. I might even use that facility myself.
- Not sure if it is needed and wanted and if it will be utilized. I love the idea of improving recreational access.
- This is a feature that I would not use but it may provide for increased use of the river.
- I'd like to know more details. However, I canoe from here and would appreciate a more structured boat launch area.
- I'd like to see more people making use of the river - but not at the expense of the beauty and peace of the area.
- The river seems to be very under-utilized. It is a major part of our city and our city's identity, yet it always seems so inaccessible. Increasing opportunities to get close to see, and use the river is a great idea.
- Let's use the river a la Saskatoon!
- I think it would be nice to see the river being used for "light" enjoyment.
- Good for promoting more use of the river, but not sure about the potential traffic it will cause within the Laurier road loop, not much room to make road wider or accommodate more parking stalls. Don't want to take too much away from open green space. I never personally see this boat launch used much anymore either, not sure if it needs expansion?
- Do not use boat launch, but generally have no problem with expansion if it's needed.
- Comparing Edmonton's river access to that of Winnipeg, MB leads me to believe that we need more launch access in our city to make use of the water with recreational boating. Further to that, small docking points and picnic areas along the river for boaters would also be a welcome addition.
- This would increase the use of the river as a recreational destination.
- Sure, make it easier for folks to use the river. There's enough parking as it is.
- It's important for the city to encourage use of our water.
- Important to provide public with opportunities to access the river. Ensure adequate space to park trailers and also sufficient amenities (i.e. washrooms) to facilitate potential events, programming, classes.
- I am all for anything which provides greater access and use of the river.
- Open to other user groups.
- These improvements greatly improve boater access to our river. As part of this, I would like to see the proposed extended dock as well. This will promote non-motorized boating, like canoeing and kayaking, on the river.
- Great idea to make the river more accessible to boaters.
- Allows more people to enjoy the facilities with less wait time to access them.
- Use of the river is increasing and this is one of two boat launches in Edmonton. Additional parking is required due to the increased use of the river.
- If there is demand for this then it should be done however there is seldom an overflow of boat trailers so my impression is that it is not required.
- If there is a need for expanding the boat trailer parking, why not do it.
- Want to see more people using the river. Hope it's safe for people to start tubing (floating) down the river like you see in Calgary and elsewhere. I could see this as the end point.
- The better the boat launch is the more people can use it
- Agree if it has been identified as a legit need
- I hope it encourages more people to use the boat launch and utilize our river valley.
- Sure I just don't have a boat so I don't really have an opinion on having more boat parking
- More use, accessible for more people
- I'd be ok with an expansion, so more people could access the river for recreational activities but not at great expense of the area overall. A balance would have to be struck.
- Being a rower adding more to the boat launch is a benefit because it will allow for more people to get off the dock faster however the parking space isn't as much of a concern to me as the route down to the parking lot... if that is being paved then yes sure either of the parking lot expansions are probably needed.
- Too much clutter and should be limited to 5 trailers. Boat launch, yes. I actually think it would serve Edmonton well to have a river taxi stopping at Terwillegar Park, Fort Edmonton, Laurier, Hawrelak, and Downtown.
- Increases capacity without consuming land used by others.
- This site is one of two boat launches in the city. It can be very busy and the more room there is the safer it may be.
- Very needed.

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- This area is often over-used. Additional access would improve the experience for all boaters while reducing congestion in the launch area.
- Less congestion
- I don't use the launch, but have seen backlogs on some days.
- Difficult to get boats out of there in the afternoon
- It's too small at the moment for the amount of users.
- If there was a proper place to park trailers they wouldn't be clogging the roads or backed up waiting to launch.

Not Support Increased Use

- Would not affect me personally however I don't like the idea of encouraging increased usage - more people in area.
- Again increasing the amount of car traffic to the area
- Too many MORE vehicles in the park
- Dislike: Increased traffic on grounds and in river.
- The river does not need more boats and pollution.

Don't Want Power Boats / Noise

- I do not use the boat launch. I take pride in our natural, and extremely beautiful river valley... we have a rare natural treasure right here in the middle of our city. If we increase the boat launch, and parking we will see more power boats on the river taking away from the natural atmosphere. I know we have a great environment for water sports with the river so close but right now we have very few power boats to disturb the environment. The canoes and row boats we currently see are so peaceful. Maybe power boats should go to a larger lake? That being said, I am not opposed to row boats or small paddle boats who don't disturb the environment.
- I'm in favour of more non-motorized boat use of the river, not more power boats or jet skis.
- I like the idea of accessible small boat launches throughout the city, for human powered craft, but I do not like the idea of jet boats on the river. Fast power boats are loud and dangerous for both the power boat and the slower crafts.
- Do not want river to be utilized for high powered launches, canoe or zodiac with small motors only.
- I don't think a lot of people in the city use the river. I like it natural, no motorboats.
- Please preserve the natural beauty of this area. Development will erode the legacy of an incredible river valley planned years ago.
- More boats = more noise. This park is an quiet oasis

- I enjoy the quiet aspect of Buena Vista dog park and I think there could be too much noise, distraction and danger big vehicles and boats coming in and out of the area.
- Bigger boat launches mean more boats on the river -- the whole length of it. As a kayaker/dragon boater further downstream, I am terrified of the reckless abandon with which many people drive their motorized boats on the river. If you're going to make it easier for douchebags to get on to the river, PLEASE PLEASE post AND ENFORCE speed signs along the areas where dragon boating take place (Rafter's Landing and Dawson Park).
- Worried about larger boat interference with the very peaceful use of the park area by the rowing club. The sound of larger boat engines on the river in that area is not my idea of maintaining the wonderful feel the park currently has.
- Increasing motorized boat traffic is not compatible with the enjoyment of this park. The majority of jet boats and personal watercraft are, unfortunately, irresponsible users of the river, speeding near unpowered boats, banks, and docks, creating serious safety and erosion issues, and amazing noise levels that follow the river for miles. Saskatoon provides a model of organized use areas on their river that should be studied and emulated, promoting safe, respectful, shared use of their river. City policy that requires the Edmonton Rowing Club (which promotes safe, sustainable, uncontroversial use of the river and park) to improve public access the river bank at its own expense, while potentially publicly funding the nearby boat launch, which enables uncontrolled, unsafe uses by a very few while creating a huge disamenity for everyone else, is not a reasonable solution. Again, Saskatoon, solution should be studied and emulated. If improved access for motorized craft is needed in Edmonton, put it somewhere further from the centre of the city, and organize, sign and patrol it better.
- The Edmonton Rowing Club is just down river from the current boat launch. Motorized boats do not fit well with rowing, because of the speed of the boats, as well as the wakes they create. If the city wants to increase motorized access to the river, please do it away from the only venue for rowing.
- If more people are putting more motorized boats in the river, it will cause more problems for the Edmonton Rowing club as well as for dogs that swim in this area.

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- I am very concerned about increasing the use of motor boats in this area - with the canoe and rowing traffic this is hazardous. Also, the noise pollution created by motorized boats disturbs the wildlife and those wanting a peaceful walk. By all means improve the launch for proper canoe launching, pave the ramp, but don't make it into the motorized launch of the city. This attracts the party crowd which as a near resident I'm not interested in.
- Additional traffic on the river creates additional noise and lack of care and concern for those using the river as well.
- Keep it as serene as possible!
- I see a boat a week on the river. I feel it would affect the rowing club and other man powered boaters to have Speed boats racing in the river, I say speed boats because that's all I see going down there now. Also the height of the river is unpredictable, so most years boat travel is not possible
- It is hazardous to increase access and therefore the number of power boats near the rowing and paddling clubs. We have many Kms of river in the City. Why not separate these activities minimize the possibility of accidents??
- I don't want to encourage more motorized boating on the river. The river valley is a natural, peaceful part of the city. That's the quality of the river valley that I hear people say they love the most. Motorized boating would also be disruptive of more natural, peaceful forms of boating: rowing, kayaking, canoeing.
- Why would we spend tax dollars on an activity undertaken by .001% of the population. Who has been pushing this concept? Dealers? We do not need any more noise and disruption along the river. I cannot believe this concept is even being considered in these days of "greening" and concern for nature. Not to mention the danger to rowers.
- There is no need to pollute the already polluted river by adding more boat space. In face, I think that boats should be forbidden on this part of the river.
- Noise on the river from power boats, noise and pollution from vehicles from right in the park
- Our river is pretty gross already... Is having more boats on it really the answer?
- Limit the number of motor boats, or, only allow a few commercially based motor boats. A valuable part of Edmonton's River Valley is its quiet serenity. I hope that expanding boat trailer parking does not mean we will have loud motors ripping through the river valley. That would be a very poor decision.
- Increasing traffic and convenience bring more and more boat to the area. Increasing need for more parking taking up more and more of the park space. I do agree that in needs to be improved. More for canoe and kayaks would be more important to me.
- I am not a boater and I do not like the use of motor boats on the river. I am assuming that this would mostly meet the needs of motor boat users.
- Increased potential for chemical and noise pollution. the size it is is good for limiting how many are on the river at once, preventing over crowding
- Concerned with increased motor boat traffic on the river and how it will impact the safety of rowers, canoeists and even dogs in the water.
- As an Edmonton Rowing Club member, I cannot support increased motor traffic on this stretch of the river. Boaters are not sensitive to rowers on the river and increase the danger to our members. Boaters go too fast on the river passing learning rowers and have no sense of the power of their wake on a small rowing craft.
- It really is unpleasant when noisy motorized boats run up and down the river there; it's a place to really enjoy the river PEACEFULLY, and there is plenty of launching space for canoes and kayaks already. Plus motorized boats are going to be a problem for the rowing and kayaking clubs. Also, people who run their dogs in the river (as we do) would have to worry about an increase in motorized boat traffic when retrieving dogs are in the water.
- I don't like that this means that there will be more boat wakes on the river for the rowers, but I guess it would be nice to use the river like that.
- I don't really like the idea of encouraging more power boats on the river.
- I don't think boat use should be encouraged on the river. It is disruptive to wildlife and the surrounding ecosystems. Also, it is unpleasant to be walking along peaceful river valley trails and hear motor boats cruising by.
- Limit the use of motor boats- they are both disruptive to the enjoyment of the river valley- one boat can disrupt hundreds of park patrons. Also the rowing club users will not appreciate motor boats through the area.
- I don't use this boating area at all for boating ,but do travel through the area regularly (running/cycling). I think the proximity of this boat launch to a popular rowing boat launch is hazardous and conflicting. I support developing access for non-motorized recreation.

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- Encouraging motorized boats to use the area is disruptive to the enjoyment of the natural beauty of the area and to the zoo animals located adjacently.
- We have a very small section of river within the city that is easily accessible to small water craft (kayak, canoe, scull) and to dog walkers who enjoy letter their pets play in the water. We are supposed to be encouraging an active lifestyle. People with motorized craft obviously also have vehicles and trailers and plenty of other options. We don't need the noise, disruption, pollution, and danger that increased motorized access to the river would bring, and they make it more difficult for those who are trying to engage with nature and use their bodies instead of fossil fuels.
- Motor boats are incompatible with the original and primary users of this stretch of river, the rowing club and kayak club.

Visual Impact/Crowding/Don't Support more Trailer Parking

- I don't like the park giving more space to house the trailers.
- A large boat trailer parking lot isn't a good visual and other than accessing the river they wouldn't use the park
- Too many boats, will get crowded
- All of 50 rowing club people use the boat launch, totally unnecessary. Build a bigger boat launch at Fort Edmonton/Whitemud Park. As for the boat trailer parking, expand it but don't limit it to rowing club user parking because they're rarely there to use the parking spaces.
- Doubling the size of the boat launch and expanding the boat trailer parking could be detrimental to the natural aspect of the park. I don't "not support" because I think there are not too many boats that use the trailer parking and boat launch as it is. I'm there every day and it's only on the weekends that boaters are there and very few at that.
- The boat launch is not congested and does not need expansion.
- I walk by there every day and there is usually no one using it. You have the longest "line ups" because some people have no idea how to dock/launch their boats. The longest line up I have ever seen is 1 boat waiting for another.
- There is not a lot of respect shown by the boaters on the river near the off leash area as it is. Increasing capacity will only make the problem worse.

- It is difficult to say whether I support DOUBLING the boat launch when the drawing does not show the impacts of this decision. This statement also applies to the expansion of boat trailer parking.
- Seems like the boating area is taking up a lot of room for a 4 month season that the dog walkers could have access to?
- Having proper access to launch boats is crucial, having specific parking for individuals using a public space is discriminatory toward others that also frequent this area.
- My support depends on how much this change would restrict dog-walkers access to the area. I'm definitely not in favor of any modification to this park that would restrict/shrink the areas dogs can be off-leash.
- There aren't that many boats launched here.
- The majority of people who use this park is for walking/off-leash. We need more area, not less!
- Is doubling the size really needed.....I think the city should be spending money on fixing the roads! the road down to the zoo is atrocious! The city should be so embarrassed!!!
- I would only worry about expanding the launch and trailer parking area if it meant losing area in the off-leash park. I am in the park a lot and for the few "big" boating events the boat launch supports during the season it would be a unbalanced trade off.
- Again, it will take too much away from the natural green space of the area.
- Don't ever plan on using it and it will take away from off leash area
- I go the Laurier Park often - there are very few users of the boat launch
- Too much development for what is now a jewel of the river valley - it should be tweaked but not ruined. Who wants boat launch other than rowing club? Don't want this impinging on other year round users.
- This caters to a small group - the focus should be on providing access to the general public for active living and relaxation - not for boarding boats
- Size of the boat trailer parking and boat launch take away from the rest of the natural area
- I don't want it to overtake the area, and I don't want it to interfere with pedestrian traffic, and dogs off leash.
- Too focused a use

Don't Care

- Doesn't affect my usage of the park.
- I don't boat so I don't really care

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- I have no need for boat launching facilities
- I have no opinion on the boat launch.
- This would not be a feature I would use, so have no particular investment in the idea
- I do not know how much demand there is for this facility. I have rarely seen anyone use even the existing facilities but maybe there is a need of which I am not aware.
- Not needed - wishful thinking
- Seasonal, few users relative to dog-walkers.
- Don't use enough to have an opinion.
- In all the years that I have been going to Laurier Park I have never seen the boat launch parking area full. The most boat trailers that I have seen there is three. I guess if you have a burning desire to waste some more money go for it.
- Don't use this area = can't provide relevant comment
- I don't use this amenity at all, so I can't comment.
- I do not use the boat launch nor have I ever boated on the river, so I have no opinion on how this would impact the area or if it is of benefit.
- Not a boater so I personally won't have use for this but can appreciate others might.
- I do not use the boat launch so am unqualified to offer opinion on its use and construction.
- Doesn't affect me, I don't have a boat.
- I should almost say undecided however it is more that I am unknowledgeable. I personally do not have a boat and do not see many people launching their boats. In fact I have never seen one person launch their boat at Laurier so that is why I definitely do not see the need to double the size.
- I don't use the boat launch.
- Don't have a boat, so no opinion on this.
- I do not use the boat launch.
- I don't use these and don't really have a valid opinion.
- I would never use it.
- We don't use it.
- I really haven't noticed any demand for the ramp or parking
- I am not aware of the usage the launch or parking area currently receive. When I am on the path I seldom see anyone using the launch.
- I have never used it, and have never even been down to it to see what it looks like.
- We don't use the boat launch.
- As I am not a boater, I'm completely indifferent to these facilities.

- I have never used the boating services of this park and have no opinion.

Other

- Up to rowing club
- Wonder what the impact will be on the erosion of the banks of the river.
- If these proposed changes are focused on supporting the City's recreational goals for the river valley, what are those goals? Are the uses and needs of any individual park subservient to the city's central agenda? Justification for action should be based on user needs, not on a central agenda, which seems to be the case here.
- How many people have boats?
- Trailer parking makes it more convenient but I worry some people may abuse this feature.
- I've used the boat launch and never seen a lineup. What is inadequate about the boat launch is information - I paddled from Genesee down to Laurier a few weeks ago. We wanted to get out sooner but the boat launch at Terwilligar was locked - as was Laurier, but we got out anyway, just had to carry the canoe up to the road and lift it over the chain. Why was it locked? Why was there notice on the city's website? Don't bother improving something that's not accessible anyway.
- I support this provided that there is proper signage as to the rules... ie. keep away from the rowers, explaining the effects that their wakes may have including overturning a boat.

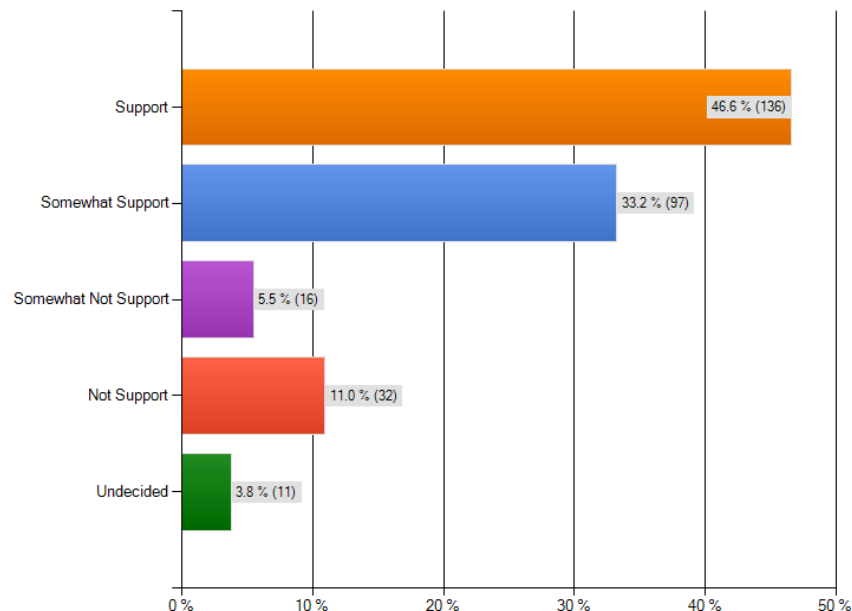
Alternative Locations

- There lots of places to provide boat launch facilities - Groat Estate park , Louise McKinney area
- The rowing club has enough space and for all other boat launching it should be done on other side of river off of Fox Drive
- I think we need to find other alternatives to boat launching than Laurier Park.
- This is the wrong place to be creating a large boat launch. Why wasn't it included in the massive Terwilligar Park Master Plan instead just upstream.
- There are a number of other boat launches that can be used.
- This right beside a rowing club. Seems like an exceptionally dumb idea - the boat launch should be closed completely and relocated away from the city's rowing club.

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Question 8: To what extent do you support the improvements at the park entrance?

D.1. To what extent do you support the improvements at the park entrance?



- The majority of respondents (233 or 80%) to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support the improvements at the park entrance.
- Only 48 (16%) of respondents somewhat or do not support park entrance improvements.
- A further 11 (4%) were undecided, and 14 did not respond to the question.

Question 9: Please explain what you particularly like or dislike about the entrance improvements.

Support / Welcoming / Nature

- It makes it welcoming!!
- Sounds more welcoming
- Some open views to the east side are required so that people understand the park deal.
- More planted areas are always attractive, as long as this is restricted to the entrance. I like how the rest of the park is a bit more rustic. An information board would be handy as people that are unfamiliar with the park may find a map useful. It could maybe even include information about the flora and fauna found in the park.
- I scanned the survey before answering...somewhere I saw that there may be a traffic circle put in place at the bottom of the hill. I think that would be a great idea. I think more scrubs etc. would be nice and an information board may be nice too.
- It does need a prettier entrance and I am always for more trees, Edmonton is known worldwide for the amount of green land within city limits it's a great way to beautify the area
- Trees are always a nice addition! :)
- More trees and natural plantings should always be encouraged. A public info board is a good idea.
- Yes, please add more trees and shrubs - anything that will make the park greener.
- As long as the added foliage is native to our river valley and area.
- If any improvements to make park more aesthetically pleasing are within reasonable budget figure it could be considered
- Very few trees or shrubs in area currently.
- Finally Trees!

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- Seems reasonable
- It sounds reasonable. I am not 100% sure of the reasoning but it is definitely an asset for those who are new to the park
- Seems like a good idea
- These will be nice improvements, but not essential.
- These would be nice if they aren't too costly.
- As long as it is not too costly.
- Having an official entrance will help traffic slow down as they enter. Right now people fly down the hill
- Need strong signage and definition of where park elements are
- Some modest improvements will do.
- I like the ideas of more trees and shrubs.
- I'm sure they'll look nice. Ecological integrity is mentioned multiple times in literature about the park: remember, if you're going to trumpet ecological integrity, that the park is a highly constructed/managed space, and ecological integrity is a term (heralded by Parks Canada) that highlights the lack of human involvement. Your managerial intervention and ecological integrity are semantically and symbolically incompatible. I would love to see a philosophy towards natural space management in the city that found space for non-human elements as well as human interaction and intervention. This desire of mine, however, isn't rooted in this park re-development, rather the philosophical conundrum is system-wide.
- Acknowledges it as a unique space, more visually appealing,
- This should help promote awareness of the park
- I like the trees at the entrance - will stop people from driving into the field and 4Xing! The plan needs to be worked with other city transportation departments and the Buena Vista Rd. Safety Committee. I am very concerned about increasing traffic to the area without slowing down the traffic on the hill, providing a biking lane, providing more bus service to decrease traffic - especially for big events, and addressing parking in the bordering neighbourhood. The boulevard separating Buena Vista Rd. from the service road needs more tree and shrub plantings to provide a barrier from this busy road. Please ensure the whole area from the traffic circle down is considered in the plan.
- It will improve the appearance of the area surrounding the entrance. It should include a large sign indication that the entrance is to the off-leash area as well as to Buena Vista Park.
- I think the whole park needs some sprucing up. It's not very pretty at the bottom of the hill right now.
- Okay to have an entrance but don't need to overdo it or make too fancy. Doesn't have to be a show entrance.
- Improved entrance sounds like a nice improvement. It will also provide needed information on how to use the park and keep it safe and clean.
- Buena Vista road does not represent the entrance to a jewel of Edmonton! It needs improvement!
- I like it as right now it is not very pleasant
- Any green enhancement is a plus. I like this.
- More green? Always good!
- It is a bit sparse looking down there - might improve the look and hopefully people might treat it better.
- I think it will make the park stand out more
- Beautifying using naturally occurring trees/bushes in a planned manner never hurts
- It has always been a bit of "find" down at the bottom of Buena Vista Road....by the way let's change the name of the road....nobody knows where it is and it has no significance.
- Present park entrance is lacking in many ways. Improvements will make the entrance more attractive and inviting to park users, families and seniors.
- I'm always in favour of planting things, and a formal entrance sign would be good with information about what they can do in the park.
- If the entire length of Buena Vista Rd. from the circle on 142 St. were graced with a treed centre boulevard, it might encourage drivers to slow down on the way to the park. It has become a speedway.
- Marking the park will make it easier for the unfamiliar to find it or at least know when they have arrived at it.
- When approaching the park now, it looks like you could be approaching a farm. For locals this isn't a problem, but for tourists it should look more inviting.
- It just makes sense. Why not make it look prettier and more "park-like"?
- They will look nice. Criminal activities do occur around the Laurier Loop, and a way of restricting access to the loop during the overnight hours would help cut down on that.
- Not absolutely necessary, but will enhance the area.
- I don't feel that this is particularly necessary but it also can't hurt.
- It is important to maintain the 'look' of the park area, and the entrance would be included in that design.
- I think keep it natural like it is now

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- Makes it more appealing to the public and tourists entering the park
 - Isn't really much of an entrance so improving it to look like one is great.
 - I think this would enhance the beauty of the park and not distract from it.
 - That stretch of the road is a little lack lustre, it could use a face lift. I think a sidewalk is also in order. For some reason the side walk does not extend through that part of the road making walking with a stroller rather dangerous in traffic.
 - I am in support of this to allow visitors to realize that this park is part of an incredible river valley trail/parks system in our city and improve perception of this area. As it currently stands the park entrance to Buena Vista is not aesthetically pleasing or well marked.
 - Explain the trail rules. Please explain to people walking dogs that other activities have a right in the off leash area.
 - Better signage is always a good thing
 - Don't use electronic signage - it's tacky and would spoil the natural aspect of the park.
 - Strong entrance feature very important to conveying the 'image' of the park - it reflects on the City's park system too.
 - A large sign with the park name should be sited near the information board, or perhaps in the centre of the roundabout.
 - Would enhance the park and be a nice feature in the neighbourhood.
 - Park info/signage would be very useful.
 - Entrances are like front doors to a home - you want them to be welcoming and beckoning.
 - Perhaps a large natural-looking overhead sign (i.e. made of wood/logs) like what you would see for Fort Edmonton Park or entering China-town (minus the metal) to make it a visual landmark.
 - I think that beautifying the area will add more value for homeowners in the area; a trade-off for the zoo smells and pedestrian traffic that they must get all summer long.
 - I think the area needs to be defined and be more inviting visually as an entrance
 - Anything to improve the park will benefit the people using the park and community.
 - Would like to see some traffic calming measures introduced as well. People do tend to drive too quickly all along 87th/Buena Vista.
 - Will make the entrance more inviting and beautiful
 - Current entrance to the park is dated and poor
 - Beautifies the entrance and makes it clear to new visitors where the zoo, park, and off leash dog areas are.
 - Gives visitors more information about the parks and recreational choices there.
 - The Zoo area parking could be outlined with trees or hedges, needs an upgrade there. For out of town visitors a couple more signs to the park entrance would be helpful.
 - Sounds like a good aesthetic improvement. Trees are always nice
 - Simple changes that will make the park more accessible and visually appealing. Pullouts are a good idea for drop offs.
 - I'm all for improving the entrances to our river valley to make it look more inviting.
 - Sounds like it will look more attractive. Great
 - The more trees & shrubs, and clear signage, indicators, the better.
 - I feel like this will be useful for people who haven't been to the park before and will make it more appealing to regular visitors
 - I wouldn't spend a lot of money doing so but nice gardens would be welcoming.
 - Pride in my park! Pride in my city! Make it pretty!
 - The improvements add to the beauty of the park.
 - Same as reasons stated - more of a park atmosphere
 - Improves appearances.
 - I think there needs to be better communication to visitors of Buena Vista, that it is a dog off leash park. When using the park on busy days like heritage festival, many people go to Hawrelak through the dog park and get upset that there are dogs everywhere.
 - And stress the difference between on and off leash areas and where dogs are not allowed
- Sign Only**
- Signage ok
 - Signage would be nice ...visual barriers aka shrubs along the road could cost more in repair and maintenance and make entering and exiting the parks dangerous
 - I appreciate the map/signage at the front so I can get oriented before I go in to the area.
 - I feel the shrubs will be an unnecessary expense and will require maintenance costs. A large sign, or some concrete structure to announce the park should be all that is necessary.

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- Signage at the entrance would be a good idea but I don't think we need to spend money on landscaping trees etc. as the park feels quite natural without them.
 - The information board is a great idea, clarifying trails and directions. Planting additional trees and shrubs sounds like a waste of resources. The river valley is beautiful enough on its own.
 - I think that improved signage would designate park area.
 - An information board/vehicular pullout would be nice but additional planting seems like a waste when you consider that as soon as you enter the park area you are surrounded by trees and shrubs and nature galore.
 - Park information board is reasonable. No need to replace natural growth with formal garden.
 - Park information board makes sense. The remaining aspects have little value.
 - Dislike - I don't think that the extra shrubs are necessary. My concern is that children/ pets running out of the shrubs will be harder for drivers / cyclists to see in time. If there ever is an incident, the city will have to cut down the shrubs so that drivers/ cyclists have a better view.
 - Waste of money and effort. All there needs to be is a simple sign guiding people either to the north for the off-leash or to the south to Laurier. You don't need to beautify the entrance. The beauty of the natural parks speak for themselves!
 - A better use of funds would be to provide clear signage throughout the park which it is currently lacking
 - DON'T waste my taxpayer money on more foliage. Take care of the foliage that's already there! Planting more will obstruct my view of BV park. What if a dog bursts out of the foliage onto the road and I didn't see him? Leave the view open and put the \$\$ toward other things. In 5 years the foliage you plant will be all wild and full of weeds anyway. I do support a sign indicating where to go for what but a vehicular pullout I think would be a disaster waiting to happen for confused tourists who back out the wrong way, not looking, get traffic snarled up, etc.
 - I don't think this is a big necessity. What is needed is better signage and enforcement to keep bikes on the bike path where they belong.
 - I'm not sure about making it more "obvious" that they are entering a park, but I'm all for an info board and pullout. The rest seems like a waste of money.
- Cost / Not Necessary**
- Ok as is.
 - Nice, but not necessary.
 - I don't think they are necessary.
 - I don't really see why this is necessary
 - Do not bid money towards a large overpriced Art sign that consumes the budget un-necessary.
 - Do not see that it is necessary, have not noticed in 20 years a problem with water runoff.
 - Why is the City going to the expense of these completely unnecessary elements, that will need to be maintained, when there are other much greater needs in a City this size. Visitors to this "park" have understood that they have been entering a natural river valley gem for decades without these suggested improvements.
 - There are lots of natural trees and shrubs already in place. It seems that municipal money could be better spent in other areas.
 - I don't think a whole bunch of dollars needs to be spent on gardening. Anyone who frequents the area knows exactly where they want to go. Don't need any beautification program to explain anything, nor to gussy it up.
 - Don't go overboard on rules.
 - Not needed and a waste of money
 - There is no need to spend money to increase its visibility, it would be a waste of money.
 - I don't think it's all that important to spend money on this.
 - it's a hidden gem - people who use the park know where it is and what it's for.
 - I think the current signage is good enough.
 - Unnecessary. People are already aware that is a park. I feel this is a waste of funds.
 - Seems like a waste of taxpayer's money. Not needed.
 - A waste of money (x3)
 - I don't feel the expenditure is entirely necessary.
 - Although I think the design looks beautiful I don't think the cost/benefit supports the improvements. I don't know anyone that could be confused about where they are and that they're entering a park. The signage, parking lots, scenery, zoo are extremely visible and there is plenty of space to turn around if you don't want to be there. I don't think it's something the city can afford to throw money at or needs to.
 - Do you really think people who visit the park don't know where they are? Sounds like a waste of money to me.

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- Surely you are joking. The current signage makes clear that this is a river valley park. What more does a person need to "understand" they are entering a park??? Are you saying Edmontonians are that clueless? Or are taxpayer dollars burning a hole in your pockets? This would be a total waste of my taxes!
- At what cost?
- Who can't find the park? This is a ridiculous suggestion. The rowers are totally against a traffic circle.
- Not necessary other than better signage; there's plenty of foliage already - save the money
- I don't think there's a need. More trees is always nice, but I don't think they are needed. The money could be spent on other park improvements.
- It's fairly clear that you're entering the river valley- and there are already natural plants there.... Why are you trying to waste money?
- Don't spend excessively.
- Money could be better spent on practical improvements within the parks.
- Would rather see dollars go to improvements to the park then an entrance.
- The park feels very casual and has everything necessary to have a good walk with our dogs. I am not the city needs to spend the dollars on a park entrance for dogs.

No Opinion / Don't Care

- Have no feelings one way or the other - just concerned re: potential depletion of funds for more necessary improvements
- Doesn't affect me.

- If people are coming down there it is usually with a purpose in mind (walking, rowing etc) and know it is part of the park system - would this just be for visitors??

Other

- More emphasis needs to be put on the blind corner into Buena Vista and paving the road. Because the pot holes become so deep, drivers via around them and are sometimes head-on to traffic approaching the blind corner.
- Maybe something to do with "Park Etiquette" like....share the pathway, keep kids close if they are in the off leash areas...keep aggressive dogs on a leash and muzzled...you wouldn't believe how many times my dog and I have come across that.
- Rules!

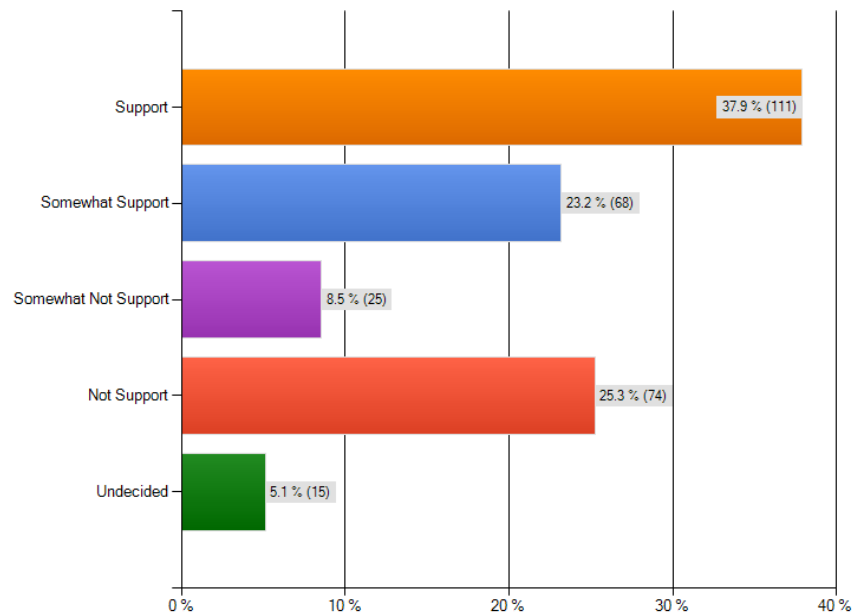
Storm Ponds

- It makes sense to build a storm pond in this location as every spring this area floods as the drain can not keep up to the spring run off
- Birds like ponds. I like birds.
- I like the wetlands for use by wildlife
- Are these the same ponds that are shown in the zoo expansion plans ? What will be done to prevent contamination and unsightliness created from all the not so clean runoff from the large zoo parking lot ?
- Ponds add more bugs
- Storm water ponds????? If they are not part of the project then why are they on the drawings??? Where has the storm water been going for the last 60 years? These are just mosquito breeding areas. As for a formal improvement to the park entrance I guess a simple sign would be OK.

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Question 10: To what extent do you support the improvements and roundabout entrance?

E.1. To what extent do you support the improvements and roundabout entrance?



- Two thirds of respondents (179 or 61%) to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support the improvements and roundabout entrance.
- One third (99 or 34%) of respondents somewhat or do not support the improvements and roundabout entrance.
- A further 15 (5%) were undecided, and 13 did not respond to the question.

Question 11: Please explain what you particularly like or dislike about the roundabout entrance.

Support / Deal with Traffic

- Improvement seems reasonable
- Looks great!
- Looks good to me
- Yes, looks good.
- It is aesthetic.
- It looks inviting.
- Looks great (x2)
- Looks great & clearer signage is always good.
- Great idea. Make the roundabout interesting and aesthetically pleasing, perhaps with an art installation and/or colourful plantings.
- It would be wise to deal with traffic now then later. Foot traffic and car.
- Roundabouts offer great traffic flow and they are more scenic than we currently have at the bottom of the hill.
- Good flow of traffic. Wish people knew how to use them.
- Again anything to beautify our city specially if involves more greenery
- A roundabout is perfect for this location.
- I just like roundabouts

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- Becoming a much busier area for traffic and would create a more organized way of accessing the space you want.
- Absolutely. This is great idea and I fully support
- Provides for access to each area and can provide secure lock up after hours
- Stops people speeding.
- Hopefully increased safety
- Less U-turns! Safer.
- This may help move traffic in the area. People tend to do u-turns now.
- Currently people are doing u-turns and this can be dangerous
- Helps traffic flow which can be confusing. Now lots of cars make u-turns there and this will help.
- This will improve traffic flow at the same time as bringing green into what is now gravel and cement.
- Making it smoother to get in and out of the area. Would like to see the road narrowed to limit speeding traffic.
- With the zoo, the off leash area, the boat launch and just the river valley entrance, this area needs a roundabout to better direct traffic. I like it.
- Not everyone likes roundabouts - I don't mind - it might make the left turn to the dog off-leash area easier in busy times.
- Not really needed for traffic volume, for appearance.
- This tidies up the entrance. Right now, when you arrive at this point, you may be unsure where to go for each of the many activities in the park.
- Yes, please! This is a very high traffic area and as a cyclist/runner/pedestrian I welcome vehicular traffic calming measures.
- I have not had any trouble accessing the park as is, but am not opposed to a roundabout. They flow traffic well.
- This will look way better than the current solution.
- I think round-about looks great, and unless it is going to be a super high traffic intersection (which it won't) has nothing but positive effects on traffic flow.
- It will help highlight the fact that there are many options available at the park and will also slow down traffic as it enters the park. Good idea.
- Although again, I don't feel it is absolutely necessary, it may relieve congestion at times of heavy volume usage.
- I think it is good so that it is more clear for visitors.
- Increased use will bring increased traffic and a circle is a good way to control that.
- Improved flow of traffic
- Better traffic flow
- Enhances the appearance to the park entrance and helps with traffic flow.
- When used properly, roundabouts greatly improve traffic flow. Problem is not many people use them properly and that's when all the accidents happen.
- During events at Laurier Park (i.e. cross country running etc.) the exit/entrance to the parking lot is highly congested and somewhat dangerous. I believe adding a roundabout system will significantly improve vehicular traffic flow in and out of Laurier Park and the lot adjacent to the Valley Zoo.
- This is an awesome idea that would improve traffic flow in the area. We were stuck in a traffic jam at that intersection in June when the car show was on. It took over half an hour to get out of the zoo parking lot.
- This entrance/intersection often becomes clogged - I think a roundabout is a great solution.
- Slows and directs traffic
- If landscaped it will not only look nice but the roundabout will keep the traffic flow smooth. I assume there will be marked crossings for walkers close to the roundabout?
- Roundabouts are fantastic for smooth traffic flow. Please! Please! Please!
- Slow people down!
- I think that the roundabout entrance helps with any traffic issues and it looks great. Who will maintain the plant/shrub at the roundabout?
- I like that this will provide good traffic flow at that intersection
- Often a congested area - will help move traffic in and out of the park more efficiently and safely
- This will improve the aesthetic and access
- It's a good place to identify what the area is about for the public that is about to enter it.
- It beautifies the area, and has the potential to make the intersection safer. Currently, young kids race through this area with their cars.
- A practical and efficient way to direct traffic flow.
- Better than stop signs
- At least a roundabout will allow proper traffic flow. If the Parks Department can be smart about this they will one up Edmonton Transportation!! Taking out the traffic circles around the city was one of the stupidest moves!!!!
- The roundabout will make it seem like less of a dead end and more like an actual park entrance.
- It helps direct traffic when major events take place.

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- Again, I don't feel this is particularly necessary as this intersection is never busy, but it also can't hurt.
- Waste of money but go for it
- If it doesn't cost a fortune.
- Will the circumference of the traffic circle be big enough to accommodate long boat trailers entering and leaving the rowing and paddle clubs?

Location / Pedestrian Access

- Could be nice - is parking consistent with prior parking plan? A round-about at the parking lot entrance ~50M further would work better - helping people to get out of the dead end.
- Like the way it flows the traffic, some concern about pedestrian traffic thru a roundabout
- Looks good. There are often vehicle/pet/cyclist/pedestrian conflicts at this intersection. Not so much conflicts, as inconveniences. If this roundabout helped to control traffic, cyclists, and pedestrians, that would be great.
- I'm not sure if a roundabout will solve the traffic issues at this spot but I'm definitely willing to try it and see if it does.
- A roundabout is not really necessary and is more dangerous for pedestrians. It also adds cost to the project.
- I don't see it on the diagram, but I think sidewalks/paths should be included on BOTH sides of the roadway to facilitate easy pedestrian access. Pedestrians should be the top priority. It would also be nice if a tree lined boulevard separated the sidewalks from the road since no one likes walking along busy roadways. I also believe bike racks need to be included somewhere for cyclists to leave their bike so they can walk about the park.

Unnecessary / Cost

- Not needed (x2).
- UNNECESSARY.
- Not necessary
- I don't think it is needed
- Ridiculous!
- This is not needed. I have not witnessed any traffic problems at this area.
- A pointless addition in a city that is moving away from roundabouts. A pointless waste of money.
- Are the traffic volumes enough to require this?
- Not enough traffic to justify
- Completely unnecessary and a waste of money
- Is not required/costly

- There just isn't any point to this. 98% of the time the traffic here is so light that building a roundabout just isn't required.
- Not enough traffic to warrant it. If there is a big event, include parking attendants. I've only once had a problem getting out-in seven years of dog walking and rowing and running. Seriously?
- Again, I've rarely run into a traffic situation at the entrance. There may be one other car coming or going so it's not really an issue. There's so much confusion about traffic circles in this city that I can't imagine why anyone would think of putting in another.
- I'm not convinced this is a necessary expense. I see it more as a "nice to have" rather than a "need to have."
- Current entrance fine, unnecessary use of dollars.
- I have never had trouble entering or exiting the park area. I believe building a roundabout is a complete waste of money and unnecessary for traffic flow.
- Not necessary, waste of money, it is only on certain days - festivals, that traffic control is needed and that could be provided by traffic controllers for those days specifically.
- Is it really necessary to have the roundabout - funds better spent elsewhere in the park/plan
- Why spend the \$\$? not needed!!
- Waste of money. People know how to get in and out of the park. A lot of people seem to have no clue how to properly use a roundabout anyway/
- Waste of money (x2)
- Waste of money - not needed
- Waste of money, tourists unfamiliar with circles will lead to problems, don't do it.
- That's just a dumb waste of money. There is just not enough traffic to warrant the expense.
- This seems like a waste of money. This intersection works perfectly fine 99% of the time.
- Waste of money. I have been down there at all times of the day using the dog park going to the zoo and don't see the need.
- Don't spend money on cosmetics. The pain of the construction.
- I really like roundabouts, but I worry about other drivers understanding of how to use roundabouts. There seems to be a lot of collisions at the larger traffic circles in the city.
- I'm not strongly opposed, but it seems the cost would outweigh the benefit.
- Most drivers can't navigate a round-about properly.

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- A lot of people in this city can't deal with roundabouts. You may be asking for trouble here. Also, I assume that big trucks with boat trailers can make this loop easily enough? If you're concerned about heavy traffic.... maybe a 4-way stop will be sufficient?
- In general, roundabouts seem to be difficult for many people to navigate. I use the dog park between 5-7 times per week and have experienced no difficulty turning into or out of the dog park. I see no need to change the current road access.
- The roundabout is only a good idea if it will enhance driving safety. I am not a traffic expert but I do know that many people do not know how to properly drive through traffic circles. Is the roundabout a safer design for vehicles, cyclists etc...or will it contribute to accidents by obscuring travelers on the road? If it is not safer it should not be used even if it might look better.
- Can be tricky for those new to the city.
- Traffic circles or roundabouts are only good for accidents most people do not know the rules for driving around the darn things
- Most people are morons in traffic circles, and you have tourists going to the zoo along with buses. Both of these are not conducive to traffic circles. The only time this intersection gets busy enough to even check before rolling through the stop sign is when there is an event and idiots are parking illegally in the parks
- Again, I don't believe there needs to be any improvements to the natural looking area, nor any roundabout to control traffic flow. Anyone who goes there knows where they want to go and tarding it up with bush and tree planting is not going to make it any nicer. Will probably make it less natural and not as nice.
- Concept seems appealing but again we don't need to spend a fortune to do this. It would help to guide people in the right direction depending on where they need to go.
- The branching roads from the round about all need to be gated to secure the area at night. I am concerned that if the traffic is not slowed down on Buena vista Road by installing a middle boulevard, bike lane or other means the road will become even more of a raceway than it is. Motor bikes will race down the hill and be able to easily turn around at the bottom and race back up again. This is already happening - just wait until the road is repaved!
- Not a necessity. Many people don't know how to properly negotiate these.
- Get rid of all those trees and shrubs lining the road to the entrance!! I need to see if a dog or a kid is running around in the meadow and heading toward the road so I can take appropriate precautions! Roundabout is an ok idea but the intersection there has done its job quite well without any big problems I am aware of. Why spend \$\$ on something that doesn't need it? Pave the road coming up to the intersection instead!! That road is HORRENDOUS!! Get rid of the shrubs on the NE and SE areas of the intersection and post the entry signage there.
- I am not sure the expenditure will affect any improvement. Most Edmonton drivers are unfamiliar with rules around roundabouts.
- These roundabouts are a menace to traffic as people tend to look to the left when approaching them and do not pay attention to the traffic in front of them. Just look at the accidents at the 107 Ave and 142 St intersection and then ask yourself why would you want to create a intersection that will increase the accident rate.
- Edmontonians have notorious difficulty with roundabouts - could create greater accident potential
- I don't believe there is enough traffic to justify a roundabout. A round about is one of the most incorrectly used by drivers.
- Roundabouts are ridiculous.
- OK, now you are really joking! The existing intersection works perfectly. Roundabouts are confusing for most people to negotiate and are high accident risk locations. If you dare to spend my tax dollars on this folly, I will personally organize a protest sit-in by all the other users of the park who think this is a stupid idea, and they are legion.
- A roundabout is silly at this location. The road is already well marked and logical in directions to go.
- I think this may have potential for accidents, as I frequently see evidence that many people have no idea how to use a traffic circle properly and safely, including ambulance drivers.
- The only problem is that a lot of Edmonton drivers don't know how to traverse traffic circles, even simple ones like this roundabout.
- It seems unnecessarily complicated for a simple intersection. People also are poor at correctly driving through roundabouts.
- Hah! There's already one round-about at the top of the hill, at 87th Ave and 142 St. Is this a test - only people who can negotiate TWO roundabouts are allowed to use the park?

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- While it will look better than the current intersection, some motorists appear to find roundabouts confusing.
 - Very few people understand how to use a roundabout properly...
 - No one knows how to drive a roundabout...especially tourists. Make it an intersection...make it easy
 - Roundabouts? Bad idea. This will cause a bottle neck issue with traffic coming in and going out.
 - Buena Vista Road is a dead end street in essence. It is one way out of Laurier Park and most folks can't navigate a roundabout at the best of times, let alone in this situation. Note many drivers learning to drive take this road!
 - I do not like the roundabout entrance as it is not safe for traffic flow in all 4 directions.
 - It is too busy of an area and you are asking for a constant accident scene - put up traffic lights instead.
 - I don't like the use of roundabouts in city. Because there are so few, barely anyone knows how to use them properly. I have nearly been in a few accidents at the 142st/87ave roundabout.
 - I never liked using traffic circles. I don't believe there is a need for a round-about. People can simply turn around in the parking lot if they've made a wrong turn. I thought that the city wanted to eliminate traffic circles. Our city's drivers are not the best drivers at the best of times, and they seem to be confused by traffic circles/roundabouts. The park's users have gone this long without a round-about, why spend funds when it's not needed?
 - Edmonton already has too many circles that people do not know how to use. People who did not grow up with circles don't understand how to drive in them rather have speed bumps.
 - Easy turn around will encourage crotch rocket motorcycle riders to speed up and down Buena Vista Rd. They have no consideration for residents along the way or at the bottom of the hill.
 - These can cause confusion for inexperienced drivers, and can be complicated for boats with trailers hauling kayaks, etc. to manoeuvre.
 - How could the rowers get their boats to their facility? This is simply a waste of money.
 - Boats c/w trailers won't work!
 - It might be hard for people with boat trailers to navigate a small roundabout and it may cause issues.
 - Concern that introduction of roundabout will impact ability of rowing club to pull trailer in and out of loading area for the club.
 - Difficult to manoeuvre rowing club trailer around this. Worse visibility at the intersection, not pedestrian friendly.
 - Could be tight with a large canoe trailer - dislike for safety reasons.
 - Putting a roundabout at the bottom of a hill that tends to become slippery in the winter is dangerous for all
- Signage / Four-Way Stop**
- Good signage is always important but I haven't seen the intersection busy enough to need a roundabout (though I haven't been down when there is an event in the area).
 - I know from past experience helping people locate areas of interest that signage will be very helpful.
 - Directional signage would be both aesthetically pleasing and useful. Roundabouts are the key - if only Edmontonians knew how to drive them :)
 - Traffic volumes would in no way justify this change. Make sure existing roadways have appropriate
 - Have yet to see any accidents occur down there perhaps just a four way stop instead?
 - I like the signage but not the round-a-bout. Stop signs would do fine.
 - Signage (yield, stop etc.) and that should work just fine.
 - Would be interested in the cost benefit of this option? A four way stop is probably cheaper and just as efficient.
 - Need? Only for busy days?? 4 way stop signs and no landscaping required here.
 - How about a 4 way stop instead - people seem to be confused by roundabouts
 - 4-way stop is enough and is easier for people with long boat trailers
 - I think roundabouts in general confuse stupid people who don't get them. I think if it was a four way stop it would be better.
 - A roundabout would take too much space and will not assist those accessing Buena Vista road from east or west when traffic is heavy on public holidays. a four-way stop is sufficient.
 - The cost associated with installing a traffic circle is not worth it. There will be a large amount of trailer traffic associated with the improvements at the boat launch. People have enough difficulty pulling a trailer as it is, adding an traffic circle will only increase confusion and difficulty. A 4 way stop would be a 1) cheaper solution, and 2) a less difficult solution.

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- I have never found it to be a busy enough intersection to warrant that. Maybe just a 4 way stop.
- Roundabout will get in the way of all the trailers that come through this area, especially the long trailers of the Edmonton Rowing Club. Just put in a 4 way Stop.
- I just feel like there is already one roundabout that Edmontonians have a hard enough time tackling when heading towards the park... adding in a second might just make things more complicated I think a straight 4 way would be preferred with just additional trees lining the road also adding a roundabout will likely increase the size of the road anyways cutting into natural landscape further.
- Not sure what this will improve upon a standard intersection (with more signage), but if it will help ease traffic during high use times, then I support it.
- Already crowded. Poor signage there causes many people to stop while they guess what direction to go
- For out of town visitors the roundabout is a "panic" point!! An overhead sign for entrance might help
- It can be confusing where to go to park currently, especially for Wilfred Laurier park. Better signage is helpful to direct traffic better. The roundabout is also an excellent idea to increase driving safety in the area.

Design Concerns

- I don't like shrubbery in the middle of a roundabout in a park. It decreases vision for drivers/ cyclists, and it encourages children to play there.
- Not sure how much space the roundabout would take up.

Don't Know

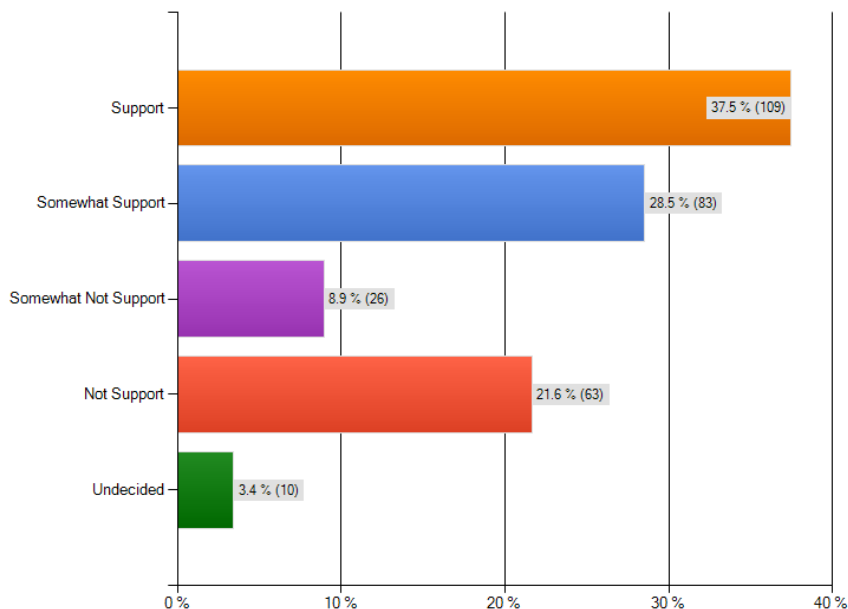
- My thoughts and feelings are written in the previous response. It's a beautiful concept but unnecessary.
- Sure it could be pretty. But doesn't seem too important.
- I don't think it would add to the parks
- I am not sure what needs to be improved when it comes to the entrance. Perhaps more detailed information would help me decide.
- I like it but my issue is that not enough people seem to get how to use them properly.
- What is the argument for the additional infrastructure?
- This is far less important to me and seems like a lot of money for little impact to park users - more of a 'nice-to-have'.
- I guess. It seems unnecessary to me, but do what you gotta do.

Other

- A bike lane would be appreciated.
- The increased traffic proposed for this area is troubling for the neighbourhood and the park users. Please consider this in your planning. This will negatively affect animals, parkland, and the river valley.
- The park is increasing in popularity among cyclists, and this trend will likely increase. Also, bike traffic bound for Hawrelak is increasing. Thus it is very important to make the roundabout and adjoining roads bike friendly.

Question 12: To what extent do you support hardening looping pathways through Buena Vista?

F.1. To what extent do you support hardening looping pathways through Buena Vista?



- Two thirds of respondents (192 or 66%) to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support hardening looping pathways through Buena Vista.
- One third (89 or 31%) of respondents somewhat or do not support hardening looping pathways through Buena Vista.
- A further 10 (3%) were undecided, and 15 did not respond to the question.

Question 13: Please explain what you particularly like or dislike about the hardened surface for looping pathways.

Accessibility

- If this leads to less maintenance in the long run over a dirt path, than that is great. Increasing accessibility is always good as well.
- Main loop hardening would improve mobility without unnecessarily detracting from the natural setting.
- Not paved? how does this improve access for 'barrier free', try using a wheelchair on gravel
- Easier to walk and jog on.
- Does make it easier for pedestrian traffic
- As long as they aren't too obviously unnatural in appearance. But if it enhances mobility for all users, go for it!
- Better access for all is good -- less barriers.
- Makes it more accessible for people with mobility issues
- If the surface will be similar to the gravel on the main pathways in the off lease, then I support the concept. I can push a manual wheelchair on this surface. In addition, the gravel surface helps with drainage in the spring, making it less muddy when the snow melts. I would hope that just the main paths would be hardened so that the area remains as natural as possible. If the material is too deep, it would not be accessible to someone in a chair. There would, however, need to be wide graveled access to the river at several spots, so a person in a wheelchair has several access points.
- Make them easier to walk on

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- The path would help people utilize more of the park space.
- Again, if it increases accessibility for low-mobility individuals, that's great. Also, will it help slow erosion?
- The existing graveled loop pathways seem fine to me, but if access can be improved maybe worth it.
- What is meant by barrier free? Are people in wheelchairs or using walkers able to use this surface? Why not pave it?
- I think barrier free options are important to accommodate all users.
- Keeping in mind that baby boomers are aging, hardening pathways will allow for an increased standard of living as they move into the scooter / walker / wheelchair years. The increased availability of mobility options for seniors should be a major concentration, as it will ultimately provide an opportunity to remain healthy longer.
- This will be a big help. Currently, a lot of these trails get very muddy!
- Barrier free access is critical to make this successful.
- It just makes it easier to travel on trails
- Accessibility should be a major goal
- This would reduce the mud and water on the path in wet weather, which makes walking difficult at the off-leash area. This would also reduce the mess on the dogs!
- Again it makes for better conditions when it's slippery or slushy.
- This might help the muddy, slushy times of year, so I think this could be good.
- This would reduce the mud and water on the path in wet weather, which makes walking difficult at the off-leash area. This would also reduce the mess on the dogs!
- As is the pathways become rutted after rain and cause tripping hazards, this would help to avoid that and if cleaned in the winter provide safe trails all year round.
- This is a great idea! It would also provide better drainage in rainy conditions and the paths could still be usable.
- Would eliminate the mud
- Anything that would improve the path so not as muddy but at the same time, blending in with the surroundings - not a concrete jungle appearance
- Makes the surface less slippery and muddy!
- Keeps pathways more user friendly through season changes - Spring/Fall - and resulting muddy conditions It would make a cleaner walking surface than the dirt trails.

Drier / Maintenance

- Sure!
- Like - Drier in the spring and during wet conditions.
- Help to keep the mud down
- It would be a better option for wet weather than a dirt trail.
- Improve the mud factor. Cost may not be necessary.
- Hopefully will keep the mud down in spring and fall.
- Currently the pathways get very muddy, slippery and dangerous when wet.
- Some of the common pathways in BV can be quite muddy and slippery early in the spring or after a big rain. A hardened natural surface will help with access and limit the appearance of damage when the ground is soft.
- I would somewhat support in that it can get a little muddy in the park - this might help with mud. I would only support if off leash dogs would still be welcome in the area.
- I don't know if they need to be hardened but they are a mess in the early spring. Causes people to walk off trail and take short cuts.
- I think that it may prevent further soil erosion.
- Pathways will drain better.
- Only if it also reduces maintenance in the long haul.
- I would support this if it would lead to less degradation of the paths.
- The pathways also need to be filled and raised - there are times when entire sections of the paths are under water.
- Should not be too wide - also lots of water stands on the pathways after a rainfall - should be mounded for better drainage
- Hardened pathways drain better than natural ones. However dogs tend to walk just off the hardened paths, preferring the softer soil. Some people do as well.
- These pathways provide improved all-weather access to the areas off the shared use pathway.
- All pathways should be this including the pathways that are suggested to be paved with asphalt.
- The hardened pathways are much better looking and more natural than the asphalt option - if you are going to make improved paths I prefer this option.
- Should be asphalt already mentioned in question #1.
- As long as it's not paving

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- Cool idea but why not asphalt? These paths will be a huge mess after a rainfall or in the spring.
- I think this would not only look great but it would be very practical.
- Appreciate it's not asphalt so I am OK if deemed necessary
- Once again- maintenance. The wood chips weren't taken care of, and there are continual craters. Not a good plan guys. Who's going to keep it clear in the winter?
- More paths = good (x2)
- Increased accessibility.
- Looks great. user friendly too

Not Support / Unnecessary

- No
- This is not needed, there is lots of room on the current pathways.
- Not needed if as asphalt path is put in (which I think should be put in).
- It's beautiful the way it is now - don't change it!
- Really!?
- Unnecessary. The paths are great the way they currently are.
- Please - as you have been repeatedly told - leave things the way they are.
- Based on my usage of the park (mostly biking through it), I don't see why these are necessary. How many people with "barrier free access" issues are using the park, and how many are anticipated to use it after the changes? Seems like a large cost (and further "urbanization" of natural park) for very limited gain.
- You want to turn a nice pathway into another road? Makes no sense and is a waste of money..
- The existing pathways are fine. Construction of something unnecessary will disrupt the use. I also don't support increasing access to the river as that may cause more people to go down to the river and leave litter behind- unless garbage cans are provided.
- In the strongest of terms I do not support adding any kind of pathways through Buena Vista. I don't care what kind of materials are used, the fact that trees will be knocked down, natural undergrowth cleared, habitat and wildlife disturbed, is extremely disturbing to me--and for what? So a couple of ladies with strollers can use these paths? Have you seen people with strollers use the existing paths? They do!! What about the seniors with canes and walkers? They use the existing paths, as does a very nice dog walker with a prosthetic leg. Honestly, I think the design team is completely out of touch with the users of the park.

- I have a suggestion: instead of a Park on the Edge, how about "if it ain't broke, don't fix it!"
- Unless you have more money than you know what to do with.
- Cuts are possible on dogs feet with the crushed rock materials
- Rather run on natural, rooty paths.
- The drawing provided is inadequate - very hard to read as the resolution is poor. The problem with construction hardened trails is that they become cycling race tracks. In the 20 + years I have been using Buena Vista Park I have seen wheelchair users only a few times and seem to be able to traverse the existing trails adequately. At the same time I have seen blind people and people using walkers and canes who also seem to be fine with the trails that exist. At every public meeting I have attended there has been NO support for adding or enhancing the existing trails. I was part of a citizens advisory committee that dealt management issues in BV park c1992-1996 and our group also recommended NO upgrades to the existing trails system. I cannot understand why this keeps coming up. VERY annoyed by this.

Natural Surface / Improve Signage

- Not necessary, and would reduce the natural experience of the park.
- The naturally-created paths make the park a more natural, pleasing place. These hardened paths are unnecessary and intrusive.
- I don't think we need to put those new paths on the narrow existing paths. It's nice to just walk on the ground, regardless of the weather on those smaller paths and you can feel like you are truly walking in the wilderness..and have that serene feeling. Many of us love those paths to just walk along and clear our heads. Making the paths too "People friendly"..or cushy will bring more people into the park and disturb the quiet setting we currently enjoy.
- Prefer to be left as is - really enjoy the more natural element. 20 years have never been stopped from walking, dogs love the puddles!
- I want the park kept as natural as possible and better paths will attract people on bikes and enable them to ride even faster which is dangerous to walkers and dogs. Better signage and enforcement is needed to keep bikes off the existing walking paths.
- I like the idea that natural materials that are not a solid surface will be used. This allows for rain water adsorption, which is important for our environment.
- Prefer a more natural surface

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- Makes it look natural
- Love it, stay natural.
- More natural
- Leave Buena Vista as natural as it is.
- Keep it as natural looking as possible
- It would be nice to keep the area as natural as possible
- The beauty of the park is the current more natural pathways. The asphalt shared use should be sufficient.
- You could not get a more natural setting than we have already//why fix something that is perfect
- It will take away the "Park's country atmosphere and feeling."
- There is no need to change the gravel pathways. They have worked perfectly for this long, they only need some new gravel and compaction to restore their condition.
- Leave it natural
- Leave it natural! that's one of the greatest of appeals of this park. It does reduce bike and other traffic in different seasons, but this lends to a more quiet environment, predominant foot traffic, and a more country-like setting - a place I personally enjoy running in and/or walking my dog in - it's more safe and predictable with less non-foot traffic.
- It is supposed to be a natural area. An asphalt path will already be going through there. It is not required. Wasn't needed in Terwilliger and didn't do it there. No need to spend the money. The dogs don't care.
- Natural is so much better than asphalt but I would rather see it left natural if possible. A lot of people go into the river valley to enjoy nature. One of the enjoyments is the lack of manmade items
- Hardening surfaces will take away from the already natural look to the valley. Do we have enough handicapped people who would actually use this portion of the valley? Also if the paths were hardened, would bicyclists be allowed on these paths? Would dog owners have to leash their animals?
- The area is currently very easy and comfortable for dogs and their owners to navigate. This project seems like a huge waste of resources and money. The natural integrity of the park should be maintained as is and if there are additional funds available more parks for public outdoor enjoyment should be developed. Encouraging people to get out and exercise in our city would be both beneficial to those who own dogs and those who don't.
- Like the park the way it is - natural
- The least disruption of this natural preserve should be encouraged.
- This area is a treasure because of its minimal impact on nature. Altering this asset is not seen as a
- More natural
- I prefer natural trails
- Harden surfaces are hard on the dogs paws.
- The stone will get stuck in sandals and be uncomfortable for dogs.
- Crushed gravel is not nice for dogs' paws. The natural mud and grass paths are best for dogs. Do not harden the surfaces
- Hard on the feet while walking in sandals or other summer footwear also be hard on animals feet too
- Hard surfaces are not good for dogs. Gravel is terrible.
- My feet like natural terrain sometimes
- There is already too much asphalt with the river valley park system.
- I think that would be more natural than asphalt - a better compromise, and perhaps, though I don't know, cheaper and lower-maintenance?
- Not as dog friendly as a gravel path.
- I want to be able to enjoy walking on grass/paths not always having to walk on a finished pathway.
- Part of the appeal of BV park is that it feels wild, like being outside the city while still in it. Expanding and compacting the pathways would take away from that feeling.
- I prefer the natural aging of some of the paths in the park. There are already some hardened paths and this is enough.
- Walking on uneven ground is very good for strengthening your ankles and it is easier on your body as natural ground absorbs the shock when your foot strikes the ground.
- I would most enjoy woodchip surfaces for hardened pathways, as gravel can be very dangerous to bicycle on and cause falls, especially when fresh or where mounded up.
- It takes away the experiential element of nature and walking on the ground. There is a difference walking on a dirt path and pavement. Isn't there enough pavement in the world...really!!!!
- This change will change this beautiful natural area. Please reconsider.
- More paths are nice but I really enjoy the rugged, wild look of the area as it is, the beauty of our river valley is feeling like you are in the middle of the forest even though you are still in the city
- Positive move.

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- This is slippery slope, I'm not in favour of more development.
- If the pathways need to be hardened, I support the idea of materials that blend in, but in general, I would prefer to leave this area as natural as possible and not upgrade the trails.
- It's fine now what's wrong with the city that they can't correct problems they have already but find it necessary to waste our money. If bikes were not blasting through the goat paths there would not be the mud holes so start enforcing what is established with conservancy and restrictions
- This is great - still allows for natural setting but improves access
- I only support this because it prevents people from trampling over vegetation when the ground is muddy from excessive rain. If bicycles are allowed, they will tear up the path which will require lots of maintenance.
- It is good that the material will be designed to blend with a natural setting. The City has spent decades developing a beautiful and natural river valley and ravine system and it would be foolish to not preserve the natural beauty by using less "natural materials" for the pathways.
- A natural material that aids in the hardening of the surface in Buena Vista park would be extremely useful in maintaining comfortable access on days when the weather has been inclement/wet, and in the spring when melt water renders the pathways nearly inaccessible due to mud.
- There are so many trails blazed through the trees and bushes that only specific trails should be considered.
- I would support this if the impact to the area is minimum - no trees removed, the path not made wider, little impact. Otherwise it is not necessary.
- I do understand the need for hardened trails to stop erosion of the land, but the dogs do like to run through the non-hardened trails and rabbit trails.
- I would rather see this, than paving of the main trail.
- Prefer to keep all the other trails except the one you plan to pave as natural as possible.
- As long as the trail is dog friendly.
- While I support adding asphalt to the main trail linking to the pedestrian bridge, I think otherwise a natural setting should be maintained. Please do not widen/harden these trails.
- Is it more Environmentally sustainable to have a dirt path in this area rather than a mixture of compounds?

Limited Number

- The existing hardened surface works well and I wouldn't object. I don't think all paths should be messed with though. Some should be left alone as is to maintain some "wildness" as it is an off-leash park and not a rollerblading / biking / picnic park.
- Cyclists already ignore the rules for which path they can use. The big loop is already a gravel type road....I think adding more may become a problem as its mainly in the off leash area. If one is absolutely necessary, then maybe add one that goes through the middle of the loop so you can get from one side to the other...but that's it. :)
- I would only support doing ONE...and that would be for the connection from the bridge to Laurier to support the River Valley Ribbon of Green and/or TransCanada Trail. NOTHING MORE...please keep the off-leash area natural - that is what makes the place beautiful and unique.
- Keep the existing hardened pathway maintained and manicured and maybe add one more river access, the dotted arrow in the middle. Keep everything else NATURAL and AS IT IS.
- I like the idea of formalizing some of the paths to perhaps keep people more to the paths. Please don't make them gravel, as it makes for very painful falls for those of us on bikes.
- I support a few paths to provide access but you can have too much of a good thing. Gravel with no borders works for me.
- I would support such paving for the main pathway through the middle of the park to increase wheelchair access, but not the trails around the periphery of the loop. Once again, the beauty of this park is its natural state and even the paving you describe gives a very "manicured" look that spoils the sense of a natural setting.
- If the key path is asphalt I think the other paths can remain as is

Conflicts / Speed

- Already bikes cause problems for pedestrians, now you want to give them additional speed? think about it!!
- Making those hardened surface looping pathways will encourage speeding bikers. I have been almost run over on several occasions by the bikes as they fly through the park. Not all bikers are to blame. There are many who ring bells and warn, but there are always those that will abuse the park and the users.

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- The appeal of the BV park is its natural state. Furthermore, hardening the surface will encourage even more cyclists to ignore the rules and ride bikes (at higher speed) through a dog park.
- As soon as you put down a material that will support bicycles the bicycles will be there. If these paths are for people make them out of a softer wood chip type material so the walkers can actually have some paths that they will not be bothered by speeding bicycles.
- While I see the value for expanding accessibility to physically challenged individuals, I also think it would encourage more cyclists to use this route. Unfortunately, cyclists and dogs don't always mix well. I think we need a dedicated route for cyclists and leave the rest of the natural areas and unpaved trails to the off-leash park.
- I like the natural feel that these surfaces can provide. I like to think that it will help avoid the wetness in the spring (but that depends on construction/grading). I worry that this will, again, just encourage faster traffic (esp. biking) along these trails, regardless of whether or not biking is officially allowed.

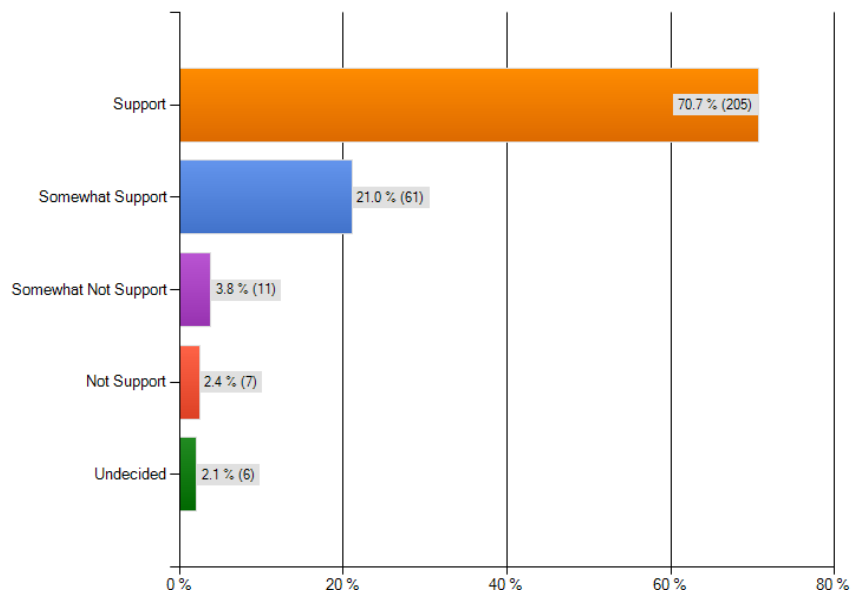
- Helps with poor weather walking - still same issue of cyclist travelling too quickly and risk to walkers and other users.
- Does not scream bikes only, so when I walk my daughter and dogs I will not be yelled at by the bikers and they may slow down.

Not Sure

- Unsure what's wrong with the current pathways
- It would depend what the intended use for the hardened pathways is.
- I would say it depends on the cost. It sounds like a good idea but the cost would be the deciding factor.
- Very interested in the cost and durability of this all-weather surface.
- I have seen garbage removal vehicles get stuck while in the pathway, however I believe that may have been when the ice was soft/slushy. I don't know what the reasons are for hardening the pathways, so I don't have many comments.

Question 14: To what extent do you support additional and renovated washroom facilities and their identified locations?

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- The majority of respondents (266 or 92%) to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support additional and renovated washroom facilities and their identified locations.
- Only 18 (6%) of respondents somewhat or do not support additional and renovated washroom facilities and their identified locations.
- A further 6 (2%) were undecided, and 16 did not respond to the question.

Question 15: Please explain what you particularly like or dislike about the additional washroom facilities.

Support Additional Washrooms

- Wonderful!
- Isn't it obvious?
- It's obvious
- Should be obvious
- Good call.
- Finally. Sheesh.
- Yes! Please! The porta potty is nasty!
- Facilities are needed.
- Needed very badly.
- Needed, and will be needed in the future as years pass. Do the plumbing, and water lines now while under construction instead of later.
- Sounds good.
- About time!
- Excellent idea!
- Guys/girls gotta go they gotta go.
- No current facilities in site.
- Better washrooms are just more civilized.
- Obvious requirement.
- This would be a nice addition for those of us who use the park daily.
- Any additional access to washroom regardless of location of them would be welcomed.
- Less human feces around is always a good thing
- Have had to use the bush too often
- Washrooms in this area have been needed for a long time! I cannot count how many times I have been at the off leash and wished for a bathroom.
- Washrooms are always a welcome addition to any park.
- Who wouldn't want more options for washroom facilities? Especially new ones!
- Hurray! Right now, it's much easier for a dog to pee in the park than a person!
- The more the merrier. Include water fountains too.
- Excellent idea.
- Very good idea!
- Never enough washroom space. 100% fully support
- Never enough bathrooms!
- Washrooms are civilized!
- Washrooms are always a good thing for those at the park.
- Year round washrooms are needed.
- Washrooms would be appreciated
- There's no such thing as too many washrooms.
- Even more could be added
- Additional toilet facilities will be welcome anywhere.
- This is a fantastic idea! City planners often forget that every human being has a bladder - it's about time somebody remembered that basic biological fact. Thank you!
- Washrooms are necessary anywhere where people spend time! They will keep the "business" where it belongs!
- Much needed. Other cities have great public washroom facilities which are very clean. Hopefully these will be as well.
- Please! Please! Please! I don't even know where there are washrooms in Laurier at present???
- Year round facilities are needed.
- Much needed
- If there is a need then we need to consider the additional washroom facilities. It will improve the services used by the community.
- YES!!!! This is needed so badly.
- This is a very good idea.
- I think year round washrooms will make the park better and easier to use for longer periods of time.
- Additional washrooms is ALWAYS a good idea.
- Agree that they are required
- As I get older when I need to go I need to go and I am sure many others feel that way. I support washrooms.
- Very useful for visitors.
- Nice to have additional facilities
- Washroom facilities would be appreciated.
- At my age all, washrooms are good.
- Bathrooms are great!

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- Yes, yes, yes. I have always wondered why there were no washrooms, besides the large outdoor one for the dogs.
- Not enough
- Definitely needs washroom facilities!!!
- Yes, there has always been a need for a washroom at the off-leash area and the porta-potties are usually disgusting.
- Usually you have to make sure everyone goes to the washroom before entering the off leash area. This is better for children.
- Existing washroom facilities are in need of major rehab!
- Especially useful for families with small children.
- Very much needed, especially in the winter. Please add an outdoor shower, or some sort of washing receptacle, so that dog owners can rinse off their dogs after walks.
- Excellent idea. Particularly the all season access.
- Permanent washrooms would be nice as long as they are maintained (kept clean) and don't take up a ton of space. Otherwise the porta-potties work nicely.
- Upgrades to washrooms are definitely required & not just another Port-A Potty.
- It would be nice to have access to facilities that are not a porta-pottie that teeters on uneven ground.
- Current heavy use of port a potties in summer season produces some unpleasant situations.
- I have used the outhouse located in the parking lot of the Buena Vista off-leash park before, and it was an unpleasant experience. I completely support a developed, hygienic, attractive facility.
- It's always a problem that bathrooms are only available periodically when the port-a-potty happens to be at the entrance to Buena Vista park! Improved and more washroom facilities are a great idea and will allow for bathroom stops while running, on long bike rides, or when walking the dog with a small child in tow.
- No one wants to pee in an old disgusting washroom. Washroom renovation is wanted and badly needed
- A basic washroom would be appreciated.
- Washroom facilities are extremely important. You can't stay in the area for any length of time without them and it prevents people from "going" in the woods.
- Who likes using those porta potties - Yuck.
- I would be a fan of a washroom closer to the SW corner of Laurier Park; near the existing washrooms.
- Limited provision now and park is well used. Many other parks have this. Why not Buena Vista
- The only washroom facilities that I am aware of is a single port-a-potty at the main parking lot of the off-leash area therefore any addition to this would be an improvement.
- The amount of use dictates this would be beneficial.
- Often a big issue for users with kids, would prevent 'nature breaks' and littering in the treed areas
- Although I've never had need of the washroom facilities at Buena Vista, I can see the need for additional facilities.
- I have seen hundreds of dogs down there on a good day, so bathrooms just make sense. Then I can take my daughter into a facility instead of the bush.
- Washroom facilities are needed in this area. I however don't think the City doesn't need to spend that much money - just get a portable one like they have at Terwillegar. Works just fine and is inexpensive
- The one facility now is not enough
- There are no real washrooms at the off leash, only a couple of porta potties. I think this is a fantastic idea that will greatly improve the usability of the park.
- Right now, Buena Vista has no amenities unless you belong to the rowing club. Washrooms are a must.
- Just better to deal with all the various users of the park area
- It is nice to have clean and well-maintained washroom facilities to use. I rarely use Laurier Park but often use the off-leash park, and it would be nice to have a few different locations of facilities. It's uncomfortable when you get to the river from the off-leash area and at that time realize that you need to relieve yourself. The closest facility is in Hawrelak Park (which may or may not be unlocked) or else way back at the parking lot of the off-leash area. It would be nice to at least have a porta-potty near the river.
- As long as the facilities are sized and designed to fit in with the more natural setting I am in favour.
- I find myself purposely going to Fort Edmonton park area as they have washrooms for my partner
- I run. Never know when you have to go, great. It would be nice if they could open early. Maybe get a lock that has a timer on it, so it could be opened at 6)) am without a worker having to come in
- Okay idea, but shouldn't be a high priority if money is tight.
- It would be nice, but park bathrooms are typically not kept well and smell badly. Are these going to be any nicer?

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Role of Yorath House

- I'm not sure what Yorath House is going to be used for... I think we will have plenty of washrooms...especially since we have made do with just the one outhouse in the off-leash area and the seasonal ones in Laurier Park until now but I think if we increase the boat area we need to have a washroom close to there.
- Does this mean the Yorath House will be properly restored? Great!
- We would support new bathroom facilities on the Yorath site.
- Not sure of the overall plans for Yorath House and how new washrooms would integrate.
- I like the washrooms at 131 street and Laurier Park. There is enough use of the park to justify this facility. I do not like the idea of washrooms at Yorath House because the future of this building is too uncertain. If it is to be torn down, then I would not want washroom there. And it is close enough to the 131 street washroom, users could easily use the 131 street washroom.

Number / Vandals / Safety

- Too many and a magnet for vandals
- Concern of abuse by youth and vagrancy
- Nice, but not necessary. Upkeep problems and may encourage unsavory behavior.
- Who will monitor use by drug users, homeless and those generally disrespectful of public facilities. Safety, cleanliness and maintenance concerns.
- I just worry about when it gets dark, criminal usage.
- This will attract street people who live in the river valley and drug use.
- It's definitely a good thing, but I'm worried that homeless people might hang out around here. Hopefully there will be some sort of park security to keep this in check.
- Good idea - what about security?
- Worried about homeless people increasing in the area
- What time would they be open? All night or from 5 am on.....my dog and I are early morning walkers there about 5am in the summer months.....would there be monitoring to make sure it is a secure place?
- People just pee in the bush in the winter and other times because the washrooms are closed or very unpleasant. Security/patrols would have to be increased as the park is often used at night for partying, drug drops etc. These people often trash the existing facilities.
- Vandal proof to some degree?

- Concern for safety of users at night / early morning. The park can get very lonely at times.
- I think this is a great idea. One concern I have is vandalism, measures need to be taken to improve security to reduce vandalism in the washroom facilities.
- That seems like a lot of washroom facilities. I wouldn't want too much space taken up by buildings.
- Too much. One washroom in each area. Rowing club should build in their own internal to their space
- Seems unnecessary in a natural park area. Maybe add one of the three and provide better signage.
- Minimal washrooms please - people don't go to the park to use the washroom so basics are fine
- I personally have no need for a washroom in BV Park. Others may need it particularly if they have children. I certainly don't think that three washroom buildings are needed however.

Dog Tap / Tie Ups

- Also wondering if there can be a safe tie up/pens for multiple dogs, so that people don't bring them into the washrooms? (Not sure how this would work/ be set up)
- Please also put in a tap at the dog park with maybe a permanent large dog drinking bowl.
- Love, love, love this plan. Especially the off leash one. Will there be a place to "park" my dog while I go inside? You know, like when you tied your horse to the pole outside the saloon? Ha ha!
- Like the locations - the dog park facility should have an indoor entrance area that has a watering station for dogs and an outdoor hose off area.
- Please have water fountains available
- Provide water fountains.

Cost

- Too costly.
- Don't waste taxpayers money. Most of us who use this park plan ahead and use toilets beforehand.
- I really do not like the fact the city has dog parks and the washroom for the dog park is not a priority of mine. Please explain why the city pays so much attention and money on pets people choose to have ...why not focus on all pets then???
- Having a washroom for a bunch of dog walkers is a waste of time and money
- I don't think there is a need for additional washroom. The park is small and one facility is enough.
- I have never used the current facilities.

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Location

- They are all in the same general area. Where is the washroom for the other end of the park near the pedestrian bridge?
- OK to the Yorath house facilities and you can do what you want to Laurier. Not in support of the northernmost facility suggestion. In my opinion, go before you get there or use one of the washrooms at Yorath, Laurier, or you can go across the bridge to Hawrelak Park. Leave the park alone and natural.
- Good for Laurier and the boat launch area. Do not like that idea for the Yorath House - what a shame for a legacy home/location. Off-leash area porta-potty seems to be working quite well and is usually quite clean. For us dog walkers it would be nice to move the Johnny-on-the-spot to a better spot other than right in the parking lot for all to see and perhaps just adding another one for convenience sake closer to the bridge somewhere.
- Need more as not enough right now so glad to see more are planned. Locations fine by me -- map with guides to where they will be would be helpful. Please keep open year round during park hours.
- Off leash one should be away from entrance
- I am wondering why a public washroom located by the bridge is not one of the identified locations?
- The more the better. There could even be another one on the eastern side of the Hawrelak Park foot bridge.
- The washrooms are all fairly close together. Can one be put further north within the off leash area?
- Washrooms are required, but not two sets at the off leash. If available 24/7 at or near Yorath House, that is sufficient.
- I do not know why you would take out an existing wash room that is there already. It looks like you are going to have them all lumped in one location and that does not make any sense.
- Place the washroom near the rowing club parking lot then both groups can access it and there is less invasion of the park's green space.
- Do not support the boat launch as mentioned in my earlier comments or any facilities going along with it. What will be done to ensure that the washrooms remain clean and usable? We go to the park regularly and always find the central washroom a filthy mess and we phone the maintenance phone number.
- The one in the open field to the right of the end of 81st avenue is very intrusive and will seriously detract from the beauty of the field!!! Please do NOT do this!

- Don't care either way. Would be useful for the boat launch area, but not necessarily for the dog area, as dog park users only use the area for an hour or two.
- Not needed and certainly not needed at some boat launch. Who is pushing this boat launch idea?
- I think overall washroom renovations are good... I don't know many people who boat near the boat launch who don't use the ERC so I'm not sure there is a point to put that washroom between the two when there are adequate facilities in the ERC... perhaps I'm unaware of something though... they just seem awfully close together whereas the other two seem quite far apart, you'd probably be better off placing a washroom in between the two existing ones
- The locations seem fine as they are nicely spaced out. They don't have to be anything big, or fancy.
- The proposed washrooms are well-sited and needed. They will be used.

Parking

- Increasing access and convenience will increase use levels, and parking issues. Additional uses of Yorath House should be supported by additional parking, to reduce stress and conflicts at the ERC Tank parking lot, which was developed at ERC expense and should be continued as primarily an ERC lot, shared with the public, not a public lot shared with the ERC.

Accessible

- Important to ensure bathrooms are age-friendly, barrier free and easily accessible to seniors

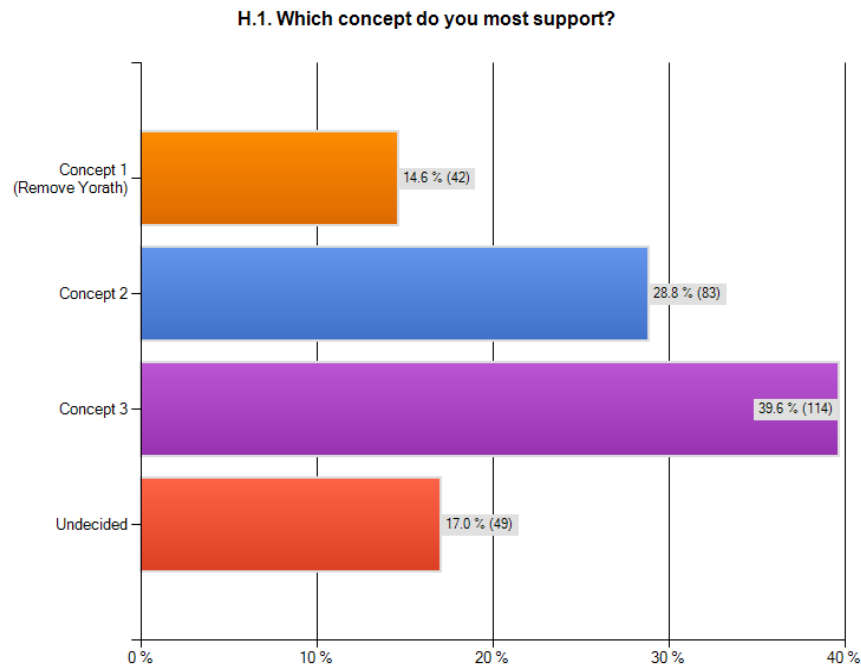
Maintenance

- Support only if washrooms are staffed at all times when open. And they must be properly maintained. This will be expensive but it is imperative.
- I would support this as long as they were being maintained.
- Sure. As long as they are actually kept up and don't smell.
- I trust that there is planning to clean and maintain these facilities?
- If it can be done cost effectively, and if the maintenance is adequate to prevent the places from turning into areas of increased crime.
- I like the idea as long as they are kept clean. If they are not kept clean, it would be better if they didn't exist at all.

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Question 16: Which concept do you most support?

This question relates to the treatment of the Yorath House. Concept 1 illustrated the demolition and removal of Yorath House and reclaiming the site. Concept 2 showed Yorath House remaining, with interior and exterior upgrades to provide a multi-use facility. This option would also include additional parking and minimal site improvements. Concept 3 showed Yorath House remaining, with interior and exterior upgrades to provide a multi-use facility. Significant site improvements would be included.



- 42 respondents (15%) of respondents most support Concept 1 (remove Yorath).
- 83 respondents (29%) of respondents most support Concept 2.
- 114 respondents (39%) of respondents most support Concept 3.
- A further 49 (17%) were undecided, and 18 did not respond to the question.

Question 17: Please explain what you particularly like about your preferred concept.

Concept 1

Yorath House

Maintain

- If the city were to use Yorath for kids camps like they did many years ago I think it would be great to keep it. It could be used year-round...my children really enjoyed the river valley camps based at Yorath. I don't favour the idea of having anything commercial there...I guess because it will bring too many people, and with those crowds comes noise and garbage.
- Put it in Fort Edmonton

Not Needed

- The building is beyond repairs with mold and rodents throughout the house.
- A house that was built in 1949 is hardly an historical treasure. Let's get rid of it and put up something practical.
- Return to Parkland. The site has enough on the land with the Zoo and Rowing Club

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- Yorath House is a dump. SWAT practice there, kicking in doors!
- It's not needed, this is a park and if it were renovated then more parking would be put in and used for who knows what, let's keep it a park.
- Start over and build something that will last for years to come and will be functional.
- They space could be better or more effectively
- In all of the years this structure has remained vacant no suitable use has been found for this structure.
- I do not support the vague concept of a Multi-Use Facility. If there is not a formal designated use, then it should be torn down, and the decades of discussion about this property can finally be put to rest!!!!
- I like the rest of the concept, don't care about the Yorath house. It is very small for any kind of events and its use would prevent dog walking in the area.
- The historical value is very, very limited. The best I could find in City literature is, "The building serves as a symbol to the changing use of the river valley". The City changed its policy to preserve the valley in a natural state so let's get rid of the house in keeping with the policy.
- The Yorath House is not an historically significant building as stated. It is just a house that is poorly insulated, run down and a bit of an eyesore. Further, a change of use will require that all aspects of the Alberta Building Code be enforced including barrier free access (elevator) and full washrooms. If there is to be food prep then a commercial kitchen will be needed. The building is not on city sanitary service which will be costly to work around. To convert this run down house to a commercial building will be very costly and will put added pressure on the park in terms of parking, access roads for delivery trucks, garbage containers, etc. Concept three shows part of a very large parking lot and a demonstration fruit orchard....seriously? A demonstration fruit orchard??? Apple trees and the odd plum tree are all you can grow in Edmonton so I am unclear as to why this needs to be 'demonstrated'.
- I have no connection to this house.

Cost / Benefit

- Cost
- The cost of restoring Yorath house is too high.
- You haven't explained what you are going to use it for multi-use facility does not explain anything.
- I can't think of an opportunity we would have to utilize this building, so would prefer to assign expense involved in improving it to other aspects of the park improvement.
- None of the concept presented appear to be financially self-sustaining. Spending ongoing money every year to keep the house operating is difficult to justify.

Off Leash

- What I don't like about concept 2 and 3 is both concepts take area away from the off-leash park. If Yorath House is such an important and historical asset then demolition should not be an option in any of the concepts. It almost seems like you hope the thought of demolishing a lovely old building will make people cringe therefore making concept 1 unthinkable and that's the only concept that keeps the off leash area around Yorath intact. Was that your intent?
- It's not that I really want to see Yorath House removed, but you're not giving us another option with Option 1. All that parking is not required and takes more area away from the off leash.

Keep Natural

- There are many parks in Edmonton - most are overdeveloped - we need to keep a more natural park
- As little development in this gem of a park as possible!
- Prefer to see river valley parks devoted to outdoor, natural activities such as walking/hiking, cycling, or sports rather than programming that occurs indoors

Concept 2

Yorath Multi-Use Facility

- Allows for use of the facility without removing too much from other areas
- Like- Maintain the city's heritage.
- I knew the family that lived there and I think they would have liked it to be preserved.

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- I like Concept 2 for the multi-use facility, the larger event lawn, and the presumably lower budget. I also like the way that the building currently looks. I do like the demonstration orchard proposed in Concept 3 though and this may be the more attractive concept.
- I like the idea of a multi-use facility. It could be used by city programming: nature walks and study for school children, day camps (nature or outdoor oriented), art classes.
- Like the multi-purpose use of the site - although it is in the river valley it has particular significance and link to the Buena vista Community and therefore should have some local community uses as well as city wide - I would not like to see city administration offices go in here - that is an outrage. The facility should also not become a "wedding center" or commercial venue for corporate parties, it needs to maintain a recreational, community building facility for use of art and non-profit groups for their functions and services. Of course more parking is needed if the facility is going to be used.
- The house is part of the park and river valley. I agree with the multi-use concept. It could be used as a restaurant, rented out for private functions or events from the City of Edmonton.
- The city owns the Yorath House so you might as well use as I am sure there are lots of organizations that would like to use the facility.
- I like the idea of re-purposing the house rather than tearing it down. I also like the walking paths through the lawn.
- Concept 2 will keep Yorath House with upgrades for public use. There is not as much disturbance of existing natural area around the house.
- I like the upgrades to make Yorath house a multi-use facility, I believe it would be a wonderful addition to the river valley and make for an excellent opportunity for revenue generating events such as wedding rentals etc. I chose concept 2 as it appears to keep Yorath house somewhat secluded as well as not involving as much disruption to the natural areas surrounding the building.
- I do not wish to see Yorath house removed. I like the more natural and not overly developed image concept 2 provides. I would love to see a tea/coffee house there with some dog kennels perhaps that owners could place their dogs in while enjoying a cup of tea.
- Like - Nice for a small intimate wedding / anniversary party

- Dislike - extra traffic that a very large facility would create.

Heritage

- Historically important but I don't want to see a lot done which would disturb wildlife in the area.
- If this is a historically important home, why would we get rid of it?? Many tourists, visiting students, and new residents think Edmonton is boring. I think part of that is that our city has less rich history. Because of this, preserving the history we do have is very important to me.
- Yorath property is beautiful and the house is amazing. The city needs to give it the love and attention it deserves. As I heard the story go, it was left to the city for good keeping.....so let's keep it, and take care of it before it disintegrates!
- If it is significant historically it would be nice to maintain it instead of removing it.
- Keep the house and its historical value but do so at a lesser cost than # 3
- Please spell Yorath correctly in the drawings. Prefer concept 2 as it keeps Yorath and improves on the original structure, without dumping a lot of human stuff in the picture like a bunch of paved walks and orchards that will drop fruit to rot on the lawn and be ignored and not cared for.
- I would like to see the Yorath stay! It is such a gorgeous home! I'd love to see it as a museum or an educational, natural science museum. It would be fun to keep it and use the history if the house within the building. I've always thought the city should take advantage of his property but not exploit it...
- Keep the house and the look. It will add to the great ideas being presented here and show some respect.
- Absolutely opposed to removing Yorath House - Concept three involves a great deal of change to the site - changing integrity of site. Also expensive to program and sustain.
- It would be a shame to demolish this house. It should be restored to some kind of limited use, but not major events. The beauty of both parks are their serenity. Leave the big events to Hawrelak Park. Why would we need another event park so close to Hawrelak???
- Yorath House and the grounds are beautiful. It would be nice if something was done to preserve the structure instead of tearing it down. Keeping the grounds to a minimum change leaves the area feeling natural, as opposed to the manicured concept 3.

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- We need to keep our history intact. The least amount of reconstruction would be ideal. Keep it as a heritage site and don't change it to meet current ascetic models because they become quickly outdated.
- Please do not tear down any other historical buildings in the city. Reuse it, upgrade it, I don't care but leave it alone! Even though it's not that old, it will be eventually. I like both concept 2 and 3, and I'm torn on which I like better as I'm keen on leaving things as original as possible, having a terrace with gardens would be pretty cool.
- Enough demolishing! Why can't we work with what we have, and why can't we preserve our history???? It'll probably get demolished anyway - everything does.
- I prefer the less encumbered event lawn. It's either 2 or 3; tearing it down would be a sin. We don't have enough historical buildings as is, why tear down one that is in good condition?
- I believe it should just be returned back to original state...as the family would like it
- Would like to see original building remain. Would love to see it become a facility where you can buy ice cream/hot cocoas, ski lodge, rent canoes, rent segways, host kids birthday parties. Fire pits would be great as well.
- it preserves a historical site, and integrates it more naturally into the surrounding park system - less commercial
- Why destroy old buildings?... we should be preserving these structures, as cost effectively as possible.
- If Yorath House is basically sound it would be a shame to tear it down. Concept 2 appears to be the minimum change

Cost

- Strictly financial reasons. It is not necessary to over spend.
- Lower cost

Keep Natural

- Being a dog walker I enjoy laying around on the grass at the front and back here and watching the many birds. If concept 2 or 3 were introduced the dogs would obviously not be allowed. The parking you've suggested is too extensive. Why can't there be a simple coffee shop at the Yorath House for everyone to enjoy with a few picnic tables or benches scattered around the area. Make it dog friendly so that we won't be restricted but that we can all utilize. Let's be different and accommodating.

- More natural integration, not so 'structured'
- There seems to be someone pushing for renovating everything. I think that the lower lawn has a beauty all itself and doesn't need all the pathways cut into it.
- I like that house and would love to see it used, but I don't think a formal garden really fits with this part of the river valley.
- Less impact on the natural site.
- I think Yorath House should remain, but as much natural setting should be kept as possible
- Concept two or three would be nice as long as they don't take up too much space from the surrounding forest.
- believe that it is not always necessary to change things, leave the river valley in this area the same as it has been for the 50 years I have been going there.
- Gorgeous setting that should NOT be wasted.
- Leaves the Event lawn open and there is no removal of forest for the Pathway connect to Laurier
- Do not put "paths" through the lawn area. Extra parking would be good.
- I would like to use what is already there. Minimize construction and environmental impacts.
- A second access from Laurier is not needed.
- Nice balance
- Concept 2 enhances the usability of the house without overly impacting the surrounding area.

Parking

- I like increasing usage of river valley parks, but why do we need to keep adding parking? Ride your bikes, people! That's what the parks are for. Anyway, without explaining the usage of the House, adding parking is not justified.
- Parking yes , not everyone lives close by
- I like that the event lawn will remain unchanged, and that the parking lot will be a separate from the rowing club parking lot.

Not Sure

- It sort of depends on what type of events the city plans to attract to the site as to what is the better concept. We have lots of large multi-use buildings, maybe a smaller one is better for a natural site like this. The larger the building, the more parking needed, the less green space.
- Multi use for what purpose?

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Concept 3

Yorath House Multi-Use Facility

- Yorath center has never been used by us. Better integration and improved offerings (pathways, garden and orchard) would increase the attraction.
- It would be a beautiful venue for city and charity events as well as weddings.
- If the city is able to invest the funds to improve the site, perhaps it would make a return on the investment by being rented for weddings and other functions.
- Make it into a facility like the Old Timers Cabin, that can be rented out for many different purposes.
- A proper event space here would be amazing!
- Yorath House should remain as a multi-purpose facility and include meeting rooms for group use and concession stand.
- I like the idea of providing something that may draw more people to our parks. The chance to access a coffee house while down there appeals to me.
- I have personally never been inside the building but I think it would be wonderful to have another space in the city to host events, especially in a river valley setting.
- On site cafe would be great
- I think it should have a cafe or restaurant
- I would like to see the Yorath property used a lot more. Terraces, gardens, and actual event space would be great.
- Again, I don't see the need to overdo it with the parking plans. We're always encouraging people to me more activity, so it won't be the worst thing in the world if they are expected to walk to Yorath House from a main parking lot. Upgrading the house has a lot of potential for innovative summer programs (such a concerts, plays, art shows, etc.).
- It could be rented out for weddings to generate income.
- Might as well use it and develop it to its fullest.
- Appears to have more of a presence in, and to be more connected to, the park
- A dog friendly cafe would do well - NOT a fast food joint, but a coffee house style, light food etc. In winter with a skating rink could be coffee/hot chocolate and desserts. Upstairs multipurpose rooms for yoga, Tai chi. Storage starting point for cross country ski lessons which would bring customers to the cafe.

- Would be a nice feature in the river valley that could be used to events/gathering all year round.
- I like recreational facilities. It may allow for more social gatherings of various outdoor clubs.
- I completely support using the existing Yorath House with upgrades/renovations for intended multi-purpose use. We demolish old beautiful landmarks too easily - save this house!
- It has so much potential to be a beautiful area to socialize.
- Removing the Yorath House WILL result in a law suit! It is a perfect house for Receptions and meetings. I will not tolerate anything less. You owe it to the Yorath Family to honor their memory and all they did for this city!!!!!! That includes CJ Yorath who was City Manager in 1918 to 1923, and brought it out of the red.
- A multiple use facility would be great asset if managed appropriately.... More detail on uses, user groups, operations and costs are need to identify feasibility.

Heritage

- Never ever in accordance with tearing down historical assets, I'm always for preserving history wherever possible.
- This is way overdue, concept three or two, and restore the facility - and no other option.
- This valuable asset should be renovated and used.
- It's a beautiful (albeit run-down) historical home. Why not make good use of it? I love the idea of formal gardens, demonstration orchards, etc. That adds beautiful variety to the river valley; I don't think we have anything like that elsewhere in the valley. Maybe the inside of the house could provide information on some of the interesting historical aspects of the residential neighbourhood that used to be down there. I was told there used to be a milk farm down there! Maybe a map of the old homesteads overlaying the current trails. The building could also be used for summer programs for kids. And personally, I'd love a good coffee shop and bakery in there with outdoor seating!
- PLEASE do not tear down Yorath House. That would be a terrible idea!! It would make a wonderful cultural facility and it's an historic site!

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- Do not remove Yorath House. The City demonstrates little appreciation for its built heritage. The house should not have been allowed to languish for so many years. It will now cost much more to restore than it would have to maintain in the first place. It would be great to have a demonstration garden - but again it has to be maintained.
- It has an interesting history and it's worth preserving. Yorath house is the only remaining structure in what was a vibrant river valley community.
- Yorath House is part of Edmonton's history - it should be preserved. It's uses are as many as your imagination allows - art centre, special function facility, out-door festival site, coffee shop for river valley visitors, interpretive site....etc. The area should definitely be kept, preserved, improved!
- My understanding is that the Yorath family gifted this property to the City almost 20 years ago for use. It's time this gift was accessible to Edmontonians. I'd like to see more information on what multi-use means. Is it a coffee shop? restaurant? or will it just be meeting rooms?
- If building is in good condition we should be using it.
- Please do not tear down this historically significant building!
- I like the idea of preserving our history.
- Concept 1 should be discarded without second thought. We should not be bulldozing our historic heritage. Concept 3 is the best choice, as long as the historical integrity of Yorath House is preserved.
- Actually 2 or 3, both good. I would like Yorath House to stay, with renovations, great
- This historical building MUST remain. Edmonton desperately needs to preserve these buildings & sites rather than demolishing them. I like his it would be preserved, fixed up & made to be used by Edmontonians once again.
- I would actually be okay with either concept 2 or 3. I feel it is important to maintain and preserve historical sites. I gravitate to concept 3 because of the fruit orchard and garden
- I like the idea of a developed terrace and gardens. Much of the rest of the space will be left "au naturel".
- Concept 2 or 3 are both major improvements. Every effort should be made to maximize the view of the river from the patio and event lawn. Don't let undergrowth and dense trees block the view.
- Improving the site around the house, including a small formal garden (or perhaps a garden focused around a narrow style, like bonsai or topiary), is essential in transforming Yorath House into a destination for visitors (e.g., wedding parties). I'd like to see some discussion about what to put INTO Yorath House if we implement Concept 3. Sticking with the garden theme - perhaps a small interpretive area inside, discussing the native flora of the river valley, neighbourhood and house history, an indoor "winter oasis" garden, and a small plant / seed / food and beverage shop? Concept 2 doesn't go far enough, and Concept 1 is just a waste of a good building.
- Improved access on the pathways, formal gardens with terraces makes the space more appealing and provides more event opportunities. Removal of the Yorath house does not make sense if it is in good structural shape and important historically.
- I like the layout and the symetrics of the landscaping.
- The gardens (esp. demonstration fruit orchard), the separate connection back to Laurier park. I'd like to see Yorath more closely tied to Laurier than Buena Vista, with cars/vehicle access kept over in that direction.
- But if there isn't enough money, then concept 2. I like the idea of adding a kind of tea room and formal garden (with mostly local plants), perhaps even a community garden? It would make it a lovely place to come and spend some time when the weather is good, and we have very few such places in our river valley.
- More attractive with formal gardens and fruit orchard. Like the connection to Laurier. Good to keep and upgrade Yorath House for multiuse.
- It looks more appealing, I really like the idea of a fruit orchard... I think that's a really cool way of providing something different for citizens especially if the fruit will be edible...having edible gardening in a park here would be amazing. Also the layout just looks more appealing

Yorath Grounds/Gardens

- I definitely think this place should be enhanced and saved. I like concept 3, although I would like to see the path from concept 2 as it seems more functional to transition to semi private to contain special events
- I am a supporter of using our city areas for food production such as fruit trees - what a great idea to have it at Yorath House! I also like the idea of having a small skating area in the winter. It would be a shame to lose such an interesting part of Edmonton's architectural heritage and the building is very interesting

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- It could be a beautiful building and a major draw for people if it is renovated nicely. I especially like the orchard.
- Love the idea of the fruit orchard. However, the house should only be maintained if there is a plan for ongoing funding/maintenance.
- Fruit orchard! Cool.

Off Leash

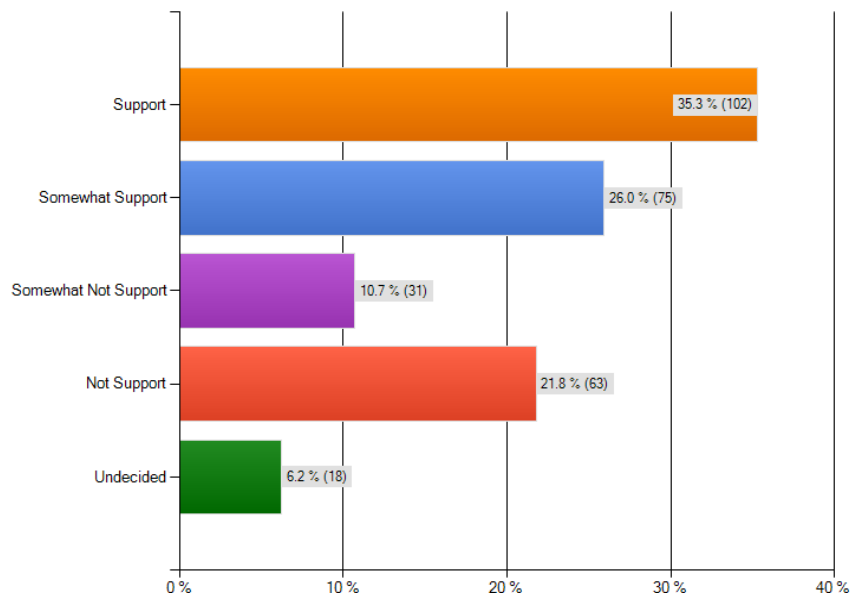
- I hope this concept 3 does not also include the off leash concept 3? Anyway concept 3 seems the most esthetically pleasing if money is no object.
- My support depends on how much this change would restrict dog-walkers access to the area. I'm definitely not in favor of any modification to this park that would restrict/shrink the areas dogs can be off-leash.

User Friendly

- More user friendly.
- It seems more user friendly and welcoming. No strong opinion.
- So much potential here - love the idea of a winter skating area to support the city's goal to become more of a winter city.
- Concept 3, with additional parking to avoid over-stressing the ERC Tank lot and creating conflicts.
- Seems good to have a fully realized change rather than just going half way.
- I don't know what the Yorath house is, but concept 3 looks nice.
- Concept 3 is okay if you have money to burn.

Question 18: To what extent do you support improvements to the intersections between the shared use path and off leash pathways (i.e. dog legs and rumble strips)

I.1. To what extent do you support improvements to the intersections between the shared use path and off leash pathways (i.e. dog legs and rumble strips)?



- Two thirds of respondents (177 or 61%) to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support improvements to the intersections between the shared use path and off leash pathways (i.e. dog legs and rumble strips).
- One third (94 or 33%) of respondents somewhat or do not support improvements to the intersections between the shared use path and off leash pathways (i.e. dog legs and rumble strips).
- A further 18 (6%) were undecided, and 17 did not respond to the question.

Question 19: Please explain what you like or dislike about the addition of dog legs and rumble strips.

Support

- It'd be nice to slow down bikers around the dogs, it sometimes spooks the pooches
- This should reduce dog and bicycle incidents.
- Independent of off-leash areas, rumble strips at intersections are a good idea. The improvement of separation between on and off leash areas is good in that it aids in clarity in the boundary.
- The rumble strips are a good idea The cyclists tear through the park all the time,

- Also keep in mind that the cyclists do not use the park. They never stop and enjoy the area, they just blast through it. The park is just part of their route
- If you must pave this path, effective rumble strips must be used to avoid creating a safety hazard for ALL park users, and animals.

Like - Safety / Reduce Conflict

- Good plan
- Not bad
- Great idea!
- As long as the signage is clearer than it is now.

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- Avoiding user conflict is good.
- Anytime you can improve safety is a good thing.
- Addressing safety concerns created by SUP users and pets is a great call. Please, please, choose a durable material for the 'dog legs', the river valley doesn't need more crumbling pressure-treated wood.
- I am often unclear about what areas are on or off leash so this would help clarify things. I think it would also make things safer at the intersections.
- Perhaps enhance the proper use of the off leash area
- When I have gone to that park with my dogs sometimes I am not sure what is off or on leash.
- These would highlight the intersections. In addition, signage for cyclists would be useful to let them know dogs will be crossing.
- I use the paths frequently when running and it is very busy with dogs - it would be nice to have a little separation for those who want it
- Good idea. Unless you want to make a dog park also a bike mecca, which just won't work.
- For the most part dog owners are respectful of the non off-leash areas. I have not run into issues with people although I know those who have. I suppose it's not a bad idea
- I like the idea of separations - however in addition to fencing described low bushes would help with the visual appearance and with dogs who are visually triggered to chase a bike. Proper gates are needed not just dog - legs.
- Yes I like this, however, you need to do something about the off lease area in Laurier park as the dog lovers use that park as much as they use the off leash area as they do not think there is a distinction between the two of them.
- I have seen collisions with dogs, dogs chasing bikes. The shared paths aren't working well so some improvements in the intersections are welcome.
- Proper definition would be a plus.
- Right now, it's very difficult to figure out where off-leash starts and ends. this would be helpful
- This would provide better distinction between the areas.
- A clear boundary will be established for all park users. There will be less opportunity for confrontation between user groups.
- I support it because it not always clear where all the boundaries end. Many bikers don't slow down before intersections. My dog was struck by a biker at an intersection before.
- Too many unleashed dogs on pathways.
- I really do not support any dog parks, but that is what the city has chosen to do. So I strongly support a separation of off lease and on lease areas. I would like to see this enforced, which it currently is not.
- My support depends on how much this change would restrict dog-walkers access to the area. I'm definitely not in favor of any modification to this park that would restrict/shrink the areas dogs can be off-leash.
- The intersections would alert all users to watch for all forms of "traffic".
- Anything that will slow the bikes down a bit in the presence of the dogs is a good thing.
- This provides an attractive way of separating the dogs and owners from those of us who currently run or stumble over them. This keeps the sight lines open, but also makes the boundaries of the off-leash area and the on-leash area much more evident. Signs on the fence would also help.
- The park should not be allowed to be used as an off leash area as it hampers the enjoyment of the park by the general community
- Yes. I have been chased by off-leash dogs (and verbally/physically assaulted by dog walkers). I am a careful cyclist. If this improves people's awareness of who is using which space, then I support it.
- This will assist in keeping my dogs safe from speeding cyclists and also the reverse. It will help to prevent any unsuspecting cyclist from being knocked over by a dog.
- We need to have effective ways of the dog walkers and cyclists sharing the area and getting along.
- This is a good idea to differentiate the spaces, since not everyone likes dogs running at their bikes, etc.
- Anything that allows me and my dog, or other people using the park for other reasons, to be safer and more aware while not negatively impacting their experience is good in my books.
- It is important that users are aware of the designation of each area, which is not obvious now. I haven't noticed a problem with bikes on the off-leash trail, but it is dangerous for the riders and the dogs.
- I think it is already clearly identified. I think some people just choose to ignore the signs
- Some dogs are frightened by bikes or want to chase them. This would keep them more focused on their own area.
- Like this but enforcement is also needed due to many bikes in off leash area.
- I think it will help keep both animals and people more safe and happy.

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- I bring my dogs to this park on a regular basis, but I also use it to bike and run. This is a GREAT idea as I constantly see dogs jumping on runners/bikers (I myself have been jumped on) and while I know it is an off leash area and I personally think it's the BEST off leash area in the entire city, I also use it as my route to Hawrelak to train so this would be a really great idea to keep both dog owners and non dog owners happy.
- Anything to keep the cyclists out is good. I am an avid runner/cyclist. I use the river valley trails at least 3 days per week. I do not feel, as a cyclist, that I require more access to the parks. I pay a dog license fee, let my dog have something that is his. Cyclists do not pay for licenses, and I never see them getting fined for the silly/dangerous things they do.
- As a dog owner who frequents the off leash parks, we often almost get run down by bicyclists, so some separation would be great.
- It would improve safety.
- Would help keep people safe.
- Needed for safety reasons
- Safer for both pets and bikers. don't like if it decreases off leash area
- This is needed to prevent collisions between dogs and bikers.
- Given the heavy use of this area, it would be beneficial to slow bike traffic.
- I've seen this concept used in Calgary at their Southland off-leash area. It looks very nice and provides a way for both cyclists and dog owners to enjoy the park with much less conflict.
- Would reduce flow for bicycles.
- Yes! Let's keep the dogs and cyclists safe.
- This is critical for this project. So many near-accidents currently when cyclists share pathway with off-leash dogs.
- Clearly defines areas for all users - and gives the time to adjust to which area you are entering.
- Great idea. Accompanying the fencing should be good signage indicating that the fence represents the END of the off-leash area, and that dogs on the shared-use pathway must be leashed. This will avoid many accidents that currently occur, or nearly occur, between cyclists and unleashed (and unsupervised) dogs.
- Good to provide separation.
- Seems like a good idea as I often find people not realizing that another path is there and there is a strong potential for accidents
- If this plan is to treat dog owners as though they don't respect the distinction between the areas, that's sort of patronizing - but I DO find that cyclists do not respect the no-bike signs in the off-leash area, so if this plan will help with keeping them away from the designated area, and save my dog from being struck by a bike when we're not expecting one, then this is great.
- This is an excellent idea to ensure the safety of all users. The fence allows clear passage, but reminds people crossing the pathway that there are commuter bikes moving quickly. We need to remember that this is a major commuter path. And we need to instill respect for this path in all users. eg dog walkers. Dog walkers should be discouraged from walking along the bike path, but to cross the path at these dog legs..
- The boundaries are currently not clear. There are too many conflicts between user groups.
- I think it may be a good strategy to separate the intersections, possibly to 'slow down' the cyclist intent on a high speed outing, at the cost of pedestrians and animals.
- This is basically a good idea but people generally share access in these parks well already (esp in Buena Vista) and this does make movement, especially with bikes, awkward. However, it does clarify where is and is not off-leash, and I have several friends who are terrified of dogs and would appreciate this so they know when they count on the dogs being leashed.
- I dislike the idea of adding fencing from an aesthetics point of view, but I do think it would enhance safety and reduce stress for cyclists in particular. I have heard that some cyclists avoid using this trail currently because the off-leash dogs make them nervous.
- I have a daughter with a severe allergy to dogs. She cannot be around them, much less have one touch her. There are many Edmontonians like her. However, dogs are people too, and deserve an opportunity to run and play as much as the rest of us. By providing definition of space, my daughter, and others with allergies, can be kept safe without hampering the rights of dogs & their humans in the process.
- This area appears to be well used by dog owners so whatever improvements that can be made is useful.
- Majority of dog owners cannot control their dog when they are off leash
- Some owners do not know how to control their dogs. this makes it difficult for others

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- I like that it would be a shared, but distinctive space both for people & their dogs. It would be safe for all and clearly defined, separated & useable.
- Dog walkers need to respect the boundaries of the off-leash area

No Rumble Strips

- Rumble strips are the worst idea I've heard of, just use signs to slow down bikers. The fences are a waste of money and a visual eyesore.
- We do not need rumble strips. Please fire the person who thought of that idea immediately. They are time and money wasters.

Like Rumble Strips / No Dog Legs

- You are asking TWO questions here! I like the rumble strips, but I don't think the dog legs will work. Sorry, I had to pick "undecided". This is a poorly worded question. Or maybe this was intentional?
- I drive to the park so I can let the dog run....RUN. and play in the water. Unneeded construction of fences, that removes the "natural" feeling and appearance of a park. Rumble strips are fine on paved areas and have them in major intersections so bikes will slow down in multi-use areas as the city currently does in other areas.
- Dog legs are awful. Rumble strips are ok.

Like Dog Legs

- Because how could you not like dog legs - in a dog park.
- Good idea to keep the bikes out of the off leash area. Better signage is also required.

No Dog Legs / Fencing

- Fencing off the off-leash area is completely unnecessary. It is an unwelcome and needless intrusion into the natural beauty of the park, and a waste of the money being spent on this project.
- I would also like to note that many animals - deer, grouse, coyotes, etc... - use the park, frequently crossing back and forth between the on-leash and off-leash areas. These barriers would prevent an unnatural intrusion into their homes and the ecology of the park.
- Would not want the view of my dog compromised, in order to make sure he stays safe. Fences would inhibit the open feeling of the park.
- Putting up fences will ruin the flow of the park. Surely there are better ways to designate an "off-leash" area than erecting fences everywhere.

- The field is large enough that this should not restrict the dogs too much and I have been chased several times. However, I feel that this is a risk anyone passing through a off-leash area should already be aware of and I like the more open look that is obtained without fences.

- I don't think the fences will keep the dogs off the trail or the bikes out of the off-leash park

Don't Like Either

- I just don't like it.
- I hate this idea of separation, right now everyone seems to get along, why can't it be left as is.
- I see no need for this at all. I'm not a cyclist but the cyclists I've talked to do not support this either. It would destroy the natural characteristic of the area.
- What many of like the most about this particular park is the freedom of movement and the lack of manmade structures blocking access and the views. We like it very much like it is now!
- This seems to be marginalizing those who own dogs. I have been a regular user of Laurier/Buena Vista park for over 15 years for both off-leash and personal recreation and I see no reason to change the current arrangements. It is offensive to suggest that people who love and care for their dogs should have this cherished space decreased in favor of those who can't seem to share this multi-use area. Rumble strips and dog legs are esthetically unappealing and take away from the whole point of an off-leash.
- It appears that the off leash dogs will not be allowed on the shared use path. It's apparent that the shared use path is intended for bikes only.
- It will reduce visibility for everyone that uses the park, and potentially cause injuries to person or pets that use the parks.
- Again, multi-users have gotten along quite well without these money wasters added to the park. Rumble strips: if you're going too fast someone's going to call you out at the park, and get your name/description to report to bylaw. Dog legs: how is a cyclist or jogger coming by these doglegs going to see any dog(s) or kid(s) racing through there and jumping out unexpectedly in front of them? Or kids climbing on them and falling and breaking a limb? Another waste of taxpayer \$\$ that in the end will cause more problems than solve them, become run down, broken, and not maintained.
- They are not needed. To my knowledge there is no significant problem now. There is no current practice

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- of keeping off leash dogs away from the shared use path as has been publically stated by the Parks Dept.
- Not necessary!!WASTE OF MONEY AND TAKES AWAY FROM THE NATURAL SETTING
 - The dog walkers are the people who use the park the most all yr round
 - Waste of money. Why so terrified of the off leash? I cycle, walk a dog and run down there. If people are polite, all works out just fine. You can't "legislate" common sense, not matter how many fences you put up.
 - The bikers tend to ignore these things and the dogs couldn't care less
 - Crazy idea...dogs will go under/over and you would be separated so that I can't grab my dog. It will need to be maintained, it is unnatural. STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
 - Once again dog walkers are the ones who have to comply. This is an OFF LEASH PARK, cyclists should be the ones to get off their bikes and walk through the dog leg!
 - I think the cost of adding this fencing is not justifiable, and the fencing takes away from the natural landscape. I don't want to feel herded while I'm walking along the gravel trail of the shared use areas. Shared use users who don't like dogs can use Laurier Park for their jogging and bike riding. Owners of dogs who are not controlled and who may chase/trip shared use users need to keep their dogs on the leash or else keep them off of the shared use trails. There will always be those dogs who can get underneath the lowest rail of the fence or jump over the highest rail, unless you build the fence to be 6 feet tall.
 - Have yet to see a dog chase a cyclist or cause a problem
 - Interrupts the open and undeveloped/ natural environment feel of the park.
 - I don't think that there is a problem with that, why change the landscape.
 - I do not support any curtailing of the use of the off leash area that already exist in the park. Fences and manmade boundaries are not necessary and only provide segregation and a source for argument.
 - Very annoying for cyclists and don't serve any purpose that I can see.
 - The cyclists will simply ignore this like they do now. What would be the point?
 - Hard to navigate on bicycles.
 - I think that with appropriate use of signage the fences and rumble strips are not necessary, and would prove to be more costly than needed.
 - Why do you need to separate? Cyclists riding through off leash are where they are prohibited is more of a problem than cycling on actual cycling path and having dogs on same shared path. I am both a cyclist and a dog walker and have more issues with cyclists trying to run down my dog when they are cycling where they are not supposed to than dogs causing any issues when I am cycling (without dogs) where I am supposed to be cycling.
 - This, in the long run, would mean less space for off-leash park. Dogs do not understand boundaries marked by humans, but dog-unfriendly people could take this up as an issue. The park should be multiuse with no strips.
 - As before, I prefer less infrastructure - keep it natural
 - Taking our off leash area isn't an option. It's working well with pedestrians, bikes and dogs..leave the existing off leash area alone
 - Waste of money. No need.
 - Cost? Why are these necessary? Information on shared use and need for respect of all park users more important
 - This is a complete waste of money, and energy, and will inhibit all users enjoyment of the park
 - I don't see the necessity for this - I've never seen any altercations between bicycles and dogs and don't think the fence sections will make any difference to dog behavior.
 - This idea appears to go against the multi-use vision you have proposed - you seem to be segregating the dog-park from other areas. This is extremely undesirable. I am appalled at the planning to fence sections for the dogs. Will you fence off areas for those users with bikes, walkers, wheelchairs? Children? I know you may think those questions are inappropriate, but I pose them to illustrate how segregating areas for certain use is a very slippery slope. Do you have any dog owners on the planning committee? Please reconsider.
 - How will this stop small dogs (the ones most likely to be run over) from running right through the fence?
 - Will this not just complicate the interactions along the pathway? Right now, many off-leash dogs are usually off in the trees/grass on the sides and now they end up contained on the pathway. We know a/ not everyone will respect on-leash rules, and b/ many people who do respect the rules let their dogs wander too far away turning the leash into a hazard itself.
 - In my opinion they are not necessary.
 - Disagree with any decision to reduce the size of off leash area

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- Clear signs are all that are needed to mark the boundary between on- and off-leash areas; the dog-legs and rumble strips will simply increase the difficulty for cyclists, wheelchairs, strollers etc. to get through.
- I have used that park enough to know that dogs, walkers and bikers can all use this park amicably just the way it is. Fencing the way I see it shown is not going to do much to keep a dog from getting in the way of a biker if the dog owner is daft enough to allow it to do so! and bikers should jolly well respect a multi-use park.
- Works fine now
- I don't want to see any reductions in where we can walk our dogs off leash. Further, I prefer the natural settings to man made ones.

Too Much Control

- I'm not keen on everything being so planned and organized - controlled. Relax.
- Most users are dog people, bikes already run over us on designated off-leash paths - it is best to leave us to ourselves to sort out the problems that are caused by a few bikers. Perhaps better signage would be a cheaper alternative.
- That may work to keep everyone safe but again don't go overboard and completely restrict the flow and movement of the off-leash area. Continue to give our 4 legged friends their space too. The world revolves around us humans way too much!!!
- I like it only if access is as illustrated- no chain link
- Too many rules. We are navigated through the world enough as it is.
- I only support this in a limited way because I know there are some cyclists who refuse to acknowledge the shared aspect of this trail and refuse to simply slow down as they briefly pass through an off-leash area. A little good will on both sides would eliminate the need for such expensive, drastic measures.
- It sounds like too much development for a natural riverside area.
- Only main road for use by bikes and vehicles anything else would ruin naturalization

Unsure

- Where would these be located? Seems a bit extreme when proper signage could assist in the delineation of shared uses
- Not sure why necessary (except for people whose dogs are out of control and going after cyclists) another intervention in the natural space.

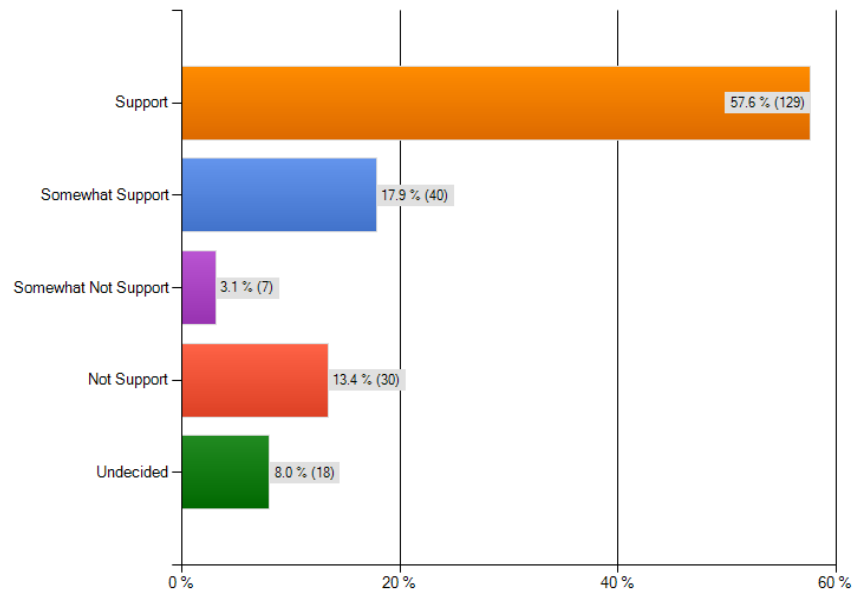
- I have no idea what this really means. Will the dogs be kept off the paths away from foot and bike traffic? Currently the dogs run freely in the off-leash area and they and their owners enjoy their walk. Sorry, I really don't know where or how these would affect the current way things are now.
- I am concerned about how fast some cyclists already speed along the path. Making a hard runway for cyclists would not make things safe for children, pets or even myself. Who has the right of way? (Note: Some cyclists are fabulously careful).
- Also not sure how dogs and dog owners are supposed to cross from one side of an off leash area to the other if there is an on leash shared pathway in the middle. Fencing all along the sides of a shared use path takes away from being on a nature path.
- Perhaps a second path for slow moving pedestrians with their dogs alongside the river.
- Not sure what kind of "rumble strips" you mean. Some versions are death to roller bladers.
- I'd like to see things left as they are, but clearly that's not in any plan, so this may be a good solution.
- Could probably accomplish the same thing with signs. Maybe just need some marked "crosswalks".
- I don't overly wish to create separations between users, but it works in Calgary, so it may work here too.
- I have mixed feelings about these -- pain for a cyclist but may help prevent some collisions. Are there studies done that support the use of these?
- Seems unnecessary. Provide better signage if you want people to better understand where they're going. I don't see these intersections as high-risk - I ride my bike in the park frequently.
- Fences will make it more difficult for pedestrian traffic to get around. Rumble strips are a safety hazard to roller bladers and some cyclists. Although the post and rail fence will provide a visual separation between cyclists and the off-leash areas, they won't really prevent dogs from getting through them.
- Justification? Cost worth minimal benefit?
- ...if someone or a dog wants to use the path, they'll go on it-dog legs or rumble strips be darned. And rumble strips-way to make it a multiuse pathway-but would people who use walkers or are in wheelchairs appreciate the deliberate bumps? If someone wants to speed on a bike, they're unlikely to slow down for an instant of buzz through the handlebars...
- Are these really necessary?
- Like the idea but worry if this will add "separation" of the park.

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- I cycle along here and use the dog park also. While I agree with separating the bike path from the off-leash area, the addition of dog legs may give cyclist too much confidence and they may go too fast.
 - Not sure if it will work as intended....will it really affect dog movement??
 - Is this necessary? It seems overkill/excessive.
 - This feature will result in a sense of security for bike riders of dogs not interfering with their travels, which will be false.
 - The dog leash fences might be ugly or restrictive, but they would stop dogs running after bikers to an extent. I don't know that people will obey the fences so it might be unnecessary and a waste of time, space, effort and money.
 - Delineation is important - but proposed solution seems costly as it relates to need and impact, in particular along the entire east boundary of the off-leash area and main trail
 - I appreciate and support this idea, but am skeptical that it will work as planned, as not everyone has obedient dogs, and small dogs may not be affected. Small dogs are often a nuisance and could still potentially get through with little effort.
- Other**
- Separate the off-leash area and out of control dogs instead. The off-leash pathways should not intersect with the main asphalt shared use path.
 - Off-leash areas must be patrolled and bylaws enforced. Too many off-leash dogs on public trails which are a hazard to both walkers and cyclists
 - Crossings should have gates to prevent dogs running out onto the trails.
 - I use this park mostly for walking my dogs.
 - I strongly believe the shared use pathway should remain off-leash
 - The more structure and improvements you try to implement the less enjoyable it will be for people walking their dogs, walking/riding the path. I consider these dog legs intrusive and unnecessary. If you are looking for ways to make the shared use paths more user friendly than perhaps money should be spent on more bylaw enforcement officers to patrol the park looking for negligent dog owners, aggressive mountain bike riders etc. would be a better improvement and would provide some jobs.
 - It is especially hard for bikes to use the area for commuting or enjoyment as the off-leash dog owners seem to think the bikes should get out of the way of the dogs and the dogs often chase bikes. How about a dedicated commuter bike route to stop unpleasant interactions.
 - There does not need to be a fenced separation between the uses. This is not done in other parks so I see no need to do it here. Measures do need to be taken to slow speeding bikes at the bottom of the Melton Ravine - site lines are very poor and this is a very dangerous spot. Dog leg fences and or rumble strips have been recommended many times before in public meetings and by advisory groups.
 - As a cyclist rumble strips rarely slow me down they just add a little more challenge to the ride
 - I like this idea, but there should be a dog crossing to give the dogs access to the river. Just a sign warning cyclists that dogs cross here, and cross walk markings on the trail. Dog users would leash their dogs, walk them across the trail (through two sets of fences as shown on both sides of trail) and let the dog off-leash at the river.

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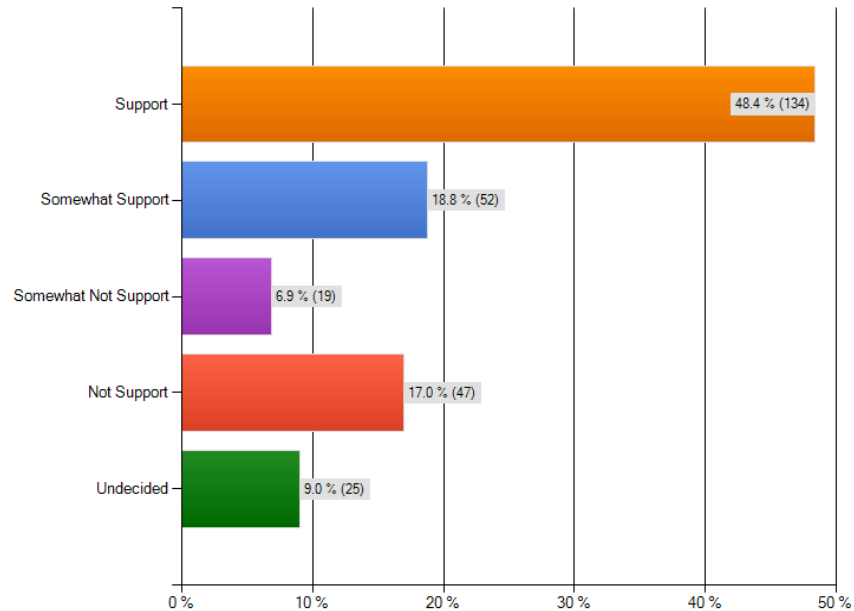


- Three quarters of online survey respondents (169 or 75%) who answered this question support or somewhat support the formalization and expansion of the north end of the off leash area.
- 37 respondents (17%) somewhat or do not support the formalization and expansion of the north end of the off leash area.
- A further 18 (8%) were undecided, and 82 did not respond to the question.

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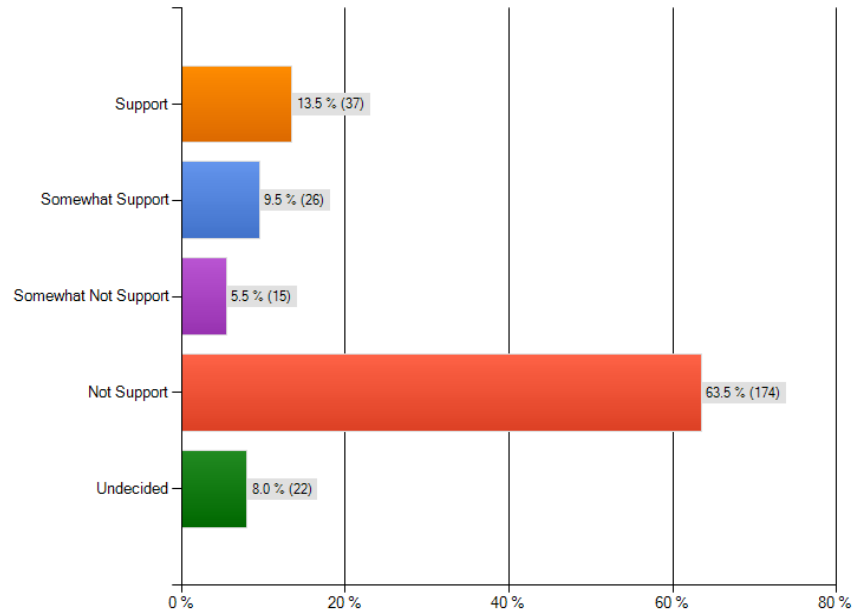
J.2. To what extent do you support the Concept 1 off leash boundary adjustment?



- Two thirds of respondents (186 or 67%) to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support the Concept 1 off leash boundary adjustment.
- 66 respondents (24%) of respondents somewhat or do not support the Concept 1 off leash boundary adjustment.
- A further 25 (9%) were undecided, and 29 did not respond to the question.

Question 22: To what extent do you support the Concept 2 off leash boundary adjustment?

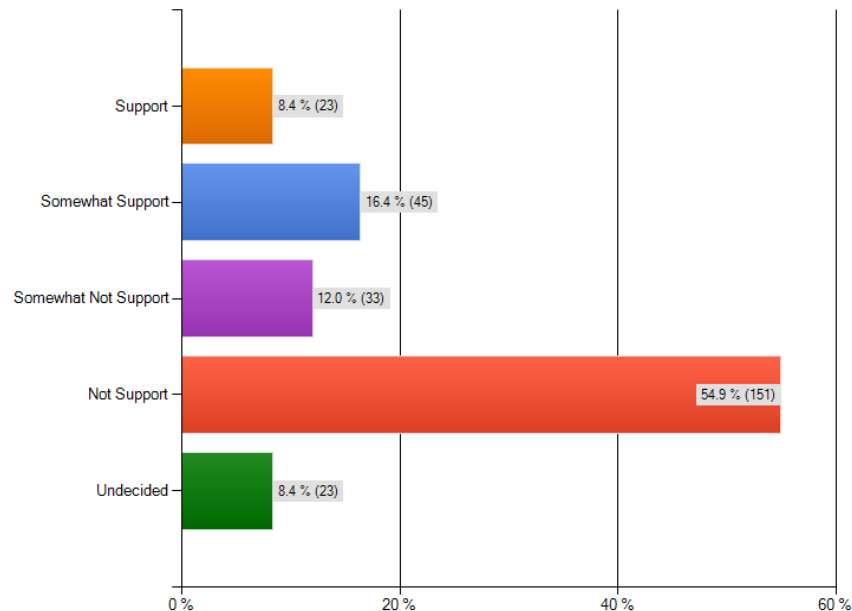
J.3. To what extent do you support the Concept 2 off leash boundary adjustment?



- Only 63 of the respondents (23%) to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support the Concept 2 off leash boundary adjustment.
- The majority of respondents (189 or 69%) somewhat or do not support the Concept 2 off leash boundary adjustment.
- A further 22 (8%) were undecided, and 32 did not respond to the question.

Question 23: To what extent do you support the Concept 3 off leash boundary adjustment?

J.4. To what extent do you support the Concept 3 off leash boundary adjustment?



- One quarter of the respondents (25%) to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support the Concept 3 off leash boundary adjustment.
- The majority of respondents (184 or 67%) somewhat or do not support the Concept 3 off leash boundary adjustment.
- A further 23 (8%) were undecided, and 31 did not respond to the question.

Question 24: Please explain what you like about your preferred concept.

Concept 1: Off Leash Area Size

- I fully support concept 1
- Concept 1 appears to be the least expensive option.
- Concept 1 has the largest off leash area.
- Seems like the best option out of the three concepts for people who use the park with their dogs
- It makes the most sense from the off leash dog owner's point of view. C2 is unworkable in practice.
- I'm all for more off leash! so Concept 1 is the best but add even more off leash to the North on Concept 1
- Don't support the expansion; support concept 1 only.
- Concept 1 is closest to what is happening in the park now with only a few variations. It will diminish conflicts in the park in the future if we keep to the patterns of park users up to this time.
- Concept 1 is most concurrent with my current park usage.
- This is the least confrontational of the 3 as it is the closest to present off-leash movement while providing the boating people with a good area of separate use. Concepts 2 & 3 have the potential to actually create more confrontational interactions between the bikers, the boaters and the "barkers".
- Concept 1 shows the least reduction in off-leash access. I am at the park every day, and the dog walkers are the most prevalent user group year round (yes' I'm even there when it's 30 below!). I understand that it would be preferable to the rowing club to have some more of their area designated on-leash, so perhaps the off leash area could be slightly increased to the north to compensate.

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- In MOST places they do not need to interact with dogs....it is not reasonable for them to expect that they should be able to go EVERYWHERE. In contrast, there are very few places that people can go off leash with their dogs. We do not ask that we can go off leash everywhere but we do ask that the City not whittle away this privilege further. This is why we reject Concepts 2 and 3.
- It incorporates minimal change to the existing area, thereby preserving the large trees in the area. It also maximizes the off-leash area.
- Tends to provide what already exists for off-leash. Other concepts restrict the access and do not take into account that the largest users are dog walkers.
- I concede to concept 1, but only because it's the least amount of change and I really think the rowing club people need to chill out. Not once in the 4 years that I've been going to that section of the park have I had or even seen a negative interaction around their boat houses. Although they practice down there.....they don't own the riverbank and I think it's rude of them to think that they can dictate who can walk off leash on it's shores or even in the general vicinity of their buildings.....unless they want to buy that land and pay personal taxes on it....or fence it off....it's mine as much as it is theirs and I only say this because my experience with interacting with the rowers has always been negative. They are not approachable or friendly when they see you with a dog.....apparently I'm the enemy that is invading their territory. They need to get over themselves.
- People who come to walk their dogs at this park has increased in the last decade.
- The only user group that consistently and regularly uses the park year round and in good and bad weather is the dog walking group. Concept 1 is the only concept that is acceptable because it is the only concept that adequately takes into account the needs of dog walkers.
- The number of people who use this off leash park has increased in the past decade so it does not seem valid to make the off leash area smaller. If anything, the off leash boundaries should be expanded to the north of the pedestrian bridge to accommodate this growing size of the "dog walker user group" and to compensate for the off leash area that will probably be taken away to accommodate the rowing club.
- Dog walkers make up 95% of the users in this park. To reduce the size of the off leash area to accommodate 50 rowing club members and a hand full of cyclist is not a good use of parkland.
- Concept 1 is the only concept that maintains and supports dog owners and their dogs. With Edmonton growing at such an incredible rate there is very little natural area for dogs and their owners to enjoy. It is imperative that dogs be able to run free as it increases their sociability and supports better city behavior. Laurier/Buena Vista park is also a wonderful area for dog owners and their families to meet with one another in a safe and supportive environment and to enjoy their beloved pets. Areas like this strengthen communities. Concept 2 and 3 are unacceptable and infringe on the rights and freedoms of those who have been accessing this park for many years. Why are dog owners so much less important than those who ride bikes, jog or push baby strollers?!?!?
- Concept 1 does allow for some expansion of off leash area on existing major looping trails. Designating the SUP as an on leash area will be an issue in winter as it provides an easier walk way when there is deep snow.
- Concept 1 has the most area of multi-use without limiting off leash area so much and only limiting in areas that may be a hazard like the boat launch, people know it's an off leash area and are aware of dog activity. There are many other parks where dogs are not allowed for people to use. Concept 2 will be very difficult to contain dogs off leash in north area where only a small path is allowed as they may run off on their own. Concept 3 is an okay medium but not as good as concept 1 with limited shore access.
- Keeps maximum area for off-leash while managing the needs of the canoe and rowing clubs. Most likely to be respected by walkers as few will understand why the lower path near the river has to be on-leash (especially in the trails through the woods where there will be few interactions with other user types). We do want to reduce conflict, right?
- The on leash restrictions in the area by the rowing club should be SEASONAL, that is confined to those months that the rowing club is actually using its facility. Also, the area to be designated as on leash near the rowing club should be NO MORE than is necessary for the reasonable use by the rowing club members of its buildings and its boat dock and access to and from. It is unreasonable to extend the on leash restrictions beyond the area that is reasonably necessary for rowing club purposes.
- People on bikes race through the park, most people using the park are dog owners, concepts 2 & 3 are cutting down the off leash area we can use

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- This park already is overcrowded with dogs - Concept 1 allows for the most access by dogs and I support it. The other 2 concepts compress the dogs into much smaller areas - chances for negative dog interactions due to the small space would increase.
- In the over 10 years that I have been regularly using this off leash park, I have only ONCE seen any activity at the "whitewater paddlers" building. This activity on that single occasion only consisted of the doors being open and someone moving about inside the building. Other than that one time, the facility seems deserted and abandoned. In fact, all of the people to whom I have asked did not even know it existed because they also had not ever seen any action there. There is no valid reason to take privileges away from a dedicated user group---the dog walkers---to accommodate the so-called "whitewater paddlers" when they have clearly not demonstrated any use at all of these premises. If the City wants to promote possible future use for this non-user group it should also only entail the same seasonal and site limitations as described for the rowing club above.
- The dog walker user group seems to be marginalized because it is not a true organization but rather a group of individuals. Buena Vista park is one of the few places in the City where people can go off leash with their dogs. We share this park with many others---joggers, cyclists, walkers---and with most others get along fine. We understand there are some people who, for whatever reason, do not like or are not comfortable with dogs. There are many other parks and paths these people can enjoy. In addition, I prefer to walk in a loop rather than in and back.
- Concepts 2 and 3 drastically reduce the off leash area which is unacceptable. I am not impressed with the addition of the on leash area along the shared use pathway. If my dog doesn't like bikes I should stay away from the shared use pathway. If you don't like dogs stay away from the shared use pathway.
- As a dog owner I come all year long at least 5 days per week to this park and I am really happy with the area as it is but I understand that improvements have to be done. From my experience with other major cities around the globe I do enjoy having this beautiful piece of nature in the middle of the city and have the ability to walk my dog.
- Concept 1 allows the most off leash to the water. I bring the kids to play with the dog as a family to cool off and be in the water. Concept 2 removes that family time. Concept 2 allows Zero place for my dog to run and play in the water. Can't throw a ball into the river to let them get the ball as they have to be leashed. I go to the park because I have a spot to let the dog play in the water.
- This is one of the few off leash areas with trees left in the city, and concepts 2, 3 take away that use. I AM FAIR and BURN and my child BURNS in the SUN, and if I wanted to be restricted to open fields full of mosquitos in the SUN I would go to Dawson park which is 15km closer to my house. Children should be kept out of the sun. This will destroy the use of the park for me, my child and my dogs. Also the beach SHOULD NOT be moved. Currently it is in the LEE of the river- the slowest part, and it develops a shallow area with sandbars, so if you have children or small dogs they will not get swept away, whereas by the docks further upstream or further downstream the water runs faster, and it is DEEPER, and unusable by small dogs and children and you will pay a fortune replacing the sand that constantly gets swept away is you move the beach.
- Concept 1 leaves the most open for dogs and people to enjoy. The boat clubs could no doubt take advantage of some restrictions to dogs accessing areas where they are. This does not need to be the full stretch. Some low key fences and gates easily pushed aside by legs of people carrying boats should accomplish this.
- I enjoy the natural walk along the river with my dog. Concepts 2 and 3 take away much of that walk.
- Concept one is the only one that provides adequate off leash access to the river. The other two concepts decrease the off leash area too much. It is so enjoyable to watch dogs running off leash, and fetching in the river. There are only a few river access for dogs. Don't do away with this one!
- Concept 1 offers more off-leash space and river access for dogs. I understand the needs of the rowers and paddlers, but they don't need that much of a buffer around their facilities. Fencing could easily keep dogs out of their path and off their dock.
- Out of all 3 concepts I prefer the 1st one because it does include the off leash pathway direct on the river. The overall size of the off leash area is really good. Also I like the improved accesses to the river.
- The dogs need adequate access to the river. Concept 1 provides the best.

Concept 1: Off Leash / River Access

- I prefer concept 1 since dogs use these area all the time now anyway and Laurier Park has beach access that is not an off-leash area.

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- I totally disagree with concept 2 because the off leash area seems to be really small and the access to the river looks limited as well.
 - It's important to maximize the off-leash areas and concept 1 maintains off-leash especially with good access to the riverside which is important for dogs in the hot weather.
 - Concept 1 is the only option for dog walkers. Having no or limited shoreline access is completely ridiculous and unreasonable.
 - I support concept 1. In the summer it is nice to walk along the water with our dogs and let them swim. By restricting all dogs to one small area you are increasing potential for: increased erosion; and potential conflict by funneling all users into a small area. Majority of the river is not off leash- why is it necessary to take this one away? Who benefits?
 - #1 means more access to the water and river paths.
 - Longer shoreline access for off leash
 - Concept one supports the least reduction in off leash area and has the greatest river access for off leash. Some of the best trails to run or walk your dog off leash are on the river bank (ie. natural trails, tree-lined, secluded/more private) Having on leash access to the river makes no sense: what are you going to do with your dog in the river on leash? no fetch, no swimming, etc.
 - Off leash areas in this portion of the city are rare; Buena Vista is a heavily-used one and concepts 2 and 3 significantly reduce some of the best portion of the park for off-leash area (i.e., the portion that runs along the river). Concept 1 expands the off-leash area to increase the multi-use functionality of the entire park; off-leash areas do not reduce the functionality of any area or limit their use; on-leash areas DO impose a limitation.
 - Concept 1 indicates the most acreage with off leash access, however I strongly support off leash river access along the length of the park. On hot days, dogs need and use the river. Humans don't - I see maybe a handful of humans using the river when I am at the park (every weekday and often on weekends). But I see dozens of dogs using the river to cool off, exercise, socialize, etc. Humans have how many park and pool and pond possibilities to access in Edmonton? More than enough. Dogs get, to my knowledge, three... Terwillegar, BV, and Hermitage. Terwillegar has too many beaver ponds and Hermitage has a scum-covered pond and ONE decent river access for the dogs. You cannot walk along the river's edge at Hermitage as you can at BV.
 - There is more access to the river with Concept 1 for off leash. The river is why I take my dog to the park and sometimes we go with an older dog who likes to go off in a space with fewer dogs running around. I like the river access to be more spread out.
 - The confined off leash boundaries proposed in concepts 2 and 3 are not appropriate for the following reasons: 1) Most dog walkers want to WALK with their dog. They do not just want to stand in a large open area while their dog runs around. Concepts 2 and 3 take away a significant amount of walking area from the dog walkers. The City should be promoting and facilitating activity, not taking away the area that can be used by a dedicated user group. 2) designating the shore path as "on leash" only will make it impossible for people to (legally) walk along the path while their dogs go in and out of the river. This is something that this user group currently enjoys. There is no valid reason to take this away from the dog walkers. The addition of a water fountain for dogs will not make up for the loss of this ability. 3) confining off leash beach or water access to the limited area by the pedestrian bridge is wholly inadequate. It is ridiculous to confine access to the water to this small area when the use of the park by people with dogs is increasing. As with any group of beings, confining or "ghettoizing" many individuals into a small area may lead to conflict. This is another reason why it is best to continue to allow off leash access along the whole river shore area.
- Concept 2: Off Leash Area**
- I think it's nice to provide people an option of a path that they can get to Hawrelak bridge without dogs - with Concept 2 you can have a path with and without an off leash option. It can be a very busy area with the dogs and is only getting busier
 - I prefer concept 2 because the on leash area is larger around the shared pathway. I think if the shared pathway and the on lease area are too small owners will not comply with the on-off lease areas and dog will be running free on the shared pathway.
 - Concept 1 would be terrible. Who would put their dog back on a leash just to cross the walkway? They'll just run across and hope no one comes by at that time. Concept 3 has the same problem but just at the north end of the park before the bridge. Concept 2 is great - the pathway is in an area that is clearly on leash. And the dogs and their owners can still reach the river, particularly the beach area under the bridge where the dogs love to go into the river.

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- Dog owners with unleashed dogs often do not respect the pedestrian pathway. Concept 2 keeps unleashed dogs away from pedestrian pathway.
- Concept two is awful.
- I agree that dogs should be leashed at the rowing tanks and docks-but restricting access along the entire river is inappropriate. As well, dog walkers should stay off the main path used by the bicycles to reduce conflict. The rowing club does NOT need as much on leash as described in option 3, but option 2 is appropriate.
- All your concepts effectively cut the park in half for off leash use I reject them all
- Dog walkers are by far the largest users of this area, in all seasons.
- Bikes have the whole city to cycle in, we only have a small area to exercise our dogs off leash and an even smaller area to access the river. This is the best off leash area in the city, it's widely used by people from all over, it would be a pity to cut us off from it.
- This renovation process must be being run by people who are bike riders. I can see that the bikes are winning out in the re-alignment of the off leash and shared use paths. This is a horrible fate for the most loved off leash area in Edmonton. Do you really think that the off leash people are going to stick to their area, or that the bikers, who never stay on their bike paths are going to do likewise? Seriously!!

Concept 3: Off Leash Area

- The dogs need the beach to play. But it is also nice to have dogs on a leash. I like the balance in concept 3.
- Concept 3 allows for a happy medium: Dogs are welcome in a greater area, but pedestrians trying to access the bridge are not walking into / through an off-leash area to do so.
- Concept 3 allows for more consideration of users other than dog owners. Provides better shared access to the river, while off-leash access is still available. A nice compromise.

All Concepts: None Acceptable

- None are acceptable as you have taken the whole off leash along the river trail and made it off leash! Why are you taking away the best part of the off leash park?!!
- LIKE? Don't you mean like or dislike? Well, I do not support the (southeast) off leash boundary adjustments in concepts 1 through 3. There is no need for such large off leash buffer zones around the rowing club and paddling club leases. And I really don't believe under federal law anyone can be prevented restricted from the bed and shore of flowing water, so I'm not sure anyone can dictate a park users' activities (on vs off leash) in this area.
- The vast majority of people using the park are pet owners. Anything that restricts or makes the off leash area smaller goes against what the people really want. Making changes just for the sake of making changes is not in the best interest of the community
- I do not like the proposed ON LEASH restrictions placed on the shared use walkway. We have managed to live with this multi-use pathway for over 30 years + and don't see any reason why it should change now. Dog walkers enjoy the variety of walkways they can travel without repeating the same area twice in one walk. Putting dogs on and off leash in the park is a nuisance.

- As you'll note, I don't support any of the south-eastern reductions in the off-leash area. Any concerns I had about negative interactions between user groups (ie. dogs and people) would be negated by controlling interactions at intersections between the SUP and secondary pathways. If a reduction happens, I would necessarily support the minimum reduction.
- Quit trying to wreck the dog park.
- All of the three concepts reduce off leash access. Too much effort was invested by users to establish this, the first off leash area in Edmonton to lose any of it now. The majority of users want an expansion of off leash access to the north. This has not been addressed.
- I do not support any of these concepts. I would like the current off-leash and on-leash boundaries kept the way they are now. I find these plans to redraw the boundary zones a waste of time and effort.
- There are very few areas to run dogs off leash in our city. The majority of REGULAR river valley users are dog walkers and runners (many with dogs). Why take more area away from them when they have so little in the first place??

All Concepts: Leave Off Leash As Is

- The off leash area is the best part of this park.
- I would guess that 80% of the people in the park have dogs and there really aren't a lot of other places for dogs to run free. Dogs already have to be on leash everywhere else so why are you even talking about taking anything away from them.
- Don't think it needs to change
- Leave it like it is

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- More space please. There aren't many good off leash areas in the city. This is the best one.
- The best concept would be to leave it as is. Why is this concept not presented?
- I personally don't think there needs to be any changes made to the boundaries.
- Access to river should stay as is for off leash users. Tax payer dollars to police/enforce new boundaries would be money poorly spent. e.g. manpower, signage, fencesetc
- The off leash area has worked perfectly for years, there is no reason to change the boundary. This is a terrible idea. They city has lots of multi-use parks that anyone can go and use. There are not a lot of off leash areas that offer the size and beauty, or usability of this off leash. I have been going to this dog park for the last 7 years and have never seen a problem between dog walkers, pedestrians, cyclist, or runners. It has proved to be a wonderful park for any and all who use it. And there is no reason that it should be changed. To change the boundaries because of the few is a hijacking of our democratic system. This is a free country and city. We are one of the few cities in the world with such a beautiful and widely used river valleys. There are lots of parks for people to go to that don't allow dogs off leash, or at all. There are only a few that allow dogs off leash. To change this parks boundaries is ridiculous. People are free choose which parks they go to, they do not have to go to this park if they don't like the dogs off leash. There is on right across the bridge.
- Our preferred concept is to leave the park as is. We enjoy the natural area and don't feel the need for the added expense of development in the Buena Vista Park. It's primarily a much-used off-leash dog park and we'd like to see it remain that way. Any reduction in the off-leash area is not something we would support. As Concept 1 seems to have the least reduction in off-leash area, that's the one we would somewhat support.
- We need these off leash areas in Edmonton. DO NOT DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF OFF LEASH FOR US!!
- Why must the off leash area be diminished in size? There are so few areas left for pet owners .
- We have used the off leash park with our dogs for 11 years. It is such a wonderful opportunity for the dogs to get to run free and enjoy the outdoors as they are meant to do, with no leash! I support more off leash area and the more beach off leash access the better! Please do not make the off leash area smaller, it is already crowded.
- My support depends on how much this change would restrict dog-walkers access to the area. I'm definitely not in favor of any modification to this park that would restrict/shrink the areas dogs can be off-leash.
- Why are you changing anything? It's great as it is. This city is unfriendly to dogs as it is, why make it worse?
- Any significant decrease to the off leash area will have a negative impact on a large number of users. there is no need whatsoever to negatively impact off leash users when their use is compatible with other uses.
- Keep it a dog park!
- This place. sigh.
- Whatever concept keeps the most land as off-leash is preferred.
- I have no problem expanding the off leash area. Just keep the main cycle path on leash.
- I do not support removing any land from off leash use. Further, I know the Paddlers and Rowing areas were not excluded from off leash area when it was established. When an on leash sign was erected in the rowing area, I emailed the City, reminding them that bylaws prevent the removal of land from off leash areas without the consultation of the Community and user groups. The sign was subsequently removed.
- I don't see the need to take away any of the existing dog park space. Dog owners are your largest stakeholders in this project. Let them use the park. A dog park does not prevent the use of the space in other ways, as well... dog parks are multi-use. This does not have to be one or the other.
- None of the concepts are great. I particularly do not like the removal (reduction) of the off leash area on the riverside trail. Makes it hard to actually go for an off leash walk with your dog. It seems to me that there is another path that parallels the riverside path almost to the Quesnel bridge that can be used for bikes / dog adverse pedestrians. I suspect the majority of users of that trail are dog walkers. Especially in the winter months - I'll bet 90% at least. In fact all concepts reduce the de facto off leash area. What input do you have that supports this?
- Restricting dog users isn't necessary and is poor planning within a growing community. The off leash dog park users are one of the largest special interest groups, as well as being one of the few groups that use the park and pathways year- round. I think that the dog park users should be given special interest group votes equal to the percentage of the total population of park users that they make up.
- It provides the largest off-leash access area.

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- We already have so few places where animals can run off leash, so I would not support any reduction.
- The added space for off leash. I use this park for the sole reason I may take my dogs there off leash.
- Concepts 1 and 3 give more freedom to dog owners while still keeping the main path on-leash, while concept 2 seems more restrictive and potentially harder to police.
- When I visit this park, the majority of people I encounter are those with dogs (including myself). I honestly believe that making the off-leash less accessible, and reducing the boundaries, will not only decrease the number of dog owners using the park, but the number of people using the park period.
- I use this dog park regularly, as do hundreds of others who live in the area. Hawrelak park is already a dog free zone and is right across the river. Why extend on leash areas, to improve comfort for people who do not have or want to be around dogs when there is a beautiful park just for them within walking distance?
- We need more room for walking the dogs, we are 99% of who uses all paths
- Extra land good
- There are so few parks that allow extensive off leash areas in Edmonton. The more off leash areas in Buena Vista, the better.
- The boundaries should be as large as possible and extend beyond the bridge. It's silly to arbitrarily say no off-leash dogs after the bridge
- We are big users of the off leash area so we support expansion rather than restriction is preferred.
- The more off leash area the better, especially close to the water.
- It is vitally important for the community to have a large off-leash area. Please consider that the folks who walk their dogs in the park areas are creating positive and healthy lifestyles for themselves, their dogs and their families. Please expand the area available to them.
- The dog owners using the off leash park comprise 90%+ of winter users of Buena Vista park. They make up 80%+ of summer users. Usage by dog owners has increased substantially over the last 5 years. Any accommodation of the rowing club should be made up with increased off leash space north of the footbridge to Hawrelak, more than the tiny addition on Concept 1.

All Concepts: Expand Off Leash Access

- I would like to see it expanded overall.
- The more off leash space available, the better.
- It is an off-leash park. The more off-leash area, the better.
- Obviously as a dog owner I'd like to see more areas for off leash
- The more area for off leash the better
- Like having more off leash area not less.
- I would highly prefer to have MORE OFF-LEASH access not less!!!!!! People can go anywhere and have access to so much park area already. I have been going to the Buena Vista area for over 20 years before it was even designated as an off-leash area. It attracts so many dog walkers because it is such an awesome place compared to the other areas provided in the city. Please, Please, Please continue to give us the area we have today at the very least. Do not restrict us to roam around with our dogs, especially along the river's edge where they love to play and have fun. We all enjoy it so much and I would be extremely pissed if the city restricts this access. I wholeheartedly DO NOT SUPPORT CONCEPT 2 OR 3 for these reasons.
- More area for dogs to run
- More off leash access.
- More off leash shoreline access
- There are 1000's of people that use the dogs off leash, it should be expanded. The plans caters to the Boat Club
- I support the boundary adjustment to the north end. Should go further to the north along river trail to McKenzie Ravine. Majority of trail users (95%) now use it as an off-leash trail. This would make it official.
- Once again, the on line drawings are far too difficult to read. None of the concepts are acceptable. The so called 'preservation area' to the north has been a defacto part of the off-leash area since the adjoining neighbourhood was developed in the mid 1950s. There is simply no reason for it not to be part of the off-leash area. All of the boundaries is all of the concepts for the north end of the park are based on antiquated survey drawings and have no basis in the actual reality. The small slivers of orange along the north side of the Melton Ravine are interesting - these are heavily treed and very steep ravine banks that are inaccessible. I am opposed to the on leash 'buffer zone' between the rowing facilities and the off leash park - they are totally unnecessary. The only reason the rowing facilities are allowed in the river valley is that they need access to the water - the requirement for a buffer zone will effectively give this parkland over to the rowing community - it is not their park, they are just allowed to use it.

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- As someone who does NOT own a dog, I support expanding the off-leash area. This is the primary use for this park and it NEEDS to remain that way.
- Actually Concept 1 does not go far enough. I support Concept X - make it off leash all the way to the northern border as well as along the river. This is the premier dog park in the city and the best one I've ever seen (having lived in 4 other cities). This obvious agenda of reducing and restricting dogs in the (by far and away) best dog park in the city, really cheeses me off! Why is there no concept that INCREASES the off-leash area?????????
- I have huskies. I visit this park regularly (3-4 times per week). I visit all parts of the park (I run with my dogs, off leash). My dogs need space to stretch their legs, explore, and be dogs! I love that this park offers this and support any effort to increase their access! I do not support any proposal to reduce the off-leash area.
- I like having the most access possible for off leash river walks. I also don't thin making the multi-use train on-leash will be very enforceable ass the trail goes right through the park. I like the idea of having the better access to the river and having the secondary access where the off-leash section starts.
- Larger off leash area... and more access to the water.
- This park should be accessible to the river, at many points. Most dog owners abide by the rules about sharing the area, it is bike riders who cause problems. It would be silly to walk a dog on leash along the river bank as I do and have them leashed. The whole idea of swimming in the river is freedom.
- I believe that this space should be as large as possible for dogs. There are MANY areas of the city for people to take their dogs ON LEASH but VERY FEW good, large spaces WITH WATER to take your dogs off leash. I think reducing the boundaries would cause a very large uproar in the dog community. I STRONGLY support extending the boundary.

All Concepts: Shoreline Access

- Access to shoreline and fairly decent off leash area. I'm assuming that the planners realize that the area is primarily used by dog walkers, many of whom visit the park every day even twice a day sometimes!
- The dogs love water, and walking along the shore with your dog is a wonderful, peaceful thing. The longer that path, the better. It is probably my most favourite thing to do in Edmonton, in the summer.
- Gives reasonable access to water without adding too long a stretch of dog-cyclist interaction.
- Bit confusing as no matter how you change it the beach area by the pedestrian bridge will be used by off leash dogs. Again my concerns would be to reduce conflict between users. Bikes and off leash dogs don't mix well. Concept 2 won't work no one will leash their dog just to get to the beach path .
- I primarily use this area for off-leash dog walking, and I am an extremely responsible dog owner whose dog is under control at all times. I naturally prefer the concept that allows me the ability to walk or run along the water with my dog.
- Dogs need swimming access to the water. That spot under Hawrelak bridge is perfect and even non-dog owners love watching dogs splash around in summer. Concept 2 removes far too much water access.
- Use current boundaries, but keep the dogs away from the Rowing Club area would be good. No one is going to leash their dogs on the way to the beach area.
- Dogs and dog owners (I'm neither) love to use the beach area and any improvement to access will be a bonus. The beach itself should also be improved.
- The main path looks like it is all on leash. This is the path I usually take. Concept 2 takes away too much shore access.
- Dogs need access to the river. But for boat launch areas, leave it alone! What's the point of on leash in areas 2 & 3... ?? Control freaks might like it!
- There are a million places for people to go in this town, the dogs always swim by the bridge
- I support this concept because, although it is important to me to have off leash shore line access, I do see the importance of the bed and shore re-stabilization for the park. I do not like the concept of on leash shore line access at all. It's important to allow the dogs to run, play, and swim in that area, and that cannot be done on a leash.
- This is the closest to the existing situation, which works just fine. There is no conflict on the riverside trail right now, so there is absolutely no earthly reason to restrict it any further to off-leash use. Why would you even consider it?
- I think it an absolute necessity to have off-leash access to the river at the base of the bridge. Extending on-leash area to cover the rowing club will not negatively affect the off-leash area very much but will give them more of their own shore space and more peace of mind as well. It just makes sense. If people really want on-leash shore access they can go up the river a bit or cross the bridge.
- Closest to existing, but river access should not be restricted along river except for rowing club building area

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- We would like to maximize the amount of off-leash areas, especially near the river.
 - I prefer the concept which provides dog owners with as much off-leash area as possible. It doesn't make sense to have an "off-leash" area where owners have to put their dogs on the leash for 50 yards, then take them off the leash for 50 yards, then put them back on the leash, etc. And obviously dogs don't know where the boundaries are, so if they are running in the bushes they may go into an on-leash area, as in Concept 2 & 3. I would also support having "off-leash" access to the extended shoreline north of the pedestrian bridge be incorporated into Concept 1 instead of Concept 2. What is the point in having an on-leash shoreline access? Dogs aren't going to go fetch a ball in the water with their leashes on! The Laurier off-leash dog park is the nicest dog park in the city, as most of the others are simply fields with busy streets nearby. This beautiful off-leash area should be given off-leash designation for as much area as possible, as it is the safest place for dogs to be off their leashes because there are no busy streets nearby.
 - Access along the river's edge is one of the most important things that makes Buena Vista unique and attractive for dog walkers. There is no need to reduce this access, except possibly in the immediate vicinity of the paddle boat facilities if there is a safety issue there. Please do not reduce off-leash river access. It is heavily used year-round by dog walkers.
 - That is the area that dogs currently use for access to the river. It is one of the easier ways to get to the river with the dogs. I try to keep my dogs away from the rowing clubs so they too can have space without dogs. I find it too difficult to traverse the river bank in other spots.
 - The whitewater people I have seen once in my two years of coming to the park on a daily basis, and that was not even to use the river, but to unload some stuff from a truck bed. Tell me why we are not allowed to walk along the river past their building when their building is not on the river, and when they aren't even there often enough to keep their building maintained, let alone to actually use the river??? And I also strongly support extending the off leash boundary north to the T bridge accessing the ravine to the west. For every human without a dog using that walkway, I estimate ten humans with their dogs use that same walkway. To have it off leash would be common sense and very much appreciated.
 - The whole idea of water access is for dogs to run free, what a ridiculous idea that they would have to be on leash anywhere near the river - obviously people who don't own dogs thought this one up.
 - Off leash dog walking need to be maintained along the river paths as much as possible. Presently very few walkers use the area north of Hawrelak Bridge - only dog walkers - the area of off leash should be expanded north even further.
- All Concepts: Increase On Leash / Separation of Uses**
- The smaller the off-leash area the better. I don't enjoy encountering poorly trained dogs while enjoying a park.
 - Not a huge fan of dogs off leash. Too many owners who do not know how to control their dogs
 - Dogs are safer on leashes. In the past month, I've been attacked by 2 off-leash dogs while jogging, and I've seen a coyote attack an off-leash retriever that was twice its size. There was also a report of beavers attacking a dog in Edmonton. There are lots of boats in this area, and people are just not good enough with their off-leash animals to expand their access that much.
 - It would be nice to walk this area without worrying about a dog jumping on you, especially if you are a child or a senior.
 - More on leash area around the SUP -- perhaps safer for cyclists, those with mobility aids (scooters, w/c's)
 - Off leash should be away from the shared used pathway
 - On leash area on the multi-use pathway. Having dogs off leash on the multi-use trail does not work with dogs and lots of people going through without having trail conflicts.
 - Prefer to keep the pathway near the river an "on leash" area so that cycling is possible without worrying about free running dogs causing obstructions.
 - Do not support any expansion or change to the massive off leash area they already have. What do the rest of us get ? Who will be cleaning up after these dogs?
 - Why should any part of the park contain an off leash area to pander to a small portion of the community?
 - There is absolutely no need to extend the boundary! It is actually unsafe to allow an extension of the off-leash area, as cyclists do not always have time to react to dogs who are not controlled. My safety has been compromised on numerous occasions, and I worry for the safety of the dogs in the area as well.

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- Unable to make a proper comment without reference to natural treed area. Generally feel that the off leash boundary currently extends too far into some of the treed areas
 - Every time we go through that park we are chased by dogs with irresponsible dog owners yelling "he doesn't bite" people are chased off of their bikes and it really makes me not want to go to the river valley as you can't get through it without being chased by dogs. Having a safe passage through the area would be great and would allow everyone to walk through the park without being chased.
 - I feel that there is already ample off leash area. Limiting the increase would make it more appealing for a larger variety of users. It would make it less intimidating for non dog walkers to use. I struggle a great deal as is with off leash areas. I have twice been bitten by dogs and repeatedly been chase by dogs not being managed by their owners.
 - In my view the off-leash areas does not need to be expanded. It is big enough. What IS needed is CLEAR separation between the off-lease area and the shared use pathway. The reality is that some dog owners treat the off-leash area as a space for uncontrolled, unsupervised dog activity. Given this reality, the shared use pathway cannot be just a thin ribbon of "on-leash" space. This will not be respected. The off-leash area needs to be restricted to the west side of the shared use pathway, with a buffer region, well-signed, of leashed area before you get to the shared use pathway.
 - Clearer boundary in 1 & 3, 2 is restrictive to area around path, not practical
 - It's important to rowers to have dogs on-leash around the boathouse and dock, for safety reasons. Maybe a consistent policy of "on-leash near the river" will help with this. We also need city signs that are high (out of reach of vandals) to post where on-leash areas are.
 - It allows more room for owners to control their animals. Personally I have been chased, almost attacked or have almost struck a dog due to the lack of control and supervision on the part of the owner. That and I get blamed for what is clearly a lack of control. We need more on leash areas and please have law enforcement out to enforce that!
 - The ON leash area will be clearer so more people may respect the requirement to leash their dogs. Virtually no one currently leashes their dogs in the existing ON leash areas. This creates hazards in parking lots and by the rowing and paddle clubs.
 - For those of us who are allergic to dogs and who want to use the park, the off leash area essentially means we are barred from use as many owners cannot verbally stop their dogs from approaching and making physical contact. On leash is ok.
 - I appreciate that off-leash areas are important. I find some dogs to be intimidating and I prefer as clear a boundary as possible between on and off leash areas.
 - Keeps access to trails that are currently well used still available.
 - I am happy to have a huge off leash area, as long as the area around the boat launch areas is on-leash, for the safety of animals and humans.
 - Making an on leash portion of an off leash park will not work. No one will be happy.
 - Dog owners can be respectful of cyclists for example, cyclists can ring their bell and slow down when passing people and/or dogs.
- All Concepts: Not Sure**
- Doesn't matter much to me either way.
 - Any of these three concepts works for me. I note that most successful off-leash areas include a "users group patrol" that encourage clean-up, and collectively cleans up what more-irresponsible users leave. There are unacceptable levels of un-scooped poop, including on trails and the edges of parking lots.
 - Happy medium for all users
 - It really does not matter what you make this area for-on leash or off leash as the people use the whole river valley from the west end of Laurier to north end of the bridge as an off leash area and no one does anything about it. Do you really think that people are going to put a leash on their pet when they come to an on leash area, because if you do I would like to have some of the stuff you folks are smoking.
 - I am conflicted. it is almost even with 1 & 3. I do enjoy taking my foster dogs whenever I have one just not sure on what is best for all.
 - Not sure why it needs to be cut back at all.
 - We don't have a dog - not sure what best solution is.
 - I don't have a dog so it doesn't affect me.
- Other**
- How would enforcement work?
 - Whichever alignment is chosen, I'd like to see enforcement of the on leash component. May a time we have encountered off leash dogs on the path. Many that are not well behaved and many whose owners feel the entire river trail system is a toilet for their pets. Please enforce rules and/or more signage.

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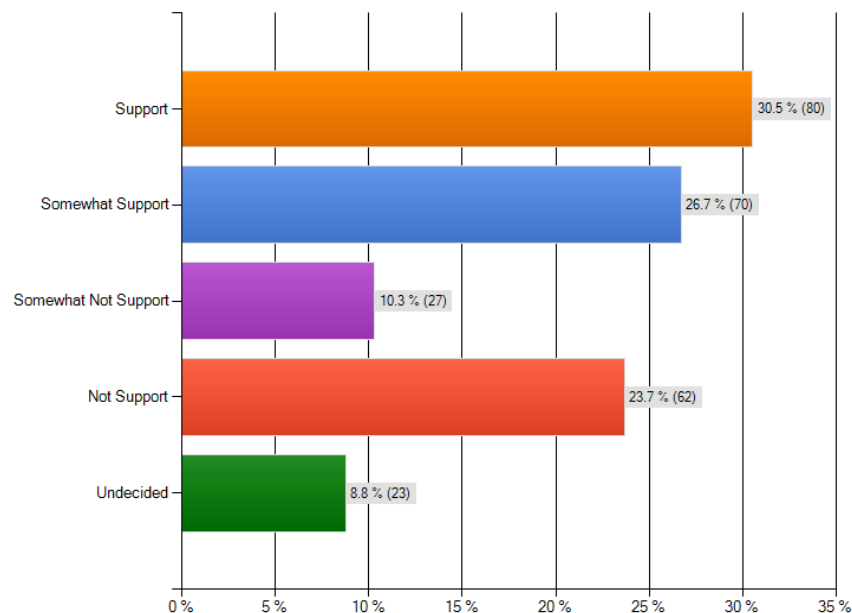
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- We continue to use areas that off leash users currently access.
- The beautiful paths near the river. One of the few places to get natural shade out there and the view is great.
- Greater access to a view to the river, better shared areas
- Too confusing, but the dogs have enough off-leash room already.
- Your maps are useless for people who are colour blind like me. Why did you use such similar colours????
- Wish that area was for lap and toy dogs only.
- It is difficult juggling the opposing uses of the park (off-leash and cyclists). Having so much on-leash areas will not only decrease the value of the dog park, but will also be difficult to enforce. I am also concerned about construction on the river's edge. I would like to minimize impacts on the river. I would also like to minimize access to the river to ensure litter stays out of it. If access is promoted, ensure that there are numerous accessible garbage cans.
- Dog walkers must respect that the rowing club area is not an off-leash area. Concept 1 would be acceptable if they would adhere to it, but Concept 3 might be more clear to dog walkers that this area is not off-leash.

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Question 25: To what extent do you support the shared use path alignment in Concept 1?

1.1.1. To what extent do you support the shared use path alignment in Concept 1:



- The majority of the respondents (150 or 57%) to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support the shared use path alignment in Concept 1.
- One third of respondents (89 or 34%) somewhat or do not support the shared use path alignment in Concept 1.
- A further 23 (9%) were undecided, and 32 did not respond to the question.

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Question 26: Please explain what you particularly like or dislike about the use of fencing between the pathway and off leash area.

Support Some Fencing

- Nice
- I like it
- I like it, all of it. Period.
- Provides better access. Fencing is good.
- Seems like a good idea and the fencing keeps dogs from chasing bikers or people
- I like the fencing, it keeps the dogs safe, and if you want to go around it, you can easily.
- Puppies are kids too...if a dog gets away, the fence may stop them from just running off onto the pathway and knocking over pedestrians.
- Keeps pup from getting run over or in the way of cyclists and avoids injury to both
- I don't think a fence is necessary, but I suppose it will keep the rowers happier.
- Dog park can be very busy - nice to provide an on-leash option for those who want it.
- Owners will be more willing to comply b/c the excuse that they do not know where the on-off leash area are will not exist
- I like the idea of a fence it will prevent dealing with dogs that are not under control
- I think fencing between off-leash and shared use is a good idea.
- Not sure about the fencing throughout / by the off-leash area. People want to enjoy the green space, not to feel like they are herded via a fenced artery.
- I'm not quite sure how this would look/work but I do think it would be useful to allow runners/bikers to have a path that is fenced off. As long as it doesn't restrict the dog park area I like the concept.
- Fencing is necessary, however, also needed is shrubbery in front of fence to decrease visual triggers for dogs that chase and adequate gates and signage (no bikes in off leash are)
- I would prefer to save trees and use a mesh fence covered with shrubbery or green tape. Small dogs/hounds will still get through a post and rail fence, as can small children, so what is the point of the post and rail fence except to stop large people.
- This is a major commuter trail and should be treated as such. The fence improves the safety of all park users.

Separate Uses / Safety / Reduce Conflicts

- Clear separation is good. Not clear on what is required for off leash users crossing the trails. Leashing up to cross a trail is a bit of nonsense.
- I appreciate clear distinctions between the pathway and the off leash area so everyone knows what area is for what sort of use.
- Clear boundaries between user groups
- It clearly demarcates the different uses of the areas. However, it may prevent users from accessing the path.
- Give definition and boundary.
- Separation is good.
- This will keep those that don't want to be bothered by dogs away from off leash area.
- Helps everybody to understand where the boundaries of the off-leash area are.
- I like the idea of delineated boundaries but fear this means less area for the dogs.
- This is definitely needed to avoid safety issues.
- Less risk of collisions -- dogs/cyclists/people
- Fencing will encourage dog owners to keep their unleashed dogs off of the pedestrian pathways.
- Prefer to keep bike traffic and off-leash traffic separate.
- Separation of dogs and bikes
- Separating dogs from bikes by physical barrier
- It will reduce conflicts between dog walkers and cyclists.
- This is a good idea because most people don't have well-trained dogs. Dogs tend to run at bikes, runners, etc.
- Keeps dogs off trails with major traffic.
- Helps keep my dogs safe from bicycles.
- I like the fencing but off leash rules need to be clear so everyone understands.
- The alignment is not great, because there should also be a buffer "leashed" space between the off-leash area and the shared use pathway. Fencing and good signage are essential.
- Keeps dogs safe. The reason this dog park is currently a wonderful asset is because we can take our dog for a walk off-leash on nice trails. We do not enjoy dog parks that are just big fields that you stand around in. Please do not lose this.
- I like defined transitions between the on and off leash
- It's necessary for safety of users on and off the path

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- Like that it provides a visual barrier to help people understand where the different use areas are, even if they don't respect them. Like that it should slow down dogs from running right into the path. Dislike that we need a fence, will break up the view/feeling of a wide open space. Dislike that it may contain the problem on the path given that the dogs won't be able to run off into the woods while their humans walk the main path. There are times of the year where walking the main path is the only viable option (spring run-off, deep snow in the winter are two examples)
- Separating dogs and bikes is a good idea. also enforcing the rules so I don't get run over by a bike would be a nice change!
- Ideal routing. Proven concept for separation of dogs and cyclists (has been used successfully in Calgary).

Alignment Okay / Don't Need Fence

- The alignment is fine but I don't feel asphalt or fencing should be added.
- I like the current pathway alignment just fine, and support its paving. I'm still not sold on the durability of aesthetic quality of the post and rail fence.
- The path would provide a natural delineation between on and off leash areas.
- Leave the trail where it is.
- I do not like the aesthetics of fencing here, and I would prefer it to be much low and less obtrusive than the photo above shows. After all, it only needs to be a reminder to users, not an actual barrier.

Not Needed / Cost

- Not needed.
- No fencing is needed.
- Ridiculous. What is the rationale for this? Have there been hundreds of complaints? Terrible accidents, law suits. People are seriously overreacting.
- Does not seem necessary. Development for the sake of development.
- I don't like any of the fencing off design concepts.
- If the path is shared use, there should not be a need to fence anything. Money could be better spent elsewhere.
- Just a recipe for causing accidents between people and bikers because bikes will zoom along it.
- I think shared use is just that - Shared Use. The fact that off leash is not allowed on the shared use path is deplorable.
- Wrecking dog park.
- Not sure what the purpose of the railings are.

- I don't think we need to have that stringent of a separation. This restricts flow for the off-leash area and that's unfair. We need to be able to cross over this SUP more freely and not be fenced out.
- We don't need fences
- There is no reason to put a fence up along the pathway.
- This will make it more difficult to reach path near the river,
- DO NOT SUPPORT THE FENCING
- I think it's not needed. The funds could be better spent than installing fencing.
- Don't like the idea of lessening the space for off leash users.
- I do not feel that it is necessary to separate the areas.
- I'm not a big fan of the fence
- Fencing bad idea
- I do not like the idea of barriers - who are we protecting??
- I am not crazy about a fence why can't it be left as is
- I don't like the use of fencing in the park but concept 1 is the only concept that doesn't decrease the existing space for the dog park.
- I hate the fencing. Makes it look like you're fencing the dogs in. Thought it was supposed to be a "natural" area. Terwillegar doesn't have fences, or asphalt.
- A paved road through the park is unacceptable. Fencing will only get vandalized not to mention the giant snow drift it will cause which cause nothing but grief for both sides of the fence.
- The fencing seems unnecessary. It's a park.
- The concept will further marginalize the off lease dog use.
- I like how integrated they are right now. I have no problems, as a runner, with dogs in this area and I like sharing the park with them. Fencing segregates dog owners and the public and reduces movement in what should be a free area.
- Don't see the need for it. Have been cycling there for years and haven't a problem with dogs. A fence would just chop the area up and spend money needlessly.
- Don't believe it is necessary to separate the areas
- Again, it ruins the flow of the park. Once you install fencing, it really ceases to be a park, doesn't it? Also, I don't see a need to increase parking stall. This money could be better spent elsewhere.
- Ridiculous! An oxymoron to shared use. completely unnecessary
- I don't see the point of putting in fences

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- I find the fence to be problematic. Shared use IS shared use.
- I am opposed to any plan that (a) reduces the size of the off leash area and (b) any plan to pave a trail in the park. The administration has shown determination over the years to 'build stuff' in the park and there is no public support for any of it. Further development in the Yorath/Rowing club area will put more pressure on the park that will lead to more parking problems, construction of more paved trails (I'm certain that a paved trail in the Melton Ravine will be next), more user conflicts, more fences, more signs and on and on.
- This prevents free flow of dogs and their walkers, even if they cross on leash. I am not aware of any problems with the present setup except for cycling at excessive speeds by some riders. These are often the same one who do not use warning bells.
- Putting in fencing is a TOTAL waste of money - this is not necessary - the dog park off leash area is fine as it is - leave it alone.
- Waste of taxpayer's money.
- Seems like a waste of money
- Fencing is a ridiculous addition and quite costly. It will drastically affect the natural, unaltered look of the park.
- I don't think fencing is necessary, this is an added expense.
- It makes it harder to get around and it is often quite costly
- Cost. Not necessary to segregate population.
- Again, why are we wasting tax dollars on this silly design?
- Proposed changes are unnecessary and a waste of money.
- This is stupid. Do not spend my taxpayer dollars on this. It will disrupt the park during its construction, will disrupt the wildlife trying to live in this park, and will not stop off leash dogs from going under or over that fence. It will block the view of people using the path so they will not have time to react should a kid or an animal jump over/dart under the fence. It will give humans a false sense of security that the path is clear and will just give them a reason to fly down that path at twice the speed they use now. Stupid and a waste of \$\$\$!!!
- Fencing all this = big costs and my experience(2-3 x/week) doesn't show the off leash dogs to be a nuisance to
- I think the fence is an unnecessary expense, and will not stop the dogs being in that area.

- Maintenance will be an ongoing issue. Just leave the roadway as it is.
- Maintenance, aesthetics, is it really necessary? Where has this worked?
- Others; we do not need to be over "by lawed" - if it were your money would you spend it here?

Intrusive / Impacts Views

- Rails and posts would be an intrusive and frankly unnecessary addition to the park.
- I find fences in parks disappointing views.
- The fencing is intrusive- but bikes and dogs don't always mix well.
- The fence is ugly.
- The fencing is not very attractive.
- Don't like the fence, you just need folks intersecting to be aware and attentive
- This is not esthetically pleasing and destroys the natural feeling of the existing park.
- While we can see why some would want this separation, we feel it would seriously detract from the beauty of this natural area.
- Fences destroy the aesthetics and boxes the dog walkers in.
- Changes the feel of a natural area. Guess it's necessary for "shared" use.
- Dislike the artificial or contrived look to the park which a rail fence would create.
- If this really needs separation then I would propose vegetation.
- The area should be kept as natural as possible
- Takes away from the nature of the park.
- Not natural - leave it like it is
- Takes away from the naturalness of the area.
- Obscures sightline and changes overall look of original park setting - why does it need to be more developed?
- Don't like the demolish of Yorath house. Prefer less fencing.
- Can't see how the rail fence will keep dogs to the off leash side... many will sneak through it.

Other

- Along the rest of the shared pathway, the fence takes away from being a nature walk. Also, the dogs and children like to wander from one side of the shrubbery to the other. I propose a paved / hard path for the cyclists, and a gravel nature walk path along the river (in the off leash area) for slow moving pedestrians with dogs and children.

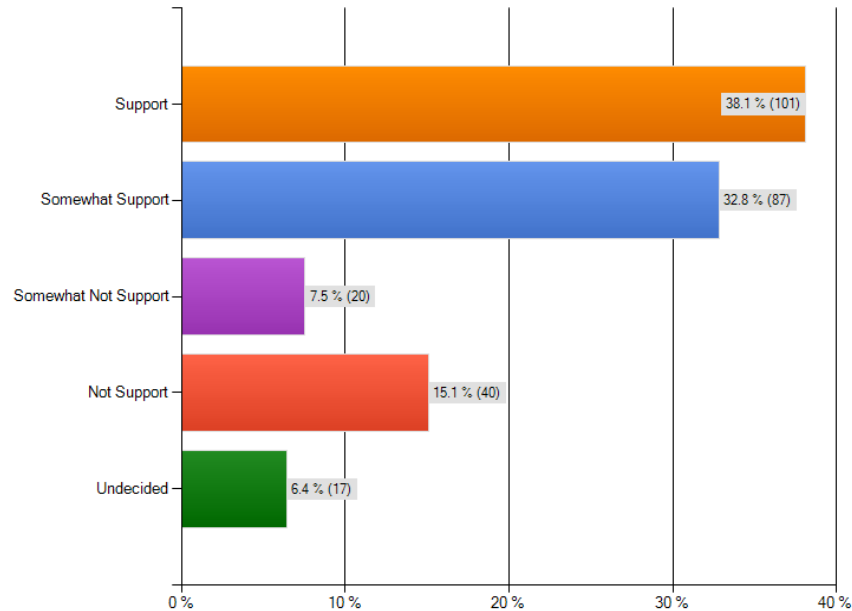
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- I support a fence around the rowing club areas. The dock areas can be very dangerous when the river is high and flowing fast.
- I usually park in the lot by the boathouse. I need to walk on the shared path until I reach the field, I would prefer to be off leash on this portion of the path. Sometimes when it is especially wet and muddy, the shared path offers the driest alternative. Currently, I walk my dog off leash on sections of this path when it is wet. It will be difficult to keep all dogs off this path at all times. Dogs don't read signs that well and the path is right next to the field. Would more low height, natural looking fencing by an answer?
- Do dogs have to be on a leash on the shared use paths?
- it must be open enough the dogs will not freak out if separated from you and wood would be best so if they run into it they will not be hurt
- Why asphalt?
- Support hard packed not a paved surface SUP.
- This seems to be catering to cyclists more than the dog walkers.
- I am not sure I understand where the fence will be. Does this mean we can only enter the path at specific points?
- Would be better with hedges to create more natural environment
- I am not sure that people will obey the rules and put their dog on a leash. Recreational cyclists (assuming they are slower than commuters) shouldn't need separation between the dogs as they are able to bike at a reasonable speed. Commuters should have the option at continuing at their faster speed. For the commuters, a NEW trail should be constructed that limits its encroachment into the dog park (goes directly west and then south?)
- Shared use path should be next to the river so that high speed traffic does not need to intersect the dog park, and natural areas.
- Concept 1's SUP does not separate dog walkers and other users very well.
- Cycle on a road bike all the way through! No puddles! No mud!
- Not sure the condition of Yorath house, if it would be better to renovate or rebuilding. Also, the costs involved in each are not mentioned.
- Looks like you are catering to the Rowing Club...they don't use the park throughout the year like the off leash people do
- See my previous comment about owners not being able to control their off-leash animals.

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Question 27: To what extent do you support parking lot expansion identified in Concept 1?

1.2.1. To what extent do you support parking lot expansion identified in Concept 1:



- The majority of the respondents (188 or 71%) to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support the parking lot expansion identified in Concept 1.
- One third of respondents (80 or 23%) somewhat or do not support the parking lot expansion identified in Concept 1.
- A further 17 (6%) were undecided, and 41 did not respond to the question.

Question 28: Please explain what you like or dislike about the parking lot expansion identified in Concept 1.

More Parking Needed

- More parking is needed (x3)
- Need more parking. (x4)
- There is a need for more parking
- It's needed
- Parking seemed to be a problem all too often
- On occasion more parking spots are needed
- Additional parking would be well utilized.
- Definitely need more parking
- Extra parking is required
- Will eliminate dog walkers from parking on the grass.
- Anything that makes more spaces available, thus making it quicker to get parked and get going in the park is an improvement
- I believe that the park definitely NEEDS more parking. I have never seen 60 people at the rowing club so think that they can share some of this parking area with others using the park and or Yorath House, or people watching balloon launches. I do think that the rowing club needs some designated parking that they can claim for their members use.
- Parking is needed there desperately
- More parking is good (x2)
- More parking the better
- Extra parking useful
- The future will require more parking spot availability and these are probably the more favoured locations.
- Parking is vital

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- Would like to see all parking more or less put together as many cars park along tree'd area's that is congested and not nice to look at in a park
- More parking is what the park has always needed
- This solution will reduce conflicts around parking, and reduce illegal parking on grass.
- Parking is an issue that needs to be addressed, so expanding the parking lot does make sense.
- Present parking becomes full very quickly especially when people use that area to park and walk across to Hawrelak so regular dog park people can't find room!!!
- It would be nice to always have somewhere to park without worrying about whether you'll be towed from the Rowing Club's lot.
- Lots of use - often have trouble finding a spot
- Does not really affect me, but i know it is well used as an off leash area so more parking would be good as it can be packed.
- Along the road to the parking lot.
- Definitely need more parking. Please make sure there is more off leash parking as it does not seem that the rowing club needs any further parking.
- The park can be extremely busy sometimes so finding a parking can be an issue.
- More parking is necessary during big event times.
- There are certain times when there is no parking so people park on the grass there anyway. It would be best to just expand the lot.
- Anything adding more parking is a bonus. On busy days it is hard to get a spot.
- More parking would be nice, but not at the loss of too much of the green space.
- Many people like to take their dogs to the off leash park - they need additional parking
- Parking is needed for off leash
- Always a shortage of parking at peak times so this is good
- More parking is good, but traffic/congestion are concerns.
- Not enough parking currently.
- Lots are often full. Space exists, so expansion makes sense.
- More parking facilities allows for more people to easily enjoy the area.
- If there is a need then we need to add additional parking space.
- More parking is needed.. ERC will benefit as well.
- Want to see more people seeing this park and if parking helps, I support

- It makes sense to expand the number of stalls & to separate them from one another. It's a good balance,
- Seems good
- Park is big enough to support more parking
- More people possible, good. However, I like nature more than pavement
- This is likely needed, but takes away from current off-leash area. I like expanding the roadside parking more so.
- Parking expansions available for all park users.
- Parking needs to be expanded to improve access to Buena Vista!

Some Parking Needed

- I don't think we need as much parking as is proposed. The more parking the more cars there at one time.
- Too many; is only needed for special events at Hawrelak temp parking for such days utilize field as per previous
- More parking is needed but 90 stalls seems excessive.
- 90 stalls aren't required. The parking would be better at the entrance oof of BV Dr. Takes away from the off leash are and the natural look.
- This seems like too much expansion - 90 more stalls in total, plus additional stalls on 131 st?
- I don't think we need 60 more stalls, that seems like overkill
- More parking = more people and less park
- Sometimes it is difficult to find parking. If more parking is available, less tickets will be handed out.
- I feel we need more parking, but the magnitude of the increase will make it difficult for the dog walkers. Something less would do better.
- Just don't add too many stalls to attract heavy traffic in the area.

Parking Location / Access

- Keep it closer to the park edge
- As long as there is a path that goes directly to the off leash area coming from the new 60 spot public lot by the rowing club so that I don't have to use the SUP and leash my dog until we get past the fences.
- Clearly, more parking is needed. Are 60 extra stalls needed near the ERC tank? That's a lot. And to put the SUP through the parking lot may be convenient, but will certainly not make for a scenic or enjoyable ride/walk/run. In fact, riding through parking lots is exactly what I come to the river valley to avoid.
- Keep all parking expansion on the park perimeter (Buena Vista Rd.)

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- There is a great need for increased parking at this park but instead of using park space that is currently in use why not use the large field on the south west corner.
- I would prefer that the pedestrian bridge for Hawrelak not be so accessible to parking, as I can foresee people using the parking so close to the bridge as overflow for Hawrelak, particularly during festivals, etc.
- A lengthened parking lot needs a separate pedestrian trail. Too dangerous to have people walking through the parking lot with their dogs.
- Separating designated parking will not work. People will park wherever they can find a stall within walking distance of their destination. Passing the multiuse trail through the vehicle traffic of the parking lots would create more congestion.
- All increases in parking should be kept at the perimeter of the park ie along Buena Vista road, where additional parking is currently made available on a temporary basis during major events. Dog walkers come to walk not to park.

Rowing Club Parking

- The rowing club is only a seasonal user.
- The area is heavily used on nice days and the weekends so I can see this as being a viable option. Perhaps the rowing club could have their own parking to the south of their building on the Yorath land as it must be frustrating for them due to the increased traffic and parking.
- The rowers need it sometimes. The parking gets ridiculous
- I would expand the rowing parking lot but leave the off leash one as is. There is adequate parking
- All spaces should be shared times that the rowing club could have access to some space during busy times as it is now. Why would you build 60 stalls for Rowing Club and 30 for dogs...when there are so many more dog users than rowers. In other areas of the City not for profits pay for their own parking. I don't support increasing parking but if you do it should be PUBLIC parking, you are using public dollars.
- How are you going to separate people parking for rowing vs other uses? People will park where they can find room.
- There is lots of parking available in the zoo area. Why do the rowers get preferential parking? First come, first serve.

- I think that the expansion of the parking lot near the Rowing Tank should be for Public parking.
- Sixty parking spots for rowers is too many. It should be shared space.
- I wonder about the amount of usage for the rowing club versus the high volume of traffic created by dog owners - this seems unbalanced.
- There are more dog walkers on a regular basis than there are rowers. Why do they have so much more new parking and assigned areas? We pay for dog licenses and get nothing for it!

No More Parking

- After using the park for over 7 years, all year, at different times of the day, there has always been adequate parking in the surrounding area. The increase in parking stalls is unnecessary and wasteful.
- Not necessary even on a busy Saturday-most of the problems occur due to events
- Parking is not really an issue at this park however the condition of the roads is very poor at times.
- it disrupts the natural balance of the park
- We shouldn't be turning scarce green space into parking space. Improve transit!!!
- Let them share parking. It's a short walk.
- No need to expand at this time.
- Parking is more than ample; so what if people have to walk!
- Get off your lazy butt and walk. Wow.
- I just hate the thought of park space used as parking space.
- Parking has never been full enough to warrant expanding the lots (and I've been to this park many times). There is enough parking in Hawrelak Park for those wanting to use the off-leash. Again, it's not the worst thing in the world if people have to walk an extra 15 minutes to get to the off-leash park. We need to stop encouraging a sedentary lifestyle.
- Never had an issue with parking.
- Build on Edmonton's rowing culture. Not motors
- Trees not cars!!!!
- It works at present, if it ain't broke, don't waste our money trying to fix it.

Other

- Please make parking lot entrance to the off leash area gated for the safety of the dogs.
- Expansion is fine as long as it's for everyone and not just people with dogs. The parks are for everyone.

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- Why don't we try the expanded parking along 132 first and see how that works? You may want to add some parking near Yorath house for events but leave the park a park.
- Info not support the demolition of the Yorath house. It is a wonderful piece of history for Edmonton. That was not the intent of the owners to have the house turned into parking.
- Again I do not like people parking in inappropriate places, but at the same time I do not like paying for people to take their dogs out
- Just encourages additional car use - why not encourage bike use instead.
- Please add good-quality bicycle racks as well; preferably sheltered.
- Great that more people will have access to the park. The concern is increased traffic along Buena Vista Road. There is little police presence along BVR and speeding is a problem. Speed limits should be better enforced.
- See previous comments about public transit
- Will be hard to keep people out of designated lots without gates.
- The parking problems in BV park are easily solved; just change the parallel parking on 132 street to perpendicular parking along the west side. But the parking areas and the access road to them must be paved. The state of parking lots and access roads are terrible when wet. If there is money enough to propose paved trails then there must be money for paved parking areas.

Not Sure

- Not enough information provided here.
- Again, it's hard to make a decision on expansion of elements when impacts are not provided.

Question 29: Concept 1 Additional Comments: Please provide any additional comments you may have regarding what you like or dislike about the options identified in Concept 1.

Don't Change Park

- There is nothing in this concept that appears to be a positive addition to the park.
- Mostly, I prefer the park like it is. I don't think Edmonton needs all its parks to be heavily developed.

Shared Use Path (SUP)

- Unsure about the SUP being on-leash.
- Again, paving that path is not needed. It is currently used by child strollers, walkers, dogs, cyclists without problems. The effect now is of a pleasant country path. Asphalt would ruin it.
- Earlier the SUP was gravel mix now here it is asphalt??? Asphalt is overkill.
- The whole park is meant to represent a walk in the country not a "paved city". Save the money for better uses.

Like Overall

- Over all I think it's brilliant! What a wonderful way to show case our river valley. Well done.
- I am looking forward to the renovations, yeah

Least Offensive

- Concept 1 is the least offensive the thousands of people per week who use Buena Vista park at present for its current off leash dog use.

Parking

- Our river valley is one of Edmonton's biggest asset..if the THE biggest asset. I don't want so much parking that our river valley looks like downtown.
- The expansion of parking would be used by Hawrelak Park Visitors especially during events in the park such as Heritage Days, etc.
- As long as the road is paved down to that parking lot... then it's fine I guess... I'm not really a huge fan of more parking but I guess it's part of living in Edmonton

Yorath House

- I don't support demolishing Yorath House (x2)
- Please do not demolish Yorath House!!
- Do not want Yorath House demolished (x2)
- Do not tear down Yorath House!!!!
- Disapprove of the demolition of Yorath house.

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- Don't like the idea of demolishing Yorath house (x2)
- Am not sure why this concept requires the demolition of Yorath House (x2)
- Do not like demolishing the old building
- I don't like the idea of tearing down Yorath House. Why not do something creative with it?
- I don't like the idea of demolishing Yorath House. It's a resource that should be highlighted.
- I don't support demolishing the Yorath House. Costs should be considered and unnecessary expenses should not be incurred!
- Destruction of Yorath house is not a good plan. Site should be renovated and not destroyed.
- Wonder if Yorath house needs to be relocated to Fort Edmonton or some other location to preserve Edmonton's heritage.
- Do not support demolishing Yorath House. Renovate and use. Cool place for a restaurant and art exhibits. Move the \$600,000 steel marble pile from next to Quesnel bridge and put in the middle island of the roundabout.
- I don't like that approving of Option 1 because of the larger off leash area makes me have to say take down the Yorath House.
- There is no dock proposed in this concept, also, nothing explicit about Yorath House. I like this concept least.
- I wouldn't want to see the Yorath House demolished! Again my choice would be to have a coffee/juice/dog treat facility for everyone to enjoy. No asphalt - compact ground instead and no formal fencing. I truly love the Buena Vista Off-Leash area and use it every day 365 days a year. I've enjoyed it for years with my many dogs and hopefully would like to continue for years to come. The less that is done the better. Keep it natural. Less expense and better for everyone.
- I don't think that a multi-use facility is required here.

Unnecessary / Cost

- I do not understand why the city wants to expend all this extra money on something that is not wanted.
- This whole project seems like a wasteful expenditure of municipal funds that could be much better appropriated to creating more parks and off-leash areas in our ever-expanding city.
- My dog and I are frequent user of the park and I think the area needs tweaking not an overhaul so please keep the improvements minimal and use the commonsense approach.

- I prefer the more natural the better. The park and especially the off leash are a jewel. I am walking there at least 5 days a week. I realize how lucky my dog and I are to be able to walk freely in the trees and fresh air, just minutes from home.
- For the most part, not broke, don't fix.

Conflicting Uses

- Put the multi-use trail as close to the river as possible to eliminate any conflicts between the dog park and vehicle traffic.
- We hope there will still be areas where dogs and their owners can cross the multi-use trail and not be restricted by the fence barrier. We don't feel the fence will not be an attractive feature however. We would prefer a more natural look. WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT MIXING BALLOON LAUNCHING WITH A DOG PARK IS NOT A GOOD IDEA. THE TWO ACTIVITIES DO NOT MIX. Many dogs are very afraid of the high-pitched sound of the balloons and can react in bizarre and unpredictable ways. PLEASE do not revisit the idea of balloons in Buena Vista Park.

Dog Walker Concerns

- Dislike the On leash restrictions of the shared use pathway
- I think there are way more dog park users than boaters
- I feel that the organizers of these new concepts have gone way, way overboard. Why is it that when something is perfect as it is, that someone wants to renovate and improve it. The asphalt shared use path is not good for joggers, or walkers, and off leash is not allowed, so obviously is strictly for bike riders. What a shame!!
- Concept 1 is the best 3 lousy designs. You have planned this park based on perceived problems and not looked at opportunities. I find it hard to believe that you are even considering shrinking the off leash area...it is crowded year round. Rower are on the river for a few months at the most.
- I would rather see the path remain off leash. There are many paths and trails around the city that prohibit off leash dogs, and thus people that don't like dogs off leash could use those paths. This one in Laurier is one of the few that would allow dogs to walk off leash.
- I'm not in favor of reducing the off leash component of the park in the manner and for the reasons you propose.
- The more space for the dogs the better!!!

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- This is the only decent off leash park in Edmonton. There is nothing in the north side of Edmonton that compares. We are left with areas that are unfenced near busy roads that are just unsafe for dogs. We drive 30 minutes daily to get to the Buena Vista park daily as we feel it is the only safe place in the city for us all to enjoy. Please do not make this park smaller. I also think as a city you should consider more off leash areas that are safer in other neighborhoods. I live in the Castledowns and all designated off leash areas are poorly planned. I had suggested something as simple as a fence around the park at 113a street and 127ave and was told it was our responsibility to find the money to do it. It looks like the proposed changes to the Buena Vista park will be costly. Why not invest on some of the other parks, so many are very reliant on the Buena Vista park as it is the safest for everyone.
- The whole concept(s) are geared to everyone (especially boat enthusiasts and cyclists) and not 365 days a year dog walkers. I've been going there for over 20 years, and the beauty of this park is its natural state.

Fencing

- We support fence separation.
- I don't like is the fencing and the asphalt. I would prefer the off leash section of the park be left as is - my dogs and I (and everyone I meet at the park) love it the way it is.

- No fenced road through the park
- Not a fan of a huge asphalt pathway and segregation.
- The cyclists do need access to the bridge, but I do not see why a huge fence is required. Make the cyclists slow down. There is no need for them to be speeding through this area. Make it clear that they do not have the right of way.
- Is this committee planning to build fences around all dog parks? This idea, quite frankly, has me scratching my head. I don't understand why a lovely City like Edmonton is entertaining this idea.
- The fence is a waste of money and an eyesore. It should not be needed.
- I'm skeptical of the dog-leg fences and they will affect runners like me (we like straight lines).
- Dislike all of the post and rail fencing

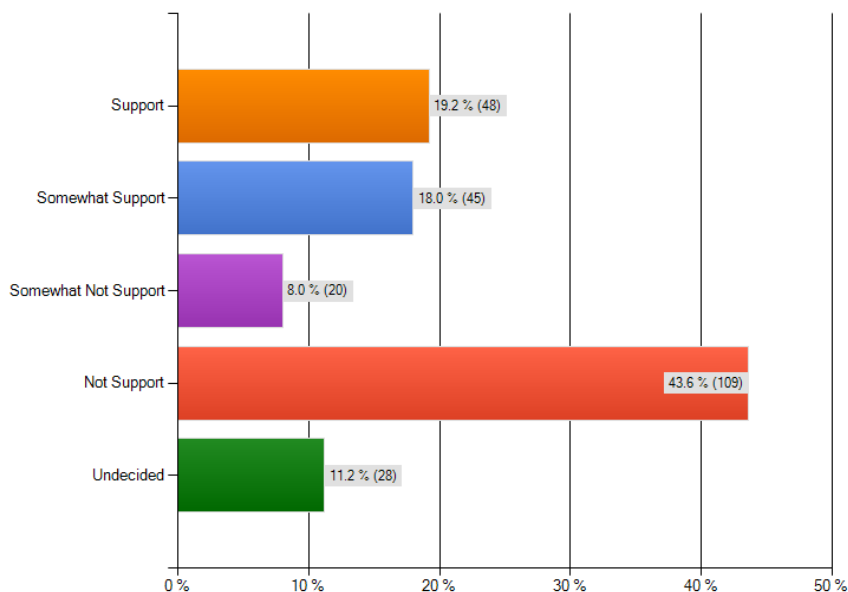
Other

- What are you doing with the area west of 132 Street? Can this be a space for a 'doggie skill park'?? It's a dead space which could use some beautification/purpose
- While these options are good expanding the off leash area will certainly keep many people out of the river valley.
- I'm really getting confused with this survey!

CONCEPT 2

Question 30: To what extent do you support this shared use path realignment (used in both Concepts 2 and 3)?

2.1.1. To what extent do you support this shared use path realignment (used in both Concepts 2 and 3)?



- A little more than one third of the respondents (93 or 37%) to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support the shared use path realignment (used in both Concepts 2 and 3).
- The majority of respondents (129 or 52%) somewhat or do not support the shared use path realignment.
- A further 28 (11%) were undecided, and 56 did not respond to the question.

Question 31: Please explain what you particularly like or dislike about this pathway option.

Like It

- Less boundaries and rules to remember with this plan. I like it.
- It's a bit more wandering than the existing path which makes it more interesting.
- I like the larger on leash area surrounding the shared pathway and the fencing
- I like the idea but fear this means less area for the dogs.
- Good idea to rehabilitate the areas of noxious vegetation.
- Viewpoints along the river path is a good idea.
- This will increase access to all park users including those with reduced mobility.
- It looks like a nice pathway option.
- This is a great idea as it keeps the off leash area separate from people who don't want to be chased by dogs.

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- This is key to maintaining a buffer between the off-leash area and the shared-use pathway. Fencing and good signage are essential to enforcing this separation, which is critical for the safety of the dogs and the shared use path users.
- I like that it takes advantage of the natural surroundings - and improves upon them.
- This SUP provides better separation of dog walkers and other users.
- This plan seems more comprehensive, & better organized than other concepts, but requires more work & trees would have to be removed. I never like hearing that, but otherwise it's a great plan.
- Yes the centurions need a place to walk and sit once in a while .
- I am not thrilled about reducing the size of the dog park, but I must admit it is quite luxurious at its present size. This concept seems quite practical as there is least amount of alternating on and off leash areas which makes it more likely that people will obey the rules regarding leashes.
- I could support this as long as it does not involve asphalt.

Environmental Impacts

- Preservation of the natural beauty of this area should be a priority; take the money to other areas in the city.
- Don't like the clearing of more trees.
- Dislike the tree-clearing.
- I don't support tree clearing.
- I don't like the idea of removing trees.
- Don't want to remove trees.
- Clearing trees? No. Not a good idea.
- Extra tree clearing should not be considered if realigning the path
- There is already a large, wide shared-use compacted gravel pathway that is ideal to use for paving. There is no reason to destroy vegetation to incorporate another pathway.
- I like the separation and the use of the meadows area, but I don't like the idea of cutting down trees.
- More natural separation between uses
- Like removing noxious vegetation.
- I like that it moves the main path farther away from the off-leash area. I dislike that it ends up with a huge swath of off-leash around it. I also dislike that it will have a larger impact on the environment since it introduces a new wide path meaning trees and other natural areas will go.

- Existing paths are already very well defined-no tree clearing necessary.

Other

- Not significantly different from 1
- I'm not too fussy as to where the path is.
- Already explained.
- As long as there is a shared use path for cycling, it doesn't matter where it is. (paved would be good).
- No difference in my mind between either pathway options.
- Please keep original integrity as much as possible.
- Put the multi-use trail as close to the river as possible to eliminate any conflicts between the dog park and vehicle traffic.
- Please keep the bikes out of the off leash area! Bikes are dangerous to walkers and dogs.

Fencing

- Rails and posts would be an intrusive and frankly unnecessary addition to the park. The current pathways are widely used and enjoyed by park users, and a realignment appears unnecessary as well.
- No fenced road through the park
- I do not support reducing the off-leash park areas at all!
- Do not like the reduced off-leash area or fenced areas.

Paths

- This provides dog owners with a separate path to use which is nice and I like the idea of getting rid of noxious weeds.
- Put a dog path through the small meadows - not the 'shared use' path.
- Good opportunity to rehabilitate the noxious vegetation areas and separate pathway from the off-leash areas.
- Shared walk areas are fine, just concept 2 removes dog Off leash at the water.
- I use this park because I enjoy my relaxed nature walks along the river with my children and my dogs. This park is most conveniently located for us. We are slow moving pedestrians.
- Dogs don't walk nicely on paths, they run in the grass. I support having bike path that doesn't have dog walker on it but the reality is that people are down there to run their dogs and bikers need to be careful as do walkers. That is why it is called a SHARED use path

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- I appreciate that cyclists would like a path too. Cyclists and slow moving pedestrians do not mix very well, so I suggest 2 riverside pathways - one paved pathway for the cyclists, and also a hard gravel path for the slow moving pedestrians with children and off leash dogs.
- Bikes and bikers are dangerous to dogs and walkers! Keeps bikes out of the off leash area!

River Access

- Let the dogs get to the water in more than 1 spot, I don't have a dog and have not had a problem along the river, only on the main trail due to in attentive owners
- Many people and dogs access the river along the shore as well as near the bridge. This concept completely prohibits dogs access to the river - a concept that will be difficult to maintain and will create more potential for unhappy interactions.
- Limited access to river will concentrate the animals in one place.
- Too restrictive to riverfront access.
- It looks to me like the entire river front is changed to on leash. Access to the riverbank and river (my dog loves to swim) makes the dog park wonderful. How can our dogs swim in the water if it's on leash??
- I don't like losing the shore access throughout the park

Not Support

- Leave things as they are.
- I totally do NOT support either Concept 2 or 3.
- Do not support this concept at all.
- I do not support these concepts at all.
- Too many things being done that will definitely restrict my off-leash enjoyment.
- Wrecking park.
- Lots of work for something that is very similar to what is already there, and affecting natural areas. Why bother? Please don't do this, spend money elsewhere.
- The meadows area should not be compromised.
- The meadow is beautiful. It is a gathering place for friends and our animals. We are a community and often meet our friends there to catch up on events of the day...or just to enjoy seeing each other. The dogs run around and play with their " Friends' too. It's a relaxing and therapeutic experience. Why would we want a path running through this area?
- Proposed shared use pathway cuts into some of the nicest current OFF LEASH walking areas.

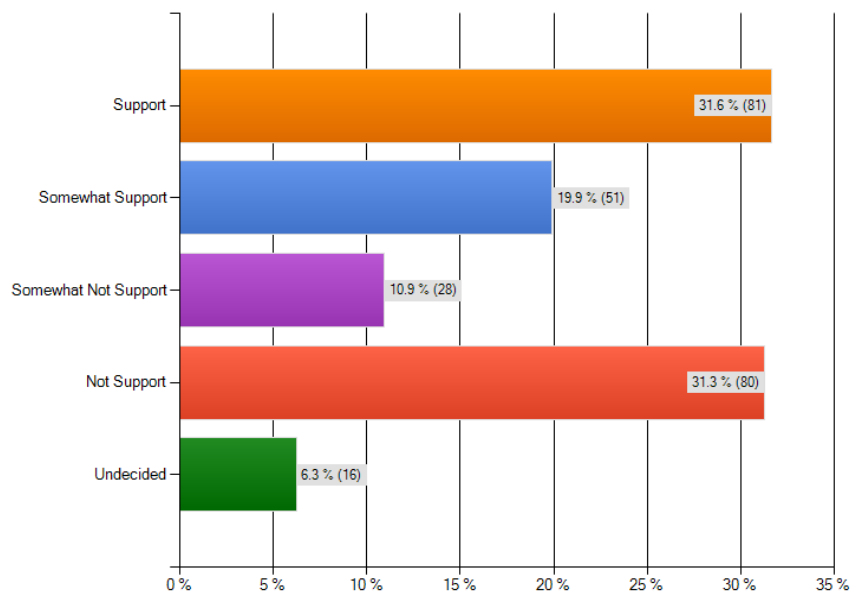
- The "shared use pathway" is a sham. The asphalt will not be used by joggers and walkers since it is harmful to joints. The path will be used only by bike riders who will use it as a racetrack. Any pedestrians will have to beware for their lives. The path is fine where it is and doesn't need any upgrading.
- Leave the shared use pathway where it is. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Pave the road coming into the park and there's your 2.6 mil.
- Moving the shared use path would be expensive, disturb habitat and isn't necessary. I'm opposed.
- Follow the existing path. Do not support giving dogs any more land.
- Moving the pathway would be a needless disruption of a system that works just fine as it is. Those small meadows are lovely as is and add to the natural setting. Can you just for once resist the impulse to manicure and manhandle the river valley's beauty?
- The pathways are great as they are, and don't require any changes.
- I do not support the shared use pathway encroachment on the meadows and I also do not support the reduction of off-leash area along the river.
- There is simply no reason to re-align the trails. Once again, these drawings are far to hard to read.
- A new path is definitely not needed.
- Not necessary to realign.
- I feel the realignment to eliminate user group interactions unnecessary, particularly if interactions are managed at trail intersections.
- No need to realign path to separate off-leash area and people; no need for "tree cleaning."
- I love walking this trail, and my dogs love running up down left right, and everywhere else off leash on this trail.
- Keep the development to a minimum - there's a pathway developed, use it. Creating a new one leaves behind the old one and requires more destruction and construction. Completely against turning this park into a construction zone.
- Why are we forced to stay in the sun???? Why as dog owners are we forced to walk only in open fields where the wind is horrible and the sun is intense?
- Like I mentioned earlier I find the off-leash area way to small.
- Don't like smaller dog area.
- Off leash is minimized vs. most frequent daily users appear to be dog owners
- Don't like that it shrinks off leash area

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- Cutting down the off leash area
- Reduces off leash access.
- Takes away from off leash area
- Dislike the restriction of the off leash area
- Reduces off leash access area. Laurier is dog free on or off leash. Isn't that enough?
- Again, takes away off-leash privileges that already exist
- I'm not a fan of segregating off leash users.
- I would only support the pathway option if it does not reduce the size of the off leash site.
- Although I get that separating the dogs from the bicycles will reduce some unfortunate accidents, it's kind of nice to see the dogs running around as you're cruising by.
- Why does there have to be a boundary at all?
- Why pave more areas?
- Waste of money, causes more problems than it solves
- What is wrong with it as it is? Waste of money!
- Excessive expansion in the Rowing Tank lot will create congestion and high traffic.

Question 32: To what extent do you support the fenced off leash area (barrier free and training area)?

2.2.1. To what extent do you support the fenced off leash area (barrier free and training area)?



- One half of the respondents (132 or 52%) to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support the fenced off leash area.
- 108 respondents (42%) somewhat or do not support the fenced off leash area.
- A further 16 (6%) were undecided, and 50 did not respond to the question.

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Question 33: Please explain what you particularly like or dislike about the fenced off leash area (barrier free and training area).

Like / Support

- Excellent idea!
- Very great idea!
- It's a great idea!!! (x3)
- Great idea and would be a welcome addition to the park facilities.
- Good for teaching dogs how to behave off leash.
- Very beneficial for new pup owners. Also small dogs could use this area to keep their owners happy (small dogs don't need as much room, and often don't socialize well with larger breeds). Go for it!
- Brilliant. This sounds unique to any other off-leash area, & I would suspect, long overdue as barrier free access, & catered to specific needs.
- Some dogs don't come back when called. The fenced off training area gives people the opportunity to let there dogs run without worry of them getting away. Great place to teach them to come back too.
- Great plan! Some dogs run away when off leash, but it would be amazing to have a special area that was fenced in!
- Some dogs don't return when called, so a fenced area would allow the dogs to run, and would make it easier for their owners to reclaim them.
- That is a great idea! So great if the elderly/mobility impaired persons can have a "safe" place to spend time out side with their dogs so great!
- I think fencing off leash areas (includes training) is a good idea. I dislike restricting areas available now.
- Fenced area is great for training young dogs and for those with shy dogs! Fantastic idea!
- Fencing is good as it keeps the dogs from running off.
- The dogs using this area will not interfere with the public using the facilities. This is sometimes a problem.
- Very nice concept! Great for puppy training too!
- Wonderful idea! A training area provides a service not offered elsewhere.
- Nice amenity to have.
- Sounds like a good idea for those special needs groups - could it also be used for puppies not ready for the bigger area?
- There is a need for that kind of training space and this would be a good place to have it.
- Great idea, never would have thought of that. Barrier-free access is dearly needed, and a fenced off leash area provides addition opportunities with little adverse impact.
- Accessibility features are helpful for those who require them.
- For younger dogs, this would be ideal to help owners enjoy the park while their dog becomes trained
- Barriers work in this case.
- If this is something that the elderly and mobility impaired people are requesting then that's fine by me. The location for that seems acceptable.
- I like the idea but fear this means less area for the dogs.
- Fenced training area would be appreciated by a colleague of mine!
- Allows new dogs and dog owners to experience the park in a controlled environment
- It may not be useful to me, but I can see that it would be useful to others.
- Better access for all users - especially the mobility impaired.
- More access for all users.
- A separate area for off-leash for the mobility-impaired is a huge benefit for this city, and the impression it makes in the global community. It is difficult for mobility-impaired individuals to manage the romping of untrained (non-service) dogs, who cannot (quite justifiably) identify a mobility-impaired individual and / or know that it is not OK to jump up on someone who may not be able to see them coming, or be emotionally prepared to deal with such circumstances (for example those with autism, particularly children).
- These animals provide much needed service and are costly to train they should be protected at all times in a safe area it just makes sense to provide this to their owners
- Persons using Guide and Service animals should have a safe, secure area where they can exercise their dogs without the worry of interference from unruly pets. By encouraging Guide and Service dog users to exercise their animals in this fashion, you are supporting the disability community indirectly.
- Service dogs need their own training area.

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- Anytime you include amenities for the disabled, or service animals, I am in favour.
- I like that this option provides an off leash area for service dog training and for barrier-free access for elderly and mobility impaired (off leash) dog walkers.
- I'm happy to support these special needs. I'm concerned, though, that there may be some who use the area inappropriately, perhaps for dogs they can't trust to return (and perhaps can't trust for other reasons, leading to confrontation). There may be a need to control access to this area, although I can't imagine how you'd do it.
- This has worked in other areas, so I think it would be OK, as long as it is a short fence.
- I support it if there is a need for it. I wouldn't necessarily use it myself.
- I don't need this area but I could see that some would.
- If a real need has been identified then I support
- Separates dogs from bikes
- Anything to keep the cyclists out is a good idea for this small area.

Alternative Barriers

- Instead of fences use current shrubs that are to be relocated due to construction and have the shrubs be the fences.
- Careful consideration would be needed to determine exact size and location. Use of chain link fencing is discouraged as it is very unnatural.

Don't Like / Need

- The fence would lock out the natural wildlife, intrude on the natural ecosystem and beauty of the park, and brings little of value to the off-leash dog site - it appears to provide an additional barrier and take away free space from the off-leash area, in fact. As a dog owner who pays yearly taxes to support my pet, I completely oppose this idea.
- Let's put up a barrier to enclose a "barrier free" area???
- This wonderful shared use park is where we go with our animals to enjoy seeing them run free and enjoy life. There is a lot of joy in just watching dogs and puppies run... they can be penned up at home..this is not the place to fence off.
- Don't need fences in a park
- Would really break up the beautiful open field area for throwing balls/frisbees.
- This would seriously detract from the beauty of this natural area.

- This is not necessary, there are plenty of training facilities in the city. The city shouldn't be in the dog training business.
- I don't believe this park area is the place for any fenced off areas. Many disputes many occur between who is using that fenced off leash area and when. This is not the place nor the time.
- Totally unnecessary, they are using the park right now without problems.
- This seems unnecessary. The hardened paths ways are accessible. Dogs need to be kept on leash until trained to be off leash.
- Dog people look out for others already. Not needed.
- Not helpful.
- This is an excuse for people to show up at the dog park with untrained, possibly dangerous dogs. Training should take place in peoples' back yard or IN A CLASS. This is unnecessary and will be abused by the once a year dog park visitors.
- People do not use the park for training in that sense. Setting a separate training area merely reduces the land use for an unnecessary purpose
- Again, not a fan of segregating off leash users.
- No fenced road through the park
- One of the reasons to go to Buena Vista park is to enjoy nature with my dog. A fenced area would definitely take away from the natural experience.
- I don't feel like it is necessary. I feel as though the main wide space of the dog park serves the same purpose as does the spaces by the parking lots.
- Why would we possibly need a separate, private training area? Not necessary if the major area is accessible.
- I don't believe there should be ANY barriers for off leash
- A fenced off-leash area is a terrible idea. As mentioned in the previous several answers to this similar question, it will ruin the flow of the park. If the city intends to use fences in the park, they may as well install gates at the entrances, etc.
- Not required.
- I don't think we need a fenced off leash or training area
- It's not the city's responsibility to provide a place to train dogs; it should be just for casual recreational use
- Not sure this is necessary. Seems like overkill and hits a very small demographic, I would think.
- I do not see a need for this feature
- I don't like the addition of fences in the area. Keep it as natural as possible.

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- I totally do NOT support either Concept 2 or 3.
- I reject concepts 2 and 3.
- I am not walking my dogs in a corral.

Not Sure

- Is there a demand for this? If so, and it would be used, then I would accept it. I've noted, however, that putting a fence between dogs can increase their aggression.
- I support it if this is seen to be a need - not sure if it is
- Are there any people who have requested this?
- I am not sure there would be much use for this if the off leash area was improved.
- I don't know if it's really necessary
- If the area is not too big and we don't lose much open area, then it could be a good thing.
- Don't service dogs already have training grounds? This seems to serve a very small minority (special interest) of park users.
- I like the idea but I think if you want to train a dog you can do so in a leashed area or elderly can just street areas by their house.
- Great idea to have something like this, but don't like that the regular off leash area is significantly reduced
- How often will this be used for the intended purpose?
- If by "gated" you mean this will not be accessible by the public than I am adamantly opposed.

Put Elsewhere

- Since the "enlarge view" doesn't work, it appears that this area is slated for the great meadow. I would think a more appropriate location for this area would be west of the parking area by the rowing club.
- I don't support it where you put it. Put it along the main road coming into BV and Laurier parks, on the north side where that large open meadow is. Easy to park there (with the new parking stalls) and step right out into the fenced off area.
- I can walk my dog in my back yard if I want a fenced off area. If there is a demand for a training area, it should be established in another park where there is no off leash area (majority of our parks).
- Why didn't you put one in Terwillegar where there is more space?
- This reduces off leash free access. Put it in parks that have no off leash areas. Fenced off is not off leash.
- More fences. If this area is really desired then put it by the 137 Street field.
- Don't like fences in the existing park, why not put this facility in the empty area west of 132 Street?

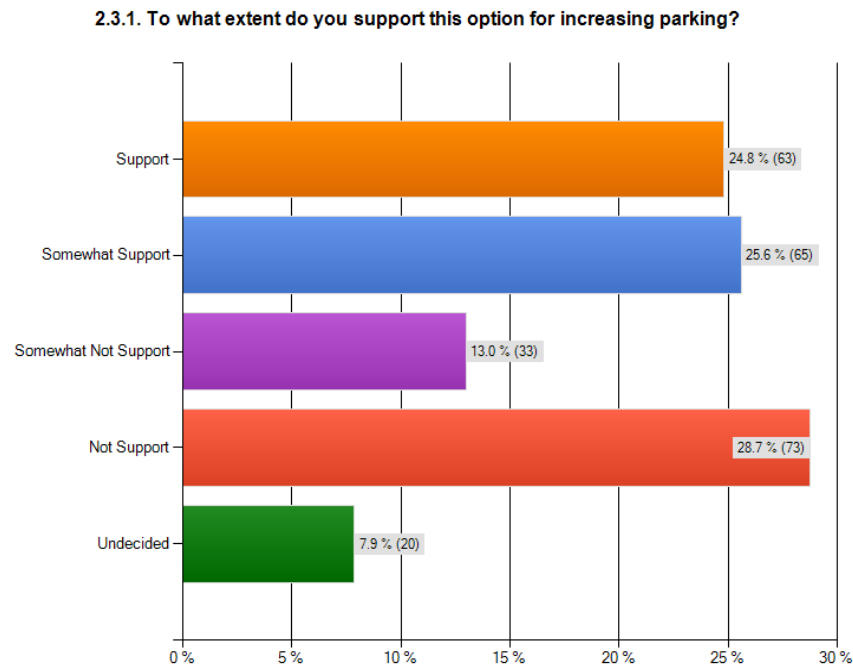
- Not at all compatible with the idea of an off leash. I would love to see fenced off leash area above the bank is some of the strips that are close to main roads. Why would you do it here??? You are shrinking that space and then take a chunk of land to accommodate training??? It is an off leash not a training centre
- Why does the park need an off leash area? If it is included it should be very small and entirely fenced off from the rest of the park. Dogs should not be able to frolic in the river - the City's water supply!
- It would be nice to see fenced off leash in areas where there are busier roads. Many off leash parks in Edmonton need to be fence more than this one.

Other

- Why can't there be more benches put throughout the park. A small fenced area is unnecessary.
- Will be under utilized
- If there needs to be a training area for service dogs then its ok. Are you going to charge money to use it? If so, I am against it.
- Seems a bit overkill to create separate area for this.. training area I don't mind, but much of park should be barrier-free, not just one little fenced-off area.
- Too small.
- I don't think this is necessary. It would be better to preserve the natural habitat in Laurier park as much as possible, and reduce costs. My other concern is that the amount of construction necessary to make all these proposed changes will affect usage at the dog park. Will the area be closed while under construction? This would be unacceptable. Construction should be kept to a minimum to reduce inconvenience to users, and planned in stages so the entire area is not closed to off-leash patrons.
- I like a fenced area if need be, but again I don't think tax dollars should be paid for off lease dog parks....maybe have the owners pay an entrance fee to recoup costs...like you do with children registered in any programs or going to pools, zoo etc
- Why would the city be spending tax dollars for private sector service dog training? I would assume they have their own facilities.
- I like idea of a training area but you want to take away a significant portion of off leash and then further reduce it by fencing some off? This I do not agree with.
- I'm not a fan of the barrier free concept. Barriers help both people and dogs safe. I love the idea of seating for elderly and mobility impaired dog walkers.

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Question 34: To what extent do you support this option for increasing parking?



- One half of the respondents (128 or 50%) to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support the option for increasing parking.
- 106 respondents (42%) somewhat or do not support the option for increasing parking.
- A further 20 (8%) were undecided, and 52 did not respond to the question.

Question 35: Please explain what you particularly like or dislike about this parking option.

Don't Support / Not Necessary

- I don't think this is necessary
- Too much development
- Parking works as is. A bit of a walk is what most people seek.
- Again, extra parking is not needed.
- Never had an issue with parking.
- No more parking spots!
- Seems like too much expansion to me.
- It seems like a lot of unnecessary expense.
- As someone who has used the park for more than 7 years, year round, at different times of the day, there has always been parking in the park or nearby area. Addition of more parking stalls is a waste of money.
- Such a dramatic change to the area would impact the natural feel of the park too greatly. Not required at this time.
- Never want to see green space covered by parking. Is it really needed. Only on event days is the parking really tight.
- Again it is just increasing the car traffic
- Rowers, dog owners, joggers, boaters can get along and share parking; we don't need designated parking!
- The rowing club parking lot is empty most of the time- very few rowing club members actually use it and the dog people break the rules and use the rowing spaces. Most of the rowing club members do not have cars.
- I totally do NOT support either Concept 2 or 3.

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- Don't like the parking along the road between Yorath House and the large field at Laurier
- Do not want more vehicular traffic in the park.
- I am concerned that this parking increase is too large, both for traffic reasons in the park, and for environmental reasons.
- You will attract a lot of traffic into the area and problems will arise.
- Too much space is taken up for parking. Walkable Edmonton is the plan, right??
- I don't think that more traffic is needed in the area. The roadways TO the park would need to be widened and upgraded too - lots of holes in the pavement driving down the hill.
- Way too much parking. A couple of times a year you need more parking, not the rest of the year. Takes away from the naturalness.
- Why so many for the rowing club - they don't have the need of it year round whereas the dog park does happen year round
- Too much asphalt. The location of the expansions are reasonable but do not need 120 new parking spots.
- Half of that would be adequate.
- This includes a roundabout and all sorts of other development which I think is unnecessary and will cost the city money they can't afford. The extra parking will be welcome without all the other bells and whistles.

Some More Parking

- Again too much.
- A few more stalls would be good. This is too much.
- That would be way too many stalls. Too much destruction to the valley
- Too much land taken up with parking stalls. Some additional parking makes sense given that the city is trying to make more use out of this natural park. That being said...it is a park area.... The song Big Yellow Taxi is coming to mind... "Paved Paradise to put up a Parking lot..."
- Shared parking for park and off lease, not intrusive in the parks
- Take the money you would have spent on parking stalls and send it over to transportation, ear-marked for better cycling infrastructure. I just can't believe that this park needs 150 MORE parking stalls. Some, yes, but not that many. I do like the pond/wetland idea, though; that's a great way to incorporate infrastructure needs with natural elements! great work on that!
- This is more parking than needed.
- This is too much parking, I do not see the need for this many stalls.
- I am not sure that much extra parking is needed by the boathouse. Additional parking in Laurier and the roundabout are ok.
- I support a few new parking spaces, but the addition of 90 new parking spaces is atrocious.
- We don't need 120 more stalls, especially with expanded parking possibilities all along the road coming into BV park. I support expanding the rowing club parking lot to the west to take up that small meadow surrounded by trees, north of the roadway leading to the existing parking lot. No more.
- I agree more parking is needed, but I don't want to see too much natural space given up for parking stalls that may not be utilized except during special events.
- Laurier Park and the Off-leash area definitely need more parking. Not sure if the rowing club needs another 120 stalls all for themselves...seems a bit excessive.
- I support increasing parking in the area to provide more access to more users, as long as it does not compromise the off-leash area.
- Again, the rowing club is seasonal...wasted space during most of the year if converted to just parking for the club
- I can see the use of the 30 stalls at Yorath House in order to make the facility more usable and sustainable. I am not convinced we need an additional 120 parking stalls for park use.
- Keep all parking expansion at the perimeter (along Buena Vista road) where the area is currently used for temporary parking.
- This much parking would mean many more people in the park, and would take away from the peacefulness of the nature walks.

Support More Parking

- This works well.
- Parking will always be a problem.
- More parking is always good
- As I said before- more parking=GOOD
- Sounds good to me.
- More parking is great
- Parking yes
- Again, more stalls makes it easier to get parked and get going.
- More parking to accommodate more people is good.
- We definitely need more parking

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- More parking allows more people to easily enjoy the river valley in this part of our city.
- It gives more people access.
- I would like to see this park used by more people. That means more parking.
- We support IF it's for everyone.
- It is a sad truth that many people have to drive to the park. It makes it more desirable to visit if people have more certainty that they will find parking
- If boat launch is added, more parking will be required.
- As a general comment, parking needs to be both rationalized and increased throughout the park. My support indicated here can equally be applied to the other proposals for increased parking. The park is being paid for by public monies. The public likes to access their parks via car. I do not advocate over supplying parking, it is simply that there is insufficient parking virtually all year round.
- Increased parking is desirable, but not at expense of losing important green space. Perhaps a compromise would be better. Also, if the city actually provided more than just one cyclist-free off leash area, perhaps the demand on Buena Vista would go down!
- I'd support it if it were paved.
- I like to be able to park
- Additional parking is a good idea, bearing in mind it will be used by visitors to the off leash as well unless monitored.
- Let's face it...most of us drive & in many ways, there are limited means of people accessing these spaces without a vehicle. Increasing access means increasing parking, so 2 thumbs up from me.
- Whoa, major parking boost for rowing club. I guess that would help, especially during competitions at our river.
- I like this parking idea way better than the Concept 1 expansion. Affects less off-leash area, is expanding into a grassy area, not a forested one, so less loss of trees. Do this one!

Parking But Not Roundabout

- Too much parking and roundabout not necessary.
- Expanded parking is good, but the roundabout and new roads near Yorath house are too much.
- Like the additional parking, don't like the roundabout idea by Yorath.
- Can you just get the idea of a roundabout off the table???? You have development enough at the Valley Zoo and at Hawrelak. Leave Laurier/Buena Vista the peaceful oasis that it is, please.

- No need for a roundabout. Roundabouts are dangerous for pedestrians.

Not Sure

- If it is needed then increase the parking but I do have concern for the amount of traffic that it will generate for the people living in the community.
- That is one *huge* parking lot! Practically speaking, puts more cars in the Buena Vista area than I'd like, will be one big car-baking oven in the summer (unless you design it with more green space including mature trees through-out the lot).

Other

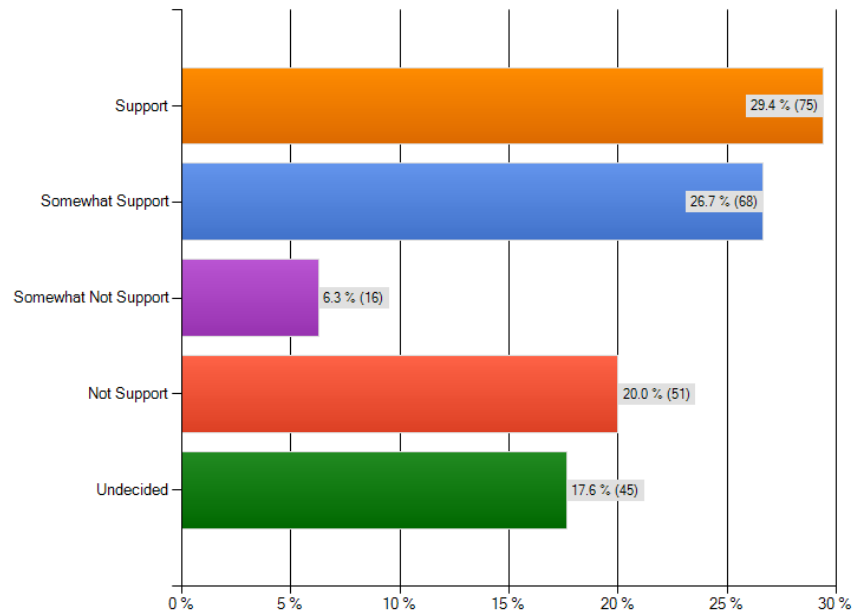
- Too close to the pedestrian bridge. Children need to run freely too, and across a bridge (as all children do) into a parking lot is dangerous. If this is to be utilized, appropriate signage at the Hawrelak end of the bridge should be considered.
- Wrong location.
- Prefer less 'development' that close to river
- See other reasons for supporting
- Not affected
- Provide impacts when asking people what they think.
- I prefer open parking for all public, with no special parking for certain users.
- Stay with Concept 1.
- Public transit as discussed previously.
- Already explained
- Like the ability to screen the parking with vegetation.
- Prefer that parking lots are linked in a loop so that cars don't have to backtrack if parking is not available in one location

Yorath House Parking

- This much parking would only be required if Yorath House became a facility. I don't see that a facility would be required here.
- Yorath House parking will be essential if the house is developed as a multi-use facility.
- The separate parking for Yorath House is a good idea.
- Keep Yorath House the way it is...
- Especially if Yorath House is to become a City multi-use facility makes sense to provide parking.
- Support development on Yorath House need parking!
- If Yorath House is going to be developed, it will require parking - but 120 stalls seems like a lot
- Don't like putting parking that close to Yorath House.
- I do not support improvements to the Yorath area since the future of this building is too uncertain.

Question 36: To what extent do you support Concept 2's boat launch viewpoint area?

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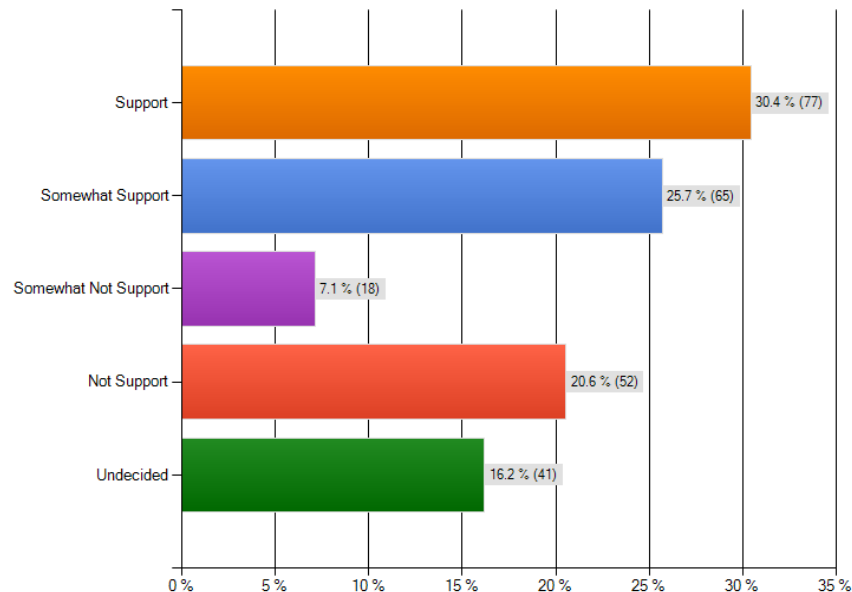


- A little more than one half of the respondents (143 or 56%) to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support Concept 2's boat launch viewpoint area.
- 67 respondents (26%) somewhat or do not support Concept 2's boat launch viewpoint area.
- A further 45 (18%) were undecided, and 51 did not respond to the question.

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Question 37: To what extent do you support the addition of a dock that provides water access to the boat launch viewpoint area?

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- A little more than one half of the respondents (142 or 56%) to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support the addition of a dock that provides water access to the boat launch viewpoint area.
- 70 respondents (28%) somewhat or do not support the addition of a dock that provides water access to the boat launch viewpoint area.
- A further 41 (16%) were undecided, and 53 did not respond to the question.

Question 38: Please explain what you particularly like or dislike about this boat launch viewpoint area.

Support

- I like how it may draw more visitors to the river valley. I don't feel either are necessary but may be nice.
- I do like the design and think it will be great for all the club to launch their boats because the existing ones are to limited
- It would be nice to walk out on a dock or to watch boats being launched.
- Like to walk out "onto" the water. Would not use for boating activities, though
- I like this idea. Looks sharp and would be highly functional for many type of users.
- Hopefully make the river more accessible
- Would be a nice place to walk.... must be public accessible.
- I like it, user friendly
- Better access for those of us with canoes from our cars to the water. Clean and without interfering with the natural landscape.
- For canoes and small boats only, don't need to see big motorboats on river!
- An attractive way to give river access
- An excellent idea that will encourage people to be active and enjoy the river.
- It's just another great way to allow Edmontonians to enjoy our beautiful river valley!

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- Exactly what is needed to encourage a connection with and use of the river. Either concept (2 or 3) is good, although I think I prefer the more permanent look of concept 3.
- River users have not been well-served by our municipal parks. There are two long-standing clubs using facilities located in the park. Their clubs could use the increased visibility that these developments would allow for, and may well encourage others to explore the North Saskatchewan River within city limits.
- This will be a very cool area if done properly, for boaters and sightseers alike.
- A dock is a great idea. Please make it big enough and add some benches so that people can sit on the dock and rest, or just take in the view. Beach access from the dock would be great too, so the dogs can swim.
- This is much better than the Capilano / Goldbar area - it provides an element of safety not seen in many parks, and a wonderful viewpoint for Edmonton photographers.
- Both of these are great ideas. I think Concept 3 goes farther and perhaps has better access for kayaks and canoes to be carried down to the dock, but implementing at least one of these 2 concepts is key to this project.
- Allows for more people to easily enjoy what is going on around and on the water.
- It provides an option to people using the boat launch as well it looks great.
- Can understand why boaters would like it, if only to provide more convenient access for their passengers. Like that I could use it for canoes, kayaks. But, again worry about increased motorized watercraft in the area.
- The rendered design makes the lookout look too big. Something smaller and more subtle would be more acceptable to me. I do like the idea. Also, another dock area would allow the Edmonton Rowing Club to more easily restrict access to our dock.
- This is needed badly!!!!
- The illustration looks lively, & increasing safe access to the river is great, and hey, a view doesn't hurt either.
- Currently there are very little safe and comfortable locations to view/interact with the water. An improvement is required
- That's good to have a spot for boat launches and to watch them from
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- I don't have a boat, but I could see the usefulness of this

Don't Support / Not Necessary

- Not necessary
- The river is easily viewed from any point on the river bank path in Laurier Park. A viewpoint is not needed.
- Too much development
- Let other areas along the river entertain developing a boat launch. This is a hiking, walking dog off leash area lets minimize opportunities for conflict.
- Not necessary for limited use it gets. Could become a point of friction between various users.
- This area is a natural area. Why ruin it with a building on the riverbank merely for viewing the boat launch? I can't believe anyone would suggest this!! This is an abomination to the park!!
- Wrong place, wrong park.
- Unnecessary and dangerous- how many people/pets/children will be swept under the dock? It gets hardly any use.
- Don't improve access to the river for motorized boats, so close to the rowing club. The rowing club can't move.
- Do not support the use of motor boats. I am concerned also about construction and it's impacts on the river.
- Power boats and rowing don't mix (kind of like dogs and bikes - why do you feel obligated to introduce high speed vehicles into the one park in the city catering to low speed activities). call me crazy but couldn't power boats and bikes be focused on one of the 20 other parks in the city??
- This area is populated and frequented by many animals who are averse to noise. Best to not encourage a lot of noisy motorboats to the area. Rowers welcome!!
- Bringing in additional motorized watercraft into this area is not very good for rowing.
- There are lots of natural places to view the area now.
- There are too few events where they need a bigger launch area to support the expense of extending it.

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- Again, both areas are not going to be used year round plus this now creates facilities that will need continued monitoring and maintenance
- No more traffic!
- Do not support the existing or expanded versions of the boat launch and other facilities. The proposed expansion area is already well used by various sports groups and should be retained for this purpose. Again, why isn't this include in the massive Terwilligar Park Master Plan ? Lot more space available.
- Very expensive to operate from year to year; the dock will have to be put in every spring, removed every fall and repaired after high water floods. How can this expense be justified for a few motor boat owners? If they want a dock, they should seek permission to build their own, it should NOT be supported by the taxpayer.
- A downtown park at the old Epcor site is crying for funding. It would easily serve the whole city and would be easily accessible to the whole city. Why waste my tax dollars making a big destination park where there is no need for one and where it would be difficult for people from the north and east to get to? This makes no sense.
- N/A for me. I won't be using that area.
- Why would we spend tax dollars to support an "sport" that is undertaken by .001% of the population? Boats are noisy, they pollute the river - why would anyone even consider putting this forward?
- Too much money, not really necessary
- Too much infrastructure. I prefer a natural setting for the boat launch - just as it is.
- Mostly a waste of money. If a dock is really needed, then build one similar to the Rowing Club dock.
- I wouldn't use it and it would increase traffic.
- I totally do NOT support either Concept 2 or 3.
- You cannot put a permanent structure in the water. It will have to be removed every winter.
- People are just going to hang out on it and congest it and it might be annoying for rowers.
- Have no comment either way as I would never use this service.
- Only the boating people would be able to use it, I doubt general public would be allowed.
- Not launch boats so I have no knowledge about what would make a good plan.
- Not sure how intensive this will be
- If the boating community is requesting this and it helps with their access and enjoyment of the water then fine. This area doesn't affect me as a dog walker.
- I don't have an opinion, you can do what others want here as I do not use this area.
- Doesn't interest me, but I think it is good to encourage more access to our river.
- It does not really affect me as i mentioned before I have not seen one boat dock there so not sure of its purpose
- Cost v. Benefits?
- How much is this sort of stuff going to cost. Will it screw up access for the rowing club?
- Depending on funding
- What's the point...?
- Is this a facility that will always be locked? We have many nice public areas that seem to lack staff to operate the facilities.
- I can't really tell from these pictures - will we still be able to slide a canoe into the water?
- Doesn't apply to me...but if it does help the rowers...then great
- I like the idea of a dock for small non-motorized craft and for pedestrians. I am less keen on increasing motorized boat traffic on the river.
- I am unclear on which boat launch this is - motorized, or rowers? If rowers, then I like it, if motorized, I am not in support.
- I think it would look beautiful. It's all the additional parking and paving around the area that isn't exciting.

Not Sure / Don't Care

- I don't boat on the river so I don't know if it would be used.
- I don't have a boat
- I don't boat so whatever
- I wouldn't use it.
- I do not use the boat launch.
- Not affected

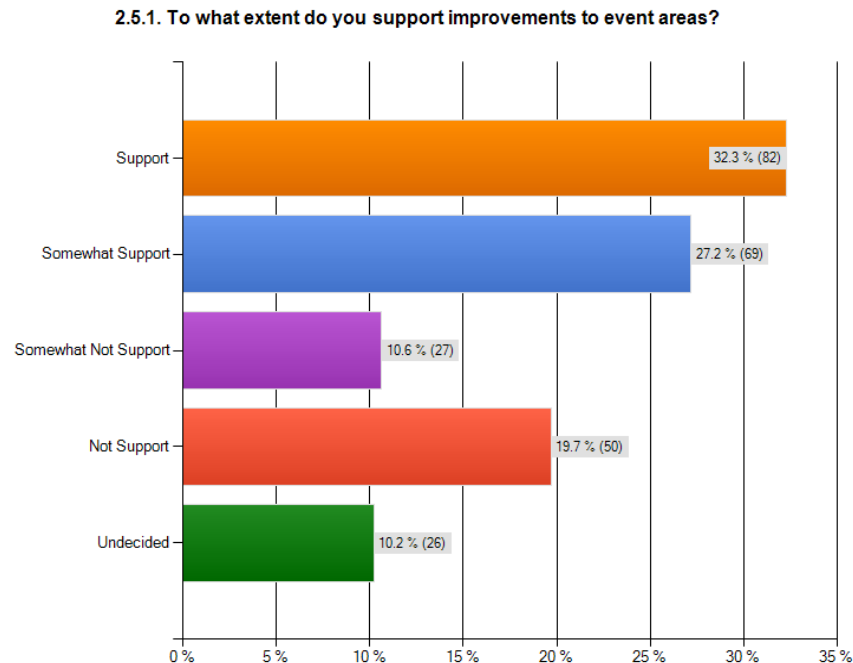
Design / Safety Concerns

- I have seen how fast the river flows when high, and I saw how much the dock at the rowing club was pushed by the river. The city would need to build a solid structure in the middle of the river, almost like a bridge support, to withstand the force of the high rivers, and to keep the dock in place.
- Due to river fluctuations how would the dock be built and maintained
- Safety.

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- Also, I have seen the sign in front of the rowing club dock that warns how dogs can be swept under the dock if they get into the river on the upstream side. My concern again is for children on the boat launch viewpoint dock who may fall into the river on the upstream side of the dock. Parents may not appreciate or realize the real danger that exists during periods of fast moving high rivers.
- I am not opposed to a boat launch. The boat launch just needs the right design.
- I'm not adequately familiar with the volume of boat traffic out of this launch to suggest that these are needed or un-needed changes. The concept, however, looks as though it provides good benefit to those who would use it with minimal impact on those that would not. I would want you to carefully consider the specific design of the dock structure, its adaptability, and especially its durability in years (such as 2012) when the river flow may negatively impact its usefulness.
- I don't use or go to this area so others with more involvement there should be instrumental in that decision. However, I wish to mention again that I am very nervous about the impact of larger boats and engines on the peaceful use of the river by the rowing club which has a long history in the area.
- Only if this is open to public use and not exclusively for the 50 rowing club members.
- Promoting increased motor craft use of this part of the river will increase conflicts among users, and would happen in what is now a context of uncontrolled and unsafe use. The attendant noise will drastically damage the experience of park users in what is now a relatively wild and unspoiled refuge from the city.
- Like the idea of a dock so that canoes and kayaks have a good launching place - concerned that it will provide a place for motorized boats to be constantly in and out from resulting in noise pollution. I would add to the design a way for canoes and kayaks to be brought down to water level easily - not on walkers board paths.
- I like the idea but fear this means less area for the dogs.
- I like the concept 3 viewing area more
- Due to the high activity of jet boats the viewpoint dock may cause a collision or distract water craft. The flow rate does change frequently - and the maintaining of the dock would be a lot of work for the city operational staff.

Question 39: To what extent do you support improvements to event areas?



- The majority of the respondents (151 or 60%) to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support improvements to event areas.
- 77 respondents (30%) somewhat or do not support the improvements to event areas.
- A further 26 (10%) were undecided, and 52 did not respond to the question.

Question 40: Please explain what you particularly like or dislike about providing two separate event areas.

Support

- Great idea (x2)
- The more the merrier.
- Like the events area concept
- Very nice!
- Seems like a good idea to me.
- Spreads the people out to reduce pressure on one area
- Different event areas provide different options for the people using them and will suit different groups of people and their particular needs.
- As long as the integrity of the park remains intact.
- Only if events are open to the public.
- This would make the space more usable
- Much better than encouraging expanded motor craft traffic.
- Edmonton is growing and can use all the event areas it can get.
- Any additional events areas surely will be used, so it is a good idea.
- Can have two different activities going on -- minimize noise disruption with one and the other
- Keep development of the green space limited. Development of the boat launch area sounds reasonable.
- Edmonton is a beautiful city, this will allow greater opportunity to showcase our responsible use of our river valley.

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- It's been needed for a long time, a new playground in Laurier would be great! Additional parking and improved bathrooms facilities are a must! Plus, I would love to hold an event at the Yorath house!
- It would be nice to have upgraded event areas
- Improve the possibility of having multiple events in the park at once
- I believe that adding event space helps to promote our city and allows for opportunities to increase city revenue, which would help offset the cost of renovations.
- It would allow two different events to happen, which is pretty cool.
- Provides for different types of events - and/or two events happening at the same time. Great use of space.
- Anything to improve the park.
- Yes! Yes. Want to see a restaurant down here as well. And food truck access!!!!
- Making use of the lawns as event areas is good, but don't make too many changes.
- I love that this area would be better utilized as an event space, particularly as more than one useable space. Multiple functions could go on simultaneously without disruption, & that would only increase recreational activity in our beautiful river valley.
- Formal event areas are needed

Yorath House/Grounds

- No events on the Yorath lawn please.
- I do not support the destruction of any trees, shrubs, lawn or plans to create a roundabout and additional parking by Yorath House.
- Prefer the more natural look in front of Yorath House
- I would very much like to see Yorath house improvements but to a nonintrusive degree. Simple, environmentally friendly and tasteful design that exists with the natural landscape currently surrounding the house so that the area can be more fully enjoyed but is not overpowered by design concepts. As for the boat launch event area - I leave that up to others that are more involved with the use of that area.
- I like the siting of the playground, but the Yorath House improvements are weak. Be bolder, as suggested in Concept 3.
- I like that the Yorath House remains in this concept.
- Yorath House area is underused.

- Yorath House is great and it should be kept more or less as is.
- Use of the Yorath property is welcome.
- If Yorath House is protected I support this concept.
- Allows Yorath House to have exclusive area and the other area to be more public use.
- I could support the event area by Yorath house, but not by the boat launch. there is a lot of green (tree less) area in Laurier park already for events
- The Yorath House area would be great for large, more formal events like weddings or fundraisers, while the second event area is great for family gatherings with children considering its proximity to the playground.
- I would like to know what type of events would be planned for the Yorath House area. I wouldn't support a lot of extra activity around there which would detract from the quiet habitat which the users of the path enjoy.
- I think it would be a good idea to finally deal with the Yorath property. The great lawn leading down to the river would make a wonderful event area. The house, unfortunately, should be removed.
- I do not support vague improvements to the Yorath property because the future of this building is still uncertain.
- I have no connection to Yorath House. I don't mind the idea of event areas.

Not Support

- Don't like idea of encouraging a lot more people.
- I would like the area to remain peaceful and natural. We already have parks that allow for events, like Hawrelak and Rundle.
- Once again, future generations will benefit from a nature preserve in our city.
- I'm fine with improvements to Laurier Park. Way too much parking allotted and too much going on in this concept for me.
- Not broke, don't fix.
- There is a very large event area across the river. Don't need one here as well.
- It takes area away from the off leash park. Why is the city providing these improvements to a private rowing club?
- We already have event areas, big time, in Hawrelak, just a short walk across the bridge, and the Valley Zoo is one big event. Laurier is a nice family park as it is. Believe it or not, many people like to have one or two parks like that to escape to.

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- What's the need? Who would use them? Is this to be a revenue source for the city?
- Too busy with events (festivals) as it is.
- We do not need another event area. There is a park across the river. Maybe you should look at a map sometime.
- I don't like the idea of two event areas, particularly the one by the boat launch.
- Prefer to see the parks used for natural activities such as walking/hiking, cycling, sports etc. that do not require electrical connections or water services.
- There are a lot of these types of areas in Edmonton already
- Too much infrastructure - most parks are developed in Edmonton - what is wrong with having a more natural area? Why can't the park remain as it is?
- Too much development
- Waste of money.
- This area is a beautiful place for walking and jogging. I can't imagine why anyone would want to spend our taxpayer dollars for "improvements". These fields "improvements" seem to be concepts of somebody who despises the natural look of the area. Why are improvements needed??
- You realize this park IS ONLY POPULAR WITH DOG WALKERS???? waste of space and money, they can go to HAWRELAK.
- Dislike the costs.
- I would be cautious about investing too much in event areas - the stage at Louise McKinney Park is only used once a year - who will program these events? has a demand for event space been expressed?
- I totally do NOT support either Concept 2 or 3.

Not Sure

- I like the idea of event spaces but I am not sure if 2 are necessary, don't want the park to be too developed, and I don't know what an event space is.

- Hawrelak park has plenty going on. What sort of events? What size of events? Mostly sporting? Lawn bowling?
- To what purpose?
- Not sure why people can't interact together
- I am indifferent to this.
- Have not taken in any events there

Other

- This means any additional parking intended for dog walkers will be used for this.
- I am particularly concerned about making the boat launch area into an event area because of the potential for noise through speakers etc. I do not want to see this area become a "beach scene" for boaters - noise travels in the River Valley very well - residents in this area already put up with the noise from Hawrelak events on a regular basis. If there is "power" provided for Yorath area there must also be strict regulations regarding sound.
- I do not support such a gigantic parking lot. I can guarantee that lot will sit empty for the majority of days and will degrade and become an eyesore because I know the city will not keep up with required maintenance. If you are adding additional parking at Yorath house, you do not need to add 120 extra stalls right next door. Reduce that large parking area west of the rowing tank by half and leave some park area the way it is.
- Like the improvements in Laurier itself
- Minimal improvement on the Laurier side
- Keep it simple. off leash, multi-use, bathrooms. period.
- Support everything except the boat launch and associated facilities. See comments above.
- One child free area would be good.
- I support this only because of the large playground area which is missing from the park at this time. We wouldn't be using the boat launch or Yorath House however.

Question 41: Concept 2 additional comments: Please provide any additional comments you may have regarding what you like or dislike about the options identified in Concept 2.

Support

- Playground equipment is always welcome
- I like it all

- This is a much better plan as it keeps the off leash area separate from the trail and minimizes the chance of conflicts between dog owners and others.

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- Concept 2 is getting there, and has more of the required elements than Concept 1.

Not Support

- We have something wonderful right now...why are we wanting to change it so drastically?
- I don't support concept 2, I like to use the river walk as off leash.
- I really dislike this option.
- I totally do NOT support either Concept 2 or 3.
- There is nothing in this concept that I feel brings additional value to the park aside from the creation of a wetlands pond.
- Dislike the reduction of free run area and encroachment of controlled areas.
- Northern off leash access should be expanded all the way to the bridge. You're fooling yourself if you think people coming from the north side of the park are going to stay on leash as they make their way to the river. Who are you saving this area for anyway? Other than the SUP section.....why can't the trails north of the big loop be off leash?
- This concept is obviously written by someone who hates the natural look of the Buena Vista park. It is obvious also that it is written by off leash dog haters. I despise this Concept.
- Way too much going on here for my liking.
- The park is ONLY POPULAR BECAUSE OF THE OFF LEASH AREA. Eliminating it and you get an abandoned park.
- It takes area away from the off leash park.
- I like keeping the dog area more forested and nature like.
- I don't like reducing the space of the dog park.
- I don't like the reduction in the size and water access for off leash. The development in Laurier including the boat launch (with more access for boating and viewing) and events on the lawn seem fine.
- Reduces and paves over off leash in the best dog park in the city.
- The Concept 2 provisions relating to the off leash boundaries will be unacceptable to the vast majority of current users of the off leash dog park, who are the vast majority of users of Buena Vista park.
- Not in favour of tree clearing. But in favour of removing noxious plants.
- Prefer to see the parks used for natural activities such as walking/hiking, cycling, sports etc. that do not require electrical connections or water services.
- Keep it a river valley, not a formal area.
- Too much development
- I really feel that this is an "anti dogs off leash" plan. Dog walkers from all over the City come to this area as it is unique (the only other one similar is Terwilligar). It is a big river valley and we don't need to meet everyone's needs in one small area. If you want to limit inter action between the Rowing Club and Dog walkers then expend the dogs off leash to the north. Dogs of leash should be enlarged not shrunk. Keep the area natural as possible. Do something about the traffic (people speed) along Buena Vista. I do not support any of the 3 designs...you need to do a better job of listening to all users and not limiting the dogs to appease the bikers and rowers. Maybe there is different rules for winter and summer. Dog walkers use this space year round.
- I prefer a natural setting - most parks in Edmonton are overdeveloped - we need a park that is more natural.
- Concerned that too much development result in loss off many tree stands
- No boat launch, dock, or associated facilities please.
- For the ltd use it might get, it is very pricey concept.
- Dislike the shift of the shared use pathway and that it is marked as on leash.
- Dislike any fencing in the park area.
- Dislike possibility of large boats potentially using the river in this area and intruding on the peace and quiet and the use of the river by the rowing club.
- Roundabouts suck.

Other

- No comment
- What is an event space?
- We do not need "event areas" in this part of the river valley! See above. Where is the groundswell of demand for such event areas here???? Other than within the parks department itself?
- The event areas must not add to annual operating costs.
- I support some additional parking, but there is far too much parking space in this plan.
- WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT MIXING BALLOON LAUNCHING WITH A DOG PARK IS NOT A GOOD IDEA. THE TWO ACTIVITIES DO NOT MIX. Many dogs are very afraid of the high-pitched sound of the balloons and can react in bizarre and unpredictable ways. PLEASE do not revisit the idea of balloons in Buena Vista Park.

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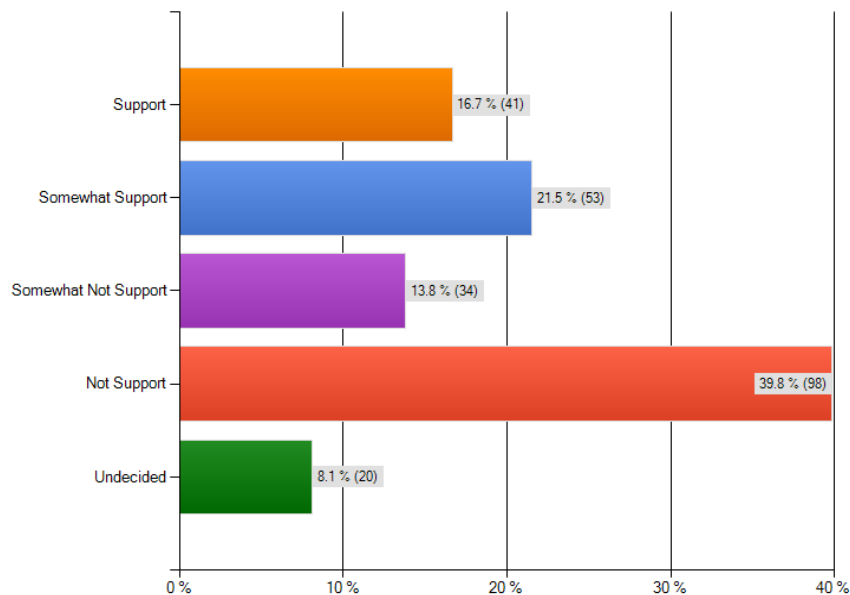
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- Put the multi-use trail as close to the river as possible to eliminate any conflicts between the dog park and vehicle traffic.
- Like saving Yorath house with very minimal development as creating a very user friendly place with a natural feel to it. I like the idea of a tea/coffee house with an interpretive centre right in the building.
- Save Yorath House
- Love that Yorath House is being kept in this concept.
- Preserving Yorath House is important
- The roundabout and optional road from Yorath to Laurier are not needed. I hope Yorath house can be cleaned up and put into some use.
- I like the Yorath House set-up and better parking for rowing club, but I don't like how the path by the rowing club goes.

CONCEPT 3

Question 42: To what extent do you support opening access to the roadway north of the existing off leash parking lot and the addition of 40 additional parking stalls?

3.2.1. To what extent do you support opening access to the roadway north of the existing off leash parking lot and the addition of 40 additional parking stalls?



- 94 respondents (38%) to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support opening access to the roadway north of the existing off leash parking lot and the addition of 40 additional parking stalls.
- The majority of respondents (132 or 54%) somewhat or do not support opening access to the roadway north of the existing off leash parking lot and the addition of 40 additional parking stalls.
- A further 20 (8%) were undecided, and 60 did not respond to the question.

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Question 43: Please explain what you like or dislike about the parking option.

More Parking Needed

- More parking is good.
- Need additional parking.
- Should be at least 140 stalls.
- Additional parking is needed to serve the need of those who will use the Service Dog exercise area.
- Seems OK to me.
- Expansion of off leash is good as we make big use of the area
- This parking doesn't impact the Yorath lot. And is a good access point for rowing and dog park.
- More parking encourages/allows for more to easily enjoy the facilities.

Some More Parking

- I don't think we need that much additional parking.
- This seems excessive, I feel 20 stalls would suffice.
- Way too much.
- May be more than is needed - too much development for a natural area
- I think that's a lot of traffic in that area, however it would be nice for the WW paddlers. So, if you do put it in, maybe consider moving the training area further from the roadside and put it more in the middle of that area along with some brush to create a separation.
- I would support this access opening if it improved barrier-free access.
- If more parking is needed the rowing club would be the best place
- There needs to be gated access to the off leash. People will be driving in the field unless restricted. I would prefer the existing lot be expanded with another lot (as in Concept 2?). Parallel parking and a turnaround will encourage too much driving here.
- Not sure it's really necessary, usually the existing lots are only full a couple of hours a day, the rest of the day they sit empty. I don't think we need that much parking, and for events, there is always the zoo parking lot.
- More parking is crucial, but will dip into the use of green space for users, so also there's negative behind it.
- Parking good additional roadway access not so much
- Don't mind an increase in parking, but I don't want to lose the shore access for the dog park.

- Also, this puts cars right in the area of a reasonable bike commute route. I enter the park from the end of 81st ave on a path that becomes the roadway. Being a responsible rider, I take the roadway until it meets the SUP before heading to Hawrelak Park. Now I not only have to contend with dogs (of which there will be more) but cars backing up. Very safe.
- Keep parking and driving access to the events and boat launch areas. Not through the park.
- I like the parking lot, I don't like the idea of more cars driving through the off leash park

Location

- Would it be dangerous for dogs in the area? If not then it seems like a good idea.
- Not sure if it's entirely necessary to expand that far north, although the additional parking would be nice.
- Wrong place.
- I wish parking were farther from the pedestrian bridge.
- Too close to off leash area
- Parking should be south of the existing area and along 132 St. not take up more of the off leash area.
- Keep cars further from dogs. Additional parking can be put at the entrance from BV Dr.
- The south boundary of the off leash area is Buena Vista Road. The expanded parking need to be along 132 street not 300 metres into the park.
- This puts cars too close to off-leash area which will increase likelihood of accidents - it will, at the very least, make getting in/out more complicated as drivers try to avoid the idiots who let their dogs wander loose in the parking lot(s).
- If more parking is necessary, construct it near the existing parking. Do not demolish park for parking.
- Parking is better located elsewhere.
- Parking should be kept outside of the parks

No More Parking

- Not necessary
- No need for that.
- Extra parking is not needed (again).
- Never had an issue with parking.
- Too much
- There exists enough parking.
- Cuts into the park area.

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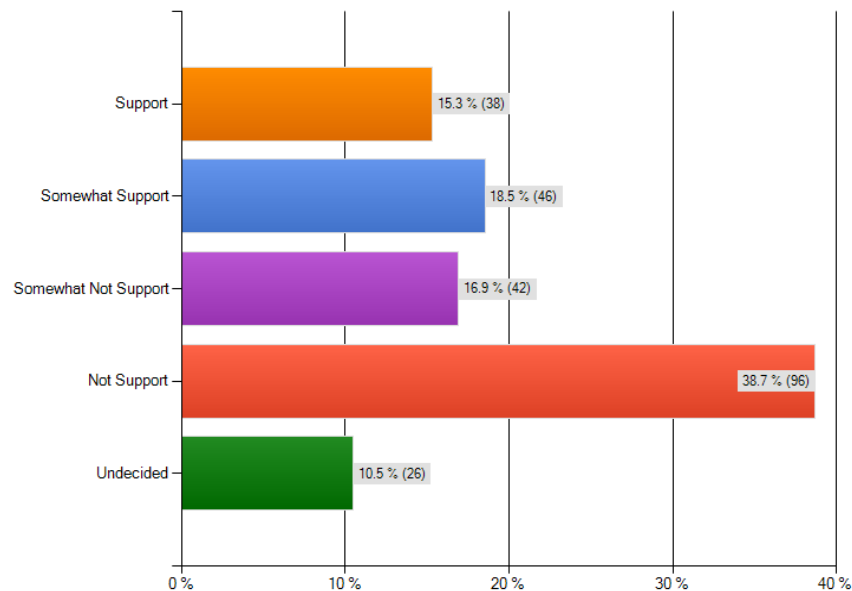
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- As someone who has used the park for more than 7 years, all year round, at different times of the day, there has always been parking in the park or nearby area. The addition of more parking stalls is a waste of money.
 - There does not need to be any additional vehicle access. Then it becomes a parking lot, car show not a park area.
 - Too much development of the park.
 - This would needlessly take space away from the off leash/ park area.
 - This is outrageous to have vehicular traffic in an off leash area. What madness!! This is one of the most insane things I've seen in my lifetime. Who are the planners that suggest this?
 - Walking is part of the park experience. The visioning sessions have generally supported the undeveloped character of this park. Increasing road use is not compatible with this vision.
 - NO vehicles into the park! This just invites pissed off people threatening one another, injured/killed dogs and injured/killed humans. Great way for Edmontonians to interact with one another. Do not open the park to vehicles. We won't need 40 extra stalls here if you add the extra parking along the road coming into BV park and the extra parking in front of Yorath house as in concept 2.
 - Creates potential for accidents with dog and car movement
 - This would increase the likelihood of vehicle-dog collisions and would add no benefit whatsoever to park users.
 - You are paving paradise. People can walk to the dogs off leash, after all they are there for a walk. There are only a few days a year where there isn't any parking and that is because of events at Hawrelak or Free Zoo day.
 - They took paradise and made it a parking lot.
 - I don't think residents will be happy about the extra traffic in their area...
 - Limits access and overdevelops the green space.
 - Removing trees and opening up the area is not aesthetically pleasing.
 - That's natural area... Dogs run there. Don't pave it for a parking lot.
 - Leave the river valley as untouched as possible.
 - You will detract from the beauty of the park.
 - Parallel parking sucks and is not in the average Edmontonian's DNA. Why not angle at least?
 - Too busy
 - Too many parking spots = too many people
 - Many community members access the park by walking straight down 81 Ave and into the park. Opening the existing roadway to traffic would create conflict between pedestrians and vehicles. Seems like a you're sacrificing a lot for 30 or 40 parking stalls.
 - I don't support reducing the space for the off leash area.
 - Why add more parking? It is only really an issue on the weekends and holidays.
 - I do not think this is necessary, and it would likely result in injuries to dogs. Keep the vehicles out of this area. If the city provided cyclist-free off leash access, the demand on this park would likely go down.
 - I don't think the park can sustain this many more users. If you build it they will come! If it can't support it, then don't.
 - No more cars!
 - I totally do NOT support either Concept 2 or 3.
 - Making the parking lots 'fit in' with the area, surrounded by trees (or not removing existing trees) there is nothing worse than an industrial looking park area.
 - Seems to focus a little too much on the parking aspect in my opinion.
 - Dislike the idea of more vehicle traffic
 - Too disruptive.
 - Are you nuts??? You want to add a parking lot in between where dog walkers park and the dog park - you want dogs to walk through another parking lot - don't you think there might be a safety issue with this?????
 - Vehicles too close to off-leash dogs. Dangerous!
 - Off leash land is being used for parking.
- Other**
- Please don't destroy the off leash area.
 - This is where my dogs run and play.
 - More people means more parking is needed.
 - I like concept 1
 - I like the park the way it is with minimal improvements such as open washrooms and a few more parking spaces for the off leash area.
 - I just don't like the path
 - Parking lots shouldn't be designed to limit impact to existing areas of vegetation
 - Like parking paved only

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Question 44: To what extent do you support expansion of the Rowing Club parking lot (140 additional stalls)?

3.2.1. To what extent do you support expansion of the Rowing Club parking lot (140 additional stalls)?



- 84 respondents (34%) to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support expansion of the Rowing Club parking lot (140 additional stalls).
- The majority of respondents (138 or 56%) somewhat or do not support expansion of the Rowing Club parking lot.
- A further 26 (10%) were undecided, and 58 did not respond to the question.

Question 45: Please explain what you like or dislike about the parking option.

Support

- Seems OK to me.
- More space appears to be helpful for community events.
- I like being able to park the car someplace.
- Needed.

Rowing Club Parking Not Needed

- Excessive.
- Too much parking at the ERC tank is an issue because of security (vandalism) of the tank.
- Too big
- Seems excessive.
- Too much parking (x2).

- Too many cars.
- No more cars!
- Too much traffic
- No need for that.
- Increased vehicular traffic has the potential for increased accidents between drivers and pedestrians
- Too much room would be taken by parking.
- Again may be overbuild. During those special events they could you Laurier Park parking if needed
- Too much asphalt. Overdevelopment. Does not respect the environment.
- Too much parking in our natural park areas.
- Loss of green space
- Extra parking is not needed (again).

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- No need to turn green space into parking! Look what happened to Hawrelak Park! It's a glorified roadway with park in between.
- The other options take care of parking problems adequately with less disruption. For God's sake, the Whitewater Paddlers don't even use their facility anyway.
- Seems like a bit too many stalls. I don't the natural areas in the river valley to be overwhelmed by massive parking lots.
- Off leash gets 40 and rowing club has 140 more stalls-disagree. Too many stalls for one group. The boat persons should be able to park there too. If planning allows more space in the rowing area of 140 more stalls the rowing club can share the stalls with the general public instead of having Rowing club only parking.
- Adding 140 stalls is way too much. there is not enough traffic to warrant this
- That is too many stalls, and you would lose green space that would be used all year. In the winter, those lots are usually empty.
- We should be preserving our existing green, not taking it away.
- Too many vehicles in that area.
- If the Rowing Club is hot to trot for more parking lots in this area of nature, they can always relocated and pursue their expansion dreams.
- Too many - I hardly see anyone parked here at most times.
- Not utilized most of the year
- Just not at the expense of off leash.
- This amount of parking for the rowing club is absurd!
- It is not in keeping with the overall beauty of the river valley if we keep adding in parking stalls and asphalt.
- I totally do NOT support either Concept 2 or 3.
- Prefer to reduce vehicular traffic in the park.
- Too many stalls. Too much asphalt. Is there really a need for that many?
- Too disruptive. seems to remove dog park space
- Here is too much expansion of the parking within he park.
- Off leash land is being taken for parking.
- That is way too many stalls and will take away from current park space. Also the additional traffic would disturb the peaceful atmosphere of the park.
- The vast majority of the users of Buena Vista are off leash dog walkers. This would further curtail their off leash area while making it very dangerous for all. This is insane!!
- Seriously, they're only there for a few hours, a few months of the year. They really think they're something don't they. How many dog walkers use the park on a daily basis? How many exclusive stalls are they asking for?
- More parking encourages/allows for more to easily enjoy the facilities.
- As someone who has used the park for more than 7 years, all year round, at different times of the day, there has always been parking in the park or nearby area. The addition of more parking stalls is a waste of money. I oppose the destruction of any lawn, trees, or shrubs to build these surplus stalls.
- People try to park here all the time. Although some extra parking here is required, this much parking is only required if there is a multi-use facility.
- Park becoming overly developed for the "natural landscape" Goes outside of the overall vision.
- Only if not assigned exclusively to rowing club users.
- AS long as everyone can park there it is good.
- Way, way too much!!! Give the Rowing Club and Paddlers the parking they need to perform their function and enjoy the water. Provide them their own spots to the north of their rowing building and proper access to their new building.
- As I said before, I can guarantee this lot will sit empty for most of the year. Add the extra parking along the road coming into BV park and the extra parking in front of Yorath house as in concept 2, and I think you have more than enough. See how that pans out and then if you need more, worry about it in two or three years.
- Keep parking expansion at perimeter of the Park. Use land along Buena Vista Road where extra parking is allowed now during major events. People park there now when needed and walk as far as Hawrelak Park. Surely it is not to far to walk to the rowing club.
- An additional 140 stalls would require a drastic reduction in trees, which doesn't support our desire to keep the area in its natural state. We can support some upgrades, but this might be a bit too severe.
- ALL parking should be public parking, not catering one group. There is so much time that others are using the space when rowing isn't active.
- If the need is there for the rowing club members, then should help them out too.
- As long as there is an adequate number of stalls for dog people!
- If it's available for everyone not just the rowing club then I support it.
- Only if it is shared parking.

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- As long as not all for rowers only
- They can use the regular parking lot if they really need that many more stalls on busy days.
- As long as the stalls are multi-use it wouldn't be too bad.
- We don't need that much parking
- I agree with the expansion, but not as much as is being looked at currently. We do not need that much space being taken up by parking; we need to encourage mobility in other ways, such as DATS stops, etc.
- As long as not a huge portion is dedicated to the rowing club, and off leash users have access, I think its a good idea. Half the time there are more than 5-10 rowing patrons there.
- Too big. If people are going to use Laurier/Buena Vista to park for events in Hawrelak, they should be further away from the main activities in Buena Vista/Laurier - even if that means I also have to walk farther. See also my comments about car-baking from concept 2.
- Too many parking spots = too many people. The rowing club should not have so many private spots.
- Making the parking lots 'fit in' with the area, surrounded by trees (or not removing existing trees) there is nothing worse than an industrial looking park area. It will have to be monitored....
- Seems like a ridiculously high number of stalls - how often will they actually need THAT many?
- An additional 140 stalls is excessive. What do they have now? I'm thinking it's about 20..tops. The proposal is to increase parking by 600%? And that is just at the rowing club??
- I do not participate in rowing club activities so I don't have an opinion. I assume they would be happy to have more stalls.
- Don't know enough about the rowing club usage to comment
- Too large a parking lot. Are there that many rowers? Where have they been hiding until now?
- Do we need this many stalls? More than concept 2?
- Again most rowing club members live near the university and walk, run or bike there. Have parking passes and count how many actually show up.
- I very rarely drive here. So the need for changes to parking is not something I'm knowledgeable about.
- Is this going to benefit only the members club? Or the rest of the public?
- Why so much here, is it a bar??
- Does this mean that every member of the rowing club gets a parking spot. They only have about 200 members at most.

Not Sure / Need More Information

- Not affected.
- Do not use
- Not sure of the need
- Is it really needed???
- I don't know if it needs to be this much larger.
- Is there really a need for that much parking?
- Is the rowing club that busy?
- Is this too large???
- 140 seems like a lot... takes away the nice field..
- 140 seems like much too high a number.
- 140 stalls seems like a lot - not sure how much of the open land would be eaten up by this.
- 140? Too many.
- I cannot believe that the rowing club needs 140 stalls.

Other

- I like concept 2's parking plan for this area better.
- Don't like the idea of a 2nd round about - not necessary if the lot is designed well
- Encourage environmentally friendly transportation. Add bike racks that are secure and a useful transit line. Don't add more parking. That is so lazy and is not a lifestyle that fits the River Valley.

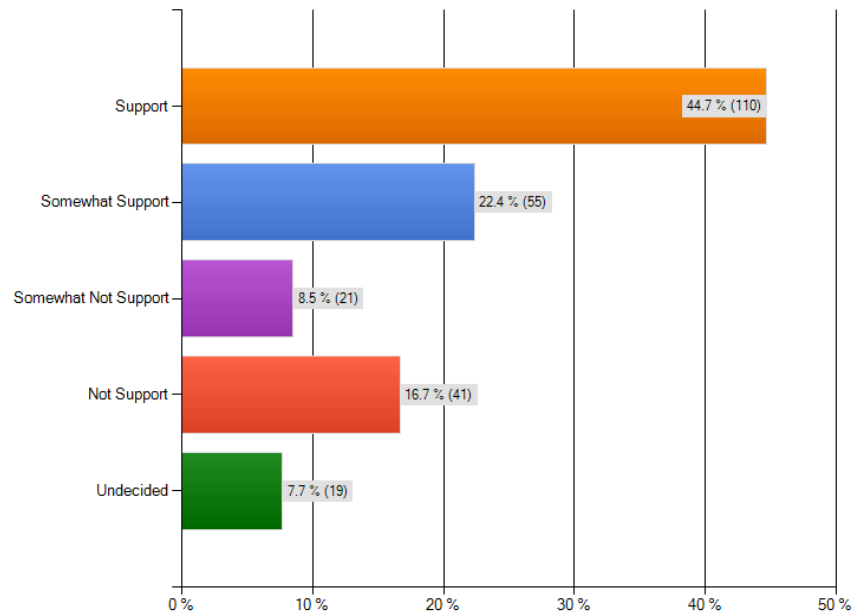
Yorath House

- If Yorath House is redeveloped successfully there will be a need for lots of parking in that area for events like weddings.

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Question 46: To what extent do you support viewpoint and riverside pathway improvements?

3.3.1. To what extent do you support viewpoint and riverside pathway improvements?



- Two thirds of respondents (165 or 67%) to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support viewpoint and riverside pathway improvements.
- 62 respondents (25%) somewhat or do not support viewpoint and riverside pathway improvements.
- A further 19 (8%) were undecided, and 60 did not respond to the question.

Question 47: Please explain what you like or dislike about providing viewpoints and riverside pathway and improvements.

Support

- Great idea (x3).
- Very cool ideas.
- It does add appeal
- Stop areas and viewpoints would assist in future growth and use of the park.
- I think the viewpoints would be nice and provide enjoyment to many people. A nice place to just stand or sit and enjoy the natural setting around you.
- A place to sit and rest for those not so fit or able bodied.
- The pathways need to be built up so this might help.
- Finally a place to sit and really relax and enjoy the river valley in this segment of it.
- I don't see anything wrong with adding viewpoints, pathways, and stabilization improvements, they all seem useful.
- Safer viewing of river for families re: shore access
- Good to have opportunity to see the river.
- Erosion may be a problem along here and improvements for safety may be welcomed.
- People enjoy walking along the river
- I enjoy walking along the river and hope to take my grandchildren there often. Viewpoints offer a reason to stop and look, something many of us don't do often enough.
- Nice additions to the Laurier Park pathway
- Always nice to have these to better view the river.

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- Viewpoints are fun and give people a place to sit down, draw, eat lunch, talk. They're a good thing.
- I've often wished there was a view point or two along this side of the river, because the view is quite nice. It's also a very steep bank down to the river and is scary for my children and pets.
- Every opportunity should be made to improve the view and exposure to the river within Laurier Park. Viewpoints and bank improvements that involve clearing some of the underbrush separating the trail from the river should be encouraged.
- Improving those trails and stabilizing them isn't a bad idea.
- Safer for families with small children
- It's better than having someone slip down the slope.
- Please add seating and water fountains so that people can rest and dogs can have a drink. In BC, the dog parks have water fountains, with a second lower bowl for dogs.
- Opens up exploration for people who are just realizing the beauty that is our river valley
- For moms, these are a dream come true. Much easier, and safer, to settle a baby / small child at a viewpoint than on a path. Also, for anyone lost / injured, a marked (ie. named / numbered) viewpoint and a cell phone can help EMS find them easily.
- Great idea. This opens up the beautiful river bank to pedestrians, and takes some pedestrian traffic off the shared use trail, providing more separation for pedestrians and cyclists.
- The viewpoints encourage people to stop and appreciate our river valley - the improvements help to protect what we have.
- It's a great opportunity to appreciate the beauty of the riverside.
- This is a perfect way to offer people access to the beauty of the river
- I think the more we can do this the better the trail system will be
- Appears to be quite nice.
- That's pretty
- Improvement to visual interaction with the river is a high priority
- Not all want to run through the riverside, some prefer to sit and quietly enjoy the bountiful scenery
- Might be nice.
- Would be such an improvement over the eroded drop-offs we have now.
- It's a beautiful location. Viewpoints would be nice.
- What about a glass walkway? (I'm kidding)

Somewhat Support

- Viewpoints will be nice in these 2 areas, as long as trees along the rest of the trail are left standing. Bank stabilization is needed.
- The bank should be stabilized but paving would defeat this action.
- Getting machinery in to stabilize the bank without destroying a section of the park will be challenging; good luck. Better view points, structured or unstructured, would be nice.
- Bank stabilization - yes, of course. What does improvements mean? Keep the soft paths. Viewpoints not needed. the paths have viewpoints all along them.
- I would support this only if major bank stabilization is not required.
- Leave it the way it is except for bank stabilization where needed.
- All for it provided restrictions to the off leash areas are not impacted.
- These viewpoint things would cost too much to create and maintain, and would be used far too little to support their addition. As well the city would not keep up with maintaining them and they would become areas for graffiti & drug use (and worse). If there is already a riverside pathway in that area, and it needs improving, of course, go do it!
- Pathway improvements are OK. Constructed Viewpoints are not needed.
- Keep it simple.
- There is really nothing to view from these points. Insure the path is stable and leave as is.
- Prefer a natural pathway without viewpoints - there are ample spots to view the river already through naturally occurring breaks in the trees.
- The pathway improvements are necessary, but not sure we need a viewpoint, we have an entire river valley to wander and look at, do we need another structure to maintain?

Not Support

- Not needed.
- Not necessary.
- Good as it is, don't change it by prettying it up
- Natural concept becoming too commercially designed. I respect the feeling of coming "across" beautiful views naturally and not being led to them.
- I rather keep the path natural.
- The area is fine as is. Rustic and beautiful.
- It takes away from the natural appeal of the park.

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- This is a natural area. What do viewpoints have to do with the natural experience? It is all best alone and not so called "improved".
- I think the natural habitat is fine, and with more construction planned, more disruption of nature will occur. This isn't necessary, and will incur added costs.
- Keep it natural. This reminds me of that monster project proposed in Jasper National Park.
- You can see the river without the platforms. There are paved trails already. I would like to see the park remain in a more natural state. There are many other parks for those who prefer a developed area.
- There are so many viewpoints already....
- There are viewpoints naturally occurring and this is part of the beauty of this park.
- Not required, too costly.
- I think these little lookout areas are a waste of time and money
- Everything is geared to make it more commercial - there are several natural viewpoints along the trail and adding man-made structures does not add their appeal in any way.

- The bridge is a great viewing area. Why not create view points on the other side, the Hawrelak side?
- I totally do NOT support either Concept 2 or 3.
- The riverside path should remain as is.

Not Sure

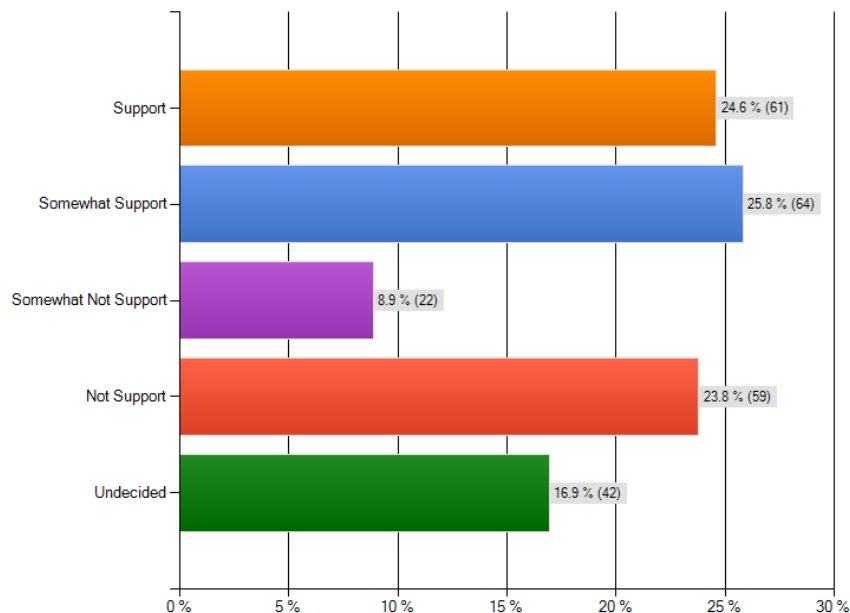
- Strictly from a financial aspect, Is it really necessary?
- Not sure such fancy viewpoints are necessary, thinking about cost and ongoing maintenance. And of course they will be covered in graffiti in short order.
- Is there really a demand for this? Where is it coming from? Couldn't we put my tax dollars to better use on a downtown park accessible to the whole city?
- I'm not often in Laurier Park so I can't make an educated comment.
- I only use the Buena Vista off leash area.
- Basically, I don't care - but there are probably higher priorities.

Other

- Please keep the signage modern and commit to updating them. The ones in Emily Murphy Park are embarrassing.

Question 48: To what extent do you support the Concept 3 boat launch viewpoint area?

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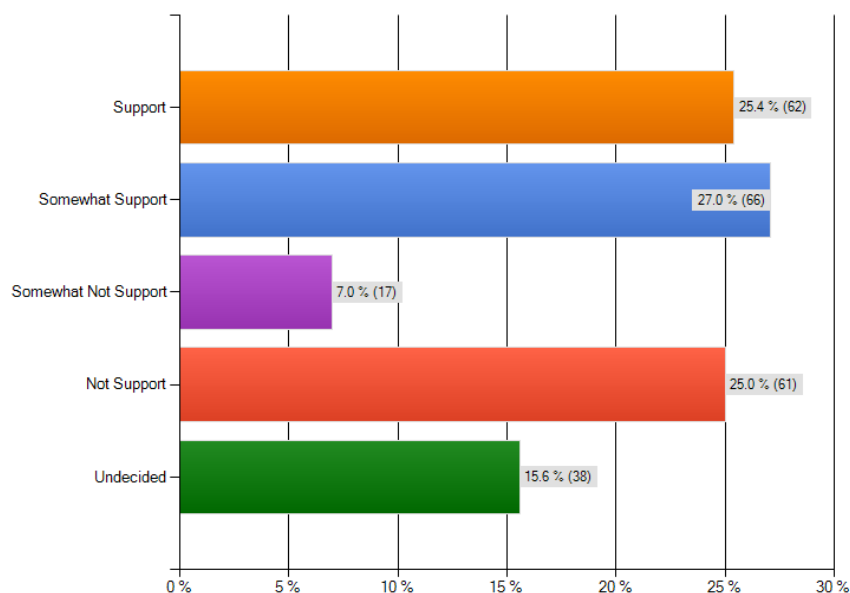


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- Half of respondents (125 or 50%) to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support the Concept 3 boat launch viewpoint area.
- 81 respondents (33%) somewhat or do not support the Concept 3 boat launch viewpoint area.
- A further 42 (17%) were undecided, and 58 did not respond to the question.

Question 49: To what extent do you support the addition of a dock that provides water access to the boat launch viewpoint area?

3.4.1. To what extent do you support the addition of a dock that provides water access to the boat launch viewpoint area?



- Half of respondents (128 or 52%) to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support the addition of a dock that provides water access to the boat launch viewpoint area.
- 78 respondents (32%) somewhat or do not support the addition of a dock that provides water access to the boat launch viewpoint area.
- A further 38 (16%) were undecided, and 62 did not respond to the question.

Question 50: Please explain what you like or dislike about the Concept 3 boat launch viewpoint area.

Support

- I think Concept 2 is sufficient for the viewing area. I like the addition of the dock to increase visitors to the river valley.
- Do not use the boat launch areas but viewpoints are nice
- Only if this was open to general public.
- At this point anything would be an improvement

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- Looks great
- Looks ok to me.
- This is a growing area of need and this concept addresses that.
- I like this dock design the best, because it provides the most access to the water.
- Better access to river
- Increases river access: good thing!
- Allows for more people to easily enjoy what is going on around and on the water.
- Kids would love the stone stairs transition. It would give them something to do while the adults got the boats ready. I can't see many other differences here between 2 and 3 though...
- It would be nice if those of us without boats also had some benefit - like a view point/dock
- I like the ramped walkway
- It is beautiful and showcases our river valley. Hopefully it will be built to withstand the test of time, so that it may be enjoyed for hundred of years to come and become a Canadian Heritage Site.
- Both of these are great ideas. Implementing at least one of Concept 2 or Concept 3 is key to this project.
- I like the more complete design of concept 3's viewpoint
- Interaction with the river is important

Somewhat Support

- I am ok with a small boat launch. My concern is the safety of the design.
- Keep it simple.
- Would fishing be allowed off this dock? I would fish here.
- You go a bit far with this. Access is good, don't over build
- My main concern is to continue to be able to walk into the water with a canoe
- I like the more natural look with the Stone Stairs transition
- I like the idea, the project looks too big as the rendered drawings show. If the dock juts out too far, it will impede the flow of row boat traffic. This is our main training area. Increasing water traffic in the area to uneducated water users creates danger to the members of the Edmonton Rowing Club
- Mostly a waste of money, but a small dock would be OK.
- I don't like the idea of a viewpoint area built into the bank of the river. This is a natural area and should remain in that state. The dock is another matter and

could be incorporated, but the viewpoint is a major development on the banks of the North Saskatchewan.

- I support the boat launch, but not sure we need a viewpoint, we have an entire river valley to wander and look at, do we need another structure to maintain?
- There's not a huge difference between this and the previous concept. I prefer the former.
- Concept 2 was better.
- Like the idea of facilitating foot traffic. Do not support encouraging additional motorized traffic on the river - especially high speed traffic like jet skis and jet boats

Not Support

- Not needed.
- Too much construction and constriction.
- Too much development
- Too intensive.
- Seems way too overdone.
- Too much
- It's too much.
- Don't think we need a fancy viewpoint;
- Smaller is better.
- Extensive infrastructure not necessary and inconsistent with overall intent and use of this park.
- By too much development I feel we are moving too far away from the original overall vision for BVLP of celebrating activity in nature and the outdoors.
- This feature is not compatible with this park. Edmonton needs a river use strategy that controls noise and safety issues through organized use areas, better signage, better patrols, attention to erosion issues, and separation of incompatible uses. Saskatoon provides a model that should be considered. This boat launch develop should not.
- The extra viewpoint area here seems a bit much and unnecessary
- A lot of effort for a limited user group.
- Drowning hazard- and will be rarely used
- Please don't improve access to the river for motorized boats, so close the rowing club.
- Please develop this kind of access somewhere else on the river, far from the club.
- I don't want to see an event stage on the river bank. We need a recreation focus not an entertainment focus.
- Any water features will create problems with water safety for the city.

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- As was said before, these create more areas for maintenance and upkeep therefore increase future costs
- See previous comments. No boat launch, dock, or associated facilities please. Put in Terwilligar Park instead.
- Again - why this fixation on boat launches. No one, but no one supported this concept at the public meetings. Who is pushing this agenda?
- Let's keep it the way it is. Very few people use this area - they obviously go elsewhere - likely not in the city.
- I totally do NOT support either Concept 2 or 3.
- Don't make this boat launch area only appealing to boaters.
- Do not want an increase in motorized boats. Would like to keep shoreline development to a minimum.
- Power boats and rowing do not mix. Think about it.
- Overkill, spending a lot of money and never get the use as intended.
- I don't believe money should be spent when there is adequate views now.
- Too much money.

Not Sure

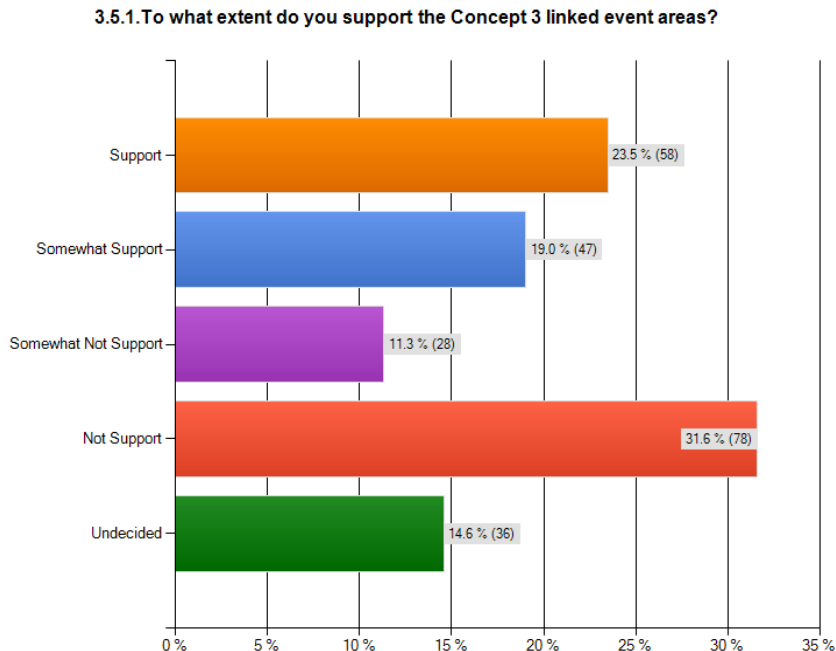
- I don't have a boat so I don't know much about what makes a good boat launch.

- I am not use I understand how this is different from concept 2.
- Don't use so not very strong on answer, but wouldn't you want water access at a boat dock?
- Simply not needed. Where is the demand coming from?
- How will this boat launch area be monitored so it is safe?
- I am not sure that such a large viewing areas is warranted. Permanent structures (docks) have to be pulled out every autumn. I do
- Not sure it will get enough use to justify the extra improvements
- What do you mean by "a higher level of detail and a more refined design than Concept 2"?
- N/A to my interests - won't be using this area.
- I do not use the boat launch.
- I do not use this area for boating at all.

Other

- To be honest, my brain is overloaded at this point. You're trying to cram too much into this survey for the average Joe to process. (I'm a PhD student and I've already lost my focus).
- See concept 2 comments
- Same comments as for Concept 2's boat launch/viewing area.

Question 51: To what extent do you support the Concept 3 linked event areas?



- 105 respondents (43%) to the online survey who answered this question support or somewhat support the Concept 3 linked event areas.
- 106 respondents (43%) somewhat or do not support the Concept 3 linked event areas.
- A further 36 (14%) were undecided, and 59 did not respond to the question.

Question 52: Please explain what you like or dislike about this option for the event areas.

Support Linked Areas

- Great ideas
- Improved areas are good
- It appears this would also provide better connectivity between the park spaces; big plus!
- The increased improvements to the event areas (compared to concept 2) make the areas even better - but I realize not everything is affordable.
- In case a large event is planned and need to go to all sites -- this would link the areas.
- The link between the two areas is nice and opens a variety of event options.
- I think this is all WONDERFUL, but curious what the extra expense would be between this and concept 2. I think the changes made in concept 2 are sufficient. The event stage would be a great addition!!
- Additional event space linked in this fashion is a great idea.
- This would be wonderful for river valley weddings, and new city events. Imagine a ceremony in one area with a reception set up in the second, a river valley pathway serving as a concourse between the two? This is a grand concept!
- Now that I see how these event areas are linked, it is pretty cool.
- Provides for different types of events - and/or two events happening at the same time. I prefer option 3 to option 2 in that option 3 links the two areas should it make sense to have separate but similar events happening at the same time. Great use of space
- Love it linked but keep cars to a minimum.
- It would provide for large events to be held here.

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- Having them linked might be nice. I don't want too much development in the park and like the rustic, wild feel of Laurier Park.

Support Separate Areas

- Again not sure if we need to event areas, but if we do I think concept 2 is better because they are separated
- Prefer the separation between the spaces.
- I preferred the 2 spaces. 3 linked spaces seems like a little much.
- Are you taking out green space that picnickers use? The fields and trees are nice for that. The idea of the event stage is a good one though. Maybe there's potential for actual events or festivals down there, which would be really good.
- A formal event area is needed, but impact to existing vegetation is important to consider during detailed design

Not Support

- I do not support the expanded parking in this concept, and oppose the destruction of any trees, shrubs, lawn or plans to create said parking.
- I support one area for events, the park is already heavily used and two event sites would make it insane down there. It would no longer be a tranquil place to walk.
- We have Hawrelak right across the river. Do we really need a lot of commercial events going on on the other side of our river too?
- Have events at Hawrelak, keep this park simple, a dog park used by thousands.
- Too much. Event area across the river.
- Is this all necessary with Hawrelak across the river?
- Look at a map. There is a huge event area just across the river - and connected by a bridge. Hello! How many events can this section of the River Valley support? Hawrelak is the big one; so is the Zoo. Why do we need more in this little part of the River Valley?
- Too large of groups, I don't feel it meets the natural feels of the park
- It feels like the park is getting too big and commercialized.
- Too much activity in one area.
- What exactly is the need for all this construction. Place tax payer funds elsewhere.
- Again - too much development - like the more natural spaces
- Overdeveloped.
- Too much development

- Too much; congestion, noise
- The area is going to get far too congested with all of this happening.
- Too much developed space
- Too structured,
- Overdeveloped and too costly.
- More area is being taken away from the current park, this is not a desirable outcome.
- I prefer this to be less developed.
- Not a good idea, naturalness of existing park is lost in this mini-development plan .
- Do not like this concept in the Buena Vista area. Laurier perhaps as it is utilized frequently in the summer months.
- Areas in Laurier Park are underutilized , improve them first before expanding
- The area is not big enough for events.
- Do not support the boat launch use plan.
- Ridiculous- do you have the money set aside to maintain it or will this park go the way of Dawson Park and Mill creek Ravine?
- Not needed and will increase traffic.
- Don't support ripping out well-established forested areas for a paved trail. Don't support ruining the Yorath lawn with a circular paved trail. Don't support adding orchard - rotten fruit littering the lawn, attracting flies, trees not maintained, etc.
- There is an existing path along the river that connects the two. Only maintenance is required.
- Let's have at least one park for the people who like natural areas.
- Same reason as above. Keep the park natural and peaceful.
- That takes away the forest area.
- To link these areas you will need to use/disturb the land, trees etc Not necessary.
- Too disruptive. destroys natural space and shrinks the Yorath lawn I support having more natural space vs. "event areas."
- Simplicity.
- Seems pretty large scale for this area, kind of diminishes the calmness of it.
- It takes area away from the off leash park.
- No need for them to be linked. There is a shared use path and the existing Riverside path.
- Waste of money
- I totally do NOT support either Concept 2 or 3.

Yorath House

- If Yorath House remains I support this option.

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- Yorath underused.
- I prefer this to what is proposed in Concept 2. I especially like the ideas hinted at for Yorath House, including the formal gardens and fruit garden. What about winter use?
- Like this concept as it connects the Yorath area with the more landscaped/manicured part of Laurier Park. I think the larger Terrace would be well used, especially if the view of the river is enhanced.
- I like concept 2's plans for the Yorath House area more than this plan.
- If I was hosting an event at Yorath House, I would prefer the more private setting of Concept 2
- I don't support the addition of paths and orchards at Yorath House, as I don't think it is necessary.
- No events on the Yorath lawn, please.
- This is further development where there should be none. This destroys the naturalness of the lower lawn at Yorath house as well as making a huge mess by the boat launch. What is wrong with leaving Buena Vista the way it is. Has someone gone crazy at Parks Edmonton??
- Prefer to see park used for natural activities, not activities that require a stage or activities that require indoor space such as Yorath House.
- I like the event stage near the boat launch. I don't care for the one near Yorath House.
- Too Invasive. I do not support any improvements to the Yorath property if the future of the property remains uncertain.
- The Laurier-based event area looks much nicer with an interesting road re-alignment. If Yorath house is staying, this appears to be a nicer configuration.
- Adding new trails to connect the areas is not needed. The ring path at Yorath area is not needed, but one trail along the North side of this area would be good.
- Budget? What shape is Yorath House in? Is it a viable reno? What improvements would there be to a new building that Yorath doesn't have (or would have once renoed)?
- This plan is only of use in the warmer months. It will require the closure of the off-leash trail along the river bank all year long which I oppose. The existing Yorath property is on leash but the property does not go to the waters edge so the river trail is off leash which is how I want it to remain.

Not Sure

- Not an area I would use so can't comment
- Not quite sure.
- Who would program these spaces?

Question 53: Concept 3 additional comments: Please provide any additional comments you may have regarding what you like or dislike about the options identified in Concept 3.

Off Leash

- Dislike the reduction in free run area. Dog runs should be marketed as a MAJOR FEATURE OF EDMONTON.
- This concept reduces the off leash and results in more development. I think the more natural the better. Laurier could be more developed, but there needs to be a limit. Concept 2 is probably enough development in Laurier. Concept 1 is enough changes in the off leash area.
- Not a fan of this concept as it totally restricts me as an off-leash dog walker.
- It takes area away from the off leash park.
- Once again, Concept 3 reduces the size of the off leash area in Buena Vista park, although not as badly as Concept 2. It will be opposed by the vast majority

of current users of the off leash area, the vast majority of users of that park.

- I will not support the reduction in off leash area. The area has many more off leash users than when first established and no additional off leash parks have been established in about 15 years.

Too Developed / Keep it Natural

- I really dislike this concept.
- Overdeveloped and too costly.
- Too much infrastructure.
- I do not like this at all. You are ruining a gem in the City
- I just go to the park for a relaxed low key, low cost nature / fitness walk. Something simple.

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- This whole concept is completely outrageous! It destroys what Buena Vista is all about, the walking through nature trails, the off leash area, the jogging along gravel paths along the river. Please STOP!
- Walking through trees is part of life. Not a paved path with groomed back trees.
- The natural feel of the park area will be lost and those of us who enjoy using the park for a break from "too much" civilization will suffer.
- This is just too funny. How can you totally ignore the public input which was to leave everything alone?
- I totally do NOT support either Concept 2 or 3.
- Dislike shifting of the shared use pathway and potential loss of trees.
- Ridiculous- do you have the money set aside to maintain it or will this park go the way of Dawson Park and Mill creek Ravine?
- FOR A PARK AREA THIS DEVELOPED AND ACCESSIBLE GO TO HAWERLACK
- This concept plan is too formal, too 'constructed', insufficiently natural. Our parks should encourage walkers, bikers, runners, etc., not cars and motorized boats.
- See concept 2 comment. WHY do you want to increase bike and boat traffic in the one park in the city that caters to dog walkers and rowers??? Can't we have one park without noise and speed? what's next - adding helicopters to complement the balloons that take off from the middle of a dog park???
- Very little in this plan seems to add anything of substantial value to the park, with the exception of the wetlands pond, nature playground, and viewpoints.

Support Concept 3

- Go with Concept 3!
- Good intention, will not increase park users but decrease dog walkers. Expand Laurier Park not Buena Vista.

- I really feel that the river should be the focus of Laurier Park / Yorath House. It's there. It's free. It's not something you get a chance to see up close very often.

Conflicting Uses

- Freeway for bikers is absurd.
- WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT MIXING BALLOON LAUNCHING WITH A DOG PARK IS NOT A GOOD IDEA. THE TWO ACTIVITIES DO NOT MIX. Many dogs are very afraid of the high-pitched sound of the balloons and can react in bizarre and unpredictable ways. PLEASE do not revisit the idea of balloons in Buena Vista Park.
- Not really a big fan as while it limits the off leash area it still leaves a chance for conflict

Other

- Again. Remove existing boat launch.
- With the large amount of additional parking in both concept 2 and 3, traffic on the road down to the park will become much busier. The road is already in horrible shape and it is in a residential area. What plans does the city have for that road?
- Note about survey- not iPad friendly. It very hard to see details on small screen

Paths

- Do not shift the Shared Use Path. Added river viewpoints are a waste of money.
- Move the multiuse trail to be next to the river to eliminate conflicts with drivers and dog park
- Dislike the shared-use pathway through the small meadows. Better to pave the large, wide, existing shared-use pathway.

ALL CONCEPTS

Question 54: General comments: Please provide any additional comments you may have regarding the entire project and/or its individual elements.

Good Ideas / Like Concepts

- Great ideas. Looking forward to using it
- Really excited about this!!!!
- You've done a good job on addressing what needs upgrading and what needs improving without sacrificing the beauty of the landscape. Thanks!
- The City has some good ideas regarding the improvement of this park. Thanks.
- I really hope to see significant improvements, particularly in Buena Vista as there is currently no reason to loiter there unless you are a rower or dog owner.
- The revitalization of this area of the river valley is LONG overdue and I am really looking forward to it. I have been a resident of Parkview for my entire life, and I know myself, along with everyone I know who lives in the area, would support improvements and beautification of the Laurier/Buena Vista area. It is a hassle to have to drive to other parts of the city to get the level of river valley development that is desired.
- Since the city is growing at an alarming rate having safe access to the parks and river would only be a welcomed addition both animals and people need to feel secure in using these areas to their fullest expanding parking more washrooms and safer walkways would all be a huge step forward in helping to ensure every ones' enjoyment
- Thanks for all the hard work to prepare these plans. I'm excited to see how it all turns out and how the changes will affect my use of the area.
- You have made some fantastic improvements, I would love to see this followed through.
- A much-needed revitalization!
- An upgrade the Laurier Park playground would be absolutely worth the investment. This is my "home" park, I love to visit with my kids. The slide is great, but the swings being only for small children is disappointing to my older child!
- Great work, looking forward to whatever improvements are adopted.
- Really great that the city is looking at this park. It is big, beautiful but does get overrun - particularly in the off leash area.
- All in all any of the concepts look like a great improvement and modernization of the park area. Thank you.
- The concepts presented do a nice job of retaining what is good about Laurier Park while offering substantial improvements. Keys for me: paving the shared use path; separating off-leash areas from the shared use path spatially; keeping Yorath House and making it a destination year-round; improving river access for both boat trailers and for canoes and kayaks (provide a dock).
- I support the improvements to the Buena Vista/Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park because the public uses the facility for a variety of different activities. It will enhance the community. It is a privilege to have this area of land to enjoy but we need to take care of it. It is money that will be well spent.
- I look forward to watching the improvements taking place. It is wonderful to see the city committed to preserving/protecting/improving our beautiful river valley.
- I think it's great that you are planning to improve these areas. They are rather tattered at the moment and invite careless use. Making it look cared for and inviting will encourage the park users to also care for this space.
- I mentioned previously that the park is missing a playground. Currently there are only a couple of swings and slides. It would be nice to see at least a basic playground area in this park as many families use this park. I would support a plan that would include this element in it. The extra parking as well as a year-round bathroom are great parts of the plans.
- More biking trail would be an asset
- More consideration needs to be taken for cyclists going through the park to access other parts of the river valley. Off leash areas and larger parking lots take opportunities away from cyclists.

Parking / Washrooms

- There are some positives with the suggested changes, like additional parking, some lighting and washrooms. Otherwise I'd recommend you leave it alone.

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- More organized parking would be good, some path improvements and restrooms would be nice. A paved road through the park is something I just can't go along with. The only people this can possibly benefit is bicyclists, they will be able to get up to full speed and become more of a hazard, and once its paved there will be bike races through the park to be sure. The thousands of miles of paved road in the city are not enough, now lets pave the park too!
- I am disturbed at how all of the concepts appear to have increased parking, an addition which seems wholly unnecessary given that after many years of use in all kinds of weather, at all times of the day, parking has never been an issue for me. The creation of this parking would also include the destruction of trees, shrubs, lawn, and other natural features of the park, which I cannot support.
- The park only needs better parking and a couple of more washrooms.
- In general, I don't think that there is a need for more parking or off-leash space. Improving the accessibility of the Park to low-mobility users is a great idea, as is formalizing the boundaries between off-leash and on-leash areas and the multi-use trail. I also think that there should be additional attention paid to the leg of the path that juts out onto the main road -- there is currently a stop sign there, but it is still possible to have close calls with cars.
- Parking requirements are often over calculated. Logical review of "normal" parking requirements should be considered as opposed to event or average parking requirements. Encourage use of transit and bike access to park.
- This is a wonderful park that is well used by a variety of users. Some public washrooms, a little more parking, maybe some tweaks for accessibility for disabled, is all that is really needed. We have enough programmed parks that have so many special events that the park is not available for passive recreation which exceeds active and programmed recreational events. Let's not spoil this beautiful resource!

Off Leash

- I also oppose fencing off the dog park or installing a closed-in fenced area. Not only will this cut into the free space available, it could prove a barrier to wildlife that roams the park. As a taxpayer who pays for their dog's license, I do not want these attempts at improvements installed into what is currently a natural and completely adequate off-leash environment. I also do not support the reduction of the off-leash space in the park. Better signage to show where the off-leash area begins and ends would be preferable.
- FREE RUN areas are a MAJOR PLUS for Edmonton. Edmonton should take advantage of this GREAT feature for people who want to move here or visit. Don't reduce the dog runs.
- Enlarging the off leash area would be beneficial. I enjoy the park because it is conveniently nearby, and provides a peaceful nature and fitness walk for myself, my children, and my pets. I especially enjoy walking along the river. Two pathways along the river for the different types of traffic (fast moving cyclists, and slow moving pedestrians with children and off leash dogs) would be my preferred choice.
- I strongly believe in shared usage of our parks, and I think some of these proposed concepts will improve the area. What I do not support is the limited off-leash areas, and lack of shoreline access.
- The City should not be making the Buena Vista off leash areas smaller. The dog walkers are the only group that consistently and regularly uses the park year round and in good and bad weather. There is no valid reason to take away from the off leash area as is proposed in concepts 2 and 3 simply to accommodate the wishes of seasonal or occasional users.
- Adding a fenced enclosure for off leash use would be a benefit.
- I support the definition of boundaries with fencing.
- For those people who are not comfortable with dogs for whatever reason, there are many other parks and paths that they can enjoy and in which off leash dogs are not allowed (indeed there are a number of parks in which dogs are not allowed at all). These people can go to most places, they do not need to go everywhere in the City.
- I'm concerned about reduction of the off leash areas. As previously stated, dog walkers are the largest users of this area throughout the year. There are numerous areas along the river where dogs are required to be on leash, therefore, the off leash boundaries should remain the same and not be decreased in any way.
- I am using the park all year to walk my dog and it would be really disappointing for me if the off leash area will be limited as shown in concept 2.
- I oppose concepts 2 and 3, or rather the components of those concepts that significantly reduce off-leash areas. I support increased parking for all users, as it is really needed.
- The dog park area is home for wild animals and plants. It is the most used part of Laurier park.

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- The only reason this park is busy is that the city has restricted off leash areas in the city to a few good parks, and most are treeless, and relentless in the sun, and wind. Take away the river path off-leash area in this park and you will be on your way to an unused park. The majority of the users drive in from many parts of the City, and make it one of the busiest park around, BECAUSE OF THE TREED PATHS that are off leash. Leave us only open fields, and it is unusable in the winter due to the wind, and we can't take our children there in the summer due to the sun. Most families consider their dogs part of the family. If we cannot go anywhere and allow our dogs to be dogs and enjoy ourselves it will be turning this city into an unfriendly, bureaucratic, stagnant NON-COMMUNITY. Keep our park a community. Do not turn it in to an over built mall, an amusement park. Allow us to enjoy nature for its natural aspects.
- Please retain as much off leash areas as possible.
- Even when it is 20 below there are dog walkers in the park. Every path has its use - some for shy dogs, others for shade or wind protection or traction when the hard packed trails are too slippery with ice and some simply for variety. There are paths one uses when the ice is breaking up on the river and when the mosquitos are bad. The river allows dogs to cool off and provides water therapy for those with bad hips. All paths have their benefits. This wild space is a refuge from city life. The developed areas that are being planned only have 6 months of use while the dog park has 12 months of activity.
- The dog park offers security in the river valley simply because of its frequent use. Please do not misuse this jewel in the park system
- Please do not take space away from the off leash dog park! The off leash area is accessed by many dogs and their owners. It provides a wonderful opportunity for dogs to socialize and be in nature without constraints such as a leash. This is so important to the health and well-being of our dogs! It also helps us humans to exercise and socialize.
- Again, please reconsider investing in other off leash parks in the city. To many of these parks are unfenced and along busy roads. Buena Vista is safe as it is. There is little worry that your dog will be hit by a vehicle, whereas in the north end off leash parks, there is so many unsafe areas that your dogs could easily be struck by a vehicle. Take some time and visit parks elsewhere and see how unsafe others are and make the changes where they are needed.
- I appreciate having input (although very limited and will probably be ignored) into this "improvement". My concern is with the off leash park area where I have been taking my dogs for the past 7 years. It is a beautiful natural space and should be protected from development. The area that is Laurier Park and the Zoo are both perfect for family outings, picnics. The only people that should have input into the off leash area are people that use the park for walking their dogs. What on earth would someone that doesn't have a dog know about an off leash park. Who but a dog owner that uses the park would have an appreciation for it?
- I would like to see as much of the park remain an off-leash area. It is widely used by dog owners because it is one of the few parks in the city where dogs have a lot of space to run and walk off leash. Also, I would like to see the pathway around the park remain off leash for the same reasons.
- I know you have no control over this, but one of the real problems is that not all dogs who use the space are well-trained. The dog owners who have well-trained dogs have to put up with poorly behaved dogs. I don't think we should pander to people with impulsive, sometimes dangerous dogs over the multiple other users of the Park. (I personally was chased from on the multi-use trail from the open field area to the Rowing Club Parking lot by an off-leash bulldog as I cycled through the area in 2002. The owners simply yelled 'he's a good dog!' as he nipped at my feet.) In 2010 a man punched me as I rode close to the Meadows.
- The Laurier Park off-leash area was designed to provide dog owners with a beautiful, natural area to allow their dogs to run and play together. This mandate needs to be upheld, without over-thinking and over-designing the area at great added expense to taxpayers and inconvenience to users. I support extending the off-leash boundaries (Concept 1) and recognize that there are some areas that are shared with bikes which must be designated as on-leash areas. To respect the interests of the dog owners, who I believe represent the largest group of users, the off-leash areas need to be expanded and protected above other uses in the area. The proposed improvements to areas which have never been designated as off-leash areas are OK as long as it does not adversely affect the natural habitat of the area too much.

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- The off-leash area is wonderful as it is - I fear that more parking spaces, paving, fences, tree clearing etc will take away any beauty and character this place has. Why does the City of Edmonton insist on "modernizing" and demolishing, and why the insane emphasis on accommodating drivers wherever they go? The last thing we need is more parking. Washrooms would certainly be nice - and the fenced off-leash area to enhance the accessibility of the dog park to less mobile and older dog owners is a wonderful idea. The remaining ideas are frankly rather sickening, and I am cringing at the thought of the concrete horrors that will soon inevitably afflict the park, stakeholder input or no.
- I would just ask that the general size and the space of the dog park not be reduced. There are so many paths for people to run and bike on but very few off leash areas in this city with water access for dogs. I think it would be a big mistake to reduce the size or restrict the dog park area in anyway to both dogs and dog owners.
- To repeat: Maintain or increase off leash; Don't waste money on off leash barriers; No to asphalt; mix of gravel/clay is OK if necessary; No No NO to hot air balloons; this is not a park like activity - noise is overwhelming; Parking is not NB 95% of the time so for the 5% they can walk; Expansion of boating and events is fine - this is a good investment. Saskatoon is great example; Demolish Yorath House - too expensive to upgrade/maintain - there are lots of city venues elsewhere
- It would be nice if the city provided better and more accessible cyclist-free off leash access. We live in Capilano, and one of our most important reasons for picking this area was the easy access to off leash trails. We used to go to Buena Vista more frequently (and Terwillegar) but they are far away for us. the Jackie Parker off leash site is nice but it is very small, and is more open than I would like.
- I think it's a shame that you are taking away off leash space. I can understand revamping the park and making it more "pretty" and useful to everyone, but it's a beautiful area to just leave be....a taste of the outside...the country...improving the paths is a great idea...but it seems that you are giving a lot to the Rowing Club...who really only utilize the area a few months out of the year. As a dog owner, I use the park almost daily...365 days of the year.
- There aren't enough off leash areas central to the city. To suggest that taking any portion of this away is a positive step is absurd. Dog owners pay taxes too.
- This is a great off leash park for people in the areas surrounding it. I object greatly to altering its natural feel or off leash dog friendly character. There are so few in the city.
- As a daily user of the park I think it needs to remain as large an off leash as possible and expanded. The number of off leash users is large. Shared use needs to be encouraged, not discouraged
- I would picnic in the park more if my dogs on leash could go to some of the picnic sites.
- I would like to see an off leash area for the small canine, laps and toy dogs. I am always fearful my small dog could be mauled by the larger sometimes aggressive breeds.
- Many of us have asked that the off leash area be extended north to McKenzie Ravine. Illegal off leash walking constitutes the majority of the use of this area now, Why not make it legal? This request has not been answered. Why not? We expect a detailed reply by next meeting. As participants in this planning exercise we should get an answer.
- Central Park in Manhattan has a unique off-leash concept. At designated times of the day, the entire park is slotted as an "off-leash park." Now, keep in mind that Central Park is far more heavily used by residents, however, I think this is an innovative idea. It would be important, though, to ensure that the hours are such that people would actually use it during those times.
- Paved or gravel paths do not belong in a leash-free area. They can be dangerous and lead to injury.
- My dogs love this park, and I love running through it!
- The city doesn't have to improve much on the Buena Vista side of things. Us dog walker's would prefer way more off-leash area, not less. The meeting I went to in the spring was pretty unanimous in keeping this area NATURAL. In the end it won't cost the city and us tax payers a fortune to improve something that is perfectly fine today. I absolutely love this off-leash park and would like to see it expanded for us. There are many, many beautiful parks in the city that the two legged humans can enjoy. Please let us keep our little part of paradise for our four legged friends. It keeps us all healthy and happy. Thanks for letting me provide my input for all its worth!
- I support: Increased off-leash area; Paved pathway to the Pedestrian Bridge; Keeping as much natural space as possible (no need to widen/harden trails) (no need to cut down forests when there are grassy areas to be paved over nearby - for parking); Beautification

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- Since the majority of users of BV park are people with dogs, and since there are very limited large areas in the city with river access where dogs are allowed to exercise and socialize without the constraints of a leash, I do not understand why you are constantly trying to push more restrictions onto that group of park users. Less off leash area, less river access, smaller off leash park borders, dog-legs and fencing, and adding moronic amounts of parking IN the park area. Leave the park as it is, I don't understand why the city suddenly feels it's necessary to stick it's nose into a beautiful, natural area and start plunking manmade junk (and it will be junk, in about 5 years) into the middle of it. I fully support perpendicular parking stalls along the road into BV park, put the fenced off -leash area beside that new parking, expand the off leash pathway to the T bridge by the ravine, since the vast majority of users are dog owners, and be done with it. Use the 2.6 million you are so gung-ho on spending (how about more cops in my area? we need them! How about more help for the homeless? how about more incentives for developers to get rid of the slum areas of this city?) for repaving that stupidly terrible road from the traffic circle all the way down to the intersection taking you to BV and Laurier parks.
- Please, please, please keep it simple for us. We love our off-leash park and it's serenity and beauty. Don't ruin that!!

Limited Development

- I don't want too much development though I like concepts that will draw in more people to the park. I also like the additional bathrooms and improvements to the trails (paved shared-use, bank improvement).

Trails

- I would like to see one trail improvement: from the cul-de-sac on 81 Ave to 81 Ave and 132 St the trail should be widened and hardened to allow bicycle connection to the Shared Use Path. Many people use this path, but rain makes it unusable for days.
- Move the multiuse trail to the path next to the river to eliminate conflicts with drivers and the dog park.
- I would very much support the development of ski trails - this is supposed to be a winter city!

River Access / Water Based Activities

- I don't use the motorized boating area, and do not support its use.

- I support the development of the rowing launch areas.
- I was hoping somebody would want to upgrade the access to the river by the footbridge. A staircase would be nice as it is a little steep and can get a bit muddy at times.
- Don't hide the river.
- I would like to see this concept and facility made available for all water sports. I think Wakeboarding should be made available as well.
- Interaction with the river is missing in this park and many throughout the City. This design should seize the opportunity to embrace the river and its views.
- I hope that you do not restrict people or dogs the access to the river, I understand the importance of making the parks accessible to all people but let's not replace nature with asphalt. Washrooms, seating areas, garbage cans, gravel (pressed) for trails, water taps, improved access to river that is what we need. The bike riders need to slow down when going through the parks.

Laurier Park Improvements

- We prefer that the Buena Vista Park remain in its natural state, with some maintenance of same, and improved parking, but we don't see that redeveloping this space is necessary. A paved cyclist trail along the side of the dirt road leading to the pedestrian bridge would make sense, but we don't see why much more than that would be necessary.
- Any development should happen in Wilfred Laurier Park. We would support an outdoor skating rink, cross-country ski trails, improved river access, upgraded washroom facilities, improved play areas for children, etc. that would make this a more family-friendly recreation area. Improved lighting would be a good idea and hopefully reduce the drug dealing that goes on here on a regular basis.
- I feel that all users may have to compromise on some elements of the Concept designs. Keeping Buena Vista in a natural state with some access upgrades is important. Laurier Park & Yorath House expansion & upgrades will provide more access to the river.
- I like the idea of Concept 2 in that there are better, more delineated paths. But with Hawrelak across the river - a developed park with stages, etc., I'm not sure if we need another park close by with such an emphasis on increased events. Part of the lure of Laurier park is that it is somewhat untouched - so concept 2 seems like a good middle ground

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- Do as little as possible...I support refurbishing old out dated picnic sites in Laurier. I do not support any development in Buena Vista. Leave it natural. Expand the off leash areas, especially if you are going to take away space to accommodate the Rowing Club.
- I read something regarding a play area for children ...which I like, but I don't think a spray park is needed as Laurier heights and Elmwood both in the west have these parks. I have read about "natural" parks springing up in Toronto, not sure if this is something to consider here in view with the more natural habitat of the park. I also like the concept of a skating area and a cafe in the future.
- Great control of noxious weeds in this area is needed.
- Put something in the plan about the stairs that lead to either side of the bridge (at the north end of Buena Vista). These stairs are treacherous in the winter - they aren't plowed, shoveled, or sanded and turn into an icy, hard-packed hill after a few snow-falls (with nothing to hold on to). Someone from the city should try walking them through-out the season.
- It's also a good idea to have extra "poop bag" dispensers, as it will make it more convenient for people to pick up after their dogs if they have forgotten their bags, or have run out.
- Why can't some of the traffic be diverted down 81 Ave. Lights at 81 Ave. might help slow the traffic down on Buena Vista Road. Other accesses to the off leash area should be developed.

Bylaw Enforcement

- My biggest concern about this area (which I have been using on a frequent basis for over 11 years) is the City of Edmonton's complete and utter failure in doing any sort of bylaw enforcement. I frequently see restricted dogs and people failing to pick up after their dogs. It is common for cyclists to ride through the leash-free area, usually because of bad signage or because they just don't care. The City at the very least needs to have some bylaw staff tour the areas when it's busy - for example on the weekend. They should be doing enforcement and education.
- You will need to somehow police the parking stalls to ensure that they are not used for too long of a period of time.
- Central Park Paws, as the off-leash committee is known, also has a Board of Directors which serves as the primary communication between the city and dog owners. They also have monthly events where dog owners are welcome to come down to the park and enjoy a bagel and coffee, and educate people about responsible dog ownership.

Maintenance

- A final comment. The big meadow in BVP needs to be cut on a more frequent basis in the summer. The grass gets far too long which is dangerous for running dogs and discourages people from picking up after their dogs.
- I appreciate the efforts to remove noxious weeds, as well as rehabilitate native vegetation. This is crucial if improvements are to be made!
- Improving off-leash access to the river is important. The current main hill south of the bridge is steep and eroding, as well as extremely slippery when wet (which is often, due to wet dogs dripping on it!). This limits accessibility.

Access / Traffic

- Please do not do anything radical to destroy this area. It is working fairly well although a number of improvements are desirable. My overall biggest concern is a big increase in number of people going to this area, and there being only one access route. Surely local residents must have concerns about this?
- I'm happy the leash-free area will largely remain as it is. My biggest concern is how much extra traffic that will be generated by the new attractions, additional parking, etc. It is already a busy street on the way in and this will only make it busier. I don't think this is fair to local residents (and I don't live in the area).
- All in all I like that the city wishes to enhance this area of the city, I do hope that whichever way the city moves it will move in a way that doesn't draw too much extra traffic into an area that is still quite a gem in the city. Also, I do hope the city doesn't marginalize off leash users and fence them in or take away space they use YEAR ROUND.

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Separation of Conflicting Uses

- Cyclists already have miles of pathways along the river. This dog park only has a small area where my dog may access the river too, so I would like to preserve that.
- The park is and always will be used by pet owners and pedestrian walkers, Cyclists just pass through so there is no need to make improvements that will encourage speeding.
- I am skeptical about dog-leg fencing, and I don't think I support it much at all.
- I would support having increased access to mountain bikers in this area while maintaining off-leash space and river access for dog walkers. Also protecting natural space is a high priority over increased "event area" space.
- Please do not allow bikes in the meadows, this area was set aside for dogs and walkers, bikes pose a danger to both. Please do not reduce the size of our off leash area, it is the best one in the city.
- I know you are dealing with fairly polarized communities (cyclists vs. dog-owners), but I hope that you will consider that not everyone owns a dog. And, frankly, my right to safety (as a pedestrian, cyclist, citizen) should trump a dog's right to take a piss without a leash on.
- It seems to be catering more to cyclists than dog walkers. This is one of the cities few almost untouched pieces of green space, and it would be awful to disturb it. It is like a natural oasis in the middle of the city. If cyclists (and I say this as someone who is also a cyclist) were already more willing to share and were more respectful in their riding habits, there would be no need for separations, etc. Paving the area will only encourage them to ride faster. Many cyclists are able to share but there are too many who go riding through there at top speed with no regard for the pedestrians or dogs. This is not a problem money and planning can fix but rather education and awareness.
- I prefer keeping walking and riding public separate from an off leash area while off leash areas are important forcing the general public to walk through the middle of one just serves to create conflicts.
- WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT MIXING BALLOON LAUNCHING WITH A DOG PARK IS NOT A GOOD IDEA. THE TWO ACTIVITIES DO NOT MIX. Many dogs are very afraid of the high-pitched sound of the balloons and can react in bizarre and unpredictable ways. PLEASE do not revisit the idea of balloons in Buena Vista Park.

- With appropriate cooperation by all users, everyone should be able to get along ---as is demonstrated by the joggers, walkers etc who do go through the off leash park (albeit in not as great of numbers as the dog walkers).

Keep it Natural / Minimal Development

- Please keep the park wild and unmanaged as possible. I am down in the park nearly every day with my dog or running. Its a wonderful oasis that does not need significant changes
- I think there can always be improvements to enhance the natural park area of our river valley..but I believe they should be kept to a minimum and respect that it is still a park. Too many changes take it from being the lovely, quiet, natural park that we're privileged to have to a commercial city environment. Edmonton has torn down many of its heritage buildings and that has been a loss. We are well known for having a beautiful natural river valley...do we want to lose that too?
- Please make only small changes(if it must be) but preserve the tranquil environment we cherish right now. Our city river valley is dear to us... I hope my grandchildren will enjoy its natural beautiful like many of us have been able to do up until now.
- I love all ideas that will improve our river valley so long as the natural beauty isn't affected too much. To me having the feeling that I am as far away from the city as possible without actually being outside of city limits is what make our river valley so valuable.
- I have been going to the Buena Vista park for almost 30 years and have been very happy with its natural feel and have never had any negative interactions with other users. Would like it to stay as is and not be restricted with fences and limits on where the dogs need to be on leash near the water. The riverside trails may need some building up due to water wear but PLEASE leave it as it is apart from that.
- To summarize, the only changes I would like to see to Buena Vista are a modest increase in parking and a modest improvement in surfacing of the shared use trail. I don't have a strong opinion about the boat launch. I do hope that we won't see city funds wasted on changes that most of the many users of this area do not want.
- Let's keep the parks areas as natural as possible outside of the north shore near downtown. It's the Ribbon of Green, not the Ribbon of Fences and Parking Stalls.

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- I am an avid user of the off leash area and other river valley pathways. I think with compromise all parties can be happy. I would just prefer more natural development if possible. The river valley is beautiful. We need to protect its natural beauty while making it accessible to a variety of people for a variety of activities.
- All of these concepts are ruinous to the beauty of Buena Vista/ Laurier Park. These will destroy what people go to the park for. This seems like a development company who has too much money to spend and needs to destroy what is good about this particular area. Why is it that when nature makes things quite lovely, that humans have to come along to destroy it. I will call my councilor and hopefully she will get involved in this matter.
- Being able to hike/explore and enjoy the wildlife while not leaving city limits is such a plus and the reason I love our city.
- OVERALL MAJOR CHANGES TO THE STRUCTURE OF THE DOG AND WALKING PATHS IS NOT REQUIRED,,,WHAT MAKES THE PARK SO GOOD IS A NATURAL FEEL AND IT BOTHERS ME THAT GOVERNMENTS SEE IT NECESSARY TO RESTUCTURE CERTAIN THINGS THAT ARE NOT NECESARY,,ACCESS AND CHANGES TO THE BOAT LAUNCH AREA AND PARKING I DO UNDERSTAND
- Other than increasing access for mobility/sight impaired, it's important to leave some areas of the city "to the wild" and for taxpayers with off leash pets. We deserve more than some areas beside major roads. I am quite concerned that the river valley is going to be one long paved trail with pretty viewing points so you can watch motor boats fly by. While we have to drive our pets to Sherwood park to let them run!
- I appreciate the attention to this park--it's a gem. Its charm comes largely from its qualities as a natural area, part of our huge and wonderful natural river valley park, and plans for its future should be compatible with that quality. Use is great, multi-use is a fact and must be accommodated with attention to reducing conflicts, but uses that destroy its qualities as a quiet, natural refuge from the city, in the city, should be avoided. Once such changes happen, they'll never be reversed, and the city of Edmonton will have lost a treasure.
- The park is great, but there aren't many shaded areas. I would like to see one of those gazebo/shelter things Hawrelak has somewhere in the park. Possible with a dog water station near it.
- Why modified natural landscape, we have enough asphalt already, this is a beautiful natural place, do not destroy the work of hundreds of years.
- The focus of the river valley parks should be to draw people for recreation not entertainment or partying. We must keep in mind the needs of preserving a natural habitat for the wildlife and also the zoo animals. This area is immediately adjacent to residential housing, unlike many river valley parks. Therefore, it cannot become a major event center - there are other more removed park areas for this.
- Keep Buena Vista as natural as it now is. Expand the off leash access to MacKenzie Ravine.
- The park is beautiful and natural let's keep it that way
- Being a user I would like to see less change than more - the parks have a nice cozy feel - too much development and increased capacity might ruin the ambience
- Would really just like the city to leave the area alone. it is just fine the way it is as most people who use the area would agree.
- This is a natural river valley area, everything does not need to be improved or paved or modernized. People, especially dog walkers, prefer walking in nature as it is. I cannot go to holidays in the mountains , going to Buena Vista dog park daily is my form of relaxation and having been going there for over 50 years now, I don't want the whole are 'improved' for the sake of bicycle riders. Let dog owners have at least a few areas in the city to enjoy themselves.
- I think that the plans over-develop a beautiful natural area, all quite unnecessary. Minor improvements such as extra parking and public toilets would be quite adequate. I am wondering if the planners have ever been to the area!
- I hope the city considers environmentally friendly options. I believe the River Valley needs to grow and to become more lush. Grooming an already limited area of trees is a sad thought. People need to experience nature for what it is. Festivals are a great attraction in this city but the ability to access nature, on ones own accord, without the pull of an event is more powerful than a large event in the River Valley. Encourage lifestyle options not just events. I have never attended a River Valley event but I have biked by dozens. Events in the River Valley results in pollution and vandalism. I am more interested in expanded bike routes than event centers. Can we find a balance that keeps the River Valley peaceful but makes it accessible for more people. We need to show people nature for what it is.

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- The park works well as it is and gets a lot of visitors. I support changes that improve current functions, but not those that will change the nature of the place.
- As a regular user who drives from downtown, it's important to me to keep the park (especially the dog area) in its most natural and rustic state. I like being able to escape into the forest for a run and I don't want to see this park turn into a manicured Hawrelak
- Keep the beauty of the park intact and don't make it look overdeveloped with washrooms everywhere and large parking lots. Thank you.
- Add some washrooms that are open year round and a few more parking spaces for the off leash area. There are already lots of parks which are developed in the city. Please leave this one in a natural state. I like bird watching and walking my dog (on-leash) in Laurier Park. For those who enjoy the off leash areas I think some more parking is needed. There are lots of picnic tables and event spaces already. Do not over develop this park! Natural areas are needed also.
- I general I prefer less development in this park area. Projects that enhance the natural area such as additional tree planting, storm water project, and its non-motorized use, such as a X-country skiing trail, skating rink, and multi-use pathways, are all great. I do not support masses of parking lot space or significant increase in motor boat use on the river or adding a lot of fencing or buildings. Keep the ribbon of green as green as possible!
- Some of the greatest resources in the river valley are the natural elements: undisturbed, undeveloped, and more than naturally accessible.
- The city is making a mistake trying to overdevelop and plan these spaces - it takes away from the beauty that is already there. These places are perfect escapes from the city, from the asphalt, from the traffic - why develop them? Why bring in asphalt, bring in traffic, and make us feel like we're back in the city? There are plenty of park spaces that provide those resources already - there are fewer and fewer undeveloped spaces in which we can enjoy nature and not be surrounded by people, cars, bikes, and man-made structure.
- Additionally, more development requires more upkeep and maintenance, something (judging by some of the other city park development projects), the city already has it's hand's full trying to do. Maintain those projects before you start planning more. Stop creating developed spaces that fall neglected and ultimately become less accessible, less desirable, and less used!

- In general development of the parks needs to ensure careful consideration for placement of facilities, parking, trails, etc. to limit unnecessary removal of existing vegetation.
- There appears to be an agenda to make every park uniformly multi-use. I think that this is frankly, stupid. BV is the most natural, low key park in the city and one of the best dog parks in the world. Keep it natural, remove balloons and power boats from the area (they can go to one of the 20 other parks) and keep this as a natural jewel.

Entrance / Signage

- Signage throughout the river valley is atrocious - when new signs are put up existing signs are left up. There's no coherent identity. I know a study was done to introduce consistent signage but there's been no follow through.
- I like the idea of cleaning up the entrance to the park; providing additional parking and improved year round toilet facilities; as well as the paved multi-use trail. My hope is we don't lose the natural feel of the park in efforts to make it more accessible to others and in worst case scenario, open it up so much that new users push to have the off leash portion further restricted or removed altogether.
- This area just needs some tweeking - better signage, better parking. I'm not sure where the desire for paved road thru it comes from.
- I find generally the off leash areas are not well marked. I don't go to that park often because of this.

Yorath House

- I supported the restoring and using the Yorath House, however I would also be in favour of a more functional new building in that space as well.
- I support any plan to use the Yorath House that involves preserving the structure.
- I am pleased to see this project being undertaken. The off leash needs to be managed, contained and enforcement needs to happen in order for this area to be comfortable for all river valley users. Yorath House reno's are long overdue as is more parking which is laid out properly. I look forward to seeing this move forward.
- I was very unimpressed at the public forum where there was a problem of hearing speakers due to no microphone. We weren't really supposed to discuss Yorath House but it is also a major feature in the various design plans. Has Yorath house been designated as a Heritage Site?

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- Please keep the Yorath House. It would be great if it could be used as a natural sciences museum and could include the history of the area.

Cost / Benefit

- Why were projected costs, pros/cons not included in survey?
- Another awesome waste of tax dollars from our city. Spending money on committees to fix what isn't broken must be the Mandel legacy. We have a beautiful off leash area with few issues other than a select few that believe the restrictions do not apply to them. Start enforcing the rules. I'm sure the money wasted and time with this latest dash to spend our money could have went to better use. Bicycles in the city should have a paid visible license the same as our dogs. That way they don't bike away every time there is an issue and remain unchecked and impossible to report or catch. They would also finally be contributing to the cost of supporting the upkeep and maintenance of the parks and if identifiable they can be taken to task for some of their sometimes aggressive and threatening and damaging antics.
- I hope the fine people that put this proposal together and the ones that make the final decisions, use good judgment as to what is truly necessary and what it will ultimately cost. The utilization of taxes in a prudent manner would be very welcome in this situation and in any other areas of revitalization and or infrastructure.
- Keep the spending to a minimum. We like things as they are.
- If the river valley really is Edmonton's pride and joy, we should invest more in it but don't start something new until you can look after what you have.
- I would be very disappointed to see my taxes put to use in this way. The proposed renovations are very costly and seem to be taking away from the natural beauty of the parks. I think that when off-leash areas are compared to on-leash areas, they are a small percentage of the overall parks available. As a dog owner I want to be able to let my dog run and enjoy himself so that when he is in the backyard he is much better behaved and neighbor friendly. I also find that off-leash time is a large part of my physical health and I would be disappointed to lose this time and space that I enjoy so much.
- I am concerned with the development costs to produce concepts 2 or 3 when keeping to the more natural concept 1 reduces the initial costs as well as keeping the ongoing costs lower as well.
- Cost estimates should be included in the decision making process. Why weren't they included for our review ? What share of the costs will be paid by the 3 clubs ? ie parking lot expansions ?
- I am very concerned about the scale of this project. The city has not demonstrated its ability to manage its existing parks. Many trails have been closed due to erosion with no indication that the city plans to reinforce the trails or cut detours through to allow them to reopen (Cloverdale footbridge to Forest Heights/Riverdale). Stairs are allowed to rot and are then not replaced but just pulled out (SW Dawson Bridge). Louise McKinney Park and Dawson Park have both been closed off and on for years - Louise McKinney Park is now open (until the LRT does through) but is not programmed and buildings sit under-utilized. I don't think we should even think about starting a new project until we can maintain what we have. I wouldn't have to go to Buena Vista if the parks in central Edmonton were kept in as good shape as they were 10-25 years ago before they were "improved".
- Long term consideration of costs, maintenance and operations must be considered when deciding to proceed with facilities and structures, as the current park and many City parks are poorly maintained. If the vision and foresight is not in place to maintain them -- then do not build them.
- In general very few of the elements presented - the wetlands pond, the viewpoints, and the nature playground - strike me as positive or even necessary additions to the park. I would, in fact, prefer the City of Edmonton keep the majority of money for these improvements and use them elsewhere in our city.
- I am generally opposed to further development in BV park. At the various meetings I think this has been general consensus amongst those in attendance. The concepts proposed require vast amounts of expense and ongoing maintenance which is in my view unwarranted. I am also annoyed that the work of the Buena Vista Park Citizens Advisory Committee which was a council mandated committee that was in place c1992-1996 has never been acknowledged or any of the recommendations made public. Administration seems committed to development in the park in the apparent interest of 'accessibility for all' but the fact is there are thousands of visitors to the park every week who are quite happy with things as they are. The state of the Yorath House, Parking and parking lot conditions are issues however and these need to be addressed. As one who uses the park virtually every

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day I am often surprised at the ideas that planners put forward as they seem to have no basis in actual reality and how the park is used. When I speak to these people and the consultants they hire at public meetings I am shocked at how little they know about the park and its use. Proof of this is in the fact there are 4 distinctly different parks (Zoo, Laurier Park, Buena Vista Park and parkland north of Buena Vista Park) that are all naturally connected yet carved up along old property lines for the purpose of this study. The Zoo and parkland to the north are clearly not part of the study but it is not as though they don't exist.

- The placement of the bridge to Hawrelak Park has put a lot of pressure on BV park. If the bridge had been placed at the McKinnon Ravine where paved trails already existed or at the north end of Laurier Park there would be no need to have developed new trails and to now consider realignment them in BV park. The bridge project has spawned all of these other projects which I sometimes think is the whole point... 'Let's build one thing in an out of the way place the outcome of which will be that we then we can justify building all sorts of other things...'
- I think the city could use this money towards more important projects city wide...road issues ...I grew up with the theory of if it isn't broken don't fix it ...

Use of Public Input

- I appreciate being involved in the decision-making process. Thank you for including me.
- Thank you for the opportunity to opine!
- I understand the design team had to come up with some concepts for the public to view and provide comments on, but what ever happened to "keep it natural", and "leave it as it is". While I appreciate the effort that has gone into this public consultation process, It's been a very discouraging to feel that you've not been heard from the get-go.
- No information on whether/ how survey will be used in decision-making.
- An almost complete disregard of the needs of the main user groups has been drafted into these "concept plans". Very little thought for the walkers and dog walkers is evident. Surely the talent pool at city hall has not been too tested on this!
- I feel the survey has been designed to guide results to pre-formulated designs and that we are not as free as we should be to question many of the design concepts. I do hope that the comments will have considerable weight in the decision making process.

- I don't see any evidence the concept designers, either consultants or city employees, ever spent much time in the park looking at its features or how the park is being used and by whom. The big feature of this park area is its NATURALNESS! That's what people say who discover this river valley jewel. And that was the overwhelming consensus of people who to the two public consultation meetings, held in April and June. "Leave it alone" is what they said. Were you listening?
- Are you going to be paying attention to the public input? The meetings have said over and over that there should be no real development down in the park. The users like it just the way it is. You should be ashamed of yourselves.
- I have several concerns with the plans for redevelopment of Buena Vista park. The amount of traffic that will go through the area is troubling - increasing parking will help with access, but please consider what this takes away. It appears that the planning is designed to enable more rowing activities - development, parking -- and favours these activities over dog walkers. I sincerely hope that your committee/planners have looked into research on wellness as it relates to walking, biking, and dog ownership. This park used and shared by many. It is a lovely natural area that will benefit from some thoughtful planning that will permit use/access my more people. We should at the very least maintain or expand use for dog walkers. The trail surface from the parking lot to the bridge to Hawrelak Park is extremely important for walkers, cyclists, etc. I would like to see more access for those who may require assistance. However, a plan for paved paths that are fenced off is most disagreeable to me. I am shocked that this is being proposed. Please ensure that there is broad stakehold consultation. I am quite concerned that our City will make a huge mistake with this plan. We must consider what our society values. Parkland, river valley, healthy community, access by those who wish to interact in the parks.
- With the exception of section J this survey ignores the concerns of the vast majority of current users of the Buena Vista park -- the thousands of dog owners using the off leash area every week of the year. Concepts 2 and 3 boundary changes will be completely unacceptable to that growing group. If off leash space is removed from the area of the rowing club, it should be replaced by a significant increase in off leash space north of the footbridge across the river -- the area in both green and yellow on Concept plan 1.

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- This survey was way too long.
- Too many questions on the survey...I'm getting board.
- The survey is confusing too.

Other

- The River Valley Alliance has provided tens of millions of dollars in funding for Edmonton's park system. Why no mention of their support? Same goes for the new footbridge bridge by Fort Edmonton. The City is happy to take the money and accolades, but not acknowledge the organizations who support it. Edmonton is a very poor partner when it comes to this.
- All of the concepts display a lack of vision for the park
- Responsible development of our river valley is key. If we are to build, let us build for future generations, to the highest possible standards.
- It feels like the goal is to duplicate a lot of what Hawrelak park already has...in terms of facilities for large events, parking, picnic facilities, stage / event space etc.
- I hope I move out of Edmonton prior to this coming into play. I'm very disappointed that the city is attempting to take away yet more green area, restrict one of the best dog parks in the area, and waste a heck of a lot of money on 'improvements' that are unlikely to be well kept. As a rower, there are some concepts that are good in this scheme, but they are also completely unnecessary. As a dog walker and lover-well, I won't be voting for Mandel the next time elections come around. This is ridiculous.
- Concept 1 and 3 are allowing all parties to have the park labeled as multi- use family place. Concept 2 has negative outcomes. All win in the 1 and 3 concept.

ABOUT YOU

Question 55: On average, approximately how often do you visit Buena Vista / Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park?

Daily	2-4 times a week	Weekly	Once or twice a month	Regularly on a Seasonal Basis	Once or twice a year	Never	Rating Average	Response Count
60 24%	75 29%	46 18%	33 13%	25 10%	12 5%	4 2%	2.76	255

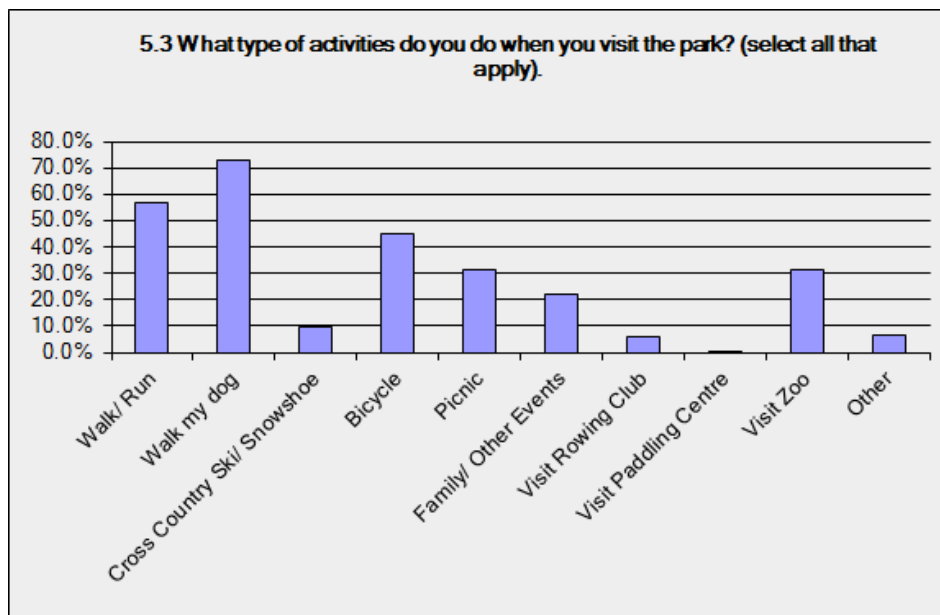
Question 56: If you said "Never", please tell us why you don't use the park.

- Didn't realize it was there, or had any existing amenities. Connection from the Downtown area seems daunting.
- I am not aware of a ped walk across the Quenelle bridge, I would need to drive far 149 st to get there by car from Riverbend ?
- We've lived here for 42 years and used the park alot over the years but since I've been knocked off my bike and another time I was jumped on by a large dog, we go to other parks with our family to picnic and walk.
- Live too far away

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Question 57: What type of activities do you do when you visit the park? (select all that apply).

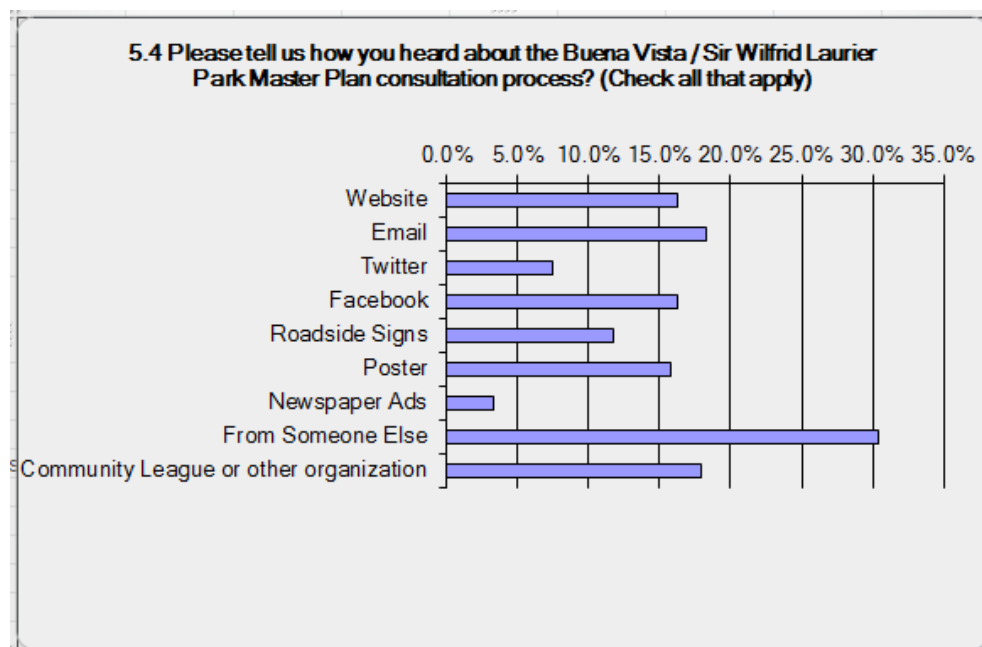
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Walk/ Run	56.9%	144
Walk my dog	72.7%	184
Cross Country Ski/ Snowshoe	9.9%	25
Bicycle	44.7%	113
Picnic	31.2%	79
Family/ Other Events	22.1%	56
Visit Rowing Club	5.9%	15
Visit Paddling Centre	0.4%	1
Visit Zoo	31.2%	79
Other	6.7%	17
Other (please specify)		27
answered question		253
skipped question		53



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Question 58: Please tell us how you heard about the Buena Vista / Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park Master Plan consultation process? (Check all that apply).

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Website	16.3%	39
Email	18.3%	44
Twitter	7.5%	18
Facebook	16.3%	39
Roadside Signs	11.7%	28
Poster	15.8%	38
Newspaper Ads	3.3%	8
From Someone Else	30.4%	73
Community League or other organization	17.9%	43
Other (please specify)		26
answered question		240
skipped question		66



Question 59: Have you participated in any of the face-to-face consultation events relative to this process?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	17.0%	43
No	83.0%	210
answered question		253
skipped question		53

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Question 60: If yes, which of the following events did you attend?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
March Visioning Session	39.5%	17
April Stakeholder Workshop	34.9%	15
June Concept Review Workshop	58.1%	25
<i>answered question</i>		43
<i>skipped question</i>		263

Question 61: In what neighbourhood or community do you live?

Community/ Neighbourhood	Number	Community/ Neighbourhood	Number	Community/ Neighbourhood	Number
Alberta Avenue	2	Groat Estates	1	Patricia Heights	3
Aldergrove	4	Grovenor	6	Pleasantview	1
Antler Lake	1	Hamptons	1	Queen Mary Park	4
Belgravia	1	Hazeldean	1	Rio Terrace	6
Belmead	1	High Park	1	Riverbend	3
Blackburne Creek	1	Highlands	1	Riverdale	1
Britannia	1	Inglewood	1	Rossdale	1
Brookside	1	Laurier Heights	37	Royal Gardens	1
Buena Vista	3	Lessard	2	Sherbrooke	1
Callingwood	3	Lewis Estates	2	Sherwood	1
Canora	1	Lymburn	1	Southside	1
Capilano	3	Lynwood	4	Spruce Grove	1
Castle Downs	4	Mayfield	4	Strathcona	1
Clareview	2	McKernan	1	Strathearn	1
Country Club	1	McQueen	1	Summerlea	1
Crestwood	7	Meadowlark	8	Terwillegar	5
Dechene	3	Millwoods	4	Thornclyff	1
Dovercourt	1	Montrose	1	Valleyview	5
Downtown	7	North Glenora	2	West Jasper Place	3
Duggan	1	Old Strathcona	1	West Meadowlark	2
Elmwood	1	Oleskiw	1	Westmount	4
Garneau	3	Oliver	6	Westwood	1
Glenora	10	Ormsby	2	Windsor Park	1
Glenwood	1	Ottwell	1	Winterburn	1
Goldbar	1	Oxford	1	Woodcroft	4
Grandin	1	Parkallen	3	wellington	1
Grandview	1	Parkdale	1		
Greenfield	1	Parkview	19		

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Question 62: What are the first three digits of your Postal Code?

Postal Code	Number	Postal Code	Number	Postal Code	Number
T5B	3	T5T	18	T6K	2
T5G	3	T5W	1	T6L	3
T5H	4	T5X	3	T6M	8
T5K	7	T5Y	2	T6R	6
T5L	3	T3R	1	T6W	1
T5M	11	T6A	3	T6V	2
T5N	27	T6B	1	T8A	1
T5P	11	T6E	3	T6J	2
T5R	90	T6G	7	T5J	2
T5S	1	T6H	6		

Question 63: What is your gender?

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Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Male	43.1%	109
Female	53.4%	135
Prefer not to answer	4.7%	12
<i>answered question</i>		253
<i>skipped question</i>		53

Question 64: Please select your age group.

0	1 (0.3%)	9 (4%)	59 (24%)	58 (23%)	70 (28%)	44 (17%)	9 (4%)	1 (0.3%)	55
<15 Years	15 - 19 Years	20 - 24 Years	25 - 34 Years	35 - 44 Years	45 - 54 Years	55 - 64 Years	65 - 74 Years	75+ Years	Did Not Reply

- The majority of respondents were between 25 and 64 years of age, accounting for 231 or 92%.
- The largest number of respondents were between 45 and 54 years of age (28%), followed by those aged 25 to 34 and 35 to 44 (both 24%).
- There was one respondent under 20 years of age, and only nine aged 20 to 24 years.
- Approximately 4% of respondents were over 65 years of age.
- A total of 9 respondents did not provide their age group.